

DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK  
VANCED RESPONSE TEAM  
(DHART)

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th anniversary of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Response Team (DHART) based in Lebanon, New Hampshire at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, the Granite State's only Level 1 Trauma Center.

Since DHART began operations 25 years ago this month, the program has experienced growth in both requests and completed flights, providing a vital lifesaving service to our region. With operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, DHART transports adult, pediatric and neonatal patients to appropriate medical facilities throughout New England. The DHART team consists of personnel from both Dartmouth-Hitchcock and aviation professionals from Metro Aviation, providing ground and air medical transportation services in Northern New England. The dedicated DHART team includes communication specialists, flight nurses, flight paramedics, respiratory care practitioners, emergency medical technicians, as well as Metro aviation pilots and mechanics.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team on its 25 years of operations—I wish the DHART team all the best in the years to come.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. DAVID LOESACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained because of weather. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 399; NAY on Roll Call No. 400; NAY on Roll Call No. 401; and NAY on Roll Call No. 402.

IN HONOR OF NORTH AMERICAN  
MATURE PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION,  
INC'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. LANCE GOODEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Mr. GOODEN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

Whereas, the North American Mature Publishers Association, Inc (NAMPA) is celebrating its 25th anniversary on October 13, 2019; and

Whereas, this prestigious association is holding its annual international convention and

anniversary celebration in Memphis, Tennessee, where publishers, editors, staff, and guests of senior/boomer publications from across the United States and Canada will gather for educational and networking sessions; and

Whereas, NAMPA is a non-profit association of 96 member publications in 36 U.S. States, and two Provinces in Canada with more than 4 million mature readers per month with its international headquarters located in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

Whereas, NAMPA's purpose and mission is to help magazines and newspapers that focus on the mature market to improve their quality in terms of design and content, while also increasing revenue; and

Whereas, I wish to officially recognize and honor this outstanding association, its members, officers, and its current Executive Director, Gary L. Calligas, for their ongoing commitment to education and service to mature readers;

Now, therefore, I urge all citizens to support this milestone anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADI-  
TION OF BREAKFAST ON THE  
FARM IN MARINETTE COUNTY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Breakfast on the Farm in Marinette County.

Breakfast on the Farm is an iconic Marinette County tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates and learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared on the farm.

I am grateful to Van De Walle Farm for hosting the 2019 Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm. Van De Walle Farm is a multigenerational dairy farm that milks 140 cows daily. In addition, the Van De Walles raise all their young stock and farm about 450 of feed for their cattle. Because of their love of animals and the dairy industry, the Van De Walle Family maintains exceptional cow comfort and health to produce high quality milk. The Van De Walle Family takes great pride in their work and plans on teaching future generations about the industry.

Marinette County Dairy Promotions organizes Breakfast on the Farm by recruiting host farms, sponsors and volunteers to support this popular event. In addition, the organization has a mission to promote agriculture and dairy products at various community events throughout the year across Marinette County.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of Breakfast on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Van De Walle Family, Marinette County Dairy Promotions, and all the sponsors

and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

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

SPEECH OF

**HON. KENDRA S. HORN**

OF OKLAHOMA

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:

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Chair, I rise to speak on the Amendment offered by Mr. BABIN.

I thank the gentleman for his interest in commercial space and for the opportunity to work with him on the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, which I chair and on which he serves as Ranking Member.

The gentleman's amendment concerns the organization of space activities within the Department of Commerce and its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

My concern with this amendment is that it should be considered in the authorizing committee of jurisdiction through its work on commercial space.

Reorganizing space activities in the Federal government shouldn't be something slipped into an appropriations bill. Those decisions should be evaluated and considered by the Committee of jurisdiction—the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

There are multiple stakeholders involved in commercial space activities, including Federal government agencies, commercial providers, users of commercial space activities, and partnerships among the various stakeholders.

Their views on the current state of commercial space activities and regulations should inform policy going forward as should the perspectives of the Federal government agencies involved working on commercial space-related activities.

How Federal agencies are organized to carry out their roles and responsibilities related to commercial space is the work of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee and I plan to engage the Subcommittee on these and other important commercial space matters.

The Members of the Subcommittee and the full Science Committee expect to be involved in matters regarding the future of space activities within the Federal government. Changing important policy affecting many stakeholders in a multi-agency spending bill may have unintended consequences. Such changes should be addressed through the committee of jurisdiction where they can be debated and reviewed in the light of day. I hope that this provision will be removed from the appropriations bill before it goes to the President.

COMMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

**HON. BRIAN J. MAST**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Palm Beach County schools for promoting music educational excellence in Florida. Palm Beach County received a 2019 Best Communities for Music Education Award from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).

This award celebrates school districts for their commitment to music education and efforts to promote music for all students as part of a well-rounded education.

In achieving this national award, Palm Beach County teachers and faculty have demonstrated an exceptionally high commitment to enriching students' lives through music.

Madam Speaker, I hope these music programs will continue to expand and give even more students the opportunity to thrive in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF COMMANDER ZEITA MERCHANT

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the achievements of Commander Zeita Merchant, a proud native of Chicago, Illinois; Commander Merchant has served this great nation as an officer of the United States Coast Guard for over 22 years;

Commander Merchant served as the Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Chicago, where she was responsible for executing the Coast Guard's Port Safety and Security, Marine Environmental Protection, and Commercial Vessel Safety missions under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security on the Southern Lake Michigan shorelines of Illinois and Indiana, as well as the Chicago Area Waterway System and the Illinois River System; and;

Commander Merchant made history, in position, as the unit's first female Commanding Officer of her unit and the first African American female to command a Marine Safety Unit in Coast Guard history;

Commander Merchant's visionary leadership and operational expertise ensured the safety and security of the Nation's third largest metropolitan area through maximizing federal, state and local partnerships with her galvanizing initiatives and influence, and overseeing prevention and marine environmental responses, which sustained commerce in the busiest port complex in the Great Lakes Region.

In addition, Commander Merchant showed notable commitment to making an impact in the Austin Community in which she was raised as a board member for BUILD (Broader Urban Involvement & Leadership Development) Chicago, while also serving as a member of the

Executive Committee for the Chicago Federal Executive Board, and Community Partner with Chicago State University.

Finally, Commander Merchant served as an instrumental champion for the Midwest Boys and Girls Club, Chicago and Northern Illinois American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program, and many other non-profit organizations where the lives of more than 4000 youth, veterans, and community volunteers were positively impacted.

Commander Merchant and her life experiences are a testament to what young African American women from Chicago can achieve. The Chicagoland community has been truly blessed to have such a brilliant mind and committed public servant and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING SUSAN LLOYD YOLEN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, and colleagues in extending my heartfelt congratulations, deepest thanks, and sincere appreciation to Susan Lloyd Yolen as she marks her retirement after thirty-two years of dedicated service to Planned Parenthood of Southern New England.

Susan has dedicated her professional life to ensuring that those served by PPSNE have had access to the health care and services that they need. As Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy, Susan has also been a strong voice on both the local and national stages for Planned Parenthood and the families they serve.

Throughout her thirty-two-year career, she spent countless hours leading the organization's efforts to fight for quality, affordable healthcare, as well as reducing teen birth rates and reducing racial and ethnic health disparities by removing barriers to services and information. Susan's steadfast commitment has earned her the respect and admiration not only of her colleagues at PPSNE, but that of the legislators and community activists who had the opportunity to work with her.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to extend a special note of thanks to Susan for her friendship and support over the years. She has been an invaluable resource to both myself and my staff. Susan has only ever been a phone call away and I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to call her my friend. I am confident that I speak for everyone who has had the opportunity to work with Susan over the years when I say her passion, compassion, tenacity, and commitment will be deeply missed.

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England stands as a model for affiliates across the country and that is in large part because of Susan Yolen. Advocate, mentor, and friend, she has left an indelible mark on this outstanding organization and a legacy that will continue to inspire others to ensure that everyone has access to the affordable, quality re-

productive health care they need and deserve. I am honored to stand today to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Susan, for her outstanding leadership and good work, as well as my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

COMMENDING THE AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to commend the Auburn High School softball team, which captured the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 1 state title on June 14, 2019. The Eagles put on a dominant performance, handily defeating a quality team from Rappahannock County High School by a score of 18 to 1.

This victory carries particular meaning, as it is Auburn High School's first Class 1 VHSL girls softball state championship in its history. Their championship caps a 25-3 season. I applaud the hard work and dedication of all members of this year's Auburn High School girls softball team, and congratulate the administrators, teachers, coaches, parents, students, and fans. In particular, I would like to recognize the contributions of the team's seniors, and their head coach David Hurd. Congratulations on a great end to the season. It is another trophy in Auburn's impressive collection of championships this year. In fact, it came on the same day the Auburn baseball team won their title. It is truly remarkable when a high school wins two state championships not only in the same year, but on the same day.

CONGRATULATING THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (JROTC) ACADEMIC TEAM OF WHITE STATION HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) academic team from White Station High School in Memphis for winning the JROTC Academic National Championship on Sunday. The team, one of 32 invited to compete for the national championship at Catholic University of America in Washington, consists of rising senior Catherine Hu and rising juniors Johnnie Walton, Michael Golden and Diran Tan. Their teacher-coach is Sergeant Major Karen Boldin.

The academic championship process began with a written test in October with questions from math, science, history and other academic areas. Previous levels of competition narrowed the field to 1,200 teams, then just 32 who began their rounds on Friday. Michael Golden had the final winning answer to a question about a monument in a British city and deserves a special shout-out.