Champe’s 3rd grade class at Deerfield Elementary in Novi, Michigan.

I know that artists get their start long before high school and college, learning to expand their imagination and foster their creativity in classrooms just like Mrs. Champe’s.

In an effort to highlight young artists from across Michigan’s 11th Congressional District, this year, I announced the 1st Annual “Color my Capitol” Program.

Brimming with talent, Mrs. Champe’s students were eager to showcase their amazing artistic skills and take part in this one-of-a-kind program.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Champe’s 3rd graders did not disappoint. Their creations are unique, innovative, and imaginative. Their colorful artwork embodies our country’s bright and promising future with these sharp young minds leading the way.

It is my utmost honor to have their artwork displayed in my Congressional district office in Troy, Michigan for everyone who visits to enjoy. Each and every time I walk into my office, I am reminded of their talent.

Congratulations to Mrs. Champe and the young artists she has the pleasure of teaching.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. JAY GOGUE

HON. MIKE ROGERS
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House’s attention to recognize the retirement of Auburn University’s 18th President, Dr. Jay Gogue.

Jay was raised in Waycross, Georgia, and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in horticulture from Auburn University before earning a doctorate in that field from Michigan State University.

In July 2000, Dr. Gogue returned to Auburn University to serve as the 18th president and has worked tirelessly to improve the academic strength of Auburn’s student body.

Under his leadership, Auburn is implementing a strategic plan focused on enhancing student success, supporting faculty excellence, strengthening public engagement and promoting research, scholarship and creative work.

During his time as president, he has stayed connected with the students in the classroom and even teaches a graduate course in higher education administration where students learn undergraduates at Auburn. They have three children, one grandchild and two dogs. They are remaining in the Auburn community and he will continue teaching a course in higher education leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing my friends, Jay and Susie, best wishes on retirement. I thank him for his hard work and commitment to Auburn University.

TRIBUTE TO MANUEL TROY CORONADO

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the patriotic service of Manuel Troy Coronado, who recently retired from a distinguished career in the Army National Guard.

Troy was born in San Antonio, Texas in 1962. The son of a career military officer, he attended elementary school in Germany and Panama, then attended E. Lee High School in San Antonio in 1980. He attended the University of Maryland in Munich, Germany and later graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

In 1986, Troy enlisted in the U.S. Army and shortly after gained acceptance into the Army’s Officer Candidate School. He attended the Armor Officer Basic Course in Fort Knox, Kentucky and served a tour in Germany before taking time to pursue a civilian career, including jobs as a teacher and guidance counselor for troubled teens.

Drawn back to military service, Troy eventually reenlisted in the Army. Through his work, he lived in several places in the United States, including Arlington, Virginia; Houston, Texas; and Fort Benning, Georgia. Troy was deployed to Afghanistan in 2006 to serve as an embedded team trainer. Ultimately, Troy rose to the rank of Branch Chief in the National Guard Bureau’s SOUTHCOM Joint Staff.

Troy’s loving wife, Lisa, and their three daughters, Raquel, Jaqueline, and Mindy, have provided him with a great deal of support throughout his various deployments and assignments.

I join my fellow Texans and all Americans in thanking Troy for his years of admirable, selfless service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. DUTKIEWICZ’S 3RD GRADE CLASS AT DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY

HON. DAVID A. TROTT
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young artists in Mrs. Dutkiewicz’s 3rd grade class at Deerfield Elementary in Novi, Michigan.