

CONGRATULATING ADIRONDACK WINERY ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Ms. STEFANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Adirondack Winery on its 10th anniversary.

Adirondack Winery has been a staple attraction of Warren County since it opened in 2008, when owners Mike and Sasha Pardy moved back to the area to open Warren County's first and only winery in Lake George. The married couple created a unique micro-winery, making wine in the back of their store from grapes sourced from multiple outside vineyards, a model that has proven its success. The winery started with only the Pardys and three part-time workers, and over the past 10 years has grown to approximately 40 employees. Adirondack Winery moved its winemaking headquarters to Queensbury and in addition to its original Lake George Tasting Room, opened a second Tasting Room in Bolton Landing.

Adirondack Winery is truly loved by Warren County residents, visitors, and many across the country. They produce 17,000 cases of wine annually, and now ship to 35 states. It is easy to see why Adirondack Winery has gained such popularity. Adirondack Winery embraces and celebrates the North Country's beauty and is known for its trademark fruit-infused wines, diverse wine selection, and beautiful photography of the Adirondacks on its labels. Not surprisingly, Adirondack Winery has won more than 180 medals at competitions as well as TripAdvisor Certificates of Excellence and awards voted on by local residents.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Adirondack Winery on its 10th anniversary. Adirondack Winery exemplifies the North Country determination and spirit, and I look forward to watching the Pardy family business continue to flourish in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, my return flight to Washington, D.C. was canceled due to mechanical problems, and I was unable to attend the legislative session on April 24, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 148, and YEA and Roll Call No. 149.

SAMUEL SCHWARTZ—WWII VETERAN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is an old saying, good friends are God's way of taking care of us. Samuel Schwartz, a veteran of

the Second World War knew this was true of his good friend, James Linton.

On April 2, 2018, Sam died at the age of 94. Full of laughter and stories from the past, James knew that Sam's time was coming to an end. Sam had no living family members when he died, and James knew he couldn't let his friend take his final breaths alone. Sitting with Sam through his final days, James provided good company, even holding his hand when he took his final breath.

Samuel was an accomplished man, both in the service and in his long career in business. He enlisted in the Marine Corps one year after Pearl Harbor, and served as part of the American Invasion Force, taking part in the invasion and defense of four islands in the Pacific. He rose to the rank of Technical Sergeant, but perhaps his most significant accomplishment in the Marine Corps was meeting Elaine Hinrichs, a member of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve who would become his bride of 60 years before her passing in 2009.

Sam went on to have a 20-year career with Ardan's Catalog Showrooms, eventually leaving as the company's Chief Executive Officer. He later served as president for Whitmark Catalog Showrooms and the Zondervan Company's Bible publishing consumer group, where he landed motivated by his lifelong Christian faith. Above all, he was a caring friend and a faithful husband.

With no living family, James feared that Sam's funeral would be sparsely attended. Such a funeral simply would not properly honor Sam's life and legacy. Thus, he sent out an open invitation, hoping that a handful of others would attend.

In the following days, several groups and individuals answered James' call. Several veterans groups, including the local American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars attended the funeral at Graceland Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Members of the Patriot Guard Riders provided a line of American flags for Sam's casket to be carried through, and members of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard performed the three-volley salute.

Several active duty servicemen from multiple branches attended, including two Marines who presented a folded flag to James. Dozens of strangers, having seen James' message, also showed up to pay their respects to the World War II Marine Corps veteran.

Our World War II veterans represent the greatest generation. In the words of President Harry S. Truman, "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." James Linton made sure his friend's sacrifice for this country would not go unnoticed. Samuel Schwartz and James Linton demonstrate the true meaning of friendship.

And that's just the way it is.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 24 Frederick, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Army after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities, and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selflessness and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the United States Army.

James Bradley; Edward Brown; Wesley Carter; Ashley Corker; Keat Cross III; Destiny Dunbar; Oscar Espinal; Daniel Ferguson; Dylan Fink; Ethan Frieze; Patrick P.J. Giannone; Canaan Grover; Elizabeth Jackson; Matthew Leitch; Chandler Long; Tylik Lucas; Austin Luck; Seth Raiford; Spencer Rasor; Jacob Riddle; Tyler Ryals; John Santoro; Shiyonna Shepherd; Clay Wilson.

These students will be honored by the Greater Fredericksburg Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their 7th Annual Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 148 and YEA on Roll Call No. 149.

INNOVATORS TO ENTREPRENEURS ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5086, the "Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act." Congressman LIPINSKI's legislation makes crucial investments in business literacy by requiring the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop an I-Corps course to support commercialization-ready innovation companies.

The I-Corps program helps scientists and engineers to extend their focus beyond the

university laboratory and accelerates the economic and societal benefits of NSF-funded basic-research projects that are ready to move toward commercialization. Once a team completes an I-Corp course and wants to introduce their product to the markets, they're left to form and develop a business plan without any prior training or knowledge. However, not all scientists and engineers have the proper educational background to create and run a successful business and many fail in the early stages. In response, the NSF created "I-Corp Go" to teach business skills that are essential and fundamental to a company's success. After the program's initial success, H.R. 5086 was introduced to make it a permanent addition to the I-Corp program.

As a representative of Atlanta, a place where hundreds of small businesses seek to compete with large corporations, this legislation is near and dear to my heart. H.R. 5086 will provide constituents in my district and new innovators with access to high quality educational opportunities and I support this legislation.

CAPTAIN TAMMIE JO SHULTS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, New Mexico High School senior Tammie Jo Shults dreamed of becoming a pilot. As a child, she had watched planes from nearby Holloman Air Force Base practice combat maneuvers in the sky above the ranch where she grew up. Her dream motivated her to attend a lecture on her high school's career day put on by a retired military pilot.

The only obstacle to fulfilling her dream, however, was not her lack of ability but, rather, her gender. Upon entering the room, the retired colonel asked her if she was lost. When she replied that she was there because she was interested in flying, he informed her that there were no professional pilots.

After college, this hurdle manifested itself again and again, as Shults found herself denied from joining the Air Force as a pilot, even though her brother was accepted. She finally broke into the Navy, but as a woman, she was not allowed to fly combat missions.

Nevertheless, Shults's persistence paid off, becoming one of the first women to fly the F/A-18 Hornet, the Navy's premier strike aircraft at the time. She rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander before retiring. She helped prepare Naval aviators for Operation Desert Storm by flying training missions as an enemy aircraft.

All of these accomplishments and her stellar career as a commercial pilot for Texas-based Southwest Airlines distinguish her as a one of Americas best, but her actions as pilot of Flight 1380 from New York to Dallas have made her a household name.

Shortly after takeoff, the engine on the left side of Shults's aircraft exploded, and shrapnel broke through one of the plane's windows, causing the cabin to abruptly depressurize. Panic ensued on board, as one passenger was partially sucked out of the aircraft, but Shults remained cool and collected.

She informed air traffic control of the plane's situation, and when asked about the engine,

she matter-of-factly replied, "No it's not on fire, but some of its missing. They said there's a hole, and uh, someone went out." Mr. Speaker, try saying that without trembling.

Shults made an emergency landing in Philadelphia, and while one passenger sadly died from the injuries sustained in the accident, the other passengers and crew members exited the aircraft on the ground unharmed.

Mr. Speaker, Shults and her crew saved 148 lives. Women like Shults are exemplary examples of Americas veterans, always answering the call to duty and service. If there's anyone that we want in the cockpit during a crisis, it's Tammie Jo Shults.

And that's just the way it is.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, two thousand eighteen marks the 60th anniversary of the creation of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, commonly referred to as "NORAD." The United States and Canada, bound together by our history, our values, our economy, our environment, and our resolve to improve the lives of our citizens, have long enjoyed a close relationship that has allowed for continuous collaboration building a prosperous future for the people of both countries. The United States and Canada have stood shoulder to shoulder in defense of security for more than 100 years, as partners and allies in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, throughout the Cold War, in Afghanistan, and as part of the Global Coalition against Daesh; working together to advance our shared values.

As indispensable allies in the defense of North America, on May 12, 1958, the United States and Canada signed an official agreement creating the bi-national North American Aerospace Defense Command and formally acknowledged the mutual commitment of both countries to defend their citizens from air domain attacks. This cooperation is an important element of United States and Canadian contributions to the collective defense provided by the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command enjoys a unique status as the only fully integrated bi-national military command. The North American Aerospace Defense Command is headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, with three subordinate region headquarters located at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, for the Alaskan NORAD Region (ANR); Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, for the Continental NORAD Region (CONR); and Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the Canadian NORAD Region (CANR), along with three subordinate sector command centers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, for the Western Air Defense Sector (WADS); Rome, New York, for the Eastern Air Defense Sector (EADS); and Canadian Forces Base North Bay, Ontario, for the Canadian Air Defense Sector (CADS).

The missions of the North American Aerospace Defense Command are to provide aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning to defend North America. The North American Aerospace Defense Command and the United States Northern Command current operations center is connected to a worldwide system of sensors that provides the Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command with a common operating picture of aerospace and maritime threats.

The Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station hosts the Alternate Command Center for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command. The Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command provides integrated tactical warning and attack assessments to the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command uses a network of space-based and ground-based sensors; airborne radars, fighters, and helicopters; and ground-based air defense systems to detect, intercept, and, if necessary, engage air domain threats to North America.

The May 2006 renewal of the North American Aerospace Defense Command Agreement added a maritime warning mission to the slate of responsibilities of the Command, which entails a shared awareness and understanding of the ongoing activities conducted in United States and Canadian maritime approaches, maritime areas, and inland waterways.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command provides continuous surveillance and defense of North American airspace from further airborne aggression or attack, as occurred on September 11, 2001, through the ongoing Operation NOBLE EAGLE mission. The North American Aerospace Defense Command will continue to evolve to address the ever-changing nature of the threats to North America and adapt to future shared security interests.

The outstanding service of United States and Canadian service members from Active Duty and Reserve Component forces and civilians serving at the North American Aerospace Defense Command is central to the ability of North America to confront and successfully defeat aerospace threats of the 21st century. The continuation of this successful relationship between the United States and Canada through the North American Aerospace Defense Command is paramount to the future security of the people of the United States and Canada.

Today, we therefore recognize the contributions made by the North American Aerospace Defense Command to the security of North America, commemorating 60 years of excellence and distinctive service by the men and women of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, reaffirming the critical missions of the North American Aerospace Defense Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and supporting the role of the North American Aerospace Defense Command in providing bi-national defense of the United States and Canada in the 21st century.