

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 ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. ROHRABACHER. 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 north-east 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