

learning practices. Of these practices, “Balanced Literacy” has been utilized since 2012 and combines reading, writing, listening, and speaking strategies. Complementing this approach are programs such as STEM & Robotics Lab dedicated to the mastery of 21st century applications. The foundation of Acacia’s academic principles lies in presenting real world problems and project-based learning opportunities to students. For students still establishing their first academic identities, it is vital that the materials they are presented with accurately reflect the intricacies of their own environment. Combining this hands-on pathway with personalized strategies has lent a tremendous hand in instilling confidence, agency, and understanding within Acacia’s student body.

Robert C. Fisler Elementary School, also of Orange County’s Fullerton School District, owes its distinction to an academic framework that is supported by a vision of student empowerment. As the school with the largest population of Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students in the district, Fisler School has maintained an excellent reputation in establishing a wide array of unique educational opportunities. Students at Fisler are encouraged to take risks and experiment in order to develop both academically and emotionally. By reflecting on failures and regulating thought processes, these young individuals learn flexibility, persistence, and empathy. Fisler School favors a comprehensive instructional model that includes programs for computer science, video production, performing arts, and more. Through these programs, students are encouraged to engage in and explore high school, post-secondary, and future career options for a well-rounded, personalized academic experience.

While learning is a continuous process in our children’s daily lives, it is during school that they find tools and resources necessary to root knowledge for future use. Therefore, it is imperative that the school environment is conducive to growth and development. Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School have established holistic academic philosophies that cater to this belief. They know that it is not just academic rigor or prestige, but rather a safe, collaborative environment that cultivates curiosity and determination crucial for student success. I am proud to know that my district is home to places of instruction that embody such an idea and I am more than honored to be representing them.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the teachers, parents, staff, volunteers, and—most importantly—the students of Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School. They are well-deserving of this recognition and I am eager to welcome the next generation of leaders that will emerge from these two schools.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GROUND-
BREAKING OF KLA’S ANN ARBOR
CAMPUS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize KLA Corporation and cele-

brate the groundbreaking of its new campus in Ann Arbor.

KLA Corporation (KLA) is a leader in process control and yield management systems for the semiconductor industry and other related nanoelectronics industries. KLA develops equipment and services that facilitate innovation and tackle the world’s toughest technical challenges. With 18 global locations and over 10,000 employees worldwide, KLA’s vision hinges on collaboration, as working side by side diversifies perspectives and leads to maximized discovery and solutions. In addition, KLA invests significantly in research and development, continually striving to find new ways to drive progress and transform the industry.

The opening of KLA’s second headquarters in Ann Arbor exemplifies the corporation’s continued commitment to innovation, research, and technological advancement. The new R&D center will be home to 600 engineers, scientists, and professionals from our community and will spur future partnerships with institutions throughout Southeast Michigan, especially within our automotive industry. Furthermore, KLA’s new campus will strengthen the corporation’s relationship with the University of Michigan and enhance opportunities for technical collaborations with students in the College of Engineering. As a leader in the sciences, I am excited to welcome KLA into our driven Ann Arbor community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the opening of KLA’s new headquarters in Ann Arbor. I look forward to its positive impact on our Southeast Michigan community and wish the corporation continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING CONSOLIDATED TRIBAL
HEALTH, INC.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Consolidated Tribal Health Project, Inc. on the 35th anniversary of their founding. Formed in 1984 through a Title V compact with the Indian Health Service, Consolidated Tribal Health has served the health needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native populations in Mendocino County for three and a half decades.

Consolidated Tribal Health purchased its current location in 1998 in Redwood Valley after many years renting office space in nearby Ukiah, and then constructed an additional clinic building and Wellness Center in order to better serve its expanded population. Today, the clinic serves over 3,000 patients, a majority of whom are American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Consolidated Tribal Health Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit ambulatory community health clinic governed by a consortium of eight federally recognized tribes, including the Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California, Guidville Rancheria of California, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Potter Valley Tribe, Redwood Valley or Little River Band of Pomo Indians of the Redwood Valley Rancheria California, and Sher-

wood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California. The organization is committed to providing excellent medical, dental, and behavioral health care to the people it serves, and counts among its many accolades the 2018 National Dental GPRA Award for Best Overall Performance.

Madam Speaker, Consolidated Tribal Health Project has for the past 35 years been a tireless advocate for tribal healthcare in Mendocino County, meeting the needs of indigenous Americans by honoring traditional Native American values and maintaining the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social wellbeing of the community it serves. Therefore, please join me in recognizing this vital organization and wishing them success for many more years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. HECTOR NAVA
FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF SOLDIERS
ON THE BATTLEFIELD
AND THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH
CANCER IN OUR COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible career and military service of Dr. Hector Nava. His story is like that of the millions of immigrants who came to America with a desire to seek a better future for themselves, and in doing so, making our nation a better place.

Upon earning his medical degree in 1967 in Mexico, Dr. Nava immigrated to the United States for training. Dr. Nava took an atypical route into the field of healthcare when he volunteered his medical expertise to the United States Army. He spent a year as a General Medical Officer in El Paso, Texas and from there he dedicated another year of his career as a Captain Battalion Surgeon in the 23rd Medical Battalion in Vietnam. For this commendable work saving the lives of American soldiers in combat, Dr. Nava earned the Bronze Star.

After leaving Vietnam, Dr. Nava continued to save the lives of others. He ventured to Western New York and spent four more years as a General Medical Officer at General Hospital in Niagara Falls while simultaneously pursuing his residency at Buffalo General Hospital. Once his residency was completed, he was employed by Roswell Park Cancer Institute as a Cancer Research Surgeon and Endoscopist, where he would spend the rest of his career.

While working at Roswell Park, Dr. Nava secured seven federal research grants, and conducted lectures around the world, from Egypt to Batavia. In academia, it is argued that the quality one’s of research is reflected in how frequently it has been published and used by other researchers. Dr. Nava’s research has been published in over one-hundred journals, has been used in seven different books, and has been referenced hundreds of times by other researchers in the field.

Throughout his career he has received many awards including the Research Surgeon Award, the Hispanic American Hall of Fame—Field of Medicine, ranked in the top 100 of WNY’s top doctors by Buffalo Spree Magazine, a Surgical Oncology Fellows Apple

Teaching Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Nava also invented a treatment for Barrett's Esophagus, a condition that can lead to cancer of the esophagus.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Dr. Hector Nava. From teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at local universities on surgical oncology and gastroenterology, to working and partnering with other WNY hospitals, and participating in local service events like the Mexican Musical Performance, Dr. Nava has made his mark on our community.

CELEBRATING POLK COUNTY'S
175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of Polk County, Arkansas. This county, set right on the border of Arkansas and Oklahoma, is named after former President James Polk and is currently home to more than 20,000 people.

Almost half of Polk County lies in the Ouachita National Forest, and as a forester by trade, I've seen how important this forest is to our state's ecosystem and wildlife habitats. I'm grateful to the land managers that live in Polk County and steward our resources well.

In addition to the beautiful landscapes and fertile valleys, Polk County is home to many incredible people that I am privileged to know. I'm honored to recognize Polk County and its history today, and I hope this legacy is passed down for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING BANNER ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING
THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOLS AWARD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Banner Elementary School, in Dunlap, Illinois, as a recipient of the 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. This recognition is a testament to the hard work both the faculty and students have put into making their school one of the safest and healthiest learning environments in the country.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was started by the United States Department of Education to serve as a way to highlight schools across the country that meet a high standard for educational excellence. The Department of Education chooses the winning schools each year based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

At Banner Elementary School, the level of hard work and dedication the staff, administration, and students all exhibit is unparalleled. Again, Congratulations to Banner Elementary School on receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. I am proud to represent this shining example of educational excellence.

MARY (MO) LUKENS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize and honor Mary (Mo) Lukens, a great Coloradan and wife, mother and grandmother.

Mo was a lifelong resident of Colorado and a proud resident of Golden. For over 20 years she dedicated her time to the Golden community serving many different organizations including the Golden Rotary Club, Applewood, Denver, Golden and West Jefferson County Chambers of Commerce and others. Additionally, she ran a successful business, Mo's Family Portraits, which helped capture many wonderful memories for families in Jefferson County and across Colorado.

Mo was also very involved with the Cancer Action Network and served as the 7th Congressional District Ambassador. She was a tireless advocate for cancer research and funding. For the last decade, she chaired and co-chaired the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society to honor those battling cancer, including her own struggle as well as that of her mother and grandmother.

I was privileged to know Mo for many years, and her vibrance and good work in our community will never be forgotten. Her passion for her community, her good nature and sense of humor was a true delight. On behalf of the people of Jefferson County and Colorado, I honor Mary (Mo) Lukens for a life well-lived and extend my deepest appreciation for her contribution to our community.

RECOGNIZING JOHN J. DAY, JR.
AND HIS NOMINATION FOR THE
FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of John J. Day, Jr., in honor of his nomination and confirmation of France's highest distinction of military and civil merits, the French Legion of Honor.

In October of 1942, during the height of World War II, John answered his nation's call and joined the United States Army as a member of the 90th Infantry Division, a regiment that later earned the title of "Tough Hombres." Deployed to Europe two years later, the Tough Hombres arrived on English soil on Easter Sunday, 1944. Soon after their arrival, John, along with his regiment, boarded a ship for Normandy. At the young age of 21, John courageously defended his country two days after D-Day in the Battle of the Seves River. Taken off the front line on July 22, 1944, John completed his assignment at a Postal Unit in Avon, France. John was finally discharged from the Army in November 1945, six months after World War II ended.

John returned to civilian life and to his work with the Pennsylvania Central Railroad system in New York. Following his retirement, John and his late wife, Mary Ann, enjoyed traveling

across the country, visiting children and grandchildren. John currently resides in Galena, Ohio, where he is an active member of the Westerville Chapter of the VFW.

A decorated veteran, John has been awarded numerous awards such as the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge, just to name a few. The French Legion of Honor adds to the extensive list of awards and recognitions John received throughout his distinguished career, though it does not scratch the surface of the number of reasons we owe a debt of gratitude to John for his service to our country.

Consul General of France will officially present John with his medal on October 8 in Westerville, Ohio. I am confident that John's impact will be an enduring one, and that this ceremony will be cherished by his family and friends. I thank John for his service, and I am proud to join in recognizing John J. Day, Jr., as he receives this distinguished and well-deserved honor.

DICK SCHWEERS

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard "Dick" Schweers of Estero. Dick is a staple of the Estero Community and has served on the Board of Commissioners of the Estero Fire Rescue Department since 1997 and is the current Chairman. In 1997, the Board of Commissioners was facing many challenges. It was down to only two members and needed a third member to form a quorum to conduct business. In addition, Estero Fire Rescue was deeply in debt and struggling to remain solvent. While it took some convincing at the time by then Governor Lawton Chiles, Dick eventually agreed to be appointed as a fire commissioner to restructure the department. With Dick's hard work, leadership, and guidance, Estero Fire Rescue was completely turned around.

Today, Estero Fire Rescue has four buildings, state of the art equipment, and a large crew of firefighters and paramedics. It is now one of the premier fire districts in our area. After 22 years with the Estero Fire Rescue Department, volunteering to help raise thousands of dollars for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, serving on the Estero Council of Community Leaders and the Estero Historical Society, and being an active member in the Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida, Dick is retiring.

I thank Dick for his decades of service to our community and our citizens, and hope he enjoys a well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HENRY S.
BARBOSA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Henry S. Barbosa for his outstanding