

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING GEORGE CALLAS

**HON. PAUL D. RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, one of the most significant policy achievements in the last three decades would not have been possible without George Callas. George and I have been kindred spirits in our work to enact historic tax reform. He laid the groundwork for our eventual success with his early work on draft reform legislation while at the Ways and Means Committee, and he drove us over the finish line as my senior tax counsel in the Speaker's Office. I am sad to see him leave but eternally grateful for his lasting contributions to this country. George is a problem solver, relentless, and quite simply the best tax policy mind that I've ever encountered. Some of the most enjoyable moments of my speakership have been battling around tax reform ideas with George. As he departs Congress after nearly 15 years, I wish him and his family all the best and congratulate him on a job well done.

CONGRATULATING THE 4X800M  
RELAY TEAM OF THE WASH-  
INGTON BLUE JAYS**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 4x800m Relay Team of the Washington Blue Jays for their first-place finish at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship. This 4x800m relay team includes Mikayla Reed, Mia Reed, Morgan Holdmeyer, and Claire Ayers.

The 4x800m Relay Team and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the 4x800m Relay Team for a job well done.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on July 11, on final passage of H.R. 200, The Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, I inadvertently cast my vote contrary to my own intentions. I intended to vote NO on that bill. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 321.

ROBERT SPARKS COAST GUARD  
PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Robert Sparks.

In May, 1957, Mr. Sparks was fishing with his father off of Nahant, MA when they heard distressed cries for help in the distance. Mr. Sparks and his father then sailed to the source of the screams to find Mr. Rudolph Day, who was in the water struggling to remain afloat after his boat had capsized. Mr. Sparks then pulled Mr. Day, who was barely conscious at the time, from the water, performed first aid upon him, and took him safely to shore.

For his swift and critical response to aid Mr. Day, Mr. Sparks received the Coast Guard's Meritorious Public Safety Medal, as his actions well-reflected the ideals and traditions of the USCG. It is this commitment of our servicemen and women to protecting their fellow Americans that allows our country to remain free, prosperous, and secure. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate the actions of Robert Sparks.

CONGRATULATING BRYAN CANDRL  
OF THE OWENSVILLE DUTCHMEN**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bryan Candrl of the Owensville Dutchmen for his first-place finish in the Pole Vault Field Event at the 2018 Missouri Class 3 State Track and Field Championship.

Bryan and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Bryan Candrl for a job well done.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN JENKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call votes No. 314 and 315 on the evening of July 10, 2018. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5793, sponsored by Rep. SEAN DUFFY. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5749, sponsored by Rep. RANDY HULTGREN.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 314 and YEA on Roll Call No. 315.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL JOHN  
WAGNER**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to acknowledge the exceptional career of Colonel John Wagner, United States Air Force. Colonel Wagner is retiring after a dedicated career of military service to our nation. Colonel Wagner exemplifies the qualities of a great leader with a culminating assignment as the United States Air Force Chair and Military Professor at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. His truly outstanding leadership has contributed greatly to our nation, and it is no doubt that Colonel Wagner's retirement is well earned.

Colonel Wagner's career began at the United States Air Force Academy where he graduated with a degree in Astronautical Engineering in 1991. Subsequently he has had a distinguished career dedicated to our nation's space operations. He is also a graduate of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology, the School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, the Air Command and Staff College, the Air War College and the National War College.

I had the good fortune to meet Colonel Wagner during his tenure as dual commander of the 460th Space Wing and Buckley Air Force Base. Buckley Air Force Base is located in Aurora, Colorado, which I have the honor of representing here in the United States House of Representatives. Colonel Wagner performed exceptionally as the base and wing commander. Some of his key accomplishments include completing the new Block 10 Ground Control System for the Space-Based Infrared System and Defense Support System. Colonel Wagner also worked tirelessly to enhance the health and welfare of those serving on the base by obtaining the funding and approval to develop adequate on base primary medical care facilities. In particular, Colonel Wagner's command time is notable for his broad vision and implementation of the "Team Buckley" concept where the needs of all of the many tenants on the base received his full attention. Most emblematic of this was his support for the Colorado Air National Guard's Compatible Use Buffer Project which plays a key role in protecting the base's flying mission from the threat of encroachment.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Wagner has led by example throughout his career as a space operator, as a commander and as an instructor. His career as a military leader can serve as an inspiration to all Americans. I thank him for his contribution to the security of our nation and I wish him all the best as he retires from the United States Air Force.

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CONGRATULATING JASMINE  
EVERS OF THE EUGENE EAGLES

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jasmine Evers of the Eugene Eagles for her first-place finish in the Discus Event at the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Jasmine and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Jasmine Evers for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF RETIRED MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT CHANCERY JUDGE CHARLES D. THOMAS

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of one of Mississippi's most devoted citizens and public servants, retired Chancery Judge Charles D. Thomas. Judge Thomas passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Judge Thomas was born on August 28, 1936, in Collins, Mississippi. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. William Otis Thomas, Sr.

Upon graduation from high school, Judge Thomas attended school at Marion Institute in Alabama. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. Following graduation, Judge Thomas began a distinguished career practicing law at the Doty and Thomas Law Firm in Pontotoc, Mississippi. Judge Thomas was well-known for his skills as an attorney which served him well when he entered into public service as the First Judicial District of Mississippi Chancery Court Judge in 1993. Governor Kirk Fordice appointed Judge Thomas to fill the remainder of the term that was vacated by First Judicial District Chancery Judge Jim Roberts.

Bill Benson, Lee County Chancery Court administrator, said that Judge Thomas was a good judge who was known for being fair. "Judge Thomas was a fair judge with rulings that were on point," Benson said. "He was well in command of his courtroom. You had no doubt who was in charge."

Judge Thomas was also known to be a loyal friend. If you were his friend, he would go to any lengths to help you. Danny Weatherly, a devoted friend of Judge Thomas in Pontotoc, said he was a person who enjoyed conversations with people from all walks of life. "He was an intelligent, successful man and down to earth," Weatherly said. "He loved to fellowship with everyone—especially those who loved Ole Miss Athletics as much as he did."

Judge Thomas made friends in both the civilian and military worlds. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He served as a commander in the Pontotoc National Guard. Additionally, Judge

Thomas was a member of the Pontotoc American Legion Post #16 and the Pontotoc Masonic Lodge #81. Judge Thomas was an active member of the Pontotoc Rotary Club. He also served on the First National Bank Board of Directors.

In 2006, Judge Thomas retired from public office and spent much of his time studying his favorite book—the Holy Bible. He was known as a scholar of the Bible and enjoyed studying scripture in a variety of translations. His favorite Bible verse was John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Judge Thomas is a man I am grateful to have known. His devotion to God, America and his fellow man will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with Judge Thomas' family and friends.

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENTIAL AWARD WINNER DR. MARIA DELORES CIMINI OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

**HON. PAUL TONKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate an extraordinary constituent, Dr. Maria Delores Cimini, who was recently awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring by the National Science Foundation.

As a leader and mentor, Dr. Cimini has helped countless individuals, especially women with disabilities, study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Drawing on her background as a psychologist and her own experience living with a visual disability, she has paved the way for many to follow their curiosity and realize their potential through STEM education.

Dr. Cimini currently works as an Adjunct Clinical Professor in the School of Education at the University at Albany, a position she's held for more than 20 years. She has also served as Assistant Director for Prevention and Program Evaluation of the University's Counseling Center for more than 10 years.

Our National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Education have both recognized Dr. Cimini with numerous awards for her extraordinary work. In 2012, President Obama recognized her in a White House ceremony as a "Champion of Change in STEM." Her repeated national recognition reflects her enduring work that has changed the lives of so many.

I am honored to congratulate Dr. Cimini for earning her most recent impressive distinction, and thank her for her selfless commitment to serving and educating others. We can all learn from her example.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, I was unavoidably detained and

was unable to make votes that evening. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for:

Roll Call 314, H.R. 5793—Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act; and Roll Call 315, H.R. 5749—Options Markets Stability Act.

CONGRATULATING HARRISON  
FRAN OF THE RUSSELLVILLE INDIANS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Harrison Fran of the Russellville Indians for his first-place finish in the 800m Run at the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Harrison and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Harrison Fran for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN JENKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call votes No. 316, 317, 318, 319, and 320 on the evening of July 11, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 316; Yea on Roll Call No. 317; Yea on Roll Call No. 318; Yea on Roll Call No. 319; Nay on Roll Call No. 320; and Yea on Roll Call No. 321.

HONORING MENTIS, NAPA'S CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mentis, Napa's Center for Mental Health Services, for its 70 years of service to Napa County, California.

Mentis opened in 1948 as Family Service, an agency dedicated to assisting Napa's veterans and their families. In 2015, the organization moved to a new, expanded clinic and changed its name to Mentis, Napa's Center for Mental Health Services, to reflect the expansion of its work to accommodate residents of every age, stage, and income level.

The staff at Mentis is committed to giving the best possible assistance and seeks to meet clients wherever they have need, including at schools, senior living homes and family resource centers county-wide. The dedicated staff members provide bi-lingual services that are tailored to the clients' backgrounds and cultures. Through these efforts, Mentis is able to assist community members that may have

no other options available. Mentis achieves excellent results well above the national average, with 80 percent of its clients reporting improvements in emotional wellness and daily functioning.

Mentis is the oldest continually operating non-profit in Napa County, and in its 70 years of service, Mentis has proven to be a mental health champion for all of our Napa community. With the help of partners all around the County, Mentis runs a diversity of programs including supportive housing programs, dementia and depression interventions for older residents and those recovering from natural disasters. Its work was invaluable during the October 2017 wildfires. The staff at Mentis provided support and counsel for 700 individuals and families who were affected by the fires that tore through our community.

Mr. Speaker, Mentis, Napa's Center for Mental Health Services, has been an incredible resource for our community for the last 70 years. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor its continued service here today.

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CONGRATULATING ANNA HEACOCK  
OF THE FESTUS TIGERS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Anna Heacock of the Festus Tigers for her first-place finish in the 300m Hurdles at the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Anna and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Anna Heacock for a job well done.

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TRIBUTE TO JOHN MACK

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American and South Carolina native, John Mack. John, the former longtime President of the Los Angeles Urban League who spent eight years on L.A.'s Police Commission passed away June 21st after a long battle with cancer. He was 81 years old and will be sorely missed.

The Los Angeles Times recently wrote John Mack was "one of L.A.'s most influential black figures" on the subject of police reform. He led the Los Angeles Urban League through wide-ranging and significant changes for nearly 36 years. He saw the election of the first black mayor in Tom Bradley, the advancement of African Americans in prominent positions in the city and the emergence of a growing black-Latino coalition, and gained international recognition in 1992 when leading then-President George H.W. Bush on a tour after the 1992 Los Angeles riots that were precipitated by the arrest and videotaped beating of Rodney King by members of the Los Angeles po-

lice Department; and called for the resignation of then-Police Chief Daryl F. Gates.

The Times continued, "[t]hrough the Urban League he offered services to some of L.A.'s most disenfranchised citizens" and "improved the lives of countless black and brown people in the city." Even after his retirement from his official duties, Mack remained influential behind the scenes and recently played a key role in the hiring of a new police chief strong on police reform and the effort to eradicate police brutality and racism within the LAPD.

John Mack was born in Kingstree, South Carolina on January 6, 1937, and grew up in Darlington, South Carolina. His father was a Methodist minister and his mother a public school teacher. Being PKs (preacher's kids), was a bond we shared throughout our many years of friendship. He attended North Carolina A&T State University, where he was the president of the NAACP chapter. He graduated in 1958 with a degree in applied sociology. He later earned a master's degree in social work from Clark Atlanta University.

John began his professional career in Oxnard, California at the Camarillo State Mental Hospital. He later served as the executive director of the Flint Urban League in Flint, Michigan from 1964 to 1969. He returned to California for good in 1969.

In 1959, John married Harriet Johnson Mack, an elementary school teacher, who preceded him in death. They had three children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in acknowledging the work and leadership of the late great John Mack.

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CONGRATULATING EMMA  
HOMFELDT OF THE CALVARY  
LUTHERAN LIONS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Homfeldt of the Calvary Lutheran Lions for her first-place finish in the 800m Run at the 2018 Missouri Class 1 State Track and Field Championship.

Emma and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Emma Homfeldt for a job well done.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO LARRY LANDIS  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE INDIANA  
PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Landis on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council. For the past 41 years, Larry has devoted his life to ensuring those unable to afford counsel have ex-

ceptional legal representation. For the entirety of his career, Larry was instrumental in public defense reforms, developing and advising talented lawyers, and encouraging others to become public defenders. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Larry's commitment to the law and for educating decades of Indiana law students.

A lifelong Hoosier, Larry was raised in Highland, Indiana. He attended Indiana University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business in 1969. Interested in the legal system, he earned his juris doctorate from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1973. A true public servant, Larry began his law career as a deputy state public defender. His passion for legislation advocacy led him to work on criminal code reform in 1976, 1977, and in 2014, which focused on ensuring Indiana's criminal justice system values restoration over punishment. Throughout his career, Larry worked with the Indiana General Assembly in crafting criminal and juvenile justice bills. His many appearances testifying before the Indiana General Assembly, as well as providing significant input on most bills affecting the criminal justice system has been invaluable to the state of Indiana.

An exceptional leader, Larry helped establish the Indiana Public Defender Council when it was created in 1977. In 1980, he became Executive Director where he conducted over 350 seminars and workshops, published six manuals and numerous articles on criminal defense, and lectured on a variety of criminal justice topics. He later drafted legislation that created the Indiana Public Defender Commission in 1989, an organization that recommends standards for low income defense in capital cases, adopts guidelines of salary and fee schedules for individual county reimbursement eligibility, and reviews and approves requests for reimbursement in capital and non-capital cases. Ever dedicated to the Commission's mission, Larry now serves as an advisor.

Passionate about education, Larry became an adjunct professor in trial advocacy at IU McKinney Law School in 1981, where he founded the Trial Skills Practice course. Larry recruited a network of highly respected and qualified trial lawyers and judges to teach, providing students with an exceptional experiential learning experience. As a third year IU McKinney Law student in 1985, I am among the countless lawyers who benefited from Larry Landis's Trial Skills Practice class. More importantly, a multitude of clients have benefited from the enhanced skills of those fortunate enough to have participated in this critically important course for future trial lawyers.

Larry has been honored with numerous awards in the public and private sectors. Notably, he received the Hoosier Freedom Award from the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association in 2012, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in 2010, as well as the Part-Time Teaching Award from Indiana University President Michael McRobbie, in 2010. Additionally, he received the Marc Emery Award from the Marion County Public Defender Agency Board of Directors in 2007, the Distinguished Teaching Award from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1998 and 1999, the Reginald Heber Smith Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in 1996, and the Criminal

Justice Service Award from the Indiana State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section in 1996.

Larry's life-long commitment to justice and public defense led to his service on the board of directors at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, the Commission on Children, and the Commission on the Interstate Compact on Probation and Parole. He has also served as a member of the American Bar Association, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Indiana State Bar Association, International Bar Association, the Public Defender Commission, the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission and the Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

Larry has made a remarkable impact on his community and the lives of his friends, family, and colleagues. He has truly left a legacy of success at the Indiana Public Defender Council and in the State of Indiana that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Larry Landis on his extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions he has made to our Hoosier community. I wish the very best to my dear friend and his family, and hope that he will have many happy times on the golf course and beyond as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING GABRIEL  
KURTZ OF THE CAMDENTON  
LAKERS

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gabriel Kurtz of the Camdenton Lakers for his first-place finish in the Javelin Field Event at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship.

Gabriel and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Gabriel Kurtz for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
NATIONAL GUARD COLONEL (COL)  
CHESTER GUYER

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Colonel (COL) Chester Guyer's 31 years of service in the U.S. Army National Guard (ARNG). During his long and distinguished career, COL Guyer demonstrated his commitment to our nation, serving in numerous leadership roles and staff positions. COL Guyer began his military career in 1986, when he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard. In 1988, COL Guyer graduated from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania with a degree in Education and an Armor Offi-

cer commission as second lieutenant. COL Guyer was first assigned to Company D, 1-103rd Armor in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where he served as Armor platoon leader, company executive officer, and company commander in traditional status.

In 1994, COL Guyer and his wife, Michele, moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he served in the 2-198 Armor Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) Executive Officer for the 155 Separate Armor Brigade. Additionally, COL Guyer served as the Brigade Logistic Coordinator for the brigade rotation at the National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, California, in the Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW) program.

Entering Title 10 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) status in 1999, COL Guyer was assigned to the Fort Knox Armor School. As an instructor for the team, COL Guyer assisted with the development and execution of the Armor Captain Career Course—Distant Learning. In 2002, COL Guyer was assigned as the deputy chief of the Training Development Division (TDD) at the Fort Knox Armor School, and oversaw the development of all programs of instruction.

From 2003 to 2006, COL Guyer served as the assistant to the commander at the Army Training Support Center (ATSC), Fort Eustis, Virginia. He worked on a wide range of training support issues, including development of distribution plans for training devices for the ARNG, and ensuring Army training support for deploying ARNG units. From March until August 2005, COL Guyer served as the ATSC training support representative (forward), in Kuwait. During this period, COL Guyer was instrumental in fielding laser marksmanship training devices to AC and ARNG units in Afghanistan and Iraq, in accordance with the vice chief of staff of Army guidance. COL Guyer also helped to build long-term training capabilities at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

In 2006, COL Guyer was assigned as the executive officer for the Training Division at the ARNG Readiness Center in Arlington, Virginia. Selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, COL Guyer was assigned as the chief of the Training Support Branch within the Training Division in February 2007, and was promoted lieutenant colonel in April 2007. Additionally, COL Guyer served as the ARNG lead for the development of the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), a sub-installation of Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Selected for command, COL Guyer was assigned to be the first commander of the Operations Training Group (OTG) at MUTC. He assumed command on July 1, 2009. The OTG conducted monthly integrated civilian—military field training events to prepare U.S. government civilians to operate with military security in Afghanistan and Iraq. Upon completion of command, COL Guyer was reassigned to the Army G3 in the Collective Training Division (CTD), where he managed active and reserve component training support funding programs.

Following assignment as deputy chief of staff for the deputy commanding general—National Guard at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) headquarters, COL Guyer was selected for promotion to colonel in 2014, and was reassigned to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) as Deputy Command Center Director and the Chief of the Support and Crew Operations (SCO) division.

His final assignment prior to retirement was Chief, Strategic Plans Division (SPD), National Guard Bureau, J5. Retired U.S. Army Major (MAJ) Christine Langin, SPD interorganizational strategist & planner, recently said COL Guyer's impact on the SPD cannot be overstated. "His methodical and approachable manner brought the concept of integrating National Guard all hazards support planning to a higher level, across new audiences, and into new sectors," MAJ Langin said. "COL Guyer collaborated with more diversified partners than the NGB had ever done before, while simultaneously strengthening existing partnerships. This effort was critical during the historic hurricane season of 2017, where COL Guyer led the National Guard Bureau Future Plans Center and anticipated the support requirements to all of the impacted states, as well as those states providing response assets. COL Guyer will be long respected and spoken of, particularly when NGB remembers leaders who were given tough problems and always delivered thoughtful solutions."

Colonel (COL) Douglas C. Rose, Jr., NORAD and USNORTHCOM LNO to FEMA Engineer, said COL Guyer distinguished himself throughout his career. COL Rose recommended COL Guyer for the Legion of Merit Award in recognition of his meritorious service. "COL Guyer's service was marked with effective leadership, keen analysis, and superb dedication that proved invaluable to the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau," COL Rose said. "The singularly distinctive accomplishments of COL Guyer culminate a long and distinguished career in the service of this county and reflect great credit upon himself, the Army National Guard, and the United States Army."

COL Guyer's many awards and decorations include The Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Award, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Service Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, the Indiana Distinguished Service Medal, the Order of Saint George (Bronze) Medal, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

COL Guyer is a member of the United States Armor Association and the Mississippi Army National Guard Association.

Throughout his career, COL Guyer has been supported by his loving family, including his wife, Michele; and his two daughters, Julia and Madeline.

I am grateful for COL Guyer's service to our great nation. He is a trusted friend. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LIU XIAOBO AND IN RECOGNITION OF PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN CHINA

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the one-year anniversary of the death of Liu Xiaobo, Chinese writer, human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Renowned as a freedom fighter, he is praised for his long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China.

Mr. Xiaobo was instrumental in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, one of the most significant protests of communist rule in China.

Throughout his life, his works were banned and censored by the communist Chinese government. Mr. Xiaobo drafted some of the most influential literature to protest Chinese communism including *The Monologues* of a Domsday's Survivor and the October Tenth Declaration and created the Independent Chinese PEN Centre, a nongovernmental, non-profit and nonpartisan organization offering free association for Chinese writers.

Mr. Xiaobo was formally arrested four times by the Chinese government under such charges as "inciting subversion of state power." His works were deemed subversive by the Chinese Communist Party and actively censored. On June 26, 2017, Mr. Xiaobo was released from his prison sentence on medical parole after being diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. Mr. Xiaobo died on July 13, 2017 in Shenyang, China. Many believe his imprisonment greatly contributed to his deteriorating health.

Throughout his life, his work received international recognition as a defender of freedom from groups such as Reporters Without Borders, the Nobel Prize Committee, Hong Kong Human Rights Press, and many others. As a Member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, I feel especially motivated to bring to light Mr. Xiaobo's work.

Today, many others like Mr. Xiaobo are detained by their government as prisoners of conscience—a person who has been imprisoned for holding political or religious views that are not tolerated by their own government. We are grateful to live in a nation where our freedom of religion, press, speech, right to assemble and petition the government are protected at the highest level. With these remarks, I would like to commemorate a wonderful life dedicated to human rights and political freedom and bring attention to the many others who are threatened with becoming prisoners of conscience.

#### CONGRATULATING KYLIE MEIER OF THE CAMDENTON LAKERS

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kylie Meier of the Camdenton Lakers for her first-place finish in the 100m and 300m Hurdles at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship.

Kylie and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Kylie Meier for a job well done.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 11, 2018 due to the Vice Presi-

dent's visit to the First District of Iowa. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 320 and YEA on Roll Call No. 321.

#### HONORING DOUG MCILROY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to honor Doug McIlroy for his commitment to sustainable agriculture and his work to protect the jobs and livelihoods of farmers in our community from overregulation. Mr. McIlroy is being honored with the Luther Burbank Conservation Award by the Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

Mr. McIlroy was born in England and moved with his family to Marin County, California when he was an infant. He developed a passion for agriculture from an early age. He spent his summers driving tractors and picking prunes on his family's Aquarius Ranch near the Russian River in Healdsburg, California. Mr. McIlroy studied at the Santa Rosa Junior College and graduated from the University of California, Davis, with degrees in economics and plant science.

In 2001, Mr. McIlroy was recruited by Rodney Strong Vineyards to manage its estate vineyards and be its Director of Winegrowing. Due in no small part to his leadership, vineyards at Rodney Strong are now 100 percent sustainable. Much like the Sonoma County Winegrowers' mission, Mr. McIlroy's goal is for all of Sonoma County vineyards to be sustainably farmed.

In addition to his work at Rodney Strong Vineyards, Mr. McIlroy also sits on the Board of Directors for Sonoma County Winegrowers, United Winegrowers of Sonoma County and the American Vineyard Foundation. Within these organizations, Mr. McIlroy has worked tirelessly on environmental issues and has been at the forefront of every water issue growers have faced.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. McIlroy is a passionate farmer, environmentalist and scientist who has a record for giving back to our agricultural community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Doug McIlroy here today.

#### HONORING THE BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce.

In 1900, several Bryan businesspersons recognized the need for a collective organization aimed at improving business in the area. After several months of planning, the Bryan Business League held its first meeting. The organization has been known by many names including the Bryan Commercial Club, the Downtown Bryan Merchants Association, and the Bryan & Brazos Industrial League. In 1918 they settled on another name, the Bryan and

Brazos Chamber of Commerce which is now known as the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years, the Chamber has established itself as one of the best Chambers in the state of Texas, and it has played a large part in the development of the economies of both Bryan and the neighboring community of College Station. Today the Chamber's membership has grown to over 1,500 businesses including Fortune 100 companies, small-to-medium sized business, non-profits, civic organizations, divisions of Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M University System, Blinn College, representatives from local city and county governments, and individual citizens. The Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce unites business, civic, academia and government leaders with leadership focused programs and special events.

Like other Chambers of Commerce across the country, the Bryan/College Station Chamber is the voice of the business community to elected officials of local, state and federal governments. Once a year, members of the Chamber come to Washington to advocate for policies that will help our nation's business owners and employees. I always look forward to hosting the Bryan/College Station Chamber; and my team and I take great pride in making sure they feel welcome and at home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce and recognizing their years of service to the Brazos Valley. It is an honor for me to represent such an outstanding group of entrepreneurs, local leaders, and visionaries in Congress.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our nation's Capitol to honor the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce on its 100th anniversary.

As I close, I ask everyone to continue praying for our country, our military, and our first responders who selflessly serve and sacrifice to protect us.

#### CONGRATULATING MIKAYLA REED OF THE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BLUE JAYS

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mikayla Reed of the Washington High School Blue Jays for her first-place finish in the 800m, 1600m, 3200m Run at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship.

Mikayla and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mikayla Reed for a job well done.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SERGEANT  
MAJOR MICHAEL CLEMENS ON 30  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Major Michael Clemens of Republic, Missouri, as he retires after 30 years of service in the United States Army.

Sergeant Major Clemens began his career in high school with service in the Missouri Army National Guard, but soon transitioned to the U.S. Army as an active duty soldier. In his 30 years, he served in many different places, including in the Middle East and all throughout the U.S. While serving overseas, Sergeant Major Clemens took part in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Desert Storm and Intrinsic Action.

To add to his already long résumé, Sergeant Major Clemens worked diligently to complete every level of training in the Non-commissioned Officer Education System, leading to his graduation from the United States Sergeants Major Academy.

Sergeant Major Clemens exemplifies the sought-after traits of leadership, courage, responsibility and discipline. Throughout the course of his career he received numerous awards, including five Army Commendation Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal and a list of others. His commitment to his country exists not only on the large scale of his sacrifice, but also in participating in one of our most fundamental rights as American citizens that of voting, and his consistent voting record through his absentee voting in primary and general elections as he served abroad.

Sergeant Major Clemens has shown time and time again that he is worthy of the awards and recognition he has received throughout his time serving our great nation. I am honored to congratulate him on his successful career and I am confident that his strong character will lead him to continue to make positive impacts on the world around him.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDY  
SCHNEIDER

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, like so many of my colleagues, I rely on Judy Schneider of the Congressional Research Service. A long-time Hill staffer with 42 years of Congressional experience, she is a valued source of guidance and trusted source of information. Tomorrow, Judy will receive the Congressional Management Foundation's first Staff Lifetime Achievement Democracy Award, and I can think of no one more deserving of that honor.

Judy literally wrote the book on Congressional procedures—The Congressional Deskbook—which she co-authored with Michael Koempel. In addition to giving us this written reference guide, Judy is always available to give personal guidance. Her knowledge and her creativity are both invaluable and legendary.

When I got to Congress, one of the first things I did was reach out to Judy to train my staff and me. She taught us how to use sometimes arcane rules and procedures to get things done. Whenever we had a question about committee or floor procedures or wanted to know about Congressional precedent, we called Judy Schneider. We still do today. Judy is always available to answer our questions—and to let us know the questions we should have been asking, then answer those as well.

Throughout her career, Judy has served to help all of us on the Hill and many off the Hill understand how Congress was designed to work, how it actually works and how we could make it work better. Her commitment to public service, her love of the institution and its people, and her willingness to share her gifts are evident. Judy is valued and a valuable resource, and she is also my friend.

I congratulate Judy on winning the Democracy Award, and thank her for all the help she's given me and so many others. I look forward to benefitting from her wisdom for years to come.

CONGRATULATING GAVIN WEATHERS  
OF THE VIENNA EAGLES

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gavin Weathers of the Vienna Eagles for his first-place finish in the Discus Event at the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Gavin and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Gavin Weathers for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING RICK GONZALES, SR.

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rick Gonzales, Sr. and his family for their selfless service to their community.

As a young child, Rick Gonzales, Sr. made it to the fifth grade before it became evident that he needed to work on the family farm to help provide for the family, but his desire to learn and have a good education never wavered. As a young adult, Rick Sr. was drafted and proudly served our country during the WWII Pacific campaign in Okinawa. Upon his honorable discharge he enrolled in barber school, where he met his wife, Angela. Together, they raised four sons, Laverne, Rick Jr., Garry and Jerry. Barber school would soon prove to be far more than a career decision; it was a move that would begin Rick's lifelong journey as an agent for change.

In 1953, Rick Sr. opened Rick's Top Hat barbershop, and the business soon became the central hub of information on political and

social issues. Soon after, Rick and Angela knew that women in the community would also be an important component, and Angela opened Velvet Touch Beauty Salon. Rick Sr. had a passion to make a difference. He wanted to give a voice to the voiceless and restore hope to those who couldn't. Rick and Angela relished in these "teaching moments," of listening, guiding and helping their community.

In 1970, Rick became co-founder of the Mexican-American Concilio of Yolo County, which operated with five employees serving the Latino community. Rick Gonzales, Sr. has been recognized by his community for his outstanding accomplishments and activism. The Yolo County Department of Social Services has named their building the Rick Gonzales Building and in 2018, the city of Woodland honored him by naming their newest park after him.

Rick Gonzales, Sr. valued education and instilled the importance in his children as they were growing up. All four pursued and received higher education degrees with three receiving their Masters degrees. Continuing his father's legacy and under his mentorship until 2004, Rick Gonzales, Jr. joined the Concilio and currently serves as their President. In 1998, under his leadership, Rick Jr. created the Annual Concilio Recognition Dinner & Scholarship Fundraiser, which awarded two scholarships the first year. Rick has devoted the past twenty years raising awareness for the scholarship dinners and this year reached a milestone of raising \$400,000 for 1000 scholarships awarded. His passion and service to the community is admirable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rick Gonzales, Sr. and his family for their incredible dedication, selfless service and contributions to the Yolo County community.

IN THANKS FOR THE SERVICE OF  
MY LONGTIME CHIEF OF STAFF,  
OLIVER SCHWAB

**HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, this week I bid farewell to my longtime Chief of Staff, Oliver Schwab, who served with great heart and commitment in this body for nearly a decade.

Since Oliver's announcement on Monday that he would be transitioning his role to pursue new opportunities, I have been moved by hundreds of people who have come up to me to share just how much Oliver's friendship has meant to them. As a mentor, Oliver has been devoted to helping others discover qualities and confidences that they did not always know they possessed. As a mentee, Oliver has sought guidance and perspective with the kind of dedication to lifelong learning that only the finest of others can bestow.

Oliver is the best that I have ever seen at helping others work through their needs. Anyone who knows Oliver can attest to his passion for history, love for our country, and work to restore civility to our politics.

Oliver began serving as my Chief of Staff in January 2011 after managing my successful 2010 election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Since that time, Oliver has guided an

inspired management approach, building one of the best teams on Capitol Hill. Just this year, the Congressional Management Foundation recognized Oliver's efforts by naming our office a finalist for the first-ever Democracy Award highlighting excellence in workplace culture. Oliver's academic focus on behavioral science, talent management, and decision theory has made him one of the most effective practitioners of leadership.

I will always be grateful for the manner in which Oliver directed strategy and operations to help me achieve two seats on the U.S. House Financial Services Committee followed by a seat on the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, Oliver masterfully directed a member services initiative that enabled me to secure a cardinal seat on the U.S. House Republican Steering Committee.

I thank Oliver for the talented hard work and devotion that he has given me, the people of Arizona, and the United States Congress. I am going to miss having him by my side, but I know there are great things in store for him next. Oliver and Ana will always have my support and friendship.

#### HONORING THE OPENING OF THE GREATER ELGIN FAMILY CARE CENTER

#### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Greater Elgin Family Care Center on the occasion of the Grand Opening of its Summit Health Center on July 12, 2018.

With the addition of the new Summit Health Center, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center now serves five counties with a total of nine health care facilities.

Since its establishment in 2001, the Center has made a great impact in Elgin and its surrounding communities. The Center employs more than 275 workers who, in 2017, provided assistance to more than 47,000 patients including 13,659 residents of the City of Elgin—14 percent of the City's population. Additionally, in 2017, Center professionals delivered 774 newborns. It provides care for patients regardless of their insurance status.

The Center is Elgin's largest not-for-profit organization (excluding the schools and hospital systems). In 2017, the Center was recognized as a Hypertension Control Champion by the Centers for Disease Control, the only community health center in Illinois to receive this honor.

For more than 17 years, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center has touched lives and provided exceptional care to residents in the Illinois 8th congressional district and beyond. I am grateful for its work, and I hope for its continued success.

I include in the RECORD this statement today to honor Greater Elgin Family Care Center in Elgin, Illinois on July 12th.

#### HONORING AL GERHARDT

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to honor Al Gerhardt for his lifetime commitment to Sonoma County agriculture and to recognize his unparalleled contributions to our farming community.

Mr. Gerhardt was born in 1938 and grew up in Sebastopol, California and attended Green Valley School. He graduated from Analy High School and was a member of the school's chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA). Mr. Gerhardt was married to Pat Jesse from 1963 until she passed away. They had four children, Kathe, Gerry, Diana and the late Anna Marie. In 2000, he married Jan Smith and they moved to the family ranch near Occidental, California.

Mr. Gerhardt served on the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for sixteen years. While on the Board, he was on many committees, including agriculture education, membership and water. Mr. Gerhardt was known for his attention to detail and dedication to the Farm Bureau. He read the monthly Board packets cover to cover to ensure he was ready to discuss the issues facing Sonoma County farmers and ranchers and rarely missed a meeting.

Agriculture was a passion and community involvement was a lifestyle for Mr. Gerhardt. His dedication to our farming community is a main reason agriculture is still vital to Sonoma County's identity. Mr. Gerhardt was a supporter of FFA and 4-H and loved to support and encourage young farmers. He was a founder and director of the North Coast Livestock Protective Association and was a Commissioner on the County of Sonoma's Fish and Wildlife Commission. He was also a member of the Sonoma County Taxpayers Association and the Sonoma County Trailblazers. Mr. Gerhardt was an active member of St. Philip's Catholic Church in Occidental, California and was a committed volunteer for the Rural Food Program of St. Philip and St. Teresa Parish.

Mr. Speaker, Al Gerhardt was always willing to lend a hand and help our community flourish. He was a devoted steward of the land and was dedicated to preserving Sonoma County's agricultural integrity and history. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF HOMER E. (BILLY) BREWER

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life of former high school and college head football coach Homer E. (Billy) Brewer, who died on May 12, 2018, in Memphis, Tennessee. Coach Brewer served as head football coach throughout his long and distinguished career, leading young men to excel on the football field for 34 years.

He was a true leader both on and off the field, earning the respect and admiration of many.

Coach Brewer, a native of Columbus, Mississippi, played football for Lee High School. Upon graduation from high school, he attended the University of Mississippi, where he played defensive back for the Ole Miss Rebels. Following graduation from the University of Mississippi, Coach Brewer began coaching football at Lee High School. He coached ten successful seasons which included multiple Big Eight Conference championships.

It was during his time as head coach for Lee High School that Coach Brewer chose Robert Youngblood to be an assistant coach for the football team. Mr. Youngblood assisted Coach Brewer on the field in the years to follow at Southeastern Louisiana University, Louisiana Tech University, and the University of Mississippi. Mr. Youngblood said the two became close friends and were loyal to each other. "He would let you coach," Mr. Youngblood said. "He was a good person to work for and to work with. We became more than acquaintances. We became friends."

It was important to Coach Brewer to build and maintain relationships with his players which enhanced their performance on the football field. "One of his strong suits was Coach Brewer's ability to identify, motivate, and be a player's coach," Mr. Youngblood said. "The players respected him and played hard for him." While serving as head coach for the Ole Miss Rebels, the team had 67 wins which placed him as the second most winningest coach in school history. Current Ole Miss Head Coach Matt Luke issued a statement to the Associated Press following Coach Brewer's passing. "He was greatly admired by his players and his teammates," Coach Luke said. "He will forever be engrained in the history of Rebel Football."

Brett Brewer, Coach Brewer's son, said his father's accomplishments were more than his record. "He taught life lessons to the young men he coached," Brewer said. "His legacy is within them—not just the wins and the losses." Brewer said his dad loved coaching, but above all, he loved people.

Coach Brewer was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Kay Gunter Brewer; and his two brothers, Bobby Brewer and Richard Brewer. He is survived by his sons, Brett Brewer and Gunter Brewer; and his five grandchildren, Keaton, Blaine, Lauren, Bailey, and Brogan Brewer.

Coach Brewer served as an inspiration to many people from all walks of life. He will always be remembered as a man who possessed a determined spirit to achieve excellence.

#### IN HONOR OF VELMA BULVIN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Velma Bulvin on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

I join her friends and family in extending my best to her on this occasion and in celebrating her life and contributions to our great state



and country. I hope she uses this momentous day to do the same.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Velma Bulvin on her birthday. May her year be filled with happiness and blessings.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 314, and YEA on Roll Call No. 315.

HONORING THE DEBERNARDI  
FAMILY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to honor Don and Bonnie DeBernardi and their family for their immense contribution to the dairy industry in Sonoma County. The DeBernardi family is being honored as the Farm Family of the Year by the Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi are first generation dairy farmers who entered the profession and lifestyle in the hills of Goat Rock in Sonoma County, California in 1968. They have been producing cows' milk since then and in the late 1990s added goats to their farm. Mr. DeBernardi followed the footsteps of his Swiss ancestors and began producing their Tomme-style Two Rock Valley Goat Cheese and expanding the DeBernardi Dairy franchise. They currently have 2,000 acres of owned or leased farmland, which is home to their 700 organic cows and 200 goats.

Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi are active members of our community. They are longtime contributors of 4H, FFA, Petaluma High School and Tomales High School. Mr. DeBernardi sits on the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and is a member of the Western United Dairymen, Druids, Elks, Nicasio Native Sons and the Petaluma Golf and Country Club. Ms. DeBernardi is a founding member of the North Bay Dairy Women and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mr. DeBernardi was an early supporter of the annual Artisan Cheese Festival and DeBernardi Dairy frequently participates in the community event. In 1979, DeBernardi Dairy was honored as the Dairy of the Year by the Sonoma County Fair.

Today the DeBernardi Dairy has three generations actively participating on the family farm. The entire family shares Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi's passion for the dairy industry and our community. Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi are dedicated stewards of the land and hard-working and passionate people.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi and the entire DeBernardi family have made important contributions to our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.