

This day gives us an opportunity to thank teachers for the incredible work that they do for our children and communities. Teachers help form the backbone of our nation, assisting children in harnessing their creativity and critical thinking skills to grow up into the next great American generation.

Today serves as a reminder that we must continue to invest in our nation's teachers, children and schools. As a proud mother of three students in Broward County public schools, I know firsthand the excellence our teachers bring to the classroom each day. Their patience and encouragement are shaping tomorrow's leaders and ensuring that America remains competitive, innovative, and prosperous.

If you talk to any educator, they will tell you that teaching is demanding. Teachers work long hours and are expected not only to impart certain knowledge, but also instill a love of learning in their students. They have made a conscious career decision to make a difference in the lives of our children.

As a Member of Congress for Florida's 23rd Congressional District, I am committed to supporting Broward and Miami-Dade educators and their peers across the country. Unfortunately, teachers don't always receive the recognition or resources they deserve. As policy makers, we must ensure that our teachers have the tools, resources and support they need. When we do this, we not only invest in these dedicated professionals, but we also invest in our children and their futures.

As a parent, let me say thank you to all teachers for devoting your time and skills to our children. We are grateful for all that you do.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 129 on H.R. 588, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 130 on H.R. 291, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 131 on H.R. 507, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

NATIONAL TEACHER'S APPRECIATION DAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on National Teacher's Appreciation Day, to recognize and honor the teachers of America. Year in and year out, they dedicate their lives to educating our children and helping them to succeed both in and out of the classroom. They not only teach us to read and write, but for many of us, it is a teacher who first shows

us that we can achieve whatever we put our minds to; they tell us that anything is possible, that it is okay to dream. The confidence and curiosity that teachers instill in their students are just as important as the traditional subjects they teach; it is these life lessons that will resonate with our children well into adulthood.

In my own experience, the teacher who brought these truths home to me was Mr. Gowenlock. Mr. Gowenlock was my high school geometry teacher as well as one of my football coaches. He made sure I knew that I had the ability to be a great man, and the only thing that would get in the way was my own doubt. He was one of the first to fully believe in me, and that is a gift that has made it possible for me to be where I am today.

I hope that students and parents everywhere will join with me in recognizing the importance and value of good teachers. Without them, America would not be the beacon of hope that it is today. We owe them our gratitude and our respect. I have fought for teachers in the past, with legislation such as the Teacher Tax Relief Act, and I will continue to fight for them. Teachers must have the tools and support they need to ensure our children receive the best education possible for they will be the ones shaping the future of this great nation. Thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO BRANDI ZIEMINSKI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RE- CIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Brandi Zieminski, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Brandi are able to make higher education possible.

Brandi's father, Theodore Zieminski, works in the Facilities Department of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I greatly admire Brandi's hard work at Archbishop Ryan High School and her aspirations to study secondary education. With her work ethic, I am sure Brandi will achieve her dream of one day becoming a high school teacher.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Brandi Zieminski and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

HONORING CANCER SURVIVOR BEAUTY AND SUPPORT DAY AND BARBARA PAGET

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Paget and her extraordinary work establishing in 2003 Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day (CSBSD). This extraordinary endeavor for the past ten years has brought support and kindness to countless men, women and children cancer survivors.

Barbara is a remarkable woman, dedicated to brightening the lives of cancer survivors across the country. In conceiving and launching CSBSD, Barbara has united full communities across the country in support for their friends and neighbors.

Taking place the first Tuesday of June each year, CSBSD provides cancer survivors in all 50 states with the opportunity to enjoy a day of complimentary services at salons, spas, barber shops and beauty parlors. Barbara has worked tirelessly to expand CSBSD, and she has succeeded tremendously, expanding the initiative each year and receiving previous recognition in Congress.

The beauty of the day, as Barbara would put it, is the support that it gives. CSBSD does not require any money—the day is all about volunteering. Participants donate only their time, services and kindness. The helping, caring hand of a volunteer on CSBSD and the one-on-one connection it fosters are incredibly powerful forces for cancer survivor and service provider alike.

Barbara has more than 1,000 places celebrating CSBSD in all 50 states, working to reach out to as many of the more than 12 million cancer survivors as possible—offering a supportive, fun and rewarding day.

Cancer affects so many of us, our friends and family. We have seen the toll it takes. Barbara has seen it too, and that is why she stepped up and decided to take action. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Barbara Paget and Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day for all the good they do.

HONORING EUGENE DAVID ZOLLER

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Teacher Mr. Eugene David Zoller who is retiring this year after 47 years in public and private school classrooms as an exemplary and inspirational teacher of Social Studies. Eugene Zoller attributes his calling as a teacher to the influence of his mother Dorothea Donahue Zoller, his aunt Josephine Donahue, and his Grade 8 teacher, Sr. Joan Bernadette Davis, a sister of Notre Dame de Namur.

He started his teaching career in the Massachusetts public schools and continued his teaching in 1985, until his retirement in 2013, at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School in Miami, Florida, which I am proud to proclaim as my high school alma mater.

In 28 years at Belen Jesuit, Mr. Zoller has been the lead Teacher of Civics and Honors Civics, Faculty Advisor of the National Junior Honor Society, Director of the Patriot Program, Organizer of the Miami-Dade County Court and Jail tour, Chaperone of the Overseas Study Program trip to Russia, Chaperone of the Close Up program, Supervisor of the daily posting of the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald in the Central Patio, and honored by Nova Southeastern University with the Cervantes Award and Univision as a Maestro Especial. Mr. Zoller immortalized the Pan con Lechon Booth at the Belen Tombola dedicated to raising money for the school's scholarship program.

With honor, unwavering commitment, and love of country, Mr. Zoller has nurtured in his students a fervent patriotism for the United States of America. The Belen Jesuit community of students, parents, teachers, and alumni consider Mr. Zoller one of the pillars of our school and I eagerly add my name to the legions that admire and appreciate his service to God, Country, and Belen Jesuit Preparatory School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, due to an interruption in my travel to Washington, DC, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on three bills considered under suspension of the rules. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 129, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 130, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 131, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 900,000 law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who put their lives on the line every day for the safety and protection of others.

Today, the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Service was held in observance of those who have given their all in our Commonwealth. The event was hosted at the nationally recognized Department of Criminal Justice Training Center on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky.

The protection of our families can come with a heavy price. Over the last decade, an average of 160 Kentucky law enforcement officers per year have been killed in the line of duty.

I am saddened that I was unable to attend today's service in Kentucky due to votes in Washington. I will, however, continue to honor

the sacrifices of officers such as the most recent officer killed in the line of duty in Kentucky, Officer Bryan Joseph Durman of Lexington.

Officer Durman, and other heroes like him, will not be forgotten and will always remind us of the ultimate sacrifices that our Law Enforcement Officers make every day. We remember them, and their families, each and every day.

CONGRATULATING THE CREEK-SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Creekside Middle School in Carmel, Indiana in celebration of the team of students who placed first in the National Science Bowl, sponsored by the United States Department of Energy.

The National Science Bowl is an annual competition designed to encourage the best of our nation's young students to develop an interest in science and mathematics and to make contributions in those fields. It is a competition that promotes discovery, innovation, hard work and a commitment to a better tomorrow.

For all of these reasons and many more, I am so proud that a team from Indiana's 5th District won the national championship. It is a wonderful display of the best of Indiana's young minds. Over 5,000 middle school students from 1,023 teams across the country participated in this event, making Creekside's win all the more impressive.

As a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee, I also want to acknowledge how important it is to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics—STEM—leaders. For America to maintain its competitive edge in our global marketplace, we must pursue STEM excellence with a sense of urgency and passion.

Students like those at Creekside give me hope that we'll accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators and parents across the nation. Once again, congratulations Creekside, I am very proud of you.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHY MASCIARELLI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Richy Masciarelli, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of

these members, students like Richy are able to make higher education possible.

Richy's father, Richard Masciarelli, works in the Maintenance Department of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. I greatly admire Colin's hard work at Pottstown High School and his aspirations to study business management and health & occupation. With his work ethic, I am sure Richy will be successful in whatever career he chooses.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Richy Masciarelli and his commitment to his community and studies that enabled him to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

A TRIBUTE TO SAMANTHA DILOCKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate 13-year-old Samantha Dilocker of Red Oak, Iowa, who has been named the state's top middle school youth volunteer for 2013 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, 345,000 American youths have participated in this program, with only 102 state honorees chosen each year.

Samantha's path to this prestigious award began in 2006 when she received the troubling news that her mother's employer would be closing its doors resulting in lost jobs not just at home, but across her community. Equipped with the determination to help her neighbors, Samantha began to establish an auction for baked goods at her local Elks Lodge by soliciting donations, creating advertising posters and signs, and working hands-on to run the auction. Samantha's first auction raised more than \$1,000 and left no doubt in her mind that her work would continue. Now, her annual craft and baked goods auctions have raised more than \$22,000 over the past seven years for a local food pantry, a community toy drive, a scholarship fund, and even provided assistance for a family whose young boy was diagnosed with cancer.

As a state honoree, Samantha received a \$1,000 prize, an engraved silver medallion, and was recently recognized at an award ceremony and gala dinner reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in our nation's capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Miss Dilocker for her sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in her community and beyond. Samantha's commitment to a cause greater than herself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Samantha, and it