

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE AND JOE LEINEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeanette and Joe Leinen of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 28, 2017.

Jeanette and Joe's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THERESA CHIMEL FOR RAISING AWARENESS FOR PROPER PALLIATIVE CARE OPTIONS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the continuous efforts of Theresa Chimel, Executive Director of Escambia County Healthy Start Coalition, where she advocates for infants born exposed to drug use. Additionally, having lost a child of her own, she has dedicated her life to bring proper attention to the scarce availability of palliative care available in Northwest Florida.

On August 18, 2013, Theresa's son Asher died at the age of 12 having lived a life riddled with medical complexities. Asher, full of life, brought happiness to every person privileged to meet him. Due to limited palliative care options, the Chimel family had to make the best experience from a limited amount of resources. Mrs. Chimel has since made it her mission to assist other children that suffer from such conditions, by providing resources and opportunities for their families. Her efforts have been noticed world-wide, and has taken her, along with her family, to London, England to speak at the Transforming End of Life Care for Children and Young People event where on this day she will be addressing members of Parliament.

After her firsthand experience, Theresa proposes with high optimism that the care a child receives at the end of their life must be vastly improved. Families should not be burdened by such responsibility, but rather be allowed to

build these precious moments in happiness and peace.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am profoundly grateful and privileged to congratulate Theresa Chimel on her efforts to better the experience of life for children from the beginning to the conclusion of their time here on Earth.

RECOGNIZING OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Oswego Buccaneers Girls Volleyball Team on their well-deserved Section III Class A Championship.

On November 4 at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, the Oswego Girls Volleyball Team fought hard to build a solid lead and then pull away from Jamesville-Dewitt High School. In the fifth set, the Buccaneers won the Class A Sectional title 3 to 2, maintaining a narrow four point lead during the remainder of the match. This is their fifth title in six years, an amazing accomplishment.

The Buccaneers finished their season with a 10-0 in League Record, and a 14-2 Overall Record, due to the hard work of seniors Laurin Furlong, Samantha Gardner, Brianna Guentner, Kennedy Shurtleff, and Adeline Benjamin; and juniors Michaela Bradshaw, Maddie Armet, Willow-Su Knapp, Reagan Thompson, Lauren DeVinny, McKinley Thompson, Sarah Casaletta, Sofia Proano, Alexa Quesnell, and Lisa Klunker. The team was coached by Ronald Ahart, an exceptional leader with an accomplished volleyball resume.

The Buccaneers played with heart and dedication throughout the entire season. I commend the hard work, commitment, and teamwork displayed by these young women. Excellence on the field translates to excellence off the field and the practice of sacrificing for the common goal builds character in our children. I could not be more proud to congratulate these young women on their tremendous season.

PROCLAMATION OF LIBERTY AND VIRTUE ON BEHALF OF HOME-MAKERS FOR AMERICA

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include the following into the RECORD.

DECLARATION OF MOTHERS: A PROCLAMATION AND A PLEDGE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIBERTY & VIRTUE

As the mothers and primary Makers of the Homes of America—the molders the future of

our nation—we declare that the liberty and freedom of all people begin in the home and that a nation is but a magnified home. The values and virtues taught within the family will determine the values and virtues of the nation as a whole.

We recognize the sacred role of mother as the heart of the home and home as the heart of society. The liberty of each individual begins in the home and parents are, first and foremost the primary teachers and protectors of their children in a free society. Properly constructed social, religious, and governmental institutions are designed to support and strengthen the family unit not replace it or regulate it. No association or government organization can replace the family no matter how well-intentioned or well-designed it may be.

The privilege of living as a free people in a free society is dependent on being a people of faith, virtue and patriotism—the three pillars of liberty—and these attributes are best developed and nurtured in the home. Each generation has a responsibility to instill a love of liberty and virtue in the heads of the next generation.

We affirm that “All men and women are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights and to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, [receiving] their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

To secure the blessings of liberty, the Founding Fathers of the United States of America created a written constitution under the inspiration of Almighty God. The preservation of this sacred document and trust is dependent upon each generation, who bears the stewardship of safeguarding the constitution and teaching their children the rights and responsibilities associated with the noble cause of liberty and keeping the Republic.

Every individual is born with intrinsic dignity that is inherent to each member of the human race. All men and women have the right to liberty, self-determination and self-governance. The individual's responsibility of work, education, and industry are crucial elements of self-governance in society and the preservation of human dignity.

The rights of a free people are protected and preserved through honorable, virtuous, leadership which invokes the nobility inherent in all men and women. Successful leaders in the home and family govern by correct principles, teach by example and stand for self-evident truths and liberty sustaining principles.

As the lessons of history clearly demonstrate, we recognize that freedom is fragile. It is a rare and prized possession and requires constant care and vigilance for its preservation. Living as a free people does not come instinctively; principles of freedom must be studied and applied. Home and families with mothers who nurture and teach these principles produce leaders who honor and hold sacred the intrinsic dignity of the individual and inalienable rights endowed to all people.

To safeguard the liberty and enhance the future of our children and grandchildren, we affirm our commitment to “stand fast in that liberty wherewith God has made us free” that “government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

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Declaration of Independence.
Galatians 5:1.
Gettysburg Address.

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS MITCHELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicholas Mitchell, of Clive, Iowa and a member of Boy Scout Troop 182 for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to demonstrate how they live out the Scout Spirit in their life, to serve as a leader in their troop, earn a total of 21 merit badges, and, finally, to complete an Eagle Scout Project to benefit the community. For his project, Nicholas raised the necessary funds and materials needed to build a storage shed for the Waukegan post of the VFW. The work ethic Cole has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and throughout his scouting career speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and bettering his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Nicholas and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

2018 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to recognize Black History Month and its 2018 theme, African Americans in Times of War. This year's theme reflects on the crucial role of African Americans in the military. Throughout our history, millions of African American men and women have bravely served our country, and their contributions to the betterment of our nation are to be revered. We applaud those who continue to work so diligently to improve and expand upon military opportunities for African American men and women, but we must always acknowledge that there is more progress to be made.

We take this time to honor and reflect on the struggles and triumphs of African American people throughout America's history. African Americans have played a major role in every war, from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. However, for a large majority of those wars, these brave individuals failed to receive ample recognition for their achievements. Let us take the time this month to recount and praise the African American men and women who served our country during wartime, and to commend those who serve in the military today.

The First Congressional District of Indiana, which I proudly serve, has a rich history steeped in military service. The late Quentin Smith, of Gary, Indiana, serves as a perfect example of what this year's theme means to the community of Northwest Indiana and the entire country. Quentin Smith was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the renowned African American World War II air corps. This group escorted and protected bombers as they flew missions over Europe, and they seldom lost a plane. For his bravery, courage, and heroism, Quentin Smith, along with his fellow Airmen, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Following his military career, Mr. Smith continued to serve his community, especially the youth, through teaching and serving as the first principal of Gary West Side High School. A committed public servant, Mr. Smith was also involved in local government as a member of the Gary City Council, among many other exemplary accomplishments. Mr. Smith passed away in 2013 at the age of 94, but his legacy will live on for generations to come. For his truly honorable military career and his dedication to his community, Quentin Smith is held in our highest esteem.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues join me in celebrating Black History Month and honoring the African American men and women who served in the past while commending those who serve today. We are forever indebted for their contributions to protecting our great nation, and we thank them for their perseverance, sacrifice, and struggle.

A THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman SCOTT for yielding and for anchoring this very important Special Order on the value of the labor unions, and the pending case of Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31, No. 16-1466, which is scheduled to be heard and decided by the Supreme Court this term.

Mr. Speaker, it is my strong hope and expectation that the Supreme Court will uphold the position advanced by Respondent AFSCME, Council 31.

All workers should chip in their fair share to cover the cost of representing them.

That is because unions work because all employees benefit from the terms and conditions of employment negotiated by unions.

Fair share fees provide public service workers with the power in numbers they need to negotiate better wages, benefits and protections that improve work conditions and set standards for everyone.

The corporate special interests supporting this attack on labor unions want to weaken the ability of unions to build strength in numbers.

That is why they want the Supreme Court to rule that workers can receive all the benefits of a union contract without contributing anything in return.

I know it is fashionable today to disparage, downplay, or minimize the importance of organized labor to our country.

That is easy to do but it would be wrong.

Those who would destroy or further limit the rights of organized labor—those who would

cripple collective bargaining or prevent organization of the unorganized—do a disservice to the cause of democracy.

Fifty years or so ago the American Labor Movement was little more than a group of dreamers, and look at it now.

From coast to coast, in factories, stores, warehouse and business establishments of all kinds, industrial democracy is at work.

Employees, represented by free and democratic trade unions of their own choosing, participate actively in determining their wages, hours and working conditions.

Their living standards are the highest in the world.

Their job rights are protected by collective bargaining agreements, and they enjoy benefits that were unheard of less than a generation ago.

Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups.

They have raised wages, shortened hours and provided supplemental benefits.

Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

But their work goes beyond their own jobs, and even beyond our borders.

Our unions have fought for aid to education, for better housing, for development of our national resources, and for saving the family-sized farms.

They have spoken, not for narrow self-interest, but for the public interest and for the people.

Unions are as important as they ever were—because corporations are just as dedicated to their bottom line, regardless of the consequences for workers.

Employers are trying to shed responsibilities—for providing health insurance, good pension coverage, reasonable work hours and job safety protections.

The simple truth is that no one is forced to join a union and no one is forced to pay any fees that go to politics or political candidates.

Rather, each public service worker chooses whether or not to join a union, but the union is still required by law to represent and negotiate on behalf of all public service workers—members and non-members alike.

All employees receive the wage increases, benefits and workplace rights negotiated through the union.

All workers should chip in their fair share to cover the cost of representing them.

When working people have the freedom and opportunity to speak up together through unions, we make progress together that benefits everyone.

Working people need a voice at work to keep employers from making our jobs look like they did 100 years ago, with sweatshop conditions, unlivable wages and 70-hour workweeks.

And lest we forget, it was the men and women of organized labor who rushed into the burning World Trade Center Towers when others were rushing out.

The men and women of organized labor put their lives on the line for their fellow Americans everyday.

They do not ask for much. All they ask is to be treated with respect and dignity.

They want what we all want: to do their jobs and to make a better life for their families.

The least we in the Congress can do is to go on record in support of our working men

and women in the vitally important transportation industries of our country.

We can and should affirm that none of the funds made available in this appropriations bill shall be used in a manner that undercuts the hard won rights of Americans workers that is reflected in the National Labor Relations Act and other important federal labor laws.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
MATTHEW EVANS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. James Matthew Evans, the late Landscape Architect of the United States Capitol.

Matthew was an essential fixture in Washington on Capitol Hill during his prestigious tenure from 1995 to 2011 as Landscape Architect for the United States Capitol Building and Grounds. He was well regarded by his colleagues, friends and many Members of Congress, alike, for both his friendly disposition and admirable work ethic. Matthew was dedicated to ensuring that the Capitol was well maintained, and made countless contributions to the aesthetics and design of its gardens and grounds. Prior to his work for the United States Capitol, Matthew honed his skills by working as a landscape designer in the private sector.

While serving as Landscape Architect of the Capitol, Matthew worked to maintain hundreds of trees, shrubs, and millions of plants and annuals, and preserved perennial plantings around the 290 acre Capitol Complex, and oversaw the dedication of commemorative trees for many notable figures. In addition, Matthew was directly responsible for the design and upkeep of Bartholdi Park, located between the Rayburn House Office Building and United States Botanic Garden. Matthew was also the author of a book titled *The Landscape Architecture of Washington D.C.*, a studied compilation of notable sites and places around the District of Columbia. He was a real student of history.

Matthew is remembered by his wife Ruth Ann, whom he was married to for over thirty four years, and by his two daughters Kathy and Heidi. All of us take this moment to recognize and appreciate those, like Matthew Evans, who worked behind the scenes to keep our nation's Capitol and grounds beautiful for decades.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the life of James Matthew Evans, retired Landscape Architect of the Capitol.

HONORING ALBERT J. GOMEZ

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Albert J. Gomez on his outstanding career as he retires from serving as the West Point Field Force State Coordinator.

LTC Gomez, Al, has set a standard of excellence in Idaho, leaving a lasting, positive impression in the lives of many. For nearly 20 years he has been an invaluable asset to our offices. In 2000, the Idaho Congressional Delegation began to hold an annual Service Academy Day. Service Academy Day is an opportunity to provide information to Idaho's best and brightest young men and women who are interested in attending our nation's service academies. Al has been instrumental in setting up Service Academy Day from the beginning while juggling deployment and other commitments. He has assisted numerous Idaho students with obtaining an exceptional educational and service opportunities available at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is responsible for incorporating the principle method into the delegation's nomination process, which has made a significant difference in the number of Idaho appointees to West Point. In fact, he is considered the "secret weapon" in our delegation responsible for the high success rate of Idaho students receiving appointments to West Point. For LTC Gomez, his remarkable work has always been about his love for West Point and our country. He is known for his extraordinary mentorship of youth, and candidates are frequently told to listen to Al if they want to be successful.

As a West Point alumni, Al has clear insight into what it takes to succeed at a service academy and what it means to serve our nation. He earned his Regular Army commission in 1979, and started his career in 1980 as a Lance Missile Platoon Leader serving in Germany. His assignments took him and his family to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Neckarsulm, Germany, which included command of a Pershing II missile nuclear capable firing battery. He served in deployments in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was selected to represent the U.S. Army and provide testimony to the Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces in November 1992. Al continued his military education with a 1994 graduation from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He served as a State Inspector General for both the Idaho and Guam National Guard for nearly a decade before his retirement from the U.S. Army in 2006. As a civilian, he worked for the Idaho National Guard as a special security officer for the Supervisor Human Resource Office before his current position, as the State Equal Employment Manager.

His strong work ethic and dedication have not only given him a reputation among the delegation of being a go-to-guy when something needs to be done right and quickly, but have also contributed to him being recognized with many honors for his service to our country. These include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, 4th Award; Army Commendation Medal, 3rd Award; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal, 2nd Award; and many other recognitions.

A TRIBUTE TO KOLBY
SHACKELFORD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kolby Shackelford. Kolby was named the Iowa PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year in the 14–15 year old age group. He is the son of Kurt and Gayle Shackelford of Panorama, Iowa.

As a freshman, Kolby placed 13th in the state of Iowa in the Class 2A state golf tournament. He was also a member of the 3rd place Panorama golf team. It was through his hours of practice and commitment to his craft that Kolby was able to achieve such an outstanding recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Kolby for receiving this outstanding award and I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kolby and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE
NICK L. SALAZAR

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Nick L. Salazar who is retiring at the end of the 2018 legislative session after 46 years of outstanding and selfless service to New Mexico.

Representative Salazar was born on April 18, 1924 in Chamita, New Mexico. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he attained the rank of sergeant. Representative Salazar attended the University of New Mexico and the University of California-Santa Barbara. He and his wife, Mari Ana Abeyta, have three wonderful children, Yvonne, Earl, and Gregory, as well as three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Representative Salazar started his long and storied political career as a commissioner for Rio Arriba County. In June 1967 while commissioner, he was held hostage by Reies Lopez Tijerina in the infamous courthouse raid in Tierra Amarilla. Representative Salazar also worked at Los Alamos national laboratory as a fusion and thermonuclear researcher where he continues to serve as a member of the lab's board.

In 1972, Representative Salazar was first elected to New Mexico House of Representatives for District 40 where he has served diligently and with distinction ever since. Throughout his career, Representative Salazar has proven a staunch advocate for Native American issues and constantly traveled throughout the State to visit tribal communities. Additionally, Representative Salazar championed senior issues throughout his career. For years, he has set aside funds in the annual budget to increase support services for New Mexican seniors. Representative Salazar

has also been one of the strongest advocates to increase funding for New Mexico's colleges and universities, especially for Northern New Mexico College.

Mr. Speaker, the New Mexico House of Representatives will not be the same without Representative Salazar who has been a fixture and an institution for over 4 decades. He is the longest-serving legislator in New Mexico's history and one of the ten longest-serving members of any legislature throughout the country. It amazes me to think about just how many lives Representative Salazar touched and improved throughout his decades of public service, and I am certain that his numerous accomplishments will be felt for generations to come. Representative Salazar's service to our state is unmatched, his integrity is second to none, and he will be sorely missed by his colleagues, constituents, and friends.

A THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues this evening to recognize the great importance of unions and speak to the danger to middle-class, working families if the Supreme Court undercuts public-sector unions in the pending *Janus v. AFSCME* case.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot forget that the story of unions is the story of America's middle class.

I know this story firsthand, because my dad was a union worker. I was able to go to college because of union support, and I'm proud of it.

We all know that union jobs continue to offer higher salaries to workers and provide quality health care, pensions for a secure retirement, and benefits that give families peace of mind, along with the ability to send their children to college or trade schools.

This is the American Dream, and unions have helped ensure that more Americans have a chance to live it.

Through collective bargaining, members of strong unions are scoring victories that help entire communities.

Collective bargaining has given workers—even those who aren't represented by a union—more access to paid holidays, paid sick leave, life insurance, medical and retirement benefits, and higher pay.

That power has closed the wage gap between women and men in the workplace. The wage gap between women and men in unions is about 9 cents, while most non-union women still earn only 78 cents for every dollar their male counterparts make. African-American women in unions earn almost \$22 per hour, while non-union women earn only \$17.

African-American union members today earn 14.7 percent more than their non-union counterparts and Latino union workers earn 21.8 percent more.

In other words, unions are the best way to fix an economy rigged in favor of the wealthy and powerful against working people.

Despite all these benefits, the Supreme Court case, *Janus v. AFSCME*, may limit the opportunity for working people to join together

to speak up for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Let's not be naïve to the fact that the special interests behind this case simply do not believe that hardworking people, like my father, should have the same freedoms and opportunities as they do: to negotiate a fair wage for their work so that they can provide for themselves and their families.

It is fitting that we are talking about public-sector unions right now, with the 50th anniversary of the start of the Memphis sanitation workers strike falling just two weeks from today, on February 12. The sanitation workers strike was Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last campaign and what brought him to Memphis where he was assassinated. It was there that Dr. King said, "Let it be known everywhere, that along with wages and all of the other securities that you are struggling for, you are also struggling for the right to organize and be recognized."

It is also fitting that we recognize Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Dr. King's chief of staff who died last week at the age of 88. He, too, was a tireless civil rights champion and defender of unions because he knew that there is power and recognition in numbers.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. King fought for public unions 50 years ago, and I am calling on all people, including our community and national leaders, to join me in taking up his call to work to protect our unions and their ability to negotiate for better wages and conditions of work.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN HAWKINS ON HIS PASSING

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Pleasanton resident Edwin Hawkins on the occasion of his passing on January 15, 2018.

Edwin was born and raised in Oakland, California, and began his musical performances early in life, performing on the keyboard in local church groups. In 1967, he helped co-found the Northern California State Youth Choir with his friend Betty Watson.

In 1968, as part of a fundraising effort for the Youth Choir to attend a competition in Southern California, Edwin composed, and led the Edwin Hawkins Singers in recording, *Let Us Go into the House of the Lord*, the album that included his first musical hit, "Oh, Happy Day." That song won a Grammy for Best Soul Gospel Performance in 1970, having reached a top-5 spot on both the Billboard pop and R&B charts the year before, and helped launch Edwin's national career.

Edwin would continue to compose and record gospel music, often pushing the limits of the genre by incorporating elements of other styles, including rap, into his music. "To My Father's House," "Give Me a Star," and the Grammy-winning hits "Every Man Wants to Be Free" and "Wonderful!" are among his many later works. Edwin also toured around the world, including with his late brother Wayne Hawkins, and he was voted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame in 2007.

Many artists would come to reference Edwin and his works as inspiration for their own per-

formances. "Oh, Happy Day" was recorded by numerous singers, including Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, and Johnny Mathis, and George Harrison said it was the inspiration for his work "My Sweet Lord." Edwin also sponsored the Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar to teach music business practices to new artists.

Services in celebration of his life will be held on February 6 and 7 at the Harbor Light Church in Fremont, California. In keeping with Edwin's altruistic legacy, the Hawkins family has asked that donations be made to the Music and Arts Seminar in lieu of flowers.

Edwin's contribution to the musical world was truly extraordinary. I want to acknowledge him for his remarkable work and pass along my condolences to his family and friends.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, January 27, 2018, we observed International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day in which we take time from our busy lives to remember and mourn the millions of souls lost in the Holocaust, the worst example of man's inhumanity to man in human history.

Nearly 73 years have passed since the end of World War II but for those who survived, and the descendants and relatives of those who perished, the Holocaust is not ancient history but a reminder of the evil that can be unleashed when humans give into their worst instincts and appetites.

The Holocaust's magnitude of destruction numbered more than 12 million deaths, including 6 million Jews and 1.5 million children (more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of European Jewry).

A haunting quote in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum refers to the story of Cain and Abel:

"The Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground (Genesis 4:11).'"

The Holocaust forces us to confront uncomfortable questions such as the responsibilities of citizenship and the consequences of indifference and inaction, and the importance of education and awareness.

The Holocaust is a testament to the fragility of democracy.

We must resolve to resist prejudice and intolerance in any form.

It fills me with grief to know that the leaders of nations can destroy their own, as did the Nazi regime; yet I hope that we can continue to strengthen the means by which we can pursue justice.

And I am saddened, outraged, and embarrassed that the current President of the United States could think it proper to characterize, as he did on August 15, 2017, as "very fine people," persons who adhere to the ideology of the Nazi regime and deny the existence of the defining crime of the 20th Century, the murder of 6 million persons for no reason other than they were Jews.

Before that date, never before in history had a President of the United States, the nation that led the alliance that defeated Nazism and fascism in the greatest conflict in world history,

ever publicly defended or tried to normalize neo-Nazis or White Supremacists.

But the vast majority of American do not share the current President's view and reject the suggestion that there is a moral equivalence between those who advocate racial separation and white supremacy and those, like the Anti-Defamation League and the NAACP, who are unalterably opposed to that evil, racist ideology and are united in this prayer and promise: Never Again.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA AND RON MARTIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna and Ron Martin of Greenfield, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 28, 2017.

Donna and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but the best.

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY "DOTTIE" JEANETTE SHEA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Dorothy "Dottie" Jeanette Shea, an active member of our community and a devoted mother and grandmother who passed away at the age of 82.

A native of Hopland, California, Dottie graduated from Analy High School in Sebastopol and attended Santa Rosa Junior College. While working as a legal secretary in Santa Rosa, Dottie met her husband, local attorney John "Jack" Shea, in 1964.

Dottie cared deeply about Sonoma County and spent her life dedicated to community service. She was not only active in local politics, but she also hosted countless gatherings in her home to discuss local issues, charity efforts and community needs. From these diverse gatherings came many of the innovative ideas that helped Santa Rosa grow from a rural, agrarian community into the large city it is today.

Dottie was also an enthusiastic member of the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival, which celebrates the start of the Salmon fishing season. And, she enjoyed sharing with her grandchildren and her community all things that Sonoma County had to offer.

Mr. Speaker, Dottie Shea was my friend, a loving mother, a proud native Californian and emblematic of community service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her and extend our condolences to her family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, recovering from a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted: No on roll call no. 47, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 695; No on roll call no. 48, on agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 714) to provide for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 695; No on roll call no. 49, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendments with an amendment to H.R. 695; and Yea on roll call no. 50, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 4292.

HONORING MRS. HELEN SHIPP

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor one of my constituents, Mrs. Helen Shipp, for her dedicated service to the community of Orange County.

Mrs. Shipp passed away at the age of 82 on January 25, 2018, but her life and legacy will continue to vibrantly live on. Mrs. Shipp founded and organized Orange County's first Black History Parade and Cultural Faire in 1980. Mrs. Shipp dreamed of a gathering where the history, accomplishments, and culture of the African-American community would be remembered and celebrated. This quickly became Orange County's premier event for Black History Month, and Mrs. Shipp's dream was realized. Her commitment and diligence in organizing the Black History Parade has inspired many members of the community, within and outside Orange County.

Mrs. Shipp thought of the event as a gathering of old friends, where a community of neighbors and friends could better understand each other. This event also brought together many new friends. Mrs. Shipp's passion led to many prominent figures serving as grand marshals in the parade, and continually attracted crowds from diverse backgrounds. This year, the parade will be entering its 38th anniversary—this longevity is a testament to Mrs. Shipp's selfless dedication to the community.

Mrs. Shipp enjoyed a career of giving, from her parade organizing to her service working for the Head Start program, where she provided early-education for children from low-income families. Her life shows us the capability, within all members of the community, to create something that enriches the lives of their fellow Americans. Mrs. Shipp's legacy will be continued by her children, her neighbors, her friends, and all who are inspired by her life.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would be honored to recognize and remember Mrs. Helen Shipp for her dedication to connecting and uniting people in the community. I thank her for her generosity and example. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, and the rest of her family. May God bless her soul and her family.

A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JANET RILEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Colonel Janet Riley. Colonel Riley retired from military service on January 27, 2018 after over 30 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

She is retiring from her last duty station at Carlisle Barracks, PA, serving as an instructor for the U.S. Army War College. She has held numerous leadership positions from Supply Officer, Commander of Battalions, Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander and many more. She currently serves as the State Recovery Planner for Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Colonel Riley for this outstanding achievement, and for providing leadership so faithfully in our country's military. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Colonel Riley and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 714 (Roll Call No. 47), I would have voted no. Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 714, the rule providing for the consideration of the House amendment to Senate amendment to H.R. 695, the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Roll Call No. 48), I would have voted no.

Had I been present for the vote on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 695, the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Roll Call No. 49), I would have voted no. I voted against a nearly identical defense appropriations bill in July—and all the same issues remain.

Finally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4292, the Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act of 2017 (Roll Call No. 50), I would have voted aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 45 and Yea on Roll Call No. 46.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, in connection with my official duties, I was not present for votes on January 29, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 45, and Yea on Roll Call No. 46.

A TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN AND GENE EYBERG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kathleen and Gene Eyberg of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on December 10.

Kathleen and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued health and happiness.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AT 1:
FAILING OUR NATION IN DIS-
ASTER RECOVERY**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the need for prompt and effective disaster recovery for the United States.

I consider it a high priority to maintain the efficacy of our country's disaster recovery procedures, to help ensure the safety of the American people.

In 2017, this nation saw a very anemic response to disaster recovery from this Administration.

Four months ago, Hurricane Maria, a Category 4 hurricane, devastated the island of Puerto Rico, destroying infrastructure and leaving the island without power.

Puerto Rico, which produces more pharmaceuticals by dollar value for the nation than any of the 50 states or any foreign country, has been key to the supply of these intravenous (IV) saline bags and solution routinely used in hospitals and clinics.

Hurricane Maria halted production at Baxter International Inc., a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant that produces 43 percent of IV saline fluids for U.S. hospitals.

This year's flu season has been uncharacteristically aggressive, which makes the shortage of medical supplies caused by Hurricane Maria all the more problematic.

The American Hospital Association has urged the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to take "any and all steps possible" to resolve worsening shortages of small-volume saline solutions—sterile suspensions of drugs and lifesaving nutrients administered intravenously.

The FDA has responded by relaxing regulations on the importation of medical saline solutions from other nations.

Saline solutions are fundamental to patient care in hospitals, as over 200 million IVs are administered annually in the United States.

Critical small-volume saline solutions include: (1) Sodium Chloride 0.9 percent a solution that is used to absorb and transport nutrients, maintain electrolyte balance, and maintain blood pressure, and (2) Dextrose 5 percent, a form of glucose injected into a vein through an IV to treat low blood sugar, insulin shock, and dehydration.

Had it not been for our allies allowing IV saline to be sent to the U.S., we could have been in the midst of a public health crisis.

The lack of response by this Administration to Hurricane Maria is another example of how this Administration is failing the American people.

Another example of the shameful disaster recovery response of this Administration is the handling of the Hurricane Harvey, which devastated the nine-county, 9,444 square mile Texas Gulf Coast.

The effects of Hurricane Harvey have long outlasted the storm itself.

This Administration has not risen to the task of producing an effective recovery plan for the largest housing disaster to strike the U.S. in our nation's history.

Hurricane Harvey damaged at least 203,000 homes, of which 12,700 were irreparably destroyed.

There are 18,000 families who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey still living in hotels and motels six months after the crisis, with no resolution in sight.

A staggering 889,425 people, post Hurricane Harvey, have registered for assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The first tranche of emergency funding approved by Congress has yet to be distributed to Texas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development because the agency has not published in the Federal Register the rules governing how housing funds made available may be allocated between state and local entities.

Each of this President's immediate predecessors has had to navigate our nation through many disasters.

President Bush had September 11th and Hurricane Katrina.

President Obama inherited the near-total collapse of our nation's financial system, but

thanks to his exceptional leadership, the Dow Jones is consistently breaking records, the economy continues to expand, and our American families are more financially stable.

Mr. Speaker, a prerequisite of leadership is the ability to solve problems and make critical decisions.

President Trump lacks the ability to inspire the nation and the fortitude to overcome adversity.

As we consider the President's assessment of the State of the Union, one fact has become abundantly clear: this Administration cannot handle disaster recovery.

This Administration's failure to effectively implement proper disaster recovery has left thousands of Americans with no clear path to reclaiming their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend either vote series on January 30, 2018 due to a death in the family.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 47; yea on Roll Call No. 48; yea on Roll Call No. 49; and yea on Roll Call No. 50.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MENTOR
MONTH AT BIG BROTHERS BIG
SISTERS OF NORTHWEST FLOR-
IDA**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize National Mentor Month and the impact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida has had on the youth in our community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida facilitates one-on-one mentorship opportunities to provide short and long-term impact in the life of a child. Providing these relationships gives children a friend, someone to call on in times of trouble, and someone to love on them and show them endless opportunity all while having a good time.

This organization is unique in that the Bigs also benefit from the program as they watch their Little grow, learn, and inspire to achieve. There is no greater privilege than to watch a child grow and develop into the best version of themselves. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida provides the necessary opportunities to allow this development to be achieved through mentor relationships.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the Bigs who have taken upon themselves to mentor a Little and to exhibit endless opportunity and compassion. I am deeply motivated by these individuals. I would also like to thank the staff and volunteers who work many hours to pair these individuals with the best possible match.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the outstanding Big Brothers Big Sisters organization

for their success in inspiring and cultivating extraordinary mentor relationships within our community.

A TRIBUTE TO LAURA AND
MILTON AMOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Laura and Milton Amos of Griswold, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 25, 2017.

Laura and Milton's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

SUPPORTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of National Catholic Schools Week, and in recognition of the outstanding contributions that Catholic schools make to our educational system and our country. I am a proud graduate of St. Symphorosa Grammar School and St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, and have been a lifelong supporter of Catholic education.

Earlier this month, I introduced H. Res. 692 honoring January 28th through February 3rd as National Catholic Schools Week. I would like to thank the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. SMITH for working with me on this resolution, along with 29 additional cosponsors.

This year marks the 44th anniversary of Catholic Schools Week, which, since 1974, has celebrated the important role these institutions play in America. They provide both a strong academic education, with a graduation rate of 99 percent, and strong moral grounding, while also teaching community responsibility and outreach. This year's theme—"Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."—highlights the values that are the centerpiece of a Catholic school education.

I urge my colleagues to take time this week to recognize the Catholic schools in your districts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BENEVO-
LENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS' 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) upon its one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

Founded in 1868, the B.P.O.E. is a nationwide fraternal order comprised of nearly one million men and women who promote service, justice and fraternity through activities and charities supported by local Elks Lodges. Of the order's numerous lodges, which provide a place for neighbors to come together, the state of California houses the largest number. The B.P.O.E. is one of the premier charitable and patriotic organizations in the United States, raising billions of dollars in donations, which allow Elks to invest in their communities.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) is best known for its support of children with disabilities. The fundraising arm of the association allows the Elks to hire therapists and preschool vision screeners to provide disabled children with the care they need. In addition to its remarkable work with children, CHEA also donates to organizations that assist with recovery efforts for natural disasters like the recent hurricanes, fires and floods.

Another hallmark of the order is patriotism, as evident in CHEA's involvement in raising funds for the National World War II Memorial, as well as its emphasis on honoring the American Flag. A main focus of B.P.O.E. is to assist veterans, whether by adopting Veteran's Villages, performing at the United Service Organizations (U.S.O.), or building monuments to honor fallen heroes.

Through programs such as the Americanism Essay Contest, Hoop Shoot, Scholarship Programs, the Dictionary Project and Scouting, CHEA encourages our youth to exemplify leadership, patriotism and compassion. The Elks also promote a drug-free environment for our youth by working with the Drug Enforcement Agency to provide scientific-based prevention programs and drug awareness information.

The time, effort, and care that the Elks have given to the community is outstanding, and the residents of the San Gabriel Valley have benefited greatly from their dedicated work.

At this time, I ask all members to join with me in commending the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for one-hundred and fifty years of committed service to the San Gabriel Valley.

CELEBRATING THE SARATOGA
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce in celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce was founded by local business leaders in 1918 and has been making Saratoga County a great place to live, work, and play ever since. Comprised of over 2,700 businesses, the Chamber has experienced great success in fulfilling its mission of initiating and providing programs and services in support of its members and Saratoga County as a whole.

The Chamber celebrated its centennial year at its annual dinner on January 25, 2018, where nearly 1,000 members and supporters attended. At the event, the 2017 Chair of the Board, David Collins, was thanked for his year of volunteer leadership and the incredible contributions he has made that have fostered growth in Saratoga County. For its 100th year, the Chamber also began a new tradition of presenting the Joe Dalton Community Service Award, named after a longtime leader of the Chamber. The award was presented to Steve "Sully" Sullivan, owner of The Olde Bryan Inn and Longfellow Inn & Conference Center, for his extensive efforts in assisting those in need in the community.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and its dedicated leaders and members as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. I would also like to thank them for their years of hard work. I look forward to hearing about the Chamber's successes in Saratoga County in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARON AND
LARRY HAYES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sharon and Larry Hayes of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 24, 2017.

Sharon and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NORTH-
EAST TARRANT CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce as it marks 60 years of service to the North Texas community.

The Northeast Tarrant Chamber works diligently to connect area business leaders, local city administrators, Tarrant County representatives, elected government officials and area non-profits to aid the growth and advancement of economic development in Northeast Tarrant County.

Established in 1957 as the Haltom Richland Chamber, this organization has enjoyed significant growth in the span of its service. The Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has a rich legacy of dedication to its members. In fact, eight of its members have been a part of the Chamber for more than 50 years. Just last month, it reached a milestone of 1,000 members.

Over the last 60 years, the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has achieved a long list of accomplishments. For example, the Chamber has honored more than 500 local Hometown Heroes from area non-profit and community organizations who give their time and efforts to serve their Northeast Tarrant County neighbors. Additionally, it has awarded more than 200 annual scholarships to area high school seniors totaling over \$200,000 in scholarship money distributed to deserving students, and has educated and graduated over 500 Leadership Northeast participants.

There is no doubt that the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce leaders and members have made meaningful contributions to their communities and the North Texas region, and I am grateful for their steadfast service.

RECOGNIZING THE FULTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave and selfless actions of members of the Fulton, New York Fire Department.

On December 17, 2017, Fulton Firefighters Terry Recore, Allan Baker, and Assistant Chief Shane Laws responded to an incident at the Oswego River in which two individuals had become trapped when attempting to save a dog that had fallen through the ice and into the river.

A man and woman saw a dog drowning, and acted immediately. Both the man and woman entered the water and hoisted the dog into a kayak. However, the pair was then unable to return to shore. Wearing ice suits, Firefighters Terry Recore and Allan Baker helped get the woman and dog out of the freezing water. Assistant Chief Shane Laws threw a rope to the man who in the water and returned the group to shore.

I have the utmost respect for our fire fighters and first responders. I thank them for the long hours, for charging into danger, and for putting their lives on the line to keep us safe each and every day. They guard our cities, protect our towns, and make our communities better.

A TRIBUTE TO LORETTA DERBY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Loretta Derby of Council Bluffs, Iowa for her induction into the Iowa School for the Deaf Hall of Fame. Loretta is a 1955 graduate of the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs.

Loretta graduated in 1994 from the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska with a degree in Business Administration. She has had an impressive career working for Northwestern Bell where she assisted deaf customers with TTY calls and helped co-workers understand the needs of deaf customers. Loretta advanced to a computer analyst in marketing at US West and she presented programs to employees on deaf awareness. She retired from US West in 1999, but continued to work for Communication Services for the Deaf as an equipment distribution manager.

Loretta has been a leader in the Deaf community; she helped organize the Birthday Gals, a social club for deaf women, chaired the Iowa Association for the Deaf Conference, and was Vice-President of the Iowa Association of the Deaf. She helped reorganize the Council Bluffs Silent Club, helped keep Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf open and founded the Council Bluffs Deaf Seniors in 2015. Loretta also volunteers her time at the Iowa School of the Deaf Museum, which preserves the School's history.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Loretta on her induction into the Hall of Fame at Iowa School for the Deaf. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Loretta on this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing her nothing but the best.

HONORING JAY MILLER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from Federal service we rise to thank Jay S. Miller for 28 years of outstanding dedicated service.

Most recently Mr. Miller served as the Chief Financial Officer for the United States Capitol Police (USCP). Mr. Miller joined the USCP in 2011 bringing with him extensive experience in tax reporting, financial statement preparation, strategic planning and internal controls which proved to be invaluable to the USCP. Mr. Miller's ability to motivate and lead those that worked around him, often times through an infectious sense of humor, was instrumental in creating positive change. This type of impactful leadership set a tone within the department that will be felt for many years. Mr. Miller provided outstanding assistance to the Committee on Appropriations and set a standard that will be hard to replicate.

Prior to joining the United States Capitol, Mr. Miller served in a variety of roles at the Library of Congress and the U.S. Agency for

International Development. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives we congratulate Jay on a job well done and nothing but success and happiness in his future endeavors.

A THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. SCOTT and the Congressional Black Caucus for hosting the special order.

The Janus case is critically important to public employees—many of whom are people of color—as well as to the millions of Americans who rely on the services these workers provide.

This is a case originating in my state of Illinois, Janus v AFSCME Council 31, an outstanding union that fights relentlessly for working families. The case was originally brought by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, who was found to have no legal standing to bring suit, and who then scrambled to find another plaintiff.

Before becoming Governor, Rauner was chairman of a private equity firm, where he put profits ahead of working families' paychecks. As Governor, he has made it his number one priority to attack unions, including the wages, benefits and well-being of his hardworking AFSCME employees.

Janus is about freedom—not the freedom of Mr. Janus to get the benefits of union representation as a free rider—but the freedom of workers to join together to bargain for a better deal for their families: better wages, better benefits and a better future.

COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this February we recognize and celebrate the 40th commemoration of Black History Month.

This month we celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the history of our great nation, and pay tribute to trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders like the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; U.S. Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce; U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland; Astronauts Dr. Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. and Mae C. Jemison; activists, intellectuals, authors, and artists like Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks just to name a few of the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union.

The history of the United States has been marked by the great contributions of African American activists, leaders, writers, and artists.

As a member of Congress, I know that I stand on the shoulders of giants whose struggles and triumphs made it possible for me to stand here today and continue the fight for equality, justice, and progress for all, regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

The greatest of these giants to me are Mrs. Ivalita "Ivy" Jackson, a vocational nurse, and Mr. Ezra A. Jackson, one of the first African-Americans to succeed in the comic book publishing business.

They were my beloved parents and they taught me the value of education, hard work, discipline, perseverance, and caring for others.

And I am continually inspired by Dr. Elwyn Lee, my husband and the first tenured African American law professor at the University of Houston.

Mr. Speaker, I particularly wish to acknowledge the contributions of African American veterans in defending from foreign aggressors and who by their courageous examples helped transform our nation from a segregated society to a nation committed to the never ending challenge of perfecting our union.

A few years ago about this time, I was honored to join my colleagues, Congressmen JOHN LEWIS and Congressman Charles Rangel, a Korean War veteran, in paying tribute to surviving members of the Tuskegee Airmen and the 555th Parachute Infantry, the famed "Triple Nickels" at a moving ceremony sponsored by the U.S. Army commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The success of the Tuskegee Airmen in escorting bombers during World War II—achieving one of the lowest loss records of all the escort fighter groups, and being in constant demand for their services by the allied bomber units—is a record unmatched by any other fighter group.

So impressive and astounding were the feats of the Tuskegee Airmen that in 1948, it helped persuade President Harry Truman to issue his famous Executive Order No. 9981, which directed equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the United States Armed Forces and led to the end of racial segregation in the U.S. military forces.

It is a source of enormous and enduring pride that my father-in-law, Phillip Ferguson Lee, was one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Clearly, what began as an experiment to determine whether "colored" soldiers' were capable of operating expensive and complex combat aircraft ended as an unqualified success based on the experience of the

Tuskegee Airmen, whose record included 261 aircraft destroyed, 148 aircraft damaged, 15,553 combat sorties and 1,578 missions over Italy and North Africa.

They also destroyed or damaged over 950 units of ground transportation and escorted more than 200 bombing missions.

They proved that "the antidote to racism is excellence in performance," as retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter once remarked.

Mr. Speaker, Black History Month is also a time to remember many pioneering women like U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; activists Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks; astronaut Mae C. Jemison; mathematicians like Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson; authors Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks; all of whom have each in their own way, whether through courageous activism, cultural or intellectual contributions, or artistic creativity, forged social and political change, and forever changed our great Nation for the better.

It is also fitting, Mr. Speaker, that in addition to those national leaders whose contributions have made our nation better, we honor also those who have and are making a difference in their local communities.

In my home city of Houston, there are numerous men and women who are great because they have heeded the counsel of Dr. King who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By that measure, I wish to pay tribute to some of the great men and women of Houston:

1. Rev. F.N. Williams, Sr.
2. Rev. Dr. S.J. Gilbert, Sr.
3. Rev. Crawford W. Kimble
4. Rev. Eldridge Stanley Branch
5. Rev. William A. Lawson
6. Rev. Johnnie Jeffery "J.J." Robeson
7. Mr. John Brand
8. Ms. Ruby Moseley
9. Ms. Dorothy Hubbard
10. Ms. Doris Hubbard
11. Ms. Willie Bell Boone
12. Ms. Holly HogoBrooks
13. Mr. Deloyd Parker
14. Ms. Lenora "Doll" Carter

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us pay tribute to those who have come before us, and pay forward to future generations by addressing what is the number one issue for African American families, and all American families today: preserving the American promise of economic opportunity for all.

Our immediate focus must be job creation, and enacting legislation that will foster and lay the foundation for today's and tomorrow's generation of groundbreaking activists, leaders, scientists, writers and artists to continue contributing to the greatness of America.

We must continue to preserve the American Dream for all.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here in celebration of the heroic and historic acts of African Americans and their indispensable contributions to this great Nation.

It is through our work in creating possibilities for today and future generations that we best honor the accomplishments and legacy of our predecessors.

A TRIBUTE TO JIM TYLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jim Tyler of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the Iowa Grocery Industry Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim is the Executive Chairman of the Board and former CEO of the Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Jim received this award for his years of commitment and contributions to the Iowa grocery industry. After serving our country in the U.S. Army Air Corps and graduating from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, he moved to Atlantic to work in the bottling company his grandfather started in 1905. Jim helped the company grow and double its territory by 2016 and the business now employs over 700 workers. He has been devoted to community service and has served on the boards of the Association of Business and Industry, Iowa Manufacturers Association, and the Iowa Board of Regents.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Jim for his commitment, dedication, and leadership to his community and the State of Iowa. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jim and in wishing him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.