

its culture, and traditions was a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices. Sindi was especially effective in her service to Members and staff as she escorted them on fact-finding and oversight delegations within the United States and around the world. I traveled with Sindi on multiple occasions. Her expert planning, attention to detail, and love of travel enabled exceptional visits for my fellow Members of Congress and myself. I found her to be a thoughtful, intelligent, and professional soldier in the best traditions of America's Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Sindi during her time as an Army Congressional Liaison Officer in the House of Representatives. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Major Sindi Anne Connell, and her husband, Joshua Hengst. I wish them the very best.

HONORING COMMUNITY
RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Resources for Children (CRC) for providing excellent early learning and care resources for families and children across Napa County, California for forty years.

Founded in 1978, Community Resources for Children strives to advocate and educate the public on the importance of early education and child care. It has provided nearly 45,000 referrals for child care and over \$44 million dollars to local child care providers that care for children of low income and student or working parents. For the past forty years, CRC has offered families quality early education materials for free and created early learning activities for families, child care providers, caregivers, educators and other community members.

Community Resources for Children provides professional development and one on one coaching to more than 140 local child care providers that service more than 1,700 children per year. Its programs work to increase the quality and amount of available child care in Napa County and have strengthened the local economy while putting families on the pathway to success.

Community Resources for Children also aims to empower parents by ensuring they have the necessary resources to make child care and early education decisions. Through all of its programs and assistance CRC hopes to help parents succeed as their child's first teacher.

Mr. Speaker, Community Resources for Children is an admirable organization dedicated to the care and education of future generations in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Community Resources for Children here today.

HONORING TRES YORK

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Tres York, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Tres worked in my Shelbyville office for over a year, serving as a staff assistant and driver. Tres is a hard worker and was a huge asset to our organization. Since leaving our office, Tres has worked for the Indiana House of Representatives, MIBOR Realtor Association, and now is an Advisor for Foresters Financial.

On a personal note, Tres is my friend. We share a love for the life lessons of sports and a commitment to family. I want to thank Tres for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. I will be cheering Tres on every step of the way.

CONGRATULATING KESHAV GOEL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Keshav Goel, of Monte Sereno, California, on being selected as a George J. Mitchell Scholar.

One of our nation's most prestigious scholarships, the program was created 20 years ago by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance and named in honor of Senator George J. Mitchell's contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process. The program selects future American leaders for one year of graduate study in Ireland. Keshav Goel is one of 12 Mitchell Scholars selected this year out of 370 students who applied from more than 200 Congressional Districts across the U.S.

Keshav is a dual major in Biology and Economics at Williams College. Understanding that socioeconomic inequality is one of the greatest public health concerns in the U.S., he has conducted research on ailments that disproportionately affect the world's poor. Growing up in Monte Sereno, California, Keshav co-authored his first published clinical paper at the age of 16 on the automated detection of congenital heart defects in newborns. He is currently conducting a year-long senior biology thesis to uncover the causes of asthma which disproportionately impacts children in impoverished countries. He has also conducted health economics research with Harvard Medical School to assess the quality and effectiveness of federally funded clinical trials. Outside the classroom, Keshav serves as a peer mentor with an organization in Western Massachusetts that provides drama therapy to adolescent survivors of trauma. An aspiring physician, Keshav will study Immunology and Global Health at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Keshav embodies the spirit of leadership and academic excellence that led to the creation of the Mitchell Scholarship program. I congratulate him on his selection as a George J. Mitchell scholar and wish him every success during his year in Ireland.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOMENETMEN
GLENDALE "ARARAT" CHAPTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter upon its fortieth anniversary.

Established in 1918, the Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, commonly referred to as Homenetmen, has served hundreds of thousands of youth worldwide. In 1922, when Homenetmen chapters in Constantinople were forced to close, its leaders dispersed across the world. From there, a network of chapters began appearing globally, including in the United States.

Homenetmen Western USA presently comprises 19 chapters, with several within California's 28th Congressional District, which is home to a large and vibrant Armenian-American community. This extraordinary organization has preserved the Armenian spirit by introducing Armenian-American youth to the rich Armenian culture and heritage, and has provided them with physical, moral and social education.

Founded in 1978, the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter is the largest chapter in Homenetmen Western USA. It has served thousands of children, young adults and seniors over the years and has provided scouting, athletic, educational, cultural, and wellness activities to the communities it serves. The organization has been especially committed to improving the lives of our next generation by offering healthy programs for teens and young adults through supervised weekend and after school activities in a family-oriented environment. In addition, it has championed teaching the importance of volunteerism, teamwork and citizenship.

The time, effort, and care that the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter has given to the community is invaluable, and the Armenian-American residents of Southern California have benefited greatly from its dedicated work. The organization has played a significant role in shaping our children into responsible citizens and thriving members of society, who become shining examples of Homenetmen's motto—"Elevate Yourself and Others With You."

I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter for forty years of dedicated service.

HONORING STEPHEN GODDARD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Stephen Goddard, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Stephen worked on our team during the 115th Congress, serving as a legislative fellow in my Washington, D.C. office. In this role, Stephen was responsible for advising me on a variety of policy issues, managing our internship program, handling tour requests, and writing consistent mail. He also helped write the