

providing a positive venue for residents and children to celebrate Christmas. There is no cost to attend the Family Christmas Extravaganza as everything is absolutely FREE to the public. The sponsors of this annual event have committed to serving others during this Christmas season and that's what makes the Family Christmas Extravaganza so special.

The Heritage High School and Bayside High School Marching Bands will be performing along with local band members. This year the Family Christmas Extravaganza will feature Beckah Shae, a popular American Christian-pop-worship singer-songwriter. "I am excited and honored to participate in such a worthwhile event, and I am grateful to be able to bring my talents to share with the community with a message of Hope," said Shae.

Senior Pastor Ken Delgado of The House at Palm Bay said: "With today's news being filled with division, contention and expressions of hatred, it is exciting to see the City of Palm Bay, along with the city's businesses and the citizens, create an event where love, joy and peace are expressed. The Family Christmas Extravaganza is the greatest expression that so many people yearn for, and is what the angels proclaimed at the birth of Jesus, saying 'Peace and good will towards all men'."

This year the City of Palm Bay issued a proclamation designating December 15, 2018 Family Christmas Extravaganza Day. Mayor William Capote said: "The Family Christmas Extravaganza is a wonderful annual tradition in the great City of Palm Bay. I am proud to be the Mayor of a City where groups like The House church spend so much time and energy selflessly giving back to our community. The House has captured the giving spirit of the holiday season with this event, providing a day of celebration and Christmas joy completely free of charge. I've seen the positive impact of the Extravaganza over the years and I am excited to see this event continue to grow!"

Reverend Rob Medina, Director of Ministries at The House at Palm Bay said: "The Family Christmas Extravaganza has exponentially grown throughout the years because of the collaboration of so many entities. The template we use of partnership with Government, Churches, and Businesses should be replicated throughout our nation and moreover the entire globe. It is an outstanding example of sharing the Christmas Spirit as we acknowledge the Greatest Gift freely given to mankind. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, so we proudly say Happy Birthday Jesus."

Many communities across our great nation have seized upon this opportunity to spread the Christmas spirit, through good deeds and charitable acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these great Americans and in congratulating all those who have worked so hard to make the Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza possible.

CLAIRE SATTLER

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Claire Sattler on her impressive victory at the 2018

Teen Jeopardy Tournament. Claire worked very studiously leading up to and throughout the tournament. I am honored that she admirably represented our Bonita Springs community in front of a national audience.

Claire was rewarded with \$100,000 which she will use to pay for her college tuition. She has applied to 14 colleges and with her work ethic and determination, I know she will succeed as she pursues higher education.

Further, she plans on donating a portion of her earnings to charities, such as Stem4Students and Immokalee's Guadalupe Center. It is fitting that she chose to give back to further education for others. Our Southwest Florida community is grateful for her contributions.

HONORING WADE AND GERTRUDE
WHITAKER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Wade and Gertrude Whitaker for their contribution to our state and their community.

Wade and Gertrude have made a positive and lasting impact in Connorsville and embody exactly what "Hoosier hospitality" is meant to be. I could always count on them, and I know our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service in Fayette County.

On a personal note, the Whitakers were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. They are loyal confidants and wise advisers. I want to thank them for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on November 14, 2018, I missed roll call 418.

Had I voted on roll call 418, providing for consideration of H.R. 6784, the Manage our Wolves Act; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 19, 2018, through November 26, 2018, I would have voted "No."

IN APPRECIATION OF THE
SERVICE OF DOUG ANDERSON

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to Doug Anderson, and to commend his outstanding service as General Counsel and Parliamentarian to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Twenty-two years into his Capitol Hill career, Doug is a cherished Committee institution. Sharp-eyed observers will note that whenever I preside over a Committee markup or manage Floor debate, Doug is sitting right there next to me. His notes have assisted numerous victories, and avoided a few disasters. But that is just a tiny part of what he does.

Day in and day out, for years, Doug has provided wise counsel to me, to my predecessor ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, and to her predecessor, the late Henry Hyde. He has helped to draft and negotiate hundreds of successful bills and resolutions on key foreign policy issues—from North Korea, to State Department authorities, to the fight against modern slavery. You can see his commitment to human dignity not only in his legislative work, but also in the way he treats all of his colleagues, on both sides of the aisle. He is a man of uncommon judgment, even temperament, and genuine good humor.

Even more than his issues, Doug loves his family. I want to thank his wife Rebecca and their children—Sarah, Emily, Ian, and Chloe—for sharing him during the many hours that he has dedicated to the work of this House. They can be proud of his service, as I am proud of what we have accomplished together during these past six years.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT MANUFACTURING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Manufacturing Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss emerging manufacturing issues that are impacting Indiana. Manufacturing accounts for nearly one-third of the total GDP in Indiana and manufacturers employ more than a half of a million Hoosiers across our state. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosiers in the 6th Congressional District in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Jody Fledderman, John Meredith, Chris King, Whitney Foughty, Dominic Grote, John Linville, Kevin Ahaus, Lawrence McCormack, Lisa Kobe, Mike Wickersham, Ryan Hou, Sue Smith, Timothy Rushenberg, Tom Ryder, and Blair Wheat.

I appreciate their service on the Advisory Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SGT. LEANDRO JASSO

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and sacrifice of Sgt.

Leandro Jasso, an Army Ranger who grew up in Leavenworth, WA and was assigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Sgt. Jasso was killed in Afghanistan during his 3rd deployment protecting and defending our country. The men and women who serve in the military are the very backbone of our nation. The freedoms we as citizens enjoy would not be possible without the courageous sacrifices Sgt. Jasso and countless others have made. Sgt. Jasso's commander stated that he was "a humble professional who placed the mission first, lived the Ranger Creed and will be deeply missed." In other words, he had the heart of a servant. While it is with incredible sadness that I make this statement, it is also with immense gratitude for the life of service he lived, the people he touched, and the sacrifice he made. We will be forever grateful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on November 27, 2018 for Roll Call Vote 421 and Roll Call Vote 422. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 421 and Yea on 422.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Agriculture Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss emerging agriculture issues in Indiana. Agriculture has played a critical role in Indiana's economy throughout our state's history. Indiana is home to nearly 60,000 farms that produce a wide variety of crops and livestock. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosier farmers' priorities in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Angie Steinbarger, David Howell, Mark Bacon, Matt Chapman, Elaine Gillis, Jim Douglas, Gerald Guack, Leah Beyer, Brett Glick, Harold Cooper, Jeremy Russell, Eugene Whitehead, Kari Steele, Jonathan Sparks, Ed Yanos, Andrew Fix, Clark Jordan, Tom Chalfant, Tyler Silveus, Christian McCray, Bryan Fischer, Scott Logue, and Tobe Forshtay.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

PROMOTION OF MAJOR MARISOL ALTAGRACIA CHALAS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major Marisol Altagracia Chalas on the occasion of her well-deserved promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. Marisol began her outstanding military career 28 years ago as an enlisted soldier and has broken barriers on behalf of women in this country ever since. Most notably, in 2001 she had the distinction of becoming the first Latina National Guard Black Hawk pilot in the United States. Throughout her career, she has held the position of Battle Captain and Platoon Leader during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Aviation Liaison under the Combined Joint Task Force in the Dominican Republic, Lean Six Sigma Advisor, and Force Management and Exchange Officer with the Canadian military. Marisol also has outstanding corporate experience, having worked in management positions at General Electric and Booz Allen Hamilton.

Marisol's commitment to public service is not limited to serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. It extends to helping her community as well. Marisol started a leadership lunch and learn program for children at Fort Bragg, took part in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America program, and currently serves on the board of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. She also received the USCIS Outstanding American by Choice award in 2017, which highlights and celebrates the experiences and work ethic that immigrants contribute to the United States.

As an Army Congressional Fellow in my office, Marisol brought a unique perspective to my staff. Her long and distinguished career in the military added invaluable insight while we considered the Fiscal Year 2018 Defense Appropriations legislation. The policy and funding measures she worked on helped to improve the lives of U.S. service members around the world. Additionally, Marisol oversaw the State and Foreign Operations and Homeland Security appropriations portfolios during her year in the office. Whether it was meeting with constituents, staffing day long Appropriations Committee markups, or debating important issues with staff, Marisol always conducted herself with the utmost professionalism and respect.

Marisol's service and dedication to our nation truly upholds the U.S. Army's core values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. Thank you, Marisol, for your service to our nation and for your service to the people of the Fourth District of Minnesota. We wish you nothing but success in the next chapter of your life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on roll calls 421 and 422, I am not recorded. Had I

been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 421; and Yea on Roll Call No. 422.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION BOARD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on our 6th Congressional District Military Service Academy Nomination Board.

As a Member of Congress, I have the honor of nominating young Hoosiers from Indiana's 6th Congressional District to the United States Military Service Academies. Each Member of Congress may nominate up to ten candidates for each available vacancy to the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy.

Each year, the members of the 6th Congressional District Military Service Academy Nomination Board work with my staff and I to evaluate the applications of young men and women from our District who are seeking admittance to a military academy. During my time in Congress, we have nominated more than 90 young men and women to these academies. Many of them have since graduated and are currently serving our country.

I want to thank all of the members of the Nomination Board, including, Nate LaMar, Jan Frazier, Robert Morrow, David Martin, and Kelly Poltrack for their service. The Board's insight and experience has always been helpful to me and my staff.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to our country. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF MAJOR SINDI ANNE CONNELL

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Major Sindi Anne Connell of the United States Army for her extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation. Major Connell will soon transition from her current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives to attend Army Intermediate Level Education and return to duty as an Army Military Intelligence Officer.

With an impressive and proven record of leadership, including a combat tour in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division and company command in the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade in the Republic of Korea, Sindi was chosen to serve as a Defense Fellow in a Congressional Office in 2016.

Major Connell's outstanding work there led her to be selected as a Congressional Liaison in the United States Army House Liaison Division. Her first-hand knowledge of the military,