

of the Pacific Forum. Admiral Vasey is truly a shining example of "the greatest generation."

Although Admiral Vasey accomplished more than most in life, his work to remind us of our past in order to inform our future remains unfulfilled. For years, Admiral Vasey has advocated for the establishment of a memorial at Pearl Harbor to honor service members who lost their lives throughout the Pacific during World War II. In his words:

There is no recognition of the brave Americans who were lost in the Pacific War . . . They are resting on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean somewhere, or their remains are scattered across the South Pacific islands. We need to honor them, and their families need a place to mourn.

From 1941, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, through 1945, our nation suffered over 150,000 casualties in the Pacific.

Last year, Congressman ROB BISHOP and I introduced H.R. 4300, the Admiral Lloyd "Joe" Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Act, which would realize Admiral Vasey's vision. This bill would establish a Pacific War memorial at Pearl Harbor, nearby the USS *Arizona* Memorial and USS *Missouri*. H.R. 4300 passed the House a few weeks after introduction by unanimous consent with 89 bipartisan cosponsors. It is my hope the Senate passes H.R. 4300 very soon.

Admiral Vasey's endless patriotism, devotion to duty, and desire to promote peace continue to be an example for us all. Happy 101st birthday, Admiral Vasey, and may you continue to have fair winds and following seas.

HONORING 2018 EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD RECIPIENT MAMIE LANFORD SINGLETON

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Mamie Lanford Singleton, my nominee for the 2018 Excellence in Mentoring Award. On January 24th, 2018, Ms. Singleton received this distinguished honor from the National Mentoring Partnership in a ceremony at the Library of Congress.

Ms. Singleton is a one-of-a-kind motivator and innovator. A retired Sergeant of the Saint Paul Police Department and founder and executive director of the Youth Initiative Mentoring Academies, she was one of the first African American women to rise through the ranks of Minnesota law enforcement. There she spent twenty years working to improve police community relations in Saint Paul.

Ms. Singleton brought this experience to Youth Initiative Mentoring Academies, which pairs police officers and community mentors with youth in tutoring and aviation flight training. Through this work, she has introduced countless young people to aviation and other career fields they may have not otherwise encountered.

Between her work at Youth Initiative Mentoring Academies, her personal investment in mentoring programs, and her many volunteer and board commitments, she continues to be a tireless ambassador for people of color and to influence a future generation of pilots.

Through mentorships, young people can navigate through life's challenges—be they

personal, academic or professional—to reach their full potential. Caring mentors can make all the difference in the life of someone who is at risk of falling off-track.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mamie Lanford Singleton on this well-deserved recognition for her inspiring work on behalf of young people.

HANG ON COWBOY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, his voice is heard by more than 60 million people across the country each year, but to us in Houston, Mr. Bob Tallman has been known as "The Voice" of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo since 1982.

Tallman's hometown is Winnemucca, Nevada, where he announced his first rodeo in 1970, but he says his heart and soul belong to Texas. Tallman enjoys anything involving the western lifestyle. He and his wife, Kristen, raise cattle on their ranch in Weatherford, Texas. Bob and Kristen have one daughter, Nicole, and are grandparents to boy and girl twins, who were actually born in Fort Worth during the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

In a typical year, Tallman is on the road for 270 days of year. For more than four decades, Tallman has entertained audiences at some of the top rodeos in the country. His ability to educate people about the professional rodeo has earned this 6 time Announcer of the Year the distinguished honor of being inducted into the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, The National Cowboy Hall of Fame and The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. In 2000, he established what he considers his greatest honor, Bob Tallman's Charities. He holds his annual golf tournament in Houston and benefits the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Pediatric Programs and the J. Pat Evans Research Foundation.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo has committed more than \$450 million to the youth of Texas through scholarship and grants.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's mission statement is "to promote agriculture by hosting an annual, family-friendly experience that educates and entertains the public, supports Texas youth, showcases Western heritage and provides year-round educational support within the community." And I can't think of anyone better that Houston could have as the voice of Rodeo Houston.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, during my medical recovery, I missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

January 9, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 2

Yea on Roll Call No. 3

Yea on Roll Call No. 4

January 10, 2018

Nay on Roll Call No. 5

Nay on Roll Call No. 6

Nay on Roll Call No. 7

Yea on Roll Call No. 8

Yea on Roll Call No. 9

Yea on Roll Call No. 10

Yea on Roll Call No. 11

Yea on Roll Call No. 12

Yea on Roll Call No. 13

January 11, 2018

Nay on Roll Call No. 14

Nay on Roll Call No. 15

Yea on Roll Call No. 16

Yea on Roll Call No. 17

January 16, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 18

Yea on Roll Call No. 19

January 17, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 20

Yea on Roll Call No. 21

Yea on Roll Call No. 22

Yea on Roll Call No. 23

Yea on Roll Call No. 24

Yea on Roll Call No. 25

Yea on Roll Call No. 26

January 18, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 27

Yea on Roll Call No. 28

Yea on Roll Call No. 29

Yea on Roll Call No. 30

Nay on Roll Call No. 31

Yea on Roll Call No. 32

Yea on Roll Call No. 33

Yea on Roll Call No. 34

January 19, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 35

Yea on Roll Call No. 36

Nay on Roll Call No. 37

January 20, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 38

Present on Roll Call No. 39

Yea on Roll Call No. 40

Yea on Roll Call No. 41

Yea on Roll Call No. 42

Yea on Roll Call No. 43.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. CLARENCE PAGE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate the career and accomplishments of Mr. Clarence Page, as he receives the prestigious W.M. Kiplinger Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award from the National Press Foundation.

For fifty years, Mr. Page has been a consistent and authentic voice for our nation, and has earned the respect of his peers and his audiences as a reporter, editor, syndicated columnist, author, and commentator.

Born in Dayton and raised in Middletown, Mr. Page found his passion early in life. He began working as a freelance writer and photographer for the Middletown Journal and the Cincinnati Enquirer when he was just seventeen years old. His work propelled him to Athens in order to pursue a bachelor of science