

Humanities honored the U.S. Capitol Historical Society with its National Humanities Medal in 2004. Upon receiving the award from President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, Ron noted, "There is so much more to be told about our nation's history from inside this building (the Capitol) than simply the making of laws." Indeed there is, and Ron Sarasin has excelled in telling the story of the Capitol and Congress for the past 18 years.

I thank Ron, for his persistent advocacy of Congress and the Capitol. Congratulations on a job well done and best wishes as he turns his attention to other endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MALLORY MARGARET NESMITH

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a young leader, Ms. Mallory Margaret Nesmith, for being accepted to the United States Air Force Academy. Academically, she is outstanding by earning a high-weighted GPA of 4.122 while participating in challenging AP courses. She was selected as one of two ambassadors for a class of 82 students to be an AP Ambassador for the course Advanced Placement United States History, APUSH. Additional honors granted to Ms. Nesmith include English Student of the Year for two years, Student of the Quarter, Member of Mu Alpha Theta, and Junior Escort.

Aside from her academics, she is a long-term leader of the Lego Club Library for the past seven years. She partakes in drama and band where she performed and earned awards at the state and national level. With her involvement as Vice President in the Distributive Education Clubs of America, a high school leadership program, she received one district, two state, and one national award. These accomplishments are only a handful amongst her participation in additional extra curricular activities, academic clubs, and community organizations.

Growing up with a father in the Air Force, Ms. Nesmith understands the importance of comradeship amongst her fellow peers. Throughout her life, she has formed relationships with people that she now calls family. The ability to create lasting relationships with people of different backgrounds, and in new situations, displays a character worth having as a leader in the Air Force.

With the extensive accomplishments Ms. Nesmith has thus far, I have confidence in her ability to achieve her goal to become valedictorian at John F. Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, and in coming years, complete pilot training. She is a determined, confident, and sharp leader who will serve her country proudly.

TRIBUTE TO ROY QUAKENBUSH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Roy

Quakenbush of Council Bluffs, Iowa for his 70 years of service as a barber in Council Bluffs and Omaha. Roy began his career on February 9, 1948.

Roy said, "a lot has changed since I started barbering." He said he can remember when a haircut cost a dollar and kids' cuts cost fifty cents. At one time there were 65 barbers in Council Bluffs; today there are 10. Roy said, "I'm a barber, not a stylist." At 88 years old, Roy still works two mornings a week cutting hair and has no plan to retire any time soon. Roy said barbering has provided him with a good living and his volunteer work cutting hair and shaving beards at Children's Square USA and at the Hospice of Southwest Iowa has been a hallmark of his career. "Doing that helps those people feel good," Roy said.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Roy for his 70 years of dedicated and devoted service to his customers and friends of Council Bluffs and Omaha. Roy has made a difference by helping and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in applauding his service and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE 110TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 110th birthday of the United States Army Reserve, which will be celebrated on April 23, 2018. What began in 1908 as a small corps of medical professionals held in readiness for duty is today the Army's global operational reserve force, and the most capable, combat-ready, and lethal Army Reserve the nation has ever known.

Established by Congress in 1908 with just 160 doctors and nurses, a larger Organized Reserve was created under the National Defense Act of 1916. A year later, when America entered World War I, more than 160,000 Reservists were mobilized to help the Army defeat Germany and the other Axis powers. By World War II, more than 200,000 Reservists had joined the fight, serving on every front.

Through two world wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, the Global War on Terror, and countless other crises, operations, and emergencies, America's Army Reserve has never failed to meet the challenges of its time. The Army Reserve continues to provide quick access to the mission-critical forces and capabilities the Army needs to initiate, sustain, and prevail in major operations.

Today our nation faces new threats from multiple sources that challenge U.S. military dominance across every domain. The Army Reserve is again rising to the challenge, creating a ready force of units and individual soldiers postured to move fast, engage quickly, and win decisively on the battlefields of today and tomorrow. I am proud of the Reservists of the 5th Congressional district of Washington state for serving with honor, distinction, and having the passion to protect our American freedoms.

The world is constantly changing and the threats evolving, but the Army Reserve continues to remain a dedicated component of the most decisive and lethal land force in the world.

Our thanks and appreciation to all of these patriotic Americans, and Happy 110th Birthday, U.S. Army Reserve.

MICHAEL MARTINEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Michael Martinez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Michael Martinez is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Michael Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Michael Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 16, 2018 I missed the following votes due to weather delays and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 140, and YEA on Roll Call No. 141.

CELEBRATING CALVERT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the City of Calvert, Texas.

It is an honor to represent Calvert and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Calvert has supported thousands of families and businesses throughout the years, and I am proud to offer my congratulations on their sesquicentennial milestone.

Located in Robertson County, Calvert was established along the Houston and Texas Central Railway which was built through the area in 1868.

The town is named in honor of Robert Calvert, a farmer with large cotton and corn operations, who advocated for the railroad to come through Robertson County.