

HONORING 30 YEARS OF KUBOTA  
MANUFACTURING IN THE  
UNITED STATES

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kubota Manufacturing's 30-year presence in the United States. Planting its roots in my hometown of Gainesville, this company specializes in tractor manufacturing.

In the past few decades, several international companies like Kubota have made Northeast Georgia their home. For Kubota, what began as a 60,000 square foot plant with 44 team members in 1988 grew to the 2.5 million square foot plant with 2,600 team members that we see today.

Instead of settling for one plant's success, Kubota chose to open additional manufacturing plants in Kansas and Texas, and, in 2005, the company founded the Kubota Industrial Equipment Corporation based in nearby Jefferson, Georgia.

To celebrate its 30-year anniversary, Kubota Manufacturing donated \$1 million to the Lanier Technical College Foundation. This gift will help finance Lanier Technical College's new Hall County Campus, which is scheduled to open in the spring of next year.

Whether it's a student at Lanier Technical College or one of the company's employees, Kubota demonstrates the importance of investing in our nation's workforce—preparing men and women for the jobs our modern world requires.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kubota Manufacturing for using its success to support the communities in my corner of Georgia. I look forward to seeing this company's presence continue to grow over the next 30 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 219, NAY on Roll Call No. 220, NAY on Roll Call No. 221, NAY on Roll Call No. 222, YEA on Roll Call No. 223, YEA on Roll Call No. 224, NAY on Roll Call No. 225, NAY on Roll Call No. 226, YEA on Roll Call No. 227, and NAY on Roll Call No. 228.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE  
OF RITA BAUMGARTNER FRANCOMB

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Baumgartner Francomb, who lived an inspiring life as the first woman to enlist in any of the women's military organizations during World War II from Elizabeth, Illinois.

Ms. Francomb trained at Hunter College in New York City and was sworn into the Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) for the Navy in Chicago, Illinois in 1943. She was a chief secretary of correspondence at the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland, California, attaining the rank of Yeoman First Class. After her Naval career, she resumed her position as assistant cashier at Elizabeth Bank.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Rita Baumgartner Francomb that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Rita Baumgartner Francomb's life and her service to this great country.

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL MIDDLE  
SCHOOL'S MATHCOUNTS TEAM

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor Centennial Middle School's MATHCOUNTS team, which won the Utah State MATHCOUNTS contest this year and sent multiple students to represent Utah at the 2018 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, where they placed in the top ten.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps middle school students nurture and enhance their abilities in mathematics. The foundation was created in 1983 and has since helped countless middle school students overcome their fear of and develop a love for mathematics.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation hosts the annual Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, which brings in Mathletes from all 50 States to compete. These Mathletes compete head-to-head with other teams to solve difficult math problems in timed exams. Since the competition was first held in 1984, it has grown to become the most prestigious middle school mathematics competition in the nation.

Centennial Middle School, located in Provo, Utah, has participated in the MATHCOUNTS program for many years. To prepare for the statewide competition in March, participating students spent many afterschool hours training, practicing, and expanding their mathematics skills. The Centennial Middle School MATHCOUNTS team won the Utah statewide competition and had the honor of sending multiple students and their coach to represent Utah at the national contest. The Utah team placed ninth in the nation, making it the first time Utah has placed in the top ten and also took home the award for most improved team.

These prestigious and hard-earned awards demonstrate the significant efforts of parents, teachers, and the team's coach, Ryan Camacho, in cultivating a love of mathematics among students at Centennial Middle School.

Centennial Middle School's accomplishments indicate a promising future for mathematics achievement in Utah. As students in Utah and across the country continue to participate in competitions like MATHCOUNTS, they will be better prepared to succeed in emerging careers in mathematics. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating this outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING SIGNATURE  
SCHOOL IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Signature School in Evansville, Indiana for being named the ninth best charter school in the United States, the seventeenth best high school in the United States, and best high school in Indiana by U.S. News and World Report in its 2018 rankings.

Founded in 1992, Signature School became Indiana's first public charter school in 2002. Located on Main Street in downtown Evansville, Signature School has offered an advanced education for students all over Southwest Indiana for over 25 years. The education young Hoosiers receive at Signature School not only helps them prepare for college, but also for success in life. Signature School students routinely out perform national SAT and ACT averages, are recognized as National Merit Finalists, achieve a 100 percent graduation rate, and are offered millions of dollars in college scholarships.

Ensuring all Hoosiers have access to a quality education is of the utmost importance because today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. I am grateful for Signature School's commitment to educating young Hoosiers and congratulate them on receiving this outstanding distinction.

JANE POOLE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jane Poole for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jane Poole is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jane Poole 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 Jane Poole for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO FREMONT COUNTY  
EXTENSION

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fremont County Extension for 100 years of service to Fremont