

The Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District has worked closely with grant programs to raise money for its efforts. The citizens of Stearns County have better access to the services they need because the district has put conservation and health first.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District for this outstanding recognition. We are grateful for its work to help our district and the great State of Minnesota.

RECOGNIZING DAN STOLTZ

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Stoltz for receiving the HERBIE Award.

This award from the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes individuals that exemplify the traits inspired by its namesake, Herb Brooks: humanitarian, enterprising, resilient, bold, inspirational, and ethical.

Herb Brooks remains a Minnesota legend. As coach of the United States Olympic men's hockey team in 1980, he led them to their gold medal victory with his focus, determination, strong work ethic, and inspirational leadership.

As CEO of Spire Federal Credit Union and in his everyday life, I can attest that Dan Stoltz channels the energy of our Minnesota legend, Herb Brooks.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dan for this well-deserved award. Our community appreciates the generosity he provides every day.

CONGRATULATING THE SCHLICHTINGS, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Schlichting family for being named the University of Minnesota 2019 Farm Family of the Year.

The Schlichting farm is a third-generation farm owned and operated by the Rick Schlichting family. His grandparents homesteaded in Rice, Minnesota, in the 1920s.

Since then, Rick has taken pride in the land his family has worked and cared for by restoring some of the land to what it was like when his grandparents first settled the property. In fact, close to 70 acres have been reverted to original prairie.

The Schlichtings are dedicated to stewardship. In 2016, they were honored with the Outstanding Conservationist Award by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

I am honored to represent farm families like the Schlichtings. They have dedicated themselves to preserving the land while doing their part to feed the world.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rick and his family for being named Farm Family of the Year.

REMEMBERING GABRIELE GRUNEWALD

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the incredible life of Gabriele Grunewald, who passed away far too early.

Taken by a disease that has impacted the lives of nearly everyone we know,

Gabriele was known by the world as an Olympic runner, star track athlete for the University of Minnesota, and someone who fought cancer every step of the way.

She used her story and her struggle to share a message of hope. She did this by starting the Brave Like Gabe Foundation, which supports research on rare cancers.

A cure is vital, but private and public dollars are necessary to fund this work, which is why we have and should continue to fund the National Institutes of Health.

We did not have a cure in time for Gabriele or for all the other loved ones we have already lost, but if we continue to support medical research and innovation, a cure will be found, and we can save future generations from this awful disease.

THANKING BRENT HALES FOR HIS SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Brent D. Hales for the service and leadership he provided to the University of Minnesota's Extension program. I am also grateful for his participation on my Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Brent's service to agriculture in Minnesota has been amazing. His work to foster community development and innovation in agricultural production has served our State well.

We have been lucky to benefit from his expertise and commitment. While we will miss him, I want to congratulate Brent for his new role as Penn State's director of extension. As he transitions out of this service to the University of Minnesota on July 31, we wish him the best.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Brent, and congratulate him on his new opportunity.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that it was 50 years ago this week that three brave Americans stepped foot on the Moon. When we look at our children's toys today, it is amazing that they contain more data processing power than the systems which actually operated the Apollo vehicles 50 years ago.

These three American astronauts—Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins—could not really know whether they would return. They were willing to serve their country and proud for America to be leading the world in space.

But even if our space program got a strong jump-start, even because of the Cold War, this mission was also about the human spirit and the need to explore. The whole world was eager to hear news of the mission. No matter what may happen in the future, this

would be the first time human beings would step foot on a world other than our own home. Neil Armstrong's description of that mission was a leap, and it is as fitting today as it is instructional now.

I am excited, as many of my colleagues and many Americans are, about the President's call to accelerate our plans to land again on the Moon by 2024. I am very proud of the role that my home State of Alabama has played in the development of the most powerful rockets, the Saturn family. You can still see today, if you go down to Huntsville, Alabama, a real Saturn V rocket suspended horizontally at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville.

Likewise, I am proud of the Marshall Space Flight Center, including the Michoud Assembly Facility, as the designer and the builder of the Space Launch System. This will be the most powerful rocket in the world and is approximately 90 percent finished. The American taxpayers own it, and they will benefit from it as a national asset. It is the successful combined work of product companies and suppliers from virtually every State in the Nation.

The Saturn V rocket was able to execute the Apollo mission in one launch because of the rocket's third stage propelled lander and the reentry vehicle to the Moon's orbit.

Similarly, the SLS exploration upper stage, referred to as the EUS, will enable a payload delivery to the Moon's orbit, including the Orion capsule, of 45 metric tons, three to four times greater than any other launch vehicle currently in use or close to completion. It can have that EUS capability ready by 2024, but we can only have that ready if we move ahead this year with that goal.

Systems like the SLS and Orion inspire innovation, and maybe one day other rockets and capsules will surpass them. But to reach our goal by 2024, we need to stay focused and complete these nearly mature systems.

Some have said in recent years about our going to the Moon: We have been there. We have done that. With all due respect, I would disagree. But this new mission to the Moon, I would say: Go there, but don't stop there.

Sustainability offers many future benefits, but let's not get distracted for this first human return to the Moon. Let's reach the peak. Let's make that landing.

And as we ponder the future of the Moon, let's look up again and set a date, a real mission date, for setting foot on Mars.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of spaceflight *Apollo 11* that