

HONORING KACYN WAYNE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kacyn Wayne. Kacyn is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kacyn has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kacyn has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kacyn has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kacyn Wayne for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS SINCLAIR AS THE ARKANSAS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

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Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Sinclair of Garland County for his recent victory at the Arkansas State Spelling Bee. He will be moving on to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May 2020.

Thomas is ten years old and is a fifth grader at Jessieville Elementary School. After placing 11th in last year's state bee, he finished last week as the state's top speller among 50 students in third through eighth grades from around the State of Arkansas.

Seeing the story of Thomas' perseverance from last year and during this year's competition, I am reminded of the resilience of much of the Fourth District of Arkansas. His is an outstanding example of everything that academic excellence and hard work can accomplish.

I know that he will represent the Fourth District and the State of Arkansas well on the national stage. I wish him well in his future studies and in his efforts at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

HONORING JEREMIAH KAHMOSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeremiah Kahmoson for years of exceptional public service to the young people of Lake County, California and to honor him as the Lake County Teacher of the Year.

Jeremiah Kahmoson was born and raised in Sonoma County and believes in giving back to

the next generation of students. Mr. Kahmoson is a teacher at the North Bay Met Academy and serves as the Executive Director of the B-Rad Foundation, which works to empower individuals through environmental stewardship, health, and adventure programs. In August of 2014, he lost his best friend Bradley "B-Rad" Parker in a tragic climbing accident in Yosemite National Park. The B-Rad Foundation was founded in Brad's memory and based upon the three pillars of his life: Health, Stewardship, and Adventure. Today, the B-Rad Foundation seeks to create a universe where children live a life where every year features 365 days of awesome.

For the past five years, the B-Rad Foundation has supported thousands of kids and their families with fun-filled programs and events. They have partnered with the King Ridge Foundation to lead extended back-country adventures for Sonoma County youth in Yosemite National Park. They were instrumental in the giveaway of over 500 bicycles for devastated children, who lost all their possessions in the 2017 wildfires. The B-Rad program also practices an important "pay-it-forward" philosophy, as students use their newly acquired repair skills to fix donated broken bikes and re-gift them to local at-risk youth. Mr. Kahmoson's deep commitment to enriching the education of our youth through environmental stewardship has become a deeply appreciated part of our community.

Madam Speaker, Jeremiah Kahmoson is a passionate adventurer and educator who has made great contributions to better the lives of others in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, due to my Air National Guard unit being mobilized, I was unable to be present and cast votes during the week of January 27. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 23; YEA on Roll Call No. 24; NAY on Roll Call No. 25; NAY on Roll Call No. 26; YEA on Roll Call No. 27; NAY on Roll Call No. 28; YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

IN RECOGNITION OF AT LAW GROUP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize AT Law Group. The firm's positive impact and contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Based in Dearborn, AT Law Group is one of the leading law firms in the state of Michigan. The firm provides unmatched counsel, advocacy, and support to a diverse client base and is committed to protecting the rights, liberties,

and the interests of all they serve. The firm maintains a mission to provide the highest level of service possible and strives to achieve excellence and the most favorable legal outcomes. With professionalism as a key pillar of their practice, AT Law Group ensures all their clients feel that they are heard, respected, and treated with dignity.

Beyond offering exceptional legal services, AT Law Group has become an important voice in our community. They carry a large presence in outreach work for people in need in Washtenaw County, and their generosity has improved the lives of many. In addition, the firm has been a strong advocate for undocumented immigrants in our region. They have assisted many immigrants through difficult legal challenges, always ensuring they were afforded their Constitutional rights regardless of legal status. Undoubtedly, AT Law Group has shown a true commitment to our community. Their presence has made a real and meaningful difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring AT Law Group. The firm is a critical resource for our community and their services help many get through the toughest of legal challenges. I am grateful for their dedication and wish them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING PATRICIA G. LEARY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia G. Leary and to celebrate her retirement after three decades of public service on a local, state, and federal level.

Ms. Leary began her career in public service after graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1981 with a degree in Political Science. Upon graduating, Ms. Leary began working as a legislative staffer in California State Government. From 1991 to 1995, Ms. Leary worked as my Legislative Director in the California State Senate, where she was a valuable asset to my team. She was an articulate, straightforward communicator with a strong passion for public service. Her institutional knowledge and astute political advice were instrumental to our success.

After working in my office, Ms. Leary became the Principal Consultant for the California State Senate and later the Legislative Representative for the California State Association of Counties. After several years as the Assistant County Administrator for Yolo County, Pat became the Chief Deputy Director at the Department of Social Services and was Acting Director in 2019.

Ms. Leary's professional public sector career has been unparalleled. She has shown her commitment to the state of California and our community through her decades of public service and leadership. Ms. Leary's integrity, honesty, intelligence and creative problem solving has served all those she has met throughout her career, and our district is certainly a better place because of her dedicated service.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Leary is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be, and I am