

Bill have both been supporters and friends throughout my political career. Jackie was a wise mentor—always encouraging, never ruffled and quick to offer her advice with a smile. I will miss her.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Bill; two sons, Jack (Pam) Blasdel and Tim (Carol) Blasdel; three daughters, Jill Blasdel, Beth (Greg DeWitt) Blasdel, and Becky Blasdel; three grandsons, Todd Blasdel, Matt (Sara) Blasdel, Michael (Brittany Nicole) Blasdel; three granddaughters, Brittany K. Blasdel, Grace Vanderbur and Olivia Vanderbur; four great grandchildren, Miles, Bailey, Malcolm, and Jace Blasdel; two sisters, Eleanor Lorton, and Marjie Bauer; and several nieces and nephews.

MATTHEW SHOCKEY RECOGNIZED
AS SUGAR LAND POLICE OFFICER
OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Officer Matthew Shockey for being named the Sugar Land Police Officer of the Year.

An eight-year veteran of the Sugar Land Police Department, Officer Shockey is the Head Firearms Instructor/Rangemaster and oversees the Taser Program and Ti Simulator Training program. He is a Master Explosive Breacher and is also a grant advisor and serves as the agency 1033 Program Liaison. Before pursuing a career as a police officer, Shockey served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. He was deployed to Iraq twice and spent the last year of service as a Combat Marksmanship instructor Trainer at the Division Marksmanship Training Unit.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Officer Shockey for this great honor. I thank him for his commitment to keeping our community safe.

FOREIGN POLICY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the United States and its allies are aware that the Russian government is engaging in ongoing information warfare against democracies around the world. Beyond its targeting of the U.S. election systems and critical infrastructure, Russian influence efforts have been reported in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Serbia, Latvia, Ukraine, Spain, and Mexico, among others. Most recently, the United Kingdom has been attacked physically by Russia through its use of nerve toxins against perceived enemies of Russian President Vladimir Putin on British soil.

The Kremlin needs to hear clearly that we will not tolerate its continuing bad acts.

The Department of Treasury's newest sanctions against the businesses, entities, and

people included in special counsel Robert Mueller's February 16th indictment is an important step in holding Russia accountable for its interference in the American election process. My colleagues and I passed the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act last summer with this purpose in mind.

The Kremlin Report list published by the Treasury Department currently names businessmen like Yuri Shefler, who has been protecting his company, SPI Group, against Russian attacks for almost twenty years.

I urge the administration to develop a broader policy response to Russian interference in American politics. A strong first step to accomplish this goal is publishing a report on businessmen who are actually close to the Kremlin.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUSTIN STONER
ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT
TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Austin Stoner of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Austin's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

Austin brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio, Austin participated in the National Honors Society, earned the T.R.A.C. All Academic Award, and earned the Top 15 Award.

Throughout high school, Austin served as a captain of varsity baseball and participated in the 5 Minutes for Life and Ping Pong clubs. Austin also served as President of Student Council, Commander for the Pep Club, and a Math Honorary. I am confident that Austin will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Austin Stoner on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Austin will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DENISE HOAG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Denise Hoag of Council Bluffs, Iowa for receiving the 2018 IOWA STEM Teacher Award. Denise is a computer science and business teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

IOWA STEM promotes science, technology, engineering, and mathematic programs, with a mission to grow the future workforce. As a STEM teacher, Denise demonstrates innovative methods, has a passion for education, helps students see the world around them, and engages students academically inside and outside the classroom. Todd Barnett, Principal at Thomas Jefferson High School said, "Denise isn't just a STEM resource, she is a leader in the School District and State of Iowa."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Denise for receiving the IOWA STEM Award. She is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can have a lasting impact on the future of students and their education goals. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Denise and in wishing her nothing but continued success in all her endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO WARD W.
MCCARRAGHER

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ward W. McCarragher, who has served in many capacities with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the last quarter century, including the last 20 years as the Chief Democratic Counsel to the Committee. As a Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I have had the privilege of working with Ward for the last 25 years, and most closely since 2015 when I took over as Ranking Member of the Committee. As Ranking Member, I have come to rely on his expertise in both transportation policy and Congressional process in advancing important policy measures to improve the lives of American families.

Hailing from Kenosha, Wisconsin, and a proud Wisconsin Badgers and Green Bay Packers fan, Ward started his Congressional service back in 1989 as a foreign policy analyst for the Congressional Research Service. After subsequently attending law school and serving as a legal intern to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Ward returned to Washington, D.C. in 1993 as an intern for Chairman Norman Y. Mineta (D-CA) and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation. That same year, he was appointed by Chairman Mineta as Associate Counsel of the Committee's Economic Development Subcommittee and, in 1995, he

was appointed Counsel to the Public Buildings and Economic Development Subcommittee and the Surface Transportation Subcommittee. In 1998, Ranking Member James L. Oberstar (D-MN) appointed Ward to be the Chief Democratic Counsel to the Committee, where he has served with distinction ever since, including under Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) prior to me.

Ward has helped guide virtually every transportation law enacted over the last two decades through the legislative process and the last four major reauthorizations of surface transportation programs, including the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005, and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) in 2015. He also worked tirelessly over the last two decades to combat efforts to eliminate funding for, and privatize, Amtrak, our Nation's passenger railroad.

Ward was also integral in negotiating Federal policy following the 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., including the enactment of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001, which created the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and enhanced aviation security overall, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002.

Ward is the consummate public servant who possesses the rare combination of vision and grit. He has spent his career working vigorously to ensure that government works for the greater benefit of hard-working American families, while still attending to the minor, but certainly necessary, details. He has been a tireless internal advocate for Congressional oversight of Federal agencies, under both Democratic and Republican administrations, ensuring that Federal resources are utilized consistent with Congressional intent and for the betterment of the Nation. He is also a rare master on the internal workings of the Committee structure and the Congress, meticulously ensuring that established processes are followed, and that the views of elected officials, whether in the majority or minority, are respected. And he does this all while ensuring that no Committee document is missing a comma.

As the longest currently serving staffer on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Ward's dedication to the Committee, his institutional memory and his constant professionalism will be greatly missed by Members on both sides of the aisle. While Ward is leaving the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, he will remain a strong advocate for smart, effective public transportation policy through his position with the American Public Transportation Association. His expertise and counsel will be missed by all who follow transportation policy on Capitol Hill, but will greatly benefit all those who rely on public transportation.

I want to thank Ward for his years of service and his dedication to public service. I wish him, his wife, Marie, and his children, Ryan, Colin, and Megan all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAS TRAMPAS SCHOOL, INC.

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of Las Trampas School. This school, located in my district in Lafayette, California, has served families with severe or profound disabilities during its long and successful run.

Since its founding in 1971 by parents, families, and community members, Las Trampas has adapted to serve the needs of the community. Originally founded as a non-profit residential school serving children with developmental disabilities, the school grew with its students as they entered adulthood. Las Trampas now focuses on supporting adults with developmental disabilities to embrace their strengths and to lead full lives in their home, at work, and in the community.

Las Trampas School's mission statement exemplifies who they are as an organization and the good they do for the Bay Area: "all persons with developmental disabilities are entitled to develop their optimum state of social, physical, and mental well-being, and share an integrated lifestyle similar to what non-disabled persons enjoy."

As a lifelong advocate for the disabilities community, I have seen the good Las Trampas has done in our community. Congratulations to the Las Trampas School family on a successful 60 years of service.

MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY CITIZEN, DAVID CAINE IS AWARDED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD BY LAKE ARROWHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Caine who will be honored as the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year. David is the founder of Quiet Skies—Lake Arrowhead, a group dedicated to preserving Lake Arrowhead residents' quality of life in the face of flight pattern changes by the FAA.

David epitomizes what it means to be a concerned citizen. When flight patterns changed over Lake Arrowhead last year, David was the first person to contact my office to notify me what a massive complication this was for my constituents. Not only did he quickly bring this issue to light, he has been diligent in researching this issue and organizing the local community. Due to his hard work, dedication, and perseverance, FAA representatives came to Lake Arrowhead to present a partial solution while they continue to work on a permanent fix. This meeting was the first time in history that the FAA has voluntarily made changes to accommodate a community.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank David Caine for the

incredible work he has done organizing and informing the community about the seriousness of this issue, and for his tireless efforts to advocate on behalf of Lake Arrowhead residents. His determination, diligence, and passion make him truly deserving of the title, Citizen of the Year.

RECOGNIZING CHERYL COLLELUORI

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mrs. Cheryl Colleluori of Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Cheryl is the President of HEADstrong Foundation, which provides services and resources for cancer patients and their families nationwide.

HEADstrong was founded by Cheryl's son, Nick, after he was diagnosed with a blood cancer. Nick realized that cancer patients and their families were struggling with a lack of resources. From his hospital bed, Nick started to raise money and awareness for cancer patients by empowering young athletes to support his mission. His final wish was for others to benefit from his life and efforts and Cheryl promised to see her son's mission through. Thanks to Cheryl's leadership and Nick's spirit, HEADstrong has helped nearly 15,000 patients and raised more than \$11 million to support their fight against cancer.

HEADstrong will continue to change countless lives for years to come with its message of kindness, support, and compassion. None of this would be possible without Cheryl's embodiment of her son's spirit. She is an exceptional choice for the Woman of Achievement Award, and I thank her for all her tremendous work.

IN RECOGNITION OF MCKENZIE MERCER ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that McKenzie Mercer of Cygnet, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

McKenzie's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

McKenzie brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Elmwood High School in Bloomdale, Ohio,