

colleagues to join me in celebrating the many accomplishments of Bishop Harry L. Seawright. We pay tribute to his distinguished career for the betterment of the State of Alabama and extend deep appreciation for his exemplary service as the Presiding Prelate of the 9th Episcopal District.

IN HONOR OF JOHN STUART
BRUCE

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Stuart Bruce of Raleigh, North Carolina.

John Bruce was born in Winston-Salem and grew up in Raleigh. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating in 1975. John then chose to pursue law school, also at UNC, where he graduated in 1978.

Mr. Speaker, after practicing with a Raleigh law firm for about four years, John decided to enter public service with the U.S. Department of Justice. He was appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina on April 18, 1983, and excelled at his job.

John received two Director's Awards from DOJ; one in 2002 for superior performance in a managerial role, and another in 2004 for superior performance as an Assistant United States Attorney for his work on a prosecution that was called at the time the most successful public corruption case in North Carolina history. This case resulted in the conviction of the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture and four of her top aides for multiple felonies associated with their corrupt activities, including extortion under color of official right, mail and wire fraud, and obstruction of justice. The North Carolina Bar Association also recognized John that year with an award as the Outstanding Public Sector Attorney.

Mr. Speaker, when my nomination to serve as U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina was confirmed by the Senate in 2006, I selected John to serve as First Assistant U.S. Attorney, working as second-in-command during my five years as U.S. Attorney. His professionalism, integrity, and experience were invaluable as we prosecuted drug trafficking, public corruption, and terrorism cases all across Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, John Stuart Bruce twice served as U.S. Attorney for the EDNC on an interim basis; first, for a year prior to the confirmation of Frank D. Whitney as U.S. Attorney in 2002, and most recently for 21 months prior to Robert J. Higdon, Jr. taking the oath of office to become the United States Attorney for the Eastern District on October 10, 2017.

Following 34 years of government service, John recently retired on February 9, 2018.

I will always consider John a valued colleague and a friend from our time together in the U.S. Attorney's office. I wish him well in his retirement and any future endeavors.

HONORING ST. CAJETAN PARISH
ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Cajetan Parish, a vibrant Catholic parish on the Southwest Side of Chicago, who will celebrate its 90th Anniversary with a Mass on March 4th.

Father Daniel Murphy was given the task of establishing St. Cajetan Parish in what was then the far reaches of Chicago, and the first Mass was celebrated on July 3, 1927. A tiny prefabricated frame church was soon set up at the corner of 112th and Artesian. From a very humble beginning, parish leaders went to work on an intense fundraising and building campaign. In 1932, Fr. Meade became pastor and succeeded in building a school and rectory, enlarged the Church, and found a place to live for the Sinsinawa Dominicans who faithfully taught in the school.

Fr. Sharp, who became pastor in 1943, enlarged the rectory and the school, constructed a convent, and built the Church that is in use today. Father Schomburg built the new rectory in 1970 and Fathers Boyle, Sivore, Burke, Maloney, and Barkemeyer all kept improving and building the community of faith. In the early 2000s, the buildings of the parish were modernized and improved. In 2005, Fr. Kurucz was appointed the 10th Pastor of St. Cajetan and the church was completely renovated in 2015.

St. Cajetan's continued commitment to the Catholic faith and service continue to make it a tremendous asset to the community. The parish has a Ministry of Care which provides prayer, comfort, and healing to those who are unable to physically attend Mass. There is a Special Religious Development Ministry for those with disabilities that helps to integrate people into the wider community. In addition, St. Cajetan's PB & J Ministry works tirelessly to provide meals for the homeless by putting together sack lunches for those in need. It is with this in mind that we remember all the compassion and care this parish has for everyone in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. Cajetan Parish and congratulating them as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary. I am confident that St. Cajetan will continue to be an inspiration to all of us through their faith and dedicated service.

MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE
AND NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the opportunity to attend the Munich Security Conference, highlighted by Defense Secretary James Mattis and National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster, and senior representatives from more than 70 countries. During the conference, we met with General Curtis Scaparrotti, NATO Supreme Al-

lied Commander, and General Christopher Cavoli, Commander U.S. Army Europe, who are successfully implementing President Donald Trump's European Deterrence Initiative to promote peace through strength, preventing further Russian aggression.

I was grateful for the opportunity to meet with British Prime Minister Theresa May, Prime Minister of Iraq Haider al-Abadi, and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, who are on the front lines of advancing democracy. A highlight was Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu exposing Iranian drone wreckage.

I also had the opportunity to participate with Congressman MIKE TURNER at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Brussels, where we reinforced the bonds with our NATO allies of 29 countries and discussed joint efforts to confront threats of Russian aggression in Moldova, Georgia, and Ukraine.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and may we never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

CONGRATULATING HAILEY HODGE
ON BEING NAMED THE SYRACUSE
DISTRICT YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR
OF THE YEAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hailey Hodge for being named the Syracuse District Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration, an annual award presented to outstanding individuals for their dedication to small business.

Ms. Hodge is being recognized for her remarkable achievements as a small business owner. After graduating from Drexel University in November 2014, Ms. Hodge returned to her hometown of Canton, New York, at the age of 22 to open Luna Boutique. Luna Boutique is a successful women's clothing store, the first of its kind in the small town of Canton. Ms. Hodge also served as a role model to other aspiring businesspeople by participating in SUNY Canton's Roopreneur competition, which challenges students to develop innovative ideas for local businesses. In just a few short years, Ms. Hodge not only established a thriving business, but also became a pillar of her community.

Since 1963, the U.S. Small Business Administration has recognized individuals for their commitment to small business during National Small Business Week. The Young Entrepreneur Award recognizes business owners younger than 30 for creating successful small businesses by generating profit, increasing opportunities for employment, developing innovative methods, and demonstrating the potential for long-term business growth.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Ms. Hodge for her well-deserved award as the Syracuse District Young Entrepreneur of the Year and wish her continued success in the years to come.