the Cold War. These experiences taught him the importance of coalition building and the interconnectedness of humanity; lessons he carried with himself into his professional life on Capitol Hill.

Ted committed his life to service and was known throughout the halls of Congress for his compassion, leadership, and his pragmatic approach to politics. Ted was a trusted advisor to numerous members of Congress, including former House Republican Leader Bob Michel, of Illinois, Representative Nancy Johnson, of Connecticut, and, ultimately, the 51st Speaker of the House.

Ted's most enduring physical legacy in the U.S. Capitol is the Capitol Visitors Center, which enhances the visitor experience for three to five million visitors a year. From his position in the Speaker's office, Ted played an instrumental role in the completion of the building, which was created in the wake of the Capitol shooting in 1998 and the terrorist attacks in 2001. The Capitol Visitors Center safeguards millions of visitors every year and will remain a lasting memory of Ted's abilities. His ability to build consensus, combined with the care and compassion he had for those around him, made its completion possible.

We mourn the passing of Ted Van Der Meid, a friend and colleague to many. He left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of working with him and his memory will be forever entwined in the fabric of the Capitol.

HONORING MR. KENNETH L. TUCKEY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Kenneth L. Tuckey, who is receiving the Cumberland County Friends of Scouting Award. I know I will be neither the first, nor the last, to applaud Mr. Tuckey for this well-deserved honor.

The Friends of Scouting Award is given to individuals who have shown exceptional support for their local Boy Scouts of America programs. Cumberland County's division of Boy Scouts has chosen Mr. Tuckey as their honoree this year for his outstanding community service and his ambassadorship for the Boy Scouts.

A lifelong resident of South Central Pennsylvania, Mr. Tuckey has long been a pillar of the Carlisle community. Throughout his storied career, he has helped his community both economically and through countless volunteer ventures.

Mr. Tuckey owns and operates Tuckey Mechanical Services, Inc., Tuckey Metal Fabricators, Inc., and Tuckey Restorations, Inc. , and has led each of these companies to success. For instance, Tuckey Mechanical Services, Inc., just celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. He and his wife, Marsha, have two sons, Matthew and Nathan, who also work in the family businesses. Through his work, Mr. Tuckey has been integral in the revitalization and historic preservation of downtown Carlisle.

Additionally, Mr. Tuckey contributes to his community as Board Chairman of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Pinnacle-Carlisle's Board of Directors, and serves on many other non-profit boards, such as the Cumberland County Economic Development Corporation, the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority, and the Pennsylvania State Workforce Investment Board.

I believe we can all take a cue from Mr. Tuckey's inspiring story and his personal motto of ''service above self,'' as a guiding principle. This award is proof that hard work and quality service do not go unnoticed, and that a positive impact on the region is widely recognized.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Tuckey for all he has done and continues to do for the Carlisle community and congratulate him on receiving the Cumberland County Friends of Scouting Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 153, on passage of H.R. 3144, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye.''

PETE YAZZIE-RODRIGUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Pete Yazzie-Rodriguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Pete Yazzie-Rodriguez is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Pete Yazzie-Rodriguez 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 Pete Yazzie-Rodriguez 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF JOHN R. GOSSAGE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John R. Gossage's 31 years of service in law enforcement, including two terms as Brown County sheriff, and the successful legacy he leaves as Brown County's top law enforcement officer. Sheriff Gossage's long and reputable career includes many professional accomplishments that reflect the caliber of his leadership and service.

Sheriff Gossage joined the police department in May 1987 and proved himself a natural leader. He worked hard and steadily rose in the department as he mastered numerous life-saving skills from law enforcement operations to public-safety issues. He became the chief deputy under former sheriff Dennis Kocken's administration, and quickly received the endorsements of Mr. Kocken and other previous sheriffs in his campaign for county leadership.

Sheriff Gossage has served with distinction in what he calls ''the finest law enforcement agency in the nation.'' Brown County is the oldest sheriff's office in Wisconsin, but Sheriff Gossage has faced many challenging cases throughout his tenure. Nevertheless, he has provided steady leadership during times of change and supported his department while protecting Northeast Wisconsin communities.

The historic Brown County sheriff's office, Mr. Gossage once observed, is much like the Green Bay Packers—a local institution rich with traditions, achievements, and pride. There is no doubt that Sheriff Gossage will be missed by the officers who worked and served with him, the county officials who depended on him, and members of the communities he helped keep safe. As Sheriff Gossage steps down to pursue other opportunities, I have no doubt that he will continue to serve well.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending Mr. Gossage for his service as sheriff and his long career protecting the great state of Wisconsin.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JOSEPH P. SILVA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joseph Silva, a resident of New Bedford, Massachusetts, who turned 100 years young on Thursday, April 12th.

Joseph has dedicated his life to serving his community and country. In World War II he was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving two years in North Africa and another in Italy. During his service, Joseph attained the rank of staff sergeant for the 22nd Quarter Master Battalion, Company A.

Upon returning home, Joseph joined the New Bedford Fire Department, and remains the first and only Cape Verdean to achieve the rank of deputy chief. Joseph served at the Fire Department for thirty-six years, where he routinely encouraged other Cape Verdeans to apply, even inviting them into his home to study for the firefighter's exam. On his days off he worked as a longshoreman for nineteen years.

In 1950, Joseph married Julia Barros. The two would go on to have two daughters together and today Joseph is a proud grandfather. Joseph has remained active in his community, receiving the Marian Medal from the Dioceses of Fall River for his dedicated service, and serving on his church's Building and maintenance Committee until just five years ago.