

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