

Rotary Club, the Weingart-Lakewood Family YMCA, Lakewood Special Olympics, the American Heart Association, Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence, Lakewood Regional Hospital, Kris Kringle Charity Golf Tournament, and Project Shepherd.

For his sustained excellence, he has been recognized throughout his career by a variety of organizations including ICMA, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, California Jaycees, YMCA, Lakewood City Council, Lakewood City Employees Association, and Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence.

During his tenure, Howard Chambers managed the city's largest public works project in its first 50 years: the \$16 million improvement of the Lakewood Civic Center and construction of The Centre at Sycamore Plaza. He later oversaw the \$21-million expansion and modernization of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, the largest single project in the city's history. The sheriff's station expansion project was completed without a new tax, tax increase, or special assessment.

Howard Chambers is considered a legend in the city management profession and is known for his ability to build working relationships with city staffers, civic leaders, and state legislators. He also is a role model for his peers. Known for his "teachable moments," he has become a mentor and teacher to new city managers. He has been and will continue to be passionate about local government, and his involvement in community activities and achievements in public service have resulted in significant benefits to Lakewood and surrounding communities.

During his four decades of service, Lakewood has deservedly earned many awards for the quality of its services, its commitment to responsive government, and its innovations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 349 for final passage of H.R. 4854 and Roll Call Number 350 for final passage of H.R. 4855, which took place Tuesday July 5, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on both bills.

NOLAN RYAN JR. HIGH ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland, TX Nolan Ryan Jr. High Wave Riders, for placing third overall in the Middle School Class at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. Nolan Ryan Jr. High qualified for nationals by

finishing in the top seven overall teams at the regional competition. The team built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. They were awarded 3rd Place Overall in the Middle School Class. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Nolan Ryan Jr. High Wave Riders for placing third at the National SeaPerch Challenge. Keep up the great work.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL FENSTER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Fenster of New Albany High School for winning the Boys Seated 800 Meter Run in 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.

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

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

GUNS AND THE MARIANAS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, people I represent in the Northern Marianas are concerned that guns could become more common in our islands, more easily obtained, and a threat to public safety. We do have guns: for hunting, for target practice. Police officers carry weapons. And we have had tragedies: a child shot accidentally, a mass murder/suicide.

But generally people feel safe. We do not worry that someone may get a gun and use it for the wrong reasons. That feeling of safety changed recently. The federal court ruled that the Supreme Court's Heller decision applied in our islands; and people had a right to keep a handgun in their home. I understand that decision. The second amendment applies in our islands. We voted to make it apply, when we joined the United States forty years ago. But the people I represent do not want to see handguns everywhere in our community. We certainly do not want the kind of assault rifles that terrorists use—most recently in Orlando. And our local legislature has taken action to limit handguns and ban assault rifles. I support those actions. I support the right of small communities like my own to decide for themselves about guns.

RECOGNIZING THE UT TYLER PATRIOTS' 2016 NATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand today to honor the University of Texas at Tyler Patriots on a spectacular 2016 softball season in which they have dominated all challengers to capture the NCAA Division III World Series title.

The UT Tyler Patriots finished as national runners-up in 2015, but boasted 25 shutouts going into the 2016 finals.

The Patriots went 5-1 at the national tournament held in Salem, Virginia, ultimately defeating the Messiah College Falcons by the score of 3-0 and a score in the title-clinching game of 7-0 to become the national champions.

The championship success of this exceptional UT Tyler ladies team is a tribute not only to all those who had their skills and determination tested as players, but is also a testimony to all those who have assisted them in reaching their goal.

The teamwork and discipline utilized to become champions should help all involved to know that no matter what obstacles may be thrown in their paths, they can overcome them and prevail. Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all the athletic staff including Head Coach Mike Reed, Assistant Coaches Whitney Wyly, Christa Hartnett, Anthony Springer and Coby Gipson, and Athletic Trainer Lexie Foster.

The team members responsible for bringing this championship title home to east Texas includes Freshmen: Cheyenne Thompson, Abby Hall, Jade Green, Alli Ramsey; Sophomores: Rose Sullivan, Kailey Henderson, Hannah Moore, Kelsie McEachern, Kursten Jaime; Juniors: Kaylee Prather, Bianca Van Vlerah, Jaiden Rawls, Lexi Ackroyd, Mel Hinojosa, Alaina Kissinger, KK Stevens; and Seniors: Kristin Lopez, Britney Bledsoe, Emilee Burkhardt, Raven Rodriguez, Jackie Mendez, Vanessa Carrizales, and Kelsie Batten.

It is my most esteemed honor to applaud everyone involved with this championship quest. May God continue to bless these young women, their families and their friends.

Congratulations to the 2016 National Champion UT Tyler Patriots, as their NCAA Division

III College World Series title is now recorded and applauded in the U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST
INDIANA'S NEW CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who took their oath of citizenship on July 4, 2016. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony took place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, was held at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The oath ceremony was a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Robert Ian Macmahon, Francisco Javier Coronado Longoria, Ann Zeno, Eiman Faiz Hamoudeh, Bolanle Olusanya, Frank Ajisafe Olusanya, Manal Hany Mamdoh Altahan, Dhaisy Borghonia Sniadecki, Juan Villegas Macias, Samer Bedaywi, Ami Jageshkumar Patel, Jageshkumar Kirtikummar Patel, Himali Jageshkumar Patel, Susan Wambui Njoroge, Swati Virendrakumar Gupta, Aimee Sebastian Dela Cruz, Joewil Dacuycuy, Jose Antonio Aguado, Naba Al Ammarei, Juan Alcantar, Teresa Arroyo, Kevin Yue Chen, Marco Coria, Ariadna Margie Corral, Martin Antonio Da Costa, Cristal Garcia, Marta Maria Ghunaim, Luz Del Carmen Hernandez-Valdez, Nisrein Abdel Alhakam Odeh Issa, Sondas Abdel-Hakam Odeh Issa, Nejma Abed Alhakam Odeh Issa, Kevin Joonghoon Koh, Yechan Lim, Manuel Salvador Loza, Joaquin Martinez, Maria Claudia Mijes-Escamilla, Diana Eloisa Nemshick, Triet Sy Thanh Nguyen-Beck, Michael Ssemwanga Njucki, Ericka Elizabeth Ogaldez, Laura Ruiz, Arnold Alvin Sey, Jean Paul Shumbusho, Leticia Sosa, Alfonso Soto Jr., Natalia Torrenga, Linh Truong, Nadia Maria Tudorache, Yesica Yaneth Villasenor, Noel Rodriguez Villavicencio Jr., and Mohamed Masoud Youseff.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that

the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these individuals, who became citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2016, the anniversary of our Nation's independence. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

IN HONOR OF THEO MARINESCU

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Theo Marinescu, who tragically lost his life after a long struggle with drug addiction.

Theo Marinescu, who grew up in East Hampton, Long Island, had a bright future ahead of him and was taken too soon from his family and community. According to his mother, Violeta, “Theo was a warm, loving, and handsome young man who was known for his wonderful personality and huge laugh. He was gifted both academically and athletically—he played linebacker on the football team and was an honor roll student. He always found a way to make people laugh and loved his little brothers with all his heart. Even during his years of drug use, we never became distant from one another. Although it was tumultuous and very difficult at times, Theo loved his family and we loved him right back.”

Violeta explained that Theo's addiction began when he started experimenting with marijuana during his last years of high school and then progressed to harder drugs, including opioids, which ultimately took his life. According to Violeta, in the midst of his addiction, “Theo desperately tried to get clean as he felt so deeply the pain and anguish he was inflicting upon his younger brothers and mother.” She said he was in and out of rehabs and sober living homes, but that, “he never received the proper treatment or care that was needed to address his mental health issues.” Ultimately, after struggling with his disease, Theo lost his life on May 17, 2015 at just 25 years of age.

Unfortunately, Theo's story is one that is becoming all too familiar to families around the country and in my home district on Long Island. Tragically, 78 people each day will lose their battle with addiction, and their life, as a result of an opioid or heroin overdose. It is our duty to find solutions and figure out ways to prevent the devastating effects drug abuse and addiction have on our children. We, as members of Congress, must all continue to support legislation that addresses the rise in heroin and opioid abuse to stop the tragic loss of life that has been devastating families and communities across America.

MANVEL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Manvel High School Team Nautilus, for placing second in the Poster Board and Interview competition at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. The Manvel High School Team built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. They received the 2nd Place Poster Board and Interview in Open Class. In addition, they were also awarded The “Against all odds and Overcoming Obstacle Diversity” Award. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. They are sponsored by Larry Garrett and Jacob Smith. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Manvel High School Team for placing second at the National SeaPerch Challenge. Keep up the great work, we look forward to seeing what other inventions these bright minds will engineer.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH MASUMI SHIMOGAWA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, joining with Anaheim Unified High School District, to remember Kenneth Masumi Shimogawa. Mr. Shimogawa was a staunch supporter of public education and dedicated advocate for workers' rights in his eighteen years as a history teacher at Cypress High School. Anaheim was heartbroken to learn of his untimely passing at 52.

An Anaheim native, Mr. Shimogawa grew up in Southern California, received his B.A. from California State University, Long Beach, and returned to his hometown to begin his teaching career.

Mr. Shimogawa was described as both hard working and passionate about global affairs and civic engagement. He was passionate about helping his community and he understood the importance of public service. Mr. Shimogawa proudly served as a City of Anaheim Library Board Member, as well as advising the chess club at Cypress High School and encouraging students to love reading and think critically about the world they live in. He