

faculty instills in the students at Northglenn High School.

I extend my deepest congratulations to John for his hard work on this project. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO BILL GOSSARD

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the life and career of Billy L. Gossard of Harrod, Ohio, who passed away last month at age 84.

Bill was born in Hardin County, Ohio, in 1934. Following his service in the Army, he worked for many years as a trucking salesman for a variety of area companies.

Bill was a proud resident of the Village of Harrod, where he opened Bill's World Famous Barbershop in 1964. He was soon elected to the Harrod Village Council, on which he served for nearly three decades.

For twenty years, starting in 1976, Bill served as mayor of Harrod. He cited his work to fund and install a village-wide sewer system as his biggest accomplishment in office. He also took great pride in acquiring land for Harrod's Railroad Heritage Park, which commemorates the village's history as a major rail town. The village recognized his many achievements with the proclamation and celebration of Bill Gossard Day in 2017.

Madam Speaker, Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janet; three children; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many extended family members. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer them my condolences as they remember Bill's life and his many contributions to the Village of Harrod.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 8, 2019 during roll call no. 157, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 19, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 158, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1331, the Local Water Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 159, on Approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATING OWENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STEM TEAM

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in

congratulating the Owensville High School STEM team for winning the 2019 Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow" technology contest.

The Solve for Tomorrow contest, which this year was held aboard the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier in New York City, invites students from across the nation to engineer technical solutions for today's common problems. Owensville students Paige Tayloe, Jonah Hoffman, and Trey Fisher put their minds together to focus on school safety. Under the supervision of engineers from LMI Aerospace in Washington, Missouri the team developed a door latch that will keep classroom doors closed in the event of a security threat even when the door lock is broken. The Gasconade County School District has already committed to using the new latches.

For winning the contest Samsung is awarding the school district \$100,000 in technology and classroom supplies, which will be an incredible resource for our students. More importantly, with their invention Paige, Jonah, and Trey have made their fellow students much safer and given parents added peace of mind. As their representative in Congress I am very proud of their success, but as a father and grandfather I am even more grateful for their dedication and ingenuity.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Paige Tayloe, Jonah Hoffman, Trey Fisher, and Owensville High School for a job well done!

HONORING THE LEGACY OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS IN NEWARK

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, Frederick Douglass was born into slavery but laid to rest in power. His legacy touched countless lives in countless communities across this country, including Newark, New Jersey.

Throughout Newark's history, its residents fought for the abolition of slavery and suffrage for Black people. People like the King family, whose house in Newark was part of the Underground Railroad, and people like Thomas Thompson, a black stagecoach driver who helped move people to freedom, were undeterred in the fight for Black freedom. It was leaders like them who arranged, in April of 1849, for Frederick Douglass to visit Newark and speak about Black freedom, justice, and empowerment.

Frederick Douglass' speech at the First African Presbyterian Church on Plane Street was an historic moment in the city's long history of Black self-realization, a history Newark is still writing. Plane Street, now University Avenue, is the heart of Rutgers University—Newark. It is a fitting tribute that Rutgers—Newark renamed its field on University Avenue the Frederick Douglass Field.

Rutgers—Newark has, for generations, helped empower students from Newark to seek justice and freedom through education. I am proud to represent Rutgers—Newark in Congress and commend them for recognizing Frederick Douglass' legacy in our city.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) AUXILIARY

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary in Sterling, Colorado.

Sterling VFW Auxiliary No. 3541 has proudly supported veterans in our community since 1944. This chapter also received the "Buddy" Poppy VFW National Home for Children Award in 2018–2019 for member contributions to military and veteran families needing a fresh start. Their dedication continues to benefit our brave men and women in uniform.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our veterans. VFW Auxiliary President Lori Davison, Auxiliary members and volunteers should be commended.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to VFW Auxiliary No. 3541. We look forward to their continued success.

JEFFERSON LIEVENSE—ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING BOARD

**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jefferson Lievens and his election to the National Academy of Engineering Board for leadership in biomanufacturing and sustainable chemicals. The National Academy of Engineering recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the field.

Mr. Lievens is currently a Senior Advisor to the CEO of Bioengineering and Technology at Genomatica. Mr. Lievens has 37 years of industrial biotechnology experience and has contributed to many important projects and achievements.

I congratulate Jefferson Lievens on his election to the National Academy of Engineering Board as it is one of the highest distinctions an engineer can receive.

COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLUMBINE SCHOOL SHOOTING

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the tragic shooting that took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado on April 20, 1999.

Saturday marks 20 years since that horrific April day when two armed students walked on to campus and opened fire, killing 12 of their fellow classmates and one teacher, and wounding another 20 more.