

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE WINS EXCALIBUR AND MEDALLION AWARDS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate San Jacinto College for earning the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Houston Chapter's 2018 Excalibur Award and the 2018 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 4 Medallion Award.

San Jacinto College was awarded a Silver Excalibur Award from PRSA and a Bronze Medallion Award from NCMPR. The Excalibur Award is given to recognize extraordinary professional accomplishments in the execution of public relations programs while the Medallion Award is given to those who express outstanding achievements in the areas of marketing and communication at community colleges. It is thanks to the tireless efforts of the faculty and students that the college received these prestigious awards. These awards highlight San Jacinto College's ongoing effort to recruit bright minds and future leaders to their institution.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to San Jacinto College for earning PRSA's Houston Chapter's 2018 Excalibur Awards and the 2018 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District 4 Medallion Awards. We know we will be seeing even more accolades for San Jacinto College in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call vote 100, 101, 102, and 103 I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea," "yea," "nay," and "yea."

INTRODUCTION OF STOP UNDERRIDES ACT OF 2019

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Stop Underrides Act, a bipartisan, bicameral bill I introduced earlier today along with my colleague on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Representative MARK DESAULNIER from California, and in the Senate, Senators KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND and MARCO RUBIO, to prevent deadly truck underride crashes.

An underride crash is when a car collides with a truck and goes underneath the body of the truck. Modern car safety features are designed to ensure that a passenger can walk away from a crash where the vehicle hits a solid wall at 35 miles per hour. In an underride

crash, the first part of a car coming into contact with a truck body is the windshield, and as a result, a car's safety features are rendered useless. When a car collides with a truck, it will keep moving forward, and decapitation is a serious threat at 35 miles per hour.

While large trucks have been federally required to have rear underride guards since 1953, there is no requirement to adequately maintain rear underride guards and they often fail. In addition, underride guards are not federally required to be on the sides or front of trucks. Too many lives have been lost or forever altered by these preventable crashes and the time has come for Congress to act.

The Stop Underrides Act does just that—lays out a path to bring an end to these terrible and all too often fatal accidents by requiring all large truck trailers to have front, side, and rear underride guards.

These guards, if installed, would have likely prevented the death of Michael Higginbotham, who was killed in an underride crash in Memphis and whose parents, Randy and Laurie Higginbotham, have been urging Congress to take action on this long overdue issue.

This is common sense legislation that will save lives. I urge my colleagues to support the passage of the Stop Underrides Act.

NEVEAH PADILLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Neveah Padilla for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Neveah Padilla is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Neveah Padilla is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Neveah Padilla for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF OCONTO

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Oconto's sesquicentennial.

Nestled on the coast of Green Bay, the City of Oconto is the home to thousands of Wisconsinites. The city hosts thirty-three sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places and in its 150 years, it has seen tremendous growth and prosperity.

First settled by the Copper Culture People over 6,000 years ago, Oconto is rich with history and culture. The Copper Culture People, rightfully named for their role as some of the earliest copper workers in the Americas, made a variety of tools and ornaments, many of which can still be found today in Oconto at the Copper Culture State Park. When Jesuit missionaries arrived in Oconto in the mid-1600s, Oconto became vital in building the trade relationships that helped so-called "New France" to prosper. The Copper Culture People, along with ancestors of the Menominee who had settled there, traded beaver and other furs for various goods and tools with the European settlers.

Oconto experienced a population boom during the 19th and 20th centuries. Located directly on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, Oconto became a hub for the growing commercial lumber and fishing industries. Americans were in search of a beautiful place to earn a living and raise a family, and this wonderful city in Northeast Wisconsin offered them just that.

Today, several industries have expanded and are expected to continue to grow, creating new jobs and boosting the local economy. Oconto's small-town fishing lifestyle has continued to play a crucial role in the economy, attracting anglers from across the United States fishing for walleye at its Breakwater Park on the Bay.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the City of Oconto on 150 years of community, industry, and success. As citizens committed to preserving the vibrant history of their home and watching it grow and prosper, the people of Oconto truly embody what it means to be a Wisconsinite: to strive forward. I wish them another 150 years of prosperity.

THANKING JAMES "BUCK" GILCREASE FOR HIS SERVICE TO ALVIN ISD

HON. PETE OLSON

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Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank James "Buck" Gilcrease on his years of dedication and service to the students and faculty of Alvin ISD.

Since assuming the Superintendent position in 2014, James has overseen the opening of seven new schools in the district. James led the district through multiple successful bond elections which were needed because of unprecedented population growth. During his tenure, seven new schools were opened by Alvin ISD. Even though James is retiring, he plans to continue his legacy advocating for the advancement of our children's education.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to James "Buck" Gilcrease for his years of dedication and commitment to academic excellence at Alvin ISD. While we are sad to see him leave Alvin ISD, we wish him the best in his future endeavors.