HONORING KATE MURRAY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kate Murray, a student at Sacred Heart Greenwich for her courage and resolve in the face of adversity at school this year.

Sparked by the Women's March in 2017 and the rise of the ''#MeToo'' movement, women and girls across the country have been using their voices to speak out against injustice and for the causes they're passionate about. Earlier this year, Kate found herself in the middle of a conflict at her school over a sticker supporting Planned Parenthood on her laptop. Her actions, in just her sophomore year, fostered constructive conversations in communities across the country, including at my own dinner table, on issues around students' rights to expression at school and women's reproductive health.

Despite pressure from her teachers, school administrators and the local Catholic Diocese, and even being threatened with expulsion, Kate remained true to her cause. It is my hope that the tenacity and poise that Kate displayed throughout the dispute will serve as an example to any student fighting for their beliefs in or out of a classroom.

HONORING THE CITY OF O'FALLON, MISSOURI FOR THEIR NEWLY OPENED JUSTICE CENTER

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of O'Fallon, Missouri for their newly opened Justice Center.

The Justice Center will allow for the police station and municipal court to better serve the O'Fallon community. When the O'Fallon city hall was originally built in 1999, it was expected to last nearly three decades. As the population of the City of O'Fallon grew, however, it became clear that a new complex was needed. This new center is expected to meet the needs of the Saint Louis metro's second largest city for decades to come.

At 80,000 square feet, the center will undoubtedly improve O'Fallon's legal system as it gives officers, investigators, and lawyers an excellent place to continue serving their community. For our law enforcement, it houses a state-of-the-art 911 communications center, an indoor firing range, and a training complex that allows law enforcement personnel to improve their marksmanship and decision-making ability. The Justice Center also includes an updated courtroom with ample space for viewing litigation and trial information. With this new courtroom and multiple holding cells, more dockets can be held and the court process will become even more efficient.

Please join me in congratulating the O'Fallon community on the new Justice Center and thanking the men and women who now work there for keeping our communities safe.

HONORING MR. JAMES C. SMITH

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Smith upon his retirement as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Financial Corporation and Webster Bank after a long and successful career. Jim has dedicated more than four decades to supporting Webster's success in Connecticut and across the northeast.

Jim's father, Harold Webster Smith, founded the bank, originally called First Federal Savings of Waterbury in 1935 during the Great Depression. Jim joined First Federal in 1975, and he then became CEO in 1987 and Chairman in 1995. Under his leadership, the bank has expanded beyond its Waterbury roots to be a significant presence across Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. In 1995, the institution was renamed Webster in honor of its founder and to reflect the growing regional influence of the bank. Jim's leadership kept Webster stable during the 2008 Financial Crisis and ensuing Great Recession, and he ensured Webster did everything it could to help families in need keep their homes by allowing them to adjust their mortgages.

In addition to his work at Webster, Jim has contributed his experience and expertise to many professional and community organizations. He has served as vice chairman of the Midsize Banks Coalition of America and previously served as a member of the Financial Services Roundtable and on Federal Reserve Board of Governors' Federal Advisory Council.

Jim is a true business leader who invests his time and talents in his community. Through Jim's strong leadership, Webster consistently excels in employee participation in supporting the local United Way—ensuring that those most in need are taken care of. He is, in a way, our own George Bailey. Jim has also led Webster Bank's support for artistic organizations in our community, including the Waterbury Symphony, and he and his wife Cathy support many other civic groups working in Connecticut, including the Hartford Bishops' Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Smith has dedicated his career to Webster Bank, and under his leadership, the bank has reached new levels of success and maintained its commitment to community care. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today. I am fortunate to count Jim as a friend and a mentor, and I wish him—and Cathy—much success in the next chapter in their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week, Southern Living Magazine named Aiken, South Carolina, as the Best Small Town in the South. Mayor Riek Osborn unveiled the magazine cover Wednesday, where Aiken was also recognized as the South's friendliest town.

According to Southern Living, and my own experience, Aiken is ''an authentic South Carolina Equestrian community, rich in historic charm and tradition.''

From the ''iconic archway of live oaks along South Boundary Avenue'' to ''Aiken's 2,100-acre urban forest,'' Aiken has gorgeous greenery. The extraordinary landscaped medians are highlighted with huge ten feet high azaleas.

Aiken has a multitude of great lodging and dining opportunities, where ''Downtown Aiken, especially Laurens Street, is loaded with a variety of eclectic eateries, galleries, and shops.''

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Aiken County in Congress, where my grandfather Wilson was born in 1888 and great-grandfather Wilson was born in 1860.

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

RECOGNIZING DR. REYNOLD G. LEMP

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Reynold G. Lemp on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

At the age of 13, Dr. Lemp preached his first sermon, ''Let Go and Let God,'' under the ministry of his grandfather, Rev. William Dunn. Before entering college, Dr. Lemp worked for Edison Electric Co. for one year while preaching at a mission and a church in Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduating from Bob Jones University in 1953, Dr. Lemp moved to Winter Garden, Florida and started Calvary Baptist Church on June 7, 1953.

Appointed in 1960, Pastor Lemp serves on the board of Bob Jones University. He started Calvary Christian School in 1976. During the 30th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. presented Dr. Lemp with a Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa). Dr. Lemp retired from ministry in 2003 shortly before the 50th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church. Many lives have been impacted through his ministry and that of the church.

It is my pleasure to recognize Dr. Lemp on this momentous occasion. I wish him a very happy 90th birthday and may God continue to bless Pastor Lemp and his family.

CONGRATULATING KRISTI PACE

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today—during Women's History Month—to congratulate Kristi Pace, who was named the 2017 Brighton Police Officer of the Year. While she has only been with the force for two years, Officer Pace has already left an enormous mark and impression on her fellow officers. Police Chief Rob Bradford noted that she—the only female on the force—is ''highly