

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL HARRY V. SHOOP

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late LTC Harry Shoop who passed away on August 19, at the age of 99. LTC Shoop joined the Army in 1940, serving in Ohio's 37th and 38th Infantry Divisions.

He demonstrated integrity and valor in the Pacific during World War II, serving as platoon sergeant for Company B and Company H of the 149th Infantry Regiment. I was proud to present him with his Purple Heart at a 2017 ceremony, when he was also awarded his long overdue Bronze Star and World War II Service Medal.

I am eternally grateful for LTC Shoop for his outstanding 31-year military career. I also thank him for his lifelong commitment to serving the people of Ohio and this great nation.

I pray that God will bring comfort to LTC Shoop's family and friends, and all those in the community grieving his loss.

May God bless them.

CONGRATULATING HANNAH STRAIN AS A WINNER OF THE 2018 FFA NATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROFICIENCY AWARD

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hannah Strain of Rolla, Missouri for being selected as a winner of the 2018 National Agricultural Proficiency Award for her Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project at the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo.

The SAE project is one that every FFA member completes, compelling them to apply what they are learning in the classroom while gaining hands-on career experience as an agricultural entrepreneur. Out of the 600,000-plus FFA members nationwide, Hannah is one of 188 national finalists who will be competing this month in Indianapolis. This is an enormous accomplishment for Hannah and a historical milestone for the Rolla FFA chapter.

Hannah started a hay business in conjunction with her family's beef ranch, Elk Prairie Farms LLC, where she manages grazing for the cattle and produces and sells hay to local farmers and ranchers. She won the local, area, and state proficiency award contests, propelling her to the national convention. Hannah excelled at this project because of her knowledge and ability in growing, managing, marketing and selling hay.

Hannah has since moved on to the University of Missouri, where she is studying Agricultural Education and Leadership, hoping to work in community outreach for an agribusiness. It is my great privilege to congratulate Hannah Strain before the United States House of Representatives on her remarkable achievement.

HONORING THE STATE ACCREDITATION OF MADERA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CENTER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the state accreditation of Madera Community College, which becomes the 116th campus of the state's community college system. It is the newest college in California.

In 1958, State Center Community College District began offering classes at Madera High School with 158 students enrolled in 19 evening classes. In 1989, the Madera Community College Center was then relocated and established in a portable building at James Madison Elementary School.

Throughout the years, the institution has grown and expanded by establishing buildings, laboratories, food services, large instruction classrooms, vocational training courses, certifications and offering more than 360 courses. In fall 2009, the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) was established to offer mechanic and welding programs. Recently, the college added the Center for Agriculture and Technology (CAT) which provides laboratory, vocational training programs and various agriculture programs in plant science, agriculture mechanics, industrial maintenance and welding.

Because of the leadership of then Chancellor Dr. Bill F. Stewart and Vice Chancellor of External Relations Dr. Tom Crow, a donation of 114 acres was made by local landowners to establish the expanded current campus. Today, Madera Community College Center serves more than 6,123 students, with comprehensive and innovative programs in transfer/general education, occupational education, distance learning courses, online learning and developmental education. The Center continues to provide an affordable, quality education for the residents of Madera County and nearby communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historical moment and the success of the Madera Community College. This could not have been possible without the dedication and contributions of their staff, faculty, administrators and community leaders. I look forward to seeing the future achievements and success of our students, the leaders of tomorrow.

GENE BUDIG

**HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dr. Gene Budig of Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Gene was raised in the small town of McCook, Nebraska where his love of baseball began at age 12. He wrote to then St. Louis Browns owner, Bill Veeck, asking for a tryout and received a letter back informing Gene that he could have a tryout under the stipulations that he graduate high school. This formative moment taught

Gene that with a little audacity and a lot of hard work, achieving his dreams was possible.

In his 81 years, Gene served in countless leadership positions across the country, from Major General in the Air National Guard; University President at Illinois State, West Virginia and Kansas; and a newspaper executive and author, just to name a few. Despite his lengthy educational career, anyone who knew Gene knew his deep passion for baseball and that he wore his love for the game, and the Yankees, on his sleeve. Gene was the last President of the American League, where he celebrated diversity and hired Larry Doby, the first Black player in the American League, as an assistant. The Charleston RiverDogs brought Gene back to his childhood barter with Bill Veeck, but this time, he was shaking hands with his son, Mike Veeck. In the 14 years that Gene served as co-owner, it was clear how much the franchise loved Gene. We will all miss his kind presence.

Gene is survived by Gretchen, his wife of 57 years, his three children, and his siblings. The Lowcountry mourns this loss but will remember Gene for the life he lived as a loving father, a leader full of wit and integrity, and an avid fan of all things baseball.

TRIBUTE TO MARC AARONS

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Southern California are exceptional. Today, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marc Aarons on his year as the District Governor of Rotary District 5320.

Marc's Rotary career began in 1997, and since then his involvement in the organization has been expansive. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Newport Balboa and has been recognized with several awards, including the Cliff Docterman Award, for his dedication to the organization. Throughout his years of service, Marc has served as the Rotary Club of Newport Balboa's Treasurer, Vocational Chair, VP Ethics, International Chair, and Immediate Past President.

His service goes beyond Newport Balboa as Marc has served Southern California as Rotary District 5320's District Governor for the 2019–2020 year. Previously, he was an Assistant District Governor from 2013–2015 and a member of the District's Advisory Board from 2015 to 2017. Marc has also served as a member of the Foundation Committee, the Training Committee, and the Membership Committee.

A proud Eagle Scout, Marc's character and dedication to service have been largely influenced by his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. He has received awards and recognition for his service to the Scouts around the world, including in Sweden, South Africa, and Germany. He also served as the Boy Scout's International Committee Chairman for Orange County.

Marc is a Certified Senior Advisor who has extensively studied the financial, physical, emotional, and personal issues affecting today's business owners. After living in Japan,