

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JASON
BENJAMIN JOSAPHAT BÉBÉ

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Jason Benjamin Josaphat Bébé, a 2014 graduate of Skyline High School in Mesa, Arizona. Jason was the oldest son of Myrlande Bébé and Jackson Josaphat and a beloved nephew, brother, and friend.

On Sunday, June 12, 2016, Jason's life was cut tragically short in a hateful act of terror at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida that claimed his life and 48 others. He was just 19 years old. We join all Americans in grieving this senseless loss.

At Skyline High School, Jason was a popular and active student, involved in both the hip-hop dance club and the spirit squad. Friends and classmates described him as a goofball, full of energy and optimism, and with a contagious and persistent smile that could light up a room. He was computer savvy, had a passion for physical fitness, and took a great interest in photography.

Jason was a bright and talented student that strived to help others succeed academically. After graduating from Skyline, he enrolled at Southern Technical College in Florida. He graduated from their business office specialist program just two weeks before his death. Jason had enrolled at Valencia College to continue his education by studying computer science.

Friends, family, former classmates, and hundreds of community members gathered on Wednesday in Mesa to celebrate Jason's life. In the years he spent in Arizona, it is clear he made a positive impact on so many. We were fortunate to have him for the short time that we did.

Mr. Speaker, Jason deserved a long, fulfilling life with the richness of experience that the rest of us hope for for ourselves and for our children. We stand together with Jason's family and friends in solemn remembrance.

RECOGNIZING MS. KYLA MARTIN
AS A 2016 RECIPIENT OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
AWARD

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Ms. Kyla Martin of Paxinos, Pennsylvania as a recipient of the 2016 Congressional Gold Medal Award. She is a 2013 graduate of Shamokin Area High School in my district, and now attends Wilson College where she majors in equine journalism with a minor in communications. Kyla has made a real difference in my district through her volunteer work, and I am confident that she will continue to be a role model for the next generation of leaders in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Congressional Gold Medal Award is presented, regardless of ability or circumstance, to any young person between the

ages of 14 and 24. This award is the highest honor that Congress presents to outstanding young individuals and requires participants to set goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition. Kyla showed great perseverance in meeting these criteria and continues to affect the lives of constituents in my district through her extensive charitable work.

Kyla completed several hundred volunteer hours to meet the voluntary public service requirement. Through the charity that she co-founded, Angels at Work, Kyla has organized several food and clothing drives to help provide basic necessities to those most in need in northeastern Pennsylvania. She is a coach for her local equestrian vaulting team and used this experience to complete her volunteer work, personal development, and physical fitness requirements. Kyla spent countless hours outside of practice working on her own vaulting skills, and competed nationally at the highest level of any vaulter from Pennsylvania at the time. For the expedition portion of the award, she camped for several nights at a local campground where she was able to familiarize herself with native plant and animal life. These experiences speak directly to Kyla's character and I am confident that she will carry these skills with her as she continues to grow both personally and professionally.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Kyla Martin for receiving the 2016 Congressional Gold Medal Award. Kyla has consistently demonstrated the devotion necessary to achieve her goals, and countless lives in my district have been impacted by her actions throughout this journey. On behalf of my congressional district, I wish to congratulate Kyla and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING MARK AND JOANNA
BURNS FOR THEIR 50TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark and Joanna Burns of Mishawaka, Indiana for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Having married in 1966, Mark and Joanna now celebrate the very special occasion of their golden anniversary. Fifty years of marriage is a marvelous accomplishment and speaks volumes about the love and compassion that they share with one another, and their tremendous foundation of faith.

It is obvious to all who spend time with them that they cultivated a truly beautiful life together. Their lasting commitment not only to one another, but also to their family is a shining example of devotion and faithfulness in our very own Hoosier community. As public school teachers, they touched the lives of thousands of students. As youth leaders in their church, they impacted mine as well. They embody the very values of what it means to be husband and wife.

On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate them on their anniversary and celebrate in this milestone. In addition, I would like to ex-

tend my sincerest congratulations to Mark, Joanna, and their entire family. It is my hope that their love continues to grow stronger with each passing year.

HONORING MARK ARNCE ON BEING
ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCI-
ENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS
AS A DELEGATE TO THE CON-
GRESS OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS
AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Arnce, of Joplin, Missouri, who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Scientists and Technology Leaders.

The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be scientists, engineers and technologists, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place in the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues and exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the fields of science and technology.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. It is an incredibly selective opportunity, and those students who qualify for selection have done so because of their hard work and diligence to their studies, not to mention their impressive intellect.

Mr. Speaker, Mark Arnce, who attends Carl Junction High School, has shown that he excels in his studies, and has demonstrated a passion for a career in science. He will soon be representing Missouri at this conference, and I have the utmost confidence that he will do an excellent job. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for this achievement and wish him luck in all his future endeavors.

LADY EAGLES SOFTBALL TEAM
ARE STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Eagles softball team of Fort Bend Christian Academy in Sugar Land, Texas for winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) 4A state championship.

The Lady Eagles won their fifth state championship in program history, all occurring in the past 10 years. The team from Fort Bend