

become better players, better members of their communities, and better students in their journey to the State Title. I am honored to recognize their achievements, and I thank each team for making Missouri's 7th District proud.

HONORING CALEB JONES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb Jones. Caleb 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 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Caleb 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, Caleb has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Caleb set up a school supply drive and raised money to rebuild non-working bathrooms at a school in the country of Kosovo, while also installing playground equipment at the school when he visited in 2019.

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

HONORING GEORGE L. ORTIZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative JARED HUFFMAN, to remember George L. Ortiz for decades of exceptional public service to Northern California and to honor him for his commitment to our Latino community.

Mr. Ortiz was born in East Los Angeles in 1934 to migrant farmworker parents. From an early age, Mr. Ortiz followed in his parents' footsteps by working in the fields of Southern California. He then served in the U.S. Army in Germany in 1957 and 1958. After his time in the military, he received a track scholarship at Fresno State College, where he became the first member of his family to attend college.

Mr. Ortiz moved to Northern California in the 1960s and became a social worker, first for Sonoma County and then for California Rural Legal Assistance. For nearly 60 years, he was at the forefront of efforts to organize and bring equal opportunity and treatment to Mexican Americans living in the North Bay and beyond. In 1967, Mr. Ortiz co-founded California Human Development, a leading human services organization, and the Latinos Unidos scholarship program.

In 1999, The Press Democrat named George Ortiz as one of 50 people most responsible for shaping Sonoma County through

the 20th Century. In 2017, the North Bay Business Journal bestowed on him the Latino Business Leadership Award. In 2018, Sonoma State University awarded Mr. Ortiz the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and that same year, the Mexican government presented him one of its highest honors, the Ohtli Award, for his efforts on behalf of Mexican nationals in the United States.

Mr. Ortiz leaves behind a loving and devoted family; his wife Carol and their children, Robert and Diane and two granddaughters.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. Ortiz for his unrelenting commitment to uplift Latinos in Northern California. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor his service and remember the life of George L. Ortiz here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the first vote due to a scheduled district meeting that went longer than expected.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 35 (H.R. 4044—Protect and Restore Americas Estuaries Act).

HONORING JOSHUA KNOWLES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Knowles. Joshua 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 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua 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, Joshua has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joshua collected materials and sewing famine hygiene kits for Days for Girls, which distributes the kits to young women in impoverished countries so they can stay in school when they get to the age of menstruation.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Orange

County Business Council (OCBC) on the celebration of its 25th Anniversary.

The Orange County Business Council was established in 1995 to promote business development and strategic resource allocation to improve the lives of all Orange County residents. As the Orange County business community has emerged from the shadow of Los Angeles, OCBC has developed a distinct identity for our perfectly situated region to thrive. OCBC has placed a strategic focus on the future of the economy while working to preserve a high quality of life for residents and workers.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions of the Orange County Business Council and their efforts to enhance Orange County's economic development and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. I had intended to vote "yes" on roll call vote 35, "yes" on vote 36, and "yes" on vote 37.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SOPHIE YAZZIE

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sophie Yazzie, Arizona's longest living veteran.

She passed away last weekend at the age of 105.

A member of the Navajo Nation, Sophie was born in Canyon De Chelly, Arizona.

At age 28, she enlisted in the Women's Army Air Corps, and served until she was honorably discharged.

Known for her kindness and compassion, Sophie lived a full life following her service to our country, working at Wingate Boarding School.

She is survived by her four children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Arizona and the Navajo Nation have lost an incredible community member and role model to many.

Pat and I are keeping Sophie's family and friends, and the entire Navajo Nation community in our prayers as we mourn her passing,

HONORING CARTER MCKAY LESKI

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Carter McKay Leski. Carter is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in