

with the United States Forest Service. In 1973, Bob accepted a position with the Rolla District Rangers, relocating to Missouri. After twenty-eight years of employment with the USFS, Bob retired from federal service and turned his focus to representing his community at the state level.

Bob was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, serving from 2001 to 2008. It was during this time that our paths first crossed. He gave me my first job in government as a legislative intern in Jefferson City where I saw firsthand how he always placed people over politics.

Bob has been married to his loving wife Carlene for over 64 years. He and Carlene have been active members of the First Presbyterian Church since they moved to Rolla and he now serves as an Elder and is involved in the church in countless ways. Bob is the former President of the United Way and is also a founding member of the Community Partnership and the Rolla Public Schools Partnership in Education Committee. In addition, Bob is active in the Rolla Optimist Club, American Legion Post 270, Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 281, the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League, and Prevention Consultants of Missouri. Following the passing of their 24-year-old son, Pat, after a battle with cancer, Bob and Carlene became active with Compassionate Friends, a support group for bereaved families of deceased children.

Bob has had a profound impact on my life and I will always have the utmost respect for his political understanding, polite courage, and unwavering dedication to service. It is truly an honor to know this amazing person and call him a friend. I am privileged today to recognize Bob May before the United States House of Representatives.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes last week (10/28 through 10/31) due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 585; YEA on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; YEA on Roll Call No. 591; YEA on Roll Call No. 592; YEA on Roll Call No. 593; YEA on Roll Call No. 594; YEA on Roll Call No. 595; YEA on Roll Call No. 596; NAY on Roll Call No. 597; YEA on Roll Call No. 598; YEA on Roll Call No. 599; YEA on Roll Call No. 600; YEA on Roll Call No. 601; NAY on Roll Call No. 602; NAY on Roll Call No. 603; NAY on Roll Call No. 604; YEA on Roll Call No. 605; YEA on Roll Call No. 606; YEA on Roll Call No. 607; YEA on Roll Call No. 608; and NAY on Roll Call No. 609.

IN HONOR OF TROY REICHERT RECEIVING THE 2019 MEDAL OF HONOR EXCELLENCE IN CHARACTER EDUCATION AWARD

### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Troy Reichert, of Guernsey, WY on receiving the Medal of Honor Excellence in Character Education Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

Troy is an industrial technology teacher at Guernsey-Sunrise High School and is known for his commitment to his students and passion for teaching. This year Troy has been awarded several grants from national organizations and has earned a reputation as a leader among his peers, and beloved teacher by his students.

The Medal of Honor Excellence in Character Education award is given to a teacher who has taught students about the Congressional Medal of Honor and the character and leadership of the those who have earned it. The fact that this award was presented by Staff Sergeant Sal Giunta, a Medal of Honor recipient, is a testament to the honor that comes with this prestigious award.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Troy Reichert on this incredible honor, and for his continued leadership in his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 TABLE ROCK LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS

### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Terry Plumb, Ken Bowling, Tanco II Lumber Company, and the Reeds Spring unit of Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks for their dedication and selfless contributions to the Table Rock Lake community. On November 15, 2019, Lake Splash will recognize these four individuals and organizations by presenting them with awards for their service, and I join Lake Splash in applauding these recipients.

Mr. Terry Plumb is a volunteer battalion chief with the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District and is this year's recipient of the Guardian Award for the bravery he exhibited in the line of duty. The Guardian Award is presented to a first responder in recognition of their fearless or selfless service to the community. Mr. Plumb didn't hesitate to risk his own life to assist a motorist whose car had caught fire; his actions and rapid response prevented casualties or injuries during the incident. I applaud him for his selfless actions and receiving this well-deserved recognition.

Tanco II Lumber Company is this year's Business of the Year for exemplary and high-quality customer service while maintaining a strong commitment to the community. This year, Tanco II recently completed a new local facility, expanded their product offerings, and created several new jobs, making them an at-

tractive candidate for this award. They have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to investing in their local community, and I congratulate them on receiving this award.

Mr. Ken Bowling, owner of Ken Bowling Construction, will receive this year's Trailblazer Award for his contributions to the community during his tenure as a Stone County Commissioner, and for his work as a member of the Kimberling City Board of Alderman and former Chairman of the Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bowling has always tirelessly served his community so it is only fitting that he receives an award that recognizes leaders that forge a path for others in their community.

The final award is presented to the Reeds Spring unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks for providing vital after-school care and education programs for children within this community. The Community Service Award is presented to an individual or organization who, through their service or commitment, has improved the quality of life, economy, educational opportunities, beauty, serenity, or safety in their community. The Boys and Girls Club of America offers invaluable resources to families across the nation, and I applaud this local branch's work in the Table Rock Lake area.

All of the recipients of the 2019 Lake Splash Awards have made a significant impact on their community and deserve this recognition. I am honored to recognize their achievements, and I thank each recipient for their contributions to Missouri's 7th District.

HONORING GEORGE MERGENTHALER

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, as we approach the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, I would like to take a moment to honor a true American hero, George Mergenthaler.

George was born on August 5th, 1920 and was the only child of Alice and Hermann Mergenthaler of Rye, NY. He grew up in Rye and was later accepted into Princeton University in September of 1939.

A gifted athlete, dedicated student, handsome and charismatic, "Merg" as he was known, was well liked by all who knew him. With studies that focused on History and English, George's time at Princeton was everything he could have hoped for.

All that changed on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Like many of his generation, George enlisted soon after the attack, but his enlistment was deferred until he graduated in January 1943 in an accelerated program. Just days later he was sent to Camp Hood in Texas for basic training. Discovering his fluency with German and French, the army assigned George to the 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

Following overseas training in Wales, George and the rest of the Recon Troop entered the European Theater of Operation in mid-July 1944 with the 28th Infantry Division and would fight their way through France, into Belgium and on to Luxembourg. In mid-November the Troop arrived in Eschweiler, Luxembourg, their home for the next month.