

remember that, despite the challenges one may face in life, there is reason to celebrate it.

Madam Speaker, for inspiring her community with her remarkable courage and love of life, I recognize Bridget Mallo for her spirit of Montana.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. JIM WADE

#### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in tribute to Dr. Jim Wade of Abingdon, Virginia, who has used his talents as a surgeon to help needy people around the globe.

Dr. Wade was born and raised in Princeton, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia University as an undergraduate and then continued at its School of Medicine specializing in otolaryngology. After completing his medical studies, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army for five years, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He then had a medical practice in Abingdon from 1978 to 2013.

In Abingdon, Dr. Wade has been an active member of his community. He attends Abingdon Bible Church, serves on various boards, and provides a home for foreign interns when they are training in the country.

Dr. Wade's deep faith, compassion for others, and medical skills guided him to the field of medical missions. He began volunteering with the faith-based charity World Medical Mission in May 1996, traveling to Kenya, performing cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries. Working with World Medical Mission and BethanyKids in the years since, Dr. Wade has traveled to Kenya 25 times, South Sudan three times, Egypt twice, South Sudan twice, and Myanmar to perform these surgeries. Frequently operating in areas undergoing political and social unrest and lacking the comforts of home, he conducts an average of four surgeries a day during twelve-hour shifts in the operating room.

His selfless and humble service to others has been a gift in the lives of many, from the children who benefit from his medical skills to the colleagues inspired by his example. I commend Dr. Wade for his good works and for the generous and caring spirit in which he has done them.

#### RECOGNIZING TAYLOR BOYER

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, for nearly two decades, the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Student Program has afforded qualified American students the ability to study abroad. To date, over 28,000 outstanding Americans representing 1,300 colleges and universities have studied in over 150 countries as part of this program. Students selected represent diverse backgrounds and engage in a unique educational experience that gives them skills re-

lated to national security and economic competitiveness.

I rise today to recognize the prestigious accomplishment of my constituent, Taylor Boyer of Doylestown, who received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad in Belize during the 2017–2018 academic year while a student at Delaware Valley University.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District, I congratulate Taylor on this outstanding achievement.

#### HONORING TEACHER OF THE YEAR DONNA GRADEL

#### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today in honor of an outstanding educator. Oklahoma's 2018 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Donna Gradel, a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Gradel has dedicated nearly 30 years of her life to education. The success of her students at Broken Arrow High School reflects the passion and dedication that Ms. Gradel brings to teaching.

Oklahoma is home to many wonderful educators. Ms. Gradel is a standard-bearer of educational excellence in my state and my district, and she continues to impress us and her peers across the country.

Ms. Gradel is well-deserving of her position as a finalist for Teacher of the Year. She represents Oklahoma and our country well and has the support of our entire delegation.

Congratulations to Ms. Gradel on this profound honor.

#### CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASIMO CORPORATION

#### HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 30th anniversary of Masimo Corporation, a healthcare technology company based in Irvine, California, and to celebrate its innovation and commitment to improving patient safety around the world. Masimo has helped solve the "unsolvable" by introducing lifesaving breakthroughs in noninvasive patient monitoring.

Masimo's founder, chairman, and chief executive officer, Joe Kiani, immigrated to the United States when he was 9 years old and only spoke three words of English. Originally trained as an electrical engineer, he thrived in his new home and graduated early from both high school and San Diego State University.

In 1989, at age 24, Mr. Kiani had an idea that would significantly improve the accuracy and reliability of one of the most commonly used monitoring technologies in health care: the pulse oximeter. By attaching to your finger, the pulse oximeter measures how much oxygen is in the blood within seconds. With a \$40,000 loan against his condo in Orange

County, Mr. Kiani started his company in a location that many successful California companies often do—in a garage. Today, Masimo Corporation's Irvine headquarters can be recognized as the set for Stark Enterprises in the first "Iron Man" movie.

Before Masimo Corporation was founded, pulse oximeters frequently produced false alerts based on a variety of factors and the patient's movements. Mr. Kiani applied a technology called adaptive filters, used in submarine warfare and communication, and created Masimo SET Measure-through Motion and Low Perfusion pulse oximetry. This technology reduced false alarms by 95 percent, and its high degree of sensitivity pioneered new findings—from previously undetectable heart problems in newborns to reducing blindness in premature babies by enabling clinicians to better target oxygen levels provided in neonatal care.

Since its founding, Masimo has grown into a successful publicly traded company employing more than 4,600 people worldwide, with annual revenues of nearly \$800 million. The company has more than 600 patents, and Masimo's technology improves the health outcomes of an estimated 100 million patients worldwide each year.

The journey of Mr. Kiani and Masimo is an American story rooted in entrepreneurial spirit and grit. Its worldwide success has created jobs, nurtured research, and improved patient safety. On behalf of the 45th Congressional District, congratulations for 30 years of providing lifesaving and life-altering health care.

#### RECOGNIZING THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY'S 20TH ANNUAL SNAPSHOT DAY

#### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they celebrate their 20th Snapshot Day. This annual event brings volunteers together at over 250 sampling sites on the central coast of California as they collect valuable data on the water quality of the watersheds that drain into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The first Snapshot Day was organized in 2000 when the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary collaborated with the Coastal Watershed Council and the Center for Marine Conservation to organize a volunteer effort to better understand land-based sources of ocean pollution in the sanctuary. With a better understanding of the sources of pollution from the 10 watersheds directly connected to the sanctuary, local agencies, stakeholders, and citizens can better protect the water quality along 276 miles of shoreline across four coastal counties that are home to more than 1.8 million residents. These protected waters support a wealth of biological diversity, coastal scenery, and recreational and business opportunities.

Snapshot Day depends on a small army of volunteers who measure bodies of water for temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, and turbidity and collect samples that