

MCCOY acts as a catalyst for the positive development of youth in Marion County. Committed to partnerships and youth empowerment, the organization works alongside the nonprofit, business, and government sectors as well as young people themselves to encourage and nurture a landscape of robust youth development programming. For more than a decade, MCCOY has engaged local stakeholders in generating and supporting employment skills-building and work opportunities for Indianapolis young people. Today, the organization is a leading partner of Project Indy a project of the City of Indianapolis which gives thousands of local young people job experience and skills during the summer months. MCCOY has also played an important role in my own Youth Opportunities Fair, connecting young people with organizations providing work, volunteer, and other enrichment opportunities.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Marion County Commission on Youth for its efforts to ensure every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage, and contribute.

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COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY  
HOCKEY TEAM AWARD TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Colorado Mesa University Hockey Team for recently being awarded the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Community Service Award for 2017–2018. The American Collegiate Hockey Association chose them as their annual winner for their unwavering commitment to community service outreach.

The players and staff have organized and participated in numerous community outreach events. In 2017, they put together the 1st Annual Sledge Hockey Event for Disabled Veterans done in conjunction with the Grand Junction Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital as well as the 2nd Annual “Pink the Rink” Cancer Charity Game. In 2018, they led the 2nd Annual Grand Junction Coyotes Youth Hockey Outreach and the 4th Annual Hilltop Youth Home free entrance and VIP Treatment Event.

One of their greatest achievements was raising \$13,500 for cancer research, which beat their last year total of \$10,000. All of the proceeds were donated to the St. Mary’s Hospital Cancer Survivorship Program, which helps cancer survivors develop a care plan with their doctor to help them maintain their health once their treatment has concluded.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have these incredible students representing Colorado Mesa University and the people of the Third Congressional District in Western Colorado. They have proven themselves to be exemplary students and upstanding citizens in the Grand Junction community. I wish them luck in the future endeavors, and I am eager to see what they will accomplish going forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA  
SUDDUTH LEWIS

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Brenda Sudduth Lewis, recipient of the Community Builder’s Award presented by Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Brenda, a native of Westmoreland County, is a graduate of the local public schools and of Rappahannock Community College where she excelled as a nursing student. After graduation and after receiving her license, Brenda was employed for many years by Medical Facilities of America in Warsaw, Virginia providing high-quality patient-focused geriatric nursing care to members of the community.

Later, Brenda started work at Haynesville Correctional Center in Haynesville, Virginia. In her new position, Brenda transitioned to forensic nursing and has always provided the highest-quality services to those in her care and is a respected expert on the provision of medical care in a correctional setting.

Aside from her healthcare work and family commitments involving two children, Brenda is highly active in the community. She has volunteered her medical expertise and experience in service to the community as a member of the Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad in Callao, Virginia and as a supporter of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Brenda Sudduth Lewis for receiving the Community Builder’s Award from Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in honor of her work to advance the community. I also ask that you join me in recognizing Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 for its efforts in honoring this important member of the community.

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CONGRATULATING TAIWAN

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our friend, Taiwan, as it commemorates the 107th anniversary of its National Day on October 10th.

The 23.5 million people on the island represent the only democracy in the Chinese speaking world. Taiwan has come to represent many of the same principles we hold dear. With its sixth successful direct presidential election in 2016, Taiwan continues to serve as a proud example of democratic success in the Asia-Pacific region.

Taiwan has been a reliable partner in East Asia. U.S. trade in goods with Taiwan reached \$68 billion last year, making Taiwan the United States’ 11th largest trading partner. More specifically, Taiwan is Utah’s 6th largest trading partner and last year received \$636 million in exports from Utah.

On Taiwan’s National Day, we reaffirm the strength of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and the United States commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act. Many years ago, I lived in Taiwan where I was able to learn its customs,

culture, history, and language. I developed a great personal appreciation for its people and their way of life. It is an honor and privilege to support our friend and partner, Taiwan, and highlight the bonds that connect us.

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HONORING SAM WHEELER

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam Wheeler, the tenth State Historian of Illinois and an alumnus of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

During his time at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Sam became an expert on the poetry of Abraham Lincoln, and completed an incredible dissertation on this unique historical literature. During this time he was also a teaching assistant and lecturer, focusing on Illinois history, the Civil War era, and President Lincoln.

Prior to his appointment as State Historian, he was a research historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and museum. I thank Sam for his contributions to preserving and celebrating Illinois history.

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IN HONOR OF CHIEF JACK THOMAS

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the accomplished career of Chief Jack Thomas. Born and raised in Southern California, it was here where Chief Thomas began his career, first serving as an Explorer for the Orange City Fire Department. In 1988, he was hired as a Firefighter and then two years later assigned to the position of Firefighter-Paramedic. It was through his great leadership and zeal that Chief Thomas would go on to assume various leadership positions with the Orange City Fire Department: Fire Captain, Administrative Captain, and Battalion Chief to name a few.

Chief Thomas demonstrated heroism by deploying out with his team, California Task Force 5, to New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He is a brave and fearless man and has directed the actions of other fire engine companies during numerous wildland fires throughout California. Chief Thomas has been a hero to his city and community. He has been rightfully awarded the County Board of Supervisors’ Courage Under Fire Award, the Orange County Fire Authority’s Special Operations Citation for deployment to the Gulf Coast Hurricanes, and the Orange Rotary Manager of the Year.

Chief Thomas also serves as husband, father, and grandfather. He still resides in Southern California with his wife Lesa, their children, and grandchildren: I wish Chief Thomas all the best as he retires from a storied career with Orange City Fire Department. I thank Chief Thomas for his service.