

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ISAAC PYLE AND EMMA MUSTOE, RECIPIENTS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA GOLDEN HORSESHOE AWARD

**HON. CAROL D. MILLER**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize two of my constituents, Isaac Pyle and Emma Mustoe, who each earned the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe award.

The West Virginia Department of Education describes the Golden Horseshoe award as being “unique in its statewide recognition of scholastic achievement.” The award is given annually to two hundred and twenty-one 8th grade students who have outscored their classmates on a West Virginia history exam

and essay about West Virginia current events. A minimum of two students from each county and one student from the West Virginia schools for the Deaf and Blind are selected for the award. In a ceremony during Golden Horseshoe Day, the state superintendent of schools uses an antique sword to dub each kneeling student either a lady or knight of the Golden Horseshoe Society. This is arguably one of the greatest awards of that school year for 8th-grade students.

Soon to be knighted is Isaac Pyle of Webster Springs. Isaac is the son of Jeremy Pyle and Dr. Allison Pyle. An exceptional student, Isaac is a captain of the West Virginia History Bowl Team for Webster County High School. As the winner of his school competition, he has qualified four times for the state Math Field Day and has qualified for the state spelling bee. Isaac proudly maintains a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled in advanced courses.

Emma Mustoe of Webster Springs will also join the rolls as a Lady of the Golden Horseshoe Society. The daughter of Toby and Janna Mustoe, Emma is a talented writer and performer. She is a winner of the Webster County Young Writers Competition. She is a captain of the West Virginia History Bowl Team for Webster County High School and a winner in the Webster County Regional Literature Fair. Emma is also a member of the award-winning Webster County High School Showband.

As Congresswoman for the Third Congressional District of the State of West Virginia, it is my distinct honor to rise today to recognize the dedication and achievement that Isaac Pyle and Emma Mustoe have put forward in winning the Golden Horseshoe award. I congratulate them on being model students and exemplary West Virginians.