

achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Grayson constructed an outdoor classroom for Crescent Elementary School. The work ethic Grayson has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Grayson and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

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DONNA BYRNE

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the recipient of the Bucks County 2013 Women's History Month Award. Donna Byrne, a long-time resident of Bucks County Pennsylvania, exemplifies compassion and leadership to help women experiencing domestic violence.

Nearly 30 years ago, Donna Byrne discovered her deep commitment to empower women while volunteering at a battered women's shelter. There, she found her passion. The life-changing experience eventually led her to work for 'A Woman's Place'.

For 12 years, Donna Byrne pioneered the domestic violence prevention movement. Having established successful prevention awareness programs and community outreach efforts in local schools, she successfully garnered community support for women's issues.

Mr. Speaker, we honor Donna Byrne today because of her selfless courage and lifelong passion to help the lives of women in need. Although not often recognized for their contribution to the community, women like Donna Byrne are true heroines who make our community a stronger and safer place. As a committed advocate for women in Bucks County, Donna Byrne stands out as a clear choice to receive this award.

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TRIBUTE TO DANIELLE  
HAINDFIELD

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Danielle Haindfield for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify

a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Danielle Haindfield is a shareholder attorney with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. in Des Moines practicing primarily in education and construction law. Danielle is a proud Drake University alumnus where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with her B.A. and ultimately received her Juris Doctor degree with high honors. Through Ahlers and Cooney, Danielle participates in community outreach programs for Children and Families of Iowa, United Way of Central Iowa, Youth Emergency Services and Shelter, and staffing of Iowa Legal Aid intake program. Outside of work, Mrs. Haindfield is active in the Jordan Creek Elementary Parent Faculty Club and was selected to serve on the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys. Mrs. Haindfield is married to her husband Matthew, and together they have two daughters, Taylor and Brooke. In all facets of her life, Danielle is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Danielle in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Haindfield for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Danielle on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL  
RODNEY WILLIAMS OF THE  
MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-  
TIREMENT

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Colonel Rodney Williams of the Michigan Air National Guard as he retires after twenty-eight years of service to our Nation in the Armed Forces.

Colonel Williams' service began in 1984 when he joined the Army Reserve and later, in 1988, the Michigan Army National Guard. Over the next decade he would go on to obtain a Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School and would hold the positions of Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for the 177th Military Police Brigade and aide-be-camp to Michigan's Adjutant General, Major General Gordon Stump. In 1994, Colonel Williams transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard and was assigned to the 127th Wing as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. While serving the 127th, Colonel Williams was committed to developing the unit's joint operational capabilities and was

recognized by the North American Aerospace Defense Command for his work.

While posted at Selfridge, Colonel Williams was assigned as Director of the 127th Wing Mission Support Group where he continued his focus on developing his unit's readiness and coordination. Under his leadership, the 127th Mission Support Group achieved a ninety-four percent readiness rating while it was supporting missions for the Air Mobility Command's KC-135 operation mission and its F-16 flying mission. As part of his responsibilities, Colonel Williams oversaw support for more than 400 Airmen of his support group that were deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Air Expeditionary Forces and Operation Noble Eagle. In 2008, Colonel Williams' Mission Support Group received a ninety-eight percent rating from a Unit Compliance Inspection.

In 2010, Colonel Williams was chosen to serve as Director of the Michigan National Guard Human Resource Office, HRO, overseeing over twenty-two hundred full time employees. While in this capacity, he led efforts to streamline and increase efficiency within HRO, which created savings for taxpayers. Colonel Williams also fostered increased collaboration between first responders and the Michigan National Guard in disaster planning which earned the State outstanding evaluations for its Vigilant Guard Exercise.

Throughout his career, Colonel Williams has focused not only on professional excellence, but on supporting efforts that have helped his countrymen as well. In 2005, while with the 127th Wing, Colonel Williams coordinated Michigan's assistance for two-hundred and fifty victims of Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, he has worked with the Detroit based Veterans Task Force on veterans employment issues. He has received numerous medals including the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Rodney Williams' twenty-eight years of dedicated service to our men and women of the Armed Forces and to our Country are a testament to his character and I know that his leadership will be missed by the personnel with whom he served.

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TRIBUTE TO SHANE GREENLEAF

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Shane Greenleaf for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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