

Newburgh, New York as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding. Rooted in the Dominican tradition of education, the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh demonstrated uncommon vision and tremendous leadership in establishing this institution of higher learning overlooking the Hudson River and its historic Highlands. Consistent with its Judeo-Christian heritage, Mount Saint Mary College has provided rigorous and high quality educational instruction for the past five decades to generations of students in the Hudson Valley region. I am delighted to add my voice to those commemorating and marking this significant milestone, and I am proud to recognize Mount Saint Mary College on this very historic occasion.

Founded in 1959, Mount Saint Mary College has remained faithful and committed to its motto, *Doce Me Veritatem* (Teach Me the Truth) by fostering in its students a lifelong passion for learning and imparting the knowledge and values that enable these women and men to succeed and contribute significantly to our society. The Mount offers 50 undergraduate degree programs and three graduate degree programs, and has successfully prepared and graduated many thousands of men and women in a wide range of fields, including education, nursing, and business.

Mount Saint Mary College continues to play a significant and tremendously positive role in its local community and the surrounding region. The faculty, staff, and students of the Mount generously offer and share their expertise and skills to benefit the local community. In addition, the Mount also contributes to and strengthens the region's economy as it also prepares the well-educated men and women needed to fill the ranks of our region's businesses, schools, non-profit organizations and local governments.

Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate and salute Mount Saint Mary College for its 50 years of committed and distinguished service to our region. I am grateful to Father Kevin E. Mackin, the board of directors, the staff, students, and supporters of this critical institution of higher learning for their ongoing leadership and dedicated efforts to sustain and strive to continuously improve the Mount, which I am confident will remain a cornerstone of our region for many generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIX
SCOUTS OF PACK 98 WHO ARE
RECIPIENTS OF THE ARROW OF
LIGHT SCOUTING AWARD

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, on the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, I rise to recognize six exceptional young men in my district who are involved in the Cub Scouting program from Johnston, Iowa. Carter Lundgren, Hunter Norris, Liam Sullivan, Jordan Kirkman, Jarred Dannels, and Jonah Blondino are Webelos Scouts in Pack 98, chartered to the Urban Heights Evangelical Church in Urbandale, IA. Later this month, they will cross over into Boy Scouting as newly minted scouts and recipients of Cub Scouting's highest honor, the Arrow of Light award. The Boy Scouting pro-

gram, incorporated in America in 1910, and Chartered by Act of Congress in 1916, aims to encourage boys' growth of moral strength and character, participatory citizenship, and mental and physical fitness. I had the honor of working with these boys this fall to help install several flower beds that they donated to their home school, Horizon Elementary School, located in Johnston, Iowa.

These young men are active in their community; Carter Lundgren has performed with the Des Moines Metro Opera, is a Qualifier for the Iowa Games in bowling, and a Member of the Kingdom Hoops Basketball Team. Hunter Norris has been very active in the Des Moines area youth bowling league as well as a participant in the Johnston Little League. Jordan Kirkman is an accomplished coronet player in the Horizon Elementary school band. Liam Sullivan has been an ELP (Extended Learning Program) student in math and reading, as well as a participant in Horizon Elementary's Math Olympiads team. He is an avid ice hockey player in the Des Moines Youth Hockey Association, and was a member of a bronze medalist team in youth hockey for the Iowa Games in 2007. Mr. Sullivan is also a relative of Bertrand Hollis Snell, a Representative from New York who honorably served in this body from the 64th through 75th Congress, and who supported the original charter of the Boy Scouts of America. Jared Dannels is a member of the Horizon Elementary band as trombonist and was invited into the ELP (Extended Learning Program) for math and the Math Olympiads team. He also has participated in Johnston Little League. Jonah Blondino plays the saxophone in the Timber Ridge Elementary school band, and is an avid Little League player in the Des Moines area.

I extend my hearty congratulations to these young men as fine examples of their community and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE EXPERIENCE
CORPS PROGRAM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Experience Corps Program of South East Texas on 15 years of improving the academic and life outcomes of our area's neediest young students. The remarkable Experience Corps engages older Americans to serve as literacy tutors in elementary schools; and they have had a tremendous impact.

Experience Corps® South East Texas, initially known as Seniors for Schools, was one of the original five Experience Corps pilot projects across the country. It began as a demonstration grant in 1995–96 in two Port Arthur elementary schools with 17 members; and has grown locally to 67 members serving all seven PA elementary schools, 6 schools in Beaumont, and another in Vidor. They have served in excess of 2,875 students in these schools, and have always and continue to be the only tutoring program of their kind in the State of Texas.

We are lucky to have such a program in our schools—not only because of the vitality and

sense of family and community that these volunteers bring, but also the significant academic gains they have enabled. In 2006 Experience Corps® South East Texas, Port Arthur was part of a national, gold standard evaluation conducted by Washington University in St. Louis which revealed that students in the Experience Corps program made 60% greater gains in reading comprehension and word attack skills than similar students who were not in the program. Very, very few literacy interventions have shown these kinds of results.

The Principal of DeQueen Elementary School calls these volunteers, "a dynamic, vibrant, knowledgeable, vivacious, caring group of people." I could not agree more. In fact, they are an inspiration to their peers and neighbors, and proof that the aging population has tremendous time, talent, skill, and a desire to share it all with younger generations. Experience Corps is a perfect match for these individuals.

On May 13, Experience Corps South East Texas will celebrate 15 consecutive and successful years of service, and I am honored to call these motivated and caring adults my constituents. They have provided a meaningful and engaging opportunity for senior citizens to serve one on one with students in need, and a consistent tutoring program with measurable results for elementary students. I commend them for their terrific work over these past 15 years and hope they can continue to serve our students and community for many years to come.

IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT
FOR PERFORMANCE AND RE-
LATED REFORMS TO OBTAIN
VALUE IN EVERY ACQUISITION
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5013) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for performance management of the defense acquisition system, and for other purposes:

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5013, the IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010.

Our country must return to the days of fiscal responsibility, and to do this we must look at Defense spending. The Pentagon is famous for its overspending and its misuse of tax dollars. In a time when the country is in an economic crisis, we must move forward with reforms that would help eliminate wasteful spending.

The IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010 seeks to create a better management system for the Pentagon's purchases. By changing the way the Pentagon buys equipment and contracts for services, we are establishing more efficient practices that will decrease government spending.

The efforts of the Defense Department to acquire goods is often complex, and it results in problems such as inefficient operations, waste, and often a lack of enforcement with regulations and laws. This is not a new problem. In fact, President Lincoln's Secretary of