

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,