

HONORING MR. DENNIS
KACOYANIS

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Mr. Dennis Kacoyanis of Chantilly, Virginia. Mr. Kacoyanis plans to retire on January 3, 2019, after more than 40 years of federal service. His dedication and professionalism throughout his career have provided exceptional benefit to the people of the United States.

Mr. Kacoyanis spent the early portion of his federal career as an attorney at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforcing employment laws prohibiting discrimination in the workplace. Since 1987, Mr. Kacoyanis has served as an attorney for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Mr. Kacoyanis performed a number of duties to keep consumers safe, including ensuring that hazardous products were promptly recalled from the market and that companies immediately reported hazardous products to the Commission. He zealously advocated for the Commission's interests in federal court cases. He also worked hard to ensure the Commission met its responsibility to release information to the public—increasing transparency, accountability and trust in government.

In addition to his 32 years of work at the Commission, Mr. Kacoyanis previously served the American people at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division, and at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Kacoyanis for the outstanding service he provided to the United States throughout his long-lasting career. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING MAYOR DAMON WELCH

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Mayor Damon Welch for his contribution to our state and the City of Madison.

Over the years, Damon has been a loyal friend and wise adviser to me. He has also served the City of Madison, as mayor, with honor and integrity. Damon has made improving the quality of life in the community his main priority for years. Several economic development initiatives, including being designated as a Stellar Community in 2017, have been the result of Damon's hard work and commitment to the historic City of Madison. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Damon is a brother in Christ. I have truly appreciated his prayers and encouragement over the years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN HOUGEN

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Kevin Hougen. Recently the Denver Business Journal recognized Kevin with its 2018 Most Admired Chief Executive Officer honor. This prestigious award is given only to those with a proven record of innovation, who act as a standard-bearer for their organization, as a community role model, and exert exceptional leadership within their organization and the community. I am proud to see Kevin Hougen receive this award for his more than two decades of dedicated service to my hometown of Aurora, Colorado.

Kevin Hougen's leadership with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce began 22 years ago when he was first hired as its Vice President of Sales. Since 1999, Kevin Hougen has served as its President and Chief Executive Officer. Kevin's leadership and business acumen has played a key role in the tremendous growth and economic success the city of Aurora has experienced since then as it has grown to become the third largest city in the State of Colorado.

Kevin Hougen has led the Aurora Chamber of Commerce through difficult challenges such as the "Great Recession" and to new and exciting triumphs such as the agreement with Denver and Adams County on the development of the "Aerotropolis." Critically, his leadership has proved crucial to enhancing community support efforts for Buckley Air Force Base. I do not believe any base located in a major metropolitan area receives more consistent or stronger community support than does Buckley Air Force Base.

Kevin Hougen has also led the Chamber's efforts to make Aurora a better place to live and to do business. He has done so by facilitating support for the expansion and creation of new roadways and the light rail line that now serve the City of Aurora. He has also rallied the business community to become more involved with the local schools, which are so important to the long-term economic strength of the City of Aurora.

Mr. Speaker, my hometown city of Aurora would not be the driving force of innovation, development, and economic opportunity it is today without Kevin Hougen. I look forward to seeing his successes and those of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce continue well into the future.

RECOGNIZING THE MINNETONKA
GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Minnetonka Girls Soccer Team on winning the Minnesota state high school championship. After narrowly the state championship game last year, the Skippers re-deemed themselves with a 1-0 victory over

Wayzata to finish the season and take home the state title. Minnetonka scored a goal in the first minute of play and held the lead for the remainder of the game.

Soccer requires teamwork, cohesiveness, agility and physical rigor. While the Skippers' girls mastered these skills to capture their third state title, it's also important to point out that these student athletes excel in other areas off the field. Keeping up with their studies and being involved in other community activities is also a hallmark of their success.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, parents and fans on being high school champs.

HONORING MR. ABDE-ALI EMADI
OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR ACHIEVING
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in Scouting, which only a small number of Boy Scouts earn. The rank is performance-based, and must meet 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.

Abde-Ali has been recognized as a valuable member of Troop 180, and has served in various leadership positions; i.e. Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader. His Eagle Scout Project was to clean and stain over 70 picnic tables at the New Kingstown Fire Company pavilion, in addition to building four ADA-compliant tables.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who demonstrate hard work and devote themselves selflessly to serving our communities and fellow citizens. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I recognize and congratulate Abde-Ali Emadi on his significant accomplishment and community service. I wish him continued success and Godspeed in his future adventures.

HONORING J.R. AND CAROL
SHOWERS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize J.R. and Carol Showers for their contribution to our state and their community.

The Showers have made a positive and lasting impact in Shelbyville and embody exactly what "Hoosier hospitality" is meant to be. When J.R. served as County Chairman, we worked extensively together to support Republican candidates and principles. Our state is