

team's effort and helped us accomplish something that hadn't been done in nearly 15 years.

Denise Forte built her career in public service on getting results, making meaningful progress for America's students and working families, and helping this institution function effectively. She cares deeply about Congress and our Committee's mission, and she will be greatly missed. I wish her well as she gets to spend a little extra time with her husband, Kyo, and her beloved sons, Gabe and Johnny, before she starts her next adventure at the Century Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for my staff, Chairwoman VIRGINIA FOXX, and all the members of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in thanking Denise Forte for her more than two decades of honorable service to this institution and the American people.

TRIBUTE TO DELORIS STENZEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Deloris Stenzel and her late husband Glen, of Hamburg, Iowa, for receiving the 2017 Farm Family of the Year Award by the Shenandoah Chamber and Industry Association.

Deloris and Glen were college sweethearts and they attended Northwest Missouri State University. They returned to the family farming operation where they managed their farms for decades and were blessed with two children, Deb and Steven. Deloris and Glen were active in their community, and Glen served on numerous area boards and committees. Together, they were always eager to lend a helping hand to neighbors, whether it was pulling someone out of a ditch, delivering meals, or helping combine a neighbor's field.

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

LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, five years ago, Colorado voters chose to amend the State Constitution to legalize the cultivation, sale, and personal use of marijuana for people 21 years of age or older. Today, Colorado is home to a growing marijuana economy which has created 23,000 jobs in the industry and in excess of \$200 million in tax revenue which helps to fund our schools.

States like Colorado, and now dozens of other states, have proven that allowing responsible adults to legally purchase marijuana, gives money to classrooms, not cartels; creates jobs, not addicts; and boosts our economy, not our prison population.

Colorado ought to be an example for the nation, and it is past time we lift the federal prohibition on marijuana. That's why I'm proud to sponsor the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act, which allows each state to decide for itself whether to legalize marijuana. In addition, I will continue to attempt to restrict the Department of Justice from enforcing federal marijuana laws in states where it is legal.

Earlier in 2017, I launched the bipartisan Cannabis Caucus with Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER, Rep. DANA ROHRABACHER, and Rep. DON YOUNG. The caucus will serve as an important working group to discuss marijuana policy and its future, moving Congress into the 21st century on drug policy.

I applaud the pioneers of the cannabis industry in Colorado and nationwide. The perseverance and hard work to create a new model of legalization is commendable.

TRIBUTE TO MALVERN BANK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Malvern Bank of Malvern, Iowa, for celebrating 125 years in business. The bank was founded in 1892.

Kate McGann, Executive Vice President said, "after 125 years, we're hitting the refresh button with a new name and logo." Throughout its existence, Malvern Bank has gone through a number of name changes beginning in 1906 when it became Malvern National Bank, and in 1929, when Iowa banking laws changed to permit expanded trust offerings, the bank became the Malvern Trust & Savings Bank. Finally, it was in 1946 that Eugene W. Burdick became president of the bank, and since then his family has retained ownership. They have remained at their original location on 404 Main Street, continuing to providing the same type of customer service and community leadership the bank was founded on.

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

RETIREMENT OF JUSTICE PHILIP G. MINARDO

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of Justice Philip G. Minardo.

Justice Philip Minardo was born and raised in Brooklyn where he later attended St. Michael's Diocesan High School. In 1963, he graduated from Manhattan College with a B.A. in Economics, and later received his J.D. from St. John's University of Law in 1967. In December 1968, John M. Braisted, Jr. appointed

Philip as an Assistant District Attorney for Richmond County. He served in this position for over seven years and played a role in the successful prosecution of countless felony cases in Staten Island. After leaving the Richmond County District Attorney's office, he started his own law firm in September 1976 focusing on civil and criminal cases.

After Philip's election to the Richmond County Bar Association's (RCBA) Board of Directors, he became President in 1987, and as such represented then-Supreme Court Justice Frank Ponterio on behalf of the RCBA in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Board of Estimate of City of New York v. Morris*. In 1995, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, 2nd Judicial District, which serves Brooklyn and Staten Island. After serving on the Supreme Court, Justice Minardo returned to Staten Island where he was appointed as the first Administrative Judge of Richmond County and thereafter, the first Administrative Judge of the newly created 13th Judicial District.

Justice Minardo has also been the recipient of prestigious honors throughout his successful career. In 2010, he received the Rapallo Award by the Colombian Lawyers of the First Department. In addition, he was a recipient of the Good Scout Award for outstanding service while serving on the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Council of the Boy Scouts of America. While his accomplishments are impressive, Justice Philip Minardo places an immense amount of pride and joy in his family.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Justice Philip G. Minardo on his retirement and on his exceptional career. He has been an outstanding jurist, and I laud him for his lifetime of dedication and success.

TRIBUTE TO JANET PETERSEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janet Petersen, Iowa State Senator and Co-Founder of Healthy Birth Day, Inc. for being named a 2017 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, *Business Record*.

For 18 years, the *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Janet didn't always believe she was someone who wanted to be at the forefront of public policy. It was through her life experiences that she was ultimately called to public service. During her time in the Iowa State Legislature, she has been a formidable advocate on the issues she is passionate about. Janet is also the founder of a nonprofit organization called Healthy Birth Day, which teaches prospecting parents how to track the movements of their child in the third trimester.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Janet in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her for receiving this esteemed designation,