

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF GREENVILLE, MO

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Greenville, Missouri as it celebrates its 200th anniversary. Greenville's history can be traced as far back as 1541 when the De Soto Expedition explored the upper reaches of the St. Francis River. In 1819, the city was laid out by David Logan and Elijah Bettis, Jr. in a cornfield in the area known as Bettis Ford. Greenville is the seat of Wayne County and was named for the Ohio town where General Anthony Wayne signed a treaty with Native Americans.

In the Civil War, the town was the scene of the "Surprise on Greenville" when Confederate soldiers captured the Union encampment and took away horses, guns and supplies in 1862. In the decades since, Greenville has grown as churches, schools and businesses were established and some of them are still in operation today.

Floods and fires have forced the city to band together to rebuild and it is that community spirit that keeps Greenville thriving today.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate Greenville, Missouri as it begins its second century today before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
WRIGHTSTOWN COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DIVISION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wrightstown Community School District for receiving recognition as a Patriotic Employer by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Patriot Employer Award reflects the efforts made to support deployed employees through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, family care, and granting leaves of absence.

Wrightstown Superintendent of Schools, Carla Buboltz, was recognized for supporting newly-employed teacher, Logan Gruszynski, during his deployment to the Middle East with the National Guard. Community members in Northeast Wisconsin have an incredible tradition of looking out for one another, and our community is fortunate to have employers such as Ms. Buboltz who recognize the sacrifices of service. I am confident that the Wrightstown Community School District will continue to thrive under her leadership.

I would also like to thank Logan Gruszynski for his service with the National Guard. His service took him away from his work and family, he honorably represented his community and the State of Wisconsin. As a dedicated service member and teacher, Mr. Gruszynski is a positive role model to us all.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of the Wrightstown Community School District

and thanking Mr. Gruszynski for his service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH
WITHERS RECEIVING THE NA-
TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRI-
CULTURAL EDUCATORS TEACH-
ERS TURN KEY AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elizabeth Withers on receiving the Teachers Turn Key Award from the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

Agricultural education plays a vital role in shaping the future of the farming industry and ensuring that the legacy of Wyoming farmers and ranchers continues through the generations. Elizabeth, serving as agricultural educator at Green River High School, has mentored and guided members of the Future Farmers of America chapter there. This award recognizes her hard work to foster leadership skills among her students, and to provide them with practical experience through hands on projects.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Elizabeth Withers on this national recognition, and thank her for all that she does to inspire the next generation of farmers.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
NICHOLAS HALUPKA ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT FROM THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Halupka for his outstanding contributions as a United States Air Force officer for his more than 22 years of service. In May 1997, he received his Bachelor of Science from Auburn University in Auburn, AL where the Auburn University "Flying Tigers" Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps commissioned him into the U.S. Air Force as a nuclear and missile operations officer. He then joined the 10th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base leading some of America's most important strategic nuclear deterrence forces as a missile combat crew commander. After advanced training in space operations, he transitioned to a space operations officer and was assigned as a defensive counterspace flight commander at NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, in Cheyenne Mountain where he was in charge of protecting America by providing early missile warning and space object detection.

Branching out, he was selected to deploy to Afghanistan to set up a new training command for the Afghan National Army. His efforts yielded clear results with the Afghan Army meeting their training requirements to fight the Taliban. Returning to America, he took on the role of director of operations for missile warning at

Beale Air Force Base, boosting U.S. and Allied awareness of space by tracking nearly two million space objects. He then took his accumulated knowledge to work as a space and counter-space senior advisor and analyst embedded with the State Department, where his advice and analysis informed some of our nation's most important strategic foreign policy decisions.

In his relentless pursuit of excellence, Lieutenant Colonel Halupka dedicated his free time to pursue additional educational opportunities, earning a Master of Science in Business Management in 2006, and a Master of Arts in International and Security Studies in 2012 from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Lieutenant Colonel Halupka concluded his career serving as a congressional liaison at the Defense Intelligence Agency. It was during this last assignment that I had the opportunity to get to know Nick. His tireless efforts ensured members of the House Armed Services Committee received timely and critical intelligence that was crucial to informing lawmakers during both moments of crisis and everyday legislative operations. These efforts supported the creation of many bills and enabled the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act. I am personally thankful for the time he has devoted to this task and the vigor and professionalism with which he executed it.

I thank Lieutenant Colonel Halupka for his dedication in service to the security of our nation. While many pursue careers in military, Lieutenant Colonel Halupka viewed the military not as a job, but a calling to service. He is in the less than one percent who serve in the nation's military, and an even smaller percent who give their full service until retirement. The United States owe him a great debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, I honor Nicholas A. Halupka for his lifetime of public service. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him a happy retirement as we celebrate his legacy of selfless service to the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, on the evening of July 9, 2019 I was on the House Floor participating in the evening vote series. I cast a YEA vote on Roll Call No. 433 but unfortunately, my voting card did not register the vote.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER
OF GEORGE "TONY" MORRISON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement and service of George Morrison, a treasured principal who has impacted the lives of innumerable students at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.