

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. JARED KING

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young man, Jared John King who attained the Eagle Scout Award. Becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts, has only been accomplished by approximately four percent of all Boy Scouts. The process requires earning at least 21 merit badges which takes years to fulfill.

At the age of 15 and a freshman in high school, Mr. King should be proud of his accomplishment. Receiving his Eagle Scout rank demonstrates that he is a strong, dedicated, and proven leader. With this accomplishment, it is my hope he will continue to serve as a role model for younger boy scouts. Thank you to Mr. King for making a positive impact in northeast Iowa.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF U.S. NAVY
SEAL RICHARD PAUL MELTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero and one of Eastern Kentucky's bravest sons, U.S. Navy SEAL Richard Paul Melton, in celebration of his retirement from a valiant 20-year military career.

As a member of the nation's elite Seal Team Six, Paul Melton has served as one of the United States' highly trained experts in warfare, special reconnaissance, counterterrorism and national defense. Our Navy SEALs are the most highly esteemed warriors around the world, known for their unmatched success in covert special operations by sea, air and land, displaying incredible dedication to our country with every mission and unmatched willpower in enemy territory.

Our nation owes this Navy SEAL and his family a great debt of gratitude for their combined sacrifice during his brave service over the last two decades. He has served five tours in Afghanistan, as well as tours in the Arabian Peninsula, the Horn of Africa and the greater Middle East. While we may never know the gravity of his classified missions and the imminent danger he faced in areas infiltrated with some of the world's most brutal terrorists, let us never fail to applaud and recognize his undying determination to defend our freedom and protect our allied nations.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Paul Melton is decorated with some of the highest honors bestowed upon any member of the U.S. Armed Forces, including: five Bronze Star Medals with Combat V, a Purple Heart, a Joint Service Commendation Medal with Combat V, a

Combat Action Ribbon, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Presidential Unit Citations, a Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, the Navy E Ribbon, six Navy Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal, a Sea Service Deployment Medal, a Navy Rifle Expert Medal and a Navy Pistol Expert Medal.

I count it an immense honor to celebrate this true American patriot upon his retirement from the United States Naval Special Warfare Development Group—SEAL Team Six. The people of Leslie County and all of Kentucky are incredibly proud of our hometown hero, Richard Paul Melton.

HUGH BRITTENHAM

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Brittenham, a fine young man from Estero High School. At the FSU relays, Hugh was able to both break his already national record setting 800-meter event time, and snag another national record for the 1,600-meter event.

I congratulate Hugh for his exceptional commitment to the Estero running program. I also extend my congratulations to Hugh's family, Estero running coaches Mike Bumpus, Ben Pignatone, Leigh Williamson, Brian Olitsky and the late former athletic director Jeff Sommer, who made the Estero running program into what it is today.

HONORING STANLEY DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a talented and driven man Mr. Stanley Davis. Mr. Davis has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve his community while having a successful career.

Stanley was born and raised in the Brickyard Hill community in Yazoo City, along with his mother and eight siblings. He attended school in Yazoo City at Main Street Elementary, and Yazoo City Junior High, before graduating from Yazoo City High School in 1986.

Stanley Davis, the manager at 49 Exxon Fuelmart on Jerry Clower Boulevard in Yazoo City, is known for making every customer feel important. Over the years, the name of the convenience store changed. It is still commonly referred to as Mayfield's or Texaco by many Yazoo residents. When the store owner-

ship changed hands ten years ago, from Les Mayfield to Jared Mayfield, Stanley was made the store manager because of his increasing dedication to the customers.

Stanley's aim is to make sure that all customers feel important and that they can get everything they need in one place, from gasoline and propane, snacks and drinks, and simple automotive essentials, to pizza and even hunting and fishing supplies.

Stanley is a husband and a father, and strives to instill hard work in the lives of his children. His advice to those who want a career in business management is to stay in school, read more, and always ask questions if you don't know something.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Stanley Davis for his desire to make a difference in his community.

HONORING THE LIVES AND SERVICE OF ELWOOD, INDIANA FIREFIGHTERS KYLE HIBST AND DAVID WITTKAMPER

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the lives of two outstanding public servants, Madison County volunteer firefighters Kyle Hibst and David Wittkamper who lost their lives in a plane crash on April 2, 2018. Kyle and David both were active members in their community and served as volunteer firefighters with the Pipe Creek Township.

The Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1960 and is located in Elwood, Indiana. The department is all-volunteer and provides fire and rescue protection to more than 4,000 residents of Pipe Creek Township. As volunteer firefighters, Kyle and David donated their time to provide emergency services for Pipe Creek Township. Being a volunteer firefighter is not for the faint of heart. Those who answer the call of duty are motivated by a sense of pride in their community. The dedication and service of volunteer firefighters across Indiana is essential to the safety of our communities.

A life-long Hoosier, Kyle graduated from Elwood Community High School in 2005 and began a career in public service in 2011, when he joined the Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to his work at the fire department, Kyle was the owner of Anytime Fitness in Elwood and also an area field manager for U-Haul. Kyle and his wife Kimberley, were married for four years. Kyle was a beloved husband and a devoted father who enjoyed spending time outdoors with his son, Grayson, and watching Notre Dame Football. In addition to his wife and son, Kyle is survived by his parents; Frederick and Rebecca Hibst; his two sisters, Kirsten Hibst and Kacie Johns, and many other loving family members.

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Raised in a family of public servants, David followed the legacy of his father and grandfather by becoming a firefighter in the same department where they had both served. David graduated from Indiana Christian Academy, in Anderson, and joined the Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department in May 2007, serving selflessly for 11 years. David was even training to become an EMT to expand his role within his community. When David wasn't volunteering, he worked as a fork lift operator at Red Gold in Elwood. David and his wife Autumn were married for 5 years; she was his soulmate. In addition to his wife, David is survived by his parents, Melvin and Darlene Wittkamper; sister, Megan (husband Chad) Welsh; brother, Devin Wittkamper, and many other loving family members.

Kyle and David will be forever missed by their families as well as their colleagues and friends in Elwood and at the Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are grateful for Kyle's and David's service to our Hoosier community and it is my privilege to honor them today. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I would like to recognize Kyle and David for their impact and service to our community. I extend my deepest condolences to Kyle and David's families, the Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department, their friends, and their fellow volunteer firefighters who mourn their loss. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 130 and 131, and voted Nay on Roll Call vote 132.

RETIREMENT OF ROBERT M. LIGHTFOOT, JR. ACTING ADMINISTRATOR, NASA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the career of an outstanding civil servant who has dedicated his professional life to furthering our nation's goals in space exploration at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Robert M. Lightfoot, Jr., Acting Administrator of NASA will retire on April 20, 2018 after 29 years of service at NASA.

Mr. Lightfoot's NASA career, which began in 1989 as a test engineer and program manager for the space shuttle engine technology testbed program at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, is marked by numerous leadership roles, including as: assistant associate administrator for the Space Shuttle Program at NASA Headquarters from 2003 to 2005 where he worked on space shut-

tle Return to Flight activities following the loss of Space Shuttle *Columbia* and her crew in 2003; deputy director of the Marshall Space Flight Center from 2007 to 2009, and director of the Marshall Space Flight Center from 2009 to 2012.

In 2012, Mr. Lightfoot, became associate administrator of NASA, the highest ranking civil servant position in the agency.

Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2017, following the departure of NASA Administrator Charles Bolden at the end of the Obama Administration, Mr. Lightfoot became the Acting Administrator of NASA.

Since the date he assumed the Acting Administrator role, Mr. Lightfoot has led NASA through the transition to the current Administration, through the Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 budget submissions, through Congressional budget hearings, and through the reestablishment of the National Space Council and NASA's participation therein.

Perhaps, most importantly, Mr. Lightfoot has provided steadfast leadership of NASA's programs, including the development of the Space Launch System and Orion crew vehicle, the commercial crew program that will reestablish U.S. human spaceflight capability to low-Earth orbit, the development of the James Webb Space Telescope and Mars 2020 flagship science projects, the commencement of the aeronautics x-plane project, and the continued advancements in space technologies that will enable future NASA missions.

The nation is fortunate to have had such a committed, experienced, and technically knowledgeable leader at the helm of NASA for what has become the longest Acting Administrator period in the agency's history.

Mr. Speaker, it is not surprising that Robert Lightfoot has received numerous prestigious awards and accolades for his service to NASA, engineering, and civil space, including the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executives, the highest honor for Federal government work. However, like the NASA workforce he leads, Mr. Lightfoot never forgets that he is part of a team.

In an interview with NASA Tech Briefs in May, 2010, Mr. Lightfoot said, "Spaceflight is very much a team sport, and being part of these teams, whether it was running engine tests, whether it was return to flight, whether it's working through problems associated with anything we're working on, if I can do that, that's what an engineer does. But you rarely do it by yourself. I have been very fortunate to be part of some tremendous teams, and the higher up I've moved, there are still teams there . . . they're just different."

For his excellence in engineering contributions to NASA, for his 29 years of dedication to furthering the nation's goals in civil space, and for his outstanding leadership of NASA through an extended period as Acting Administrator, I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation, and send my best wishes to Robert M. Lightfoot, Jr. as he retires from Federal government service and embarks on the next chapter of his life.

CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 13 high school students who were chosen by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the State of Colorado as Delegates at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. These students are Madeline Brummet, Joslyn Burnett, Dalton Duncan, Bergen Evans, Devyn Kincade, Jack Lewis, Caitlyn Lutters, Owen Richardson, Giovanna Rubio, Dallas Snow, Kimberlee Sukle, Aleigh Trimble, and Jordan Wieck.

The Congress is an honors-only program for top students in our country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists. These students are nominated by their teachers or the Academy based on their leadership ability, academic achievement, and dedication. This program is designed to inspire young people to go into medical research fields or be physicians, and provides a path, plan, and mentoring resources to help them reach their goal. During the Congress, the students will have the chance to learn from leaders in the medical field as well as government officials, top medical school deans, leaders from the private sector, and even Nobel laureates.

These students' acceptance to this prestigious program is an incredible feat, and it is my honor to rise today and recognize the outstanding accomplishment of this future leader. Our nation greatly benefits from the achievements of physicians and medical scientists, and it is important that we continue to inspire younger generations to pursue careers in the medical field.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations to these students and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

SERGEANT GONZALEZ

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Sammy Gonzalez. A Lee County Sheriff's Office deputy since 2007, he has made an incredible commitment to run from their headquarters in Fort Myers to the Fallen Officer Memorial in Tallahassee, Florida.

This effort, a run of approximately 400 miles, is being made on behalf of family members left behind following the on-duty death of a law enforcement officer. Sergeant Gonzalez is raising funds and awareness for Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), a not-for-profit organization that assists the families of fallen officers. C.O.P.S. pays for counseling, summer camp, and other programs for family members of officers killed in the line of duty.

This nine-day run, which the Sergeant refers to as the "Run for the Fallen," will require Gonzalez to cover approximately 45 miles each day. The venture, in its entirety, equates

to the completion of over 15 consecutive marathons. Good luck and Godspeed.

HONORING RONALD LOUTHERBACK

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, Corona Del Mar resident Ronald Louthierback passed on April 5, 2018 from heart failure. Ron was a deeply religious person, a kind and outgoing man who was an American patriot to the core and actively supported conservative events. He leaves his wife Therese Louthierback, children Lonnie and Debra, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ron is best known for being the founder and president of THE WINE CLUB, premium discount wine retail stores that earned the honor by Southern Wine and Spirits magazine as being the best premier wine shops in the United States. His shops were located in Santa Ana, San Francisco, and Santa Clara since 1985, and were sold in 2000. Ron had belonged to the Sunny Hills Tennis Club, the Newport Beach Tennis Club, and the Santa Ana Country Club. He lived life to the fullest and was loved by all. He will be truly missed.

HONORING MR. JORDAN MCGAUGHEY ON RECEIVING THE MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jordan McGaughey on receiving the Milken Educator Award.

This award was established in 1987 by the Milken Family Foundation to attract, retain, and motivate the finest teaching talent to continue the good work of molding young minds. The Milken Educator Award has been hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching" and provides public recognition and financial rewards to those who have the honor of receiving the award.

Jordan earned his bachelor's degree in History in 2007 and his master's in Education in 2008 from Truman State University. He now teaches American government classes at Seckman High School in Imperial, Missouri where he has shown outstanding commitment to his students, fellow educators, and the community. His classes stress the importance of valuing diversity, debating hot topics, and using critical thinking to formulate a personal opinion. Students have the opportunity to become more involved in the legislative process when they write their legislators, and in one particular lesson, they develop, present, discuss, and vote on "new" constitutional amendments. Jordan's students consistently perform above district and state averages and many have gone on to careers in government and education.

To foster an enjoyable learning environment, Jordan uses numerous teaching styles. By rotating between cooperative learning activities, collaborative inquiry-based learning,

and traditional lectures, he is able to engage and interact with students effectively. As a Google Certified Educator, he also incorporates Google Classroom, Socrative, and Kaboot technology into his lessons. These education tools create other avenues for students to learn skills that will positively impact their future career choices. In this age of social media, Jordan also utilizes live debates on Twitter to engage students during events like the State of the Union.

In addition to his successful career in the classroom, Jordan serves on the district's professional development team and on the American Government curriculum committee. He also mentors student teachers and serves as an instructional coach, giving future teachers the opportunity to learn from someone who is motivated, passionate, and driven. Lastly, Jordan serves the community even further as a member of the Missouri Council for Social Studies and the St. Louis Teacher Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. Jordan McGaughey on this great honor.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHEAST INDIANA BASE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northeast Indiana Base Community Council and its annual Race for the Warrior. Across eleven counties in northeast Indiana, the NIBCC is working with over 30 community groups, making my district one of America's most engaged regions when it comes to supporting our military.

The Race for the Warrior is the hallmark for the NIBCC. In its fourth year, proceeds from the event raise funds for the NIBCC Military Support Fund. This fund provides one-time grants to local military members for emergency relief, as well as other military and veterans support programs.

I am proud of the work the NIBCC does on behalf of our active duty servicemembers, veterans, and their families in my district.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL STOP THE BLEED DAY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the ability to recognize and effectively assist life-threatening bleeding in someone can save a life. On March 31, 2018, the country came together to recognize National Stop the Bleed Day. Stop the Bleed is a program that is offered by the American College of Surgeons to teach people how to become an immediate responder to victims suffering from uncontrolled bleeding by using direct pressure, gauze and bandages, and tourniquets.

Each year, more than 180,000 people die from traumatic injuries sustained as a result of events including vehicle crashes, falls, indus-

trial and farm accidents, shootings, and natural disasters. The most common preventable cause of these deaths is a victim losing too much blood in the mere minutes before trained responders arrive. Just like CPR training, being able to recognize and care for a traumatic injury can prevent victims from bleeding out. I was among the 126,000 that were trained last year on how to Stop the Bleed and I hope to inspire others to join me in supporting this program.

I urge my colleagues to join me and rise in support of National Stop the Bleed day and help to end the loss of life from uncontrolled bleeding by getting trained to Stop the Bleed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on April 10, I missed Roll Call votes No. 130 and 131. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 130 related to the End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2018, and YEA on Roll Call 131 relating to the Combat Online Predators Act.

HONORING THE 2017 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 155 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2017 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). To be named as Fellows, these men and women were nominated by their peers and underwent the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making a significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society. Their induction ceremony here in the nation's capital will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents, Andrew Hirshfeld.

Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 6,000 patents. The individuals making up this year's class of Fellows include individuals from 124 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning the United States and the world. The group of Fellows, now 912 in total, is composed of more than 100 presidents and senior leaders of research universities and non-profit research institutes, 439 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; twenty-eight inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, fifty-two recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science; twenty-nine Nobel Laureates; 261 AAAS Fellows; 168 IEEE Fellows; and 142 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions. The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual

property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

All Americans are greatly indebted to innovators such as these for contributions to our country and the world through their work. I commend these individuals, as well as the organizations and taxpayers that make their work possible, for all they do to revolutionize the world in which we live. I hope attention brought to this round of inductions will encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2017 NAI Fellows include:

Samuel I. Achilefu, Washington University in St. Louis; Dereje Agonafer, The University of Texas at Arlington; Mark G. Allen, University of Pennsylvania; James P. Allison, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center; Hiroshi Amano, Nagoya University; Richard R. Anderson, Massachusetts General Hospital; Leif Andersson, Texas A&M University and Uppsala University; J. Roger P. Angel, The University of Arizona; Diran Apelian, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Plamen B. Atanassov, The University of New Mexico; Craig H. Benson, University of Virginia; Cory J. Berkland, The University of Kansas; Vijayakumar Bhagavatula, Carnegie Mellon University; David J. Bishop, Boston University; Donald L. Bitzer, North Carolina State University; Randy D. Blakely, Florida Atlantic University; Helen M. Blau, Stanford University; Timothy M. Block, Baruch S. Blumberg Institute; Daniel J. Blumenthal, University of California, Santa Barbara; Susmita Bose, Washington State University; Steven T. Boyce, University of Cincinnati; Edward S. Boyden, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Anthony B. Brennan, University of Florida; Carrie L. Byington, Texas A&M University; Marvin H. Caruthers, University of Colorado Boulder; Dennis S. Charney, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Yang-Tse Cheng, University of Kentucky; Yet Ming Chiang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Joanne Chory, Salk Institute for Biological Studies; Mooi Choo Chuah, Lehigh University; David E. Clemmer, Indiana University; Geofrey W. Coates, Cornell University; Stanley N. Cohen, Stanford University; James E. Crowe Jr., Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Pieter Cullis, The University of British Columbia; Mari Dezawa, Tohoku University; William L. Ditto, North Carolina State University; Prabir K. Dutta, The Ohio State University; Jack A. Elias, Brown University; Zhigang Z. Fang, The University of Utah; Tim A. Fischell, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University; Paul B. Fisher, Virginia Commonwealth University; Edward P. Furlani, University at Buffalo, SUNY; Guangping Gao, University of Massachusetts Medical School; Suresh V. Garimella, Purdue University; Bruce E. Gnade, Southern Methodist University; Lawrence Gold, University of Colorado Boulder; Sheila A. Grant, University of Missouri, Columbia; Mark A. Griswold, Case Western Reserve University; Horng-Jyh Harn, Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital; Robert W. Heath, Jr., The University of Texas at Austin; Walter Brown Herbst, Northwestern University; Mark C. Hersam, Northwestern University; David M. Holtzman, Washington University in St. Louis; Ming Hsieh, University of Southern California; Ian W. Hunter, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Mikko Hupa, Åbo Akademi University; Oliver C. Ibe, University of Massachu-

setts, Lowell; Eric D. Isaacs, The University of Chicago; Subramanian S. Iyer, University of California, Los Angeles; Joseph A. Izatt, Duke University; William R. Jacobs Jr., Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Rakesh K. Jain, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University; Stephen Albert Johnston, Arizona State University; Ranu Jung, Florida International University; Brian L. Justus, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory; Alexander V. Kabanov, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Aravinda Kar, University of Central Florida; Kazunori Kataoka, The University of Tokyo; Howard E. Katz, Johns Hopkins University; Arie E. Kaufman, Stony Brook University, SUNY; Donald B. Keck, University of South Florida; Jeffery W. Kelly, The Scripps Research Institute; David V. Kerns Jr., Olin College of Engineering; Robert S. Keynton, University of Louisville; Dennis K. Killinger, University of South Florida; Kwang J. Kim, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Wayne H. Knox, University of Rochester; Philip T. Kortum, Rice University; Philip T. Krein, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; John J. La Scala, U.S. Army Research Laboratory; Jonathan J. Langberg, Emory University; Sang Yup Lee, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology; Fred C. Lee, Virginia Tech; Eric C. Leuthardt, Washington University in St. Louis; Nathan S. Lewis, California Institute of Technology; Tsu-Jae King Liu, University of California, Berkeley; Chih-Yuan Lu, National Taiwan University; Zhenqiang Ma, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Michele Marcolongo, Drexel University; Laura Marcu, University of California, Davis; R. Kenneth Marcus, Clemson University; Gary S. Margules, Nova Southeastern University; Mary Helen McCay, Florida Institute of Technology; Kishor C. Mehta, Texas Tech University; Deirdre R. Meldrum, Arizona State University; Bhubaneswar Mishra, New York University; Gregory Moller, University of Idaho; Clayton Daniel Mote, Jr., University of Maryland; Shouleh Nikzad, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory; John R. Nottingham, Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic; Mariappan P. Paranthaman, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Christopher R. Parish, The Australian National University; Peter L.T. Pirolli, Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition; Daniel A. Portnoy, University of California, Berkeley; Dennis W. Prather, University of Delaware; Paul R. Prucnal, Princeton University; Nirmala Ramanujam, Duke University; Jennifer L. Rexford, Princeton University; Kenner C. Rice, National Institutes of Health; Camillo Ricordi, University of Miami; Gabriel Alfonso Rincon-Mora, Georgia Institute of Technology; Bruce R. Rosen, Massachusetts General Hospital; Barbara O. Rothbaum, Emory University; Jonathan M. Rothberg, Yale University; Max F. Rothschild, Iowa State University; Clinton T. Rubin, Stony Brook University, SUNY; Shelly Sakiyama-Elbert, The University of Texas at Austin; Henry Samueli, University of California, Los Angeles and University of California, Irvine; Ulrich S. Schubert, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena; Paul A. Seib, Kansas State University; Terrence J. Sejnowski, Salk Institute for Biological Studies; Mohammad Shahidehpour, Illinois Institute of Technology; Yun-Qing Shi, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Subhash L. Shinde, University of Notre Dame; Richard W. Siegel, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Krishna P. Singh, University of Pennsylvania;

Hyongsok T. Soh, Stanford University; Steven L. Stice, University of Georgia; Steven L. Suib, University of Connecticut; Russell H. Taylor, Johns Hopkins University; Jeffrey A. Toretzky, Georgetown University; Rocky S. Tuan, University of Pittsburgh and The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Robert Vince, University of Minnesota; Andrew J. Viterbi, University of Southern California; Tuan Vo-Dinh, Duke University; Scott A. Waldman, Thomas Jefferson University; Thomas A. Waldmann, National Cancer Institute; Peter Walter, University of California, San Francisco; Fei Wang, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Scott C. Weaver, The University of Texas Medical Branch; Thomas J. Webster, Northeastern University; Chin-Long Wey, National Chiao Tung University; Lorne Whitehead, The University of British Columbia; Cheryl L. Willman, The University of New Mexico; Alan N. Willson, Jr., University of California, Los Angeles; Teresa K. Woodruff, Northwestern University; Amy E. Wright, Florida Atlantic University; Eli Yablonovitch, University of California, Berkeley; Paul Yager, University of Washington; Jackie Y. Ying, Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology; Bin Yu, SUNY Polytechnic Institute; Mona E. Zaghoul, The George Washington University; Zeev Zalevsky, Bar-Ilan University; Lynn Zechiedrich, Baylor College of Medicine.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating these new NAI Fellows.

HONORING CAROL JOHNSON-BURGER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Carol Johnson-Burger who was named the first woman and African American President and CEO of United Way of the Capital Area in Jackson, Mississippi in July, 1995. Born in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, she graduated from Tougaloo College and was very involved in the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, having the opportunity to meet and work with Medgar Evers and Dr. Martin Luther King. Carol was the first Black teacher to integrate the public schools in Pearl River County, Mississippi, one of the most racist counties in Mississippi at the time.

Carol is active in her community and on the national and international levels with United Way Worldwide. She has served on many boards including co-chairing with former Governor William Winter, the process that created a strategic plan for the City of Jackson and as vice chair of the Secretary of the State's Non-profit and Charities Laws study group. She is a founding member of the Central Mississippi Chapter of 100 Black Women and the Mississippi Chapter of the International Women Forum. She serves on the Executive Committee of the National Professional Council for United Way Worldwide and as a mentor to United Way Professionals in South Africa.

She is the recipient of many awards but her greatest joy is being "Grammie" to her grandkids Nicholas and Logan. She, her son Marcus and the grandkids are active members of Anderson United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Carol Johnson-Burger for her dedication to serving others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call 130, Yea on Roll Call 131, and Yea on Roll Call 132.

NATIONAL LAWN CARE MONTH

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize April as national lawn care month. The landscape industry employs nearly 1 million workers and contributes annual revenue of \$78 billion to our nation's economy. From the National Mall to an opening day outfield and even in our own front and back yards, images of beautiful lawns are iconic depictions of American culture and the American dream.

As we recognize these images, we must also recognize the work that goes into the upkeep of such lawns. Landscape and lawn care professionals play a vital role in ensuring that lawns are not only maintained but also healthy. Healthy grass and turf deliver essential benefits to families, communities, and the environment.

Healthy lawns offer protection against disease carrying insects. They provide oxygen, protect our waterways, and clean the air. They are the backdrop for important life memories such as first steps, athletic accomplishments, and gatherings for friends and families. Healthy lawns are important parts of our communities.

CONGRESS OF FUTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 9 high school students who were chosen by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the State of Colorado as Delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. The students are Daniela Arenas Berenste, Carter Brand, Benjamin Davis, Evelyn Esparza, Denita Guimaraes-Paez, Amanda Rees, Yoselin Thompson, Alex Truitt, and Christopher Zavakos.

The Congress is an honors-only program for top students in our country who aspire to work in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) fields. These students are nominated by their teachers or the Academy based on their leadership ability, academic achievement,

and dedication. This program is designed to inspire young people to go into STEM fields and provides a path, plan, and mentoring resources to help them reach their dreams. During the Congress, the students will have the chance to learn from luminaries of the STEM field including top scientific university deans, leaders from government and the private sector, and even Nobel laureates.

These students' acceptance to this prestigious program is an incredible feat, and it is my honor to rise today and recognize the outstanding accomplishment of this future leader. Our nation greatly benefits from the achievements of scientists and technologists, and it is important that we continue to inspire younger generations to pursue careers in the STEM fields.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations to these students and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLARK COUNTY MUSEUM

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the oldest and largest museum in the Las Vegas Valley.

On April 20, 2018, the Clark County Museum will celebrate 50 years of engaging visitors, and creating a deeper understanding and enjoyment of history and culture.

The first public museum in the Las Vegas Valley, in the last fifty years the Clark County Museum has moved, changed names, and become a pre-eminent location for learning about the history of Southern Nevada. It now has a collection of more than 1 million artifacts, and has become a true reflection of the story of Southern Nevadans.

I am a proud supporter of the important work museums are doing in our districts. That is why I requested robust funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) Office of Museum Services (OMS) from House appropriators and was pleased to see it included in this year's spending package.

I want to congratulate the Clark County Museum on reaching this impressive milestone. Thank the museum staff and supporters for their contributions to help preserve Southern Nevada's history and culture, and I look forward to seeing all that they accomplish in the next 50 years.

RECOGNIZING THE HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY DANCE TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Highland High School varsity dance team, who are the 2018 Illinois High School Association Competitive Dance Class 1A champions.

Highland won the title with a score of 95.08, making this the school's third dance team championship in a row. Highland ended the preliminary round with a three-point advantage and then secured the win by posting the highest team score of Head Coach Emily Wellen's tenure. The victory was especially exciting to seniors Olivia Genteman, Abigail Rogier, Kayla Davis and Katie Etter, who now claim the title of three-peat champions.

I would like to congratulate the entire Highland dance team on their victory: Kayla Davis, Bree Etherton, Katie Etter, Alexis Finely, Paige Foster, Olivia Genteman, Kylie McFarland, Abbey Mortland, Claire Pabst, Abigail Rogier, Tatum Stock and Brooke Wilson, as well as Coach Wellen, on a superb end to a great season.

Mr. Speaker, today it is an honor for me to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Highland High School varsity dance team in winning the 2018 championship, and I wish the team, and their coach, all the best in the future.

HONORING EXCLUSIVE KUTZ BARBER SHOP

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Exclusive Kutz Barber Shop, a Yazoo City business making an impact not only on hairstyles, but also on the needy of the community.

Oliver Sampson, owner of Exclusive Kutz, along with Steve Beckford and Lonnie Conley, create lasting impressions on customers by providing them with popular or custom hairstyles.

Exclusive Kutz is proud to service men, women, and children of all cultures, providing the best experiences possible for their customers.

Barber shops are known for their conversations, and Sampson reflected on the variety of talks that have occurred in his shop, ranging from politics and religion, to economics and fiancés.

Exclusive Kutz was recently featured in an issue of The Yazoo Herald giving free haircuts and facials to the needy of Yazoo City at the Manna House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Exclusive Kutz Barber Shop and its owners for their desire to make a difference in the lives of children and the community.

RECOGNIZING MR. PJ KEELER FOR BEING NAMED THE RECIPIENT OF THE GOOD SCOUT AWARD

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect that I rise today to recognize and celebrate Mr. PJ Keeler for being named the Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America recipient of the Good Scout Award. This designation is reserved for those distinctive members

of our community who exhibit the values of scouting and are a force for good.

Mr. Keeler has distinguished himself as a cornerstone of the Columbia County community. Through his innovative thinking as Columbia County Treasurer and his decades-long participation in the volunteer fire department and ambulance service, Mr. Keeler has improved the quality of life for the county's many residents. His tireless dedication to Columbia County and the compassion he shows toward his friends and neighbors has made him a role model within the community for young generations to follow.

Mr. Keeler's legacy of hard work is a source of inspiration, instilling the values of determination, confidence, and civility in his community. I am grateful for Mr. Keeler's years of dedicated service to Columbia County and to New York state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 2219, the End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2018 (Roll no. 130), which would increase the role of the financial industry in combating human trafficking, I would have voted "aye."

Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4203, the Combat Online Predators Act (Roll no. 131), which would amend title 18 of United States Code with regard to stalking, I would have voted "aye."

Finally, had I been present for the vote on approving the Journal (Roll no. 132), I would have voted "aye."

HONORING DR. STEVEN WILLIAMS

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Steven Williams, one of Albuquerque's leading HIV physicians and researchers, who will retire this year after more than two decades of serving our community.

In the early 1990s, the Albuquerque community had few doctors who were willing and able to take on patients with HIV. That was until Dr. Williams organized a team of physicians and nurses at the University of New Mexico Hospital to provide those diagnosed with the virus with emotional support, testing, and survival education. Over time, Dr. Williams built this practice into an outstanding specialty clinic within the hospital called the Truman Clinic. In addition to providing high quality medical care, Dr. Williams and his team have also supported fundraising and provided guidance to local organizations supporting HIV patients.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New Mexico's First Congressional District, I want to thank Dr. Steven Williams for his years of service to our community, and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. We wish him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL ROOFING WEEK

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), headquartered in Rosemont, IL, and its efforts to designate the week of June 3–9, 2018 as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing contractors and roofing-related businesses across the country and the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance quality roofing has on every home and business in the United States.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. Today, the NRCA has more than 3,800 members located across all 50 states and represents a variety of industry stakeholders, including roofing, roof deck, and water proofing contractors. Utilizing its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of a majority of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures in America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide high-paying jobs for thousands of hard-working families and individuals that are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, both on and off the clock, in all 50 states. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week on June 3–9 by supporting numerous charitable community service roofing projects throughout the nation. I commend the NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community and I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TARTAN DAY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 20th anniversary of Tartan day on April 6th along with the many accomplishments of Scottish Americans in my district.

I am a proud member of the Friends of Scotland Caucus and am well aware of the deep history of Scottish immigrants in Philadelphia. As Scotland witnessed a tumultuous 18th century, Scots turned to Philadelphia to pursue a better life. During early settlements, Philadelphia was largely used as a gateway to the United States. Demand for a unifying orga-

nization grew and consequently, the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia was formed in 1747 by twenty-five Scottish gentlemen to help Scottish immigrants adjust to life in the New World. This impressive organization gets its name from Scotland's patron saint and is the oldest charitable membership organization in North America.

Throughout the subsequent two and a half centuries, the Scots have used their talent and hard work to the service of this country. A monument was constructed on October 8, 2011 in Philadelphia to commemorate Scottish immigration and depicts the importance of Scots to the success of the United States. I am proud that this monument serves as a symbol of the American Dream in my district.

Established in 1988 by a U.S. Senate Resolution, Tartan day serves to recognize the achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States. In Philadelphia, a ceremony, facilitated by the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, was held on April 7 to honor the occasion.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the vigintennial of Tartan day and the years of service Scottish immigrants have brought not only to Philadelphia but to this country.

HONORING SCOTT FLEMING ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Scott Fleming, a former House staffer and longtime public servant who is retiring in May after seventeen years working for Georgetown University. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to get to know Scott well, both through his work on Capitol Hill and in the Clinton Administration as well as later during his long tenure as a liaison between Georgetown University, my law school alma mater, and Congress.

Scott's association with Georgetown goes back more than four decades. He graduated from Georgetown's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service in 1972 with a bachelor's degree. Already, though, he was working for Sen. Stuart Symington, from his home state of Missouri, as a Staff Assistant. After obtaining his master's degree in public policy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas-Austin, Scott went to work for Rep. Dan Glickman from Kansas, serving from 1975 to 1988 in the roles of Legislative Assistant, Legislative Staff Director, and Chief of Staff. When Rep. NITA LOWEY was elected, she hired Scott in 1989 as her first Chief of Staff and to oversee the opening of her Congressional office.

Leaving the House in 1995 with a wealth of legislative experience and institutional knowledge, Scott joined the Clinton Administration's Department of Education as Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director of Congressional Affairs. Later, he served as Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. When President Clinton left office in 2001, Scott left government service but didn't venture too far. He returned to his alma mater to serve as Georgetown's Associate Vice President of Federal Relations. While doing so,

Scott has also served on the boards of the National Association of Independent College and Universities and of NAFA: Association of International Educators Public Policy Advisory Committee.

During his tenure, Scott worked tirelessly to secure federal funding for key educational initiatives benefitting students at Georgetown and at institutions of higher education across the country. He's won accolades for his work to shape the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and related legislation to increase benefits available to veterans seeking to attend college and graduate school. In recent years, Scott has been at the forefront of efforts by Georgetown and other universities to prevent the deportation of DREAMers studying in this country, which they've called home from a young age, and wishing to be a part of building its future. Throughout his time at Georgetown, he's been a fervent promoter of public service careers, taking time to bring students to Capitol Hill and teaching classes at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy.

Scott has been an advisor, friend, and—in my opinion—the embodiment of the Jesuit principles that make up the 'Spirit of Georgetown' throughout his career. I wish my fellow Hoya all the best in retirement and thank him for his service to the Congress, in the executive branch furthering educational opportunities in our country, and to Georgetown University and institutions of higher learning throughout America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID DOWNING

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David M. Downing, a diligent worker, kind employer, devoted husband, father, brother, and friend. After a hard-fought battle with cancer, David passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at the age of 53.

David grew up in Orchard Park and graduated from Canisius High School. He continued to Princeton University where he earned his degree in History. While at Princeton, David played both golf and hockey for the University. After his time there, David returned to Buffalo to get his MBA from the University at Buffalo.

Eager to apply his skills, David started working outside of the family business at Procter & Gamble and Rich Products in sales and marketing. However, drawn towards the family profession, in 1994 he joined his brother Frank Downing, Jr. at Towne Automotive Group, the business started by their father, Frank Downing, Sr.

Together the two brothers worked side by side to grow their family business into one of the largest automobile dealers in the region. At one point, David even served as Vice President of the dealership, while Frank served as President. The brothers proved to be a good pair in business and worked together harmoniously. When Towne's longtime Chief Financial Officer Mike Smith retired, David assumed his role. In this position David managed the dealer group's relationships with banks and insurance companies, dealt with

Towne's real estate and franchise agreements, and served as Frank's business partner.

David's life was not all work as he cherished his time with his family as well: his wife Karen; four sons Joseph, Stephen, David Jr. and Ethan; brothers Frank, Stephen and Matthew; and two sisters, Molly Regan and Gretchen Cappiello. In his spare time he volunteered with non-profits and spent time with his wife and varied network of friends. All appreciated David's positivity and resilience in his struggle with cancer, his ability to keep moving forward despite hardship.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor David Downing's life and legacy. His impact on his community, colleagues, and family is admirable, and I offer my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

RECOGNIZING NEW KINGERY PRINTING COMPANY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the New Kingery Printing Company as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

New Kingery press, located in Effingham, Illinois, will mark this milestone by installing a new, state-of-the-art press. For many years to come, this dynamic, efficient, and cost-saving upgrade will give New Kingery the capacity to meet its customers' future needs. The press's new nonstop feeders are 50 percent faster than its predecessors', able to be fed either sheets or rolls, and can handle projects that require light-weight paper on up to heavier cardboard. With the new upgrades this family-owned and operated business, which specializes in catalogs, publications, marketing collateral and book production, will continue its tradition of providing great service and high quality work.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to acknowledge Michael Kingery, who is a second generation president of New Kingery Printing Company, and all of the employees whose hard work and dedication has made New Kingery Press the success that it is today, and the success it will remain in the future. I wish the company all the best.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ATHANASIOS "TOM" P. VOUVOUNAS

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Athanasios "Tom" P. Vouvous, 101, who passed away peacefully on Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Humility House in Austintown, Ohio with his family by his side.

I will never forget Tom as long as I live. He was almost 90 years old when he came to Washington, DC., and we visited the World War II Memorial. Tom arrived wearing the

same uniform he wore in France which still fit him like the day he first put it on. We rode together on the Metro and sat down across from another man around Tom's age who was dressed as a civilian. The man immediately recognized Tom's uniform and started to talk with him. As it turned out, both of these men had served in the same unit those many years ago. I remember it as a wonderful day when two heroes were reunited.

Tom was born on May 27, 1916 in Nenedes Samos, Greece, to Prodromos Vouvous and Angeliki Safoulis Vouvous. Tom came to the United States in 1933 to Youngstown, Ohio and moved to Warren, Ohio in 1945. He bravely served in the U.S. Army and fought in World War II at Normandy, France and in the Battle of the Bulge.

After serving in the Army, Tom returned home to serve the state of Ohio and his community in Warren. He was the co-owner of Liberty Restaurant on Main Street, with his wife, and he worked for the Ohio Department of Liquor Control as a manager of State Liquor Store on Main Street. Tom also worked as a Warren Transit bus driver. Tom was also an active member at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren. He was involved as an altar server, American Hellenic Education Progressive Association (AHEPA), senior group, Yasou Club, past President of the Church 50 Club, and an active participant with the church festival. In his free time, Tom enjoyed going to the track, gardening, and planting flowers.

He is survived by his nine children, Perry Vouvous of Cortland, Pete (Jacqueline) Vouvous of Howland, Angela (Christopher) Kalafatis of Dallas, Parisa (Frank) Gombarcik of Howland, Demetra Vouvous and Christos Vouvous, both of Houston, Nick Vouvous of Bayshore, Long Island, N.Y., Maria (Curtis) Elder of Warren and Joanna (Edward) Colucci of Girard; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen T. Vouvous; a brother, Andreas Vouvous; and a sister-in-law, Helen A. Vouvous.

Tom was a valued member of the community, and I know he is dearly missed. I am thankful for the memories I have with him, and I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 47th anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. (GLAA) on April 26, 2018. GLAA is a valued and respected local organization long in the vanguard of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community's struggle for equal rights.

GLAA, since its founding in April 1971, has been in the business of advocating for the District of Columbia's full and equal rights and for residents' civil rights. The Alliance defended the District's landmark D.C. Human Rights Act

of 1977 and also demanded the Act's broad enforcement. In addition, GLAA forcefully advocates for LGBTQ youth, seniors and consumers as well as for the rights of transgender people. GLAA especially focuses on transgender rights regarding equal treatment by the police and access to culturally competent healthcare.

GLAA also builds and nurtures coalitions with other constituencies. Specifically, it educates and rates candidates for D.C. offices. GLAA also works with its coalition partners and D.C. elected officials to advance its goals and to defend the District's autonomy. More recently, GLAA worked with its coalition partners to achieve the enactment of the District of Columbia Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act, which permits same-sex couples to marry in the District of Columbia.

GLAA will present its 2018 Distinguished Service Awards to recipients at a reception on April 26, 2018. The awardees include:

Check It Enterprises, formerly the Check It Gang, started as a street gang 10 years ago. The gang formed when a group of LGBTQ youth banded together as a gang in response to bullying and attacks on their LGBTQ identities. The members' oppression, traumatization and victimization produced anti-social behaviors. Check It members received no positive reinforcement or encouragement until they met a mentor, Ron Moten, five years ago. Ron never gave up on them and showed them a better way. Under his tutelage, Check It founded a clothing line and opened a business in Historic Anacostia. They raised \$50,000 in remodeling costs for a building, where they make and sell clothing. The space also provides a safe haven for LGBTQ youth and young adults, as well as an area for other activities and programs. In 2016, filmmakers Diana Flor and Toby Oppenheim chronicled them in the award-winning documentary, Check It.

D.C. Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, who has represented Ward 3 since 2007, chairs the Committee on Transportation and the Environment. Councilmember Cheh authored the Conversion Therapy for Minors Prohibition Amendment Act of 2013 and the Death with Dignity Act of 2015. Additionally, her legislative advocacy includes measures to protect the environment, combat homelessness, punish bias crimes against homeless individuals and eliminate the statute of limitations for the prosecution of sexual assault. She fights alongside community advocates for LGBTQ issues, particularly those advocating for homeless LGBTQ youth. Councilmember Cheh also supports legislation to require individuals subject to temporary protective orders to surrender their guns and to prevent domestic violence through the creation of a Domestic Violence High-Risk Team, which is based upon a successful model in other jurisdictions.

Mr. Don Blanchon, the executive director of Whitman-Walker Health is the third awardee. He guides Whitman-Walker in its commitment to provide an affirming and safe health care environment to gender and sexual minorities and other marginalized communities in the District. During his 11 years of leadership, Whitman-Walker has emphasized treating the whole person, integrating the role that advocacy and legal intervention play into that care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the recipients of

GLAA's 2018 Distinguished Service Award and in celebrating GLAA's 47 years of contributions to the LGBTQ community here in the District of Columbia.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN T. GLASSON

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of John T. Glasson. Known by many as "Johnny Angel" he had an infectious smile. For 47 years John was a volunteer firefighter with Levittown Fire Company No. 2 where he served for some time as Deputy Chief. An active member of his community, John was a third-degree brother with the Knights of Columbus and helped to organize the South East Pennsylvania National Fallen Firefighter Foundation golf outings as well as raising funds for Local 22 IAFF Widow's Fund. In total, John helped raise over \$180,000 for charitable organizations. John will be forever remembered by his large family including many brothers and sisters but also by the handful of individuals whose lives he saved as a volunteer firefighter. While John did not like to recount those stories, his impact on the Lower Bucks community will be felt for generations to come. Mr. Speaker, John exemplified how active participants can be a force for good in their communities. My district is better because of men like John Glasson.

IN HONOR OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE CENTER OF ALAMANCE-CASWELL

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passionate and committed volunteers of the Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell, in Burlington, North Carolina.

It is fitting to recognize these individuals during April, National Volunteer Month. Hospice of Alamance-Caswell is the only non-profit hospice care center in the Burlington area. This organization depends on the efforts of volunteers and could not survive without their hard work.

For decades, volunteers have donated their time to patients and family members, selflessly giving to those in need. These volunteers have demonstrated a commitment to the mission: to offer the right care, at the right time, in the right way.

In addition to medical treatment, volunteers provide assistance and comfort for the families of patients. Through each step, administrative support, fundraising, patient care and companionship, these individuals are there in times when they are needed most.

It is a privilege to honor the volunteers of the Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell. Through their hard work, compassion, and desire to serve, they demonstrate the charitable spirit we are so fortunate to have in North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following votes because I chose to remain in my congressional district in Miami for an important district event.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

Yes on Roll Call Vote No. 130;

Yes on Roll Call Vote No. 131; and

No on Roll Call Vote No. 132.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Philip S. Davidson, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Guard and Reserve.

SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Seth Daniel Appleton, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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