

This bicentennial anniversary marks a great milestone in Austerlitz's history, and serves as an important time for reflection. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District and the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and congratulations to the town of Austerlitz. As the residents celebrate its 200th birthday, I would like to commend them on the success of their small, thriving community and wish Austerlitz continued prosperity in its next 200 years.

CONGRATULATING LIBERTY
COMMON SCHOOL

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Liberty Common School in Fort Collins, Colorado, under the leadership of former U.S. Representative Bob Schaffer as their principal and headmaster.

Liberty Common is an exemplary charter school, consistently earning among the very highest standardized test scores in the state of Colorado. Just this year, Liberty Common was ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top public high schools in both the state and the nation.

Mr. Schaffer represented Colorado's 4th Congressional District from 1997 to 2003, consistently demonstrating exemplary leadership and integrity on Capitol Hill while serving his constituents. During his time in Congress, Mr. Schaffer worked passionately on education policy, fighting for school-choice. Starting in 2010, Mr. Schaffer served as the principal of the Liberty Common High School, and earlier this year became the headmaster of the school's complete K-12 offerings.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I applaud Mr. Schaffer and his colleagues at the Liberty Common School for such an outstanding record of excellence. We look forward to their continued success as they educate and prepare the next generation of Coloradans for a prosperous and successful future. It is this investment in our children that makes the work of educators like those at Liberty Common so valuable to our state. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate the achievements of the Liberty Common School.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LARRY
YOUNG

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the professionalism, business brilliance and leadership driven success of Larry Young, president and CEO of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, who also happens to be a native of Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. Young is the leader of an extensive and passionate employee base, with 20,000 employees in total. These workers are responsible for the making, marketing, selling and distributing over 50 beverage brands. Mr.

Young joined the company in 2006 as president and chief operating officer. Later on, in October of 2007, he became the company's president and CEO.

Mr. Young's business prowess is demonstrated by his active role in helping create a new business model for a fully integrated beverage company. He encouraged the integration of brand ownership and marketing with bottling and distribution operations; centralizing the company and allowing it to build its own independent leading brands with a reliable, consistent and secure route to market. Throughout his almost 40-year career in the bottling industry, Mr. Young has produced and sold virtually every beverage in the Americas, Europe, and Russia.

Mr. Young also holds a plethora of honors and acknowledgements. In 2015, he received the Beverage Forum Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2010, he was named Executive of the Year by Beverage Industry magazine, and was inducted into the Beverage World Soft Drink Hall of Fame in 2008. From 2008 to 2010, he also served as chairman of the board of the American Beverage Association.

Mr. Young represents the hard-working and persistent culture of southwest Missouri. I want to congratulate Mr. Young on his upcoming retirement and I wish him the absolute best in the next chapter of his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 216, I inadvertently voted 'aye.' I strongly oppose the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act and I intended my vote be recorded as 'nay.'

STANDING WITH GUATEMALA

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to send my sympathies and prayers to America's neighbor, Guatemala, as the country bravely faces a tragic natural disaster.

On Sunday, Volcano de Fuego erupted without warning, sending hot rocks, ash, and gas throughout the surrounding villages. Shortly after the volcanic eruption, a 5.2-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Guatemala. Unfortunately, dozens of Guatemalan citizens, our neighbors and our friends, lost their lives.

The devastation experienced by Guatemala today contrasts sharply with the beautiful country I visited in August of 2017. I had the pleasure on that journey of meeting President Morales, along with many Guatemalan cabinet officials. We discussed the strong relationship between America and Guatemala, as well as our common fight to end drug trafficking and pursue peace and stability in North America. I am confident President Morales will courageously guide his nation through this time of tragedy.

I am truly saddened to see Guatemala enduring these trying times, but the country is resilient. I ask God to bless the lives impacted by these tragic events, to bless Guatemala, and to bless America.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNUAL
ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF
TEXAS POWWOW

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas on the occasion of its 50th Annual Powwow. The Alabama-Coushatta are a federally recognized tribe of the Alabama and Koasati people in Polk County, Texas between Livingston and Woodville.

The Alabama-Coushatta nation have called the Big Thicket of East Texas home since the mid-1700's and even pre-date the State of Texas by more than 70 years. The Tribe established a meaningful relationship and friendship with General Sam Houston in the 1800's.

The annual Powwow is a signature celebration for the Alabama-Coushatta. Neighboring tribes throughout the United States and Canada join together to participate in traditional and contemporary Native American dances. This celebration has become a tradition for friends and neighbors to join with the Alabama-Coushatta to celebrate their culture and Native American history.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the history, culture, and tradition of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas as they celebrate their 50th Annual Powwow. May God continue to bless the people of the Alabama-Coushatta nation.

IN HONOR OF KYLE MATOUS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my outgoing Chief of Staff, Kyle Matous. Kyle grew up in Temple, Texas, and graduated in 2007 from the University of Virginia, where he studied American Politics and completed his undergraduate degree in three years. Following UVA, he attended law school at Pepperdine University. During law school, Kyle clerked for the Ugandan Commercial Court in Kampala, Uganda.

After law school, Kyle started working on the Hill as a Staff Assistant for the House Rules Committee for Chairman David Dreier in 2012. Then when I became Chairman of the House Rules Committee in 2013, Kyle served as my Policy Assistant for nine months with the committee before moving to work for my personal office as a Legislative Assistant. Shortly thereafter, he rejoined the House Rules Committee as my Policy Director in 2014 and then he became my Chief of Staff on January 1, 2016.

Kyle has been an exceptional staff member of both my personal office and the House Rules Committee. He has shown his dedication to promoting excellence and making the