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Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Josh in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Fleming for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Josh 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR  
RAYMOND TELLES

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the legacy of a great American, Ambassador Raymond Telles, a true pioneer in international and civic leadership.

Ambassador Telles passed away on March 8, 2013 at the age of 97 in the company of those who loved him. He is survived by his daughters, Dr. Cynthia Telles and Dr. Patricia Telles-Irvin and their families. His life was the very definition of a trailblazer. Ambassador Telles was America's first ambassador of Latino descent, the first Latino to be mayor of a major American city and a decorated U.S. Air Force Colonel.

Born September 5, 1915 in El Paso, Texas, Ambassador Telles began his career at the Department of Justice before being drafted into the United States Army Air Force where he admirably served as the Chief of the Lend-Lease Program for South and Central America. In honor of his distinguished work, he was awarded the Mexican Legion of Merit, the Order of the Southern Cross from Brazil, Columbian wings, and the Peruvian Flying Cross. Later Ambassador Telles served as a military aide for President Harry S. Truman and General Dwight D. Eisenhower during World War II.

After being recalled as the Executive Officer of the 67th Tactical and Reconnaissance Group during the Korean War, Raymond Telles was elected Mayor of El Paso, Texas in November 1957. While in office, he encouraged fire and police departments around the city to diversify their workforce. Following a close first election, he went on to win a second term unopposed. After his tenure as mayor, President John F. Kennedy appointed

him as U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica. In 1967, President Richard Nixon called on Ambassador Telles to serve as Chairman of the U.S.-Mexican Border Commission. He would later be appointed as Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission where he served in the administrations of Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Although Ambassador Telles will be known in many political circles as a tireless public servant, he will eternally be remembered by those closest to him as a caring father, loving husband, and mentor who paved the way for others to succeed long after his passing. As someone who advised so many young emerging leaders, he can rest comfortably knowing that the light of his legacy will shine for several generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, we are truly fortunate to live in a country which gives every one of us an opportunity to make our dreams come true. A few remarkable Americans achieve a level of service to country that opens the door not just to their dreams but to ours as well. Many of us, therefore, have a profound desire and abiding obligation to look up to the sky to say to Ambassador Raymond Telles, "Thank you!" Surely, he is smiling upon us now as he surveys the countless dreams he brought to life. May Ambassador Telles rest in peace and may his family celebrate the life and memory of a dear family man and American patriot.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARLEM'S BELOVED ADVOCATE FOR  
EDUCATION ARTHUR "ARTIE"  
GEORGES

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to one of Harlem's distinguishing dynamic and influential members, Arthur "Artie" Georges, who passed away on January 29, 2013. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable leader.

It is without question that Artie's outstanding contributions to the Holcombe Rucker Basketball League, the National Association of Each One Teach One, Inc. and our famed Harlem Week Golden Hoops places him in a very special category in a long line of remarkable men who have given so much to our children and to the Greater Harlem community and beyond. Artie's passion for public service is well documented by his important and outstanding 30-year career work as a Methadone Maintenance Treatment Counselor—at a time when heroin crippled and took the lives of so many of our best and brightest young men and women.

Artie served his Nation proudly in the United States Army and was a loyal member of the Colonel Charles Young American Legion Post 398. An advocate of education, he loved being a part of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Basketball Tournament Weekend; the Pelham Fritz Basketball League Scholarship Fund; and the John Hunter Memorial Camp Fund.

Great men like Artie are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assist-

ance, contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting. Artie was a dear friend and was known to many of us as a brilliant hardworking community leader who dedicated his life work to the education of our youth.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March On Washington, let us celebrate the life of our beloved Arthur "Artie" Georges who dedicated his life to our youth and the Black American Experience.

CLARITY RECOVERY AND  
WELLNESS

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sigma House of Springfield, Inc. under its new name, Clarity Recovery and Wellness.

First opened in 1977, Sigma House of Springfield, Inc. was the area's first addiction treatment center. Focused on individualized long-term treatment of substance abuse, it provided 1,150 units of treatment in its first 19 months. Over the last 25 years, the center has expanded to include four facilities. In 2012 alone, it treated nearly 12,000 people.

Treatment and long-term recovery from substance abuse can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members, which can lead to more productive and fulfilling lives and an improved quality of life for the entire community.

Resources for treatment and recovery provide important assets for the communities of Springfield, Branson and surrounding counties, and I am proud that Clarity Recovery and Wellness remains committed to providing quality care to those in need of rehabilitation services.

HONORING RICHARD GRIFFITH  
KESLER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard Griffith Kesler. Griff 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 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Griff has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Griff 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, Griff has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Griff has also served as a counselor-in-training at Rotary Camp and is a member of the National Honor Society. For his Eagle Scout project, Griff contributed to his community by designing and constructing

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