

in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to continue to reaffirm its commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs.

The Holocaust resulted in the murder of two-thirds of the Jewish population in Europe at the time of World War II.

In addition to this, more Jewish people fled in the face of extermination and left behind friends, personal items, homes, and much more in the effort to preserve their own lives.

To this day, there are approximately 500,000 Holocaust victims still alive around the world with 100,000 Holocaust victims currently living in the United States.

Of this large number of Holocaust survivors, tens of thousands are 80 years or older and 50 percent will pass away within the next decade while the living victims will experience increased health needs as they become frailer.

Even if age were not a factor, many Holocaust victims still alive suffer from permanent and psychological disabilities and live with emotional scars from the systematic genocide of the Jewish people.

Furthermore, Holocaust survivors often experience trauma when their emotional and physical circumstances force them to leave their homes and enter into either institutional or other group living residential facilities, and the emotional and psychological scars are heightened in the elder age of these Holocaust victims.

Many Holocaust victims are currently living below the poverty line and cannot afford basic necessities such as healthcare, food, transportation and other needs so that they may live their remaining time in comfort and dignity.

The government often steps in to assist with these Holocaust victims given that many lack family support networks and therefore require additional support of social services.

Additionally, the spokesperson for Chancellor Angela Merkel has stated that Germany accepts full responsibility for the Holocaust and effects thereof.

Germany has also acknowledged that the support and funds they have been providing are insufficient to these increased needs of the Holocaust victims, and Germany agrees that resources and support must be expanded to meet these needs.

These Holocaust victims have suffered enough, and it is the moral and historical responsibility of Germany to comprehensively, permanently, and urgently provide support and resources for medical, mental health, and long-term care needs of all Holocaust victims.

Because of this, we stand in support of working to ensure that all Holocaust victims in the United States and around the world are able to live in dignity, comfort, and security throughout their remaining years.

TRIBUTE TO
FLORIDACHARACTER.ORG

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize FloridaCharacter.org for promoting morality in schools, families, communities and workplaces throughout our community.

FloridaCharacter.org helps young people everywhere strive to be ethical and engaged citizens irrespective of their backgrounds. They are a nonprofit organization that works with districts, schools and other organizations to help foster a culture where young people thrive both academically and morally. They provide the necessary resources for educators, community activists, workplaces, and parents to create a productive environment.

Due to the extraordinary success of their model, FloridaCharacter.org provides tutorials to organizations across the world who wish to institute similar values in their communities. This template is named "The 11 Principles of Effective Character Education" which appropriately sums up their philosophy on character education. FloridaCharacter.org also helps people exchange ideas and resources through a network of organizations, schools, and individuals while discussing potentially beneficial approaches to further their work.

I would like to thank FloridaCharacter.org for being such an outstanding organization that works to encourage integral values such as honesty and respect, in parallel to an exemplary education. I thank FloridaCharacter.org for their passion and exceptional work, and ask that this body join me in recognizing them as well.

TRIBUTE TO GUTHRIE COUNTY
STATE BANK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa business, Guthrie County State Bank of Guthrie Center, Iowa as they celebrate their 85th anniversary.

Founded on October 17, 1931, Guthrie County State Bank (GCSB) has grown from one bank location to a banking group that has branched out to realty, investment and abstracts. Its focus has never wavered from customer service and providing community service in Guthrie County.

Mr. Speaker, over the last 85 years GCSB has left an indelible mark on the banking industry and Guthrie County, Iowa. I commend Guthrie County State Bank and their employees for a job well done. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring Guthrie County State Bank for its unwavering commitment to agriculture and the state of Iowa. I wish Guthrie County State Bank and their employees nothing but continued success in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING DAVID A.
HINDIN ON BECOMING A 2016
SAMMIES FINALIST

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize David Hindin on being selected as a 2016 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America

Medals finalist. This honor is one shared with a select group of other federal employees who have achieved excellence in their work. Mr. Hindin has earned this recognition through imparting his passion and commitment to improving regulatory compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Through using modern technology and practical policies, Mr. Hindin has helped to increase regulatory compliance with EPA regulations, keeping our air and waterways clean. Mr. Hindin recognizes the need not merely for regulation, but also for compliance with existing policies. By holding industries accountable for their actions and improving transparency, Mr. Hindin and his office have encouraged companies to reduce the amount of pollution that they produce. The application of these cutting edge tools and ideas has distinguished Mr. Hindin in his field.

Mr. Hindin's hard work, perseverance, and excellence are exemplified in his receipt of this honor. We need to encourage more federal employees like Mr. Hindin who work hard and dedicate their lives to helping the environment. I look forward to Mr. Hindin's continued success and innovation in his work.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to highlight the importance of this recognition and what it represents for Mr. Hindin and our district. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Hindin on being a 2016 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals finalist. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ARC LOS ANGELES
AND ORANGE COUNTIES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Arc Los Angeles and Orange Counties (The Arc LAOC) on its 60th anniversary, which is being celebrated on September 24th. Thanks to its advocacy and its array of services, intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals in my district have found new opportunities to participate in community life. I salute this dynamic organization, and all those it serves, on 60 years of hard work, progress, and triumph.

The Arc LAOC has a rich legacy of promoting self-determination, dignity, and a high quality of life for all individuals. It was founded in 1956 by a handful of dedicated and resourceful parents seeking educational and employment opportunities for their sons and daughters. Today, its programs and services assist more than 200 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. With the organization's help, these individuals set and accomplish goals relating to learning, living, working, and socializing.

The past decade has been a time of substantial growth for The Arc LAOC. Its latest addition, the Community Integrated Training Program (CIT), offers opportunities in the arts, culture education, hobby development, and community experiences to participants aged 22 to 49. Other developments have included the October 2014 opening of the Just-A-Buck

store in Long Beach, and the renovation of Downey's Reagan Banquet and Conference Center, named in loving memory of Bennie and Annie Reagan.

The organization marked another milestone this past March, when it celebrated its 20th Annual Arc Walk for Independence. The Walk is a yearly opportunity for thousands of people from surrounding communities to gather in support of independence for individuals with developmental disabilities.

I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating the 60th anniversary of The Arc Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Its decades-long record of service and success is a powerful reminder that wonderful things can happen when we offer help and hope to our fellow Americans. Thanks to its strong partnerships with local agencies, leaders, and businesses, I have no doubt that it will continue to evolve as a leading community organization.

CULVER CITY CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, the City of Culver City kicks off a year of festivities this Saturday that will culminate in celebration of the 100th anniversary of its incorporation on September 20, 1917. Real estate developer and promoter Harry Culver saw a huge opportunity in the former Rancho La Ballona, and bought 93 acres of barley fields nestled at the foot of the Baldwin Hills. His plot was conveniently located at the junction of three major transportation routes on the Pacific Red Car as they traveled between burgeoning downtown Los Angeles and the new resort developments at the beach, and early advertising claimed that "all roads lead to Culver City."

The city seal proclaims Culver City "The Heart of Screenland," and many movies attributed to Hollywood were actually filmed there, going all the way back to the Triangle Motion Picture Company in 1915, Thomas Ince Studio in 1918, and Hal Roach Studios in 1919.

Over the years, those same movie lots have been home to Metro-Goldwin-Mayer, DeMille Studios, RKO-Pathé, Desilu and other well-known production companies. Sony Pictures Studios, among others, now carries on the tradition of over a century of continuous movie-making.

In addition to film and television business, Culver City has played host to a variety of industries and entrepreneurs, whose products ranged from stoves to macaroni in the early years, to the famous Helms Bakery, whose former home still attracts business as a design hub. Howard Hughes opened Hughes Aircraft there in 1941, and the city is currently home to many thriving enterprises, including Symantec, Beats by Dre, NFL Media and NPR West.

Culver City's residents are justifiably proud of their schools, parks, museums and theatres, and their small-town feel within the metropolis of Los Angeles. Economically prosperous, environmentally conscious, education-minded and civically engaged, the people of Culver City have much to celebrate. I would like to wish all the best to Mayor Jim Clarke

and the other members of the City Council, to the city's staff, and to its entire population as they embark on the city's next century.

TRIBUTE TO RAY MABBITT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Ray Mabbitt of Council Bluffs, Iowa on his recent retirement as a Captain with the Council Bluffs Police Department after 33 years of service. He joined the Council Bluffs Police Department on January 24, 1983.

Ray Mabbitt served as a uniform patrolman, detective, polygraph examiner, internal affairs, and officer in the criminal investigation units. He also served as the interim police chief after the retirement of Police Chief Ralph O'Donnell. Ray said, "Joining the police force was something I had wanted to do since high school." He said he enjoyed coming to work every day because he always did something different. Ray said that he will miss his co-workers and city residents who have shown their support for him and the police department.

Mr. Speaker, Ray Mabbitt made a difference by helping and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in recognizing his accomplishments. I thank him for his service to the City of Council Bluffs and wish him all the best in the future.

H.R. 3471, THE VETERANS
MOBILITY SAFETY ACT

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concerns about certain aspects of the Veterans Mobility Safety Act (H.R. 3471) as reported from the Veterans Affairs Committee. Thousands of disabled veterans each month are provided exterior vehicle lifts for their motorized scooters or wheelchairs and/or fully modified vehicles, depending on the degree of their mobility limitations. These serve as essential tools to ensuring that veterans have the freedom they deserve and help them live their lives to the fullest. While it is important to ensure that vehicles are operating safely after they receive VA-funded accessibility benefits, this legislation, which creates a new regulatory regime for the VA to implement, would benefit from some minor improvements.

I am pleased that the Veterans Affairs Committee stated that in approving this legislation, Congress intends for the VA to preserve access to residential installations and service of exterior vehicle lifts, which is essential for our veterans. Veterans with limited mobility, as opposed to no mobility, often have an exterior lift installed on their vehicles via a standard trailer hitch that allows for the transport of a scooter or power wheelchair. Currently, the vast ma-

jority of these lifts are installed in the driveway of the veteran's home in as little as 30 minutes, as opposed to an equipment dealer's place of business, which is far more convenient for veterans and their families. These simple modifications significantly differ from modifications to the structure or controls of a vehicle, which are not done at a veteran's home and can take days or even weeks.

And while the bill would permit manufacturers of vehicle lifts to continue to certify dealers and their employees as compliant with safety requirements, I would like to have seen a more robust conflict of interest provision related to the use of a third party certification organization for the new safety standards. The bill should also have explained more clearly how the new regulatory regime should differentiate between simple modifications, such as the addition of an exterior lift, and complex modifications, which affect the structure and/or operation of the vehicle. These simple changes to the bill could increase veterans' safety while ensuring against unintended consequences that could limit choices and access for our veterans.

H.R. 3471 authorizes the VA to allow third party organizations (other than manufacturers) to certify that vendors are meeting the standards created by this bill but only instructs VA to "minimize" conflicts of interest. I am troubled because even a "minimal" conflict of interest could give segments of the automotive adaptive market a competitive advantage. I am particularly concerned that a trade group, which is dominated by and representative of a fraction of the industry, is seeking to become a certifying organization and could be in a position to certify (or not) the competitors of its members. Accordingly, I am pleased that the Committee Report notes that Congress "expects VA to take all appropriate steps to minimize the potential for conflicts of interest, particularly if a third party organization who stands to unreasonably gain from designating quality standards high enough so that only the organization itself can certify providers of modification equipment is selected as a certifying body."

NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the upcoming National Day of Taiwan, which falls on October 10, and is referred to on Taiwan as Double Ten Day. I extend my best wishes to the people of Taiwan as they prepare for this important day, and also offer my best wishes for the day itself.

As a Member of Congress, I am proud of the actions we have taken through the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) and the Six Assurances in helping to make it possible for the people of Taiwan to build the strong, prosperous, and democratic society they enjoy today. I would also note the excitement generated by the election of the first woman to the Taiwan's presidency, whom I had the honor of meeting recently. Our bilateral relationship is as strong as ever, and I am confident it will continue to be in the years to come under President Tsai's leadership.