

Danielle has been on the front lines of the Committee's search to promote and improve justice, equal rights, and the lives of ordinary and under-privileged people. Her analysis and advice have been indispensable whether the Committee engaged in oversight or considered legislation.

Although Danielle was deeply involved in almost every single piece of Committee business over her years here, there are several areas in which she showed particular passion and enthusiasm. In her position overseeing the Immigration Subcommittee, she was a dogged defender of immigrants' rights. From comprehensive immigration reform to protecting Dreamers and those with Temporary Protected Status to reform of the EB-5 program for immigrant investors, Danielle tirelessly fought to strike the right balance between opposing sides. Her counsel helped the Committee shed light on harmful administrative policies and prevent anti-immigrant bills from becoming law. She provided similarly excellent counsel in her oversight of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law. There, she earned a well-deserved reputation as a staunch defender of the public interest, open and fair markets, access to justice, and the rule of law.

Beyond these specific responsibilities, Danielle has been intimately involved in many aspects of the Committee's operation. This has included helping the Committee organize each Congress, assisting Members and staff develop amendments for markups, reviewing Member memos for hearings and markups, drafting memos for the Ranking Member, helping to prepare Democratic dissenting views, assisting in the preparation of amendments and statements for the Rules Committee, preparing previous questions and motions to recommit, and drafting and reviewing statements for legislation and amendments on the floor. She also served as a liaison to Leadership, Majority staff, outside advocacy and non-profit groups, and the Administration. She also offered considerable instruction and creativity to fellow staff, and was a calming influence when supervising difficult or contentious matters. Danielle also was able to work across the aisle on a variety of bills. Her hard work and dedication earned her respect and admiration of Members and staff alike.

We have appreciated and benefited from Danielle's energy, enthusiasm, and insight over her time on the Committee. We wish Danielle Brown the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her outstanding service to the Congress, the Judiciary Committee, and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. KEVIN
THOMAS KOELEWYN

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, DEVIN NUNES, to recognize the life and service of Kevin Thomas Koelewyn, a teacher, mentor, and long-time advocate for agricultural education.

Mr. Kevin Koelewyn was born on March 26, 1966 in Hanford, California. The City of Han-

ford is located in California's San Joaquin Valley, one of the most agriculture-rich areas in the world. The area seemed to leave a lasting impression on Kevin, as he dedicated his life and career to this community and agricultural education.

An educator for nearly thirty years, Mr. Koelewyn was widely known for his role as an agriculture teacher with Tulare Joint Union High School District. His involvement spread far beyond the classroom. He was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA), coaching numerous students for FFA public speaking competitions. His expertise in coaching made him nationally known in the FFA community; and he was given the responsibility of overseeing their national public speaking competition as a result.

While his experience and accomplishments made him one of the most respected teachers in the area, it was his mentorship to students and fellow educators that set him apart. Countless former students have expressed the lasting impact Mr. Koelewyn's mentorship had on their lives. His ability to inspire students far beyond their perceived potential was often mentioned. Kevin extended that mentorship to young agricultural teachers, helping them get settled into new jobs and preparing them for success.

Mr. Koelewyn was also dedicated to community service and was a long-time youth baseball coach in his hometown of Hanford. Whether in the classroom, at FFA competitions, or attending sporting events, Kevin was passionate about inspiring the next generation to reach their full potential in life.

While he was passionate about his career and service, Kevin's greatest loves were God, family, and friends. He had a deep relationship with the Lord, which guided the entirety of his life. He loved and cherished his wife, children, parents, and the rest of his family. He was a dedicated friend who was there to help in challenging times.

Sadly, on Sunday, November 4, 2018, Kevin Koelewyn passed away. Although he left us far too soon, Kevin made a lasting, positive impact on the people he knew. Kevin is survived by his wife Maxine, their three children, Madlyn, Audra, and Kaleb, his parents Thomas and Sharon, and his sister Kristin. Kevin Koelewyn left his community a far richer place, and for that we are blessed. He was a loving husband, caring father, inspiring mentor, and dedicated educator. There is no doubt he will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me and Mr. NUNES in honoring the life of Kevin Thomas Koelewyn. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends in this difficult time.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE FALCONER
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Falconer Volunteer Fire Company.

In 1893, the taxpayers of the village of Falconer agreed upon the necessity of fire protection for their community and voted to appropriate one thousand dollars for the purchase of fire equipment. The Falconer Fire Company originated with the creation of the Hose Company and a hand-drawn hose cart that was stored in a barn for the modest price of one dollar per month.

From these humble beginnings, the Falconer Fire Company has grown over the years in order to continue to meet the safety needs of its community. Established in 1970, the Volunteer Rescue Squad provides essential Emergency Medical Technician services to the Falconer area. In 2010, the Fire Company expanded to include a Junior Firefighter program, providing youths in the community an opportunity to learn from current volunteers.

Today, the Fire Company is made up of 60 volunteer firefighters. They work to keep their community safe, responding to nearly four hundred calls each year. We commend their dedication to their community and their volunteer service.

One hundred and twenty-five years of service to the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Falconer Volunteer Fire Company for their impressive record of hard work and look forward to many more years of them keeping our community safe.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the Falconer Volunteer Fire Company's 125 years of service.

RECOGNIZING G. LINCOLN McCURDY AND THE TURKISH COALITION OF AMERICA FOR RECEIVING THE 2018 GUSI PEACE PRIZE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. G. Lincoln McCurdy, the president of the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) who received the 2018 Gusi Peace Prize. TCA, founded by noted Turkish American Dr. Yalcin Ayasli, is an educational, public, charitable organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. whose mission is to educate the general public about Turkey and Turkish Americans and voice their opinions on critical issues to interested parties by supporting people-to-people exchanges, educating Congress about Turkish American perspectives; promoting balanced dialogue on U.S.-Turkey relations, and building bridges between the Turkish American community and other heritage communities.

The Gusi Peace Prize Foundation is based in Manila, Philippines and annually recognizes individuals and organizations working toward the attainment of peace and respect for human life and dignity.

I congratulate G. Lincoln McCurdy and the Turkish Coalition of America for receiving the 2018 Gusi Peace Prize.