

HONORING MRS. ARLENE TAYLOR
FOR HER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE MISSOURI STATE GOV-
ERNMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mrs. Arlene Taylor who retired on Thursday, September 1, 2016 after thirty-eight years with various departments within the Missouri State Government. Mrs. Taylor most recently worked as a Personnel Officer for the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/Human Resources. Previously, she worked for the Missouri Department of Social Services and the Missouri Department of Corrections. For thirty-two of the thirty-eight years, Mrs. Taylor has enjoyed working in the human resources field. Throughout her time working in human resources, Mrs. Taylor has served many employees. Some of her responsibilities have included career counseling, assisting employees preparing for retirement, explaining benefits, and helping employees with disability retirement.

Mrs. Taylor grew up in Linn, Missouri and has called Jefferson City, Missouri home for the last thirty-four years. Throughout her lifetime, Mrs. Taylor has been a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph, Missouri Farm Bureau, and the Daughters of Isabella. She has also been involved with the Jefferson City Apartment Association and Women's Auxiliary Officer. Mrs. Taylor enjoys participating in various craft classes in her spare time. She also loves to travel with her husband, Joe.

With this retirement, Mrs. Taylor will now be able to spend more time with her husband of thirty-three years, Joe. She'll also treasure more moments with her daughter, Kathryn Taylor; son, Brian Taylor and daughter-in-law, Dawn Taylor.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Mrs. Arlene Taylor on her retirement. The commitment she has shown to the State of Missouri and to the employees she has helped throughout her human resources career is a commendable accomplishment.

HONORING JOE & JULIE MARCHINI

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe and Julie Marchini. The Marchini's are being honored by Catholic Charities of Merced in appreciation of their years of dedicated service to the community. Both Joe and Julie have contributed countless hours to causes that are close to their hearts in order to make their community a better place.

Joe Marchini was born on December 9, 1938 in Merced, California to Florindo and Elisa Marchini. Joe has lived in Merced County most of his life. A natural love of being outdoors led Joe to begin working on his father's farm from a young age. At 20 years old he was invited to become a partner in his father's

business, the Giampaoli-Marchini Company. Upon founding his own company with his brother Richard, Joe became the original radicchio grower in the United States.

Julie Marchini was born on September 14, 1942 in Modesto, California to Jim and Mary Louise Thompson. Her family moved to Merced when she was ten years old. The family is a staple in the community, as business owners in the area, including Merced area fixture Helen and Louise Dress Shop.

Joe and Julie were married 56 years ago and purchased a ranch in Le Grand where they raised their three children. They are parents to Lisa, Jeff and Fania. Joe and Julie are proud grandparents to ten, and come this winter, great-grandparents to six.

It has always been important to Joe and Julie to have balance between work, family, charity and church. They have been active in organizations, such as the Le Grand volunteer firefighters, Italian Catholic federation and the California Tomato Board. Joe has spent many hours cooking BBQ for fundraisers, events, and people in need.

Julie has volunteered time to Hinds Hospice, Our Lady of Lourdes religious education program, and school activities her family has participated in.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Marchini Family for their commitment to serving Merced County. The community is grateful for their service and the impact they have made in the Valley. I congratulate the Marchini family for this honor and ask that you join me in wishing them continued success.

CONGRATULATING KELLE LYN
SCOTT ON RECEIVING A PRESI-
DENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCEL-
LENCE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kelle Lyn Scott on being selected for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This special honor is one shared with a select group of other teachers throughout the United States. Ms. Scott has earned this award through imparting her passion and commitment to learning with all of her students.

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes teachers who have demonstrated excellence in giving students the tools they need to succeed in becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Because of this achievement, Ms. Scott will receive a signed citation from President Obama, a \$10,000 award from NSF, and the opportunity to attend an awards ceremony in Washington D.C.

Ms. Scott's hard work, perseverance, and academic excellence are exemplified in her receipt of this honor. Coming from a family of educators, I understand how important a strong education is to the future of our country. We need to encourage more teachers like Ms. Scott who work hard and dedicate their lives to educating our children.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to highlight the importance of this award and what it represents for Ms. Scott and our district. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Scott on receiving a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO VIOLA AND MYRON
ROKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Viola and Myron Roker of Glenwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 2, 1946 in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Viola and Myron's lifelong commitment to each other, their seven children, 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, and may they continue to love and cherish one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Viola and Myron on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF KAYLA
MUELLER AND CELEBRATING
THE OPENING OF THE KAYLA
MUELLER PLAYGROUND

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join The Kiwanis Club of Prescott in honoring the memory of a constituent in my district who I believe is the personification of a compassionate American citizen. On February 6, 2015, Kayla Mueller of Prescott, AZ was killed by her ISIS captors in Syria. A visage of what it means to be a selfless human-being, Kayla's life was taken too short at the young age of 26.

In such tragic times it can often be difficult to find the light of hope for a better tomorrow. Kayla Mueller embodied this every day in her service and sacrifice to those less fortunate, especially to the children of the world.

Arizona is blessed to have been home to such a compassionate citizen as Kayla. It is easy to see that her spirit has touched not only the hearts of those in her community and state but across this great nation. And with the opening of this new playground, that spirit will continue to impact lives for the better.

I extend my sincere admiration and thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Prescott for their diligent efforts on this playground and for their engagement in the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, I want to once again express my