

touched a lot of people's lives because he had such a big heart."

SGT Magee's uncle, Dennis Davis, said he was one of the nicest young men with whom you would ever want to come in contact.

At SGT Magee's memorial service at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Kalsu's chapel, soldiers of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, gathered to remember their fallen comrade. Colonel Robert Ashe, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, said tireless efforts were taken to save his life by other soldiers and later at the FOB Kalsu aid station. COL Ashe said his family members were able to say goodbye to SGT Magee because of this concerted effort to save his life.

Our nation is blessed to have soldiers like SGT Magee who bravely fought to protect America.

#### RECOGNIZING KING'S HAWAIIAN

##### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 28, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize King's Hawaiian as Georgia's 2017 Manufacturer of the Year. King's Hawaiian joined the Hall County community in 2011, and today employs 650 friends and neighbors at its Georgia facility.

I have visited the King's Hawaiian plant in Oakwood and can testify to its efficiency and professionalism. However, what struck me the most was the overarching culture of positivity and respect among King's Hawaiian employees.

While the operation's vision and growth both stand out from a business perspective, King's Hawaiian has also become a community partner and leader in Hall County.

King's Hawaiian strongly supports Lanier Technical College and the Hall County School System. It invests in Leadership Hall and Youth Leadership Hall. Additionally, King's Hawaiian provides dinner rolls to several local charities and engages the community through a variety of events.

Additionally, King's Hawaiian continues to look for ways to maximize its positive presence in Georgia, collaborating with our poultry industry and some of Georgia's brightest agriculture minds.

For all of these reasons, King's Hawaiian deserves the honor of being Georgia's Manufacturer of the Year, and I am proud that they call northeast Georgia home.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR BEING NAMED HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

##### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 28, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. John Providence Health System for receiving the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce's Humanitarian of the Year Award. The physicians and staff of St. John

Providence provide lifesaving medical care to southeast Michigan and the Chaldean community.

Founded in 1999 after a merger of several local hospital systems, St. John Providence Health System operates four hospitals and 125 medical centers that collectively act as the largest provider of inpatient medical care in southeast Michigan. These facilities offer services including advanced treatments for cancer, neurological diseases and other specialized care. SJP also offers special assistance to improve the quality of care for the Chaldean community, including Arabic signage, cultural programming and Middle Eastern food options. They also partner with Medical Emergency Relief for Christian Iraqis, an organization that provides medical services and supplies to Iraqi Christians in need. Additionally, SJP has collaborated extensively with the Chaldean American Association for Health Professionals, helping them sponsor continuing medical education for medical professionals and working with local churches to increase access to preventative care.

St. John Providence Health System has provided world-class medical care to the southeast Michigan community since its formation. Its comprehensive offering of advanced medical services, as well as its specialized outreach to the wide variety of ethnic groups in southeast Michigan, has helped SJP's hospital services and patient outcomes rank among the best in the country. Its unique approach to care allows it to continue serving the specific medical needs of Chaldeans and other patients, and it is my hope that SJP and its affiliates continue to be a model for healthcare delivery to these groups in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring St. John Providence Health System for its world-class healthcare and service it provides to southeast Michigan. SJP serves patients well through its suite of offerings in southeast Michigan.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO COMMISSION A STATUE OF ELIE WIESEL TO BE PLACED IN THE CAPITOL

##### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 28, 2017*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation I introduced earlier today with Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN to commission a statue or bust of Elie Wiesel to be installed in the Capitol.

This legislation is especially timely as we commemorate Yom Ha'Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, this week.

If enacted, this legislation would direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue or bust of Elie Wiesel for placement in the United States Capitol.

Elie Wiesel was born in Romania in 1928. In 1944, at the age of fifteen, Wiesel was deported to Auschwitz, and later to Buchenwald where he was released in April 1945.

Following the war, Wiesel became a journalist and wrote about his experiences during the Holocaust. His memoir, *Night*, has been translated into over 30 languages. Throughout his life, he fought vocally against indifference,

intolerance, and injustice. Wiesel received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

Elie Wiesel was one of the greatest moral forces in the world. He was in the same class as Nelson Mandela, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi. Wiesel was brilliant, pure, honest, and courageous.

I met Elie Wiesel when I was a Tennessee State Senator and he was honored at Vanderbilt. It was particularly special for me to meet Elie Wiesel as he was the inspiration for my passing legislation to create the Tennessee Holocaust Commission in 1984.

Elie Wiesel made it his life's work to remind and educate others on the horrors of the Holocaust. He spent his life encouraging others to learn from this tragic chapter in the history of humanity. He continually told people to never forget.

This addition to the Capitol would be a continuous reminder to "never forget."

His voice was strong and is sorely missed. He was one of my heroes.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING 75 YEARS OF THE KENNETT, MO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

##### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 28, 2017*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kennett Board of Public Works 75th year of service as a municipally owned utility to the citizens of Kennett, Missouri. In Missouri's Eighth Congressional District we are thankful to have a public power utility that provides Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Sewer, Internet and Economic Development services to their customers.

Throughout their 75 years, the Kennett Board of Public Works has made it their mission to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible rates for their customers in the Bootheel. With the guidance of their wise and dedicated board members, along with the management of the utility, they have been very successful in accomplishing their mission.

As we celebrate the Kennett Board of Public Works 75th year of service as a municipally owned utility to the citizens of Kennett, Missouri, it is my pleasure to recognize the organization and their efforts before the House of Representatives and thank them for their commitment to their community in Missouri's Bootheel.

#### HONORING BOB & RUTH LEWIS

##### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 28, 2017*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, as Young Israel of New Rochelle in my district celebrates its 50th Anniversary at its current location, there could not be a more fitting couple to honor at the celebration than Bob and Ruth Lewis.

Ten years after its founding on Coligni Avenue in south New Rochelle, YINR moved to 1228 North Avenue in June 1967. One month later in July, 1967 Ruth and Bob joined that

small group of congregants and since their arrival, the Lewises have been a significant presence in our community. Early on, Ruth with Rita Steimmauer Schiller prepared Shabbos kiddush and Bob corralled Jewish passersby to complete the sparse Friday night and Shabbos morning minyanim. Ruth was the head and motivating force of the committee for the formation of our eruv. Bob was a YINR vice president and a member of the search committee that hired Rabbi Fink. The Lewises have hosted the Bonnie Crest Friday night minyan since 1987. "Dr. Ruth", an internist and renowned endocrinologist has consulted on many of the more complicated medical problems of our members. 'Dr. Bob', an OB-GYN, has delivered a number of the YINR offspring.

Of all their accomplishments, the Lewises feel their greatest achievement has been their three daughters, Debbie, Adina, and Beth who have spent virtually their entire lives in New Rochelle and with their husbands have produced their remarkable eleven grandchildren. Debbie with her husband David Isaac, and Adina with her husband, Lawrence Garbuz, following their parents' example, have become valued, effective, respected members of our New Rochelle community. Beth and her husband, Yoel Greenbaum are highly thought of in their Teaneck community.

Bob and Ruth have been cornerstones of the YINR and New Rochelle community, and their commitment to their family, friends, and fellow congregants is inspiring. On this special occasion, I want to take the opportunity to thank Bob and Ruth for all that they have done, and congratulate them on this wonderful and well deserved honor.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TAX PLAN

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 28, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak for one minute on President Trump's Tax Cut Plan.

As a member of the House Budget Committee, I would participate in any Committee's markup of a tax reform bill.

President Trump's much anticipated tax plan is another disappointment; a poor work product; something he should have been ashamed to put his name on; and it reveals yet again what many warned about before the election.

This tax plan would receive a failing grade in any school of business.

A one page federal tax cut plan—really is an insult to the American People.

This plan shows no command of the facts regarding our nation's very complex tax system.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin set out a test for tax reform that, "there will be no absolute tax cut for the upper class."

But the president's tax plan has failed this test miserably by providing a huge tax cut for the wealthy while middle income families would receive very little benefit.

In fact, Trump's tax plan provides a huge tax benefit for him personally. Using his 2005

tax return numbers, President Trump would save about \$28.6 million in taxes under his plan.

About \$27 million of those savings is due to the reduction of the passthrough income rate to 15 percent.

President Trump's tax proposal blows a hole in the nation's deficit.

It's become painfully obvious that the deficit only matters when a Democrat is President.

The plan is not revenue neutral.

In fact, early press reports indicate that the Trump proposal is likely to add several trillions of dollars to our deficit.

Busting the deficit the way the Trump tax plan would do puts immediate pressure on our other obligations—including guaranteed Medicare benefits.

The President can't pretend to protect Medicare, then leave beneficiaries completely exposed by draining our coffers.

For some context, these tax cuts could fund Medicare for the next 75 years or more.

You have to question the priorities of the President—is he working to keep his promises to hardworking Americans, or is he abandoning those promises in favor of enriching the wealthy.

Democrats know that the Middle Class deserves the tax cut, not Donald Trump and his Cabinet.

We would focus on growing our economy from the middle out, instead of trickle-down economics from the top down.

The middle class does not need to deal with the consequence of a massive tax cut for the wealthy.

I ask my colleagues join me in opposing any burdensome tax cut plan that hurts working families.

#### REMOVAL OF DAVID PULPHUS' PAINTING FROM THE CANNON TUNNEL

SPEECH OF

### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2017*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Rep. CLAY for hosting this important special order hour, and thank him for all his hard work on this very important issue over the past few months.

As co-chair of the Congressional Arts Caucus, I wanted to share my appreciation this evening for David Pulphus and his artwork "Untitled #1" which won the Congressional Art Competition in Missouri's 1st Congressional District, home to the city of St. Louis.

David's painting is a wonderful piece of artwork, a contribution that we will not soon forget, and should still be hanging in the Capitol.

As the great poet Langston Hughes once said "An artist must be free to choose what he does, certainly, but he must also never be afraid to do what he might choose."

David's artwork strikes at the core of our nation. He bravely shows his subject and expressed it in a beautiful and moving painting and it is my hope that he continue to express himself and his artwork without fear.

In February I sent David a letter expressing my apologies that his painting was unfairly taken down from the halls of the Capitol. It is my sincere hope that this experience does not deter him, or other aspiring young artists, from future endeavors in the arts.

Thank you Rep. CLAY for allowing me to speak tonight.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY STAFF SERGEANT (SSG) JEFFREY FRANCIS DAYTON

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 28, 2017*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) Jeffrey Francis Dayton who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on April, 29, 2004, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Dayton was one of eight soldiers killed by a car bomb as his unit was doing a dismounted improvised explosive device sweep in Baghdad, Iraq.

SSG Dayton was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. SSG Dayton entered the Army in February 1998. His family says SSG Dayton was always drawn to "all things Army." He was the sixth child of Jim and Shelia Dayton. His nickname was "Six." He had another nickname in the Army. Everyone in his unit called him "Sunshine" because of his friendly disposition and upbeat personality.

SSG Dayton's brother, John Dayton, was serving with the Air Force in the Middle East at the time of his brother's death. John immediately requested to leave his post to escort his little brother's body home. He did not want his brother to make the long journey home alone. As John made his way with Jeffrey's body through airports in Frankfurt, Germany, Atlanta, and Memphis, he was amazed at the outpouring of respect he received. He shared his story with Kevin Wood, author of an article on 40 Days of Honor, a blog initiated by the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal.

"During the mission to escort my brother's body back home, the most difficult of any mission ever assigned to me, several people approached me in airports and thanked me for my service," John said. "I politely thanked them, but inside I felt hollow, and guilty. It just didn't seem right that my little brother died protecting others and they were thanking me."

When SSG Dayton's body arrived in Columbus, MS, the Columbus Police Department cleared the roads and posted an officer at each intersection. Each police officer saluted SSG Dayton.

SSG Dayton is buried in Corinth, MS, in the closest military cemetery to his Caledonia home. Today, a monument stands in his honor as well in honor of SSGT Brian Freeman, who also gave his life to protect our freedoms.

SSG Dayton is survived by his parents, James and Shelia Dayton, his wife Helen, and siblings; John and Jim Dayton, Joe Galbraith, Jay and Jeremy Dayton, and his sister, Joanna Gilford.