

known to have a few favorite sayings which embody his altruistic nature:

Take some, leave some  
This is God's money, not mine . . . I've been put in the position to help others and give them an opportunity they may not have otherwise had.

Mr. Beatty always believed that his success was made possible to allow him to serve God. To this point, his philanthropic endeavors have impacted thousands of people directly and countless more indirectly. Schools, churches, hospitals, clinics, students, research programs, and universities have all been improved because of Mr. Beatty's vision, leadership, and generosity. Notably, Mr. Beatty helped create, fund, and served as the Chairman of the Spinal Research Foundation, a national non-profit organization based in Reston, Virginia, to achieve his desire to end spinal suffering. Neck and back pain are the leading cause of disability in the United States, and Guy Beatty didn't want others to suffer as he had throughout his life. He supported the Foundation to champion research and education focused on eliminating needless suffering and thus enable people to regain their lives. He was a true Spinal Champion and his contributions to spinal research and innovation continues to give people hope that proper treatment works.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the many achievements and life of Mr. Guy Beatty who has given hope and impacted the lives of so many in our community and around the nation.

CELEBRATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WOMEN IN SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the establishment of the Women in Science Scholarship at Truett McConnell University.

The Office of Advancement and the Pilgram Marpeck School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics have raised close to \$3,000 to fund the scholarship for females majoring in biology or exercise science. This scholarship has already helped students attend the Integrative Physiology of Exercise Conference through the American College of Sports Medicine in San Diego, California.

Because of their efforts in departmental fund raising and garnering private donations, the women selected for this scholarship will be able to present scientific research, enrich their presentation skills, and enhance their professional network for future careers.

I celebrate this new opportunity for women in Northeast Georgia and wish the recipients success along their academic journey.

HONORING VAUGHN GRIFFITH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Vaughn Griffith.

Vaughn is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Vaughn has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Vaughn has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Vaughn has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Vaughn Griffith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING KENTUCKY HIGHLANDS INVESTMENT CORPORATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and to celebrate the thousands of jobs that have been created and retained in Southern and Eastern Kentucky as a direct result of their work.

Kentucky Highlands is recognized as one of the premier business development organizations in the United States. It has been designated the Lead Entity of one of three Rural Empowerment Zones, one of eight Rural Tax Credit Community Development Corporations, a partner Community Development Corporation of Rural Local Initiative Support Corporation, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and a Community Development Entity by the U.S. Department of Treasury and has received allocations of New Markets Tax Credits.

Kentucky Highlands became the nation's first nonbank lender under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Business and Industry Loan Guaranty program and the first Small Business Administration guaranteed lender under the Community Advantage Program. Kentucky Highlands sponsors entrepreneur development programs and has developed the Kentucky Highlands Business Innovation and Growth Center.

When you survey Southern and Eastern Kentucky, the footprint of Kentucky Highlands is abundantly clear. Countless businesses have been established in our rural, mountainous region that otherwise would not be here without the direct investments and support of Kentucky Highlands. This organization has coordinated, implemented and promoted business growth across its 22-county service area.

The first venture capital investment that Kentucky Highlands made was in 1972 for Outdoor Venture Corporation (OVC) in McCreary County. Today, OVC is a thriving manufacturing company in Stearns, Kentucky that has won repeated successful bids for military contract work, employing over 200 people in our region. Our people take great pride in producing products for our U.S. warfighters,

and we can celebrate their ongoing work as a result of the visionary seed funding that Kentucky Highlands made 46 years ago.

In addition to its pioneering efforts in business development, Kentucky Highlands has also utilized its success to impact social development and improve the quality of low-income housing in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The Highlands Housing Corporation has helped over 150 families achieve the dream of homeownership, while other programs have been implemented to transform energy-efficient housing options where it's needed the most.

Finally, I want to applaud the visionary leadership of Jerry Rickett, who was named President and CEO of Kentucky Highlands in 1989. He is a native of Southern Kentucky who was determined to make a dynamic change in his home region through economic development and improvements in housing. Rather than seeing challenges, he sees opportunities, and it's that same drive and determination that has guided this flagship organization to great success, benefitting families and businesses across our region.

I'm incredibly grateful for the commitment that Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation has made in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and it is with great enthusiasm that I wish them many more years of success on their 50th Anniversary.

HONORING JACK LAGUE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack LaGue. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack LaGue for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF MR. FIRMAN BALZA

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of Green Bay native, Mr. Firman Balza.

Mr. Firman Balza was one of America's last surviving servicemen from the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. Answering the call from his

country, Firman joined the 34th division of the U.S. Naval Reserves in Green Bay in 1940 at the age of 17. He entered the Navy a few months later and was assigned to the USS *Maryland* in April of 1941. When the USS *Maryland* left for Pearl Harbor in July of 1941, Firman was aboard the vessel as a gunner's mate first-class at the time of the attacks.

The morning of December 7, 1941, Firman was preparing for Mass aboard the USS *Oklahoma* when he saw the first Japanese bombers flying overhead. The USS *Oklahoma* was next to the USS *Maryland* in the harbor when it suffered major damage and capsized. Firman bravely ran into the face of danger and took up arms as he defended the base with anti-aircraft guns. He later helped pull his deceased brothers in arms from the sunken ship. On that tragic day, 460 men perished on the USS *Oklahoma* and the USS *Maryland* lost five brave souls. The 4 days following the attacks, Firman and his fellow soldiers rescued 32 men from the hull of the USS *Oklahoma*.

Firman continued his brave service to the country for three years on the USS *Maryland* participating in Guadalcanal, the Battle of Tarawa, and the Battle of Kwajalein Atoll. After the war, Firman was assigned to the USS *Bayfield* APA 33 and was sent to the Marshall Islands for atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll. On February 7, 1947 he was discharged from the Navy after six years and seven days on active duty.

Firman was one of more than 16 million ordinary people that did extraordinary things during World War II. His willingness to share his story in 2003 at the age of 80 allowed many across Wisconsin, including students throughout Northeast Wisconsin, to hear his account of that day. It was in 2003 that he first visited the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii and realized he wanted to be a voice to tell part of the story of those 2,335 servicemen and women who perished on that day of infamy. With each retelling of his story, Firman shared an important message: "Truly, man has got to learn to get along with each other." Firman's wise words still ring true today.

Mr. Balza was 95 when he passed away on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. He was born September 25, 1923, to Theophile and Mary Balza, the youngest of 11 sons. On April 23, 1949, he married Nathalie M. Larscheid. He was a true lover of the outdoors, he enjoyed camping with his family and hunting and fishing with his brother-in-law, Carlton Larscheid. He was very proud of becoming a licensed pilot at the age of 63.

Words cannot justly thank Mr. Balza for his many years of service to our country. A treasure for a community and nation, Mr. Balza cannot be replaced. May his service, dedication, and sacrifice be remembered by all.

REMEMBERING MR. DIEGO  
ZAMORA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diego Zamora, who lost his life after a long battle with cancer at the age of 60. Over the past three decades, Diego built a highly suc-

cessful law practice in Santa Fe and was a significant figure in New Mexico's legal community.

Diego was born in New Mexico to a family with a history of success in the legal field. His father, Matias, served as a district court judge in San Miguel, Mora, and Guadalupe counties. His sister, Monica, also served as a district court judge in Albuquerque and now serves on the state Court of Appeals. His brother, Geno, serves as a Santa Fe city attorney and was previously a general counsel for Governor Bill Richardson.

Following in his father's footsteps, Diego received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1984. For decades, he had a successful law practice with a focus on personal injury, wrongful death, employment, and civil rights cases. Fighting for the little guy was his passion, and he successfully took on powerful interests time and again in order to achieve justice for his clients. In addition to his intellect and passion, he was also known for his warm personality that allowed him to connect with juries.

Diego also devoted a great deal of time to the New Mexico Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, an organization that helps members of the legal community dealing with substance abuse issues. He took countless lawyers under his wing during difficult times and was known as a compassionate mentor for many. He was a true fighter and each challenge he overcame made him stronger. His compassion and strength defined him, especially in the face of adversity.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my sincere condolences to all of Diego's family and loved ones. I hope they are comforted by cherished memories of Diego, and by the fact that so many in our community mourn his loss and celebrate his life with them.

HONORING JOYCE OVERTON WITH  
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joyce Overton as a woman of the year. She has devoted a lifetime of service to the community of Clearlake. She has established herself as a strong public servant, advocate, and champion for the county's most vulnerable populations: youths, seniors, and the homeless. In her role as a City Council member, Ms. Overton has prioritized economic revitalization programs and advocates for sound fiscal policy, road improvements, and the reinvigoration of the Lakeshore Corridor. Ms. Overton has also been instrumental in leading the recovery efforts after the devastating fires and floods that have ravaged Lake County. She has selflessly contributed her time and resources supporting the community at the evacuation centers. Her passion for volunteerism in the community is also evident in her roles as founder and past Executive Director of Lake County Youth Services, a nonprofit youth services center devoted to providing a positive support system to young people in her Lake County. She is currently the Executive Director of Highland Senior Services Center,

an essential lifeline to Lake County's aging population ensuring the senior community has access to much needed resources and healthy meals. Joyce Overton has an extensive and impressive record of public service and embodies all of the qualities of a community leader and public servant.

CONGRATULATING THE PEKIN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON 125  
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pekin Chamber of Commerce on its 125th Anniversary. The Chamber has joyfully served the Pekin community since 1893.

In October of 1893, what is now the Pekin Chamber of Commerce was formed by five businessmen who originally named their new organization the Citizen's Improvement Association of Pekin. The organization set out with the goal of "advancing the business interest and promoting the commercial growth of the City of Pekin." Although the organization went through several name changes, before settling on the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, their mission remained the same. Today, the Pekin Chamber of Commerce continues to serve businesses and consumers in the region as they work to grow and strengthen the local economy. I commend them on their 125th Anniversary for all of the work they have done for the residents of Pekin and look forward to seeing their continued efforts.

It is because of groups such as the Pekin Chamber of Commerce that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Pekin Chamber of Commerce on its 125th Anniversary and thank them for their service to the community.

In October the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce will be finishing 125 years of leading Pekin businesses.

HONORING JACK VAN NORMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack Van Norman. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack Van Norman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America