

to Aditya for becoming an Eagle Scout. I am proud and confident of his continued success. I thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

HONORING JULIA CHRISTY ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Julia Christy and wish her a Happy 90th Birthday. She will be celebrating this milestone on August 16, 2018.

Mrs. Christy has enjoyed a rich and fulfilling life; from her childhood home of southeast Missouri to her current place of residency in O'Fallon she has been a blessing to her friends and family and loved by her community. During her time in southeast Missouri she met and married her late husband, Mr. Walter Christy. For over 60 years, they lived, laughed, and loved through the life they shared together. Mrs. Christy treasures the many nieces and nephews that are part of her life. Until her retirement, Mrs. Christy was a dedicated employee at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis. Her parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is very appreciative of her dedicated volunteering spirit and commitment to the daily mass schedule. For many years, Mrs. Christy was an active member of her quilting circle. No doubt that those who received her quilts are still cherishing them to this day.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Mrs. Julia Christy a very Happy 90th Birthday. Best wishes for much happiness and health in the years to come.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF EDWARD COLSTON "COLEY" NEWTON V

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Edward Colston "Coley" Newton V, a Master Sergeant in the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions of the United States Army. Sgt. Newton, aged 47, passed away on July 11th in Lyells, Virginia, after an extended battle with melanoma.

Before his service in the United States Army, Coley was raised in Westmoreland County in the Tidewater area of Virginia. He attended the Blue Ridge School in Charlottesville, as well as Ferrum College in Virginia. During his time at Ferrum, Coley was elected to the All-Prep football teams for his exemplary offensive and defensive line skills.

After college, Coley joined the United States Army as a private. He rose through the ranks to become Master Sergeant, graduated from Ranger School, and earned his Master Parachutist Badge with the Airborne. Holding several leadership positions throughout his military career, Sgt. Newton was deployed sixteen times to Iraq and Afghanistan as a member of the Asymmetric Warfare Group and a contracted Operational Advisor.

In May of this year, Coley was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Heroism Award for his distinguished military service by the local Northern Neck Chapter of the SAR. Coley was an avid outdoorsman, a master marksman, and an able fisherman. He was well known for his hunting prowess as well as his angling abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and recognizing Master Sergeant Newton for his life of service to our Commonwealth, nation, and the United States Army.

CONGRATULATING HANNAH DUNCAN

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor musician Hannah Duncan of Belle Plaine, Iowa. She was selected to participate as a violinist in the 2018 National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO—USA).

The National Youth Orchestra is organized by Carnegie Hall in New York for young musicians aged 16 to 19 years old. Hannah will travel and train with the world's leading conductors and musicians. Hannah competed with 1,000 applicants to attain one of the approximately 120 positions available in this orchestra. While training, the orchestra will travel to east Asia where they will play five concerts in a two-week span performing in Taipei, Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, and Daejeon.

Aside from sharpening their musical talents, the intent of the National Youth Orchestra is to reach an intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, and peaceful relations with young artists in the host countries through music. I have full faith that Hannah will represent herself and the First District of Iowa with honor.

TRIBUTE TO TWILA AND WINSTON KINGERY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Twila and Winston Kingery of Orient, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2018.

Twila and Winston's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their many years together. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

YOLANDA KELLEY CELEBRATES 35 YEARS WITH STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yolanda Kelley of Stafford, TX for celebrating 35 years with Stafford Municipal School District.

Yolanda arrived at Stafford Middle School when it opened in 1983, after receiving her undergraduate degree at the University of Houston. She later obtained a master's degree from her alma mater. She teaches mathematics and was named Stafford Middle School Teacher of the Year in the early 1990s, but still to this day regularly declines the award as she feels someone else deserves to receive it. Yolanda is known as a valuable asset to all of her students and peers. She will also teach at the new Stafford Middle School when it opens next year.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Yolanda Kelley for 35 years with Stafford Municipal School District. I thank her for her dedication to our students. Here's to many more years.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2018 recipients of the Congressional Veteran Commendation in the Illinois 16th District.

The six veterans receiving this commendation have served this country honorably and fought for the freedoms we hold dear. These veterans answered their country's call during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, and they served with honor and distinction. As a fellow war veteran, I thank them for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

After these veterans served their country, they came home to serve their communities. They are civic leaders, active citizens, and many continue to serve their military brothers and sisters through veteran service organizations. Although their mission has changed since returning to civilian life, their leadership and tenacity have not.

The recipients of the 2018 Congressional Veteran Commendation are: Cpt Michael Ebert of Morris, IL; Sgt Francis Killelea of Ottawa, IL; Engineman First Class Clifford Parker of Ottawa, IL; Specialist William (Bill) Phillips of LaMoille, IL; Master Sgt Eugene Thompson of Marseilles, IL; and Seaman Lowell Wagner of Belvidere, IL.

I am proud and honored to be able to recognize these notable veterans. The recipients of this commendation serve as the embodiment of both military and civil service, and it is my hope they will inspire the next generation.