

an organization committed to engaging our community, especially youth, in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Air Force Research Laboratory's STEM Outreach Program in New Mexico organizes several programs that encourage students, from elementary through graduate school, to pursue careers in STEM fields. In 2017, the Laboratory's outreach efforts were aimed at expanding the number of student's served—a goal they've undoubtedly achieved. Their programs, such as Mission to Mars, DoD STARBASE, and the Robotics Challenge, reached over 2,700 students last year. Seventy three percent of the participants were minority or underrepresented students, and half were female.

While incredibly dedicated to their own work, the Air Force Research Laboratory recognizes the value of collaborating with the community. Through marketing, financial, and organizational support, the Laboratory strengthened the Discovery Festival which introduced fun, interactive STEM exhibits to over 1,400 students in New Mexico.

Additionally, by creating a formal STEM matching program with school districts and their foundations across New Mexico, the Laboratory increased staff volunteer hours to provide quality classroom instruction and projects in ways that are tailored to teachers' curriculum and individual classroom needs.

The Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico's participation in my district office's Congressional App Challenge, a competition that encourages children to code, enriched the overall experience for local students. Laboratory staff took part in judging the submissions and provided live demonstrations for the students and their families during the awards reception.

Last but certainly not least, in order to promote the importance of STEM learning, Air Force Research Laboratory is hosting New Mexico's premiere Excellence in STEM Awards. The "STEMys" will celebrate the accomplishments of students, teachers, schools, organizations, businesses, and volunteers devoted to STEM learning in New Mexico.

I am incredibly proud of the work the Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico has done for the state's students. Their agency has inspired young minds to dream big, seize their future, and make the world a better place. I look forward to see the Laboratory's influence grow as they continue to educate and inspire New Mexicans.

CONGRATULATING FIVE STAR ENTERTAINMENT ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER MAYOR'S SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Pezzalla and Five Star Entertainment as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Mayor's Small Business of the Year Award.

Located in Fayetteville, Five Star Entertainment is one of North Carolina's most sought-

after entertainment venues. From providing a bride her perfect wedding celebration to hosting elegant military balls, Five Star Entertainment has the equipment and professionals to ensure every event is spectacular. With a focus on serving our region, Five Star Entertainment also donates their services free-of-charge for many community events that require entertainment and sound services.

Army veteran and owner Mark Pezzalla has provided a brilliant venue to Fayetteville over the more than three decades he's served as Five Star Entertainment's President. Through his hard work and dedication, this venue has been able to host events that bring together Fayetteville, Fort Bragg and the entire region. Mark currently sits on the Boards of several non-profit organizations in the area, and has made his company a staple of service in the community.

Mark and Five Star Entertainment are deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to provide excellent service to our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Mark Pezzalla and Five Star Entertainment on winning the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Mayor's Small Business of the Year Award.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maple Leaf Farms on celebrating 60 wonderful years. This family-owned operation has been a staple in northern Indiana and the U.S. duck industry since 1958.

Donald Wentzel set out not only to be a successful business owner in northern Indiana, but also to be a trailblazer in duck farming across the country. He believed in local, sustainable, and cost-efficient farming that would produce the highest-quality products for his customers. Four generations later, the family's values and vision live on as the business continues to expand.

While 60 years of successful operation is a tremendous accomplishment, Maple Leaf Farms' expansion, production capabilities, and newest global ventures speak volumes to the dedication and ingenuity of the Tucker family. I am proud to learn of the strong business model and outstanding leadership of the Tuckers that has led Maple Leaf Farms to handle 10 million ducks a year and supply products worldwide.

It is truly an honor to represent such passionate and committed Hoosier farmers as the Tuckers, and I am grateful for the positive contributions they've made to our community. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Maple Leaf Farms for strengthening Indiana's farming community and wish them all the best in their next 60 years.

HONORING OF BARBARA MARSHMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Barbara Marshman on her extraordinary thirty year career at the San Jose Mercury News. After working at small community papers in the Philadelphia area, and serving as a Knight Fellow at Stanford in 1987, she joined the staff of the Mercury News and rose to become its Editorial Page Editor, a post she excelled in for the past ten years. Her departure has been called a great loss, and she has been praised as compassionate, and one of the most respected journalists in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Barbara Marshman advocated for Net Neutrality and urged understanding of the global economy. She reported with wisdom, wit and a sure eye for hyperbole on many issues, including housing, political campaigns, open space, historic preservation, and extending BART to San Jose. She wrote about the "Year of the Woman" and advocated for the "Era of Women." She lauded the #MeToo movement and noted social media's part in making this movement so powerful. She wrote poignantly that "When women have a fail" share of the power, and the support to stand up to it, the world will be better for everyone. Our sons as well as our daughters."

Barbara Marshman will not go quietly into retirement. She will continue to live in San Jose and will lend her voice in different ways to the causes and concerns in our community. Whatever pulpit she chooses, we can be sure that hers will be a strong, effective and eloquent voice for what is right and sensible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Barbara Marshman and her extraordinary career that enlightened so many. Her unique voice has bettered our community and strengthened our country.

CONGRATULATING MAC HEALY ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER REALTOR CUP AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mac Healy as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Realtor Cup Award.

The Realtor Cup Award is given to the person who has contributed to the civic, economic and cultural growth of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. During his career, my good friend Mac has exhibited the qualities which define excellence in both business and community service. Mac is the President of Healy Wholesale Company, Incorporated and has lived in Fayetteville since he graduated from Wake Forest University.

Over the years, Mac has contributed to many local Fayetteville organizations. Currently, he serves as President of the N.C. Civil