

HONORING ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN IOWA FALLS, IOWA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa for the success of its agriculture program. This program was designed by assistant professor of agriculture Kevin Butt, and it was selected on December 1, 2010 at the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) convention in Las Vegas, Nevada to receive the National

Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Agricultural Education Program Award.

Kevin designed the agriculture program at Ellsworth Community College shortly after he began working there in 2004. The goal of this program is to not only provide students with theoretical and scientific knowledge about agriculture, but also to provide those students with hands-on opportunities and situations where they can apply that knowledge. Through the implementation of this program, Kevin has succeeded in helping these students to develop their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills, all of which will be beneficial to their careers in agriculture and to their futures as civic-minded citizens.

The NAAE, which began in 1948, is a nationally-renowned organization that promotes agricultural education and the professional growth of agricultural teachers. Every year it selects six different programs, one in each of its six regions, to receive this award. Kevin's program at Ellsworth Community College was selected from the third region, which includes the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

I commend Kevin Butt and Ellsworth Community College for their unwavering commitment to providing quality education to their students in the field of agriculture. I know my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating them for their selection to receive this award. I wish them the best of luck in the future.