

him or his goal of ending his wrestling career on the top of the podium.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Cory on winning the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship, and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN BILLHEIMER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ryan Billheimer of Adair, Iowa, for being named the 2016 Adair Citizen of the Year.

Ryan was recognized at a ceremony held on March 20th, 2017 at the Adair City Hall. He and his Co-Citizen of the Year, Mark Emgarten, were instrumental in the design, implementation and construction of the Adair Playground Project.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Ryan in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in commending Ryan for his service to Adair and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MARK EMGARTEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mark Emgarten of Adair, Iowa, for being named the 2016 Adair Citizen of the Year.

Mark was recognized at a ceremony held on March 20th, 2017 at the Adair City Hall. He and his Co-Citizen of the Year, Ryan Billheimer, were instrumental in the design, implementation and construction of the Adair Playground Project.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Mark in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in commending Mark for his service to Adair and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT GAVIN MCKIBBEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gavin McKibben of Waukeke, Iowa, for earning the

rank of Eagle Scout. Gavin is a member of Boy Scout Troop 182. The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately two percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Gavin saw a need for a convenient way to collect worn U.S. flags to be properly disposed of in a retirement ceremony. Partnering with the Waukeke American Legion, who sponsored his service project, Gavin built a wood and metal box that is now permanently stationed outside the American Legion building where residents can drop off flags. The work ethic Gavin has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and throughout his scouting career speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Gavin and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.