

worked hard to make sure everyone was secure, another passenger in his vehicle, Master Sergeant Scott Pruitt, died from injuries sustained in the attack.

Petty Officer Flores has received numerous awards and decorations for his service, including a Purple Heart, a Joint Service Commendation Medal and a Joint Service Achievement Medal.

He is currently pursuing a college degree and furthering his passion for medicine by studying sports management at American Military University. He is the son of Benny Flores Sr. and Josepha K. Lizama. He lives at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in California with his wife, Jerrienne, and their daughter, Jaena.

I commend Petty Officer 1st Class Benny Flores on receiving this high honor for his heroic actions in combat. I join the people of Guam in thanking him for his bravery and selfless service to our nation, and for making our island proud.

RECOGNIZING ROB MELLEN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO DR. PHILLIPS CHARITIES

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize a close friend of mine whose philanthropic contributions have greatly impacted the Central Florida community. Rob Mellen served as the President and CEO of Dr. Phillips Charities for the past five years. Prior to his role at Dr. Phillips Charities, Mr. Mellen was a leading and well-recognized corporate, banking and real estate attorney and the managing shareholder at Akerman Senterfitt, one of Florida's largest law firms.

Over the last five years as CEO and President, Mr. Mellen has inspired Dr. Phillips Charities to work towards new endeavors while facing the economic turmoil that has affected our nation. During his tenure, the construction of Orlando's Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts began. He continues to play an important role in the planning and construction of Orlando's long awaited world class performing arts center scheduled to open in 2014. With the completion of Dr. Phillips Charities' new headquarters, Mr. Mellen also secured a place where Dr. Phillips Charities can enhance relationships with other major philanthropic organizations and the partnerships with those that they serve. His efforts to improve Dr. Phillips Charities' real estate portfolio and other investments have enabled Dr. Phillips Charities continuous substantial giving. Many charitable non-profit organizations in the Central Florida community have been the beneficiaries of their giving, and numerous lives have been provided with much-needed support.

Dr. Phillips Charities' donations extend into all parts of the Central Florida community, including educational programs, youth programs, health and rehabilitative programs, and much more. They have given other local non-profit organizations and charities the resources to fund their efforts through donations that have amassed \$150 million in grants, pledges,

and program-related investments over the last 10 years. Dr. Phillips Charities has made a lasting effect on the Central Florida community that has directly touched the lives of thousands of children and families.

Dr. Phillips Charities has been fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced leader at the helm of their operations. I want to applaud Rob Mellen on his continued service to the philanthropic needs of the Central Florida community. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

A TRIBUTE TO MABEL BAKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mabel Baker on the coming celebration of her 100th birthday. Mabel will celebrate a century of life on May 30th, 2013.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Mabel's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mabel has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mabel in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ms. Baker on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING PETER N. SILVESTRI

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter N. Silvestri, retiring President of the Village of Elmwood Park and current 9th District Cook County Commissioner. Mr. Silvestri has served Elmwood Park for twenty-four years as Village president and chose not to seek reelection this year in order to focus his complete attention on his position of Cook County Commissioner.

Mr. Silvestri has lived in Elmwood Park since 1971, and is a graduate of Elmwood Park High School. He attended DePaul University for undergraduate studies, as well as for his law degree. In 1977, at the age of twenty, Silvestri became the youngest person in Illinois elected to a local school board. He served on Elmwood Park's school board for two years, and was president of the board when he left to serve the Village in other offices.

Following Mr. Silvestri's exit from the school board, he served on the Zoning Board, Plan

Commission, Civic Foundation, and as Village Trustee before his election to Village President. Under the leadership of Silvestri, the Village of Elmwood Park has been able to prosper and continue to pursue the village's goal of being a great place to raise a family and start a business. Mr. Silvestri oversaw numerous beautification projects in the Village, as well as efforts to modernize the police, fire, and public works departments. Silvestri also holds a good financial track record with the Village, which is seen through the Village's high bond rating, minimal debt and a reduced tax levy coming next year.

Mr. Silvestri leaves the office of Village President in the wake of numerous accomplishments. Recently, the Village opened a new library, and the aquatic center and the new Centennial Park are scheduled to be opened this spring. Other accomplishments while in office include an expanded recreation center, the creation of Mills, Torpe and Central Parks and an expanded Bambi Park. Silvestri has overseen the development of numerous projects within the Village of Elmwood Park which have contributed greatly to the reputation of Elmwood Park as a great place to live and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the years of dedication and public service Peter N. Silvestri has contributed to the Village of Elmwood Park. Mr. Silvestri has helped the Village prosper through the changing social and economic climate of recent decades, and he will surely be missed as the Village's president. I want to thank Mr. Silvestri for his years of service to the Village of Elmwood Park, and I look forward to his continued service as Cook County Commissioner.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL "BO" BOLLINGER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul "Bo" Bollinger, President of the Greater Washington Aviation Open (GWAO). As the GWAO celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and Mr. Bollinger begins the process of succession to new tournament leadership, it is the proper time to recognize his quarter century of outstanding leadership.

In 1989, Mr. Bollinger conceived and began an aviation charity event to raise and donate funds to worthy causes. Mr. Bollinger convinced several aviation executives and several aviation associations to hold an annual charity golf and auction event for this purpose. Twenty five years later, the GWAO has become the largest aviation charity event in Washington, DC, raising almost \$1.7 million for deserving organizations.

Under Mr. Bollinger's leadership, the charities receiving tournament proceeds varied over the first four years, subsequently settling on the Corporate Angel Network (CAN) as its major benefactor. The CAN mission of flying cancer patients on empty seats of business aircraft to treatment facilities was a perfect match with the GWAO mission. In 2006, Mr. Bollinger led the effort to include funding a