

for his dedication to completing a second master's degree and to commend him for his outstanding service to his community and our country, before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATALIE PRICE

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Natalie Price of Granville High School for winning the Girls 400 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Natalie's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Granville High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Natalie Price on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIGOZIE CHRISTIANA UDEMEZUE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Attorney Chigozie "Gozie" Christiana Udemezue on her remarkable efforts on behalf of widows and children in Africa and around the world.

Gozie was born in Enugu, Nigeria in 1971. Early in her academic career she showed incredible aptitude towards educational pursuits, placing highly in her classes and demonstrating the scholarship to continue her education. Gozie pursued Law at Enugu State University of Science and Technology. A childhood dream of Gozie's was to become a lawyer, because she wanted to be in a position to help others. This was a dream that she eventually fulfilled. She had the opportunity to pursue a Master of Laws Degree at the University of London in International Human Rights Law, and continues her pursuit of knowledge still today.

When she was eight years old, Gozie lost her mother and she was left in the care of an older relative. This developed her understanding of how difficult life could be when families are pulled apart by death, conflict, or

other reasons. In 1994, Gozie was married to Chief Emeka Udemezue and they lived happily together for many years, they had three children together. Unfortunately, Chief Udemezue passed away before their third child was born, leaving Gozie to raise her children on her own.

In many parts of Africa, local, state, and national laws dictate that when a husband passes away, the property and holdings of that man pass to his brothers and not to his wife and family. Often in these situations the wife and children are left with nothing, forced to fend for themselves with no resources or protections. Seeing this injustice, Gozie and Chief Udemezue established a fund to take care of these widows and their children. Three years later, her husband passed away, and Gozie experienced and fought this injustice first hand.

The Udemezue's established the Healing Hearts Widows Support Foundation (HHWSF). The HHWSF has provided support to over five thousand widows throughout Nigeria, providing medical support, food, loans, education, and legal financial support to widows who are fighting to maintain the lives that they led. In 2014, Gozie established the "Adopt-a-Widow" program, utilizing social media to solicit funds worldwide to help support these efforts. The HHWSF has fought to change the constitution in Nigeria, and works with local leaders to fix the laws and application of the laws in local communities. Gozie continues to act as a powerful presence in the media, reaching out to, and educating widows across Nigeria about their rights and the support that is available to them. It is important to recognize that this work is not without danger, in many areas, Gozie's work is met with the threat of violence and intimidation, for her attempts to change the status quo. Despite those dangers, she marches on, fighting this injustice whenever, and wherever she can. Gozie Udemezue is an incredible woman and deserves our gratitude and appreciation for her trailblazing work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Chigozie Christiana Udemezue for her contributions to humanity. I thank her for her leadership and commitment, and wish her many years of success and happiness.

HONORING THE 1,050TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLAND'S CHRISTIANITY AND FOUNDING

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1,050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity and founding as a nation.

I want to recognize the group of Polish organizations and leaders, which include the Polish American Congress, who are a cornerstone of our community in the Tenth District of Illinois. These groups organized a celebration of this Anniversary, which along with other celebrations, will bring communities together to commemorate this important time in Poland's history.

I wish the Polish-American community all the best at their celebration, and I look forward to continuing to work with our Polish American community to amplify their voice in the United States Congress.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,316,931,693,227.11. We've added \$8,690,054,644,314.03 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349 and "yea" on roll call vote 350.

CONGRATULATING MR. BRUCE CHARENDOFF ON BEING APPOINTED TO THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Bruce Charendoff, the Chief Public Policy Officer for Sabre, on his 2-year appointment to the Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

Sabre is a cutting edge technology company that transforms travel and is headquartered in Southlake, Texas. Sabre employs over 10,000 people worldwide and over 2,500 are in my district. The Travel and Tourism Advisory Board ("TTAB") was first chartered in 2003 and serves as the advisory body to the Secretary of Commerce. The TTAB focuses on the travel and tourism industry in the United States. The 32-member board is responsible for tackling important issues including travel promotion, sustainable tourism, visa policy and data and research by providing important guidance and strategies that facilitate collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Mr. Charendoff is uniquely qualified to fulfill the duties of the TTAB because he has been part of the travel and tourism ecosystem for over 25 years. Besides being a board member for the TTAB he is the Chairman of the Travel Technology Association, Executive Committee and Board member of the U.S. Travel Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the European Travel and Technology Services Association and on the Corporate Advisory Council of the American Society of Travel Agents. As the Chief Public Policy Officer at Sabre he has been instrumental and a proven