

of China in 1936. He saw the toll that World War II took on Chinese citizens in the United States who were prevented from being re-united with their families due to U.S. immigration laws and immigrant quota restrictions. As a founding member of the National Chinese Welfare Council in 1957, he campaigned vigorously for the lifting of limitations on immigration quotas. As a result, 40,000 Chinese immigrants were allowed to enter the U.S. every year. Mr. Lee has also worked tirelessly to enhance and strengthen the important relationship between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Mr. Lee, who celebrates his 102nd birthday this year, continues to be an active member of the community. He is a Senior Advisor to the Overseas Community Affairs Council of the Republic of China (Taiwan), which is a cultural, educational, economic and informational exchange organization between Taiwan and overseas communities. He is also an Honorary Elder of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of Washington, DC and an Honorary Elder to The Lee Family Association in the United States.

Mr. Lee has been recognized for his work as the recipient of the Kuomintang Cathy Medal and the Hua Kuang Medal, First Class, which is awarded by the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Chinese who have made special contributions in overseas Chinese affairs.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Art Ping Lee on his service to Chinese communities across the United States. His efforts have made a difference to countless people and I am grateful to him for his service to others.

HONORING MR. MIKE VOORHEES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Mike Voorhees, of Sonoma County, California, who is retiring after forty-one years of work with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Voorhees has worked in public service for his entire career. While spending thirteen years on the bench as Judge Pro Tem for the Sonoma County Superior Court, he also served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association. He spent the last eleven years working as Chief Financial Officer of the Sonoma County Reserve Deputies Association. Mr. Voorhees attained the rank of reserve captain in the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department in 1993, and has held that position ever since.

Mr. Voorhees has received many commendations for his work throughout his career. He was selected as the California Reserve Peace Officers Association 2004 Reserve Peace Officer of the Year, received the Sonoma County Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award in 2003, and earned an Award of Merit from the Santa Rosa Police Department in 2000. Mr. Voorhees has spent four decades volunteering his time, effort and resources to keeping the people of Sonoma County safe, and his commitment to public service is driven

by his unwavering commitment to doing the right thing, time and time again. The community admires Mr. Voorhees for his integrity and congeniality and for always supporting those in need.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Voorhees has spent forty-one years doing his part to keep Sonoma County safe. The people of Sonoma County have benefitted greatly from his lifelong dedication to public service. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING ROBERTA LYBYER AND THE LYBYER FAMILY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roberta Lybyer and the Lybyer Family of Cabool, Missouri on receiving this year's Century Farm Award. Receiving this honor is no easy task, and the Lybyers have exemplified hard work, perseverance, and dedication to the community throughout their lives. The farm was originally owned by Andrew S.P. Lybyer, the grandfather of Roberta's late husband, Floyd Lybyer. It was purchased 124 years ago on March 7, 1892.

Qualifying to be a Century Farm is a great feat. The farm must be in the same family for at least 100 consecutive years and the original tract of land has to be more than 40 acres. These farms represent an important part of American heritage, feeding generations upon generations and greatly improving the quality of life of Missourians. Their integrity and determination serve as an example of the great work that farmers do for our country.

I applaud the hard work and achievements of the Lybyers and look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the future. It is my pleasure to recognize the Lybyer family before the House of Representatives.

HONORING JOHN K. BOYLE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staten Island resident John Boyle's endless commitment as an educator serving the people of New York.

John is a native Staten Islander, and has dedicated his life to helping others. Upon his graduation from St. John's University, he immediately went to work at Elias Bernstein Intermediate School. After six years teaching, he was promoted in 2005 to Assistant Principal at Totten Intermediate School 34 and in 2011, he became the school's Principal. As the head of I.S. 34, John spearheaded a renaissance in the school's approach to educating the youth of the 21st century, which allowed Totten to enter the upper echelon of schools in New York City. A lifelong learner dedicated to his profession and a role model for our youth, John made the time to continue his own studies while serving as Assistant Principal, earn-

ing his first Masters in Secondary Education from the College of Staten Island in 2003 and his second Masters in Educational Administration from Touro College in 2005.

Based upon his demonstrated excellence, John was nominated by his peers to the Council of Supervisors and Administrators Executive Board where he serves as an advisor to the Executive Vice President. In 2013, John was asked by Chancellor Farina to be one of only 18 school leaders from across New York City to be a part of her Learning Partners Pilot Program. Last year, he was designated a Model Principal by the Chancellor for his work as a host principal in the Learning Partners Program. In June of 2015, John was chosen along with seven other New York City principals to expand the work of the Chancellor's Learning Partners Program into the Learning Partners Plus Program for which was named a "Master Principal."

Mr. Speaker, John Boyle's dedication to serving and educating our youth epitomizes the highest qualities we seek in our educators and community role models. I thank him for all of his great work and I am proud to honor this great man who has consistently put others before himself.

RECOGNITION OF AGRILIFE RESEARCH STATION

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the Agrilife Research Station in Sonora, Texas.

The Agrilife Research Station, also known as Sub-station 14, was founded in 1916 with the support of local ranchers and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The station's first task was to find the cause of the bighead cattle syndrome, and other diseases harmful to the livestock industry. Their current projects include researching noxious plant control, prescribed fires, and wildlife management.

The contributions of the Agrilife Research Station have been invaluable to farmers, ranchers, and the state of Texas over the course of the past 100 years. There is no question that the station will continue to excel under its present leadership. I am proud to represent such an important pillar of Texas agriculture and to congratulate its dedicated staff and supporters on 100 years of innovation, research, and success.

HONORING WILLIAM N. TUNNELL, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contributions of Mr. William "Bill" Tunnell, Jr. Bill Tunnell recently retired after almost 20 years as Executive Director of the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama.

Bill Tunnell's impact on Southwest Alabama and our entire state cannot really be put into words. He has succeeded in transforming Battleship Memorial Park into one of Alabama's premier tourist destinations and a top landmark along the entire Gulf Coast. Throughout the process, he has always kept the focus on inspiring patriotism and honoring those who have served our country.

Bill moved to Mobile in 1979, where he worked in the hotel and hospitality industry until 1991. It was that year that he took over as marketing and public relations director for Battleship Memorial Park. In 1997, he was named executive director.

Through busy crowds, hurricanes, and economic downturns, Bill Tunnell's steady leadership helped ensure the USS Alabama and Battleship Memorial Park remains well maintained and open to visitors. Most recently, Bill successfully organized and planned events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Battleship Memorial Park.

Among his many awards and honors, Bill Tunnell was the first ever inductee of the Alabama Tourism Hall of Fame, winner of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Community Leader of the Year award, and recipient of the Alabama Restaurant Association and Alabama Hospitality Association's Tourism Promoter of the Year award. He was named an "Honorary Veteran" in 2011 by the South Alabama Veterans Council, who partnered with Mr. Tunnell on countless projects and events. These are just a handful of his many honors and achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call Bill Tunnell a friend. He is a truly outstanding individual who has never hesitated to put others above himself. Bill recently said that it is not actually the ship that makes Battleship Memorial Park. Instead, he said it is "the heart and soul of all the people who've attached themselves" to the ship. No one has put more of their "heart and soul" into the ship and the park than Bill Tunnell.

So, on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I want to wish Bill and his wife, Cynthia, all the best in retirement, and I hope Bill gets to spend some quality time working on his golf game. Thank you for your service and dedication to our community, our veterans, and the State of Alabama.

HONORING BEVERLY CLEARY ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, today, treasured children's author Beverly Cleary turns a remarkable 100 years old. Born in McMinnville, Oregon, Beverly Cleary later moved to Northeast Portland. Her neighborhood there, especially Klickitat Street, became the setting for her series featuring Henry Higgins, Ramona Quimby, and countless other characters who continue to hold a special place in the bookshelves and hearts of parents, children, and librarians around the world.

Cleary's books spoke to generations of children from Oregon, across the country, and around the globe. Many of her stories were inspired by her own childhood in Northeast Port-

land, and almost everyone can identify with the imaginative Ramona or the studious Beezus—or a little bit of both. Although Cleary's stories evolved as our nation changed, her stories about a family working hard to make ends meet or facing the challenges of adolescence are timeless in their representation of childhood for so many young people.

Cleary's love for her characters and respect for her young audience are evident in the national traditions she created. I am proud to honor her 100th birthday today, and look forward to watching her legacy continue to grow and flourish as she inspires a new generation of readers.

HONORING BETTY HARTY

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staten Island resident Betty Harty's contributions to our community and tireless service to great causes.

A native of Staten Island, Betty has been heavily involved in the Boy Scouts organization, which she joined roughly forty-nine years ago. Betty served as Den Mother and a Den leader Coach for Pack Eight, Messiah Lutheran Church for twelve years, before becoming an Advancement Chairperson, a position she held for thirty-nine years. Additionally, Betty served as Pack Eight and Group Eight Commissioner for twenty years, and is now a member of Troop 26—Castleton Hill Messiah Church.

Betty also has been a member of the District Committee. She served as the Cub Roundtable and Cub Adult Treasury. Betty also chaired the Cub Pow Wow Treasury for Staten Island Council. Currently, Betty is on the Advancement Committee for Staten Island Council for Eagle Scouts. She has been on the Staten Island Council Committee for seventeen years.

Betty has been active with parent-teacher associations at P.S. 36, Bernstein Intermediate and Tottenville High. She was a leading volunteer for five years at P.S. 36, a library volunteer, and taught in the after school center. Betty was team mother for the South Shore Little League and the Babe Ruth League. She has also been engaged in teaching Sunday school.

Twenty years ago, Betty became involved with the Have a Heart Foundation, the Staten Island based organization that helps raise financial aid for people to fund therapy treatments not covered by insurance. This wonderful foundation helps mitigate some of the expensive medical costs in New York, and is a member of the Staten Island Children's Campaign.

Mr. Speaker, Betty Harty's dedication to serving our community and positively influencing our youth is the essence of a model humanitarian. I thank her for all of her great work and I am proud to honor this great woman who has consistently touched the lives of people across Staten Island.

HONORING DON AMADOR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative GARAMENDI and Representative HUFFMAN, rise to recognize and honor Mr. Amador for his great contribution to the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument by President Barack Obama on July 10, 2015.

This outstanding accomplishment was made possible by the tireless work of countless advocates like Mr. Amador. Their commitment to engaging friends, colleagues, local residents, businesses, stakeholders across the country, and policymakers in a coordinated effort to achieve permanent protection was critical to the establishment of the Monument.

Now, the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument may be counted among the hundreds pristine parks across the country that represent America's most treasured public resources. The region's unique geological formations will play host for the world's scientists for years to come. Centuries-old archeological sites will draw curious historians and researchers as they piece together the stories of generations past. And avid bikers, hikers, campers, horsemen, and sportsmen will be able to enjoy this landmark that is now forever open and accessible to outdoor enthusiasts from Northern California and beyond.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument serves as proof of the value of the Antiquities Act and the power of the Executive to protect these lands in the face of inaction by Congress. After extensive input from interested parties and substantial evidence of this region's value, the Obama Administration honored the support of stakeholders, and the gravity of conservation.

The legacy of public lands is one of the most important we can leave for future generations. The Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument is a critical piece of a preservation system that stretches from the Hawaiian Islands to the Maine Coast. It has been a privilege working with Mr. Amador to further our mutual goal of preserving our nation's great open spaces, and we look forward to collaborating in the future.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Oregon Air National Guard.

The Oregon Air National Guard was born on April 18, 1941, when Oregon's own Major G. Robert Dodson sent the celebrated message, "We've got people, we've got a place, and we're ready!" to the National Guard Bureau and was allowed to activate the 123rd Observation Squadron. For the next seventy-five years the Citizen Airmen of the Oregon Air National Guard have been serving Oregon and the Nation with distinction.