

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-AMERICA 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 COMMISSION

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