

instead of solely People's Baptist Church. This call to missionary has led the church from then on, creating a legacy of community outreach, and ministry that reaches far beyond the walls of the church. During Rev. Wright, Sr.'s tenure, his preaching became renowned across the nation. At the time of his death, he was the president of the National Missionary Baptist Convention, president of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Dallas. In 1995, President George W. Bush renamed Highway 175 to S. M. Wright Freeway in his honor.

On November 17, 1993, Rev. S. M. Wright, II began leading the church with his pastoral leadership. His brother, Rev. Calvin W. M. Wright served next to him as co-pastor. Together, the two men continued Rev. Wright, Sr.'s mission by helping to improve the lives of people outside the church's walls by engaging their members in community outreach and civic matters.

Pastor S. M. Wright, II and his family created the S. M. Wright Foundation to administer the South Dallas Community, the South Dallas Education Center, the South Dallas Resource Center, the S. M. Wright Furniture Bank, the South Dallas Entrepreneurship Center, and the Financial Management and Investment Club. These organizations help those in need obtain furniture, clothing, job training, and much more. Since November 2014, Pastor S. M. Wright, II innovated the Fix-It-Up and Fill-It-Up Campaign. This campaign has worked to renovate the church through tithes and offerings to make sure that the church can continue serving its continuously growing membership. It finished renovations in March of 2016.

Mr. Speaker, the South Dallas community is a greater place, because of the presence of the People's Missionary Baptist Church and I'm proud to celebrate their 95th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIE BEVING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Christie Beving of Norwalk, Iowa for being named the 2017 Norwalk Educator of the Year at the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Educator of the Year award recognizes a local teacher who has exemplified what excellence in teaching looks like. Christie has been teaching English at the Norwalk Community School District for the past 19 years, and this year is serving as an instructional coach. She is known by students and parents alike as an educator who is student centered, and always pushing them to their full potential. Her dedication to the children of Norwalk extends beyond her classrooms though. She is also a prep teacher at St. John's Catholic Church and volunteers for NABC basketball tournaments.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent educators like Christie in the United States Con-

gress, and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Christie for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2017

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the Congress Leads by Example Act, which would subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to the federal whistleblower and anti-discrimination laws that now protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. Now more than ever, especially given ongoing reports of sexual harassment and other workplace abuses in the legislative branch, Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on the American people, American businesses, and others. Congress has already acknowledged the importance of accountability in the legislative branch when it passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA).

The CAA was an important first step in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but it did not finish the job. The CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws, but it exempted the legislative branch from important notice and training provisions, and altogether omitted important substantive and administrative protections. In its annual report for fiscal year 2016, the Office of Compliance (OOC), which was established through the CAA, identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch. OOC's recommendations include mandatory anti-discrimination and anti-retaliation training, providing whistleblowers with protection from retaliation by making the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 applicable to the legislative branch, and urging Congress to approve regulations that provide additional protections under the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. This bill takes into account the OOC report, and seeks to both apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress, Capitol Hill employees, and visitors by bringing the legislative branch in line with the legal requirements of private sector employers and the executive branch.

My bill is a necessary companion to the CAA, particularly in light of recent news reports of appalling behavior on the part of Members of Congress and staff in positions of authority in Member offices and committees. Former and current staffers spoke out on social media during the #MeToo campaign, which originated after the Harvey Weinstein sexual assault and harassment allegations, sharing horrifying stories of workplace harassment, including groping, inappropriate emails and text messages, and predatory behavior on

the part of both Members and staff. But many legislative branch employees who have been victims of workplace harassment or worse have not felt empowered to report it since they are not protected from retaliation. My bill provides general whistleblower protections, anti-retaliation measures, and makes additional Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) provisions applicable to the legislative branch, including providing subpoena authority to OOC to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. This bill requires legislative branch employers to provide their employees with notice of their rights and remedies under the CAA anti-discrimination provisions through the placement of signage in offices highlighting relevant anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. This bill also requires legislative branch offices to provide training to employees about their CAA rights and remedies. Finally, this bill bolsters the CAA's recordkeeping requirements. It extends to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws.

By passing this bill, Congress will help restore the public trust in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

LUNCHESES OF LOVE SERVES TWO MILLION LUNCHESES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lunches of Love for serving its two millionth free lunch to children of the Fort Bend County community.

Lunches of Love has been serving Fort Bend County since 2012 by providing nutritious lunches for children in need. This summer, Lunches of Love distributed their two millionth sack lunch and moved one step closer to ending childhood hunger. We are extremely proud of Lunches of Love's dedication to our children and are grateful for every volunteer who has helped them reach this milestone. Our hope is that Lunches of Love will no longer be necessary, but until that day, we thank them for providing nutrition and love for children who need it.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to Lunches of Love for serving the children of Fort Bend County and helping to eradicate childhood hunger. Thank you for serving two million lunches.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN LERDAL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Lerdal of Pleasant Hill, Iowa for being awarded the Pillar of Service Award at the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Pillar of Service Award celebrates a community member who is the model of dedication to the chamber and the community. John is the director of the Pleasant Hill Public Library and has helped lead them through numerous expansions and improvements over the years. He is an active member of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, having served as a board member and volunteer at countless chamber events over the years. John has impacted the lives of countless community members, whether it was at the Lions Club handing out hotdogs and popcorn or reading books to children at the public library where the kids know him as "Mr. John."

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like John in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating John for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING LARRY ODOM

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of retired Colonel Larry Odom. Colonel Odom will be retiring from his position on the Cedartown City Commission at the end of his term this month.

Colonel Odom grew up in Cedartown, Georgia, and attended Berry College in Rome, Georgia, graduating with a degree in Mathematics. He later received a graduate degree in Management from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Colonel Odom served in the United States Air Force for just shy of 28 years, flying in combat over Southeast Asia, and later contributing to the maintenance of the Strategic Air Command's nuclear deterrent force.

During this time he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Legion of Merit Award.

Colonel Odom established Operation Warm Heart while serving at Minot Air Force Base. Operation Warm Heart was created to serve the dependents of those deployed to Operation Desert Storm, and was later expanded into a state-wide program that is still in operation today.

After his retirement from the Air Force, Colonel Odom returned home to Cedartown, where he has worked to improve his community. In the time since he left the military, Colo-

nel Odom has served as Director of Polk County E-911 and on the Cedartown City Commission for over a decade.

His service on the Cedartown City Commission is marked by four years as commission chairman, in the period of 2008-2010 and 2016.

I am proud today to recognize Colonel Odom's time in public service and his contributions to the people of Georgia.

I'd like to close by thanking Larry for his service to his country and community.

TRIBUTE TO KYLE BISCOGLIA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kyle Biscoglia of Waukee, Iowa for winning the Class 3A, 113 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament earlier this year.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Kyle, a sophomore at Waukee High School, capped off a great season with 54 wins, 1 loss and a state championship medal. He is the first Waukee wrestler to win a state championship in this particular weight class.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Kyle and his family in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kyle on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and wrestling career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on October 25th and 26th, I was in my District due to events related to wildfires and was unable to cast my votes for Roll Call votes 582 through 590. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call Vote No. 582: NO—On Ordering the Previous Question;

Roll Call Vote No. 583: NO—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027;

Roll Call Vote No. 584: NO—On Approving the Journal;

Roll Call Vote No. 585: YES—Johnson of Georgia Part A Amendment No. 3;

Roll Call Vote No. 586: YES—McEachin of Virginia Part A Amendment No. 4;

Roll Call Vote No. 587: YES—Cartwright of Pennsylvania Part A Amendment No. 6;

Roll Call Vote No. 588: NO—Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act;

Roll Call Vote No. 589: NO—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027; and

Roll Call Vote No. 590: YES—Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act.

TRIBUTE TO CHASE SHILTZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chase Shiltz of Creston High School for winning the Class 2A, 182 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament earlier this year. This is Chase's third individual State Wrestling championship.

In addition to the championship win, Chase was also chosen as the 2017 Dan Gable Mr. Wrestler of the Year in Class 2A. Chase was quoted in the Creston News Advertiser as saying, "It shows all of the hard work paid off," Shiltz said. "I credit all of the coaches, workout partners, my parents. It's a big reward for all of them."

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning three state championships in a row has been the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Chase, but also his parents, his family, coaches and fellow teammates.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Chase demonstrates the rewards of dedication and perseverance. It is an honor representing Chase and his family in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Chase on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and in his future college football career at Northwest Missouri State University.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARVEY MICHAEL HORIKAWA

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about my friend Harvey Michael Horikawa, who passed away earlier this month. Harvey was an amazing individual and it was an honor to have known him.

Harvey was born in Chicago in 1948 and raised in the Los Angeles area. After graduating from UCLA law school in 1973, he was a founding partner in two law firms where he specialized in civil litigation, trials, and administrative law. Mr. Horikawa also worked for three years in the Civil Liabilities Section of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, during which he devoted a significant amount of time defending claims against the Los Angeles Police Department. As a result of his extensive jury trial experience, Mr. Horikawa was invited