

Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Lead Like a Lady.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Annie in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Annie on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS—THOMAS TORRES

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Torres from Houston, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology leaders.

Thomas attends J. Frank Dobie High School and is one of 13 high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This program was designed for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school, as well as to support their aspirations of working in a science or technology field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 29th through July 1st. Thomas was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to his dedication to his academic success and goals of pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Thomas and all of his hard work, and know he will make Houston proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Thomas for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KRISTI L. NOEM**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, on March 23, 2016 I was absent. I would have voted Nay on the motion to recommit H.R. 2745. I would have voted Aye on passage of H.R. 2745. I would have voted Aye on H. Res. 658 Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Brussels on March 22, 2016, which murdered more than 30 innocent people, and severely wounded many more.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD “TED” LOVETT

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative BENNIE G. THOMPSON, I am honored to recognize Mr. Ted Lovett, Director of Legislative Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security, for his decade of selfless public service. Ted has been an exemplary representative of the Department and an incredible resource for the Members and staff of the Committee on Homeland Security.

Ted is the kind of person who goes the extra mile. The most obvious signs of his commitment are his responsiveness, his depth of knowledge regarding policy and legislative matters, his proactive outreach, and the long hours he works to ensure that Members and staff have all the information they need to do their jobs effectively. It is a matter of course to get a phone call or an email from Ted late in the evening or on the weekend to ensure Members have critical information before an issue breaks in the news.

Ted understands the critical nature of the mission to inform Congress, and it is his engagement and honesty that make a real difference. Whether he's providing technical assistance on a proposed bill, or arranging briefings to assist Congress in its mandate to provide oversight, there is no doubt that Ted's tireless efforts and vigilance have made our nation safer and more secure.

Ted has been the Department's legislative manager for the Southwest Border Initiative, Guantanamo Detention, Visa Waiver Program, Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, REAL-ID, Human Screening Programs, the Merida Initiative, the Global Supply Chain Strategy, and Countering Violent Extremism programs. He also effectively manages DHS participation in Congressional hearings, from Secretary-level to subject-matter experts.

Ted has been critical to providing information and understanding during emerging homeland security events and crises such as the “Underwear Bomber” attack on Northwest flight 253 on Christmas Day 2009, the 2014 Unaccompanied Children surge at the U.S. Southwest Border, and the Ebola outbreak in 2014 and 2015.

Over the past decade, Ted has fostered many enduring and trusted relationships with Congress in furtherance and advocacy of DHS priorities in connection with current legislation, prospective legislation and the implementation of security policy. What has always impressed us is that Ted is the epitome of a non-partisan public servant.

On behalf of Ranking Member THOMPSON and the Committee on Homeland Security, I want to commend and thank Ted for his dedication and commitment to keeping the homeland safe and secure and wish him the very best as the next chapter of his life opens.

HONORING THE PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special group of young people. The Paul Laurence Dunbar High School boys' basketball team recently won the Kentucky High School Athletic Association state championship, better known in Kentucky as the “Sweet Sixteen”.

This event is very competitive and involves talented young athletes from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Like any successful endeavor, the victory was won by dedication, hours of practice, determination, and teamwork. The young men worked very hard for this accomplishment and they learned many lessons that will benefit them throughout their lives. I want to give special recognition to head coach Scott Chalk and the entire coaching staff and to thank them for the time and dedication they provided these young athletes.

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School is located in Lexington, Kentucky. This is the school's first ever state championship in boys' basketball. In the first three games of the tournament the Bulldogs posted come-from-behind wins. However, in the final game they led wire to wire, winning 61–52. I congratulate the students and their coaches on the state championship and I am proud to honor them before the United States House of Representatives.

ALMA ARRINGTON BROWN

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this communication is forwarded on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Florida and me as we pay tribute to the life of Alma Arrington Brown:

We are deeply and profoundly saddened by the loss of this great woman, mother, grandmother, loved one, friend, philanthropist, community leader and so much more. She was married to the late Ronald H. Brown who served as the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and President Clinton's Secretary of Commerce. She passed 20 years to the day of his passing.

To her loving children, the Honorable Michael A. Brown and Tracey Brown James; her son-in-law, Kendall James; and her grandchildren, Morgan and Ryan Brown, and Harmon and Calab James, our thoughts and prayers are with you, and our hearts share your loss. She loved and cared deeply for her family, her God and her politics. I hope in some small way you know just how much I cared for and will miss her too.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York. She was a graduate of Fisk University, and received a master's degree from Manhattanville College. She lived the majority of her adult life in Washington, DC. She launched her career as an educator then worked with numerous organizations including the National Council of Negro Women, National Urban League and Girl Scouts of America. While at the District of Columbia