

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### FARM CREDIT SYSTEM: 100 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Farm Credit System which this year is celebrating 100 years of service to our rural communities and agribusinesses of all types and sizes. Across our country, and in my own District, the Farm Credit System provides the needed capital to help agricultural producers grow and thrive.

The Farm Credit System actively supports 500,000 borrower-customers, including 24,000 in Minnesota. The system also provides much needed support to the next generation of agricultural producers, as well as financial support for agriculture education, scholarships and organizations like 4-H and FFA.

In my district, Farm Credit has partnered with USDA and banks on investments in projects that help fulfill the critical need for high quality healthcare. These partnerships fund projects that are vital to my constituents and all that utilize their services.

I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing this important milestone for the Farm Credit System and its continued contributions to our rural communities and agriculture.

### EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2016*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 3179, the Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act. I appreciate the opportunity to work with Congressman GUTHRIE on this important legislation, and I commend Chairman KLINE and Ranking Member SCOTT for their leadership, without which this bill would not be on the path to becoming law.

The Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act will provide college students with clearer information about their rights and obligations as student loan borrowers. The current process of borrowing student loans and preparing for repayment can be confusing. In fact, I have heard from many borrowers who did not understand the terms of their loans or the tools and programs available to help them manage their debt. The lack of information on the benefits and consequences of taking on student debt is especially troubling during a time when more students are turning to loans to cover the costs

of higher education—and they are borrowing larger amounts, on average.

This legislation will put in place several commonsense requirements to help student loan borrowers make informed decisions about borrowing and plan for the future. The bill will require annual loan counseling. Each year students can track how much they have borrowed, how much they are projected to borrow, how much interest has accrued and will continue to accrue, and what they are likely to be asked to pay each month upon entering repayment. In addition to regularly monitoring their debt, students will be reminded that they can pay off interest, if they are able to, before it capitalizes, that they are not obligated to borrow the full amount for which they are eligible, and that Federal student loans tend to provide more benefits and safeguards than private education loans.

The Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act provides comprehensive information to Pell Grant recipients so that they understand the terms of the grants and the circumstances in which they may have to repay the grants. The bill also provides improved information to parents who borrow PLUS Loans to cover the costs of a child's education. By providing more frequent information to loan borrowers and extending counseling to parents and Pell Grant recipients, this bill will help more people take steps to reduce borrowing and prepare to repay their student loans successfully.

Furthermore, this legislation requires a longitudinal study of the effects of loan counseling. The study will examine whether better counseling contributes to a reduction in borrowing, a decrease in delinquencies and defaults, and an increase in program completion. Importantly, the effects of loan counseling will be disaggregated by race, gender, and income—allowing policymakers to determine whether enhanced counseling is benefiting all loan borrowers.

Once again, I would like to thank Congressman GUTHRIE, Chairman KLINE, and Ranking Member SCOTT for their partnership on this legislation and their commitment to making college more affordable and accessible. Congress has a lot of work to do, but the Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act is an important step that will help more students navigate the student loan market and build successful futures.

### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BOEING COMPANY

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Boeing Company. The history of the company is a true American success story.

Founded in Seattle, Washington, by William E. Boeing, assembly of the first Boeing airplane was completed in a hanger located on the northeast shore of Lake Union.

Since its founding, Boeing has been instrumental in building the economy in the Puget Sound region. The Boeing of today, with more than 165,000 employees worldwide, has evolved into a global leader in the aviation industry. Despite Boeing's global footprint, the company's commitment to more than 200 community partners and non-profits in the Puget Sound region is unparalleled. I commend Boeing for years of support and contributions to projects focusing on STEM education, foster care, land conservation and food distribution, all of which have paid tremendous dividends toward improving the overall health of communities across Washington State.

Boeing's focus and commitment to environmental leadership, ethics and compliance, working conditions and human rights, employee safety, diversity and inclusion, education, military and veteran engagement and community engagement has contributed to an impressive and rewarding first 100 years. I wish the company an equally successful second century.

Lastly, I give thanks to the past and present employees of Boeing whose hard work, talent and determination have allowed the company to follow the sage advice of William Boeing to "build something better."

### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN R. FRITZ

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John R. Fritz, 48, who passed away on June 27, 2016. John was born on March 20, 1968 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Richard and Diane (Griffith) Fritz.

John graduated from the Austintown Fitch School, where he was consistently involved in the school's instrumental music program, in 1986. He went on to join the Austintown Fire Department for 26 years. He worked as a MCCTC fire instructor for many years and helped found the Austintown Honor Guard. John was also employed by the Western Reserve Mechanical in Niles for almost 20 years.

Throughout his life, John prioritized spending time with his family and serving others. He enjoyed archery, shooting, and scuba diving. He held a black belt in karate, collected unusual knives, enjoyed line dancing, appreciated motorcycles, and was a talented tinkerer. Passionate about raising money to fight Spina Bifida, John twice walked 60 miles from Austintown Fire Station No. 1 to Cleveland Clinic to help raise \$5,700 in donations. He was a founding member of the Mahoning Valley Fools (Fraternal Order of Leatherhead).

John will be deeply missed by his family. He leaves behind his wife, Karen (Bickle) Fritz,

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whom he married on September 11, 1999, and his children, Ryley, Bailey, Halley, Kassidey and Owen. He leaves also his parents, Richard and Diane; his sister, Jill (Kenneth) Ferrone; father-in-law, Gordon Bickle; brothers-in-law, Greg and Kevin Bickle; niece, Madison; nephew, Miles Ferrone; and his family of firefighters. He also leaves his dogs, Toby, LuLu, Sophie Mae, and Kooper.

Charitable even through his death, John was a Lifebank donor. He will be sadly missed by the community to which he gave so much.

CELEBRATING SPECTROLAB'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TONY CÁRDENAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Spectrolab, located in Sylmar.

Spectrolab was founded in 1956 by Mr. Alfred E. Mann, a noted entrepreneur, inventor, and philanthropist.

Spectrolab is the world's leading manufacturer of solar cells and solar panels for space. Having manufactured more than 6.5 million solar cells, Spectrolab has powered more than 600 satellites and exploration vehicles.

The technology and products developed by Spectrolab have been a part of our nation's first ventures into space, including Pioneer 1 in 1958 and Explorer 6 in 1959.

Its solar panels were placed on the moon during the *Apollo 11* mission in 1969.

In 2004, Spectrolab received NASA's George M. Low Award for Supplier Quality and Excellence and had multi-junction cells inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame by the United States Space Foundation.

Spectrolab's solar cells power the International Space Station, the largest spacecraft in orbit. They recently set a new record with its advanced solar cells, powering Juno, NASA's interplanetary probe, on a mission to Jupiter.

With more than 80 percent of all law enforcement aircraft and helicopters in the United States using Spectrolab's Nightsun searchlights, this Sylmar Company has also made a difference in cities across the country.

Spectrolab's contributions to the San Fernando Valley and the space industry are truly commendable.

I applaud the record of unparalleled accomplishments in space exploration, illumination, and solar cell technology and satellite development.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED WAY OF LAKE AND SUMTER COUNTIES

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the tireless service and earnest dedication of United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Since 1965, United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties has collaborated with community partners to empower individuals and families in Lake and Sumter Counties to achieve their maximum potential through education, income stability, and healthy lives. In 2016, United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties will invest more than \$273,295 in 14 education, income and health programs in Lake and Sumter Counties. In addition, United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties community investments include \$345,000 to fund other programs including: 2-1-1, Family Emergency Services, the Human Care Network, and the Volunteer Tax Assistance program.

I am pleased to recognize the selfless work of United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties and their altruistic aspiration to improve our communities and help our neighbors. May their example inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

IN HONOR OF THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF KIMSE YOK MU (KYM)

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

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to the non-profit organization Kimse Yok Mu (KYM). This Turkish based international organization has successfully provided developmental and humanitarian aid through enlisting the help of 180,000 volunteers worldwide in over 113 countries. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the amazing achievements of this great organization.

Established in 2002, KYM has been able to aid over 200,000 families within Turkey and even millions more around the world. Their efforts include helping bring clean water to 17 African countries through the creation of 1,622 fresh water drinking wells, providing cataract surgery to 25,577 people on the African continent, as well as helping orphaned children in 56 countries.

KYM has been granted United Nations ECOSOC Special Consultative Status as an international charity, as they are credited with providing different sources of aid through medical services, social services, disaster relief, humanitarian services, educational programs, and sustainable infrastructure development. KYM is known to quickly respond to natural disasters through its sophisticated monitoring system and efficient work ethic.

The KYM has significantly changed millions of people's lives for the better, and on behalf of the people of the United States and New Jersey we thank them immensely for their humanitarian efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes 453, 454, and 455 held on July 13th, 2016, I was inescapably detained

handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted NO on the Palmer amendment, NO on the Gosar amendment, and NO on the Perry amendment to the FY2017 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

HONORING SUSAN E. STRICKLER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Susan Strickler on her retirement after 20 years with the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire, and thank her for the outstanding work she did during her career.

Ms. Strickler's commitment to expanding access to great art to the residents of New Hampshire and building on the strong reputation the Currier has had in New England and beyond has been outstanding. Her efforts to bring in new modern exhibits, while also highlighting the timeless beauty of more historical and revered works has helped to broaden the appeal of the museum to new generations.

She has not only helped to promote and expand access to the arts in New Hampshire, but also to solidify the Currier as an important landmark in the City of Manchester, with the expansion of its grounds and buildings.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Strickler on her retirement and all that she's accomplished in her career, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.

HONORING STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MISSOURI PRESIDENT DR. DON CLAYCOMB ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Dr. Don Claycomb. He retired as President of State Technical College of Missouri on June 30, 2016. Dr. Claycomb dedicated over two decades of service to the college. Dr. Claycomb is currently the longest-serving public college president in Missouri.

At the beginning of his career, Dr. Claycomb was a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. During those years of teaching, Dr. Claycomb was introduced to State Technical College of Missouri. During the years Dr. Claycomb has been president there have been numerous name changes for the college. When he first started working there in 1993, the name was Linn Technical Junior College; it was then changed to Linn Technical College. Then in 1996, the name was changed to Linn State Technical College. In 2013, the Missouri General Assembly passed HB 673 that would change the college's name to State

Technical College of Missouri as of July 1, 2014. Throughout the name changes for the college, Dr. Claycomb stated, "We have maintained the main purpose of preparing students for the workforce."

At Dr. Claycomb's hiring, the original board members charged him with specific goals, which he attributes to his success while president of the college. They first asked him to improve staff morale which Dr. Claycomb passionately started working on and believes it is a continuous process. Secondly, he was tasked with developing sound financial practices for the college. In the years that Dr. Claycomb has been president, there have been strong audits for the college. Their third goal was to continue the effort to define the college as a legal entity that is separate from the Linn R-2 school system. These goals helped Dr. Claycomb successfully lead the college into what it is today.

In 2015, Dr. Claycomb was chosen as one of the few to receive the Missouri Pioneers in Education from the Missouri State Board of Education and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This was awarded to him in acknowledgement of over fifty years of an outstanding career and contributions to public education. At the 2016 commencement at State Technical College of Missouri, Dr. Claycomb received an honorary degree from the college. Also at commencement, it was announced that the Information Technology Center would be renamed the Dr. Donald M. Claycomb Information Technology Center. Dr. Claycomb's wife Linda's statement explains why these awards were given, "This wasn't a job for Don Claycomb, Don lives and breathes this place. It's in his blood."

Dr. Claycomb will get to spend more time with his family now that he is retired. He will celebrate his 27th wedding anniversary this summer with his wife, Linda. She holds a doctorate and teaches nursing education at Columbia College at the Columbia and Lake of the Ozarks campuses. Dr. Claycomb has appreciated his wife understanding his job and the time it took him away from the family. Dr. Claycomb and Linda have five children and five grandchildren. He looks forward to spending more time with them. In addition to his family, Dr. Claycomb enjoys collecting antique tractors, reading books, and gardening. These hobbies will fill his days now that the new president has taken the helm of State Technical College of Missouri.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Claycomb on his retirement from State Technical College of Missouri after twenty-three years of commitment to the college, students, and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN  
WILLIAM C. OSTENDORFF

**HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Captain William C. Ostendorff, who recently completed his second term as a Commissioner at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). After a varied and distinguished career as an engineer, legal counsel,

policy advisor, and naval officer, Captain Ostendorff now departs the NRC to return to teaching at the United States Naval Academy.

Prior to his appointment to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Captain Ostendorff served at the National Academies where he was the Director of the Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy. He was also the Director of the Board on Global Science and Technology. He came to the National Academies after serving as Principal Deputy Administrator at the National Nuclear Security Administration from April 2007 until April 2009. From 2003–2007, Captain Ostendorff was a member of the staff of the House Armed Services Committee. There, he served as counsel and staff director for the Strategic Forces Subcommittee with oversight responsibilities for the U.S. Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities as well as the U.S. Department of Defense's space, missile defense, and intelligence programs.

Captain Ostendorff was an officer in the United States Navy from 1976 until he retired in 2002 with the rank of Captain. During his naval career, he served on six submarines, including command of the USS *Norfolk* from 1992–1995. While in the Navy, he also served as Director of the Division of Mathematics and Science at the United States Naval Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree in systems engineering from the United States Naval Academy, law degrees from the University of Texas and Georgetown University, and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Captain Ostendorff for the duty and honor he has consistently displayed throughout his years of outstanding service to our nation. His unparalleled experience and knowledge of nuclear security and defense issues have made him an invaluable resource for our nation, and we are truly better off because of his service. I wish him all the best as he returns to the United States Naval Academy.

CELEBRATING THE GENERAL  
MILLS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and honor General Mills for their 150th year of hard work, leadership and community service in the food and service sector. General Mills, then named the Minneapolis Milling Company, first began when Cadwallader Washburn opened his first flour mill in Minneapolis. John Crosby joined eleven years later and together they reorganized business practices that farmers deemed unfair. They soon won the Gold Medal at the international Miller's Exhibition, which inspired them to name their flour "Gold Medal". The company has since expanded to a highly successful multi-national food corporation that has also tried its hand in the restaurant, toy, and fashion industries.

In 1928, the name changed to General Mills. The same year the company had 5,800 employees with annual sales of \$123 million mostly due to their strongest products of Softasilk cake flour and Wheaties cereal. By 1928, General Mills was the largest flour mill-

ing company in the world. General Mills' diversification and technology allowed them to produce military equipment and dehydrated food for World War II mobilization efforts. By the 1990's, General Mills went international, competing in European and Mexican markets.

General Mills shares its wealth of food expertise through philanthropic work to increase food security, advance sustainable agriculture and protect our natural resources. In 2015, its foundation donated 20 million meals. General Mills strives to ensure the world's watersheds are restored and protected, and to increase the world's pollinator populations. General Mills has partnered with many non-profit organizations in pursuing these goals.

From Betty Crocker to the Pillsbury Dough Boy, General Mills is responsible for some of our most iconic food brands. Whether it is a box of Cheerios, a can of Crescent Rolls, or a bag of Gold Medal Flour, nearly every American household can claim to have a General Mills product. Without a doubt, General Mills will continue to innovate and develop offerings that meet our nation's palate preferences and nutritional needs. I am proud to represent the congressional district where General Mills was started and remains today. I congratulate General Mills and its hardworking employees for their accomplishments and lasting legacy.

HONORING MS. SANDY ELLES

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandy Elles, the 2016 recipient of the Napa County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in honor of her service as the Executive Director for the past fifteen years.

A native of Burlington, New Jersey Ms. Elles earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from American University and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning from Rutgers University. After moving west to California, Ms. Elles built a successful career as both a business leader and public servant.

Ms. Elles worked with Blue & Gold Fleet in San Francisco from 1981 until 2001, while also serving on the Cotati City Council from 1990 to 1998. During that time, she received the prestigious American Planning Association award for Distinguished Leadership from an Elected Official, and the Sonoma County Conservation Council recognized Ms. Elles as the 1996 Environmentalist of the Year.

After retiring from Blue & Gold Fleet, Ms. Elles served as Executive Director of the Napa County Farm Bureau from 2001 until June 2016, providing guidance to Napa Valley farmers. Under her direction, the Napa County Farm Bureau won the California Farm Bureau Federation Golden State Hall of Fame Award for the best County Farm Bureau in both 2009 and 2010.

Ms. Elles has also been a leader in many other community organizations, including the Napa Chamber of Commerce and Jack L. Davies Napa Valley Agricultural Land Preservation Fund. She was also an instrumental figure in launching ferry service to the San Francisco Giants downtown ballpark from 1998 to 2000.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Elles has led an impressive career in both business and public service and has dedicated her time and skills to

ensuring the success of our community's agriculture industry. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
SACRIFICE OF LORNE AHRENS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the life and sacrifice of a selfless public servant, Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens. On July 7th, 2016, Lorne Ahrens was one of five Dallas officers fatally shot during a protest in downtown Dallas. The shooting was a calculated and senseless act of violence intended to tear our community apart. But the resilience of Lorne Ahrens' loved-ones will hold this community together. And they find their inspiration in the memory of the man they loved.

Lorne Ahrens was a Senior Corporal in the Dallas Police Department, where he served for fourteen years. He worked for a time in the dangerous and unpredictable job of serving warrants, where a simple knock on the door could escalate into a life-threatening situation.

Before moving to the Dallas area, Ahrens served in the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for eleven years. For part of that time, he was a law enforcement technician, inputting and dispatching calls to the station, a demanding job that required fast thinking and professional calm. Colleagues in the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department remember Ahrens as a professional who supported his teammates, and as a joyous personality to work with.

The Los Angeles area was his home. He even played semi-professional football there. Ahrens moved to the Dallas area because he married Katrina Ahrens, a Texas girl and a fellow police officer. They moved to Texas together to start their beautiful family, which now includes a ten year old daughter and eight year old son.

Lorne Ahrens was a big man. He stood at 6'5" and weighed 350 pounds. Yet, anyone who saw him interact with his family knew the biggest thing about him was his heart. He loved to roll on the floor with his kids, making sure they had as much fun as possible when they were with their Dad. In fact, when he was not taking them fishing or to the movies, he often went to his daughter's school to talk about policing and safety.

Mr. Speaker, we lost a truly honorable public servant, friend, and father when Lorne Ahrens' life was taken. Today, I would like to thank him for his bravery and sacrifice, send my love to his family, and honor him in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 404, on July 12, 2016, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor.

Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on the motion to adjourn.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

MAJOR GENERAL ALLEN E.  
BREWER

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Allen E. Brewer, the retiring Assistant Adjutant General of the Mississippi Army National Guard. Through General Brewer's role as Assistant Adjutant General, he is responsible for developing and implementing all programs and policies impacting the Mississippi Army National Guard, which consists of nearly 10,000 citizen soldiers.

General Brewer was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, on July 16, 1979, through the Officer Candidate School, Mississippi Military Academy. He has served in command and staff positions at every level, including: Company A, 2d Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group; Battalion Commander, 2d Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group; Commander, 154th Regional Training Institute; Deputy Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team in Kalsu, Iraq from April 2005 to March 2006; and Commander, Special Operations Detachment—South, in Afghanistan from November 2011 to March 2012.

I was privileged to serve with Major General Brewer during our combat tour in Iraq in 2005. As Deputy Commander of the 155th Brigade Combat Team, Colonel Brewer was a trusted and respected member of the Brigade Leadership Team. His calm and confident demeanor earned him the respect and admiration of leaders and soldiers in the Dixie Thunder Brigade.

Major General Brewer has continued to use his effective leadership style to inspire and lead the soldiers of the Mississippi Army National Guard. He is a mentor and leader to a generation of soldiers in the Mississippi Army National Guard.

As Major General Brewer retires from his military career, I wish him the best in his future endeavors. I am confident Major General Brewer will continue to be a leader in the future. I am privileged to have been able to work with Major General Brewer and call him a friend and mentor.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. HARRY L.  
SEAWRIGHT

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the election of Reverend Dr. Harry L. Seawright as Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Seawright is the longtime pastor of the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church in Brandywine, Maryland.

A fourth-generation A.M.E., Rev. Seawright's first pastoral appointment was

with the Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church in Jessup, Maryland, followed by service to the Hemingway Temple A.M.E. Church in Washington, D.C. In 1986, Rev. Seawright assumed his position at Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, which he has served longer than any other pastor in the congregation's history.

During his three decades of service, Union Bethel has expanded dramatically and has a significant presence in the community. In addition to serving as Union Bethel's pastor, Rev. Seawright is the author of several books, including *More Than Bricks and Mortar: Building a Church without Losing Your Mind*, and *Don't Faint: Help for Hurting Pastors and their Families*. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina and his Master and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Howard University School of Divinity.

Rev. Seawright has long been deeply involved in the community. In addition to serving as a spiritual leader, he is an entrepreneur, community leader, world traveler, author and family man. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing to him our congratulations on his election to this distinguished position and our gratitude for all he has done to touch the lives of others.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF LEONARD SUGGS

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend and a true American patriot, Mr. Leonard Suggs.

Born in Cumberland County in 1945, Leonard never met a stranger. Everyone that ever has the pleasure of meeting him is left with a smile on their face. Leonard's warm personality lights up any room and his infectious humor often leaves everyone in stitches. Uncommonly kind, Leonard measures his success in life not by career accomplishments, of which there are many, but rather by the lives he touches and his connections with friends, neighbors, and especially the soldiers stationed at Ft. Bragg.

Throughout his lifetime, Leonard Suggs has constantly devoted his time in the service of others and he does everything he can to make the world a better place. By staying actively involved in the Fayetteville community, Leonard has created a legacy for which we all are grateful. As an unrelenting supporter of our men and women in uniform, Leonard has served as Bragg Special Activities Committee Secretary Treasurer for nearly 30 years. I am convinced you will never find a more patriotic American who is so committed to helping our soldiers and their families.

Leonard Suggs was recently diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer and has elected to stop receiving treatment in preparation to leave this Earth in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Suggs family as we celebrate and honor this remarkable man. It is my hope that Leonard lives out the remainder of his days in the comfort of the Lord knowing that while his time on Earth may be nearing an end, his legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of all of those he touched.

I will personally always cherish the time I have spent with Leonard at Ft. Bragg and visiting our men and women in uniform around

the country. Leonard can always be counted on to make me laugh at the most inopportune moment and he always has a stick of Wrigley's chewing gum on hand when you are in a pinch.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of my friend Leonard Suggs for his service to God, our country, and our community.

RECOGNIZING DR. SANTA J. ONO  
AND MS. GWENDOLYN YIP

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong Cincinnati and a proud UC Bearcat, I wish to recognize Dr. Santa J. Ono and Ms. Gwendolyn Yip, respectively, President and First Lady of the University of Cincinnati, for their 4 years of dedication and commitment to the university.

Under President Ono's leadership, the University of Cincinnati has transformed into a premier academic institution and a public research powerhouse.

President Ono was primarily responsible for launching "Creating Our Third Century," an initiative that maps out the university's priorities for the future. As part of this initiative, the University of Cincinnati has invested \$100 million in academics, hiring 250 new faculty members over the past three years. They also executed an \$86 million renovation of Nippert Stadium and constructed a new, eco-friendly residence hall—Morgens Hall—that received three different Design Awards from the American Institute of Architects.

As the university itself continues to grow, so does its student population. For three consecutive years, the university has broken its enrollment records and has attained the largest enrollment in school history at 44,251 students. This spring alone, they awarded 6,445 degrees to 6,351 graduates.

In 2013, the Washington Center recognized UC as the Public University of the Year, "a shining example of how universities are taking the traditional curriculum model and incorporating study-away internship experiences that teach self awareness, community engagement, and life-long leadership skills."

All of these accolades are a great testament to President Ono's leadership and his commitment to making UC the #HottestCollegeInAmerica.

I'm sad to see him go, but I know that his charisma and vision will have a lasting impact on present and future Bearcats.

I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING MS. KATHLEEN KANE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathleen H. Kane, the

Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, upon her retirement from an impressive career in affordable housing and community development that has spanned 30 years.

Ms. Kane, a New Jersey native, completed her Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and a Certificate of Proficiency in French at Franklin & Marshall College before administering federally-funded programs for municipalities in Vermont between 1986 and 1991.

Ms. Kane then joined the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC) in 1992, and has held a number of positions during her 24 years with the CDC. She joined the office as a supervisor of the Housing Rehabilitation loan and grants programs, and served as the Community Development Manager before assuming her current position as the CDC's Executive Director. Throughout her time with the CDC, Ms. Kane has overseen the administration of federal, state and local funds for affordable housing, homelessness, and community development activities while tirelessly working to improve our community through redevelopment.

As an unwavering advocate of social justice, Kathleen is renowned among her peers for her intelligence, speed, and determination to improve the lives of those in need in our community. During her tenure with the CDC, she has worked to create 1,211 new apartments and 250 new ownership properties in Sonoma County, with several hundred more currently under development. Ms. Kane also sits on the Sonoma County Workforce Investment and Upstream Investments boards and the California Association of Housing Authorities. She has served the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials as an executive board member since 2004 and the Northern California/Nevada Executive Directors Association as Treasurer since 2009.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Kane has dedicated her career to creating safe, secure, and healthy housing for the people of Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and many happy memories to come with her husband, Bob, and children, Christopher and William.

IN HONOR OF SAMUEL BEAMON

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate one of Waterbury's finest, Samuel K. Beamon, Sr.

On Saturday, July 30, 2016, Sam Beamon will become the first Waterburian and African-American to receive UNICO National's John Basilone Freedom Award. Even though UNICO was founded in Waterbury, CT in 1922, it had yet to bestow this prestigious award on one of its native sons.

A graduate of W.F. Kaynor Technical High School in Waterbury, Sam enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1965 and was deployed to South Vietnam. He became a helicopter mechanic, crew chief, and aerial gunner, and he flew more than 320 combat missions. Sam earned numerous awards while in

the Marine Corps including 16 Air Medals and Combat Air Crew Wings, the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Presidential Unit Citations, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After returning home, Sam worked at Pratt & Whitney before answering the call to service again—but this time, as a police officer. In 1970, he joined the Waterbury Police Department. There, Sam continued to be an effective leader and break down racial barriers. He was the first Black Accident Investigator, radar operator and instructor, and member of the SWAT Team. He retired from the Police Department in 1998 with the rank of Lieutenant.

He wrote about his time in the Marine Corps in his book, *Flying Death: The Vietnam Experience*. He became active in Waterbury's veterans' network. His decades of work made him a natural choice to replace Colonel John Chiarella as chairman of the Waterbury Veteran's Memorial Committee in 2014. I have worked closely with Sam on a number of veterans' issues, and his tenacity, hard work, and winning smile are instrumental in his ability to advocate for his fellow veterans.

Sam's commitment to improving the lives and welfare of others extends well-beyond his involvement in veterans' organizations. A man who has lived through some of the most divisive times in our country's history, Sam seeks to inspire and unite today's youth. He understands the adversity some of our youth face in overcoming social, political, and economic barriers, but knows it can be done with hard work, a positive attitude, and a sharp moral compass. He has mentored countless students about the value of education, and what it means to believe in one's country, and answer the call to service. For Sam, his call to service and leadership capabilities extended beyond his military career. It meant giving back to Waterbury, the city that gave him so much. A leader in every sense of the word, I had the distinct honor of recognizing him at our Black History Month ceremony in Waterbury this past February. His remarks were touching; a perfect blend of self-reflection, humility, and his ironic sense of humor.

While Sam may be the first non-Italian to receive the John Basilone Freedom Award, I wonder if UNICO heard the story about how he found a way to visit his good Italian friend Colonel Chiarella in the hospital. When hospital staff told Sam that only immediate family was allowed to visit the Colonel, Sam didn't miss a beat. He told them that he was the Colonel's brother.

But this story perfectly encapsulates just who Sam is: he is the man who will stand by your side, offering his unwavering support when you need him. To veterans across the State of Connecticut and his family and friends in the City of Waterbury, Sam is a man of conviction, honor, and leadership. Sam is more than the countless accolades that serve as a testament to his selfless spirit. His infectious positive energy brings joy to the people around him. He is a friend and a confidante for whom I have the utmost respect.

I could not be any prouder of my dear and longtime friend. There is no one more deserving of such a prestigious award. I know Sam will tease me for giving him so much praise, but I will not let his humble attitude prevent me from properly honoring and recognizing him. Congratulations on your award, Sam.

RECOGNIZING GRANT BAKER, BENJAMIN GILES, DYLAN ROGERS, AND COURTNEY THOMPSON

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grant Baker, Benjamin Giles, Dylan Rogers, and Courtney Thompson for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of the 114th Congress, Second Session.

The work of these young men and women has been exemplary and I know they all have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these four and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

All four of our interns have made plans to continue their educational careers back in Colorado and throughout the United States. I am certain they will continue in their great success and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Grant Baker, Benjamin Giles, Dylan Rogers, and Courtney Thompson for their service this summer.

HONORING DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT POLICE OFFICER BRENT THOMPSON

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Officer Brent Thompson. Officer Thompson tragically lost his life during the tragic shooting in Dallas on July 7, 2016. He was the first DART police officer to be killed in the line of duty since DART first formed a police department in 1989.

Officer Thompson was hailed as a "great officer" and one who had served the DART Police Department admirably since joining in 2009. His wife, who he had married just weeks before his death, regarded Officer Thompson as "the most amazing, caring, loving, selfless man" she has known. He is the father of six wonderful children, all of whom will carry on his legacy with his passing.

Some know Officer Thompson as the veteran officer who bravely charged at the shooter in an attempt to stop him during his rampage. Others know him as a former Marine who helped train and mentor local police in Afghanistan and Iraq. However, all now know Officer Thompson as the brave officer who gave his life in the defense of his fellow citizens in Dallas.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud by the way our nation has come together during this difficult time to honor Officer Thompson and the four other officers who lost their lives that day. Today, I would like to thank Officer Thompson for his bravery and sacrifice, and I join with my con-

stituents in expressing my incredible gratitude and appreciation for all that Officer Thompson has done for Dallas and the great State of Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROEPER SCHOOL

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of The Roeper School. This anniversary is a reflection of the hard work of the students, faculty and staff of The Roeper School that have established a legacy of educational excellence which continues to this day.

Ever since George and Annemarie Roeper founded The Roeper School in 1941, it has been a leader in gifted education. George and Annemarie were refugees from Germany and witnessed first-hand the full measure of the human cost of Hitler's Third Reich. They dedicated their lives to creating an environment in which a powerful few would never again be able to impose their will upon an unchallenging majority. The Roeper School has been known for educating and empowering children at every level and instilling the attitudes, values and skills that will enable them to be leaders in the community. The school the Roepers founded continues to be a highly valued resource for gifted education, consulting on educational projects as varied as the creation of Children's Television Workshop, to the publications of the President's Council on Gifted Education.

The Roeper School continues to fulfill its mission: educating and inspiring gifted students to think as individuals and engage as a community with compassion for each other and this world. Their current "no cut" policy allows all students to participate in sports they wish to play. Roeper students pursue a challenging curriculum in math, science, arts and technology that prepares them for college and beyond. The Roeper School has a dedication to diversity, democracy, and community service that dates to its founding and is still very present today. Armed with a first class education, Roeper graduates have gone on to make extraordinary contributions to our society in every imaginable field of study and work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the 75th anniversary of The Roeper School. For 75 years, The Roeper School has supported students' academic, intellectual, emotional and social growth and we wish them many more successful years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during roll call vote number 434 on July 13, 2016. I would like the record to reflect that on roll call vote number 434 I would have voted YES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2016*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5538) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Chair, I want to make a statement regarding the passage of H.R. 5538, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017. Specifically I would like to make a statement about my amendment, Grayson Number 113. My amendment simply put the House on record of supporting a final funding amount of \$27,191,000 for the National Estuary Program and Coastal Waterways. It does so by removing and then reapplying \$468,000 within the \$2.5 billion appropriation for the environmental programs and management account within the Environmental Protection Agency.

The report accompanying this bill originally called for \$26,723,000 for the National Estuary Program and Coastal Waterways, which is \$468,000 below both the Senate's proposed appropriations level and the President's request for fiscal year 2017. Hence, the amount specified in my amendment.

The National Estuary Program and Coastal Waterways subaccount within the EPA does important work, including work in my State, especially on the Atlantic Coast. This program addresses ocean acidification, seeks to remove coastal watersheds, furthers the National Estuary Program's restoration goals, and assists in the implementation of the very important Gulf of Mexico hypoxia action plan.

This past March, in Central Florida, the Indian River Lagoon, which has been part of the National Estuary Program since 1990, experienced the worst fish kill in the history of the watershed. This fish kill is the result of hypoxia, caused by a recent algae blooming in the lagoon. Nobody knows how many fish died. And what's worse, nobody understands how "brown tide," the algae which caused the hypoxia, and is typically found in salty water, got into the Indian River Lagoon. With ecological disasters like this, we should be moving to fully fund the President's request.

Part of the funding for this program is used to try to overcome the hypoxia situation that has arisen in the Indian River Lagoon, while learning what happened, and more importantly, how to return the lagoon to a healthy ecosystem. This is just one of the 28 estuaries funded by this program, located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts.

The estuarine regions of the United States comprise just 12 percent of land area of the United States, but they contain 43 percent of the U.S. population and provide 49 percent of all U.S. economic output. The economic value of coastal recreation alone in the United States—beach going, fishing, bird watching, snorkeling, diving, and so on—has conservatively been estimated by NOAA to be between \$20 billion and \$60 billion annually.

Clearly, the \$468,000 increase in funding for the National Estuary Program and Coastal Waterways will result in real returns for the American economy, an enhanced quality of life for the American people, and a healthy ecosystem which supports endangered and threatened species. I thank Chairman CALVERT and my colleagues for their support of my amendment.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.  
JOE OSCAR ERNI

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Mr. Joe Oscar Erni, who passed away last summer at his home in Sun City Center, Florida. Joe lived the quintessential American story—one that personified the Greatest Generation.

Joe was raised on an Indiana dairy farm and studied at Purdue University. When World War II broke out, he traded in his textbooks for a uniform, serving in the Pacific as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Joe served his country with distinction as an aerial spotter for field artillery, having been awarded the Air Medal, with four bronze oak leaves, for his service in combat operations.

Following the war, Joe completed his education at Hanover College, and soon went on to marry the love of his life Elizabeth “Betty” Rodgers in May of 1948. Joe became a venerable part of his community while managing the New Albany Inn for 25 years, which led to his title of President of the Indiana Hotel/Motel Association. He cared deeply for his community and led many philanthropic efforts. He became the 1956 Chairman of the Floyd County March of Dimes, and served on the Floyd Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. Joe was a humble man whose life impacted everyone he touched in an extraordinary way. He cared deeply for so many people, especially his wife Betty, his three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Everywhere Joe went, he made friends with ease due to his gentle and generous spirit. Joe will be remembered for his exceptionally kind heart, his loving personality, and his tremendous service to his community and our country. I was proud to call Joe a friend and a relative, and I will miss his presence in our family.

Thank you, Joe, for your years of dedication and service. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps bet-

ter than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,” and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to six extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Stephanie Gomez from the University of Houston; Bunyad Bhatti from the College of New Jersey; Sara Ali from the University of California at Berkeley; Ashley Hogan from Texas Tech University; George Brewster from Texas Southern University; and Jeremy Dang from Georgetown University.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful, committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HONORING MR. TIM TESCONI

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tim Tesconi upon his induction into the Sonoma County Farm Bureau’s Hall of Fame for his 43 years of service to our local agriculture community and commitment to preserving agricultural land throughout our county.

A third generation Sonoma County resident, Mr. Tesconi grew up on a dairy farm in Santa

Rosa and was a Future Farmer of America (FFA) during his time at Santa Rosa High School. He later went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, Chico and completed graduate work in Journalism at the University of Missouri, Columbia before dedicating his professional life to Sonoma County’s agriculture community.

Mr. Tesconi has held a number of positions during his impressive career that spanned over four decades. For 33 years Mr. Tesconi worked as an agriculture reporter for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. Mr. Tesconi’s outstanding coverage of the North Bay farming community made him a household name and led to his appointment to multiple local boards including the 4-H Foundation of Sonoma County, Sonoma County Farm Trails, and the Santa Rosa Junior College Ag. Trust. For the last 10 years of his career, Mr. Tesconi worked as the Community Relations Coordinator and later the Executive Director of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau. His dedication to our agricultural and wine communities has strengthened our Sonoma County community as a whole.

Mr. Tesconi is admired by his peers for his unrivaled depth of knowledge, passion, and unwavering advocacy on behalf of our agriculture community.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Tesconi has spent his entire career working to strengthen and preserve agriculture’s role as the backbone of our local economy, natural landscapes, and way of life in Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ALFRED LOMELI

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Contra Costa resident, Mr. Alfred Lomeli.

At an early age, Al committed to his passion for serving others by making his first attempt to join the Armed Forces. When he was turned down for being too young, he returned at the age of 18, after his graduation from Alhambra High School, and joined the Marines. Upon joining the Marines in September 1944, Lomeli and his division were the first to land on Peleliu, a tiny island in the western Pacific Ocean. While the mission was expected to only last a few days, the fighting dragged on through November and led to heavy American casualties. Al and his brother Raul’s experiences in the Pacific Theater are the subjects of a book written by Al’s daughter Rhonda entitled “Semper Fi! Marine.”

Al’s time in the Marines further shaped his commitment to service and to those he loved. After meeting his wife Guadalupe and settling in the Bay Area, Al began his career in finance that ultimately led him to the county treasurer-tax collector’s office, which he was to in 1978. He also served as president of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers and the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors.

Al’s dedication to his job, his family, and his community was admirable. Al passed away on June 26, 2016. He will be missed sincerely by

those who had the pleasure of knowing him, including his wife Patsy; daughters Celine, Gisele, and Rhonda; sons Jeffrey, Charles, and Lawrence; and dozens of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW BETHEL  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH INCORPORATED

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrate 142 years.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1874; 87 years after Richard Allen organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1787. It is believed the church seat was moved several times from 1874 to 1927. It is recorded that within the 53 years less than 20 pastors were appointed to Bethel. During the years of 1927 to 1930 the membership of Bethel ranged from 50 to 80. By the year 1932, the church membership had increased to 220.

Ephesians 4:16 states "from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." Through the blessings of God, New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has grown spiritually, numerically, and materially, for the last 62 years.

In 1954, a new building was assembled under the leadership of Rev. R. L. Tyson (deceased), thus Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was renamed New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. As the church's congregation grew in numbers and in spirit it also grew in size. Between the years of 1965–1998, God blessed New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with several architectural additions to the church, to help accommodate its growing flock. By the grace of God, New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was bestowed the honor of hosting the 92nd Session of the Southwest Georgia Annual Conference, in 1988.

New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has been blessed to have several anointed guests, and guest preachers such as the first female minister, Rev. Varnette Green (deceased), who served as the guest Revivalist at the Youth Revival, in 1987, and Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming, who preached the unadulterated word of God in June 1993, at the church's first family and Friends Day. In June 2002, under the righteous leadership of Rev. Bruce Francis, New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated its 127th Church Anniversary and some of the distinguished guests in attendance included Congressman SANFORD BISHOP and spouse, Mrs. Vivian C. Bishop, District Staff Member, Mrs. Elaine Gillispie and Councilor Evelyn Woodson.

It gives me great honor to recognize New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, a holy vessel guided by the exceptional leader-

ship of Rev. Richard A. Yancey. Like myself, Reverend Yancey is a distinguished member of Kappa Alpha Ksi Fraternity Incorporated. He is also an influential figure in the Columbus community, who has dedicated the last 26 years of his life to teaching the word of God.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join my wife and me along with the 730,000 citizens of the 2nd Congressional District in congratulating and honoring New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for 142 years of faithful service to God and humanity.

RECOGNIZING KAYLEE GRANT,  
SPENCER LONG, RYAN TILLMAN,  
AND DOUGLASS QUIRK

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kaylee Grant, Spencer Long, Ryan Tillman, and Douglass Quirk for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the Summer 2016 session of Congress.

The work of these young men and women has been exemplary and I know they will have a bright future ahead of them. They learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process and served as tour guides and interacted with constituents. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to them and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

Kaylee, Spencer, Ryan and Douglass plan to continue pursuing their college degrees at the end of their internships and I wish them the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Kaylee Grant, Spencer Long, Ryan Tillman, and Douglass Quirk for their service this Summer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 448, on July 13, 2016, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on an amendment offered by Rep. KING (R-IA) to H.R. 5538.

Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. PHYLLIS  
ROULLIER

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phyllis Roullier, a longtime resident of Belleville, Michigan and an original Rosie the Riveter. Phyllis was born on August 24, 1924 and has lived her full life as the cher-

ished matriarch of her family, and an American hero.

Phyllis was among the trailblazing women who stepped up during World War II to fill the industry positions traditionally held by men. Collectively nicknamed "Rosie the Riveter", these inspiring women entered the workforce with grace and gusto to build planes, tanks and other armaments that sustained the war effort and kept American industry afloat. Phyllis was 18 when she started working at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti dimpling airplane skins. She recalls carpooling to work with other women from Detroit and having to pool gas stamps in order to make it to work every day. To this day, Phyllis proudly recalls the remarkable contributions of the Rosies at Willow Run, who produced more aircraft every month than Imperial Japan did in a year, earning Willow Run, and the area surrounding southeast Michigan, worldwide fame as the center of America's "Arsenal of Democracy".

The contributions of Phyllis and the original Rosie the Riveters made victory in World War II possible, and their patriotism and hard work will forever remain part of the American story. They instilled a newfound hope in their communities, embodying positivity in a time of great turmoil and uncertainty, and inspired a social movement that forever redefined the role of women in the workplace. The number of working women in the United States increased to 20 million in 1944, and has never since fallen to pre-war levels. Phyllis and her fellow Rosies paved the way for generations to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Phyllis Roullier for her contributions to the war and her role in inspiring generations of American women. Her story is one that embodies the best of American values and spirit and one that we will continue to share with our children and grandchildren for decades to come. The values that Phyllis and the Rosies embodied—patriotism, bravery and resolve—are ones we all must strive to emulate. We salute the Rosies for their contribution to American history. Their legacy will forever remind us that we all have the power to do something more for our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING 2016 "PAUL BUNYAN  
SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD"  
YOUTH WINNER FONG MOUA

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you today to recognize Mr. Fong Moua of Wausau, Wisconsin for his exceptional commitment to our community.

Mr. Moua is the youth recipient of the Wisconsin 7th Congressional District's 2016 "Paul Bunyan Service Above Self Award," which seeks to recognize an individual who has gone above and beyond to serve their community. I am privileged to award this young man in recognition of his unparalleled service to our district.

Mr. Moua was born in a refugee camp in Thailand. He called that camp home until his parents made the journey to the United States when he was seven years old. He began



learning to read and write at the age of 10. Fong dedicated his young life to helping others. In 2014 he was elected by his peers to lead the H.M.O.N.G youth program—a program designed to help at-risk youth by teaching and encouraging other young students the importance of volunteerism and preserving the Hmong culture. He organized a local class to teach Hmong youth how to read and write in Hmong, and also organized and led the Qhuas Peb Lub Npe Hmoob Zoo, a cultural event planned entirely by the Hmong youth for the community.

In addition to his leadership position, Mr. Moua has spent countless hours bettering the community through mentoring and volunteering at local organizations such as the Hmong American Center, Inc., where he assisted with the Hmong New Year celebration, and Dream Big: 2056 Scholarship Fundraiser that provides opportunities for Hmong students to pursue an education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Mr. Moua on his volunteer accomplishments and being named the youth Paul Bunyan Award winner. His selfless demeanor in which he answers the call to serve in our district is truly valued.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE GUAM CNMI VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation that would authorize and establish an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) for the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program, and direct revenue from the established system to fund CEP operations and staffing needs for ports of entry in Guam and the CNMI.

The regional Guam-CNMI VWP recognizes Guam's unique location in Asia, and the need to be more competitive for tourists from other Asian nations. With Guam's primary source of economic revenue being tourism from Asia, my legislation would address several issues that have hampered the industry and that continues to cost CBP millions of dollars annually in processing costs. The majority of foreign arrivals at Guam International Airport are those traveling under the Guam-CNMI VWP, and long immigration lines are a recurring issue due to limited staffing capacity when arrivals peak at Guam International Airport. At their peak—sometimes 1,200 passengers arrive when multiple flights arrive nearly simultaneously—the wait times at immigration can be as long as two and a half hours.

I recognize that there are complaints about long wait lines at other international ports of entries including Guam. However, many of our visitors come from Japan and South Korea. In fact, some Japan television shows and radio programs have mocked the long lines and wait times at Guam International Airport. The flight from Japan or South Korea is a little over 3 hours and, sadly, some of these visitors have waited about as long in line. That is unacceptable and runs counter to the President's goal of improving the arrivals process for inter-

national travelers arriving in the United States, as outlined in a memorandum to heads of executive departments and agencies on May 22, 2014. My legislation would work to address the problems that are occurring with long wait times at our respective port of entries. Tourism is critical to the economies of the region, and we cannot let an antiquated visitor entry system and inadequate staffing harm our economy.

Establishing an ESTA specific to the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program would help to address several issues faced by visitors arriving at Guam International Airport. First, the current process relies on a paper-based system which is cumbersome and only adds to the delays when arriving. The bill would allow CBP to automate that process and, as a result, save an estimated \$4 million annually that is used by CBP to process and file the paper forms. This is a common sense reform that will save the federal government money and improve the customer experience at Guam International Airport and ports of entry in the CNMI.

Admittedly, CBP has the authority to create an ESTA system for the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program; however, they do not have the authority to direct revenues collected from this automated process towards staffing at ports of entry in Guam and CNMI. As such, it is the consensus of tourism industry leaders and other stakeholders that there is an ultimate need for this legislation. I am informed that staffing has not increased in Guam since after the 9/11 attacks. The CBP staffing pattern was sufficient, but as the number of tourists grows on Guam the lines have also grown and the staffing has not kept up with demand. Making the visitor entry process into ports of entry in Guam and CNMI electronic is part of the solution, but additional staffing is still required especially since nearly 50% of our visitors are first-time visitors and cannot avail themselves of Automated Passport Control (APC) systems.

Earlier this month, Guam once again hosted the Electric Island Festival (EIF), a two-day event which brings together DJs from the Asia-Pacific region. Nearly 4,000 visitors attended EIF last year. I am both proud and humbled at the innovative programming that brings people from all over the world to Guam. Further, in late May and early June Guam hosted the Festival of the Pacific Arts (FestPac) a once every four years major regional cultural event, and is the largest gathering in which Pacific peoples unite to enhance their respect and appreciation of one another. A significant number of visitors came to Guam to participate in FestPac, and I appreciate the commitment of Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske to ensure there was adequate staffing at Guam International Airport. But that additional staffing was accomplished by approving extra overtime for employees which is a costly endeavor. Events like FestPac and EIF show the maturation and growth of Guam's tourism industry. Improving the processes and capabilities of our ports of entry to ensure a pleasant experience for our visitors is a top priority, and the solutions must be long-standing and sustainable. We cannot simply rely on overtime of employees to meet the current and emerging demands at our main international port of entry.

An ESTA for the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program is an innovative, sustainable, com-

mon-sense, and cost-saving solution that would not only save the federal government millions and increase resources to improve CBP capabilities. More importantly, it would ultimately modernize and improve a Visa Waiver Program that continues to benefit the people of Guam and CNMI. My bill would help ensure that federal policy enhances economic opportunities and development in our region instead of being an impediment.

HONORING MR. HERB LAMB

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Herb Lamb, whom the Napa County Farm Bureau posthumously named the 2016 Agriculturalist of the Year. Herb passed away on December 10, 2014, after 64 remarkable years.

A native of Vallejo, California, Herb moved with his family to Napa when he was eight. After graduating with a degree in Soil Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, he returned to Napa and started a vineyard consulting business. Herb and his business partner, Dennis Hansen, opened the Napa Valley Ag Supply in 1983, one of the first agricultural chemical businesses in the Napa Valley.

Herb knew Napa vineyards like the back of his hand. In his 35 years of work in agriculture, he became acquainted with nearly every vineyard manager and winery owner in our Napa community. From large landowners developing vineyard properties to local homeowners wanting a secret weapon to kill a backyard orchard pest, Herb offered everyone the same knowledgeable consideration and interest.

Herb volunteered his time often, and our community remembers him for his kindness coupled with a sincere desire to help. He was a supporter of the local 4-H and Future Farmers of America, a former member of the St. Helena Rotary, a Native Son of the Golden West, and served on the board of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers.

Mr. Speaker, Herb Lamb was known as a legend for his knowledge of the Napa Valley and commitment to our wine community, as well as his gentle and jovial spirit. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JESSIE  
"ROY" ROBINSON

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brigadier General Jessie "Roy" Robinson, the retiring Director, Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters of the Mississippi National Guard. Through General Robinson's role as Director, Joint Staff, he provides oversight and strategic planning to ensure the overall readiness of the Mississippi National Guard. This vital position entails not only personal readiness, but maintaining readiness of facilities, equipment, supplies, funds, and supporting services.

General Robinson was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, on May 11, 1985, through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Southern Mississippi. He served as Commander of 890th Engineer Battalion, Commander of the 150th Engineer Battalion, Deputy Commander of the 168th Engineer Brigade, and Commander of the Camp McCain Training Site, Mississippi Army National Guard. He has also served as the Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi Army National Guard, and as Assistant Adjutant General—Army, Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard.

I was privileged to serve with Brigadier General Robinson during a combat deployment to Iraq in 2005. At the time, Lieutenant Colonel Robinson commanded the 150th Engineer Battalion at Forward Operating Base Dogwood in Iraq, which was on the Euphrates River in the corner of Al Anbar Province right across the river from Babil Province. During Lieutenant Colonel Robinson's command, the 150th Combat Engineer Battalion performed at an extremely high level while performing combat operations in a very high intensity area. Lieutenant Colonel Robinson displayed courage, leadership, and mentored the officers and noncommissioned officers of the 150th Engineer Battalion.

I have served with Brigadier General Robinson since our return, and he is a trusted mentor, respected by soldiers across the ranks of the Mississippi Army National Guard. As Director of the National Guard Association of Mississippi, he has been a champion for soldiers at the state and national level. I am privileged to consider Brigadier General Robinson a friend and mentor.

As Brigadier General Robinson retires from his military career, I wish him the best in his future endeavors. I know he will continue to be a leader for Mississippi's soldiers in his role as Executive Director of the National Guard Association of Mississippi.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for certain votes taken yesterday, Wednesday, July 13. If present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 453 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1342 to H.R. 5538 offered by Rep. GARY PALMER): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 454 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1344 to H.R. 5538 offered by Rep. PAUL GOSAR): NO.

SUPPORTING H.R. 1655, THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1655, the Community Economic Opportunity Act.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson introduced America to the War on Poverty. Since then, Washington has created many anti-poverty programs, spent trillions of dollars, and made promises that failed to achieve well-intentioned goals. However, we realize it is just as difficult to lift people and families out of the poverty cycle today. It is not enough to speak of change in Washington; we must invite and support new ideas and open up our system to collaboration with those on the front lines in the fight against poverty. To that end, I proudly support H.R. 1655, the Community Economic Opportunity Act, which reauthorizes the Community Service Block Grant program that was last reauthorized in 1998. This program is currently present in 99 percent of US counties, and supports important programs that bring people out of the grip of poverty, improves the quality of our communities, and benefits our country and economy for the better. Together, we can help guide our nation into a new era of success and prosperity.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PUTTING MAIN STREET FIRST ACT: FINISHING IRRESPONSIBLE RECKLESS SPECULATIVE TRADING

### HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I introduced H.R. 5745, The Putting Main Street First Act: Finishing Irresponsible Reckless Speculative Trading.

The bill would levy a miniscule 0.03 percent tax on stocks, bonds and derivatives, which will discourage irresponsible high-speed trades that have no intrinsic value and that destabilize the market, which were the driving factors of the 2008 financial crisis and the 2010 flash crash.

How much does a 0.03 percent tax cost per trade? It amounts to 3 pennies on a \$100 trade.

How much does it raise? The Joint Tax Committee estimates the tax would raise \$417 billion over ten years.

These funds can be used to fund national priorities like free higher education so college students aren't stuck in never-ending debt. It can be used for job-creating infrastructure investments, or other national priorities.

Raising much-needed revenue to help average Americans is a big plus, but my primary reason for my bill is to end unhealthy speculation in the market and bring it back into balance. My goal is to stop Wall Street from gambling with Main Street's money.

Opponents of a financial transaction tax have already rolled out their same tired arguments: American retail investors and retirees would get hit with higher administrative fees as brokerages pass the cost of the tax down to them.

The opponents haven't read my bill, or if they have, they are ignoring what's in it.

The fear-mongers have always said a transaction tax will destroy the market. The truth is the U.S. had a transaction tax from 1914 until 1966. In 1932, the transaction tax was raised. When the increase in the tax was proposed, various newspaper headlines screamed our

markets would fail. Here are just two: "Stocks Tax Called Peril to Exchange" and "Panic Threat Seen in Taxes."

In 1932 the Dow Jones was at a low point of 41. In 1966, the Dow Jones was at nearly 1000 points. The sky did not fall.

The point is the large majority of trades today are made by computers with algorithms whose sole purpose is to execute thousands of trades in milliseconds to turn a quick buck.

Flash boys and high-frequency traders go so far as to locate their servers as close to an exchange as possible—all to gain a nano-second head start of a trade price. How can average Americans compete with that? They can't.

It's time to stop irresponsible trading, time to level the playing field, and it's time to put Main Street FIRST.

#### ENHANCING TREASURY'S ANTI-TERROR TOOLS ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Chairman HENSARLING, Ranking Member WATERS, Chairman FITZPATRICK and Ranking Member LYNCH for the thoughtful and inclusive process that produced this set of bills. I would also like to thank Mr. PITTENGER and Mr. LYNCH for introducing this particular bill, Enhancing Treasury's Anti-Terror Tools Act (H.R. 5607).

I am especially appreciative that the bill includes language to help address the remittances crisis facing Somalia. I am fortunate to represent the largest Somali diaspora in our nation. I have heard from my constituents that they are unable to send funds to their loved ones back home. They can't send money for school fees or for medicine. They can't send funds to help a loved one start a business. Banks have stopped providing bank accounts to money services businesses that send funds to Somalia. Very few banks still provide wire transfers to the people of Somalia. As remittances from abroad are critical to the economy of this fragile nation, we are creating a humanitarian crisis which is also a national security problem.

We need to address this crisis. Money is going to flow: either in the system or outside of it. It is in everyone's best interest to provide Somali Americans the ability to safely and transparently send money to loved ones in their home nation.

This pilot program idea grew out of my frustration with finding a solution. I would like to see financial institutions and their regulators act proactively to keep the remittances pipeline open and safe. That's why I so appreciate Mr. PITTENGER and Mr. LYNCH including language I suggested requiring the Treasury Department to study the potential impact of a pilot program for humanitarian funds to Somalia.

Somalia is improving; it recently passed an Anti-Money Laundering Law and appointed an ambassador to the U.S. The U.S. has acknowledged the government of Somalia and for the first time in decades, has an ambassador to that nation. The need to address the

remittances crisis is urgent. I appreciate the Chairman, Ranking Member and my colleagues' commitment to addressing the remittances crisis which hinders Somalia's ability to become a stronger more functional nation.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL NAMES  
KATY ATHLETE JON  
DUPLANTIER AS AN ALL-AMER-  
ICA PITCHER

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katy native Jon Duplantier, for being named as an All-America pitcher by Collegiate Baseball magazine.

Jon Duplantier graduated from Seven Lakes High School in 2013 and is currently a junior attending the great Rice University. Duplantier has been drafted and picked to pitch for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Duplantier was named the C-USA Pitcher of the Week three times, National Pitcher of the Week and has faced six nationally ranked teams. Duplantier has displayed great discipline and dedication. We are proud to have such talent representing our Katy community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Jon Duplantier for his outstanding athletic achievements. We wish him success in his baseball career and look forward to rooting for him in the majors. Katy, Texas is proud of him.

### FAA EXTENSION, SAFETY, AND SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2016*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 818, the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016, specifies that in making a determination whether to grant or deny an application for designation under Sec. 2209, the Administrator may consider "homeland security."

Homeland Security consideration is intended to include consideration of applicants identified as potential targets by a Joint Terrorism Task Force. Joint Terrorism Task Forces serve as our nation's front line in the fight against domestic terrorism. They play an active role in identifying and investigating potential threats to certain activities where there are threats of injury to life, property or infrastructure—and in protecting communities across America from terrorist acts. Allowing targeted facilities to take pro-active steps to ensure the safety of their operations, employees and the public is critical in order to keep the homeland safe. If a facility or activity has been identified as a potential target area by a Joint Terrorism Task Force, I encourage the FAA to give ample weight to the JTTF designation when evaluating applications and give full consideration to the homeland security risks and potential threats originating from foreign, domestic, or

eco-terrorism that have been assessed by the task force.

This bill empowers and directs the FAA to protect those targeted facilities from the potential security risks that aircraft, including unmanned aircraft, can create. I believe this is important for counterterrorism efforts and for protecting America's communities and freedom. I encourage the FAA to give strong consideration to applicants identified as potential targets by a Joint Terrorism Task Force.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 452, I was not present at the time of the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 452.

### HONORING KIRTANA CHORAGUDI FOR BEING THE SADD STUDENT OF THE YEAR

### HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kirtana Choragudi from Iron Mountain, Michigan, on being named the Students Against Destructive Decisions, or SADD, student of the year.

Founded in 1981, SADD is a peer-to-peer youth education and prevention organization focusing primarily on traffic safety.

Today, July 14th, SADD is holding an advocacy-training program here in Washington to develop students' skills in advocacy and leadership, as well as to educate them on how public policy can be used to encourage young people to make good decisions.

Kirtana and 13 other high school juniors and seniors from all over the country were selected to attend SADD SPEAKs after going through a very competitive selection process. These students were selected based on their experience and leadership qualities.

Northern Michigan is proud to have a student from one of our communities so dedicated to making the roads safer for all drivers. I commend all these young individuals for their efforts to make our roads safer.

### RECOGNIZING MR. DON KOEHLER OF THE GEORGIA PEANUT COM- MISSION

### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT, Mr. DAVID SCOTT; Mr. BISHOP; and Mr. ALLEN in the Georgia delegation to recognize, Mr. Don Koehler, Executive Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

August 1st, 2016 will mark 30 years since Mr. Koehler originally became the Executive

Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission, making him the longest serving Executive Director in the organization's 53 year history.

His 30 year tenure is quite impressive, especially as Mr. Koehler's position carries with it a lot of responsibility. The Georgia Peanut Commission advocates for Georgia's peanut farmers who produce more than half of the peanuts in the entire country and results in a huge economic impact to Georgia.

During his tenure as Executive Director, Mr. Koehler has been a critical player in the Georgia Peanut Commission's drive to educate people about the health benefits of eating peanuts. Additionally, he has been immersed in working for the successful passage in Congress of a new five year farm bill as well as drafting comments about the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Mr. Koehler has done an excellent job as Executive Director of the Commission and we want to thank him for his continued dedication to successfully growing Georgia's peanut industry and allowing the state to share its product with the rest of the nation.

### IN RECOGNITION OF DON KOEHLER 30 YEARS WITH THE GA PEANUT COMMISSION

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Don Koehler, the Executive Director for the Georgia Peanut Commission, as he celebrates 30 years of service with this esteemed organization.

Born on a small livestock and row crop farm, in southwest Alabama, Don Koehler has had an interest in agriculture since childhood. His experience and knowledge of agriculture and the peanut industry influenced his decision to attend and graduate from Auburn University, in 1979, where he received his Bachelors of Science degree in Animal Science. The experience that he has accumulated from his childhood on the farm and years in the classroom ultimately led to his decision of pursuing a career in agriculture.

In 1986, Mr. Koehler accepted the prestigious honor in becoming the Executive Director for the Georgia Peanut Commission (GPC) and is currently the longest standing Executive Director in GPC history. Don is extremely passionate in helping to promote peanut research, particularly the peanut genome, as well as improving the production capacity of peanut farmers in Georgia and throughout the country.

Georgia peanut farmers are responsible for producing nearly half of the United States' peanut crops, and the production levels continue to increase annually. In fact, I'm proud to say that the 2nd Congressional District which I represent, is the largest producer of peanuts in the Nation. Since Don's induction as Executive Director, the production levels of the commodity have nearly tripled.

Under Don's leadership, the Georgia peanut industry led the nation in the export of peanuts globally; including China and Western Europe. In April 2016, 74,268 Metric Tons of peanuts and peanut products had been exported to

various regions of Asia including, China and Vietnam. The improvements of exporting relations of peanut to Asia have been tremendous. Last year Georgia peanut exports had a total value of \$81,592,245, which is a 530% increase over the previous year.

The state of Georgia certainly appreciates what Don has done in the peanut industry over his 30 year tenure. He has earned much deserved respect as a result of his leadership and contributions to the Georgia Peanut Commission as their Executive Director.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, along with all those associated with Georgia peanuts in congratulating Mr. Don Koehler for everything he has done to improve and strengthen the peanut industry in Georgia and the peanut industry nationwide.

HONORING MANTECA CITY POLICE  
CHIEF NICK OBLIGACION

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Manteca City Police Chief, Nick Obligacion, who announced his retirement after 24 years of service.

Nick was born in Fort Ord, California and was raised in Monterey County. He attended college at Monterey Peninsula College where he graduated with an Associate's Degree in General Education and a certificate in Electronic Technology.

Before working in Manteca, Nick was a Deputy Sheriff at Monterey County Sheriff's Department in Salinas. He received his basic certificate in 1989, and applied for the Police Officer position in Manteca in 1991 and began his first shift as an Officer in December of that year. Nick completed the Field Training Program in January of 1992 and was then released to patrol.

In addition to being recognized as Employee of the Month in 1992, Nick and his patrol canine, Barry, received several awards for their trial showings throughout the state of California. His commitment to excelling as an Officer was evident through his continued education and certification in many tactical areas of training.

Nick had a very long and successful career and was promoted to Police Sergeant in July of 2007 and ultimately to the position of Manteca Police Chief in January of 2012.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement services in the City of Manteca by Chief Nick Obligacion and hereby wish him continued success in his retirement.

HONORING THE ROBERT MONDAVI  
WINERY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Robert Mondavi Win-

ery, which today is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its groundbreaking by founder and winemaking pioneer Robert Mondavi.

Robert Mondavi embarked on an ambitious venture in 1966 to make our Napa Valley a world class wine region. Mondavi's winery became the first major winery built in the Napa Valley since the repeal of Prohibition in 1933. He carefully selected the historic To Kalon Vineyard as the site for his new winery to showcase the best qualities of Napa grapes and wines.

Mondavi selected architect Cliff May to design a winery inspired by California's historic missions. To enrich visitors' experience, the family began collecting art to fill the winery, including many works by the Californian sculptor Beniamino Bufano. The Robert Mondavi Winery soon became a cultural landmark in our community, hosting visitors for wine tastings and tours, as well as the first annual Summer Music Festival fundraiser for the Napa Valley Symphony in 1969.

The Robert Mondavi Winery has achieved great success in producing high quality wines and advancing the art of winemaking. The winery has been a notable leader in pioneering environmentally sustainable agricultural practices to preserve our valley's land for future generations. In a testament to its commitment to innovation, the Robert Mondavi Winery has worked with NASA to use advanced sensory technology in vineyard management. Moreover, the Robert Mondavi Winery has been a generous community partner, providing well-paying jobs to Napers and giving back more than \$150 million to local charities in our Valley.

Mr. Speaker, the Robert Mondavi Winery has been a leading institution in our wine community for the past five decades and will continue to thrive with the dedication and support of its winemakers, owners, and staff. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the winery here today.

PREFACE TO "THE RESCUE OF  
THE SARAH D.J. RAWSON"

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, commencing first in 1848, the United States Life Saving Service was a federal government agency that grew out of private and local humanitarian efforts to create and man rescue stations along the coast. These outposts were often remote. The men stationed there took great pride in their deep commitment to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners and passengers, often against overwhelming odds. In 1874, life saving stations were added along the coast of Maine, Cape Cod, and the famed Outer Banks of North Carolina. In 1878, this network of stations was formally organized as a separate agency of the United States Department of the Treasury. In 1915, the Service formally merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the United States Coast Guard. These lonely, isolated outposts were always manned by the bravest of men who knew no fear, and who were dedicated to their sworn duty of rescuing seamen in distress. Their motto was "to always go, but not always return". Even now,

many stories are told about the daring rescues by such men, some admittedly embellished a bit for literary interest. Proudly beat the hearts today of all who can call themselves their descendants.

One of the most notable of these rescues occurred on a cold, blustery winter's night in February of 1905. The three-masted schooner, *Sarah D.J. Rawson*, two days out of Georgetown, South Carolina and bound for New York with a cargo of lumber, "stoved up" hard on Cape Lookout Shoals in a heavy winter squall. A complete report of the *Rawson* rescue appears at: <http://www.coastalguide.com/helmsman/rawson-rescue.shtml>. The names of the men who were attached to Life Saving Station, Cape Lookout and who participated in this rescue party were: William H. Gaskill ("Keeper"), Kilby Guthrie, Walter M. Yeomans (grandfather of the author's wife), Tyre Moore, John A. Guthrie, James W. Fulcher, John E. Kirkman, Calupt T. Jarvis, and Joseph L. Lewis—some of the bravest sons ever hatched out of Carret County homes. Each received a gold medal from the Service in recognition of their heroism in this rescue. During World War II, the U.S. Government made a request of these men to return their gold medals to support the war effort. The medals have never been reissued to the men or their families.

HISTORY OF SARAH D.J. RAWSON RESCUE

The 387-ton, three-masted schooner *Sarah D.J. Rawson*, with a crew of seven, sailed from Georgetown, SC for New York with a full cargo of lumber on 2 February 1905. While standing under short canvas in a SSE gale at 5:30 PM on the 9th, the vessel stranded in the breakers on the south side of Lookout Shoals. She became a total loss. As soon as the schooner struck the master gave orders to take in sail. While the crew performed this work, a heavy sea swept the decks and carried Jacob Hansen, a Norwegian seaman, into the surf. He soon disappeared.

The same sea struck the master and 3 other seamen. Only by the most desperate efforts, did they cling to the vessel. The schooner gradually worked onto the shoal and lay somewhat easier. The violent onslaughts of the sea, however, broke over her and soon carried away her boat. Then they swept the fore and aft deckhouses, her deck load of lumber and her spars. Powerless to do anything for the vessel, the crew sought refuge in the highest part of the wreck. Their situation appeared to be hopeless.

At Cape Lookout (NC) Life-Saving Station, about 9 miles northwest from the vessel, a vigilant lookout had been maintained during the day. A surfman remained constantly on watch while the keeper himself had twice visited the tower during the morning. A thick mantle of fog, however, covered the ocean and shut the doomed vessel from view. At noon, just as the lookout had been relieved, the keeper again climbed into the tower and at 12:05 PM, while scanning the sea with the glasses, he caught a glimpse of the schooner's topmost spars. Knowing from her bearings that she probably was upon the shoal, he immediately called away the lifeboat. Every member of the crew promptly responded.

Though nearly all the men were ill, there having been an epidemic of influenza at the station, not one shrank from what all knew would be a long and wearisome pull in wintry weather over 18 miles of rough sea. A light southwesterly breeze made for a favorable wind and allowed the surfmen to make sail. With 8 men at the oars, they were off to

the wreck within twenty-five minutes. At 4:00 PM they reached the scene of the disaster. The schooner lay upon her starboard side in the midst of the breakers. Her bowsprit, foremast, main topmast, and deck-houses were gone and her stern to mizen rigging carried away. She was surrounded by wreckage and lumber. This pitching and beating flotsam threatened the safety of the lifeboat and the lives of its crew. Rawson's six remaining crewmen could be seen by the surfmen. Though the latter repeatedly attempted to make their way through the mass of debris, they could get no closer than about 200 yards, when they would be beaten back. The master of the schooner stated that he expected to see the lifeboat pitched end over end in the turbulent sea. This would have occurred, but for the cool and skillful management of the keeper and crew.

Night soon came and the life-saving crew anchored near the edge of the breakers. They hoped, that in case of the schooner's going to pieces, they still might be able to rescue some or all of the sailors. They maintained a vigilant lookout, frequently fending off fragments of wreckage that menaced their boat. After midnight, the wind increased in force and hauled to NW. With the weather still thick but much colder, the crew shifted the lifeboat to an anchorage about 500 yards to windward. The keeper stated that he did this so that should conditions worsen, they might be able to weather the shoal and put to sea. Throughout the long, tedious night the surfmen suffered greatly in their open boat from exposure, fatigue, and hunger. The keeper, however, maintained his post. He encouraged his crew and urged them not to fall asleep.

At dawn they returned to the wreck and found that, while her remaining masts had been swept away, a portion of the hull remained intact. This enabled the crew to survive the perils of the night. The sea was still running very high and the keeper decided to wait until the tide turned before attempting to rescue the crew. He had rightly judged that conditions would improve. About 1:00 AM the wind and sea moderated and the lifesavers pulled to a position about fifty yards to windward of the wreck. Here they anchored. By veering carefully upon the cable, and steadying the boat with the oars, they dropped in among the breakers and debris, as far as possible, and succeeded in throwing a heaving line on board the schooner. Then one of the seamen bent the line about his waist, jumped into the sea, and was hauled into the lifeboat. His companions followed his example, and, one by one, all hands were rescued—drenched, chilled, and nearly exhausted, but safe.

The surfmen removed their own oil coats and wrapped them about the shipwrecked men. They made the return trip to the station without mishap, arriving about 5:00 PM. The crew of the Rawson had been forty-eight hours without food or water. The lifesaving crew had spent twenty-eight hours in an open boat without food and their limbs cramped with cold. Lacking room to move about, their bodies ached from maintaining a sitting posture for so long. That the wrecked crew had not succumbed was due to the fact that the vessel lay nearly on her beam ends and afforded them something of a lee from the wintry NW wind.

The rescued men were furnished food and shelter at the station. Though there was clothing from the supplies of the Women's National Relief Association, this stock became exhausted. The surfmen supplemented it from their own stores. The master of the Rawson was cared for part of the time by a personal friend at anchor in Lookout Bight. No member of the crew had suffered serious injury, though one seaman was afflicted by

an attack of rheumatism and was transported upon a stretcher. On the 12th the revenue cutter Seminole arrived in Lookout Bight and the following day she took the crew of the Rawson on board and carried them to Wilmington, NC. The loss of one life at this disaster occurred a very short time after the vessel struck. It was impossible for anyone to lend a helping hand to the drowning man as he was carried to his death in the breakers.

The keeper discovered the Rawson at the first instant that she became visible at the station. No other eye sighted her, no one but the lifesavers went to the rescue. The shipwrecked men lost their boat soon after the vessel struck. Not many hours elapsed after the rescue before the vessel broke up and disappeared. All hands might have been lost. The fate of the Sarah D. J. Rawson and her crew would never have been known but for the unflinching heroism of the crew of the Cape Lookout Life-Saving Station. Each was subsequently awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal for extreme and heroic daring in saving life from the perils of the sea. Those awarded for their rescue of the six crewman on Sarah D. J. Rawson included Keeper William H Gaskill, Surfmen Kilby Guthrie, Walter M. Yeomans, Tyre Moore, John A. Guthrie, James W. Fulcher, John E. Kirkman, Calupt T. Jarvis, and former Surfman Joseph L. Lewis.

HONORING DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER PATRICK ZAMARRIPA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dallas Police Officer Patrick Zamarripa. Officer Zamarripa was one of the five dedicated law enforcement officers who were slain during the tragic shooting in Dallas on July 7, 2016.

Officer Zamarripa had a long and decorated career serving our nation. Before joining the Dallas Police Department in 2011, Officer Zamarripa served three tours in Iraq as active duty for the U.S. Navy and then an additional 5 years of military service in the reserves. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his years of service, including the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Officer Zamarripa has been described as an individual who has faithfully and honorably served his country. His five years of service with the Dallas Police Department was no different and the city lost a great advocate and defender with his passing.

It is incredibly heartbreaking for any law enforcement officer to lose their life. It is just as tragic to learn of the family and friends who those officers will leave behind. He was a family man with a 2-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old stepson. It is hard to imagine the pain and suffering that the family must be experiencing at this crucial moment.

Mr. Speaker, there are no words that can sufficiently describe the loss to the community with each passing. We are all incredibly grateful for Officer Zamarripa's service to our country and courage in the face of adversity, and our thoughts are with the friends and family he left behind.

TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. FRANK MADISON REID III

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recent election as Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Rev. Dr. Frank Madison Reid III, the longtime pastor of the historic Bethel A.M.E. Church of Baltimore. Dr. Reid is a beloved member of the Baltimore community who has faithfully led his congregation for more than 28 years.

Dr. Reid's elevation to Bishop in the year of the Church's 200th anniversary follows the tradition of his father and grandfather, who were elected Bishop in 1972 and 1940, respectively. This is the first time in the denomination's history that members of three generations have been elected to the position.

Before his appointment, Dr. Reid earned a Bachelor's degree in History and African American studies from Yale University in 1974 and a Doctorate from the Harvard Divinity School in 1978. He has previously served congregations of the A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles, California and Charlotte, North Carolina. This past February, Dr. Reid was one of the faith leaders from Baltimore who met with Pope Francis and received his blessing for their work to bring peace and healing to their communities in the wake of the death of Freddie Gray and the ensuing turmoil.

Dr. Reid will serve as Bishop with great devotion and distinction. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing to him our congratulations on his election to this esteemed position and our appreciation for the tireless work he has done on behalf of congregations in Baltimore and throughout our nation.

HONORING MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois for earning the American Hospital Association's 2016 McKesson Quest for Quality Prize.

The Quest for Quality Prize is the top national honor for healthcare quality and safety. Each year, the American Hospital Association recognizes one hospital in the nation that has excelled in its commitment to reliable, safe, patient-centered care.

Since 1970, Memorial Medical Center has been dedicated to exceptional patient care, education, and research. As a teaching hospital, Memorial Medical Center has established itself as a leader in training tomorrow's healthcare professionals, making it a deserving recipient of this year's award.

Memorial Medical Center is the first hospital in Illinois to receive the Quest for Quality Prize, and I know it will continue to serve as one of our state's most prominent hospitals. I am proud of all those that have helped make Memorial Medical Center the standard for exceptional healthcare in Illinois. Congratulations on this well-deserved distinction.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL USHER FOR HIS  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS  
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF MARION  
GENERAL HOSPITAL

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Usher on the occasion of his retirement. From 2008 to 2016, Paul has served as President and CEO of Marion General Hospital in Marion, Indiana. In his eight years as the system's President, Paul has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to superior patient care and ensuring Marion General Hospital's growth and success. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Paul's dedication to making Marion General Hospital a great place to work, practice medicine, and receive exceptional health care.

Before taking the role as President and CEO at Marion General, Paul had a long history of devoting his time to bettering the lives of Hoosiers and improving his community. Paul is a native of Marion, Indiana and graduated from Ball State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Shortly after graduating he received a Certified Public Accountant certificate and quickly emerged to be a leader within the financial community. He became a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society. Paul's ambition and passion led him to continue growing in his role in the financial world and his expertise led him to the healthcare field. He became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders, as well as a Fellow of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), the nation's leading membership organization for healthcare financial management executives and leaders, which he has been a member of for nearly 44 years and previously served as President of the Indiana Chapter.

Though Paul has an extensive and impressive background, his most notable accomplishments are connected to his work at Marion General Hospital. For 34 years, he has been an integral part of making Marion General the successful organization it is today. Prior to taking the role as CEO and President in 2008, Paul served the healthcare system as Chief Financial Officer. Throughout his tenure at the helm of the longtime community institution, Paul has emphasized relationships as the hospital's key to success. This emphasis cultivated a culture of exceptional patient care and made it a wonderful place to work. In 2012, Marion General Hospital received the prestigious honor as a Fire Starter hospital from the Studer Group. A Fire Starter hospital is one which ignites the flame of excellence by embracing the foundational principles of working together, developing relationships, caring for one another and extending true compassion to others. Since its beginning in 1896, Marion General Hospital has grown immensely and because of strong leadership from people like Paul, the hospital continues to provide exceptional healthcare to the people of Grant County over a century later.

Paul's commitment to the highest standard of care and success as a leader has not gone

unnoticed; he has received numerous accolades. Most notably, Paul was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash (2016) for his exceptional leadership, devotion to his organization, and making significant contributions to the great Hoosier state. He also received the Stanley A. Pressler Award from the Indiana Healthcare Financial Management Association, the most honorable award bestowed by the Indiana HFMA chapter.

Paul has devoted himself to attaining the vision he set out for the hospital when he began his career with Marion General, and over the past several years he has achieved that vision. He leaves behind a strong legacy at Marion General Hospital and throughout the Hoosier community, especially Grant County. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I'd like to congratulate Paul on his remarkable career and extend a huge thank you for all of the wonderful contributions he has made to Marion General Hospital and the Grant County Community. I wish the very best to Paul and his wife, Marsha, as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING BEST BUY'S 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Best Buy's 50th anniversary. Through these 50 years, Best Buy has shown leadership, community service, and entrepreneurship in Minnesota and beyond.

Best Buy was started in 1966 by Richard M. Schulze. Mr. Schulze is a Minnesota native and former member of the Minnesota Air National Guard in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Schulze started Best Buy with four employees, less than \$11,000 in capital, and with the sole experience of selling electronics at his father's company. At that time the store offered albums, audio cassettes, stereo components, speakers and musical instruments.

In just four years Best Buy, then called "Sound of Music", accumulated \$1 million in annual revenue. Since then Best Buy has been growing its company by updating retail technology, expanding all over the country, expanding recycle efforts and providing teenagers with access to technology.

Best Buy has also been generous in its philanthropic work and diligent in its efforts to protect the environment. In 1994 the Best Buy Children's Foundation was established and that same year they raised over \$107,000. Since then they have had annual charities that raise millions of dollars in order to give underserved youth access to technology. Best Buy has collected and recycled over 1 billion pounds of e-waste and has decreased its carbon footprint by more than 25 percent since 2009. Overall Best Buy has given over \$50 million and over 140,000 volunteer hours to Minnesota non-profits.

Not only has Best Buy done extensive charity work but they also educate teens through their national Teen Tech Centers. These Teen Tech Centers are a space for teens to use new technologies like music and video productions, photography, design and programming. Through these Teen Tech Centers 1,800

teens have completed educational workshops and 94 percent of the attendees will continue their education post high school. Over the years, Best Buy has employed over 1 million people, including 10,000 Minnesotans, through its 1,600 North American stores and online sales.

Best Buy is North America's number one retailer of consumer technology and other related services. I wish Best Buy all the best in their future endeavors.

A CAREER OF SERVICE TO  
OTHERS

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ruth Flower, the 2016 recipient of the Coalition on Human Needs' Hero award for her outstanding work fighting against poverty and for peace and justice.

As a Human Needs Hero, Ruth is joining an esteemed group of individuals who go above and beyond to fight for the dignity and quality of life of all people. In her numerous interactions with my office, it was clear Ruth has a passion for helping others, and is a truly extraordinary advocate for those in need.

During Ruth's career as Associate Executive Secretary for Legislative Programs at the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), Ruth enjoyed meeting with lawmakers from both sides of the aisle and with a wide array of viewpoints. She would leave no stone unturned in her efforts to find the necessary resources for those who needed them most.

For example, in my Congressional District, Ruth's worked with me to dramatically improve the lives of students attending the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school, which is in desperate need of renovation. Ruth's advocacy helped build support in Congress and the Administration for funding for a new school. I am so pleased to say that after years of tireless efforts by many, including yours truly, students from the Leech Lake Reservation will no longer have to attend class in a drafty, unsafe, and hazardous pole building.

In addition to advocating for Native American concerns, Ruth led efforts to address a wide range of our shared priorities, including health care reform, affordable housing, federal budget priorities, civil liberties, campaign finance reform, and the challenge of poverty in the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and others in congratulating Ruth on her receipt of the Human Needs Hero award as we thank her for her tireless work at FCNL to improve the lives of all-too-often underrepresented segments of our society.

REMEMBERING WALTER BIALEK

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Walter J. Bialek—beloved family man, friend and religious mentor to many. Mr. Bialek passed from this life

on September 3, 2009. As we celebrate Flag Day, it is fitting to recall the contributions made by American citizens. Mr. Bialek's son, Joe, has requested recognition of his father's contributions to his community of Cleveland, Ohio. Thus, I submit the following recognition from Joe Bialek honoring his father. Mr. Bialek's memory beats strong in the hearts of his family and his son offers a moving tribute to his father:

"Walter Bialek grew up in the area of Saint Hyacinth in what is now considered a part of the Slavic Village neighborhood in Northeast Ohio. Born in a house next door to the convent that housed many nuns of the Order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, he always spoke very reverently of them about how much he appreciated the values they, along with his parents, helped to instill in him.

"Mr. Bialek graduated from East Tech High School in 1936 and earned a diploma with an emphasis in electricity. He was drafted into the Army-Air Forces in 1941 and served as a Staff Sergeant. At one time he was ordered off a troop truck headed for overseas combat in order to teach twin engine aircraft training to fighter/bomber pilots.

Through this he contributed greatly to the defense of liberty and the preservation of all those freedoms we enjoy today. After the war Mr. Bialek was offered a player contract from the Cleveland Indians baseball team but, on the advice of his father, declined it because he did not want to play on Sundays. He worked briefly for the Indians as a Territorial Scout (and kept the business card to prove it.) In 1950, he married Eileen C. Moran. Together they raised six children. Walter Bialek pursued an engineering career starting with Thompson Products—the T in TRW—and culminating in his retirement from the General Motors Chevrolet Plant in Parma, Ohio after 26 years of service. Throughout, he was active in the Third Order of Saint Francis.

"We join his family and friends in honor and remembrance of Walter J. Bialek, beloved husband of Eileen; beloved father of Mary, Patricia, Eileen, John, Alice and Joseph. He was also the adoring grandfather of Matthew, Chad, Katie, Kimberly, Timothy, Colleen, Tiffany, Nathan, Mark, John, John Jr., Daniel, Andrew, Elizabeth, Steven and Teresa.

"Mr. Bialek's devout life was defined by his deep dedication to family and friends, and his exceptional faith in the Catholic Church. His strong spirit, integrity, energy and good works have served to uplift the lives of countless individuals, families—and the communities in which he resided."

INTRODUCTION OF THE VOTE BY  
MAIL ACT OF 2016

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Vote By Mail Act of 2016. The individual right to vote is the foundation of our government, and making sure that all Americans have the ability to exercise that right is critical to the democratic process. My home state of Oregon is a leader in innovative voting rights policy, and this legislation provides a pathway for the federal government to follow Oregon's model program.

Too many Americans around the country face extreme barriers to registering to vote and casting a ballot. Many voters often have work, family, or other commitments that make getting to polls and waiting in line on Election Day difficult or impossible. Many citizens with disabilities are physically unable to vote due to long lines, inadequate parking, no curb cuts, steep ramps, and large crowds. In 2012, 30 percent of voters with disabilities had difficulty voting, and more than 5,000,000 voters waited for more than an hour to cast a vote. Polling stations in rural jurisdictions tend to have higher costs per voter, smaller staffs, and limited resources. Additionally, transportation to the polls is often a difficult barrier for rural voters. Despite these impediments, many of these voters are not permitted to vote by mail in many states. Fortunately, a handful of states are addressing this problem, and three states currently hold elections entirely by mail. It's time to bring this policy to scale in all federal elections.

The benefits of voting by mail are numerous and well-documented. Voting by mail gives voters more time to consider their choices, which is especially important due to the expanded use of the initiative and referendum process in many states. Voting by mail is cost-effective. As shown in Oregon and Colorado, the cost of conducting vote by mail elections is generally one-third to one-half less than conducting polling place elections. Allowing all voters the option to vote by mail can reduce waiting times for those voters who choose to vote at the polls. Vote by mail also typically increases turnout in all elections, but can be particularly effective in increasing voter participation in special elections and primary elections.

The Vote By Mail Act of 2016 legislation would require states to mail ballots to all registered voters in federal elections, eliminating barriers to the ballot—saving states and local governments money and saving voters time and stress across the country.

Another crucial component of a modern voting system is making it easy, affordable, and accessible to register to vote, further multiplying the positive voter participation effects of a vote by mail system. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia introduced automatic voter registration legislation in 2015, and Oregon and California now automatically register their citizens to vote when they apply for a driver's license. Automatic, permanent voter registration has the potential to increase participation, protect election integrity, and reduce registration costs. This legislation would follow the Oregon example, register millions of eligible voters at little cost, and widely increase participation in American democracy.

There is no better time to seamlessly expand voter registration and provide more options for Americans to vote, and the stakes have never been higher.

ONE YEAR OF THE DANGEROUS  
IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, the President announced the

framework of the dangerous Iran nuclear deal. In the past year, Iran continues to grow more hostile, threatening American families and our allies in the Middle East, especially Israel by testing intercontinental ballistic missiles. What's more, Iran has ordered its military to produce ICBMs that are capable of reaching more targets—Europe and even the United States. And they hatefully chant "Death to America, Death to Israel!"

We should not make it easier for a rogue state to threaten American families and our allies by ignoring reality and offering more concessions to a regime which oppresses their great people. I appreciate that House Republicans have done everything we can to exercise oversight over the implementation of the dangerous agreement. This week, we passed legislation that would prevent the U.S. from purchasing heavy water from Iran and would deny the despots access to the dollar. We also passed the Iran Accountability Act of 2016, which holds Iran accountable for their ballistic missile violations and their human rights abuses against their citizens.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and may the President by his actions never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

HONORING IDAHO POWER'S 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Idaho Power on its 100 year anniversary.

For 100 years, Idaho Power has provided the electricity that fuels the economy, powers lives and makes southern Idaho and eastern Oregon more comfortable places to live.

Founded August 1, 1916, when five companies merged, Idaho Power initially served 18,000 customers. Today, the company has approximately 2,000 dedicated employees who serve over 520,000 customers in a 24,000-square-mile area. Idaho Power is one of a few investor-owned electric utilities with a primarily hydroelectric generating base.

One hundred years ago, Idaho Power relied solely on power produced by nine hydroelectric plants along the Snake River to meet customers' energy needs. Today, the company's generation resource mix comes from 17 hydroelectric power plants, three natural gas-fired plants and three jointly-owned coal-fired plants. The newest addition, Langley Gulch, is a natural gas-fired plant that began production in July 2012. Idaho Power also purchases renewable energy such as wind, solar and geothermal from independent power producers.

From fish conservation efforts to raptor protection to watershed management, Idaho Power has a rich legacy of caring for the land and rivers in its service area. The company also operates and maintains over 50 recreational facilities along the Snake River, providing outdoor activities to visitors from around the world.

Idaho Power supports the communities it serves through employee volunteerism, corporate donations and community sponsorships. The company also enables the success

of students through scholarships and educational programs.

As Idaho Power begins its next 100 years, it will continue balancing the needs of shareholders, customers and its workforce while protecting the natural resources of Idaho and Oregon.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES

**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and praise the countless contributions of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). NOBLE was founded in 1976 during to address ways to reduce crime in low-income areas. NOBLE's mission of ensuring equity in the administration of justice in the provision of public service to all communities is aligned with the work that we undertake here in the Congress of the United States.

NOBLE prides itself on being the conscience of law enforcement as they are committed to Justice by Action. The organization has nearly 60 chapters and represents over 3,000 members worldwide that represent chief executive officers and command-level law enforcement officials from federal, state, county, municipal law enforcement agencies and criminal justice practitioners.

I applaud the work NOBLE undertakes. Of particular note is the specific focus on serving more than 60,000 youth through its major program components including Mentoring, Education, Leadership Development, and Safety.

Law enforcement officers have a unique place and role in our society. Charged with keeping order and maintaining the peace, at times, the balance between personal rights and the duty of law enforcement officers is called into question. But, I cannot imagine a society without the presence of our esteemed law enforcement officers who protect and serve every day.

Every day, our law enforcement officers place their lives at risk to protect others. As they celebrate 40 years of service, we honor them for their public service, a selfless commitment to our communities, their tireless efforts to ensure our safety, and their unique role in the maintenance of the rule of law in our nation.

WELLES DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the anniversary of the Welles Declaration, a diplomatic statement that helped shape U.S. policy in Europe for more than 50 years.

In the summer of 1940, the Soviet Union in an effort to expand its oppressive regime invaded the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. This was part of the Molotov-Rib-

bentrop Pact the Soviets signed with Nazi Germany. After the Red Army overran the Baltics the Soviets imprisoned the nations' political leaders and oversaw rigged elections. The new puppet governments immediately petitioned to join the Soviet Union. Any voices of opposition were suppressed and more than 100,000 citizens were deported from the Baltic States to Soviet camps.

In light of these horrific events Secretary of State Sumner Welles issued a statement condemning the Soviet occupation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, as well as refusing to recognize the annexation of the Soviet Republics on July 23, 1940. The Baltic States maintained independent diplomatic missions, including here in Washington, DC. Every American President from 1940 through the independence of the Baltics in 1990 and 1991 supported the principles set forth in the Welles Declaration.

The principles of the Welles Declaration still hold true today. We must stand against Russia's aggression toward its neighbors, including our NATO allies in the Baltics, and their occupation of areas of Ukraine. I commend America's stand against Soviet aggression during the Cold War and hope we will stand strongly for freedom today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not recorded for the following Roll Call vote on July 12, 2016 and would like to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Roll call Number 409: NO.

GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, the Majority shouldn't be rushing to leave town. We should be acting to combat the gun violence epidemic that's tearing apart our country. Guns have devastated communities all across the country, whether it's a place of worship, a hospital, or even an elementary school. What were once sanctuaries have all too often become shooting galleries.

We all watched just days ago as a peaceful protest in the wonderful city of Dallas turned deadly as a gunman ambushed and murdered police officers in the deadliest attack on law enforcement in the U.S. since 9/11. No community should have to go through such horror.

This is another tragic reminder of the dangers posed by easy access to weapons designed to kill. It should forever refute one of the most pervasive talking points from the gun lobby, that the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Law enforcement across the country make sacrifices every single day to keep us safe. But even an entire police force cannot prevent the tragedy caused by a madman determined to use a weapon of war in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, the sad reality is that 91 people are killed by a gun every single day in America. Since Sandy Hook, there have been close to a thousand mass shootings. This has left our nation in a state of perpetual mourning with the constant fear that when our loved ones leave the house, we may never see them again.

But despite this, the Majority has bowed to the pressure of the gun lobby again and again and failed to take up any meaningful reforms to combat gun violence. During the sit-in, we made a commitment to the American people that despite the Majority's inaction, we would keep fighting. The public remains united in demanding action. We're asking for votes on two bills that make good sense, one of which may have helped prevent the tragedy in Dallas. People must be astounded to hear that someone on the terrorist watch list cannot fly but still buy a gun. But instead of taking up these bills, the Majority is running for the exits to begin a nearly two month recess. It's shameful.

HONORING MR. DAVID GRABILL

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Grabill, who passed away on June 9, 2016, after 74 remarkable years.

Mr. Grabill led a long and successful career in law and social justice advocacy, and worked hard to ensure that disadvantaged members of our community had access to top notch legal representation. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Yale University, before earning his Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

Over the course of a diverse and illustrious career, Mr. Grabill earned admission to the bar for the District of Columbia, Indiana, California, West Virginia, and the Ogallala Sioux Tribe. In these different jurisdictions, Mr. Grabill worked to ensure that our country's promise of equal justice under the law was not just an ideal, but a reality. He regularly represented victims of housing discrimination in both federal and state courts, and also represented Native American tribes and interests in Escondido, California.

Many of Mr. Grabill's cases led to major policy changes to better support the interests of disadvantaged groups. While working in West Virginia, Mr. Grabill successfully led the lawsuit that overturned West Virginia's unconstitutional ban on abortion, allowing the state's first women's health center to open and provide safe and legal abortion services. The case Sonoma County Housing Now v. City of Healdsburg, settled in 1989, resulted in zoning for 500 new apartments and updated policies to encourage affordable housing development. Thanks to Mr. Grabill's work on another case, the City of Santa Rosa agreed to plan for 3000 additional affordable housing units and to build the 80-bed Samuel Jones homeless shelter.

Mr. Grabill co-founded the Sonoma County Housing Advocacy Group, which fights for more local affordable housing development



and represents low-income individuals seeking housing. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Sonoma County Chapter of the ACLU from 1996 until 2003 and on the Executive Board of the Accountable Development Coalition from 2005 until 2010.

Mr. Speaker, David Grabill was a generous person and a fierce advocate for those less fortunate, and therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RAY MARVIN  
KECK III

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Ray Marvin Keck III was born in San Antonio, Texas to Mr. Ray Keck and Mrs. Joyce Keck. Dr. Keck grew up in Cotulla, Texas but considers Laredo to be his hometown. He attended The Texas Military Academy and went on to earn an AB and a PhD in Romantic Languages and Literature from Princeton University. Beyond that, Dr. Keck studied at Harvard Divinity School, the National Autonomous University of Mexico, the Center of Hispanic Studies in Madrid, and the German Summer School.

Dr. Keck began his teaching career at the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut in 1970. He then joined the Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) faculty in 1979, and went on to become a professor, department chair, provost and the university's longest-serving president. Under his leadership, TAMIU has doubled its enrollment and serves a higher percentage Hispanic population than any college or university in the country. Under his administration, the university has improved with the upgrade of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Planetarium, the creation of the Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center, and the creation of the Texas Academy of International STEM Studies.

During Dr. Keck's tenure as TAMIU president, the university has been consistently recognized in rankings by Washington Monthly Money Magazine, and The Economist for providing a high value education for its students. Dr. Keck has received many awards and honors recognizing his advocacy of higher education, promotion of art and culture, study of the riches of the Spanish language, and his devotion to advancing his hometown, Laredo. In May 2016, Dr. Keck was named the interim president at the Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Dr. Ray Keck is a devoted husband to his wife, Patricia Cigarroa Keck and father of three daughters Teresa, Joyce, and Lacey, who is no longer with us. He is a proud grandfather of Adam and Laila. Dr. Keck is also an accomplished organist, having performed as a guest artist with the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra and others around the nation. He is the author of Love's Dialectic: Mimesis and Allegory in the Romances of Lope de Vega and supports the need for a comprehensive, dual-language program for all students in Texas schools.

CONGRATULATING THE 2016 USA  
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS OLYMPIC  
TEAM

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six talented young women from the Tenth Congressional District of Illinois who have been selected to represent our country in the rhythmic gymnastics group competition at the upcoming 2016 Summer Olympics.

Monica Rokhman, Jennifer Rokhman, Natalie McGiffert, Kiana Eide, Alisa Kano and Kristen Shaldybin will be departing for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this August to compete for Team USA.

Our community is proud of their hard work as members of the North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center, and I commend them on all of their recent achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am very excited to watch this dedicated group of young women compete and look forward to celebrating all of their success.

RECOGNIZING THE BOEING COMPANY'S  
100TH ANNIVERSARY ON  
JULY 15, 2016

**HON. MATT SALMON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to a highly respected American company: The Boeing Company. This July marks 100 years since William E. Boeing founded the business after he turned a small building he bought in Lake Union, Washington into a combined factory and seaplane hangar. In its centennial year, Boeing continues to prosper as the world's largest aerospace company and the largest manufacturing exporter in the United States. Today I wish to congratulate the company on its 100th anniversary.

Most people know Boeing for its long tradition in aerospace initiative and innovation, but behind its reputation is a corporation fueled by a legendary American entrepreneur and engineer: William E. Boeing.

William E. Boeing experienced many setbacks before becoming successful. In fact, when Boeing was only 22 years old, he dropped out of Yale. Even though it was risky, he moved to Washington to start in the logging business on land that he had inherited. Although Boeing started to buy more timberland and gain more wealth for his family, he was never cut out for the meticulous, reserved life of a logger.

As he continued his logging business, he decided to attend an aviation meet in Los Angeles in 1910. At the meet, he became enthralled with airplanes and tried to get a ride on one of the boxy airplanes, but had no success. In 1914, flier Terah Maroney brought a Curtiss-type hydroplane with him when he visited Boeing and his friend, U.S. Navy Lieutenant G. Conrad Westervelt. The pair took turns riding with Maroney above Lake Washington and after a few turns, the two realized that they could build a better airplane.

On July 15, 1916, William Boeing incorporated the Pacific Aero Products Company and just four months later, Boeing and Westervelt had the first test flight of their first plane. The seaplane/biplane was the Bluebill, B&W Model 1. The plane flew 900 feet, marking the beginning of the largest aerospace company in the world. One year later, the company was renamed Boeing Airplane Company.

Boeing helped America get through the hard times. During the Great Depression, the company and other airlines formed the United Airlines to provide continent-wide U.S. air service. In World War II, Boeing provided planes that helped the Allies defeat the Axis power. Today, they help America through yet another battle: the War on Terror.

To fight the War on Terror, Boeing supplies us with a number of tools for our defense. One of these great tools is the AH-64 Apache Helicopter. Entering service with the United States Army in 1984, the AH-64 Apache Helicopter is the primary multirole combat helicopter for the U.S. Army and for a growing number of our allies' defense forces. The Apache was built to fight our enemies during the day or night in adverse weather conditions and challenging battlefields.

These helicopters have been used in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Anaconda, and continue to be used for peacekeeping operations in order to fight terrorism around the world. I am honored that Boeing uses its plant in Mesa, Arizona, to produce these revolutionary fighting helicopters for America's defense.

The company has had a tremendous impact both nationally and globally, and this impact is seen in Arizona. In my state, the Boeing Company works with 387 businesses and supports 46,000 employees with 3,851 of those being direct employees. Boeing has also given millions in charitable contributions to our state and has created jobs and economic opportunity while working to create the world's most advanced and innovative aerospace products and services.

Today, the Boeing Company continues its success under the leadership of Chairman, President, and CEO Dennis A. Muilenburg. Passion and competence hold this venerable company together, while innovation drives it further. As the company celebrates its centennial year, the passion and spirit of William E. Boeing lives on as Boeing continues its long tradition of leadership and innovation in aerospace. May it have one hundred more.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICAID  
IMD EXCLUSION

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and remove the exclusion of coverage for services in institutions of mental diseases (IMD) under Medicaid. This legislation will enable more Americans who suffer from severe substance use disorders (SUD) to gain equal access to the treatment necessary to their long-term recovery.

Substance use disorder plagues the United States both socially and economically. The

cost of substance abuse and drug addiction to our health care system totals \$705 billion annually and the human costs of this disease are nothing short of devastating for many American families.

Providing health care services and treatment resources to those who suffer from substance abuse is critical. However, millions of Americans who need treatment go without services each year. This shortfall is a symptom of outdated policy that limits the availability of substance use disorder services, particularly for those who require residential care to address their addictions.

Under current law, Medicaid beneficiaries are barred access to community-based residential treatment for severe conditions due to the IMD exclusion that prohibits reimbursement care of patients at facilities with more than 16 beds. This nonsensical exclusion has effectively deterred facilities from serving those in dire need of care.

Mr. Speaker, my legislation addresses this problem by eliminating the IMD exclusion and allowing those who suffer from severe addiction to have equal access to treatment and become productive members of society. It will also reduce the social and economic consequences associated with substance abuse. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill and addressing a devastating problem affecting far too many communities across the nation.

RECOGNIZING WANDA RAE POWELL OF DANVERS, ILLINOIS RECIPIENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Wanda Rae Powell, a cadet volunteer in the Civil Air Patrol during World War II, for receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.

Wanda Rae Powell was raised in Towanda, Illinois and had a love for aviation for as long as she can remember. As a child, Wanda's heroes included Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh. Upon moving to Bell, California in 1944, Wanda served as a volunteer cadet in the Civil Air Patrol while still attending high school. As a cadet, she studied silhouettes of military airplanes and learned to salute, march, and drill. In the summer of 1945, Wanda served in a factory overseeing the manufacture of military life jackets.

After graduating from high school, Wanda returned to Illinois and attended Illinois State University, known as Illinois State Normal University at the time, where she studied Home Economics. Because of a teaching shortage in 1949, Wanda earned an emergency teaching degree and taught in Central Illinois before returning to finish her degree at Illinois State. After receiving her degree in 1955, Wanda continued to serve the Central Illinois community by teaching at Danvers High School. Additionally, she served our community as a Brokaw Hospital volunteer, a Brownie Girl Scout leader, and in the Parent Teachers Association.

I am honored, today, to recognize Wanda for receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.

Since the age of seventeen, she has shown what it means to be a true American, serving her country in the Armed Forces, as an educator, and community volunteer. On behalf of the 18th District, I would like to thank her for her service, and wish her my sincerest congratulations on this much deserved award.

GUN VIOLENCE

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, two issues have been plaguing communities across the nation: gun violence and excessive force by police.

Make no mistake, these are very separate issues. They're problems that people in my district care deeply about and that deserve to be addressed in their own right.

But both of these are urgent crises that are making our communities less safe.

These issues deserve action here in Congress, but they'll both take much more than that.

Solving these issues won't just happen in this House, it's a discussion that needs to happen in every house across America.

It will require us to come together and really listen to each other, to understand things from a perspective that many of us haven't experienced.

Many of us will never know what it's like to lose someone to gun violence, just as many of us don't know what it's like to have to sit your kids down and explain to them that they need to be careful because they won't necessarily be treated fairly by law enforcement.

Addressing these two issues will take a level of empathy and cooperation that, frankly, we haven't seen a lot of in Washington lately. And it will take a will to act.

These are complicated problems, with no single, simple solution, but that shouldn't stop us from trying.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Vote 451, I voted No. I intended to vote Aye.

A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO CURBING THE OPIOID CRISIS

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard-working medical professionals and law enforcement staff of Morrison County for their successful work in the fight against opioid abuse.

The fight against the epidemic is centered at the St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, Minnesota, where a collaborative care team fo-

cuses on the unique needs of patients to help them on their individual roads to recovery.

Recently, I was pleased to host the leaders of the collaborative care team at a briefing here in Washington, so that they could share best-practices with Congressional staff. Their comprehensive model for dealing with the crisis focuses on the causes of opioid addiction and utilizes systems like Minnesota's Prescription Monitoring Program to prevent the over-prescribing of pain medication. St. Gabriel's approach involves the entire community and creating healing, holistic partnerships between health care providers and the community based on self-determination, safety and respect.

I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing the dedicated professionals at St. Gabriel's for their outstanding work which has reclaimed and saved so many precious lives.

S. 524, COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I voted to support the Conference Report accompanying S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. Although I support this critical legislative effort to begin fighting back against the opioid abuse and addiction crisis that has swept our country, there is much more work to be done to combat this epidemic. Passing this bill is encouraging, but it is only a first step.

Unfortunately, many of the programs laid out in the legislation are not supported by the funding necessary to be fully effective. To achieve any measure of success, we must ensure that health care and treatment providers have the resources they need to effectively curtail opioid abuse and addiction, including robust funding and educational support for state and local initiatives.

I ask my colleagues that we build on the progress made today and work to provide adequate funding and support to those who care for our communities and constituents as we address this enormous challenge.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR TRUCK ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT JIM RUNK

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Jim Runk, President of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA). Jim will be retiring from the PMTA on July 20, 2016, after 44 years of service to the association, the last 25 as its president. As a leading transportation advocate in my home state, Jim's voice, presence, and thoughtful guidance will be deeply missed, but he leaves behind an indelible mark on the trucking industry of Pennsylvania and the country.

Jim began working for the PMTA in 1972 after serving in the U.S. Army, and became

the association's fifth president in 1991. During that time, over four decades of service, Jim and the PMTA have worked on behalf of the Pennsylvania trucking industry, fighting to preserve and strengthen the industry, and protect and promote its jobs. Whether that meant impacting legislation before the Pennsylvania General Assembly, or marching through the halls of Congress to meet with members and staff of the Pennsylvania delegation, Jim and the PMTA's voices were always respected. Without question, during my time representing the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and serving as Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Jim has been the face of trucking and a trusted advisor on the safe and efficient operations of the industry.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a privilege to work with Jim, and I thank him for his decades of service to the PMTA. While he will be truly missed, the Pennsylvania trucking industry will be forever grateful for his tireless leadership and service on their behalf. I wish Jim and his wife Linda the very best in whatever their futures may hold.

URGING IMMEDIATE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE RARE PEDIATRIC DISEASE PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER PROGRAM

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge immediate reauthorization of the Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program before it expires at the end of this fiscal year. Simply put, this program has proven to save the lives of children. My colleague and dear friend from North Carolina, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and I have introduced legislation that would make it permanent. Last July, thanks to the leadership of Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairman FRED UPTON and his staff and advocates like Nancy Goodman, who is the founder and Executive Director of Kids v. Cancer, this Chamber passed an amended version of this initiative as part of H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act. This program is a crucial incentive—in addition to the Orphan Drug Act—for drug manufacturers to make the significant investment in developing therapies for rare pediatric diseases, including pediatric cancers and lysosomal storage disorders.

When we were considering H.R. 6 last July and again in recognition of National Neuroblastoma Awareness Day last September, I came to this Floor to speak about the positive impact the Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program has had on children with neuroblastoma. Because of the limited market incentives available prior to the creation of the program, biopharmaceutical companies had been unwilling to risk investing in research and development for a therapy that treats this extremely rare and devastating pediatric cancer. The Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program proved to be the necessary incentive for United Therapeutics to satisfy this unmet need with the development of Unituxin. In March 2015, this therapy received Food and Drug Administra-

tion ("FDA") approval for children with high-risk neuroblastoma. Unituxin was the first drug that FDA approved for this condition and only the second FDA-approved therapy for pediatric cancer. Upon its approval, FDA awarded Unituxin the second voucher from this program.

As the chairman of the Childhood Cancer Caucus, I recognize the importance of this therapy to the community, especially to children like four-year-old Rex Ryan from Austin in the 10th District of Texas. Diagnosed with high-risk neuroblastoma at 17 months old, Rex's parents Leslie and Casey enrolled him in the clinical trial for Unituxin at Children's Blood and Cancer Center at Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas in Austin. Rex is a neuroblastoma survivor because of this new drug, which would not have been developed without the voucher program. After witnessing the direct impact Unituxin has had on Rex and his parents, it would be unconscionable for Congress to allow this program to expire. As I have previously described, the hope afforded by the Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program extends to other conditions as well.

Nearly two years ago, I came to this Floor to speak about the value of the program just after BioMarin Pharmaceuticals sold the first voucher from this program for \$67.5 million, which the company immediately reinvested to build a clinical laboratory on its campus in San Rafael, California. The laboratory is a critical component of its development of a gene therapy platform for hemophilia A, which is showing promising early data in eight patients. BioMarin received this first voucher for developing a therapy for Morquio A syndrome, which is also known as mucopolysaccharidosis ("MPS") type IV. Unfortunately for the millions of children affected by one of the nearly 7,000 rare diseases without a treatment, such as several of the other types and subtypes of MPS, including Sanfilippo syndrome and Sly syndrome, politics have hampered Senate negotiations on its larger innovation package, which is putting the program in jeopardy.

Patients like eight-year-old Beckett Weldon, who is from Cypress in the 10th District of Texas, cannot afford for Congress to allow this program to lapse. Beckett suffers from SYNGAP1-related intellectual disability, which is an ultra-rare and severely disabling, genetic neurological disorder. Approximately two-thirds of the children with this condition have some form of epilepsy. Other symptoms include hypotonia, behavioral disorders, language impairment, and oral dyspraxia. Beckett began his four-year diagnostic odyssey at 4 months old, when he began missing milestones his twin sister Pyper was meeting. After visiting 19 specialists and several diagnostic tests, Beckett received his diagnosis.

Only recently identified, SYNGAP1-related intellectual disability has no FDA-approved treatment. Beckett's parents Monica and Chris hope to change that for this community. Less than two years after Beckett's diagnosis in 2012, Monica Weldon—with the help of Global Genes—founded Bridge the Gap-SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation, which is a member of the National Organization for Rare Disorders ("NORD"). Due to Monica's efforts, the Foundation was one of twenty rare disease patient organizations selected in April to develop natural history studies with the as-

sistance of NORD and supported in part by a cooperative agreement with the FDA. The Bridge the Gap-SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation is also hosting the first ever SYNGAP1 International Conference November 30–December 1, 2016 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston in an effort to bring together families, researchers, and clinicians to foster a collaborative environment that will lead to the development of treatments and ultimately a cure for the condition.

As the SYNGAP1 community initiates these efforts toward treatments and a cure, it is critical that the Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program be available as an incentive for manufacturers to consider investing in therapies for this condition. Congress must continue to help sick children and their families find treatments by extending this valuable program.

TRIBUTE TO MINERVA CRANTZ ALLEN

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minerva Crantz Allen, a bilingual Native American educator, linguist, and poet. It is my pleasure to commend Minerva for her lifelong commitment to preserving the Assiniboine (Nakoda) tradition, heritage, and culture. Her civic accomplishments for the Native American people truly make her the embodiment of leadership and service.

Minerva was born in the spring of 1934 on the Fort Belknap Indian reservation, in North-central Montana. Her grandfather instilled in her at an early age the importance of education for her future. The daughter of a French Chippewa father and an Assiniboine-Gros Ventre mother, Minerva spoke her native languages, but also taught herself English by singing songs with the Presbyterian ministers' wife. Minerva's grandmother, aunts and uncles still conversed in the Sakoda language, because of their culture and belief system.

Growing up was hard, not only because of the Great Depression. Minerva hid her language, culture and religion, and was scared of being turned into the law. Minerva thrived on following her passions, despite the sacrifices. At thirteen years old, she was sent to attend Indian Boarding School at Flandreau, South Dakota. Minerva was a very outgoing member of the student body—a cheerleader, Homecoming Queen, playing football and basketball. Despite the death of her grandfather and her parents' divorce, she went on to obtain a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, a master's degree from Northern Montana State College, and completed additional coursework at Weber State College.

Minerva has proven herself time and again, holding various critical positions with the Hays' Lodge Pole school system. As the Head Start director for eight years, Minerva helped to establish the first Foster Grandparent Program, bringing grandmothers and grandfathers into the classroom to teach the students their language and culture. She has written several books that translate Indian history and folklore into English, and she has published two books of her own poetry which are used widely in Montana.

Minerva is very active in her community, reservation, and state. Minerva has been invited to numerous schools in Montana, served as President and Vice-President of the Montana Association of Bilingual Education (MABE), as well as Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA). She is an Ambassador for Indian Education for All, telling stories about how all people can learn the truth about Native American history, culture and philosophy into their classroom, bridging the gap of racism and teaching about the richness of indigenous people's history and culture.

Rarely does a single personal history reflect so vividly an individual's struggle and determination to make life truly meaningful. Minerva's strength and inspiring spirit match her drive to make the world a better place for her people. Today, as a widowed ranch woman, she still lives on her grandfather's land after three generations, next to the Little Rockies Mountains, where she was born.

IN HONOR OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE  
EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the efforts of the Western Sierra Collegiate Academy's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) chapter and the success of similar chapters throughout the country. Through teaching methods focused on development in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management, students participating in DECA are effectively prepared for their future careers.

The Western Sierra Collegiate Academy's DECA chapter successfully equips emerging entrepreneurs with goal-setting, consensus-building, and project-management skills. By tapping into its students' varying interests and learning styles, DECA's adaptive business-development program engages students in a hands-on environment, including entrepreneur activities such as operating school stores, organizing fundraising events, and participating in business simulation competitions with other DECA chapters. DECA encourages its students to learn and practice smart business strategies, opening doors for students to develop and influence the business sector.

The Western Sierra Collegiate Academy successfully engages its students in business practices and has been named a Gold-level School-Based Enterprise (SBE). In earning this award, Western Sierra Collegiate Academy has completed a detailed written description of how its chapter adheres to select business model standards in the above methods. Chapters are categorized into three SBE levels: bronze, silver, and gold. Western Sierra's Gold-level placement qualifies them to participate in the exclusive SBE Academy competition, held at the International Career Development Conference.

Throughout secondary and post-secondary education, it is essential to instill in students common-sense principles utilized by today's businesses, and the Western Sierra Collegiate Academy's chapter reaffirms this notion. The teaching methods and interactions that DECA applies allows students to learn the signifi-

cance and importance in one's ability to make choices and experience real-world business practices. The highly interactive nature of DECA allows students to understand the free market's benefits. The ability to teach these principles to students throughout high school and college is critical to our country's future free market drive and initiative.

Knowledge and practice of entrepreneurship coupled with interactive applications of smart business strategies in an educational environment not only teaches students how to engage in business with the necessary skills required, but also allows students to develop their own well-informed career goals. Currently, DECA chapters are in over 3,500 high schools and over 275 colleges, engaging over 215,000 students.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Western Sierra Collegiate Academy DECA chapter for its tireless efforts to inspire and train successful entrepreneurs and look forward to following their successes.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLES G. SCHLICHTER, JR. FOR HIS DEDICATION TO CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA'S SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOTEMBA, JAPAN

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Charles G. Schlichter, Jr. for his dedication to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania's Sister City relationship with Gotemba, Japan.

Since 1958, when the Gotemba City Assembly voted to establish a Sister City relationship with Chambersburg, PA, the two cities have enjoyed a strong and fulfilling bond, as illustrated by the many citizen exchange visits that have occurred over the years. While much credit is owed to those responsible for establishing this relationship, I believe it is just as important to recognize those, like Mr. Schlichter, who have helped maintain this meaningful connection. What's more, I would like to highlight the 30-year commitment Mr. Schlichter has made to helping guide and maintain Chambersburg's Sister City relationship with Gotemba.

As a trusted member of the local business community, Mr. Schlichter was a natural choice to represent our area in this international relationship via the Chambersburg Sister City Committee. The Sister City Committee was established by Chambersburg Borough Council, however it remains committed to raising its necessary funds through donations and contributions from local organizations and businesses. Thanks to Mr. Schlichter's stewardship, our community continues to reap the benefits of this longstanding Sister City relationship.

Today I am proud to celebrate the 30 years that Mr. Schlichter has given to upholding this 55-years-and-counting bond, and on behalf of the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I say thank you.

IN HONOR OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELGIN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Second Baptist Church of Elgin on its 150th anniversary.

Since it was formally organized in 1866 by a group of men, women and children who had escaped slavery and established Elgin's African-American community, the Second Baptist Church has served the Greater Elgin Community through ministry and outreach.

In its 150 years, the church has grown in both size and membership and remains an important part of our Eighth District Community.

From its humble beginnings, the Second Baptist Church of Elgin has expanded to include a soup kitchen, young adult ministry, prison ministry, bus ministry, couples ministry and street ministry.

The church has partnered with local schools to help at-risk students, donated funds to the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin and in 2003 hosted a young State Senator by the name of Barack Obama as he introduced himself to our community.

I've met with their members when their League of Military Veterans came to visit Washington, DC, and I'm so proud of the connections they have forged that help keep our community connected and strong.

I am proud to honor the Second Baptist Church of Elgin as they celebrate their 150th anniversary and I look forward to their continued contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LATE SMITH  
BRETT LAWRENCE

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Mr. Smith Brett Lawrence of Keene, New York, who was extremely dedicated to his family, his community, and his country.

Mr. Lawrence, known as Brett to most, served during the Vietnam War as a United States Marine. He was an Adirondack Guide and lived the majority of his life in Keene, New York, located in New York's 21st Congressional District. Brett will be remembered by his family and friends as a loyal and dedicated man, with a wonderful sense of charity and a deep faith.

Brett devoted many years to organizations in his community including the Keene Valley Rod and Gun Club, the American Legion Post 1312, and the Keene Valley Congregational Church. Brett also drove sleds at the Lake Placid Bobsled-Run for 18 years, served with the Keene Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years, and also served as the chair of the Town of Keene Republican Committee.

However, what may have been Brett's greatest service to his community was his role as Keene's Santa Claus for the past 40 years. Dressed as Santa Claus, Brett would visit the

neighborhood houses, area hospitals, St. Agnes School, and often made house calls upon request. His role as Santa eventually earned him important recognition by Keene Central School's Honor Society, which honored him as "a graduate who has made outstanding contributions to our town, state, and nation." Brett will be missed by many for his dedication to civics through his involvement in many local organizations in Upstate New York and beyond.

I thank Brett's family for sharing him with the community and send them my most heartfelt condolences on his loss.

IN HONOR OF THE CRIGHTON  
PLAYERS/PLAYERS THEATRE  
COMPANY 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
SEASON

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the same year that Mickey Mantle slugged his way to his 500th career homer, Andy Griffith was America's favorite TV dad and sheriff and Cabaret took home theatre's coveted Tony Award, a group of community leaders got together in Conroe to talk about how best to bring the arts to their city.

They gathered at the Montgomery County Library to form the Little Theatre of Conroe. Their first performance of "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker" was held in the Conroe High School auditorium.

Blessed with a faithful audience, the Conroe theatre stalwarts were able to purchase the old Hunt Plumbing Building in Conroe in 1967 where they performed comedies, dramas and dinner theatre fare. At the end of their first decade, they joined forces with the city of Conroe to produce their first musical to coincide with our nation's bicentennial celebrations.

"Oklahoma" was performed at Conroe High School to a standing room only crowd. Two years later, they wowed with "South Pacific".

It was about a decade into the Little Theatre's venture when Frank and Hallie Crighton Guthrie were exploring the possibility of donating their family's vaudeville theatre in downtown Conroe. All they asked was that the name be maintained and the theatre used primarily for the performing arts and that the Little Theatre of Conroe would be the resident theatre group.

With the help of architect Harry Devlin, fundraising artistry of Rigby Owen, and the sweat equity of the Little Theatre troupe, the run down theatre was reborn as the "Crown Jewel of Montgomery County." The Crighton Community Theatre then reopened with "The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia," a play about a small Texas town.

For 30 years, the Crighton Theatre was home, but when the City of Conroe decided to invest in a downtown revitalization project, the 1947 Weisner building was repurposed as a state of the art theatre for the Crighton Players. It is in this theatre where they produce several shows each season to sold out crowds, including more than a thousand season ticket holders.

The Players Theatre Company brings the arts home to Conroe with studio programs,

summer arts programs, senior programs, C. Kidz, The Players' Old Time Radio Hour, the City of Conroe's Shakespeare Festival and annual community celebrations.

Their theatre conservatory program provides community members high quality arts instruction and corporate partnerships expand the reach of what started in the hearts of a small group of theatre lovers.

Experienced directors, actors, and technical crews voluntarily give their all for each performance and faithfully carry out the vision that began in the Montgomery County Library a half a century ago.

As we celebrate the Players 50th anniversary season, we rejoice in their successes and we can't wait to see what they do in their next 50 years.

### CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the so-called Conscience Protection Act, S. 304, which is simply another unacceptable attack on women's reproductive health.

The sole purpose of this bill is to deny access and create additional barriers for women seeking safe and constitutionally protected medical procedures. After relentless attempts in this Congress and in the courts to curtail a women's right to choose, this bill is yet another measure designed to make it harder for women to get medical information critical to their health and safety.

This bill bypassed regular order and was rushed to the House floor days before Republican leadership plans to leave town for seven weeks. Yet, House Republicans are refusing to vote on—or adequately fund responses to—the many crises that endanger our public's health, from the Zika virus to gun violence to the epidemic of opioid addiction. Instead, House Republicans are choosing to vote on this bill to limit a woman's right to choose—the 13th vote in this Congress that undermines a woman's ability to make informed decisions about her own personal health and family.

I strongly oppose this bill and urge my colleagues to vote no.

### GREAT JOB WAYZATA BASEBALL

### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata High School Baseball team for winning the Minnesota state baseball championship.

The Wayzata Trojans stormed through the three game state tournament with an early decisive victory, a walk-off home run in the semifinals, and a solid pitching performance that allowed only five hits during the final contest. This resilient defensive effort, coupled with scoring four runs in the final two at bats

in the fifth inning, ultimately resulted in the Trojans winning their first state championship with a score of 9–1.

Baseball is a game that fosters teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship. I also want to recognize their commitment not just to their sport, but to the time spent in the classroom and in the community to become outstanding student athletes.

Mr. Speaker, the family, fans, and the entire Wayzata community are very proud of this team. Congratulations again to the Trojans on winning the high school baseball championship.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote number 440 on H. Res. 822. I mistakenly recorded my vote as yes when I should have voted no.

### PHILADELPHIA BLUE SOX

### HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Philadelphia Blue Sox, a thirteen-and-under little league baseball team from my district who have earned national recognition and have won five tournaments just this year with a sterling record of 40 wins and only 6 losses.

The team is made up of 14 handpicked players from Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs. The boys are committed and train year round, often early in the morning and late into the night, when school and their parents allow.

Thanks to the dedicated leadership of their head coach Michael "Zoom" Zolk, Tom Ditro, and Michael "Big Zoom" Zolk, as well some help from the Philadelphia Police Department, the hard work and dedication of the Blue Sox has translated into an impressive string of victories.

We in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District are proud of this exceptional group of young men, and we are eager to see them continue to succeed. Go Blue Sox.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 447, on July 13, 2016, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on an amendment offered by Rep. GRAHAM (D-FL) to H.R. 5538.

Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on roll call vote 447 cast on July 13, 2016.

On Roll Call Vote Number 447, on agreeing to Mrs. GRAHAM of Florida's Amendment, I voted "No." It was my intention to vote "Aye."

H.R. 1270, RESTORING ACCESS TO  
MEDICATION ACT OF 2015**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the misnamed Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2015, H.R. 1270.

Once again, the Republican leadership has decided to bring a bill to the House floor that is harmful to Americans instead of doing the people's business and voting on a life saving bill that would decrease the ever-rising toll of gun violence. Our constituents are urging and counting on Congress to pass commonsense laws to establish universal criminal background checks and prevent terrorists from buying guns. Instead, Republicans have scheduled a vote for the 64th time to undermine the Affordable Care Act (ACA)—a law that has given 20 million additional Americans access to health care, eliminated discrimination based on pre-existing conditions, and reduced health care spending.

This bill repeals funding mechanisms that help pay for the ACA. Defunding these provisions would have devastating effects and put millions of Americans at risk of losing access to affordable health coverage.

Rather than considering commonsense gun legislation or raising the minimum wage, House Republicans choose to fight old battles by once again voting to repeal the ACA. I oppose this bill and urge my colleagues to vote no.

CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN OUR  
MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my thoughts on H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2016. I voted in favor of this bill on July 6 of this year because it is a step forward in improving the lives of many Americans affected by mental illness.

I support numerous key provisions of H.R. 2646, including reauthorizing grant programs to promote efforts that curb suicide deaths and substance abuse, requiring the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop a strategic plan to improve services for individuals with serious mental illness, and allowing Medicaid Managed Care

coverage of certain stays in psychiatric hospitals and other treatment facilities.

However, there remains much more work to be done in the mental health sphere. While H.R. 2646 addresses many of the pressing issues individuals affected by mental illness face, it misses the opportunity to address key areas that would greatly improve our mental health system.

H.R. 2646 could be improved by placing more emphasis on the benefits of community integration for people with mental health illnesses in conjunction with treatment by a medical professional. While hospitalization may be critical for some patients, a multi-faceted approach to treatment that includes community engagement and peer support has proven to be more effective in the long-term treatment of patients with mental illness.

I am also concerned by H.R. 2646's definition of "anosognosia," which states that people with psychiatric conditions may be unable to make sound decisions regarding their own care because they lack reasoning and judgment. Evidence has shown that people with psychiatric disabilities make reasonable decisions about their care comparable to others with chronic health conditions. I fear that this definition may further stigmatize those living with mental illness and may jeopardize their privacy in making health care decisions for themselves.

While this bill improves mental health services for people living with mental illness, I take exception to the Majority's premise that it in any way addresses the prevalence of gun violence. H.R. 2646 conflates the ideas that reforming the mental health system is a means of reducing violent gun crimes, when in fact, it is a false and manufactured narrative that people with mental illness are more prone to violent behavior. The truth is that researchers have not found any correlation between psychiatric diagnoses and mass murder and people with mental illness are more likely to be victims of violence than perpetrators of violent crimes.

I was pleased to vote in favor of H.R. 2646, as it marks an effort by this body to address our critically broken mental health system, but our priorities in this effort must remain focused on the health, security, and privacy of people living with mental illness. It is my hope that we will continue to improve upon this first step to guarantee that Americans with mental illness have access to effective mental health treatment while also remaining an integral part of our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS.  
JUANITA TUNIS**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Juanita Tunis, a longtime resident of Livonia, Michigan and an original Rosie the Riveter. Juanita was born on November 18, 1913 and passed peacefully on May 23, 2016 in South Lyon, Michigan. She lived her full life of 102 years as the cherished matriarch of her family, and an American hero.

Juanita was among the trailblazing women who stepped up during World War II to fill the

industry positions traditionally held by men. Collectively nicknamed "Rosie the Riveter", these inspiring women entered the workforce with grace and gusto to build planes, tanks and other armaments that sustained the war effort and kept American industry afloat. Juanita worked for three years at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti building B-24 bombers. She often recalled the camaraderie among the women working at the plant, and remembered the bus rides to and from work with her fellow Rosies with particular fondness. In a time of worldwide strife, these pioneering women pulled together and went to work every day to keep our country going.

The contributions of Juanita and the original Rosie the Riveters made victory in World War II possible, and their patriotism and hard work will forever remain part of the American story. They instilled a newfound hope in their communities, embodying positivity in a time of great turmoil and uncertainty, and inspired a social movement that forever redefined the role of women in the workplace. The number of working women in the United States increased to 20 million in 1944, and has never since fallen to pre-war levels. Juanita and her fellow Rosies paved the way for generations to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Juanita Tunis for her contributions to the war and her role in inspiring generations of American women. Her story is one that embodies the best of American values and spirit and one that we will continue to share with our children and grandchildren for decades to come. The values that Juanita and the Rosies embodied patriotism, bravery and resolve are ones we all must strive to emulate. We salute the Rosies for their contribution to American history. Their legacy will forever remind us that we all have the power to do something more for our country.

HONORING DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICER MICHAEL KROL**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dallas Police Officer Michael Krol, who was tragically killed during the recent shooting in Dallas on July 7, 2016. Officer Krol was just 40 years old when he lost his life.

According to his family, Officer Krol knew from a young age that he always wanted to be a police officer. His goal was to serve in law enforcement and when the opportunity within the Dallas Police Department presented itself, Officer Krol took the risk by moving halfway across the country to Dallas in pursuit of his dream. After years of hard work and preparation, Officer Krol graduated from the Dallas Police Academy on April 25, 2008.

Officer Krol was described as a caring person with a gentle heart. He was a dedicated public servant who worked his way up from a position as a security guard for a Michigan hospital, to a Wayne County sheriff's deputy, and ultimately a Dallas Police Department Officer. Officer Krol selflessly gave up his life in order to protect the crowds in Dallas from the violence.

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Officer Krol is the third of four children. He leaves behind a loving family, close friends, and a long-term girlfriend. My most sincere

thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Dallas Police Chief David Brown said it best when he called police officers “guardians of this great democracy.” Offi-

cer Krol was nothing short of that and our city will forever remember him for giving his life to protect our friends, families, our communities, and our democracy.