

on today as workplace protections continue to be a focus on Capitol Hill.

These four incredible students have demonstrated truly admirable talent and skill in their deep dive into history. I am moved by their desire to shed light on an overlooked and long-forgotten story that still resonates today. I want to congratulate Sean, Elias, Zia, Keona, their families, and the educators who have helped them get where they are today. I expect great things from each of them in the near future and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our district and abroad.

CONGRATULATING BLAIR OAKS' BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019 CLASS II STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Blair Oaks Falcons Baseball team for winning the 2019 Missouri Class III State Baseball Championship.

This team and Coach Mike DeMilia, should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community. This is Blair Oaks' third state championship win in the history of their baseball program.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Blair Oaks Falcons Baseball team for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF MR. HARRY WATKINS

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of the late Mr. Harry Watkins of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. An architect for more than 40 years, Harry Watkins left a lasting imprint on Wrightsville Beach, Bald Head Island, Figure 8 Island and many other surrounding communities.

Harry got his start in architecture after studying at North Carolina State University, and went on to design many of the homes that still stand there today. He always held a special place in his heart for Bald Head Island.

Harry helped to grow Wrightsville Beach true to his vision:

"The architect must understand the community, the environment, and especially the characteristics of the specific site," Harry said of his design philosophy. He described his idea of what a good home can be as "a joy when things were going well, and a comfort when they were not."

Harry passed away late last year, at the age of 72. He left behind a legacy of architectural vision and excellence. Even more importantly, he is survived by his wife Vicki, his daughter Brooke, and an entire community of friends, neighbors and clients. Wrightsville Beach will

be forever grateful for his passion for his community.

HONORING THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE OF DEVRATH IYER

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an accomplished student from Chandler, Arizona. Devrath Iyer was selected as one of fifty-two students to attend the annual Research Science Institute (RSI) sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Each summer, RSI gathers a small group of talented students to participate in an intensive on-and off-campus science and engineering summer program.

I have no doubt that Devrath and the other young leaders selected to participate in this program will excel in service to their schools and communities. Devrath's dedication to educational excellence and hard work is an example for all of us to emulate. I am honored to have such talent and motivation in my district.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAYDEN CORPORATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Hayden Corporation of West Springfield, Massachusetts on its 100th year of business. Now in its fourth generation of family ownership, the Hayden Corporation represents the robust character and history of economic innovation in western Massachusetts. It is my pleasure to recognize them on this significant milestone.

Hayden Corporation was founded by Charles E. Hayden in 1919. At that time, the company's business was weaving and installing wire cloth used in the paper industry. Hayden Corp. eventually grew to start building, installing, and servicing other paper-making equipment under the leadership of Charles' son, Charles Wesley "Wes" Hayden. Wes also developed a patented process for seamlessly welding stainless steel wire cloth. Today, Hayden Corp. still services the paper making industry with field teams working on machinery in mills up and down the east coast of the United States. But the last 100 years has also seen Hayden Corp. diversify and expand to an enviable extent. Retired company president John O. Hayden, as well as his son and current president Daniel C. Hayden, spearheaded the corporation into state-of-the-art coating of parts for the paper and pulp industry, power generation, gas and oil exploration and extraction, military applications, and the plastics industry. One of Hayden Corporation's customers has even been the U.S. Navy, when the company coated a valve on the submarine U.S.S. *Springfield* and its sister boats. Hayden Corporation's success and longevity is a testament to not only the Hayden family and the company's dedicated employ-

ees, but also the city of West Springfield and the overarching American manufacturing story of the entire region.

Once again Madam Speaker, over the course of its 100-year history, Hayden Corporation has demonstrated exemplary leadership and integrity. Those traits are hallmarks of the company's outstanding work in western Massachusetts and beyond, and are certainly worthy of recognition. On the occasion of Hayden Corporation's 100th anniversary, I wish the Hayden family and the individuals who work with them—some for decades—all the best and much continued prosperity.

SANDY OXFORD

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Sandy Oxford and thank this outstanding Oklahoman for her service to my community.

Ms. Oxford served as an Army clerk during the Vietnam era, eventually switching to the Navy where she was one of their top recruiters.

Back home in Tulsa, she served as the office manager for the Tulsa Vet Center. Additionally, Ms. Oxford faithfully served as the chair of the Mayor of Tulsa's Veteran Advisory Council. She served in this role with great dedication for 10 years, never missing a single meeting.

She has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of veterans, including work on suicide prevention initiatives and Vietnam Veteran commemoration ceremonies.

To thank Ms. Oxford for her service, Tulsa's Mayor Bynum presented her a key to the city and declared May 16th "Sandy Oxford Day" in Tulsa.

I am honored to recognize Sandy Oxford as she attends her final meeting of the advisory council today. Her commitment to the City of Tulsa will not soon be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING GABE KURTZ OF THE CAMDENTON LAKERS FOR WINNING THE 2019 MISSOURI CLASS IV STATE JAVELIN THROW TITLE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gabe Kurtz of the Camdenton High School Lakers for winning the 2019 Missouri Class IV State Javelin Throw Title. This is the second year in a row Gabe has won the state championship title.

Gabe and Coach Nick Bruck, should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state title to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Gabe Kurtz for a job well done.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ROGER W. MARSHALL

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Chair, I rise today because American farmers, grain handlers and exporters, as well as their customers around the world, depend on accurate, timely and cost-effective delivery of mandated impartial third-party Official inspection and weighing services administered by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) and its designated and delegated agencies. It is essential that the U.S. Official grain inspection and weighing system be recognized widely around the world for its impartial, consistent, reliable and timely measurement and certification of quality attributes and weights. The availability of accurate FGIS inspection results is also important to enable buyers and sellers to determine grain value and to facilitate market price discovery. Further, Official export inspections provide transparency and market information to the entire value chain that contribute to an efficient marketplace, while supporting food security and sustainable supplies.

I share the concerns of many of my colleagues about language included in the committee report by the Majority for H.R. 3055 that puts Congress in the middle of an ongoing labor dispute, even going so far as to urge that USDA not require its grain inspectors to cross a picket line. This language is extremely troubling, and Congress should not be including it in any final committee report for the Agriculture Appropriations bill. Thankfully, the Minority was able to include its concerns about the situation which I would like to include in the RECORD:

"In addition to overall funding concerns, Republican Members of the Committee were disappointed by several policy provisions. Some of the provisions encourage violation of federal law or Congressional intent, at a minimum. For example, the Majority included language under the heading of the Office of the Secretary relating to Grain Export Inspection. The language "strongly discourages USDA from requiring its grain inspectors to cross a picket line". Such language is irresponsible when the Grain Inspections Act clearly obligates inspectors to conduct inspections unless the Secretary were to waive the requirement for safety reasons. Using USDA inspectors in a labor dispute and interfering with the export sales of U.S. product during an already turbulent international trade environment is completely unnecessary."

Our producers, grain handlers, and the agricultural value chain as a whole has worked tirelessly to grow market share around the world and Congress should refrain from instructing USDA not to perform important services that are statutorily obligated under the Grain Standards Act.

IN APPRECIATION OF MARK
BENSON'S WORK IN IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend to Idaho, Mark Benson, who is retiring after a 42 year career with PotlatchDeltic. The last 13 years he has been Vice President, Public Affairs. However, his title to me is a friend and trusted advisor.

I met Mark when I was in the Idaho Legislature. He quickly established himself as a valuable advisor on forestry and paper products which is a large economic driver in Idaho. Mark has the unique ability to explain an issue and the impacts from every perspective and gives always gives an honest assessment of the status.

Mark worked at nearly every level of PotlatchDeltic, starting as a field forester in 1974. He has left his mark on the industry and will be remembered for founding the National Alliance of Forest Owners who is a leading voice on all the issues facing forestry.

Mark has been a great friend to my staff and me. To Mark, PotlatchDeltic was not just a job, it was a lifestyle and he treated his colleagues like family. Mark is also an incredible husband and father as witnessed by his supportive wife Patti and three amazing daughters who now have families of their own. No doubt, this will be the focal point of his retirement alongside his many hobbies including golf, hunting, and travel.

If I have one gripe with Mark, it is that he never let me win on the golf course. As kind and generous as he is, he could never seem to find it in his heart to let a putt or two slide by. Perhaps I will be able to change that now that he has more time to hit the links.

I wish Mark and Patti and the rest of their family a terrific and well-deserved retirement. I look forward to keeping in touch with him as a friend and seeing him back in Idaho.

HONORING LINDA TAVASZI, PH.D.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Linda Tavaszi, Ph.D., as she receives Marin Community Clinics' Lifetime Achievement Award for her decades of exemplary service promoting community health.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1940, Dr. Tavaszi lived in Florida and Alabama before returning to New York to earn a graduate degree in social work from Fordham University. Dr. Tavaszi earned a masters in health administration from the University of Southern California, and a Ph.D. in health care administration from Walden University in Florida. Dr. Tavaszi began her life-long career in health care, most of which was spent working in Marin County.

Dr. Tavaszi came to Marin County as chief operating officer at Marin General Hospital in 1982. Under her leadership, Marin General opened a new emergency department and de-

veloped Marin's first and only cardiac surgery program. As president of the Health Council of Marin and the local chapter of the American Heart Association, Dr. Tavaszi's commitment and dedication to the community extended beyond her role at Marin General.

In 1994, Dr. Tavaszi was asked to oversee an American-owned hospital in Barcelona, Spain, where she and her family spent two years helping steer that project to success. Once back in California, Dr. Tavaszi oversaw the mergers of two hospitals in the East Bay, and she returned to Marin County as chief executive officer of Kentfield Rehabilitation Hospital. After great success there, she returned to Marin General in 2004. In 2011, Dr. Tavaszi became CEO of Marin Community Clinics. During her tenure at Marin Community Clinics, Dr. Tavaszi expanded patient capacity and comprehensive services for seniors and the homeless population. From 2017 to 2018 Dr. Tavaszi served as the chief executive officer of Ritter Center where she provided valuable assistance during a transition in leadership.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Tavaszi's career of leadership and vision has helped hospitals and clinics in our region provide affordable, high-quality health care to our most underserved populations. Therefore, please join me in recognizing Dr. Linda Tavaszi on her well-deserved honor and in wishing her the best of luck in her continuing pursuit of quality health care for people in need.

COMMEMORATION OF THE TREE
OF PEACE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the planting of the Tree of Peace on the grounds of the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. This ceremony is dignified by the presence of Mr. Ross P. Marine, the Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic to the Midwest United States and board member of the Czech and Slovak Club of Greater Kansas City. During his eighteen-year tenure as Honorary Consul, Mr. Marine has worked to strengthen the economic, social, and cultural ties between Slovakia and Mid-America, and this spirit of international cooperation is reflected by the Tree of Peace project. Since the dedication of the National WWI Museum and Memorial on Armistice Day in 1926, Kansas City, Missouri has been home to the country's foremost institution committed to preserving the history of the First World War. In the shadows of the Liberty Memorial—the most fitting location our country offers for this project—the Tree of Peace will convey a message of goodwill and contribute to the reflective nature of this consecrated site.

Between July 28, 1914 and November 11, 1918, the First World War claimed the lives of nine million combatants and nearly eight million civilians. Another twenty-one million military personnel were wounded during the course of the war. In the United States alone, over 116,000 servicemen were killed, 204,000 were wounded, and 3,350 went missing. Among the American casualties, 441 were from Kansas City. To this day, World War I remains among the most costly and destructive wars in history.