

years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 495 on motion pass H.R. 5424, the Investment Advisers Modernization Act of 2016, I was detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, fifteen years ago yesterday, we all remember where we were when we first heard a plane had hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center. We also remember that solemn moment when we saw the second plane hit. We knew instantly that our country would never be the same. As we were just beginning to understand the gravity of what had happened, there were men and women who already were in action to prevent further loss of life. Air traffic controllers took the unprecedented action of clearing our nation's airspace of over 4,452 aircraft. Within hours, the FBI had determined who was responsible for perpetrating the terrible acts. Passengers on Flight 93 forced their own plane into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania to avoid it being used as a weapon against the White House or the Capitol building.

The most powerful images we saw that day were the first responders. As people were running from the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon toward safety, men and women in uniform were heading in the opposite direction to save as many people as possible from burning and collapsing buildings. At that moment, their bravery, instinct and training took over. Those professionals knew that they may be giving their lives to save others. It is fitting that this tribute to the first responders of Brentwood is dedicated on this most somber of days. Brentwood Fire and Police first responders are no different than the men and women we witnessed sacrificing themselves on 9/11. Their bravery, training and character is no different. They help keep us safe. Through doing so, they protect our freedom.

Thank you to the City of Brentwood, Leadership Brentwood and the businesses who have made this Honor Garden possible. It will serve as a constant reminder of the service and sacrifice of a few who protect so many.

TRIBUTE TO SHAROL AND DON
STEINBECK

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 honor Sharol and Don Steinbeck of Griswold, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sharol and Don's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA'S 16TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRE
AND RESCUE AND EMS PERSONNEL

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Battalion Chief Scott Blanchard of the City of Venice Fire Department was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Firefighter Christopher Carver of the North River Fire District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Chief Brian Gorski of the Southern Manatee Fire and Rescue District was chosen to receive the Career Service Award.

Lieutenant David Hawes of the North Port Fire Rescue District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Engineer Mathew Redmond of the North River District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

HONORING PROSPECT HEIGHTS
FIRE CHIEF DONALD GOULD, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of Prospect Heights Fire Chief Donald Gould, Jr.

The Prospect Heights Fire Department made great strides under Chief Gould's leadership. When he took over as chief, there were no full-time firefighters in the district. The Prospect Heights district only consisted of volunteers and part-time staff. As of today, there are 15 full-time firefighters and 35 part-time members.

Chief Gould leaves Prospect Heights with an outstanding professional fire force that continually seeks to meet the community's public safety needs.

Mr. Speaker, along with the citizens of Prospect Heights, it is an honor today to express our deepest appreciation to Fire Chief Donald Gould, Jr. for his 49 years of service with the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District.

TRIBUTE TO NAOMI AND GENE
HACKWELL

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 Naomi and Gene Hackwell of Anita, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 9, 2016.

Naomi and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING MATTHEW A. TAYLOR

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful young man in my district, Matthew A. Taylor, who was recently conferred the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement or rank attainable, by the Boy Scouts of America on May 31st, 2016.

Matthew's hard work and dedication has been evident throughout his Boy Scout career, culminating with an Eagle Scout project that was exceptional in its scope and accomplishments. Matthew focused on helping to improve the Thomas Paine Cottage Museum, the last