

Community School District in Johnston, Iowa. On Thursday, September 8, 2016, Richard Brooks was a recipient of The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers by the federal government. Established by Congress in 1983, the PAEMST program has been a benchmark that all teachers strive to achieve. Richard Brooks' dedication to his students and steadfastness in his commitment to excellence has not gone unnoticed. I am honored to recognize him as one of this year's recipients.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Richard Brooks for receiving this award and for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District the education that they will need to be successful in the future. I am proud to represent him, his fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Richard Brooks and wishing him well and continued success in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING  
OF CITRUS RIDGE: A CIVICS  
ACADEMY

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the opening of Citrus Ridge: A Civics Academy, a new charter school for Kindergarten through eighth grade students, located in Florida's 15th Congressional District.

Citrus Ridge integrates Civics content and skills throughout all its students' curriculum. There, students will learn the skills and responsibilities associated with good citizenship by contributing to their school community.

Middle School students have the special opportunity to participate in the Civics Leadership Academy with a variety of civics electives, including Speech and Debate, Engaged Citizenship through Service Learning, and Law Studies.

By engaging in these courses, along with their regular curriculum, students will learn the importance of civic engagement and the valuable principles of self-government.

This great nation has a system of self-government in place, thoughtfully set forth by our Founding Fathers.

Self-government is the ability to govern one's self. Without this ability, individuals and politicians cease to vote for and promote policies contributing to the sustaining of our Republic.

We need to teach our children the principles of self-government at an early age and throughout their lives, so they may become well-informed and contributing citizens in our society.

I congratulate and thank all those who have been engaged in and helped with this amazing effort, and I offer my continued support to Citrus Ridge moving forward. It is my hope Citrus Ridge will be an example of civic learning and

engagement throughout the 15th District, the entire State of Florida, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER IS  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS  
MONTH AND THE LIFE OF AMAN-  
DA CONROW

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This year over 16,000 children and adolescents will be diagnosed with cancer. This horrifying disease does not know race, nationality, religion, gender, or socio-economic status. As a mother and a grandmother, one of my greatest hopes is that one day every person can live a healthy, long life without the fear of cancer. I'm especially proud that a bill I wrote, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), is now playing a leading role in much of the cancer research being done across the country today, after a 14 year fight to get it signed into law.

Eliminating childhood cancer is one issue that I am grateful to see is bipartisan. As a member of the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus, I am proud to work with my friends on both sides of the aisle to advocate and support robust funding for research to prevent the suffering and long-term effects of childhood cancer.

With significant advances in medicine in the past 40 years, the mortality rate for childhood cancer has declined by more than 50 percent. Still, 1,250 children may lose their battle with cancer by the end of this year. We must continue to push for robust funding for institutions such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. We must work to increase awareness for early detection and support those in our community who face this reality with our compassion and support.

Further, Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Rochester's own Amanda Conrow. In 2012, when she was just three years old, Amanda was diagnosed with ependymoma, a cancer of the brain and central nervous system. Doctors told Amanda's parents she would maybe live another year. Amanda, like so many other courageous children, proved the doctors wrong. With the support and love of her mother Liz, her father Paul, and her amazing siblings Samantha, Michael, Jessica and Emily, Amanda lived to see her sixth birthday. Her determination and tenaciousness inspired many in the community and helped to bring awareness to childhood cancer in the Rochester area. Sadly, Amanda lost her battle in the early hours of February 8, 2015.

Mr. Speaker, let us all be inspired by Amanda's life and the courage and bravery of every child facing this disease. It is my deepest hope that we can support the work of doctors and researchers that are committed to working tirelessly so that one day we will achieve the ultimate goal of eliminating cancer as a threat to all.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN AND DONALD  
TYE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Karen and Donald Tye of Macedonia, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 9, 2016.

Karen and Donald's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th 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 50th 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.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF JAMES  
G. PATTERSON

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the life of James G. Patterson.

August 22nd marks the birthday of Mr. Patterson who served his country in Korea until the conflict ended on July 27, 1953. Mr. Patterson returned to Alabama in the late 1950s and joined the Alabama National Guard. He served at the integration of the University of Alabama in June of 1963 and during the third Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

His Army and National Guard experience were important to him and he shared his admiration and respect for Korea, education, religion and Civil Rights with his son, James E. Patterson, an Auburn University graduate, an Associate Member of the Korean War Veterans Association and a life member of the America Foreign Service Association.

Mr. Patterson's son honored his father, who passed away in 2003, by appearing as a reporter in the 2015 film "Selma." His son had his late father's military photo in his pocket as his scenes were filmed in Atlanta the week of Father's Day in 2014. James also wrote an article in the April 2015 issue of the National Guard Magazine titled, "Proud of My Father."

On August 22, the Patterson family remembers and celebrates the life of James G. Patterson by volunteering at libraries, churches and schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes on Monday,

September 12, 2016. Had I been present for roll call vote number 496, H. Res. 847, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 497, H. Res. 835, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt a national policy for technology to promote consumers' access to financial tools and online commerce to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING RABBI EMERITUS  
AMIEL WOHL

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend, Rabbi Emeritus Amiel Wohl, who will be honored this Friday during a special farewell Shabbat Dinner and Service at Temple Israel of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, New York.

Throughout his life, Rabbi Wohl has dedicated himself to his faith and his community. He has served as Rabbi at Temple Israel in New Rochelle since 1973. Previously, he served congregations in Waco, Texas; Baltimore, Maryland; and Sacramento, California, where he was the Chaplain of the California Senate. Since moving to Westchester, he has served as President of the Westchester Jewish Council, represented the Central Conference of American Rabbis on the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, and is a past President of the Westchester Board of Rabbis. He was also instrumental in creating the only Sabbath service radio broadcast in the New York Metropolitan Area.

As a local leader, Rabbi Wohl has worked to advance peaceful cooperation in our diverse community. He was a founder of the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle, and served on the Human Rights Commission of New Rochelle and the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. He also helped create the Coalition for Mutual Respect, an organization that supports dialogue and understanding between Black and Jewish members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Wohl's many accomplishments have left an indelible imprint on the communities he served. I congratulate my dear friend on a lifetime of commitment to the Jewish people and steadfast embodiment of, and devotion to, Jewish values.

TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE AND BILL  
CREES

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeanette and Bill Crees of Casey, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anni-

versary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 12, 2016.

Jeanette and Bill's lifelong commitment to each other, and to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th 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 50th 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 496, had I been present, I would have voted YES.

HONORING JOANNE WHITE

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and along with my colleague, Representative LINDA SÁNCHEZ, the Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics, we rise today so that we may recognize the long and dedicated service of Mattie Joanne White to the House of Representatives. Joanne is retiring from the Ethics Committee this year, after more than 25 years of service to the Committee, and over 41 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Joanne started her service with the Committee as a Staff Assistant, and through hard work and dedication, she rose to become the Committee's Administrative Staff Director. The Committee on Ethics is the only standing committee of the House whose membership is evenly divided between each political party. The Committee includes five members of each party. Also, unlike other committees, the day-to-day work of the Committee on Ethics is conducted by a staff that is nonpartisan by rule. Throughout that time, Joanne has been the model of the Committee's non-partisan, professional staff.

We congratulate Joanne on the completion of an exemplary career in public service. We will miss her knowledge and leadership, but we know that she will remain our friend.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN AND BOB  
BOOTS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jean and Bob

Boots of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 17, 1956 at the Congregational Church in Stuart, Iowa.

Jean and Bob's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Steve, Judy, and Linda, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF 45 YEARS OF  
CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS  
LEADERSHIP

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the continued service over the last 45 years of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Since its inception, the Congressional Black Caucus has been committed to advancing justice, fairness, and equal protection under the law. I am proud to work with Caucus Chair G. K. BUTTERFIELD, original founding member Representative JOHN CONYERS, Jr., and over forty other members of Congress who diligently highlight inequalities and advocate for solutions to some of our nation's most significant problems.

As an active member of the Caucus since its foundation, I am humbled to serve for a body that protects the most vulnerable, and serves as a mouthpiece for those who often find themselves without a voice. What began 45 years ago as a group of thirteen individuals who expressed their concerns to President Richard Nixon has grown nearly three times in size, and has become an institution in the fight for social, economic, educational, and judicial change.

In many Congressional districts, including the 13th district of New York, our constituents face challenges of discrimination and, if not for the Congressional Black Caucus, might not have representation on issues of significance. While we have come a long way from the marches for Civil Rights in the 1960s, we still have many miles to go. Until we get there, I am confident that the Congressional Black Caucus will continue its dedication to resolve critical issues that affect minority communities.

This week as we approach the annual Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Legislative Conference, we celebrate the achievements and advocacy of the Congressional Black Caucus, but realize there is more to be done. As we look to the future, the Congressional Black Caucus will remain the conscience of Congress and continue to improve the lives for all.