

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.

Because of his ease with language, George more than any of the other soldiers, endeared himself to the people of the small farming town. Together they shared meals, church services, hopes and dreams. Then on December 16th, 1944, the Germans launched a surprise attack in the Ardennes Forest. The Battle of the Bulge was underway. By mid-afternoon on December 18th, the German attack had pushed deep into Luxembourg, and Eschweiler was nearly surrounded. The Recon Troop held the town as long as possible before pulling out. Just a mile outside of town, their convoy drove into a German ambush. Pinned down on the narrow, treelined road, death or capture were their only options. Realizing their desperate situation, George sprang to action. Showing no regard for his personal safety, George jumped into the back of a jeep, manned a 50-caliber machine gun and provided enough covering fire for the rest of the Recon Troop soldiers to make their escape. Seconds later the machine gun jammed. As George tried to clear the breach, German bullets cut him down. George's selfless and heroic actions that day allowed the rest of the Recon Troop to survive not only that ambush but the war. Madam Speaker, George Mergenthaler made the ultimate sacrifice that day so that others could live in peace. I would like to thank this body for posthumously recognizing George Mergenthaler, a true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
MARY MARGARET "MOO" AN-
DERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman and legendary supporter of art and artists, Mary Margaret Anderson, affectionately known to all as "Moo".

Moo was born in Boston in 1926 and died on October 22, 2019, at the age of 92. She was a graduate of D'Youville College and met her husband Harry, known as Hunk, in 1948. While in college, Hunk started a food service business, Saga Corporation. After Moo and Hunk married in 1950, they moved to Ohio and then to California to expand the business.

A trip to Europe and a visit to the Louvre in the 1960's ignited Moo and Hunk's love for contemporary art. They began collecting art which reflected their beliefs in the importance of 'head and hands', or ingenuity as well as masterful craftsmanship. They wanted to see the creativity of the artist but also wanted to know that real work went into the art. Much of the family's art collection was hung in their one-story Silicon Valley home and in the Saga headquarters in Menlo Park. The collection contained important Abstract Expressionists, Color Field Painting, Post-Minimalism, California Funk Art, Bay Area Figurative Art, and Contemporary abstract painting. Many of the most significant works are now housed in the Anderson Collection at Stanford University, a collection of 121 works by 86 artists which the Andersons donated in 2014. Two important works by Jackson Pollock and Willem De Koonig were donated shortly before Moo's

death, adding to paintings by Helen Frankenthaler, Agnes Martin, Joan Mitchell, Robert Motherwell, Frank Stella, Wayne Thiebaud and many other important American artists.

In addition to the eponymous museum at Stanford, the Andersons donated works to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, among others.

Moo loved her husband, daughter, granddaughter, philanthropy, and golf. She gave generously of her time and considerable talents in service to Sacred Heart Schools, St. Francis Center, and Stanford Hospital, and she taught children through Art in Action in Menlo Park.

On hearing of Moo's death, Stanford University President Marc Tessier-Levigne, said "Moo Anderson will forever be remembered for her love of art, but also for her love of sharing art. She opened her home so that students could have that same experience of looking and learning about art. We are so deeply grateful that Moo and Hunk trusted Stanford to be stewards of their remarkable collection and enable people of all ages to experience it on a daily basis."

Moo was predeceased by her husband Hunk, and leaves her daughter Mary Patricia "Putter" Anderson Pence and her beloved granddaughter, Devin Pence. She will be deeply missed by them and by all who had the good fortune to know her. Her legacy will live on through the magnificent art she and Hunk have so generously shared with Stanford and all of us.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman and expressing our condolences to her daughter, granddaughter and the thousands who loved her and mourn her passing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 30, 2019 during roll call no. 593, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 594, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 595, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Arrington of Texas Part E Amendment No. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 596, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 597, On Passage, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 598, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 1.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 599, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 600, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 601, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 602, On Passage, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed servicemen and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember that the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War: Valley Forge; York Town.

Civil War: The Battle of Antietam; The Battle of Gettysburg.

World War I: The Battle of Argonne; Flanders Field; Verdun.

World War II: Pearl Harbor; Battle of Bataan; The Battle of Midway; D-Day; Battle of the Bulge; Battle of Anzio; Battle of Corregidor.

Korean War: Inchon; Heart Break Ridge; Pork Chop Hill.

Vietnam: Tet Offensive; Battle of Hue.

Desert Storm: September 11, 2001; Pentagon Attack (125 killed).

Operation Enduring Freedom: Battle of Kandahar.

Operation Iraqi Freedom: Second Battle of Fallujah.

The memory of the fallen are never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who