

CATCHER'S UNIVERSITY BASEBALL 12U FINISHES SECOND AT THE 2018 NATIONS WORLD SERIES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Catcher's University Baseball 12U team from Katy, TX for winning second place at the 2018 Nations World Series.

Catcher's University Baseball 12U team, under the coaching of head manager Rick Ruff, capped off a season of 34 wins, 9 losses and 2 ties with a second place finish at the 2018 Nations World Series. Team members T.K. Rollins, Blake Davila, Tanner Reese, Ty Garrett, Myles Jackson, Jackson Cleveland, Pablo Lazcano Jr., Jose DeJongh, Christian Jaquay, Kaden Reising, O.D. Denner, Charlie Radley, Aaron Brashear and Drew Leuders are all 11 and 12 years old. Their hard work has brought great pride to our Katy community and will be remembered by many for years to come.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Catcher's University Baseball 12U team from Katy, TX for winning second place at the 2018 Nations World Series. I look forward to seeing what y'all accomplish in the future on and off the field.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA LOWDEN

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patricia Lowden of Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Patricia was born into a family of potters from the Big Sun and Eagle clan of Acoma Pueblo. She learned the art of pottery at fifteen years old from the three generations of potters that came before her. Patricia uses traditional methods to create her pottery, which entails soaking chunks of clay that have been carefully selected, then drying and grinding the chunks of clay into powder.

Patricia is known for her famed Anasazi revival black-on-white and traditional Acoma orange, black, and white polychrome style pottery. Her work features modern interpretations of traditional Acoma symbols such as rain, clouds, mountains, and rain parrots.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Patricia Lowden for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug

project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

HONORING KEVIN J. KEEFE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kevin J. Keefe for his 31 years of outstanding federal service, including as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

In May 1987, Mr. Keefe was first appointed to federal service as an Attorney Advisor with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Office of Review and Appeals, where he remained until 1989. He went on to serve as Assistant Counsel at DON OGC from 1989 to 1995, and as Senior Advisor in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys at the Department of Justice (DOJ) from 1995 to 1998. Mr. Keefe returned to DON OGC in 1998 as Supervisory Associate Counsel for the Strategic Systems Program (SSP), where he spent the last 20 years representing DON in various roles.

Kevin J. Keefe quickly established himself for his great foresight in anticipating and evaluating legal issues, particularly in considering potential future implications for the DON. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Keefe earned and maintained the trust of senior leaders at SSP with his superb legal acumen and was well-known for his thorough litigation work. Mr. Keefe has secured numerous favorable decisions from the EEOC and the Merit Systems Protection Board on behalf of DON in his central practice area of civilian personnel law. Moreover, he has assisted the U.S. Attorney's office in representing DON when SSP personnel cases were appealed to the federal District Court or to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In these instances, U.S. attorneys relied on motions and briefs drafted by Mr. Keefe to prevail in federal court.

Kevin J. Keefe's achievements have been celebrated throughout his career with a variety of awards for his outstanding work in the federal government. These include the DON Meritorious Civilian Service Award, a DOJ Special Achievement Award, a Letter of Recognition from the Director of SSP and other performance-related accolades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kevin J. Keefe, on the occasion of his retirement, for his many years of excellence in federal service.

UALR BIKE-SHARING PROGRAM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Arkansas-Little Rock's

new bike-sharing program and to emphasize its leading example of advocacy for active lifestyles.

I appreciate the efforts of Jim Carr, Chair for the University's Committee on Sustainability, who lead the initiative to bring the bike share program to the Little Rock campus.

This program has provided students, faculty, staff, and visitors a convenient and healthy way to get around campus.

Nearly 200 bright-orange bikes have been delivered to UA-Little Rock and have been placed near high-traffic areas, such as dormitories and Ottenheimer Library.

As a long-time biker, I am pleased to see the campus work to provide an alternative and convenient transportation option to relieve congestion and promote a healthier campus.

As a former board member of Bicycles Advocacy of Central Arkansas, I am glad to see UA-Little Rock's bike-sharing program as one more step on the path to a more vibrant, healthy, and bike-friendly community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAMUEL U. RODGERS HEALTH CENTER'S 50TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate 50 years of service from the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. This milestone embodies the vision Dr. Samuel U. Rodgers had for a foundation that would provide families with affordable health care. With over four decades of service Dr. Rogers' health center has been responsible for providing cost effective and quality health care to thousands of families in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Dr. Samuel U. Rodgers' passion for serving low income families can be traced back to his early days in Kansas City when he first arrived as an intern for a then-segregated general hospital. During this time Dr. Rodgers witnessed firsthand the challenges minority and low-income families faced while trying to access quality and affordable health care. This experience would inspire him to go on to become the first African American OBGYN in Kansas City, and then later, the first African American to open a successful all-black medical practice. Dr. Rodgers' commitment to ensuring that all people, regardless of their ethnicity or economic background, receive affordable health care would later inspire him to open Missouri's first federally-recognized health center, the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center.

When Dr. Rodgers opened his health center, he did so with the intent to serve both individuals and families who otherwise would not be able to afford quality healthcare. Moreover, Dr. Rodgers emphasized the need to also provide patients access to resources that help maintain their long-term health.

Today, there are five Samuel U. Rodgers Health Centers located throughout the Greater Kansas City area. Each one continues Dr. Rodgers' legacy of compassion and equitable health care for all. The Samuel U. Rodgers Health Centers offer a variety of services that range from dental care to behavioral health