

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MORAVIA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Moravia High School Boys' Basketball Team in the New York State Public High School Association Class C Championship on March 18, 2017. The Moravia Blue Devils defeated the Lake George Warriors by a score of 54–39 to secure the Blue Devils' first state title in program history.

The Blue Devils, who finished the season 22–5, were determined to win the program's first state title. Junior Kaleb Stayton led the team with 17 points followed by senior Jordan Crossgrove with 12 points. Members of the state championship team include Stayton, Crossgrove, Zack Becker, LinWei Chen, Parker Dickenson, Jack Fedrizzi, Carter Flick, Gavin Genson, Kaden Hooper, Austin Kulas, Dustin Mondics, Gabe Short, Scottie Sovocool, and Zack Stanton. The team is coached by Todd Mulvaney.

I am honored to recognize the teamwork displayed by the Moravia Blue Devils and to congratulate the members of the team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers at Moravia High School. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2017 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

HONORING DAVID CAPP

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect and admiration that I take this time to honor David Capp and to wish him well upon his retirement from his position as United States Attorney. For his relentless dedication to the people of Northwest Indiana and beyond, he is worthy of the highest praise. In honor of Dave's remarkable career, a celebratory event will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at the Hammond Federal Courthouse.

David Capp graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Indiana, in 1968. He went on to graduate with a Bachelor of the Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1972 and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Valparaiso University School of Law in 1977.

After completing his studies, Dave practiced law in the private sector for eight years before joining the United States Attorney's Office in 1985. From 1991 to 2007, he served as first assistant and was responsible for the daily operations of the office. During his career, Mr. Capp served as interim United States Attorney on multiple occasions under administrations of both political parties. This unique history is a testament to the esteem held for Mr. Capp's impeccable ethics and extraordinary talent. He also became the terrorism coordinator after the tragic events of September 11, 2001. On December 23, 2009, David Capp was nominated for United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana and was confirmed by the Senate on April 22, 2010.

Throughout his noteworthy career, Mr. Capp has been unwavering in his professional duties and in his pursuit of justice. Through his work, he has ensured the safety of those he has served, whether from violence, ethical lapses, the despoilment of our environment, or predatory economic activity. David's painstaking commitment to justice has been witnessed time and again. He has left our world a better place to live and given the people of our nation a future that is brighter because he walked among us.

Attorney Capp and I both grew up in the Glen Park neighborhood of Gary, Indiana. Although we did not know each other growing up, I have been blessed by David's friendship for nearly four decades. And not possessing his legal acumen, I am proud to note that he is the unquestioned national expert on fraud committed in uncontested elections.

In summary, I most respect David Capp's commitment to working hard and doing his best. I appreciate his judicious temperament, his dogged belief in doing the right thing—always—and his unshakable devotion to public service.

Mr. Speaker, David Capp is the best. His leadership has introduced permanent positive changes throughout Northern Indiana and our state. His vision has provided all of us with a guide to an improved and gentler future. His is a life we should all seek to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to an outstanding public servant and to wish him well upon his retirement. David Capp's impact on the region will be witnessed by generations to come, and for his many contributions, he is deserving of our gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF MADELAINE WALKER KIRLIN

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my Chief of Staff, Michael Kirlin, and

his wife Emily, who serves as Director of Member Services for the Senate Majority Whip, JOHN CORNYN of Texas, upon the birth of their beautiful daughter. Madelaine Walker Kirlin arrived into the world at 5:50 pm on Monday April 24, 2017 at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. Madelaine weighed nine pounds and measured twenty-one inches long. Madelaine is their second child, and her big brother Brock is just as excited as his parents.

I would also like to congratulate Madelaine's grandparents, Michael Kirlin of Bethany Beach, Delaware, and Brock and Cameron Hill of Crossville, Tennessee. Congratulations to the entire Kirlin and Hill families as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MS. TRACY CIAMPAGLIO AFTER 29 YEARS OF TEACHING

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the retirement of Ms. Tracy Ciampaglio after 29 years of teaching.

Tracy began teaching preschool in 1988 while in graduate school. From 1990 to 1994, Tracy taught first grade and preschool, married her husband Timothy and cared for their first child. From 1994 to 1997, Tracy ran a Parents Anonymous group that sought to teach good parenting skills to the community. During this timeframe, Tracy and Timothy welcomed their second child. From 1997 to 2006, Tracy taught preschool through first grade in four different states while Timothy was deployed with the U.S. Coast Guard. This year, Tracy will be retiring after 11 years as a sixth and seventh grade teacher at Holy Cross Academy. During Tracy's 29 years, she has taught 1,650 students.

Tracy's passion for educating can be seen in the lives she has impacted. Through Tracy's classes, many students who had difficulties reading not only received help and care, but also developed a passion for reading. Tracy consistently has former students visit to thank her for how she impacted their education and lives.

As the spouse of an educator and as someone who has known the Ciampaglio family for many years, I know firsthand the commitment and sacrifice that Tracy has made through her life's work of educating our Nation's youth. I admire and applaud Tracy for her lifelong commitment to her calling and for her service to this great nation.

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RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ONONDAGA THUNDER BOYS ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Onondaga Thunder Boys' Ice Hockey Team in the U14 Tier 3 New York State Championship on March 5, 2017. The Onondaga Thunder defeated White Plains by a score of 5–1 in the title game. With this win, the Onondaga Thunder took home the state title for the second time in three years.

Members of the state championship team include Jordan Joslyn, Brackton Bowler, Tanner Burns, Kaleb Benedict, Brett Collier, Zach Delaney, Ben Hammond, Josh Kuchinski, Tyler Murray, Brad O'Neil, Derek Shumaker, Luke Pinkney, and Dominick Tutino. The team is coached by Greg Burns and assistants Greg Murray and Tom Joslyn.

I am honored to recognize the teamwork displayed by the Onondaga Thunder and to congratulate the members of the team, their families, and the coaching staff. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2017 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

HONORING MRS. SHARON GIESE

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a great friend to Arizona, Mrs. Sharon Giese, who passed away on April 19, 2017. Sharon distinguished herself in our community as a thoughtful leader and respected advocate.

Sharon Giese served with distinction as Arizona's Republican National Committeewoman from 2002 until her retirement in 2016. She was President of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AZFRW) from 1992 to 1993; she was a supporter of and parliamentarian for the AFRW and National Federal of Republican Women for many decades; she served several years as the official professional parliamentarian for the Chairman of The Republican National Committee as well as the Arizona Republican Party Chair at various meetings and conventions for over a decade; she was a delegate to Republican National Conventions in 2008, 2012 and 2016, held multiple positions in the Arizona Republican Party, supported Republican Teens, was an elected precinct committeewoman, member for many years on AZGOP central committee and a Presidential Elector in 2016.

I am proud to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Sharon Giese for her tireless and devoted service to our country. I extend my condolences to all of her friends, family, and loved ones.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN RUSSELL OF CMS AND CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE JOHN G. RUSSELL LEADERSHIP CENTER

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Russell, Chairman of the Board of Directors for CMS and Consumers Energy, for the dedication of the John G. Russell Leadership Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Customer-focused and data-driven, John has inspired countless employees to accomplish extraordinary things, and with the opening of this center, his legacy will continue to train and motivate leaders for generations to come.

During his 35-year career in the energy industry, John valued leadership and was deeply committed to developing strong, capable leaders throughout the company. He challenged the organization to consistently deliver breakthrough results and leave Michigan better than he found it.

A longtime Grand Rapids resident, John was President and Chief Executive Officer of CMS and Consumers Energy from May 2010 to July 2016. He was named Chairman of the Boards of CMS and Consumers Energy in May 2016.

John also served on the boards of Grand Valley State University, Business Leaders for Michigan, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Hubbell Inc. and The Right Place Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Russell for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the state of Michigan.

HONORING MR. PHIL "HAMBONE" HAMILTON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to stand before you and my fellow colleagues today to recognize Mr. Phil "Hambone" Hamilton, as he celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his baseball and softball umpiring career. For his lifetime of devotion to the youth in the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, through the sports of baseball and softball, Phil Hamilton is to be commended.

Phil's love for umpiring began when he became a baseball team manager while attending Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Indiana. He was given the opportunity to umpire at a practice game, and from that day forward, Phil discovered his passion and skill for officiating.

After high school, while working at U.S. Steel, Phil began umpiring for the Gary Little League, Gary Babe Ruth League, the National Softball Association, the Amateur Softball Association, and high school games throughout Northwest Indiana. Upon retiring from U.S. Steel, after thirty-six years of service, he began officiating full-time.

As an umpire, he has called many games featuring future major league baseball players

LaTroy Hawkins, Kenny Lofton, Lloyd McClendon and Ron Kittle, to name a few. Players and coaches alike have observed Phil's enjoyment, pride, and passion for officiating. Consequently, he is highly respected for his dedication, knowledge, and the fairness he brings to the game.

In addition to umpiring, Phil volunteered at the College Football Hall of Fame at its previous location in South Bend, Indiana, where he enjoyed greeting visitors and assisting with assembling exhibits and displays. An avid sports enthusiast, Phil is a devoted fan of the Chicago Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks and spends the offseason rooting for and attending Notre Dame football games.

I must also add that I have known this wonderful gentleman since we started first grade together at Saint Mark's Grade School in Gary, Indiana. I have been blessed by his friendship my entire life and consider him a most generous soul who has served the youth of our state his entire life. His is a life we should all seek to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our fellow colleagues to join me in commending Phil "Hambone" Hamilton for his 50 dedicated years of serving the youth of his community. I applaud his distinguished officiating career and passion for the game, and I am pleased to honor him today.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SKANEATELES GIRLS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Skaneateles Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Team in the 2017 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championship on February 11, 2017. The Skaneateles Lakers defeated Orchard Park by a score of 5–1 for their second state title.

The Lakers, who never trailed a game and had nine shutouts, finished out a perfect season with a 19–0 record. They scored 109 goals this past season, while only getting scored on 13 times. Members of the undefeated state championship team include Sophie Kush, Alison Weiss, Maria McLean, Johna Halko, Lauren Jones, Kat Lindgren, Katie Halko, Emily Cox, Grace Schnorr, Abby Kuhns, Cecily Kawejnsza, Katrina Harter, Anne Rubel, Megan Teachout, Heather Tanzella, Jessica Smith, Sophia Burns, Ioanna Christou, Grace Kush, Campbell Torrey, and Caroline Corbett. The team is coached by Andy Rozak.

Not only did the Lakers play hard this season, but they studied hard as well. The Lakers were also a New York State Scholar Athlete team due to their academic accomplishments.

I am honored to recognize the teamwork displayed by the Skaneateles Lakers and to congratulate the members of the team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers at Skaneateles High School. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2017 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

IN APPRECIATION OF JAMES LIEBERMAN'S CAREER AT U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENCY

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fine constituent and public servant, James Lieberman. After thirty years, Mr. Lieberman will be retiring from a prolific and significant career at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency.

Between 1985 and 2005, Mr. Lieberman's career blossomed as a U.S. Customs Service Contract Specialist. During this period, he served as a Procuring and Administrative Contracting Officer on many of the highest-visibility, highest-priority and highest-impact acquisitions within the agency. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Lieberman was asked to serve as Chief of the Business Management Branch of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency supervising contracting professionals who provided acquisition services to support the Offices of the Commissioner, Chief Counsel, International Trade, Internal Affairs, Congressional Affairs, Public Affairs, Finance, Training and Development, and Human Resources. Between 2007 and 2012 James served as the Director of the Border Patrol Contracting Division. His division was responsible for acquiring all supplies, equipment and services for Office of Border Patrol. After an exemplary demonstration of skill, Mr. Lieberman was asked to serve as the Director of the Border Enforcement Contracting Division from 2012 to 2017. His career crescendoed during his time as the Acting Executive Director, Procurement Directorate, from 2016 to 2017. His department is comprised of seven divisions authorized for 166 full-time employees.

We appreciate Mr. Lieberman's profound commitment to public service and honor his long and successful career.

HONORING DR. THOMAS E. STARZL

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Thomas E. Starzl of Les Mars, Iowa. A pioneer in the world of science and medicine, Dr. Thomas E. Starzl will forever be remembered as an extraordinary member of our community. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Starzl revolutionized medicine by successfully performing the first ever human liver transplant. Dr. Starzl's work saved thousands of lives, and he became known as "the father of transplantation." On March 4, 2017, Starzl passed away peacefully at his home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Thomas Starzl was born in Les Mars, Iowa to a family of first generation Americans. As an undergraduate, Dr. Starzl attended Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri and eventually went on to complete an M.D. and Ph.D. in neuroscience at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Starzl would spend a majority of his early ca-

reer working at the University of Iowa and the University of Colorado until his move to University of Pittsburgh, where he remained until his retirement. In 2006, President George W. Bush awarded Dr. Starzl the National Medal of Science for his pioneering work in transplantation. He has also received awards from the National Institute of Medicine, the American Liver Foundation, the National Kidney Foundation, and the American Medical Foundation, among others.

Dr. Starzl was considered a "force of nature" to those who knew and loved him. One of his former students remarked that he came to recognize Dr. Starzl's "work ethic and pragmatism as characteristics in many of my patients and think that his salt-of-the-earth values must have been instilled at an early age." I and other Iowans are proud to call Dr. Starzl one of our own.

BERNADETTE GRAY-LITTLE

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bernadette Gray-Little for her unwavering leadership and service as the 17th Chancellor of the University of Kansas. As her tenure comes to an end and we reflect on her eight years as Chancellor, we celebrate the work Bernadette Gray-Little has done to positively impact the university, the state of Kansas, and beyond.

Chancellor Gray-Little has championed initiatives for the University such as the implementation of new admissions standards, prioritizing retention and graduation rates, and succeeding at growing the freshman class for five consecutive years. She has overseen the physical transformation of KU's campuses by securing support for new projects as well as major renovations for the university.

Additionally, she has demonstrated courage and compassion by leading university conversations on matters such as sexual assault, diversity and inclusion, campus safety, and the living and working environment on the university's campus.

When it comes to the state of Kansas, Chancellor Gray-Little has made her imprint through undertaking university efforts that would help in creating new jobs to spur economic growth, launching startup companies, developing corporate partnerships, licensing new technologies, and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among faculty, staff and students alike.

Chancellor Gray-Little demonstrated national leadership as a member of the board of directors of the Association of American Universities and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. As a member on these boards, she played an important role on the national level as a strong advocate for higher education and the importance of research funding. We can see her impact as she led the university to new heights in research funding that will benefit people around the globe.

As Chancellor of KU, Bernadette Gray-Little made history as the first female and first African-American Chancellor in the university's existence. Chancellor Gray-Little has led the University of Kansas with strength and humil-

ity. She truly has been an inspiration to students, staff, faculty, and colleagues throughout the state and our nation.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Bernadette Gray-Little for her service and commitment to the University of Kansas and I wish her all the best in the years ahead.

HONORING MR. ROGER SHALALA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the esteemed career of Roger Shalala following 50 years of dedicated service to the Elbridge Volunteer Fire Company in Elbridge, New York.

On December 6, 1966, Mr. Shalala joined the Elbridge Volunteer Fire Company to serve his community. He served as the Department's President during 1968 and then maintained a 24 year tenure as Secretary, where he gained a wealth of knowledge of the Department's history and background. As such, Mr. Shalala has become known as the resident historian of the Elbridge Volunteer Fire Company.

During his time serving the Elbridge Volunteer Fire Company, Mr. Shalala's passion for serving his community has never faltered. He regularly volunteers at events to benefit the Department, including parades, fundraisers, pancake breakfasts, and chicken and biscuit dinners.

It is my honor to recognize Roger Shalala's 50 years of devoted service to our community.

IN HONOR OF JESSICA MARK'S RECEIPT OF THE YAVAPAI COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Ms. Jessica Marks of Yavapai, Arizona. Jessica is an accomplished and respected educator whose distinguished career has inspired countless young people in Arizona to follow their dreams. Currently, she teaches Language Arts to the students of Glassford Hill Middle School in Yavapai. Her inspiring service to the youth of our district is deserving of all of our admiration. It comes as no surprise that she is being recognized as the Yavapai County Teacher of the Year.

Jessica's career in education began in 2011, where she taught at Liberty Traditional School and later became a founding teacher at Prescott Valley's Arizona Agribusiness and Equine Center. On account of her teaching excellence, 100 percent of her students passed AIMS testing. Jessica has prioritized community engagement, leadership skills and well-rounded character in her pedagogical approach. Outside of the classroom, she has served as an adviser to the student yearbook, the community service organization Panthers in Action, the National Junior Honor Society, and the school newspaper, amongst other extracurricular responsibilities. Jessica also

works hard planning the annual eighth grade trip to Catalina Island.

Jessica's service and mentorship to our youth is commendable. Her track record of excellence began when she undertook her first teaching position, and has continued to the present day. Jessica's amazing career serves as a beacon of civic duty and care for one's community, and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to recognize her today.

HONORING NEW CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate fifteen individuals who took their oaths of citizenship on Friday, April 21, 2017. This memorable occasion, presided over by Magistrate Judge John E. Martin, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On April 21, 2017, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Laura Yvette Tirado, Siblu Kudakkachira Mathew, Chiedozie Destiny Felix, Ofelia Juarez Hernandez, Servando Leal, Graciella Lopez-Strambu, Cecilia Mercy Mumbi Muchiri, Uyen Thi Thu Nguyen, Andy Dai Nguyen, Nakyung Nikkie Park, Yasmin Rahim, Alicia Ramirez, Hortencia Rodriguez, Hun Young Susan Yang, and Bahradine Abderhmane Zakaria.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on April 21, 2017. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

COMMENDING ALPHA OMEGA—
HENRY SCHEIN CARES HOLO-
CAUST SURVIVORS ORAL
HEALTH PROGRAM

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in commemoration of Yom HaShoah, to solemnly remember the six million Jews and the millions of others murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. We reaffirm our commitment to stand up and take action when we encounter persecution or an assault on human dignity. As Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate Professor Elie Wiesel counseled, “the opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.”

As we mourn those who perished, we must honor the more than 100,000 survivors of the Holocaust who live here in our United States of America, an estimated one third of whom live in poverty. It is through our understanding of history that we “never forget” their plight and act to ensure that they live their lives in comfort and dignity.

I would like to commend the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program, an innovative public-private partnership that has improved the lives of this most vulnerable population. In under two years, this program has provided critical, pro bono dental care to more than 600 Holocaust survivors in 18 cities across North America. The program serves as a model for what we can accomplish when we work together to help those in need.

As a Member of Congress who represents constituents of the Jewish faith I am compelled to remember today the millions of Jews as well as individuals of other faiths who were murdered during the Holocaust and pay tribute to a partnership committed to enhance Holocaust survivors' quality of life. May their efforts serve as an inspiration to us all to always choose action over indifference.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WESTHILL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Westhill Senior High School Boys' Basketball Team in the New York State Public High School Association Class B Championship on March 18, 2017. The Westhill Warriors defeated the Canton Golden Bears by a score of 80–62 for their fifth state title.

The Warriors, ranked number one in their class, finished the season 25–1. The team had four players who scored double digits in the title game, including senior Kemeran Jackson with 22 points, juniors Sean Dadey and Owen Matukas with 15 points each, and junior John Geer with 11 points. Members of the state championship team include Jackson, Dadey, Matukas, Geer, as well as seniors Braedon Elmer and Antonio Scrimale, juniors Holden Carroll, Corey Frassica, Chris Holt,

Jordan Marcano, and EJ Zawadzki, sophomores Charlie Bolesh and Michael Laszlo, freshmen Zechariah Brown, and Dan Washburn. The team is coached by Kevin King.

I am honored to recognize Coach Kevin King on his fifth state title in program history and to honor the teamwork displayed by the Westhill Warriors in earning the Class B Championship. I congratulate the members of the team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers at Westhill Senior High School. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2017 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

FIFTY YEARS OF COLORADO LEADERSHIP ON ABORTION RIGHTS

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago today, Colorado blazed a trail for the rights of women and girls when it became the first state to loosen restrictions on legal abortions. Until then, the procedure was available only if the woman's life was at stake.

The new law allowed an abortion if the woman's physical or mental health was threatened, if the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest, or if the child might have serious birth defects.

Mr. Speaker, this was seven years before the U.S. Supreme Court would affirm a woman's constitutional right to choose in *Roe v. Wade*. Today, polling consistently shows that seven in 10 Americans do not believe that *Roe* should be overturned. But back in 1967, allowing any loosening of the near-absolute ban on abortion was a risky move from a political point of view.

A freshman Colorado state lawmaker, Richard Lamm, decided the risk was worth it, even if it meant the end of his career. After introducing the bill, he worked State Senator John Bermingham and many others to persuade the overwhelmingly male and Republican-dominated legislature to pass it. Within weeks, Republican Governor John Love signed it into law.

The year before, only 10 abortions had been reported to Colorado's health department. During the eight months remaining in 1967 after the bill was signed, 120 abortions were reported—including for a 12-year-old girl who had been raped. Without that law, her only recourse would have been either a back-alley procedure or carrying the pregnancy to term.

Within the next three years, 11 other states emulated Colorado, while four others loosened restrictions on legal abortions even more.

Rather than see his career come to an end, Richard Lamm went on to serve three terms as Colorado's governor. Now age 81, he's the co-director of the University of Denver's Institute of Public Policy Studies.

Mr. Speaker, as a leader in women's reproductive rights, I am proud to hail from the state that, half a century ago, led the way in giving women and girls more control over their own bodies. It's thanks to enlightened people

with courage and conviction like Richard Lamm that such progress can be made.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMLEN
TUNNELL

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the life of Emlen Tunnell, a Radnor High School graduate, World War II hero, and the first African American to be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Tunnell grew up in Garrett Hill, PA where he excelled in all athletics but decided to accept a football scholarship to Toledo University. Unfortunately, a broken neck nearly cost him his life and football career. But Tunnell recovered. When World War II broke out he desperately wanted to enlist but was rejected from both the Army and Navy due to his injury. Finally, the Coast Guard accepted Tunnell. Twice while serving, he risked his own life to save a fellow serviceman—extinguishing flames that engulfed a friend after a Japanese torpedo attack, and again when he dove into freezing waters to rescue a shipmate.

After serving his country, Tunnell returned to football. He played two years with the University of Iowa before hitchhiking from Lancaster Pike to New York where he tried out to become a Giant. It was a humble start to a stellar career. Tunnell spent 14 years in the league—11 with the Giants and three as a Green Bay Packer. In that time he was selected to the Pro Bowl nine times, played on two championship teams, and held the then NFL record for consecutive games played at 143. In 1967 he became the first African American inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Mr. Tunnell is an American hero. Yet, his name has largely been lost to the history books. That must change. The Sports Legends of Delaware County and Delaware County Veterans Memorial have initiated a campaign to erect a seven-foot bronze statue of Tunnell with that goal in mind. It is an important step to properly honoring this great Pennsylvanian. Through their efforts, Emlen Tunnell's remarkable life and accomplishments will rightly be remembered for decades to come.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF BENJAMIN "BEN" MORRIS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 90th birthday of Benjamin "Ben" Morris of Westmoreland County, VA.

Born on May 6, 1927, Ben would attend grade school at Oak Grove School for first through twelfth grade. Upon graduating in 1945, Ben enlisted in the United States Navy to serve in World War II.

By the time Ben completed boot camp in Maryland, the war had ended but the mission

to invade Japan was still to take place. He journeyed to California to board a troop ship that would travel to the Marshall Islands where he would board the USS *Prairie*. The USS *Prairie* traveled the seas of the Pacific, stopping at many islands, until it reached Tokyo, Japan. Ben recalls being amazed at the destruction of the city from the bombing that had occurred. After his naval tour of 15 months, he returned to his home in Montross, VA to begin working with his father at L.A. Clark Company, producing railroad ties.

In 1950, Ben and his older brother built a lumber mill. That same year, Ben married his wife, Middy, with whom he would have three boys and a daughter. In 1951, Northern Neck Lumber, Inc. opened for business in Warsaw, VA. After his brother's death, Ben continued to run the business until 1995 when he retired. Ben's two sons continue to run the business today.

Ben served on the Board of The Bank of Montross for 34 years until it was sold. Ben is a member of St. James Episcopal Church where he has served on the Vestry several times.

Ben has enjoyed the pleasures of the Northern Neck: golfing, fishing, boating, and hunting. He is proud of his three children from his first marriage who have blessed him with nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Ben and his current wife of 33 years live in Montross, and her two children and five grandchildren have been part of an ever growing family.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of knowing Ben for many years and am honored to recognize him and to celebrate his 90th birthday. On behalf of the millions of Americans that he has selflessly served through his military service and service to his community, I thank him and wish him the happiest of birthdays.

HONORING MR. DONALD TRIBBY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to honor Mr. Donald Tribby upon his retirement from United Steelworkers Local 1066. I have known Don for many years, and his dedication to his fellow union members is unparalleled. For nearly forty-eight years, he served in many capacities as a member and officer with Local 1066, and his contributions have helped to strengthen the organization and improve conditions for its members.

A third generation steelworker, Don Tribby's outstanding career in the steel industry began on September 27, 1968, as a motor inspector apprentice and journeyman, a position he would hold for the next ten years. Don then spent the remainder of his time at United States (U.S.) Steel as a millwright apprentice and journeyman, where he excelled in his trade and proved to be an exceptional model for his fellow steelworkers to emulate. While employed at U.S. Steel, Don became active in Local 1066, first part-time as a grievor, then full-time as Financial Secretary in 2003. In 2008, he also took on the role of Benefits Coordinator, and he remained in both capacities until his retirement in August of last year.

Mr. Tribby has worked tirelessly to make his employer one of the most efficient producers of steel in the world. Simultaneously, he has committed his life to ensuring the value of human labor is recognized. He was meticulous in making sure that his colleagues and those he was responsible for were provided a safe work environment and that their wages were commensurate with their value to the company.

While Don has been a loyal servant and colleague for Local 1066, his greatest source of pride is his loving family. Don wed his beloved wife, Barbara, on July 25, 1981, and the couple has spent the past thirty-five years by each other's side. Don and Barbara are the proud parents of two sons, David and Michael.

I am proud that Don Tribby is my friend, and I cannot thank him enough for all he has done for me over the years. I am even more grateful for what he has done for so many for so long, strangers and friends alike.

Mr. Speaker, Donald Tribby has been a dedicated member and officer with United Steelworkers Local 1066 for nearly half a century and served and worked beside his fellow union members with distinction. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Don the best upon his retirement and commending him for his lifetime of dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP JAMESVILLE-DEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls' Basketball Team in the New York State Public High School Association Class A Championship on March 18, 2017. The Jamesville-DeWitt Red Rams defeated the Pittsford-Mendon Vikings by a score of 48-46 to win the state title for the second year in a row.

The Red Rams' victory over the undefeated and number one-ranked Vikings was a close game, but the tournament's most outstanding player Meg Hair scored 12 points and senior Julia Kelner scored 11 points to secure the title. Members of the state championship team include Hair, Kelner, as well as senior Angela Bussone, juniors Jamie Boeheim and Kasey Vaughan, freshmen Sydney Baker, Paige Keeler, Maya Leslie, Gabby Stickle, Andrea Sumida, and eighth graders Momoka LaClair and Tracey Edison. The team is coached by Rob Siechen.

I am honored to recognize the teamwork displayed by the Jamesville-DeWitt Red Rams and to congratulate the members of the team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers at Jamesville-DeWitt High School. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2017 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

HONORING COAHOMA COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of high school students from the second district of Mississippi on their victory against Baldwin High School Bearcats by the score of 60 to 47 on March 10th to win the State 2A Boys Basketball Championship. The team ended the season with an overall record of 32 and 2.

I would first like to recognize the team beginning with the coaches. They include Head Coach, Derrick Moore and Assistant Coaches, Darryl Moore and Tim Williams; Trainers, Latrentis Murrell and Antwonario Bryant. To the entire coaching staff, your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

The players' teamwork and athletic abilities are also evident with this victory. Waltavious Cockerham, Keion Cosby, Bentavious Galmore, Markevious Holmes, Brandon Hornburger, Jaylin McCray, Derrick Moore, Jr., Markevious Phillips, Alshun Ross, Dewayne Rucker, Timarcus Sacks, Timothy Sacks, Effernee Taylor, Keyshawn Thomas, Jammion Burden, Gregg Johnson, Tykeevius Taylor, Jermaine Fry, and Quenton Wolfe, congratulations on a victorious season.

Derrick Moore, a 1996 graduate of Coahoma County High School and former Assistant Coach under Coach Isaiah Peterson when the Red Panthers won back to back titles in 2005 and 2006, believes a team is a team when everyone has the mindset that they can win and be champions and when each individual knows they are important to the program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Championship Team.

RECOGNIZING MR. "BUZ" EDDY,
THE CITY MANAGER OF THE
CITY OF GULF BREEZE

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. "Buz" Eddy, the City Manager of The City of Gulf Breeze, Florida. Mr. Eddy has served the city in this role since 1992. On May 1, 2017, Mr. Eddy is retiring after twenty-five years of dedicated service.

Mr. Eddy has contributed his expertise and guidance in many different capacities. He served on the Board of the Florida City/County Managers Association, and as a member of the Gulf Breeze Sertoma and Gulf Breeze Rotary Clubs. Buz served as President of the Gulf Breeze Rotary Club in 2015-2016. Mr. Eddy also serves as the City's representative on The Santa Rosa County RESTORE Council and is President of Fairpoint Regional Utility System.

As City Manager, Mr. Eddy made structural transformation the cornerstone of his administration. He has put in place the plans, proce-

dures, systems, and controls necessary for accountability and performance to ensure Gulf Breeze will continue to operate under the institutional principles established by his administration long after he leaves the post.

During Mr. Eddy's tenure, Gulf Breeze was impressively recognized as the Number One Most Successful City in Florida over 215 top livable cities, based on national quality-of-life rankings.

Mr. Eddy has contributed to the creation of countless successful projects and programs. He has demonstrated a profound dedication to the concepts of effective and democratic local government. His negotiations on behalf of the City have resulted in the expansion and redevelopment of a variety of enterprises.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mr. "Buz" Eddy and congratulate him on his retirement. I thank him for his fairness, diligence, encouragement, and trustworthy leadership; and wish him all the best for continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE 2017
CRISPUS ATTUCKS MEDICAL
MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 2017 Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School's Varsity Boys Basketball Team. The Tigers were crowned the Division 3A Indiana State Boys Basketball Champions on March 25, 2017 after a thrilling last second basket to clinch victory over Twin Lakes 73-71 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The Crispus Attucks basketball program is one of our country's most legendary basketball programs, as it was the first all-black school in the country to win an open state championship in 1955. This year's team was supported by our entire community and especially alumni. NBA Hall of Famer and leader of the 1955 and 1956 championship teams, Oscar Robertson, cheered on the Tigers and following their victory placed the championship medals around the necks of the players, coaches, and support staff.

This is the team's fourth state title, but the first since 1959. The Tigers were led to a 25-4 record by first year Head Coach Chris Hawkins who has inspired the student athletes to excel. Additionally, all Attucks fans and in particular the student body should be recognized for their enthusiasm and pride in this team.

The young men on this team should be proud of their accomplishment. It is an honor to join the entire Indianapolis community in recognizing these outstanding student athletes.

IN RECOGNITION OF MORTON &
PITALO, INC.'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Morton & Pitalo, Inc. as they cele-

brate their 40th Anniversary. As the community and members of Morton & Pitalo gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them and their long history of service to the Sacramento region and beyond.

Co-founded by Richard Morton and John Pitalo in 1977, Morton and Pitalo, Inc. is the oldest locally-owned firm in the region. Mr. Morton and Mr. Pitalo have created an organization that provides high-quality civil engineering, land planning, and land surveying to their clients. Providing all of these services via a single firm allows Morton & Pitalo to be closely involved and knowledgeable in entire construction projects, from start to finish. Dedicated to the success of their projects, the highly-talented staff's teamwork is the key to the many accomplishments of Morton & Pitalo's operations. As they commemorate their 40th Anniversary, they can celebrate having successfully completed thousands of projects for the public and private sectors.

Mr. Speaker, as the members and friends of Morton & Pitalo, Inc. celebrate their 40 years of service to the Sacramento region and beyond, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their dedication to their clients and to our community.

HONORING BETHEL COLLEGE
MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH
MIKE LIGHTFOOT ON HIS RE-
'TIREMENT'

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Lightfoot, who will retire at the end of this season after 30 years as coach of the Bethel College Men's Basketball Team.

The tremendous achievements of the Bethel Pilots Men's Basketball Team are a reflection of Coach Lightfoot's ability to see greatness in his players and inspire the team to be their best. Coach Lightfoot was an inspiration not only to his team, but to the entire Bethel College community. As generations of students, faculty, and fans have gathered at the Wiekamp Athletic Center, committed to the home game excitement and school spirit, Coach Lightfoot has helped foster the team's will to succeed and the institution's faithful turnout.

Coach Lightfoot has led the Bethel Pilots since 1987, and in that time the team secured 796 wins, including four NCCAA National Championships and three NAIA National Championships. His greatest legacy, however, is in helping the countless players he coached grow into strong leaders and dedicated members of their community. He had an amazing ability to connect with these young men, inspiring them to strive for great achievements, as evidenced by the 98 percent graduation rate among Coach Lightfoot's players.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Coach Lightfoot for his unconditional dedication to the Pilots, Bethel College, and our entire community. His innovative coaching styles and effective leadership resonates in the team's excellent record as well as in the personal growth and achievement of every player he helped shape. I am grateful for the example he set for the young Hoosiers of Bethel College.

HONORING VELMA JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of high school students from the second District of Mississippi with a special congratulations for winning the State 3A Boys Basketball Championship when they defeated East Side by the score of 46 to 32 on March 10th with an overall record of 27 and 6.

I would first like to recognize the team beginning with the coaches. They include Head Coach, Anthony Carlyle and Assistant Coaches: Bryantae Garrett and Christian Johnson. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

The players' teamwork and athletic abilities are also evident with this victory. The players are Mason Riley, Robert Anderson, Kiryne Jobe, Brandon Weatherspoon, Robert Kendrick, Charles Smith, Travis Brown, Nikolas Weatherspoon, Haven Ousley, Carlton Beamon, Leaveon Griffin, Jamuel Brooks, DeMarion Jones, Andre Lee and Antwain Dixon.

Congratulations Velma Jackson High School Falcon Boys Basketball Championship Team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating Velma Jackson High School Boys Basketball Championship Team.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. MELANY REIS-ABERNATHY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Melany Reis-Abernathy, who sadly passed away on March 18, 2017 after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Melany Reis-Abernathy was born in Modesto, California on March 27, 1973. Growing up, Melany was the daughter of a dairyman and a District 5 Dairy Princess. She attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where she graduated in 1996, and went on to work in the agriculture industry with the Farm Credit system and later at Rabobank North America Wholesale as a financial analyst.

An avid adventure seeker, Melany met her husband, Kevin Abernathy, while in a martial arts class in 1999. The two became quick friends due to their active lifestyles and similar upbringings in the dairy community and began dating soon after meeting. Melany and Kevin got married on June 17, 2003 in Kauai, Hawaii at Ship Wreck Beach and made their home in Delhi, California. Kevin and Melany enjoyed water skiing, boating, hiking, running, and snow skiing together. Although the two never had children of their own, Melany was known and loved by her nieces and nephews as the "cool aunt".

Known for her dedicated service, Melany and Kevin began working with disadvantaged children through Aspiring Children for Tomorrow, an organization of which her husband serves as general manager. The goal of the organization is to assist struggling young people through training and competition in the fighting arts.

Mrs. Reis-Abernathy became a yoga instructor while battling cancer, showing her strength and resolve even in the face of adversity. Melany had the strength to continue fighting this disease and living her life with love and joy, as she always had. She truly lived every moment to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Melany Reis-Abernathy. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

IN HONOR OF KATY LUCILLE HENDERSON

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this month, the Houston County Tadmor Community will celebrate the one hundredth birthday of Katy Lucille Henderson, a cherished leader and faithful servant in the community.

On April 24th, 1917, George and Josephine Augusta Stewart Henderson welcomed a new addition to the family, Katy Lucille Henderson, better known as Lucille. In her life, Lucille has witnessed the growth and transformation that took place in the world during the 20th and 21st Centuries. Growing up, Lucille's family used a horse drawn buggy as their primary mode of transportation. She vividly remembers the introduction of many "modern" inventions such as the electric light bulb, refrigeration, and indoor plumbing. However, few modern marvels have had a great impact on Lucille compared to hearing her favorite hymn, How Great Thou Art, or the majestic voice of the great Mahalia Jackson.

After graduating high school in 1936, Lucille married Carl Lester Franklin. While Carl served in the military during World War II, Lucille dedicated her time to working in the community and serving as a cook at the Kennard West Side Schools. For more than 50 years, she has served the Lord as a Stewardess at the Bethel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and as a respected role model in the Tadmor Community.

Together, Lucille and Carl raised five children: Carl E. Franklin, Barbara Franklin, Marva G. Anglin, Charles D. Franklin, and Ronald L. Franklin. Lucille is also blessed with a stepdaughter, Doris Gibson.

Lucille's family continues to grow as she is blessed with twelve grandchildren and ten great-grand children: Byron Franklin, Abria Perry, Brian Franklin, Bobby R. Anglin, George K. Anglin, Kyla N. Franklin, Micha A. Franklin, Diondra I. Franklin, Nichelle R. Franklin, Patrice L. Franklin, Robbyn L. Traylor, and Rosslyn K. Douglas; along with Doris' children: Mitchell, Marcus and Milton; Malkijah Perry, Aniya Perry, Briana M. Franklin, Jayna Franklin, Jordan Anglin, Jayron Anglin, Kennedy Anglin, Reign K. Traylor, Ryleigh M. Traylor, and Cadence K. Douglas.

From her home in the Tadmor Community, Lucille continues to see the world transform

around her; however, she recently joked with her family that she "has never been on an airplane and never will be!"

As she celebrates her 100th birthday, I would like join her family, friends, and the Tadmor Community to wish Lucille a very happy and blessed birthday.

HONORING TWENTY-TWO TEACHERS OF THE GREATER BOCA RATON AREA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the twenty two outstanding teachers in South Florida who have been awarded the Teacher of the Year Award from the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise.

For the past 31 years, the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise has offered this annual distinction to one teacher at each of the twenty-two schools in the greater Boca Raton area. Each awardee is selected by the school's principal. These teachers have dedicated their time to inspiring, empowering, and bettering the next generation of youth in our community. Their passion in this effort is truly worthy of our recognition.

These twenty-two exemplary teachers have made a profound impact on their students through their caring, commitment, and professionalism. They are a cohort defined by integrity, excellence, and the highest marks in all they do. The City of Boca Raton is fortunate to have such outstanding faculty.

Congratulations to Maria Laing, Brad Chapell, Kelly Green, CarolAnn Da Rocha, Meghan Forbush, Mariel Stark, Shari Fareng, Eileen O'Brien, Denise Rudy, Courtney Elkin, Emlyn McAna, Nora Buck, Robin Koota, Sarah Gregory, Jacqueline Grandison, Shelly Devino, Mary Fish, Anna Lillie-Young, Karen Gibson, Amanda Fraga, Lance Blank, and Sharon Gotschall on being nominated for this year's Teacher of the Year Award. I am pleased to honor them, and I thank them, for their continued service.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JAMES DICK

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Captain James Dick for his more than 30 years of faithful and dedicated service to the U.S. Navy and our country.

A 1987 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and 1993 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, Captain Dick served as an engineering officer on the USS *San Jacinto* (CG 56) where he completed three deployments to the Persian Gulf. In 2000, he returned to shipboard life aboard the USS *Klackring* (FFG 42) as executive officer. In this tour, he oversaw a crew of more than 200 sailors as they circumnavigated South America as part of their UNITAS XLI exercises with other foreign navies. In 2005, Captain Dick assumed command of the USS *Ramage* (DDG

61). While in command, his crew supported both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Under his leadership, the *Ramage* earned recognition as Self-Sufficient Ship of the Year for the Atlantic fleet, saving the Navy over \$200,000.

Captain Dick transitioned from being a surface warfare officer to serving as an exceptional navy acquisition professional in 2008. In this capacity, he served as Program Manager for the Sea Warrior Program, as an International Programs and Foreign Military Sales expert, and most recently within the International Fleet Support and Ship Transfer Directorate. Captain Dick's tireless efforts supporting the U.S. Navy's foreign military sales endeavors have helped to ensure America's timeless values of freedom and democracy extend beyond our borders, around the globe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain James Dick for his lifetime of dedication and service to the U.S. Navy and the country. We thank him for his sacrifice, his commitment, and his countless efforts to preserve peace at home and spread freedom abroad.

RECOGNIZING PONCE DE LEON
HIGH SCHOOL'S SENIOR KOBY
TOWNSEND

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ponce de Leon High School's senior Koby Townsend.

Koby has received and accepted an offer to continue his college basketball career at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama.

In addition to his success as a basketball player, Koby has excelled in the classroom. He is an active member of the Sr. Beta Club, a national organization honoring high academic achievement; and is set to graduate as Magna Cum Laude of his high school class.

Koby has also been an active member of the FCCLA club serving as treasurer for one year. He competed in the speech contest and won 5 gold awards at the state level allowing him the opportunity to compete at the national level.

I am proud to recognize the diligence and dedication this young man has shown to his team and education. Koby is a role model for fellow students and team members, and a source of pride for his community and all Northwest Florida.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Koby on his spectacular senior season and receiving this honor. I look forward to continuing to follow his basketball career.

HONORING TUNICA 10 POINT
COALITION, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. in Tunica County, Mississippi.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. is a Faith Based Organization with a strategic vision, programmatic structure, financial resources necessary to save at-risk youth from child abuse and neglect, street violence, drug abuse, school failure, teen pregnancy, incarceration, chronic health and wellness issues, spiritual depravity and hopelessness about the future.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. was formulated in 2004 after being introduced to the facts or the (10 Points) by the Memphis Chapter who was providing a training workshop on community involvement in local metropolitan areas. In April 2005, the Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. organization was introduced to local clergy and community leaders. In 2007, the Executive Board was officially established and officers elected took office to start the local chapter.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. primary mission is to work closely with local organizations and law enforcement, clergy, school administrators, elected officials and community leaders to assist with programs such as: after school programs, community outreach services and youth outreach enrichment activities. Partnership with these agencies enables the organization to continue to assist youth and parents in creating a better community for all. They are also partners with community health centers, recreation centers to promote good health choices and provide a program that will help guide youth and parents to a healthy lifestyle by eating healthy and exercising.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. organization has many accomplishments over the years with most of the involvement that are still ongoing in the community. Some of the major accomplishments and ongoing initiatives for the Tunica 10 Point Coalition are:

1. Created the COW (Combating Obesity & Intervention Program) initiative that enables the Tunica community to participate in a FREE Health & Wellness Program.

2. Partner with the local faith-based organizations to sponsor a weekly low impact exercise and wellness program on Tuesday and Friday from 4:15pm until 5:15pm with an annual membership fee of only \$40.00.

3. Initiated "Water for Flint Drive" in June 2016 with a Water-A-Thon Day at the Rivergate Park in downtown Tunica. At the event, there was 308 cases of water collected and \$450.00 in donations that was used to transport the water to Flint, Michigan. One of the Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. board member and local pastor, Roman Fullilove volunteered to transport the water to Flint using his church van.

4. Partner with the local Sheriff Department, Sheriff K. C. Hamp to assist in the monthly activities of the "TRIAD" Program who provides activities and programs for the senior citizens in the Tunica County community. This includes special activities such as: Valentine Day Celebration, Black History Month Observation, Senior Citizen Prom, Cancer Awareness Month, Home Coming Participation and Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners celebrations. They also partner with the Sheriff Office to present Domestic Violence Awareness programs and activities which consist of speakers from various sources such as: local Judges, Mental Health and Law Enforcement.

5. Provide financial assistance of \$1,000.00 annually to the local Tunica Head Start Program to ensure each student receives a gift during the Christmas Holiday Season.

6. Provide a \$500.00 college scholarship to a deserving high school graduate(s) each year. The organization also donated \$300.00 to a local college student, Keara Jones who attends Clark University to help sponsor her visit to London.

7. Serve as character witnesses for youth at the local youth court proceedings regarding cases that involves youth who are identified as at-risk youth with minor offences. They have an opportunity to negotiate with the judge on penalty recommendation for certain cases. Pastor Evelyn Hubbard serves many times in this capacity.

8. Participate with local community organization "God Make Us One" to identify and rectify diversity in the community to create racial harmony under the common core umbrella of Hope, Faith and Love. They meet quarterly and have an annual celebration for the entire community of Tunica County called "The Great River Revival" orchestrated by Brother Billy Pritt.

9. Partner with the Tunica County Recreation Commission to sponsor the Summer Feeding Program, Snack Program and the Back-Pack Program annually. These programs are vital to the community to ensure the youth are receiving meals all year.

10. Sponsor an Annual Gospel Extravaganza Concert each December for the Tunica County community which include world renowned Gospel Artists such as: Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's, Harvey Watkins and the Canton Spirituals, The Jackson Southernaires, and local Artists such as: The Tunica Harmonizers and the Tunica Gospel Choir. This concert provides spiritual connection for the entire community and is well received.

The Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. current Board of Directors consist of Pastor Evelyn Hubbard, Executive Director; Dr. Billy Willis, Chief Officer of Operations; Pastor Ben Pratt, President; and Pastor Kelvin Bell, Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. for their dedication to serving their community and this great state and country.

RAMON'S EL DORADO

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ramon's El Dorado, an institution in my hometown of Collinsville, Illinois.

In the 1960s Raymundo "Ramon" Otero was working in St. Louis at the Chevrolet assembly plant. An unfortunate accident occurred in which he fell through scaffolding, injuring his back. He was paralyzed from the waist down, and doctors told him he would never walk again.

Six months later he found a doctor who would perform a surgery that would allow him to walk again. But payments from the plant had already stopped.

With a young, hungry child, Mr. Otero's wife, Estella, sent him to borrow \$5 from a neighbor and get food for the baby. But God interceded.

On his way to the store, Mr. Otero felt a calling to buy meat instead, which he did.

Once home, they made a tray of tacos, burritos, enchiladas, and tostadas. He took that tray to a local bar, sold the food, and made \$18.60. Thus began a cycle of making food and selling it.

He eventually worked with a local fried chicken restaurant to sell his Mexican food for ten cents of every dollar sold. Soon he bought out the owner, and Ramon's El Dorado was born in what was a former gas station.

Mr. Otero used his mother's recipes, who owned a restaurant in Durango City, Mexico. He helped his hometown for many years by taking a truckload of food and clothing to Mexico.

Ramon's has expanded several times over the years and now seats 280 people.

Mr. Otero died last year, but his sons Raymond and Carlos continue the family tradition today.

I am humbled to be able to honor Ramon's on its 50th Anniversary of serving delicious Mexican food to the people of southwestern Illinois and beyond.

Congratulations to the Otero family.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF RUBY ARNOLD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Ruby Arnold. While it is widely known that Horace Peterson was the visionary and sole founder of the Black Archives of Mid-America (BAMA), it is little known who saved the institution from vanishing, years later.

Years after Peterson's accidental death, the BAMA experienced internal tumult that unfortunately played out in the Kansas City media. The unflattering press resulted in funding shortfalls and eventually, the exodus from Vine Street, sometimes referred to as "The Firehouse."

As BAMA began to fade in part because it did not have an adequate home, or sufficient funding, nor the extensive collection of artifacts and memorabilia, some longtime supporters began to search for funding and a new location.

During the spring of 1998, Ruby Arnold, a BAMA diehard board member, began a personal crusade to secure a new home for the organization she held dear. One Monday morning, during a heavy spring rain, Ruby Arnold appeared at the desk on the 29th floor of City Hall. The security guard asked if she had an appointment with anyone in particular. "I don't have an appointment but I have come to see Mayor EMANUEL CLEAVER," she said. "I'm sorry but the Mayor is not in," Cheryl Richards, an assistant to the Mayor stepped in and stated. She told Ms. Arnold that on Monday mornings, the Mayor attended the Mayors Corp of Progress meeting, a support group of Kansas City business leaders. "Thank you, I'll wait. It's raining pretty hard, anyway." And wait she did. Several hours later, the Mayor and his security walked off the 29th floor elevators where he was greeted by one Ruby Arnold. "Mayor CLEAVER, I need your help to locate a home for the Black Archives. We don't have any money but we need a place large

enough to grow." The Mayor said, "Well, I don't know for sure what I can do. You know that the Black Archives was supposed to be in the main museum building on 18th Street but Horace wanted something different that we could not do legally." "All I know is that we need a home for the Archives, and you are the Mayor. I don't know anyone else to ask," Ms. Arnold replied, slowly and sadly.

A week later, Ruby showed up at the Mayor's office but because she didn't have an appointment, she waited for almost two hours to see the Mayor. Again, when she was taken to see the Mayor, she made an appeal for help. The Mayor had no solution to share with her so he said that he would continue to work on it. She looked him straight in the eye and said, "Mayor, I know you can do this."

On the following Saturday, the Mayor held an event for city leaders from Columbus, Ohio on 18th and Vine in the Gem Theater. Ms. Ruby Arnold was there among the elected officials. "Have you found a place for the Black Archives?" she asked the Mayor as he sat on the stage answering questions about the 18th and Vine development. "Well, not yet," he replied, "but I do have an idea. Can we talk later?" She nodded and said "Mayor, I know you can do this."

On Monday morning, as the Mayor expected, Ms. Arnold arrived without an appointment. The Mayor had told the staff to show her in if she appeared at the front desk. This time, the Mayor was anxious to get her into the office to present what he called an intriguing proposal. When she took a seat in his office, the Mayor smiled, and said, "Good news! I have been in conversation with Terry Dobson, the director of the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department about the old Parade Park maintenance building at 1722 E. 17th Terrace." "Can we get it?" asked Ruby. The Mayor replied, "I think so, but we've got to make sure that the tons of horse manure underground does not present a threat since methane gas is a bi-product of manure." Ms. Arnold seemed pleased and the Mayor was relieved. "Thank you, thank you. I told you that you could do it," Ruby said as she moved towards the door. The Mayor told her she didn't need to thank him, and with his tongue strangely planted in his cheek, the Mayor added, just stop driving him crazy.

Ruby Arnold died before the opening of the new Archives in the summer of 2010, but former Mayor EMANUEL CLEAVER, then U.S. Representative from Missouri's Fifth District, said, "This location for the Black Archives was not secured by wishing or hoping, but by the merciful harassment I received from one determined Ruby Arnold. May God bless her remarkable spirit."

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADVANCED TEST REACTOR AT THE IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call your attention to an extraordinary facility located on the Department of Energy's 890-square-mile site in Idaho, and the many peo-

ple who have been employed there over the last 50 years.

Idaho National Laboratory is this nation's lead nuclear research, development and deployment laboratory. It also has emerged as a world leader in cybersecurity, keeping our critical infrastructure safe from those who would do us harm, and broader clean energy research and development.

One of INL's crown jewels is the Advanced Test Reactor. This summer, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of ATR, and recognizing that experiments conducted there have helped ensure our national security and advance knowledge about clean nuclear energy.

Just as importantly, we also recognize that, with regular maintenance and upgrades, ATR will continue to be this nation's test reactor of choice at least through 2050.

What makes ATR so unique—and valuable—is its ingenious cloverleaf design, envisioned by an engineer named Deslonde deBoisblanc on a lonely stretch of Highway 20 in the Idaho desert more than a half century ago.

deBoisblanc's design resulted in a one-of-a-kind reactor that can house simultaneous experiments under distinct temperatures, pressures and irradiation conditions. That means, at the ATR complex, we can test materials for academia, industry and the U.S. Navy—all at the same time. The knowledge that our talented scientists, engineers and technicians pull out of this reactor is incredibly valuable.

For example, when the Navy began sending fuel samples from its nuclear submarines to the INL site, that science was in its infancy. Eventually, nuclear fuel became more complex. The Navy needed to test larger fuel elements, not just samples, and with the Cold War accelerating, it needed those test results more quickly.

So, ATR was built, started up in 1967, and two years later brought to full power of 250 Megawatts. The impact on America's Nuclear Navy has been remarkable. Early submarines had to be pulled out of duty every two years or so for expensive and time-consuming refueling. Because of what we have learned from experiments at ATR, the reactor cores for the Navy's newest submarines last for their entire lifetimes, more than 30 years.

Idaho National Laboratory's Advanced Test Reactor has saved taxpayers millions of dollars and made our country safer and more secure. That's a testament not only to the facility—and deBoisblanc's unique design—but also to generations of world-class scientists, engineers, technicians and mechanics who have kept the reactor functioning at the highest possible level these five decades.

ATR has also played a central role in helping sustain this nation's current light-water nuclear reactor fleet, which produces 19 percent of America's electricity and 63 percent of its carbon-free electricity.

In 2007, ATR became a National Scientific User Facility. That allows our colleges and universities to run experiments at ATR, with the Department of Energy footing the bill. As a result, we have expanded knowledge about clean nuclear energy throughout the nation and built a foundation for the next generation of reactors, including small modular reactors, such as one that could begin producing power in the Idaho desert as soon as 2024.

It is a great honor to congratulate INL on ATR's 50th anniversary, acknowledge its dedicated, talented and determined workforce,

from past and present, and look ahead to many more years of valuable service to our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEPHANIE A. SIDO OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Stephanie A. Sido of the United States Army for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our nation.

Colonel Sido will soon transition from her current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives to serve as the Troop Commander at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Her new unit is the largest U.S. hospital outside the United States, and serves as the sole military medical center for Europe, Middle East and Africa to our Service Members, their families, and coalition and allies troops.

A native of Grafton, Ohio, Stephanie began her military career when she was commissioned in 1999 through the University of Akron's Army ROTC Program as a Medical Service Corps Officer. Since that time she has served at all leadership levels from platoon leader to company commander. Stephanie also honorably served in multiple staff positions in combat, including two deployments to Afghanistan. She is married to Edward, a U.S. Army veteran and the proud mother to their son Patrick.

In 2016, Colonel Sido was selected to serve as Legislative Liaison to the Army House Liaison Office. In her role as a legislative liaison, Colonel Sido served as the primary liaison between Members of the 114th and 115th Congresses, their Staffs, Legislative Committees, and the U.S. Army. In this role, she planned, coordinated, and accompanied Congressional and Staff Delegations on numerous worldwide fact-finding and investigative missions, and strengthened the relationships and trust needed to continue the longstanding confidence the U.S. Congress has in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Lieutenant Colonel Stephanie A. Sido and her family as they proceed to the next chapter in her remarkable career and continue to serve our great nation.

INTRODUCTION OF OVERSEAS
AMERICANS FINANCIAL ACCESS
ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Overseas Americans Financial Access Act on behalf of the estimated 6–8 million American citizens living and working abroad. This bill would amend the Foreign Account Tax Compliance

Act (FATCA) to address the unintended consequences it imposes on American citizens overseas that make it more difficult to access basic banking products and services in their country of residence.

As co-chair of the Americans Abroad Caucus, for years I have heard reports from constituents overseas detailing how FATCA's expensive and duplicative reporting requirements have led foreign financial institutions to deny basic banking services to American citizens. Some Foreign Financial Institutions have simply closed accounts or refused to open new ones for U.S. citizens in order to minimize their exposure to FATCA reporting requirements, withholding fees and potential penalties. This practice leaves law-abiding American citizens without access to everyday financial tools such as mortgages, bank accounts, insurance policies and pension funds—all of which are critical services regardless of place of residence.

While I recognize the difficult job of the Treasury Department to make sure American money around the world remains compliant with the U.S. tax code, the current FATCA reporting procedures subject ordinary Americans to the same scrutiny as criminal tax evaders and money launderers. Revision of these reporting policies is necessary to ensure that Americans remain competitive in international business and continue to contribute to economies here in the U.S. and around the world. Unfortunately, some have resorted to renouncing their American citizenship in response. It is now time to act and provide relief.

The IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) has recognized this problem and on April 13, 2015, issued a recommendation that the IRS exclude from FATCA reporting financial accounts maintained by a financial institution in the country in which the U.S. citizen is a bona fide resident. To date, no action has been taken to institute such a policy to alleviate the burden on overseas Americans as a result of FATCA. That is why I am proud to introduce the Overseas Americans Financial Access Act which would implement TAS's recommendation and exempt Americans from FATCA reporting if their accounts are held in the same country where they are a bona fide resident.

As Members of Congress, it is our duty to represent our constituents' best interests whether they live in the United States or overseas. I urge my colleagues to support this bill so that we may fulfill this duty and grant our overseas constituents the relief they need.

HONORING WILLIE WRIGHT, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Mr. Willie Wright, Sr.

Mr. Wright, Sr. was born to the union of George Moses Wright and Fannie Cowan Wright. This union was blessed with five beautiful children. All of his siblings preceded him in death years ago in New York and Alabama, but God saw fit to leave the baby, "Willie" in Rural Holmes County, Mississippi for eighty-two years.

As a child, Willie confessed Christ as his personal savior and united with the Popular

Springs C.M.E. Church. Later, he moved to the Lebanon Community and united with the Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. A. Barron.

During the winter season, Mr. Wright, Sr. married Claudie Mae Ware on November 13, 1954. This union was blessed with six children. Willie wanted his children to leave no task incomplete and often uttered these words to his children: "Don't ever stop anything you start. If you don't plan to finish it, don't start it."

Mr. Wright, Sr. was married with a seventh grade education but went back to school in 1969 to complete his education at Saints Industry in the Migrant Farm/Manpower School under the direction of Dr. Arenia C. Mallory. Mr. Wright, Sr. put his six children through their college education.

In 1962, Mr. Wright went to work at the Charcoal Plant in Lexington, MS. In 1968, he began his employment with the Holmes County School Bus Garage as a Mechanic and continued his employment with the District until his retirement in 2008; an inspiring forty year career.

Mr. Wright made free standing metal toys as a hobby that gain bragging rights with all of his co-workers, family and all who saw them. He designed an Electric Chair at the Holmes County Bus Garage and enjoyed plugging it up for all of his friends. Willie and all of his brothers were Blues guitarist and included their dance moves for audiences to enjoy. Although his favorite musical instrument was the harmonica, he was a master of them all.

Mr. Willie Wright, Sr. will be truly missed and his legacy will continue in the heart of those he left behind: a devoted wife of sixty-two years, Claudie Mae; 6 children: Artha Earl, Robert Lee, Earline (James Zachary), Willie, Jr., Brinda and Charlie Edward; 11 Grandchildren: Sammie, Tonya (Jeremy), Stephanie (Jimmie), Robert, Jr., Alvia (Christopher), Aries, Robbie (Sha'marcus), Chauntrell, Jamie, Marcus and Charlie Martez; 7 Great-Grandchildren, 1 sister-in-law, 6 brothers-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the legacy of Mr. Willie Wright, Sr. for his dedication to the community, friends and his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER JOHN J. PARMA

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the service of Lieutenant Commander John J. Parma, who will retire from the United States Navy this month after 21 years of distinguished and faithful service to our nation.

Since graduating from class 214 of Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training, LCDR Parma has participated in numerous combat missions around the world. His service has taken him from West Africa to Bosnia. Additionally, he has executed many combat special reconnaissance missions behind enemy lines in Afghanistan and sensitive site exploitations in Iraq, which have earned him numerous awards and accolades.

By his side throughout his successful career and arduous deployments have been his wife, Megan, and their children Madison, Brooklyn, Dominic, and Kennedy. Their love and support has aided and strengthened LCDR Parma throughout his service, and I congratulate them as well on this special occasion. I am proud to share in the celebration of LCDR Parma's military career, and as he and his family move to this next chapter of his life, I wish LCDR Parma fair winds and following seas as he embarks on his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF POST 67 ON
ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lt. Philip V. Lansdale Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 67 as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of their congressional charter. The VFW Post 67 is the second Post in California to reach their centennial milestone. As they gather tonight for their Centennial Celebration, I would like to honor the members of the VFW Post 67 for the superb work they have done on behalf of veterans and veteran causes on a national stage and in the Sacramento area.

In 1916, 32 veterans who served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy chose to continue to serve our country by aiding their veteran brothers and sisters in our region. The Post is named after Lt. Philip V. Lansdale, who served on the U.S. *Philadelphia*. VFW Post 67 was founded in Sacramento with the noble cause to ensure the war bonuses promised to veterans after World War I, to promote comradeship, and to improve the well-being of veterans and their families. On January 3, 1917, VFW Post 67 was recognized for its efforts and received its congressional charter.

VFW Post 67 has had many great leaders in its 100 years. Most notably are the first Post Commander, Mr. William Taylor, and the Silver Star recipient Mr. Darold D. Decoe, Sr. as National Commander in Chief. For a century, The VFW Post 67 has provided support to an abundant amount of veterans and has used its collective voice to advocate for veteran causes. Current members are dedicated to continuing the mission of the VFW Post 67 and continue to be a haven for Sacramento's veterans.

In honoring tonight's celebration, it is important to honor all of the important work and contributions to veterans that the VFW Post 67 has helped advanced nationally and in the Sacramento region. The VFW played a major role in the formation of the Veterans Administration as well as pursuing compensation for Vietnam veterans and fighting for both the 20th and 21st century GI bills. We would like to express gratitude to those involved in Post 67's diligent service to our country's veterans and their families.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the VFW Post 67 take part in their centennial celebration, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their astounding service to the veteran community in the Sacramento area.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT
KEARY J. MILLER ON RECEIVING
THE AIR FORCE CROSS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Master Sergeant Keary J. Miller upon being awarded the Air Force Cross, the service's highest combat medal of valor.

While supporting a joint special operations team during the Battle of Roberts Ridge on March 4, 2002, then-Tech. Sgt. Miller saved the lives of ten U.S. service members and assisted in the recovery of seven who were killed in action all while facing insurmountable odds and a barrage of heavy enemy fire.

The courage shown by this dedicated pararescueman is a true testament of his character. Master Sergeant Miller embodies the selfless commitment to service, sacrifice, and exceptional skill of our Nation's service members.

The entire Northwest Florida community is immensely proud of our area's tradition of military service and support for those who wear the uniform. It is a true honor to recognize Master Sergeant Miller upon this most notable distinction.

CHARLES A. TINDLEY ACCELERATED
SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to offer my congratulations to the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School Varsity Boys Basketball Team. The Tindley Tigers secured the Division 1A Indiana State Boys Basketball Championship on March 25, 2017 at Bankers Life Field House after a 51-49 victory over Lafayette Central Catholic.

This is the Tigers first appearance in the state finals and the team made it count by clinching the school's first state championship in any sport. The game's last minute shot and stolen inbound pass secured the win for the Tindley Tigers, who were led by Head Coach Bob Wonell.

The Tindley Tigers have secured their place in the storied history of Indiana basketball. I extend my congratulations to the student athletes, coaching staff, school and our entire Indianapolis community on their accomplishment this season.

CELEBRATING THE 38TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the palpable achievements of the Taiwan Relations Act on its 38th Anni-

versary. The TRA, which was enacted on April 10, 1979, has and continues to be the critical cornerstone in preserving the relationship between the United States and Taiwan, and in maintaining both the peace and stability of the Taiwan Strait and Taiwan's democratic existence. The significance of the TRA, as well as the significance of President Reagan's Six Assurances of 1982, cannot be understated.

Regional military buildups confirm the necessity of the TRA and the policy that the United States shall "make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability." The security interests of our good friend and security partner Taiwan must not be marginalized. The commitments made in the Congressionally-mandated Taiwan Relations Act and President Reagan's "Six Assurances" can never be compromised.

It is my hope that by working with our friends in Taiwan, we can help find the balance necessary for the region. Doing so is yet another way we guarantee Taiwan's freedom and democracy. Our obligations under the TRA are clear, and I ask my colleagues to join me in working with the Administration in focusing on this important issue as this session of Congress continues to unfold.

On this 38th Anniversary, I reaffirm my support for the TRA and the Six Assurances, and I wish the people of Taiwan the very best.

HONORING ELIZABETH D. EVANS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible educator, leader, and public servant, Elizabeth D. Evans.

Elizabeth Evans joined the Mississippi Valley State University faculty in the fall of 2003 where she currently serves in the Social Sciences Department. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Mississippi Valley State University, where she was commissioned as a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program. She earned a Master of Arts Degree in Public Management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Texas, and a Ph.D. degree in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University.

Other educational ventures include completion of the Air Force's three-tier Professional Military Education program (Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College) and Academic Instructor School while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

As an assistant professor in the Social Sciences Department and the Public Administration Program, she teaches freshman through senior level courses, manages the internship program, advises all students in the Public Administration program, and serves as coordinator for the Public Administration program.

Her primary interests are in continuous personal improvement and student achievement. She believes that teaching is more than the giving of information; it is working to ensure

learning takes place and students must be engaged with exciting instruction, materials, examples, and demonstrations of real world situations to excite their desire to learn and use what they learn for a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Elizabeth D. Evans, an Educator, a Leader and Public Servant for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

RECOGNIZING BRET MANLEY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bret Manley and thank him for his years of dedicated service.

Born and raised in San Dimas, California, Bret went on to attend the University of California, Berkeley Walter A. Haas School of Business. At the University, he served as the President of the Berkeley College Republicans, was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Order of Omega, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Associated Students of the University of California. Bret began his career in public service as an intern in Representative Gary Miller's office, where he was hired shortly after. Always a hard worker, Bret quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a legislative assistant and then a financial services policy advisor for Representative Miller. Prior to leaving Representative Miller's office, Bret was recognized as one of Capitol Hill's 50 Most Beautiful in 2010.

For the last six years, Bret has been a guiding figure in my office as Legislative Director. He has helped introduce 43 individual pieces of legislation, five of which were ushered into law. Thanks to Bret, you can now ride with your pet on AMTRAK and the federal government can more easily sell excess properties, relieving American taxpayers of government waste. He was instrumental in orchestrating the first Congressional hearing at the Old Post Office, which led to a long term lease of the building, eventually becoming the Trump International Hotel.

A champion of conservative values, he's also led the fight to keep the California High Speed Rail project transparent and accountable, while also managing a diverse portfolio of issues including financial services, immigration, economics, and transportation and infrastructure. He has worked tirelessly in his role as my chief advisor during my tenure as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. He was instrumental with policy formulations and the eventual passage of the Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act, Positive Train Control, and the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act, among many others. In addition, Bret also served as manager and coach at the biennial Congressional Football Game for Charity.

Although it is clear Bret doesn't mind the grueling pace of Capitol Hill, he can often be found on the golf course or singing lead vocals and playing guitar for his band, Full Fifth, self-described as "the most fun you'll have in public." In addition to work and his seemingly endless list of hobbies, Bret is also

a Lieutenant in the US Navy Reserves and has proudly served our country for the last six years.

His departure signifies a great change within my office. As my chief policy advisor, Bret was integral to all aspects of our day-to-day operations, from managing the legislative team to coordinating with the communications staff. Although we will miss him greatly, Team Denham wishes him the best in his next endeavor and I look forward to working with him in his new role at the Association of American Railroads, where he will continue his work in transportation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Bret Manley for his unrelenting service and recognizing his great achievements during his time here in the House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF BREAUX VINEYARDS

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Breaux Vineyards of Purcellville, Virginia on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary celebration.

Situated on a 404-acre estate overlooking the beautiful valley between the Blue Ridge and Short Hill Mountains, Breaux Vineyards has for several years been voted Virginia's favorite winery because of its absolute commitment to excellence in the wines it produces and the hospitality that it extends to all of its guests.

Breaux Vineyards wines have a superior international reputation, having placed among the winners in more than 100 regional, national, and international competitions.

While Breaux Vineyards is also recognized as a first-rate venue for weddings and corporate meetings, I am grateful that the warm hospitality of the Breaux family and staff daily extends to my constituents residing in Loudoun County and northern Virginia. Often using the expression "No reservation or RSVP required," the vineyard invites local people and visiting tourists, including children and pets, to regularly enjoy the diverse events that take place there each year, including the Fourth Fridays activities that feature live entertainment, the annual Dog Day celebration, the Cajun Festival that is in its 20th year, and other regularly scheduled events. In addition, Breaux Vineyards offers itself as a venue for various local charity events, including the 3rd Annual Corks for a Cause that on May 19th of this year will be benefitting the Loudoun Child Advocacy Center, a program of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter.

I am pleased to report that the wine industry in Virginia has grown so rapidly that the Commonwealth is now the fifth largest state for viticulture in the nation, with annual sales of close to \$1 billion. I am also pleased that Loudoun County has contributed to this success as the location of 44 of Virginia's 280 wineries, the most of any county in the Commonwealth, and that Breaux Vineyards, through its commitment to the quality of its wines and its hospitality, has been an extraordinary leader in our wine industry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Breaux Vineyards for reaching this 20 year milestone and wish CEO Paul Breaux, Jr., Vice President Jennifer Breaux, and the entire Breaux Vineyard team continued phenomenal success in all of their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MOLLY ORTEGA FOR HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Molly Ortega who is retiring after almost 35 years of federal service. Ms. Ortega has worked for decades at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to ensure these vital agencies have the resources and staff they need to keep us safe.

Ms. Ortega has utilized her decades of agency experience and insights to improve the safety of civil aviation in our region. She provided support and guidance to the management team in the staffing and training of essential personnel at TSA, and prior to that she was employed at the FAA for nearly two decades, working in multiple positions. I am proud to have such dedicated civil servants in my community that set an example for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Ms. Ortega for her dedication to the safety of travelers and passengers in our region. I congratulate her on a well-earned retirement and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE 2017 ENLISTEES FROM FLORIDA'S 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 41 high school seniors from Florida's 20th Congressional district, who have chosen to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these 41 fine young people, 14 have joined the United States Army, to include: William Bethel, Cameron Clayton, Javier Hernandez, Cassidy Anderson, Mack Cromer II, Derly Dorneus, Benjamin Gacel, Clayton Gibson, Ryan Golubovic, Tyler Grove, Ryan Julien, Corey Pritchett, Sean Riley and Julio Alvarez.

Seventeen have joined the United States Marine Corps, to include: Jason Marquez, Cristal Verdugo, Patrick Rhoden, Maikel Suarez, Kathy Sylvestre, Henry Rivera, Albert Londono, Lindel Coffie, Maya Colson, Weston Boyd, Nicolas Franco, Errohl Cruz, John Osegueda, Jonathan Thompson, Caitlin Silva, Melissa Edwards and Pierre Chery.

Five have joined the United States Navy, to include: Jade Apolo-Hecker, Miguel Scott, Britany Stewart, Shinequah Stone and Ofelia Velasquez.

Four have joined the United States Army National Guard, to include: Cobe Pate,

Adamary Hernandez, Melissa Gutierrez and Moises Fernandez.

Thanks to the dedication of patriots such as these, we are able to meet here today, in the United States House of Representatives, and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our nation.

On behalf of myself and all my constituents in Florida's 20th Congressional district, I thank them for their service. I wish them the very best of luck now and in their future.

HONORING JACK WALSH, RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 CHARLES H. FLYNN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to join the communities of the Naugatuck Valley as they pay tribute to the outstanding and incalculable contributions of Jack Walsh by honoring him with the 47th Annual Charles H. Flynn Humanitarian Award. The oldest award of its kind, this prestigious honor is bestowed each year to a member of the Valley community in recognition of their lifetime commitment to service.

A life-long resident of Derby, Connecticut, Jack dedicated his personal and professional life to enriching the many communities of the Naugatuck Valley and improving the quality of life for all of its residents. Jack began his career as a teacher in Shelton and Derby, a high school basketball coach in Shelton, and the Director of the Derby Recreation Camp. In each of these roles, Jack helped to shape the hearts and minds of the next generations of Valley residents, ensuring that they had access to educational opportunities and provided a strong foundation on which to build their future success.

In 1989, Jack began his tenure as President & CEO of the Valley United Way—a career which spanned nearly thirty years until his retirement just last November. Under his tenure the organization grew as a community resource with the addition of the Youth Leadership Program, the Volunteer Action Center, and the partner Agency Council, which has since expanded to become the Valley Council for Health & Human Services. Jack also helped to spearhead the Valley's successful effort in the All-America City competition.

In addition to his professional contributions, Jack is an active member of the community. His seemingly innumerable titles include Chair of the Electronic Valley project, President of the Board of Directors at the Derby Neck Library, member and past president of both the Derby/Shelton Rotary Club and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, past President of the Board of Directors for the Derby Historical Society and former member of the board of directors for the Hallock's Landing Senior Housing Project. He served on the Valley Advisory Committee for the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, is a Corporator for Griffin Hospital and a member and past Co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Yale/Griffin Prevention Resource Center. Jack is a member of the Board of Directors for the Online Journalism Project, the parent organization for the Valley Independent Sentinel as

well as one of the founders and a committee member for the Commodore Hull Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race. Past Chair of Derby's Park & Recreation Commission, current Chair of the City's Greenway Committee, as well as co-Chair of the Naugatuck River Greenway Committee, his efforts have changed the very face of the Naugatuck Valley.

Jack's incredible service has been recognized by many over the years with a myriad of awards and commendations. He is recipient of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce's Gold Seal Award, the Lewis Savitsky Staff Excellence Award, the Hazel Knapp Award for regional leadership as well as the Derby Historical Society's Dr. John I. Howe Award just to name a few. He was named to the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley Alumni Association Hall of Fame and honored by the Lower Naugatuck Valley Bar Association with their Liberty Bell Award. The YMCA presented him with their Strong Community Builder Award and the Women and Heart Disease Committee at Griffin Hospital presented him with their "Caring Heart" Award.

Tonight, marking his lifetime of service, Jack Walsh is presented with the Charles H. Flynn Humanitarian Award—and I cannot think of a more deserving individual to recognize for their commitment, dedication, and extraordinary good work. I am honored to join the communities of the Naugatuck Valley in thanking Jack for his unparalleled public service—his is a legacy that will not soon be matched and most certainly will continue to inspire service in others for generations to come.

HONORING RAYMOND RANGERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Raymond Rangers Boys Basketball Team, from my District, on the victory over Leake Central Boys Basketball Team in the Mississippi Boys Class 4A Championship Game (52–46).

I would like to recognize the team beginning with the coaching staff; Head Coach Robert Green, and the Assistant Coach, Terrell Anderson. Because of their hard work and dedication, the Rangers' 23–5 record has captured their second state championship in the school's history, and first state title (2017 District 3–4A Champions), since 1999.

The players' teamwork and athletic abilities are also evident with this victory. The players are: Keyundra Downs, Tremayne Watts, Keivonte Watts, Tavian Coleman, Cameron Woodall, Jiris Killingsworth, DeMarius Daniels, SharDarrion Allen, TraDavis Thompson, JeKeivious Williams, Girrod Harris, Jared Keyes, Alvin Brown and Jakorie Smith.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating one of the basketball teams in my district, Raymond Rangers Boys Basketball Team.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER G. BARADAT ON RECEIVING THE AIR FORCE CROSS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Christopher G. Baradat upon being awarded the Air Force Cross, the service's highest combat medal of valor.

During his third deployment, Staff Sergeant Baradat called in close air support from A–10 Thunderbolt II fighter jets and AC–130 gunships while exposing himself directly to enemy gunfire. His efforts resulted in the safety and rescue of 150 troops and the destruction of 50 enemy and 13 separate fighting positions.

The courage shown by this dedicated Special Tactics Airman is a true testament of his character. Staff Sergeant Baradat embodies the selfless commitment to service, sacrifice, and exceptional skill of our Nation's service members.

The entire Northwest Florida community is immensely proud of our areas tradition of military service and support for those who wear the uniform. It is a true honor to recognize Staff Sergeant Baradat upon this most notable distinction.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ELLA FITZGERALD

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor "The First Lady of Song", Ella Fitzgerald on her 100th birthday.

Born on April 25, 1917 in Newport News, Virginia, Ella Jane Fitzgerald went on to define Jazz music for more than half a century. Fitzgerald's career first began when she performed at an amateur night contest at the Apollo Theater in 1934. She was just 17 years old and received first place. After overcoming a tumultuous childhood, Fitzgerald recorded her first major hit, "A-Tisket A-Tasket," in 1938 just four short years after her appearance at the Apollo Theater.

In 1958, during the inaugural Grammy Awards, Fitzgerald won best jazz performance and best female vocal performance. Remembered for her humble demeanor, effortless stage presence, and inventive voice, Fitzgerald recorded more than 200 albums in her lifetime and sold over 40 million records. During her impressive and lengthy career, Fitzgerald worked with many other great jazz artists of the time including Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, and Dizzy Gillespie.

Ella Fitzgerald won 13 Grammy's during her lifetime, and was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George H.W. Bush in 1992.

Mr. Speaker, although Ella Fitzgerald is no longer here with us, her music is still celebrated throughout the world, especially in her

birthplace of Newport News, Virginia, and I hope that it continues to inspire well beyond her 100th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR DAVID K.
PENDERGRASS

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize David Pendergrass, the Mayor of Sand City, on his retirement after serving as mayor for thirty-five years. As an outstanding citizen and public servant, Mayor Pendergrass made a significant impact on the lives of citizens and the business community in Sand City in his four decades of public service.

As Mayor, he has achieved high praise for his accomplishments in the local, regional and business community on the Central Coast. In addition to his time as mayor, David was a professional artist and illustrator. He also had a thirty-two-year tenure working for the United States Army Training Division, in the Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization Support Center.

Mayor Pendergrass entered public service in 1978 and twice served as Chair of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Further, he served on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, the Monterey-Salinas Transit Board of Directors, the Regional Taxi Authority, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority and the Association of Monterey Area Governments.

During his tenure, Mayor Pendergrass has turned Sand City into a hub of economic and commercial activity. The accomplishments he has made to the Central Coast community will be felt for generations. His involvement in local and regional governance has provided a positive economic impact to the local business sector.

As Mayor, he has worked diligently on the challenging issue of water supply quantity and quality for the Monterey Peninsula. He also provided leadership in the community effort to deal with the closure of Fort Ord and establish CSU Monterey Bay. Mayor Pendergrass has deep roots in the community by raising three children, fourteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. I am proud of the mayor's many personal and professional accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the dedication and hard work Mayor Pendergrass has given to Sand City and the Central Coast region. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Pendergrass and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF DETECTIVE BRENT
AKIN

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honored to recognize and thank Brent Akin for his selfless commitment to the safety and

well-being of the Montgomery County community.

On April 30th, Detective Akin of the Montgomery County Sheriffs Department will enter a well-deserved retirement after almost thirty years of dedicated public service.

A native Texan, Brent was born and raised in Houston by his parents, JoAnn and Rowland Akin. Together with his five siblings: Joe, Ricky, Bill, Deronda, and Rowland, Brent grew up in the Houston community. In 1983, Brent married the love of his life, Catherine Parada and, two years later, packed their belongings and moved to The Woodlands, TX where they have resided ever since. In 1987, Brent and Catherine welcomed a beautiful daughter, Emily, who has blessed them with a son-in-law, Stephen Richards, and a grandson, Noah.

Brent officially began his career in law enforcement when he graduated from the police academy in 1987. Just one year later, he joined the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, where he has served for nearly thirty years, working under five sheriffs. Most recently, Brent works as a Detective, but during his many years of distinguished service, he held various positions within the department as a Patrol Officer and Internal Affairs Officer.

Throughout his career, Brent has helped countless members of our community conducting criminal investigations, providing security for community events, and patrolling the cities and roads of Montgomery County. Brent has worked to solve many high profile cases, including the 1999 Wanda Pitts murder case. His close attention to detail, perseverance, commitment to the law and serving his community is evident in every case he has worked on.

Brent has honorably dedicated himself to Montgomery County as is evidenced by countless first-hand accounts and the many commendations he has received, such as the Public Safety Hero Award in 2009.

I am pleased to join Brent's family friends, the citizens of Montgomery County, and the entire Eighth Congressional District of Texas to give thanks and wish him well as he begins his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAY
TAMSI

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Jay Tamsi for his dedicated community service and to congratulate him for being selected as the Grand Marshal of the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta in Delano, California.

Mr. Tamsi was born August 17, 1978 in Bakersfield, California to his parents, Olivia and Jimmy Tamsi. Mr. Tamsi has strong Kern County roots, having attended Cecil Avenue Middle School in Delano, Delano High School, and later the California State University, Bakersfield, where he graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Marketing.

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a successful business owner of his own company, Tamsi Consulting Serv-

ices, Jay has been generous in giving back to his local community. A strong man of God, Jay serves as a member at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delano and was responsible for organizing the induction of rites celebration for Father Loji Pilonas as the new priest of St. Mary's. Jay was an organizer for the St. Mary's Thanksgiving Community Feed, where he helped provide meals for less fortunate families during the holidays.

His community service extends past his parish; Mr. Tamsi works as the Director on several community boards including the Greater Area Delano Youth Foundation and the Philippine Weekend Executive Committee. He is also a Lifetime Member of Delano Harvest Holidays. Mr. Tamsi's love of service and community involvement extended into his creation of the only Filipino Hall in the State of California, which works to promote Filipinos' needs in the community.

Mr. Tamsi is being honored as the Grand Marshal of the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta of his home city of Delano, California, which holds one of the largest and oldest celebrations in the United States. This high honor is being bestowed upon a great man who has spent countless hours helping his community and neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in thanking Mr. Jay Tamsi for his years of community service and congratulating him on being the Grand Marshal of the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta in Delano.

HONORING MILLS ACADEMY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, Mills Academy.

With Mississippi schools mandating fundamental tests for kindergarten through third grade students to pass in order to advance to the next grade, one woman has made it her mission to help the children in the Greenville Public School District. Airnecia Mills, founder and director of Mills Academy, an after-school tutoring program for students in pre-K all the way through college, has started a free third-grade reading comprehension program in an effort to prepare area children for upcoming state tests. "We're encouraging students to read passages and comprehend what the questions are asking them with the same strategies they will be tested on," Mills said.

Last year, all of Mills' third-graders passed the reading gate and many of her students showed exceptional growth in their star literacy and reading test, she said. Aside from the reading program, Mills Academy provides after-school help for students in pre-k through 12th grade from 4:00-8:00 p.m. every weekday. While helping students to enhance their educational experience, the academy focuses on promoting academic achievement, developing stronger academic skills, test-taking and studying skills. Homework assistance, test prep and tutorials are given to students after school to help eliminate the illiteracy in the community.

Mills started this program towards the end of 2015 and her family was super supportive

of her. Mills is a graduate of Greenville Weston High School and Alcorn State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a special education and reading endorsement.

She was an educator in the public school district and realized there was a need for extra help for students in the after-school extended program.

With more than 20 students enrolled, Mills said she hopes to continue the growth of the academy and wants to be able to make a bigger impact. "I really believe I can make an impact in children's lives and I want to see growth in them. One of my main goals is to see how I helped that child. I am very passionate about education because it's the key to success," Mills said.

While Mills' focus right now is on the third-grade reading test, she also helps students prepare for the ACT. "I had one student to go from a 16 to an 18, and he was preparing to get into nursing school and that was his main focus," she said.

Parents in the community have been very supportive of her mission and have participated in many of the Mills Academy events, which include: fundraisers, paint classes, movie nights for the kids and even an event for Dr. Seuss' birthday that the parents and community supports," she said.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mills Academy for its dedication to serving and giving back to the community.

CONGRATULATING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ELKHART ON CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Elkhart on celebrating 100 years of service.

In 1917, the 36th Kiwanis Club was formed in Elkhart, Indiana. Since then, this incredible unit of volunteers and local leaders has been dedicated to improving the lives of children around the world and right here at home.

Kiwanis Clubs around the country and across the globe aim to encourage, support, and inspire local youth to make a difference in their communities. From rebuilding schools to hosting food drives, Kiwanians are serving others while learning to work together and find positive solutions to society's most challenging problems.

The commitment of Elkhart Kiwanis to serving our community is demonstrated by its signature program, Knowledge is Dynamite—or KID—Day. Twice a year, they honor a group of local fourth grade students who have demonstrated perseverance and personal growth. Over the last 30 years, they have recognized the achievements of more than 1,300 students and inspired countless more to set and strive toward meaningful goals.

The longstanding tradition of volunteerism and leadership runs strong in the Kiwanis members in Elkhart. I am incredibly grateful for the positive role this organization has played in making our community a better place. When children are empowered to break through obstacles and help those in need,

anything is possible. Children are safer, healthier, and happier because of the hard work and determination of Kiwanians. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club, our future is in good hands.

The impressive growth and charitable reach of the Kiwanis Club of Elkhart is a true reflection of the hardworking Hoosier spirit its members embody.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Indiana's 2nd District, I want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Elkhart for continuing to provide such a remarkable opportunity for children and young adults to challenge themselves and fight for worthy causes in their own neighborhoods and on the global stage.

IN RECOGNITION OF PORTUGUESE IMMIGRANT WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Portuguese Immigrant Week. As members of the Portuguese community in the Sacramento region celebrate and gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them and their long history and contributions to our region and country.

California was discovered by Portuguese explorer Joao Rodrigues Cabrillo in 1542. Centuries later, in the mid-1800s, Portuguese immigrants made new roots for their families setting in our state—many owned, operated, or worked on a dairy farm or in the dairy-related industry. Throughout the many decades, the Portuguese communities in California have made a great effort to preserve their culture and identity. The Portuguese communities and their members contribute many services to the local community and they are always striving to uphold the values that the Portuguese community holds dear. Fifty years ago, recognizing their contributions, then Governor Ronald Reagan declared the second week of March as "Portuguese Immigrant Week". We celebrate the long history of the Portuguese community in our region. The community in Sacramento continues to share their rich and beautiful heritage and we will continue to celebrate their influence in our region.

Mr. Speaker, as members of our community gather to celebrate the outstanding contributions of our Portuguese families, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their dedication.

BEN DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise before you to offer a word of congratulations to the Ben Davis High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team. The Giants captured the Division 4A Indiana State Boys Basketball Championship on March 25, 2017 at Bankers Life Field House in Indianapolis after a 55–52 win over Fort Wayne North Side.

This team's achievements would not have been possible without, Head Coach Mark James, who is in his 35th year coaching the Giants and boasted that "it's been a team effort all year." The entire team, including the players, coaches, managers and fans should be proud of their record, including a 14 game winning streak, and for bringing their school a third championship.

Winning a state championship is reaching the pinnacle of basketball and the entire Indianapolis community is proud to celebrate their accomplishments this season.

RECOGNIZING THE PENSACOLA BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL TEAM

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Pensacola Blue Wahoos Baseball Team, in Northwest Florida. In 2016, the Southern League of Professional Baseball Clubs announced the Wahoos as the winners of the "Community Service Award".

In addition, the Director of Sports Turf Management for the Blue Wahoos, Ray Sayre, was named the "Groundskeeper of the Year" for the fourth consecutive season.

The team members have demonstrated a profound dedication to their community by participating in activities that directly benefit and uplift the Pensacola area.

The Wahoos' outreach has helped such organizations as the Epilepsy Foundation of Northwest Florida, Autism Pensacola, the United Way, the National Alliance of Mental Illness, and many more.

Working with the Studer Community Institute, through such programs as "Kazoo's Grand Slam Reading Program", the team has highlighted the priority of Early Childhood Education; this program reached over 9,000 students and parents in 2016.

The Blue Wahoos have a long history of taking an active role in their community. In 2012, their unwavering support and involvement resulted in them being named the "Southern League Organization of the Year", "Ballpark Digest's Organization of the Year", and "Ballpark of the Year" by Baseballparks.com.

The tradition of excellence has continued since 2013, when the team was named "Stadium Journey's Best Minor League Ballpark Experience"; and again, awarded the "Southern League Community Service Award". Since then, the Blue Wahoos have won many awards from a multitude of organizations because of their selfless contributions to the Pensacola area.

I would like to personally thank all of the past and present members of the Blue Wahoos, as well as all of the employees who participate and provide support for the team and community events. I would also like to thank Quint Studer and his team for providing the leadership that supports this remarkable cooperative contribution.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the Pensacola Blue Wahoos Baseball Team for their continuous devotion to enhancing their community and for their contribution to an immeasurable positive

impact that has occurred because of each team member's exceptional character. It is with great pride that I recognize and thank them for all that they do.

HONORING MR. CARL TART

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an intuitive and self-motivated young man, Mr. Carl Tart.

Carl Tart is a 2016 graduate of Yazoo City High School, finishing number 3 of 127 in his class, with a 4.03 GPA and an ACT score of 25. He chose to continue his education approximately 151 miles north of Yazoo City at the University of Mississippi, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Secondary Science Education. He plans to return to Yazoo City to teach at his alma mater.

Carl is the recipient of the Ole Miss Academic Excellence Scholarship, Mississippi Boy's State Delegate scholarship, the Bledsoe Academic Award, the Mississippi Star Student Scholarship and the King's Memorial Scholarship for students in the School of Education. He is also the recipient of three local scholarships: the Yazoo County Conventions and Visitors Bureau Scholarship, the Yazoo Community Scholarship and the Community Solutions of Mississippi Scholarship. He is also the recipient of the Robert Ben Williams Minority Scholarship Endowment, which supports scholarship awarded for academic excellence and provides assistance for young Mississippians. Being the first Fund to be established by the university's African American alumni, the scholarship is named after Yazoo City Native Ben Williams, known as "Gentle Ben", who was the first African American football player at Ole Miss.

Carl has joined various organizations including the Ole Miss Black Student Union, Teachers of Tomorrow, and holding the position as Events Coordinator for the FASTrack, LLC. He plans to start his own organization in the spring that supports no-kill animal shelters and pet adoption agencies. He has also worked on the campaigns of the reigning Homecoming Queen MK Phillips and Miss Ole Miss Acacia Santos.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Carl Tart for his desire for academic excellence.

JORDAN CHEEK WINS 2016 RESERVE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP YOUTH TITLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jordan Cheek of Needville, TX, for winning the 2016 Reserve World Championship Youth Title in the American Quarter Horse Association's Versatility Ranch Horse World show.

The show took place at the Houston Livestock & Rodeo, where Jordan and her horse, Irish Cowboy, competed in ranch riding, ranch trail, reining, cutting, conformation halter, and working cow work. Jordan has been riding horses since the age of three and showing since she was eight. She competes in equestrian drill team, halter, English performance, western performance, reining, and speed events. Eight years ago, she also began judging horse competitions. After graduating from Needville High School, Jordan plans to pursue a nursing program at Texas Tech University.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Jordan for winning the 2016 Reserve World Championship Youth Title. We are proud of her hard work and look forward to her future success.

KATY SIBLINGS COMPETE AT DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT NATIONAL FINALS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maye and Treed Huang of Katy, TX, for qualifying and competing at the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at the Augusta National Golf Club in GA.

Maye brought home a national championship by winning the girls 7-9 division, while Treed tied for fourth in the 12-13 boys division. This is Treed's second time competing at this prestigious competition, having won the 7-9 boys division in 2014. Each division included 10 competitors, where they received points based on their performance in the driving, chipping and putting categories. To qualify, Maye and Treed had to compete at a local qualifier, one of 50 sub-regional competitions, and one of 10 regionals. Only 80 competed in the junior competition.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Maye and Treed Huang for their stellar performances at the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals. We're proud of their hard work and look forward to seeing them play at Augusta again—at the Masters.

BEST WISHES TO PEARLAND
POLICE CHIEF J.C. DOYLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Chief J.C. Doyle of Pearland, TX, for his distinguished service with the Pearland Police Department. Chief Doyle is retiring after 38 years of service.

A lifetime Pearland resident, Chief Doyle joined the Pearland Police Department in 1979. He has worked as a detective, a patrol sergeant and as the commander for a multi-agency Special Weapons and Tactics Team. He was the Assistant Chief of Police from 1994 until 1999, when he was appointed Chief of Police. He's the longest-serving police Chief in the department and has been an integral part of keeping the Pearland community safe. We wish him an enjoyable and happy retirement.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I wanted again to thank Chief Doyle for his dedicated public service. All of Pearland has benefitted from his commitment to safety and we thank him.