

Robert led the University of Guam to receive a record eight years of accreditation in 2008, and resulting in another record 8 years of accreditation in 2016. During his tenure as president, enrollment at the University of Guam increased by 16 percent and graduation rates improved by 5.5 percent. Numerous undergraduate and graduate degree programs were implemented, as well as financial assistance opportunities to attend the University and for off-island travel through student exchange programs or short-term activities to expand and improve the student experience. Robert led the effort to improve financial accountability which resulted in the University being designated as a federal low-risk auditee from 2008 through 2011 and 2015 through 2017.

He guided an aggressive fundraising effort for the capital improvements campaign through the UOG Endowment Foundation which currently totals over \$3 million. Robert established the Research Corporation of the University of Guam (RCUOG) to create an efficient and effective environment to support management of its federal grants portfolio and today provides support to the 84 different grants and contract projects equating to \$12.3 million. He ensured engagement with the Guam Open Research & Education Exchange (GOREX) initiative to expand UOG's technological capabilities and outreach with the Region, Asia, Australia, Hawaii, and mainland United States.

Additionally, Robert established the President Lecture Series as a way for leaders to speak with students regarding unique or highly visible topics, and where students and the island community can dialog and grow from the experience. He reinstated the Triton Athletics Program through the new Athletics Director to increase student recruitment. Robert also led UOG Green strategic initiatives and conducted nine annual UOG Regional Conferences on Island Sustainability to address local, regional, and global matters in areas of responsible environmental stewardship, strong economic development, and social progress and well-being.

Robert made many indelible contributions to the University of Guam and our community at large. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate Dr. Robert A. Underwood on his vast accomplishments and service to Guam. I extend my sincere gratitude to Robert's five children, two grandchildren and his wife, former Guam Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood for their support of Robert throughout the years. Again, I thank Robert for his leadership in moving our island forward, and I look forward to many more years of service for the people of Guam.

HONORING JOANNE ROBINSON-BOETTCHER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant, Ms. Joanne Robinson-Boettcher, an individual who through her personal and professional work has left an indelible mark on her community and the people who live in it.

Joanne was a New York City schoolteacher, a public relations specialist at General Foods,

and an independent image consultant on industrial television projects. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Peace Action New York State and is a member of the Black Women's Political Caucus of Westchester and the Yonkers branch of the NAACP. She has also served as a co-chair of Women of Westchester, a delegate to the UN for Peace Action International and has served on numerous boards, including My Sisters' Place, WESPAC, and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall.

As if this resume wasn't impressive enough, in 1990 Joanne was named Woman of the Year for Westchester County, and has also been an honorary Grand Marshall of the Yonkers African-American Heritage Festival. She was the recipient of the Alice C. Scott Award for Dedicated Community Leadership, the Martin Luther King Drum Major Award for community activism, and the NYCLU Myron Isaacs Community Service Award.

In short, Joanne Robinson-Boettcher has done a tremendous amount of wonderful work to better our world. This year, the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall in Yonkers is honoring Joanne with their 2018 Patron Saints of Yonkers award. They have chosen a terrific honoree. Congratulations to Joanne on receiving this well-deserved honor.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate two significant anniversaries for two of America's closest allies. One hundred years ago, Czechoslovakia was formed through the Pittsburgh Agreement following the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the end of World War I. Additionally, this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Czechoslovakia, from what many refer to as the "Velvet Revolution of 1989" or the "Gentle Revolution," peacefully becoming two democratic countries by mutual consent: the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic on January 1, 1993. The Pittsburgh Agreement and the Velvet or Gentle Revolution, whichever you prefer, are monumental events for these great nations as it opened the door for democracy and prosperity for the people of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.

During their brief history as independent, democratic nations, both the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic have formally become members of the European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the United Nations, showcasing their commitment to democracy through institutional participation and military cooperation in NATO missions around the globe.

Let it also be known that the Czech Republic has a local tie to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. When applying for admission into NATO, the Czech Republic had the official documents signed at the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri. Visiting diplomats from the Czech and Slovakian govern-

ments will gather again May 15–16, 2018 in Kansas City for a diplomatic luncheon and to commemorate the anniversary of the Czechoslovakian Declaration of Independence, which officially created the nation state of Czechoslovakia in 1918.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in expressing our sincerest congratulations to the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic for their monumental achievements in independence and their tireless efforts in promoting democracy, not only within their borders, but throughout the world. I urge all of my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation to these two great nations and their commitment to continued friendship with the United States and democracies everywhere.

HONORING OFFICER THOMAS O'DONNELL

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism and bravery of Castle Rock Police Department Officer Thomas O'Donnell. On December 31, 2017, Officer O'Donnell responded with fellow law enforcement officers to a domestic disturbance call where he was wounded in the line of duty. On behalf of myself and the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for Officer O'Donnell's service to our community. I admire his courage and willingness to stand in harm's way so that the innocent may be protected.

Officer O'Donnell has committed his life to protecting citizens through his service in law enforcement for the past 17 years, including his work for the Castle Rock Police Department since 2008. He also serves as an Entry Team Leader on the Douglas County Regional SWAT Team.

During the incident on December 31st, Officer O'Donnell received gunshot wounds from a gunman who had barricaded himself inside an apartment complex. As Officer O'Donnell confronts his own physical and emotional healing, he will also carry the burden of knowing that one of his fellow law enforcement officers did not make it away from the incident alive. For a profession that treats each other like family, the loss of a colleague is especially painful.

We must never forget the sacrifices paid by our men and women in uniform. Our nation's law enforcers are vital to the safety of Colorado communities. On behalf of the citizens of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to Officer O'Donnell.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Law Enforcement Caucus and