Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to the Plymouth Regional Senior Center on its 25th anniversary.

The Plymouth Regional Senior Center gives people across Grafton County a place to come together and share experiences, and it provides valuable resources and programs that help our elder citizens maintain their health and wellbeing. I remain committed to doing all I can to ensure that seniors in the Granite State have the resources and support they need.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District, I thank the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for the great service it provides to the Granite State and congratulate the Center again on 25 years of operation. I look forward to our continued work together in making New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Ms. McCollum. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Harry W. Camp, Jr., a remarkable individual who served a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Forest Service. Now retired at 107 years old, Mr. Camp exemplifies the tremendous expertise, talent and dedication of the federal employees who serve our nation, and the warmth and wit that we’d all welcome in a friend or neighbor.

Serving in a career spanning from 1933 to 1974, Mr. Camp helped to oversee our national forests at a time of great change for our nation and our public lands. Recreational visits to national forests exploded from roughly 10 million in 1933 to 175 million in 1974 as more families could afford automobiles and the interstate highway system made traveling across the country easier. He also oversaw a variety of positions in the U.S. Forest Service from ranger to research and management.

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Outside of his work in the U.S. Forest Service, Mr. Camp also dedicated considerable time and effort to volunteer service, including the Society of American Foresters. He received the prestigious John A. Beale Memorial Award for outstanding efforts in promoting forestry.

Additionally, he served as program officer at the Fifth World Forestry Congress in 1960. Later, he worked as a member of the landscape organization devoted to improving the quality of life in their community and they had a commitment to ensure that future generations would inherit blessings, not burdens.

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