

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

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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

Office of International Business, she worked with the Chinese government to construct a Chinese archway, which helped energize Chinatown. She was also a radio show host at WKYS-FM. She eventually retired as a business executive with Chevy Chase Bank. During her illustrious career, she was a fierce and formidable force for positive change and equality.

She was active with national and community social, civic and political organizations. She had leadership roles with numerous entities including The Links, Inc.; Jack and Jill; The Girl Friends Inc.; and the Smart Set.

She lived her passion for humanity by her actions. As a human rights champion, she dared us to be more than ordinary, she encouraged and pushed us to be better than we even knew we could be. As a citizen of the world, she made us understand and appreciate our individual differences, and all that we hold in common. As a true believer, she simply made us believe by her example. Her standards were high, yet attainable; her truths were straightforward and without embellishment; her voice was strong with reason and reassurance; her directions were clear, simple and intended for keeping our feet on the right path; and her love was great and powerful and showed brightly in her eyes and heart. We are better for having had her in our midst, and we now ask Our Heavenly Father to hold her gently in his loving embrace for all eternity.

HONORING JOHN YAKLIGIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Yakligian for being named the 2016 Senior Farmer of the Year by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. John's outstanding contributions to the agriculture industry and the Madera community are truly deserving of this special honor.

In 1955, John and his wife, Lois, moved to Madera County and began their journey of farming together. Over the last 62 years, they have farmed a variety of crops including: almonds, raisins, chickens, cotton, small grains, vegetable feed crops, and beans.

Giving back has always been a priority for John. In addition to serving on numerous California Farm Bureau Federation committees and as the President of the Madera County Farm Bureau, John served for 15 years on the Madera Community Hospital Board. He has been a member of the Madera Rotary Club for 42 years and is a founder and active member of the Grace Community Church. John is also a veteran and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

In addition to farming, John volunteered for 35 years at a non-profit organization, Far East Broadcasting Company, before becoming employed as the organization's Executive Vice President and CEO. The organization broadcasts to two-thirds of the world's population in over 141 languages to over one hundred countries.

John's family is very important to him. Lois and John have two children, Phillip and Jane, five grandchildren, and seven great grandsons. John and Lois have given back to their community in many ways, and it is fitting and appropriate to honor them for their accomplishments and efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize John as the Senior Farmer of the Year presented by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. John's success is exemplary of the American Dream, and he serves as an inspiration for all of us.

TRIBUTE TO BEN BUENZOW

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ben Buenzow for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

As an agent/owner at the Ben Buenzow State Farm Agency, Ben works tirelessly to provide top of the line customer service each and every day so that they can live worry free and know that their money is in good hands. Civically, Ben is one of the most dedicated individuals you will find. He is involved in a number of organizations throughout his community including serving as the director at large for the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce, the founding chairperson of the genYP Young Professionals group in Urbandale and co-chair of the Urbandale Police Department National Night Out event. He is driven by his passion for helping others and doing all he can to improve his community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ben in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ben 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.

HONORING THE AMERICAN MUSLIM ALLIANCE OF FLORIDA

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Muslim Alliance of Florida. Through its scholarship program, this organization has served the state of Florida by improving graduating high school seniors' access to higher education.

This year, the American Muslim Alliance of Florida is providing 15 students with scholarships totaling \$10,000 to help them further their education. Past recipients have attended some of America's most prestigious universities thanks to these scholarships. I would like to extend my congratulations to this year's scholarship winners, and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

It is my great privilege to recognize the American Muslim Alliance of Florida for the work they have done for these students and South Florida community.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS—SAMUEL YEBOAH

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Samuel Yeboah from Pearland, 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.

Samuel attends St. Thomas 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. Samuel 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 Samuel 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 Samuel for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, due to my participation in the Presidential Delegation to Cuba from March 20 through March 22, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, and 135. I would have voted on each had I been present.

Roll Call 130: "Aye"
Roll Call 131: "No"
Roll Call 132: "No"
Roll Call 133: "Aye"
Roll Call 134: "Aye"
Roll Call 135: "Aye"