

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on May 10, 2019. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING DONALD WERLING, 2019
CENTRAL OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging will host the 44th annual Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Wednesday, May 15, in Columbus. I am honored to commend to the House one of this year's outstanding inductees: Donald Werling of Marysville.

Don has dedicated countless hours to helping his fellow senior citizens be safer in their homes. After conducting assessments of a senior's house, he draws up plans for basic safety modifications—everything from wheelchair ramps to hand railings to bathroom grab bars. As needed, he helps acquire any necessary permits and obtains quotes for materials. Refusing to decline help to anyone in need, he often recruits sponsors and volunteers to help him complete projects at no cost to the homeowner. In 2018 alone, Don and his volunteers completed 64 much-needed renovation projects throughout Union County.

Madam Speaker, selection for the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame is a high honor accorded to seniors who have devoted their lives to service to others. I am pleased to join in the accolades to Donald Werling on his induction, and thank the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for recognizing his many sacrifices and those of all of this year's inductees.

RECOGNIZING 125 YEARS OF
SERVICE BY WINONA HEALTH

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Winona Health.

One-hundred and twenty-five years ago, Winona Health started with \$4,500 to create the 18-bed Winona General Hospital. Certainly, Winona Health has grown over the years, but its focus on serving the community and providing quality health care has stayed the same.

Winona Health's high quality health care is a reflection of the hard work of its doctors, associate providers, staff and volunteers.

All Americans deserve access to quality, timely medical care. I'm thankful the residents of Winona and surrounding areas have a fine medical provider in Winona Health. Congratulations on 125 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF DWIGHT
SPARKS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE DAVIE COUNTY ENTERPRISE

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dwight Sparks, who retired from the Davie County Enterprise and Clemmons Courier on June 1, 2018.

Mr. Sparks began his journalism career in 1985, helping turn the Davie County Enterprise into a traditional newspaper. At one point, the Enterprise delivered roughly 10,000 copies a week to subscribers. This may not seem like a large number, but perhaps the next fact will highlight how successful Mr. Sparks was in growing the Davie County Enterprise.

During the 1980s, the Davie County Enterprise had the second largest paid circulation in North Carolina among the weeklies. For a small, rural county like Davie, this is a big deal.

He initially worked for the Salisbury Post. And after years in Salisbury, he moved over to the Winston-Salem Journal where he eventually became editor and remained for seven years. Not only was Mr. Sparks a very talented journalist, but I think that his Davie County roots helped him tell important stories in a unique way.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Dwight Sparks and wishing him a wonderful retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN
ALVARADO

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Christian Alvarado, a 2019 recipient of the North Texas in DC Internship Program Legacy Award. As a fellow University of North Texas alum, it is my privilege to recognize this outstanding Texan for his many achievements.

Currently, Christian is the co-founder of CBTX Capital, an investment and real estate development firm based in Austin, Texas. Prior to co-founding CBTX Capital, Christian served as the chief of staff and counsel to the chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Previously, he worked as an attorney at Jackson Walker, LLP where he advised corporate clients on various business transactions including securities, mergers and acquisitions, business formation and governance. He also has served as a special assistant to then-Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams.

Governor Perry appointed Christian to the One Call Board of Texas, and Governor Abbott appointed him to serve as a board member of the Department of Information Resources. Additionally, he is the board president of Austin Angels, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to local foster children.

As evidenced by his distinguished track record of accomplishments, Christian has

spent much of his career in service to his fellow Texans. I congratulate him on this honor, and wish the entire Alvarado family every continued success.

HONORING SHIRLEY MONACELLI
AS AMHERST WOMEN'S
INTERCLUB COUNCIL HONOREE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Shirley Monacelli as she is honored by the Amherst Women's Interclub Council for her lifetime of service to her community.

As a dedicated educator, Shirley began her career teaching grades Nursery through 3rd Grade in the Niagara Falls School System, as well as evening classes in English for adults seeking U.S. Citizenship or their GED. Additionally, she served as an adjunct professor at Niagara County Community College where she designed and taught her own Early Childhood Education Curriculum.

In 1980, Shirley started her lifetime of community service by volunteering as an usher and in the gift shop at Art Park. She continued in that volunteer role for 30 years, picking up numerous other volunteer roles along the way which she continues to participate in to this day.

Shirley has touched the lives of so many individuals as a leader, educator, and neighbor in her community. Her roles stretch from a Chairwoman of the New York State Council for Children State Conference, to working the Information Office at the Amherst Senior Center, to teaching Religious Education at St. Gregory the Great.

Dedicated community leaders such as Shirley, who are committed to serving the Western New York Community and to making life enjoyable and fulfilling for all our neighbors, are part of what makes Western New York such a special place to live.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Shirley Monacelli as she is honored by the Amherst Women's Interclub Council for her lifetime of service to her community. Her devotion to enriching the lives of others through community service and volunteer work is an inspiration to everyone who seeks to better the world in which we live.

HONORING THE 2019 NATIONAL
SCIENCE BOWL FINALISTS FROM
NAPERVILLE NORTH HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Science Bowl team of Naperville North High School and to commend them on reaching the national finals of the high school academic competition.

Since 1991, the Office of Science's National Science Bowl has hosted some of the nation's

most intelligent students for one of the largest and most prestigious academic competitions. Every year, teams from 64 schools around the country compete to demonstrate their understanding of the great issues in mathematics and science.

I want to congratulate the Naperville North High School team on reaching the national finals and on placing first in SLAC Division Team Challenge. The talent and knowledge present in these students are truly impressive, and as Congress' resident PhD-trained physicist, I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 2, 2019 I was inadvertently detained on Roll Call Votes 175 through 184. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted in the following manner: No on roll Call No. 175; Yes on Roll Call Vote 176; Yes on Roll Call Vote 177; No on Roll Call Vote 178; Yes on Roll Call Vote 179; No on Roll Call Vote 180; No on Roll Call Vote 181; No on Roll Call Vote 182; Yes on Roll Call Vote 183; and No on Roll Call Vote 184.

CONGRATULATING GWEN TOMBERGS ON WINNING THE QUAD-CITIES ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gwen Tombergs for winning the Quad-Cities Athena Leadership Award for empowering and mentoring women throughout their careers. Ms. Tombergs is the first female president in the Southern Professional Hockey League for the Quad-City Storm.

The Quad-Cities Athena Awards were founded 14 years ago by a group of women focused on female leadership and gender diversity. Ms. Tombergs embodies the spirit of this award through her work in our community. She has had an outstanding career where she led the way and shaped the lives of women at places such as casinos, Lujack's, the Quad-City Times and the Quad-Cities Chamber of Commerce—culminating with the nomination for this distinguished award. However, Ms. Tombergs did not stop there—she has taken on multiple leadership roles within the Quad-City Thunder CBA Basketball Team, the Quad-City Sports Center, the New York Mets and now the Quad-City Storm hockey team. Ms. Tombergs has been a steadfast advocate for young women in the Quad-Cities region, and is an asset to our community. I am grateful for her leadership and wish her continued success in the future.

It is because of dedicated leaders like Ms. Tombergs that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally con-

gratulate Gwen Tombergs for winning the Quad-Cities Athena Award and thank her for empowering women in everything she does.

HONORING THE 2019 BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME ELECTEES

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate ten exemplary men and women from Broward County who will be inducted to the Broward Senior Hall of Fame this week.

Each year, the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Broward County honors elder excellence in the volunteer sector of Broward County. These outstanding citizens are individuals from all walks of life who have contributed greatly to the vibrancy and well-being of South Florida. They are engaged in distinguished volunteer service that benefit our communities and make Broward County the outstanding place that it is to live, raise a family, and retire.

The ten distinguished electees are Barbara "Bobbi" Arnold of Hollywood, Beauregard Cummings of Ft. Lauderdale, Gail Gannotta of Pompano Beach, Ruby Hutson of Lauderdale Lakes, Jean Merget of Ft. Lauderdale, Art Schmall of Margate, Florie Scott of Lauderdale Lakes, Carl Shechter of Pembroke Pines, Harold Smith of Davie, and Aline Zucker of Cooper City.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding individuals. I wish them the best of luck with their induction and continued service to Broward County. It is with great pleasure that I honor them, and I look forward to hearing of their continued service activities.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREPARING LOCALITIES FOR AN AUTONOMOUS AND CONNECTED ENVIRONMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Preparing Localities for an Autonomous and Connected Environment (PLACE) Act. This legislation would create a federally funded highly automated vehicle clearinghouse to examine the secondary influences of autonomous vehicles on land use, real estate, transportation, municipal budgets, urban design, the environment, and social equity.

The transportation sector is changing at a faster pace than ever before. New mobility options like transportation network companies, bikeshare, scooters, and more have already disrupted how Americans get around. And with more than 300 companies and partnerships working toward bringing semi- or fully-autonomous vehicles to market in the near future, the landscape is set to change even faster. While Congress has started to debate autonomous vehicle legislation, little attention has been paid to the secondary influences of auto-

nous vehicles once they are deployed onto the roads. Done right, autonomous vehicles can solve some of the country's most vexing transportation problems while improving mobility for all. Done wrong, autonomous vehicles can exacerbate transportation's negative externalities, leaving communities struggling to make sense of an ever-changing landscape.

The PLACE Act will help communities better prepare for rapidly-changing environments while providing policymakers with the tools and research they need to make great places. I look forward to working with my colleague and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to enacting this bill.

RECOGNIZING JOANNA CLOUD FOR HER TENURE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joanna Cloud's nine-year tenure as Executive Director of the Lake Lanier Association.

Since Joanna first stepped into the role of Executive Director in August of 2010, the Lake Lanier Association has experienced incredible growth. Under her leadership, the Association's annual income has tripled, and lake-based programs, membership and services have expanded significantly. She led several projects to implement much-needed improvements to Lake Lanier, including placing solar lights on hazard markers for boating safety, and preventing further erosion by placing heavy rocks on the edges of the lake islands. Joanna was especially passionate about removing abandoned docks and vessels, which required her to garner support from state lawmakers to attain the funding necessary to complete the project. Because of her steadfast commitment, approximately 60 abandoned and rundown docks and boats on Lake Lanier were removed between 2015 and 2018.

Joanna's hard work and dedication over the past decade helped ensure the over 4 million people in the surrounding area would continue to have access to clean drinking water, and thanks to her leadership, families in Northeast Georgia will be able to continue enjoying Lake Lanier for many years to come.

Personally, I'd like to thank Joanna for her friendship and for working steadily with me and my office. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to thank Joanna for her hard work and dedication to improving our community. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING COUNCILMAN ERIC TURNER FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to honor Peoria City Councilman,