

five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Latrell earned more than 40 merit badges and served his troop well with leadership and volunteering roles. Latrell's Eagle Scout Project was completed for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Iowa. He designed and built a portable can redemption shed that has raised more than \$500 for hospitalized veterans at the Des Moines VA Hospital. The work ethic Latrell has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Latrell and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

RECOGNIZING KADANCE
FREDERICKSEN AS RECIPIENT
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER
SERVICE AWARD

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Kadance Fredericksen, recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, for her outstanding community service contribution of over 122 hours this year.

Driven by her desire to help others, Kadance has organized events at her school including a canned food drive for the Crestview Homeless Shelter during which she was able to obtain 18.5 pounds of canned goods for donation. Additionally, she organized a "GO GOLD" day in her school to raise awareness for childhood cancer. This "GO GOLD" day is now a yearly event at her school.

Outside of school, Kadance has collected and delivered over 200 teddy bears for the Children's Coalition of Florida, delivered sandwiches, chips, and cookies to local police departments, and assisted with the Princess of Paradise special-needs pageant.

An organization that has a particular place in Kadance's heart is the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida. Kadance spends much of her time here getting to know staff and families along with cleaning the facility, donating to the wish list, and hosting pizza parties for the families. In 2016 Kadance opened a lemonade stand to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Through this, she has since raised \$13,000 for the Ronald McDonald House.

In 2017, Kadance won the title of Little Miss Northwest Florida where she raised aware-

ness for the Ronald McDonald House. She has also used her pageant career as a platform to launch a campaign against bullying. She is currently Jr. Miss Sugar Sands and will compete for the title of Jr. Miss Northwest Florida in January 2019.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate Kadance Fredericksen for her outstanding contributions to the community and for earning the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
HOOPS FOR YOUTH FOUNDATION

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20-year anniversary of the Hoops For Youth Foundation and their achievements in helping and supporting at-risk kids in Washington, D.C.

Since 1999, the Hoops for Youth Foundation has brought together lawmakers, congressional staff, community leaders, and the lobbying profession in a bipartisan effort to help give children in our Nation's Capital a fighting chance with educational, family, hope, and career opportunities through countless hours of community service.

Mr. Speaker, the Hoops for Youth Foundation dedicates its support for organizations like Healthy Babies, Inc, a Washington, D.C. based non-profit, which supports at-risk families to have healthy babies and move out of the cycle of poverty. Healthy Babies reaches out to high-risk, low-income, substance-abusing, pregnant and parenting women, men, and their families. It removes barriers for health and success by helping clients identify what they need. Healthy Babies works with service provider partners to connect women and families to resources including health care, housing, nutrition, mental health services, educational support, skills building, substance abuse support, and employment. They stay with families long-term to give them the best chance for success.

The Foundation also supports important schools like The Cornerstone School of Washington, D.C., which provides a Christ-centered, nurturing, and academically rigorous education to the children of Washington, D.C.; and St. Anthony's, which continues to be a family and neighborhood tradition. The curriculum and environment at St. Anthony is based upon the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ as understood by the Catholic Church. They are proud to offer a rigorous, standards-based academic program to students in Pre-K3 through grade eight.

Finally, the Foundation dedicates its support to Washington Jesuit Academy, which provides a high quality and comprehensive education to boys from low-income communities, offering them a safe, rigorous academic setting and advancing their spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical growth. The guiding vision of the Washington Jesuit Academy is to create an education model that addresses the cycle of poverty that plagues our students' communities, and replaces it with a cycle of hope, determination and success. In order to challenge the city's widening achievement gap

and bleak graduation statistics for low-income males, WJA incorporates the Magis ("the more") and asks the important question: What more can we do for our students, our families and our community to change the face of urban education?

Mr. Speaker, the commitment and achievements over the past 20 years of the Hoops For Youth Foundation, Members of Congress, congressional staff, community leaders, and the professional lobbying community, should be recognized, for their incredible dedication to ensuring at-risk kids in our Nation's Capital have the opportunities to become the next generation of leaders.

We must also recognize those efforts to promote strong family values and commitment to success by programs like Healthy Babies, St. Anthony's, Cornerstone School of Washington, D.C. and the Washington Jesuit Academy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELIZABETH KAY GUNTER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks one year since the passing of an outstanding conservative leader from Clarke County, Virginia, Elizabeth Kay Gunter, and, on this occasion, I rise to celebrate her extraordinary life with you and our colleagues.

Kay Gunter was a formidable champion of conservative political values, especially regarding the Right to Life. She was always an enthusiastic ally of those candidates and causes she championed and a formidable adversary of those who she opposed. To have influence in the political arena, Kay successfully ran for and served ably in the capacity of: Chairwoman of the Clarke County Republican Committee, member of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, Chairwoman of the Winchester-Frederick-Clarke Republican Women and Virginia Delegate to the Republican National Convention. Kay's interest in doing what she could to protect the sacredness of life led her to also serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the ABBA Pregnancy Care Center in Winchester. In recognition of her remarkable and long-lasting influence over politics in Clarke County, the important policy forum sponsored by the Clarke County Republican Committee, is now called the Nolan-Gunter Policy Forum.

While Kay Gunter dedicated much time and energy to politics, the foundation of her life was always her relationship with God. Although she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of South Carolina, Kay's Christian discipleship led her to define and honor the profession of homemaking, during which, over a 55-year career, she successfully created a strong household of faith for her husband, Sam, their three children and their many grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Elizabeth Kay Gunter, whose courage and tenacity as a Christian disciple led her to extraordinary success as a political activist and homemaker.