

The Women's Club partners with local community organizations throughout the year, including the Salvation Army, Dress for Success, Blue Chip Animal Rescue, and the SPCA. Using funds raised from their annual clothing sale, the Club supports two \$500 scholarships for graduating female seniors from Wyoming Area Secondary Center, to help further their education.

For generations, the West Pittston Women's Club has provided an environment for women to gather and find their voices to give back to their community. It is a great honor to recognize this organization for the work they have done and will continue to do. I wish them the very best for another hundred years of growth and prosperity.

HONORING THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Union of Concerned Scientists' 50th anniversary.

For five decades, the Union of Concerned Scientists has been using the latest technological and scientific expertise to address the world's most pressing issues. Its team of nearly 250 experts in science, policy, and communications continues to introduce new and innovative solutions to the greatest questions of our time.

Among their many projects and initiatives, I have been particularly impressed with their work to address the looming threats posed by climate change and to contain the existential threat of nuclear war. I would like to thank the Union of Concerned Scientists for its commitment to our collective future and for its numerous projects that will help ensure a better world for our children.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEVIN HILEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Kevin Hileman of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Kevin's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kevin brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming

Class of 2023. While attending Ottawa Hills High School in Ottawa Hills, Ohio, Kevin was a member of the National Honor Society and Honor Roll.

Throughout high school, Kevin was involved with soccer, having achieved his varsity letter and served as team captain. I am confident that Kevin will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kevin Hileman on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kevin will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

SHAWN SHELTON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Shawn Shelton of Pueblo, Colorado, who recently retired from the Pueblo Fire Department.

Shawn was born in 1962 in Quantico, Virginia to Doyle and Elizabeth Shelton. His father's service in the Marine Corps and the Air Force led to their family moving to various posts until they eventually settled in Pueblo in 1975. He married Mary Beth Erjavec in 1983 and they have two sons, Timothy and Joshua. Working odd-jobs as a ranch hand and a mechanic, Shawn found his career path in his early 20's after a friend's recommendation and never looked back. Shawn selflessly helped countless families in the Pueblo community by serving as a firefighter for over 30 years.

After three years on the job, Shawn was promoted as a medic, and a year later received another promotion to fire engineer. He continued to advance in the department when he was promoted again to captain and then to assistant fire chief in 2015. Shawn's dedication to faithfully serve his community and his leadership as a team member ultimately led to him becoming the chief of the Pueblo Fire Department, a position he held for the last three years of his career.

Firefighters are called to assist in some of the direst situations, yet their actions can be remembered for the lifetimes of the people they help. On one such occasion, while standing in line at a grocery store, Shawn was recognized by a woman whose baby he helped deliver nine years earlier. It's moments like that Shawn says he will miss the most.

Madam Speaker, I stand with the Pueblo Fire Department and the entire community of Pueblo in thanking Shawn for his service over the last three decades. I wish him a happy retirement and hope that he knows just how thankful we are for his remarkable career.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO TAX SUBSIDIES FOR STADIUMS ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the No Tax Subsidies for Stadiums Act of 2019. This bipartisan legislation returns hundreds of millions of dollars a year to American taxpayers by disallowing the tax-exemption for municipal bonds used to finance professional sports stadiums.

For more than a century, the federal government has supported state and local infrastructure projects by excluding the interest on municipal bonds from federal income taxes. Qualified projects eligible for a tax-exemption include roads, sewers and water systems, hospitals, schools, governmental buildings, and other projects for the public good. However, a loophole in the tax code allows billionaire owners of sports franchises to use public money to construct stadiums using tax-exempt municipal bonds.

For the first half of the twentieth century, professional sports franchises privately-funded the construction of most stadiums. But beginning in 1953, when the Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee, most professional sports franchises have used public financing to construct or rehabilitate their privately-owned stadiums. Since 2000, 36 professional sports stadiums have been constructed or rehabilitated under financing provided by federal tax-exempt municipal bonds, costing taxpayers nearly \$4 billion. While professional sports teams promise state and local governments that their stadiums will produce local economic development and job creation, there is no quantifiable evidence that they provide these benefits. Public financing creates a race to the bottom where teams worth hundreds of millions, or even billions, of dollars have all the leverage to exploit city budgets for their own gain. Too often, these subsidies also create budgetary constraints that result in offsetting cuts to critical public safety and economic security programs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass this legislation and end the practice of subsidizing billionaires' sports franchises.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAILYN GRANT ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Kailyn Grant of Northwood, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Kailyn's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending