CONGRATULATING VICTOR RANGEL ON ACHIEVING THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. FILEMON VELA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brownsville resident Victor Rangel. A student at Harmony School of Innovation-Brownsville, Victor is being honored with the Congressional Award Gold Medal, the only Congressional award specifically for young people. Recipients of the Congressional Award Gold Medal complete 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness, and a four-night expedition of their choosing.

Victor went above and beyond these requirements on the path to the Congressional Award. For the public service component, Victor completed over 450 hours of volunteer service at a local hospital in South Texas, helping with patient and family care. Additionally, Victor learned traditional martial arts for personal development, and pushed himself as he is now only one level away from the black belt. For physical fitness, Victor performed aerobic exercises to help build his strength. An enthusiast of history, Victor traveled from Brownsville to San Antonio to learn more about the rich history of Texas, immersing himself in the culture through observation and conversation.

I am very proud of Victor’s success in earning the Congressional Award. Most importantly, I commend him for his dedication and passion to help those most in need and give to our community with an open heart. Victor demonstrated tremendous courage and leadership, and made a positive impact in our community. I am honored to congratulate Victor Rangel on his special accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE EDWARD A. PEASE

HON. LARRY BUCSHON
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Edward A. Pease for his tireless commitment to the Boy Scouts and continued leadership within the Terre Haute community.

Pease, a former member of this House representing the Hoosier state, has been extensively engaged in the betterment of his community, holding many positions on the boards of local, state, and national organizations most notably the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He has been involved with the Boy Scouts for more than five decades, earning the Eagle Scout Award in 1965 and was selected as the Boy Scouts of America Alumnus of the Year in 2015. Pease has not only served as the chairman of the organization but has also received the Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Antelope, and Silver Beaver awards in recognition of his outstanding volunteer service.

Congratulations on another well-deserved recognition of service to our community and for leading by example.