

the first time since 2000—an incredible drop from when 20 people were killed in 2006–2007. This progress can be attributed to the commendable efforts of fire departments, schools, and communities coming together to address this serious problem.

According to the United States Fire Administration, 94 percent of college-related fire deaths happen in off-campus housing, where most students live. Through greater awareness and education, both students and parents are able to make informed decisions on choosing fire-safe housing that includes smoke alarms and two ways out. Students are more aware of how their actions can avoid having a fire happen in the first place and what to do if one does occur. This not only helps save their lives, but also the lives of their roommates and the fire fighters who are responding.

By teaching college students about fire safety, we are teaching them not only how to be fire-safe during their time in college, but also for the rest of their lives. By creating a fire-safe generation now, we can make society safer for the future and reduce the tragic impact of fire. In the U.S. approximately 3,000 people die in fires every year.

It is my sincere hope that college campuses in New Jersey and across the nation will participate in Campus Fire Safety Month activities throughout September. We must do all that we can to keep our nation's students safe and informed. This is also why I introduced the Campus Fire Safety Education Act, to provide universities with grants they can use to develop or implement campus fire safety education strategies. We must do everything in our power to ensure the safety and security of our children when they leave for college.

I want to commend all of those who are working to make our campuses and communities better places to live, because fire safety is everyone's fight. Fire safety on campus today means a fire safe nation for tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS OF YUMA HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and achievements of the students of Yuma High School.

In memory of Eliza Routt and her tireless commitment to public service, Colorado and Secretary of State Wayne Williams have created the Eliza Prickell Routt Award. This award recognizes high school students who register 85 percent or more of their senior class to vote and commends the outstanding dedication of students who are participating in civic engagement.

This year, the recipient of the Eliza Prickell Routt Award is Yuma High School. This student body has shown their commitment to strengthen our democracy and improve our ability to govern. The efforts made by these high school students are significant, and we should applaud them as their accomplishment will better our nation for future generations.

It is truly inspiring to see the next generation, represented by these students, striving

for a better future. Yuma High School, and these young men and women, embody the values that make America exceptional. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations in this achievement and their acceptance of the Eliza Prickell Routt Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Yuma High School and its students for their commitment to democracy and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 491, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 660, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY WEDEMEYER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judy Wedemeyer for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Casey Service Club.

Ms. Wedemeyer was recognized at the Casey Fun Day celebration on July 9, 2016. Judy Wedemeyer and Nita Fagan currently serve as co-presidents of the Casey Service Club and are active members of the Casey Historical Society. They have given many hours to researching and writing the "Memories of Casey" column for The Adair News and are responsible for spearheading the Hearts of Gold Fundraiser campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Judy Wedemeyer for her service to Casey and congratulate her on this award. It is an honor to represent her in the United States House of Representatives and I wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE McLANEY FAMILY AS THE 2016 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the McLaney Family of Laurel Hill for being selected as the 2016 Okaloosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Although Joel McLaney was previously an electrician by trade, farming has been a part

of the McLaney family for three generations. When Joel transitioned into farming full time, he purchased 83 acres of land from his grandfather who was involved in the poultry industry. For many years, Joel raised poultry in five chicken houses, and today on 300 acres, the McLaneys raise cattle and grow a variety of crops, including: cotton, peanuts, and hay.

Joel and his wife Gena of 25 years have two children, Josh, who is a senior at the University of West Florida, and Kaylyn, a senior at Laurel Hill High School, within whom they have instilled the value of hard work and to whom they plan to pass on the farm to continue the McLaney family farming tradition.

Aside from their time on the farm, Joel is a bus driver and Gena is a teacher. The McLaneys are also active members of Auburn Pentecostal Church and the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Speaker, the Okaloosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a true reflection of the McLaneys' tireless work and their dedication to family and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the McLaney family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

CONGRATULATING DAVE ALI FILS-AIMÉ AND BASKETBALL TO UPLIFT THE YOUTH (BUY)

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Dave Ali Fils-Aimé on the third anniversary and success of Basketball to Uplift the Youth (BUY). Using basketball as a tool, BUY provides year-round mentorship for school-aged boys and girls in Haiti. The program combines basketball and education to encourage teamwork, promote healthy lifestyles, build leadership skills, and promote the value of service.

Fils-Aimé, a graduate of Yale University and Harvard University, left Haiti for the United States at the age of twelve. As a former participant of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, a drop-out prevention and mentoring program I started nearly 25 years ago in South Florida, Fils-Aimé is a walking embodiment of what it means to be a role model. Using his experience with 5000 Role Models and his passion for Haiti's youth, he created Basketball to Uplift the Youth in July 2013.

Since its inception, BUY has engaged youth from some of Port-au-Prince's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. The program works to mold young, well-rounded individuals in Haiti. There are also plans to expand the program by establishing a scholarship fund. Fils-Aimé's leadership and commitment to excellence have allowed the program to flourish in its three years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Dave Ali Fils-Aimé for his success and commitment to serving Haiti's youth, and the achievements of Basketball to Uplift the Youth.