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IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL  
OF FAME INDUCTEE RICK  
HENDRICK

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend, and my friend, Rick Hendrick upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

A native of Warrenton, North Carolina, Rick Hendrick was born with racing in his blood. At an early age his father, "Papa Joe" Hendrick, instilled in Rick the value of a hard day's work and a love of automobiles. At the age of 14, he made a name for himself by shattering speed records at the local drag strip.

After purchasing a Chevrolet dealership, he quickly found success which led to the creation of Hendrick Automotive Group—the largest privately held dealership in the country. In 1984, he founded All-Star Racing which would eventually become Hendrick Motorsports. Headquartered in my district in Concord, North Carolina, Hendrick Motorsports is now consistently recognized as one of the sport's premier operations.

As an owner, Rick Hendrick has won a total of 14 NASCAR national series championships, the most all-time. Drivers for Hendrick Motorsports have become household names including the likes of Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Terry Labonte, Kasey Kahne, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. In total, Hendrick Motorsports has delivered an incredible 242 total wins. You would be hard pressed to find anyone more deserving of this honor.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Hendrick is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Rick Hendrick, his wife Linda, and their entire family on Rick's induction to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO KONNER ROSS AND  
DEBORAH PETTINGILL

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge two members of our community, high school student Konner Ross and her teacher Deborah Pettingill, for bringing light to the story of a fallen World War II soldier from our community.

As a part of the Silent Hero Project, Ms. Ross recently wrote a eulogy for a St. Peters-

burg-native and WWII soldier, Private Leo K. Chalcraft. The Silent Hero Project is organized by the National History Day program. Fifteen teams of high school students and teachers research someone from their home state who is buried in Normandy, and Ms. Ross chose Private Chalcraft for her project.

He was only 19 years old and was drafted to serve. However, in 1944 off the coast of France, he drowned after the boat he was on sank. While researching Private Chalcraft's life, Ms. Ross felt a personal connection to him because he was so young when he was drafted and when he was killed in combat. She felt it was her responsibility to honor this young man from our community.

Her teacher, Deborah Pettingill, helped Ms. Ross with the project. Together, they have learned a lot about Private Chalcraft from military and burial records. They were also able to find his younger brother Albert, who had a lot of Private Chalcraft's mementos like a Purple Heart, flag, and telegrams. Eventually, the two will create a website honoring Private Chalcraft and the sacrifice he made for this country.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the work and effort of Ms. Konner Ross and Ms. Deborah Pettingill for bringing this memory back to our community and honoring Private Chalcraft's service to Pinellas County and to our country. I ask that this body join me in recognizing these two for the work they have done in honoring Private Chalcraft.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 120TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE TWIN SHAFT  
MINING DISASTER IN PITTSBURGH,  
PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 120th Anniversary of the Twin Shaft Mining Disaster in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Fifty-eight miners lost their lives during a massive cave-in, most of whom were boys and men of Lithuanian and Irish descent. Their memories will be honored June 25, 2016 at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish in Pittston.

In the early hours of June 28, 1896, miners from the Newton Coal Company were at work in the Red Ash Vein of the Twin Shaft Mine. During the shift, two hundred acres inside of the mine collapsed, trapping the crew of workers four hundred feet underground. Volunteers were quickly assembled to respond to the crisis. Attempts were made to excavate two tunnels in an effort to bring the miners to safety. However, rescue efforts proved to be futile and the victims' bodies were never recovered. The tragic event remains one of the largest coal mining disasters in Pennsylvania history.

A formal investigation of the cause of the disaster was opened by Pennsylvania Governor Daniel H. Hastings on July 10, 1896. Testimony indicated that the mine pillars displayed signs of instability in the weeks leading up to the accident. The investigation commission first issued its safety recommendations on September 25, 1896. The commission's findings helped make a strong case for better safety standards and workers' rights for mine workers.

It is a solemn responsibility of northeastern Pennsylvania civic leaders and citizens to honor and remember those who perished in the Twin Shaft Mine Disaster. As the Greater Pittston area marks the 120th Anniversary of this tragedy, may we never forget the sacrifices made by our coal mine workers and all they have contributed to our nation's economic success.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN HARRIS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Christian Harris, son of Carrie and Anthony Harris of Indianola, Iowa as recipient of Indianola's first Citizenship Award ever to be presented by the city of Indianola. Christian Harris was recognized by Indianola's city leaders for his heroic efforts to assist a neighbor who had fallen. Christian Harris is a sixth-grader, a Boy Scout and loves his community.

The inaugural award by city officials recognizes individuals who provide exemplary aid, valor and service to fellow citizens in needs. Indianola Mayor Kelly Shaw presented the award in a ceremony during a May 2016 City Council meeting, recounting the bravery and leadership young Christian provided. Mayor Shaw recounted how Christian was looking out his window when he saw the neighbor fall head first onto the pavement. He told his mother to call 911. Trained in first aid, Christian Harris jumped into action, ran to render assistance, giving his neighbor a pillow to cradle his head and keep the neighbor calm until professional emergency medical technicians could arrive.

Said Indianola Mayor Shaw, "The police department always has a way to find out what you have been up to. But certainly when you've been up to good things, we like to recognize that. Suffice to say if you didn't save a life you saved a lot of potential heartache and with that, potential injuries."

Christian Harris acted in heroism and kindness which is in all of us. He is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens and Indianola citizens very proud. He has dedicated his young life to doing what is right and not seek such attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Christian Harris for his courage and help. I thank him for his service and wish he and his family continued success in all his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING SETON HALL  
UNIVERSITY ON ITS THIR-  
TEENTH ANNUAL "THE HALL ON  
THE HILL"

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Seton Hall University on its thirteenth annual "The Hall on the Hill," held

today, June 15. I would like to invite everyone to celebrate the rising future of this great university, and its newly formed College of Communications and the Arts.

Founded in 1856 in the village of South Orange, New Jersey, which is in my district, Seton Hall University has been a staple of the New Jersey community, consistently ranking among the first tier of national universities. The university has continually made us proud in NCAA Division I intercollegiate basketball in the Big East conference, and has even churned out basketball legends who were inducted into the Hall of Fame such as Bob Davies. Seton Hall has also continued to impress through their distinguished alumni, including actor and athlete Chuck Connors, sportscaster Dick Vitale, and actor Dulé Hill.

Not only has Seton Hall University made an important impact on the lives of countless New Jerseyans, but I personally hold Seton Hall very close to my heart due to the positive impact it has had on my family. My late father, Donald M. Payne, attended Seton Hall University for his undergraduate career as a scholarship student and graduated in 1957. In honor of his passing and his compassion for humanity, the university launched a lecture series in his name to pay tribute to people who, like him, strive for a peaceful and a better future.

My father attributed the beginning of the formation of his life philosophy to his time at Seton Hall. The university also hosts the historical manuscript collection of his congressional papers, which were acquired by the University in 2015 after his passing in 2012. The University now has these papers readily available for anyone wishing to gain insight into congressional affairs, as my father served Congress from 1989 to 2012. I am forever grateful for the opportunities that Seton Hall offered my father, and the opportunities it continues to offer to its students every year.

More of Seton Hall's talented alumni will be showcased through performances and artwork during this year's "The Hall on the Hill." I invite all of you to show your appreciation for Seton Hall today and bring out your "True Blue." Go pirates.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE MARK MARTIN

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the racing legend Mark Martin upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Ever since his early days it was clear that Mark Martin was born to race. At the age of 15 he won his first race at a local dirt track in Arkansas. In his very first season, he walked away with the state championship. Success followed him during every step of his journey which culminated in one of the most impressive careers in NASCAR history.

Upon his retirement from driving, Mark Martin had amassed 96 total wins across NASCAR's three national series. His accomplishments also include five second place finishes in the championship standings and 56 career poles. To say Mark Martin is a racing

legend would be a gross understatement. A fierce competitor and true gentleman, Mr. Martin is the embodiment of racing and will now take his place among the greats in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Martin is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Mark Martin on his induction to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I was in my District, the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia on Monday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 14, and therefore, missed recorded votes 297 through 303. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

YES on Recorded Vote 297, to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4939, the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016

YES on Recorded Vote 298, to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5312, the Network and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act

YES on Recorded Vote 299, on Ordering the Previous Question

YES on Recorded Vote 300, on Agreeing to H. Res. 778, Providing for a combined rule for consideration of H.R. 5053 and H.R. 5293

YES on Recorded Vote 301, to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5049, the NSF Major Research Facility Reform Act

NO on Recorded Vote 302, on a Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 5053, the Preventing the IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act

YES on Recorded Vote 303, on Passage of H.R. 5053, the Preventing IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act

### TRIBUTE TO SEMINOLE TEACHERS

### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize our Seminole-area educators, who make a difference throughout our community every day.

On May 17, 2016, educators from across Pinellas County gathered next to my office to be recognized for their efforts and the work they do for our Seminole community. While only a handful of teachers made it to the honoring ceremony, they represent the hundreds of teachers who change the lives of our youth daily.

We all have had favorite teachers growing up, an adult other than our parent who saw something in us and wanted to make sure we

would succeed. I come from a family of educators and I have personally seen the impact a good teacher can have on their students.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and acknowledge the Seminole teachers for their hard work. They continue to better Pinellas County by caring for and working with our kids. I ask that this body join me in recognizing the service they do. We are very thankful for their hard work.

HONORING ELLEN AND PAUL LEWIS

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, when committed and proactive citizens are dedicated to the community, it is important to recognize and honor their actions. Ellen and Paul Lewis embody that type of commitment to the Shaarei Tikvah community.

Ellen grew up in Mt. Vernon, where her parents were active in the Emanuel Jewish Center. Ellen found a real passion in Hebrew School, becoming the first woman to chant Haftarah on a Shabbat morning in the early 1990s. Ellen later attended Tufts University, earning her Master's in Math Education at Yeshiva University and returned to Mt. Vernon upon graduation to teach math at Mt. Vernon High School.

Paul was born in Alton, Illinois, and later moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana. He attended St. Michaels College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and earned his Master's Degree at Notre Dame.

Ellen and Paul were introduced while the two taught together in Mount Vernon. Their love story grew from there, and they married in August 1973. Together they have a daughter, Rachel, a pediatric critical care physician in the metropolitan area.

To both Ellen and Paul, Shaarei Tikvah means one word: community. At Shaarei Tikvah, Ellen has chaired the Adult Education Committee for ten years, the Ritual Committee for two years, and serving the Board of Trustees and the School Board. Ellen still reads Haftarah four to six times a year and often chants from the Megillah on Purim. Paul has also been actively involved in the Shaarei Tikvah community, knowing how important it is to both Ellen and the Scarsdale community as a whole.

This year, Shaarei Tikvah is honoring both Ellen and Paul at their annual JeoPARTY dinner. I want to congratulate both of them on this wonderful honor, and on the occasion and thank them for all they do for both the Shaarei Tikvah and Westchester Communities.

### TRIBUTE TO NICK HARRIS

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Nick Harris of Atlantic, Iowa, for his selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional