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Throughout high school, Kailyn was involved with soccer and track. I am confident that Kailyn will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

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

CONGRATULATING DR. REBECCA RICHARDS-KORTUM, DR. JAMES TRUCHARD AND JEFF KODOSKY, ON THEIR INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL INVENTOR HALL OF FAME

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Rebecca Richards-Kortum of Rice University in Houston and Dr. James Truchard and Jeff Kodosky of National Instruments in Austin for their induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame on May 2, 2019.

Dr. Rebecca Richards-Kortum is the first woman and the youngest Rice faculty member to earn the rank of University Professor. Early in her career, as a biomedical engineering professor at the University of Texas at Austin, she learned that early screening programs for cancer were out of reach for many and began creating a low-cost imaging system to detect precancerous cells. This technology was further developed to detect oral cancer. Studies later showed that her system could improve early detection of cancer while drastically reducing costly and unnecessary biopsies. In her travels to Malawi, she witnessed an issue with under-equipped neonatal wards, and thus in 2005 after moving to Rice, Dr. Richards-Kortum cofounded the Rice 360° Institute for Global Health where she began working with students on low-cost, low-power devices to save newborn lives. Her work has improved medical care for millions of newborns and saved thousands of lives in low-income countries. Her and her team's successes to date include systems that help babies breathe and that help caregivers detect jaundice and accurately dose children's liquid medication. For this work, she was the first Houston scientist and first Houston woman to win a coveted "genius grant" from the MacArthur Foundation.

Dr. James Truchard and Jeff Kodosky, who will also be inducted into the National Inven-

tor's Hall of Fame, conceived a better method of high-end testing using computers instead of the inefficient data collection methods they employed as researchers at the University of Texas Applied Research Laboratories in the 1970s. With their colleague Bill Nowlin, they founded National Instruments to develop a concept called virtual instrumentation, where software and hardware combine to perform the functions of traditional instruments, through a product called LabVIEW. LabVIEW became the flagship product of National Instruments and is used today by engineers, scientists, academics and students around the world. Having been adopted across many industry sectors, its applications are as wide-ranging as controlling the CERN Large Hadron Collider to facilitating navigation of the FDA regulatory process. LabVIEW created a new paradigm for programming and has been honored with more than 100 national and international awards, while National Instruments—with its global headquarters in Austin—has grown to become a multinational, billion-dollar company.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these outstanding Texas inventors. Their induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame speaks volumes for the culture of invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship that exists in the great State of Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA TIFTON CAMPUS' CENTENNIAL

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize a century of contributions by the University of Georgia Tifton Campus to the science of agriculture, the advancement of agricultural technology, and the education of producers, students and the public to promote and protect the U.S. food supply and to help feed people in need around the world.

In August 1918, the Georgia General Assembly authorized the creation of a Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station. In May 1919, my hometown of Tifton was chosen as the location due in large part to the surrounding area's vital role in agriculture research, outreach, and education. Today, the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station is known as the University of Georgia Tifton Campus. In its one hundred years, UGA-Tifton has fulfilled its duties to promote research and education. Through the years, UGA-Tifton scientists have developed grain varieties that helped save millions of lives from starvation in India and Africa; they have developed machinery and technology that made agriculture profitable and sustainable; they have contributed to the improvement of livestock genetics and production; they have created a body of scientific research that has helped realize a five-fold increase in peanut production per acre, bringing to life the now robust agricultural economy of the state of Georgia; and they have contributed to the development of forages and turfgrasses that continue to benefit ranchers, athletes and homeowners alike.

Just as it was in the early 1900's, UGA-Tifton continues to be a cornerstone of agri-

culture research, outreach, and education for not only South Georgia, but the state and Southeast region as a whole. The commitment to its mission and to the wellbeing of humanity over this century of service is admirable. As it celebrates this milestone, UGA-Tifton remains poised and eager to continue that legacy of excellence in the pursuit of the great discoveries that will bring economic prosperity to rural America, promote greater public health through better nutrition and a healthier environment, and prevent hunger in the world in the years to come.

On Friday, May 3, 2019, UGA-Tifton will celebrate and commemorate its impact and achievements at a showcase event on campus honoring one hundred years of commitment to the community and higher education. I congratulate the faculty, staff and greater UGA-Tifton community on their successes, thank them for their service, and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success for many more years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATHANIEL ERICKSON 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 Nathaniel Erickson of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Nathaniel'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.

Nathaniel brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio, Nathaniel was a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll, and Student Body Council.

Throughout high school, Nathaniel was involved with football and track among other extracurricular activities. I am confident that Nathaniel 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 Nathaniel Erickson 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 Nathaniel 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.