Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Ken Roos, the beloved first vice president of SEIU Local 1984 in New Hampshire. A passionate activist, humanitarian, and volunteer, Ken was known to love a good protest and dedicated himself to social and economic justice through countless amounts of service to help hardworking Granite State men and women.

Through his career in public service, Ken promoted the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire. His volunteer work with the Red Cross improved families’ lives after difficult times such as 9/11, New Hampshire home fires, and Hurricane Katrina. Ken literally gave a part of himself to those whose lives he touched, donating hundreds of pints of blood throughout his life. Ken was a staunch advocate for working families and organized labor, recognizing for many whose voices didn’t always have a seat at the table.

On behalf of people across New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District, I express my profound gratitude for Ken and his many years of devoted service to the Granite State. He will be greatly missed, but his memory will live on through the kindness of every man whose lives he touched and the lasting impact of the causes for which he fought. I am honored to recognize Ken, and I send my condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Troy Ketchum of Rosenberg, TX for being the first student from Texas State Technical College in Fort Bend County to compete at the 54th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Troy, a Diesel Equipment Technology student, traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to represent TSTC in Fort Bend County at the SkillsUSA conference. SkillsUSA is an organization that teaches technical, academic, and employment attributes to enable high school and college students to learn valuable work skills. Troy competed against thousands of students from across the country, in pursuit of a gold medal in his category of “Job Skills Presentation.” He is also a U.S. Navy veteran, and has been diligently preparing for his presentation on “The Importance of Proper Tread Depth and Safety of Truck Tires.”

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again Troy Ketchum for representing Texas State Technical College in Fort Bend County at the 54th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. His dedication to his craft brings great pride to our entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taylor County ISU Extension and Outreach in Bedford, Iowa on their 100-year anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Southwest Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach began in 1862 when President Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, which established land-grant universities. Extension and Outreach engaged farmers and homemakers to improve seeds, farming, and home practices. ISU Extension and Outreach now focuses on four main topics, ag and natural resources, health and well-being, economic development, and youth and 4-H outreach opportunities. Throughout its many years of service, ISU Extension and Outreach has successfully met the needs of Southwest Iowa by providing excellent education for youth through 4-H and adults with necessary services to the community. I congratulate Taylor County Extension on this historic anniversary and it is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ken Roos of New Hampshire for his acts of fellowship, goodwill, and service which have greatly improved their community. The club will be celebrating their 80th anniversary in September.

As one of the oldest Ruritan clubs in the country, this chapter has worked relentlessly to respond to the needs of their community and our nation. From preparing members for service in World War II to recent efforts supporting the DARE education program and Project Lifesaver corporation, the King William Ruritan Club has stayed active in meeting the needs of their local community and the nation. The King William Ruritan Club has also continued to support the King William Emergency Ministries. It is through their fellow citizens who are struggling financially continue to have the utilities they and their families need. Having donated well over $400,000 back to King William, VA throughout their history, the King William Ruritan Club has played an indispensable leadership role in the promotion of philanthropic activities.

In addition to volunteer services, the club hosts events that bring the community together such as their annual “Fish Fry” fundraiser. This tradition started in the 1940s and is sponsored by local businesses. Guests enjoy local seafood while contributing to a great cause. Throughout the year they host town meetings where citizens can interact with law enforcement resulting in a safer and stronger community. The King William County Ruritan Club promotes values such as civility and charitableness which are vital to the health of our great democracy. Their goal is simple yet far-reaching: To make King William a better place to live and work. They continue to accomplish this mission as they approach their 80th year and I thank them for their service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of the King William County Ruritan Club as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary.

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Milan Post 569’s baseball team for winning the Illinois American Legion third division tournament.

Milan Post 569’s team defeated Oneida Legion Post 727 2–1 to advance to the state tournament for the first time, and I would like to recognize the team for their tremendous accomplishment. The team’s dedication and passion for their sport is evident in their quest for victory at the tournament. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such talent in our community, and to see them represent Milan throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Milan Post 569’s baseball team on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

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