

and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Linda on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Linda Carter-Lewis the very best.

CONGRATULATING MARK BEHAN
ON RECEIVING THE HENRY
CRANDALL AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Behan on receiving the Henry Crandall Award.

For the past six years, the Crandall Public Library has presented the Henry Crandall Award to an individual active in the community who embodies the values of loyalty, perseverance, generosity, compassion, and civic pride. This year, the Library selected Mark Behan, a gentleman who is a staple of the Glens Falls community. Mark's dedication to improving his community and his commitment to the Crandall Public Library is admirable.

A former board member of the Crandall Public Library, Mark holds a number of positions that qualify him for this award. He serves his community as the vice chairman of the Board of Governors of Glens Falls Hospital, co-vice chair of the Board of Trustees of The Hyde Collection, a member of the board of the Glens Falls Foundation, and a director of Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. and Arrow Financial Corp. After a career in the newspaper industry, Mark founded Behan Communications, where for 30 years he has provided public relations advice to organizations in his community. His philanthropic spirit is contagious.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Mark for this well-deserved award, and thank him for his tireless commitment to making his community a better place to live.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN
LEWINSTEIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise in remembrance of Brian Lewinstein, who served as an intern in my district office from December 2015 to March 2016. Brian was a bright young man who assisted my office's casework operations, conducted research for my staff and helped organize a constituent issue survey for thousands of my constituents.

Brian planned to devote his life to social justice, equality, and civil rights. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles and would have started his second year at UC Berkeley School of Law this fall. After interning in my district office, Brian went on to intern at the Congressional Management Foundation in Washington, DC. Brian also worked as an intern in juvenile de-

fense at the East Bay Community Law Center in Berkeley helping at-risk youth; he hoped to start a career in public interest law helping people in underserved communities.

Everyone in my district office who worked with him spoke of his intelligence, work ethic, and professionalism, in addition to those who knew him outside the office for his sensitivity, compassion, and humility. His efforts helped ensure that my constituents received assistance from federal agencies and helped me hear directly from them about their policy priorities.

Brian is survived by his parents, Marc Lewinstein and Felicia Lewinstein, and his sister, Jenna Lewinstein, who was his first and biggest fan. I want to thank Brian for his service to California's 33rd Congressional District and commitment to making our society more equal and just. Though Brian was taken from us too soon, I hope that his family is comforted in knowing that Brian made a difference in his community helping those in need. May he rest in peace.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL
VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION
PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT
OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2018. This bill would further encourage the development of important vaccines by doubling the maximum number of special masters the Court of Federal Claims can assign to vaccine cases.

Vaccines are a vitally important component of our public health system. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("Program") was created by Congress in 1988 so that individuals or families of individuals injured by childhood vaccines could receive financial compensation. This "no-fault" system caps the amount of compensation allowed under the Program for vaccine-related injuries, thus meeting the dual goals of encouraging the further development of vaccines and compensating anyone who is injured by them.

The Program was also designed to accelerate the compensation process so that plaintiffs would not have to undergo a full trial before receiving damages that could potentially be used to address their injuries. However, as the number of vaccines covered under the Program has increased, so, too, has the number of cases brought before the court and the special masters. The number of petitions filed has increased from 24 in fiscal year 1988 to 1,120 in fiscal year 2016.

Congress capped the number of special masters at eight when it first authorized the Program, and has not increased it since, despite the increased number of covered vaccines and petitions filed. To meet the demand caused by the increased number of these complex cases, my bill would increase the maximum number of special masters allowed to 16. Moreover, the court may reduce the number of special masters should the number of cases drop, as this is a statutory ceiling, not a floor.

This is an important measure to ensure compensation when necessary and further important medical development. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO TERI WAHLIG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Teri Wahlig, CEO of ChildServe, for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Teri Wahlig has committed her life to serving others. She started her career as a neonatologist at Mercy Medical Center and began to volunteer with ChildServe after learning of the company's mission of serving children with unique medical treatment needs. According to Business Record, "[ChildServe] aligned with her personal goals of caring for each families' spirit, as well as their child's physical treatment." Dr. Wahlig's passion lead her to become ChildServe's first full-time medical director in 2011. On July 1st, she became the company's CEO.

Teri Wahlig's passion to serve extends beyond her work in medicine. She continues to serve as chairwoman of the YMCA Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Teri Wahlig in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Teri on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Dr. Teri Wahlig the very best.

HONORING DANIEL RISSER OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR ACHIEVING
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my constituent, Daniel Risser, for his accomplishment in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting; only a small number of Boy Scouts are able to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by myriad requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout project to benefit the community.