

Sergeant Debra Kaspar, Detective Timothy Speth, Detective Cassandra Dusseau, Detective Louis Licata, Investigator Lynn Thompson, and Investigator Brent Blosser, Detective Jeff Pasler and Sergeant Donald Kennard of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigative Unit received the Unit Citation Award.

Officer Peter Vilardi of the Sarasota-Manatee County Airport Authority Police Department, Officer Andres Perez of the Bradenton Police Department, and Officer Joshua Fleischer of the Holmes Beach Police Department received the Preservation of Life Award.

Deputy Justin Warren of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District I congratulate each of these outstanding law enforcement officers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

I also appreciate the law enforcement agencies that made such outstanding nominations and panel that judged them. I believe these awards are a fitting tribute to our officers and a reminder of the important role they play in our communities.

COMMEMORATING BUILDING
SAFETY MONTH

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the start of Building Safety Month, specifically in recognition of the expertise, leadership, and influence of the International Code Council (ICC). The ICC develops and publishes the building safety, energy efficiency, and fire safety model codes used throughout the United States, as well as in many other nations.

Over the past year, we have had several sobering reminders about the effects of properly-enforced building codes. When Hurricane Sandy devastated New York, New Jersey, and several other states, we were reminded of how much we rely on these vital safety standards in mitigating damage and loss of life. Reports after Sandy and other natural disasters show that the loss of life and property damage would have been considerably worse had modern building codes not been in place and enforced.

For these reasons, I want to congratulate the leaders of the ICC who sponsor Building Safety Month. These leaders include Ronald Piester, the Director of New York State Division of Code Enforcement and Administration, Stephen D. Jones, Construction Official for Millburn Township, New Jersey, and Guy Tomberlin, Code Specialist for Fairfax County, Virginia. These professionals also act as the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the ICC's Board of Directors. ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims will join them in Washington, DC this week to discuss the critical need for the adoption and enforcement of current building codes in order to maximize our safety.

I would also like to thank the thousands of men and women who work every day to make sure our buildings comply with building and

fire codes. Their work, largely unseen and often unnoticed, is critical to keeping Americans safe. The model building codes, produced by ICC, allow every community in the United States to share the advantage of building codes that are adaptable to local conditions, but at the same time incorporate the very latest research, materials, and building practices. This is achieved in a private-public partnership, saving local jurisdictions from bearing the significant cost of code revision, updating and coordination. These model codes are produced with the input of thousands of local officials as well as the building industry and represent a consensus on what the minimum safety requirements are for various building types, all developed without using federal taxpayer funds. In fact, the Architect of the Capitol maintains the safety of this building, and all congressional office buildings, following the requirements in the current International Building Code.

During May's Building Safety Month, I recommend that all of my colleagues aim to reach out to building code and fire officials from their districts to learn more about the great work they do in ensuring the safety of the American people and infrastructure through building code compliance and enforcement.

Thank you again to the hard working members and leadership of the International Code Council.

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
WHO HAVE DECIDED TO SERVE
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AS A MEMBER OF THE
ARMED FORCES

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor seventy-one high school seniors in Florida's 22nd District who have decided to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these seventy-one, nine have joined the Army; their names are the following: Alexander Meyer, Cory Warr, Steven Britt, Victoria Danielson, Evan Giarritta, Brenela Good, Richard Ramos, David Vogelsong, Diego Gonzalez. Nineteen have joined the Navy; their names are the following: Tatiana Parra, Kethleen Souza, Kassondra Uhl, Michael Hamlin II, Alex Riebman, Kevin Sanchez Villalba, Angevens Eugene, Falon Murray, Nathaniel Hopkins, Jose Colon, Camille Grant, Tylar McCranie, Bryant Ruano, Michael Tesch, Taylor Wachtel, Dandy Barrios, Celines Ocasio, Andrea Castillo, Anthony Celenie. Thirty-eight have joined the Marines; their names are the following: Alexander Field, Christian Garcia, Cody Kruse, David Munoz, Devon Genova, Diana Bustamante, Felipe Moresco, Guilson Godinez, Henry Villatoro, Joshua Carter, Kevin Nguyen, Lucas Ferreira, Austin Pastor, Cameron Kelley, Craig Baumann, Erik Littlefield, John Angeles, Kyle Stewart, Lucas Tavares, Paul Louis Curd, Yira Medina, Anna Dolmany, Lorena Guimaraes, Alma Castillo, Brian Abreu, Edwin Garcia-Gonzalez, Erik Mendez Aguilar, Evan Stimely, Garrett Marshall, Israel Manuel-Pedro, Jona-

than Villalba, Junior Jayseus, Kevin Bradlow, Kyle Marciulonis, Manuel Gonzales, Melissa Gunther, Christian Matute, Iridian Maldonado. Four have joined the Air Force; their names are the following: Paul Girao, Brianna Dipasquale, Stephen Favreau, and Lee Golladay.

It is in thanks to the dedication of patriots like these that we are able to meet here today, in the United States House of Representatives, and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our country. On behalf of myself and all of my constituents in Florida's Twenty-Second District, thank you for your service and best of luck as you pursue this challenging endeavor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding my recent absence from the House on Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th. During this time, I attended the opening of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Because of this absence, I missed several important votes on the House floor, and would like to submit how I would have voted had I been in attendance. The votes were:

Rollcall 124, on Agreeing to H. Res. 178, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes. I would have voted "yea".

Rollcall 125, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1765, The Reducing Flight Delays Act. I would have voted "yea".

Rollcall 126, on Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 527, the Dent of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 2. I would have voted "no".

Rollcall 127, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 527. I would have voted "no".

Rollcall 128, on Passage of H.R. 527, to Amend the Helium Act. I would have voted "yea".

A TRIBUTE TO SIX HEROES OF
THE HEARTLAND

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Ryan Brown, Dave McCaulley, Ben Wier, Rob Bacon, Doug Bates, and Matt Myers for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neighbors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable