

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Awards recognize four avenues of individual growth—community service, physical fitness, exploration, and personal development—and how the fulfillment of these goals forms balanced and promising young citizens.

In their pursuit of these goals, recipients of the Congressional Awards have gained new skills and greater confidence. For many, these projects will be the cornerstone for future endeavors, further enriching their lives and encouraging others to follow their lead.

The recipients of the 2013 Congressional Awards set the finest example and demonstrate dedication to improving their communities and the Nation as a whole.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, it is my privilege to recognize the honored recipients of the 2013 Congressional Award Gold Medal—the highest achievement for America's youth:

Gareth Evans, Martha Costello, Max Benning, Emily Burns, Aimee Miller, Courtney Hayes, Brooke Vittimberga, Matthieu Kaman, Katherine Liu, Alexander Schnorr, Harry Chung, Woody Chung, Austin Devine, Jason Flahie, Diana Kwok, Katarina Mayers, Kyle Kearney, Brandon Hsiu, Jackie Lee, Lauren Cochran, Max Kaplan, Taehyung “Kevin” Kim, Han John Tse, Quinn Hatoff, Anna Najor, Katherine Najor, Samantha Stafford, Austin Threadgill, Nicholas Cousino, Alouette Greenidge, Daniel Greenidge, James Bilko, Brittney Calloway, Brianna Goley, Hannah Foster, Milan Patel, Alexander Smith, Ryan Sutherland, Jake Bakkedahl, Mikaela Balzer, Ilana Berghash, Christine Brookshire, Kathryn Dowling, Steve Glener, Benjamin Horowitz, Rebecca Meiser, Caitlin Melnyk, Joshua Newell.

Kyle Pantan, Brady Pere, Cassidy Poirier, Hiren Prajapati, Kethan Rao, Lauren Rousseau, Erin Tufano, Jamie Wilkinson, Nicky Wood, Katherine Panskyy, Sarah Murray, Riley McDonough, Hannah Howard, Haritha Pavuluri, Megan Chambers, Esther Frederick, Rachel Hooper, Talia Merrill, Emily Peel, Angela Renn, Taylor Adler, Madison Dahlquist, Bryce Ervin, Claire Goss, Micyla Huston, Carmen Perez, Thane Seward, Rebecca Tweedie, Linda Wells, Kimber Sable, Nicholas Oliva, (Joshua) Luke Durell, Chesley Rowlett, Vaibhav Vavilala, David Wintermeyer, Adam Campbell, Seth Campbell, Austin Bachar, Emilio Fajardo, Ryan Fajardo, Lissa Leibson, Darah Pourakbar, Priyanka Rao, Lexi Shealy, Andrea Clarkson, Olivia Foster, Christopher Loucif, Rachel Green, Shabnam Ahmed, Veronica Whelan, Jared Lichtman.

Olivia Stanhope, Kayla Nicole Peabody, Pranita Balusu, Gabrielle Herin, Bronson Zhureau, Gabriela Anderson, Gregory Botts, Zohra Coday, Henry Bair, Molly Burton,

Annika Fredrikson, Brett Hodgins, Theresa Jabouri, Natalie O'Loughlin, Griffin Reed, Glenn Lane, Canary Brooks, Paulina Hinton, Bridget Bergin, Carol Ann Schwarzenbach, Caroline Fay, Elizabeth Van Eerden, Michael Brienza, Terrell Chestnutt, Randall Schroeder, Wilmoth Kerns III, Lukas Stewart, Jacob Grabowski, Rebecca Sis, Matthew Ostdiek, Aaron Clark, Kristin Davis, Chad Kahn, Sean Platt, Erin Price, Francis Uzzolina, Niral Desai, Nora Laberee, Rishi Sharma, David Wu, Christina Coleburn, Shivangi Goel, Sera Lim, Eric O'Hare, Spencer Holmsborg, Melissa Louie, Kathleen O'Donnell-Pickert, Smitha Pallaki, Neeraj Shekhar, Aparna Sundaram.

Olivia Lascari, Zachary Certner, Robert Harvey, Catherine Wong, Eva Boal, Reema Chopra, Kunaal Patade, Lindsay Ramsland, Divya Ramakrishnan, Taylor Miller, Michael Farese, Courtney Stiles, Christopher Kunkel, Samuel Lam, Sachit Singal, Dan Wang, Jonathan Gidley, Tushar Goswami, Katherine Ervin, Alexandra Gritta, Stephen Christianto, Karika Gnep, Irene Thio, Albertus Nugroho, Elyse McMahon, Geoffrey Pyke, Nayeli Avalos, Evangeline Cai, Daniel Castellanos-Mendez, Thalia Medina, Christopher Merken, Jonathan Rosenbaum, J. Cameron Barge, Natalie Domeisen, Seung Jin Bae, Won Chang, Ana Cvetkovic, David Ha, Chae-Eon Jang, Samuel Joo, Grace Kim, Julianne Lowenstein, Quincy Morgan, Channouch Morn, Christine Palazzolo, Kara Schoch, Zachary Schwarz, Abbie Starker, Michael Tershakovec, Andrew Van Buren.

Sereipong Yoeurn, Elizabeth Gahman, Valerie Poutous, Madison Thomas, Robert Cook, Rachel Park, Andrew Barry, Taiyi Ouyang, Daniel Hux, Angela Fan, Eric Menees, Joseph Rosenberger, Timothy Harakal, Nicholas Cruz, Hunter Behrends, R. Adrian De Leon, Abby McAnany, Sharon Li, Nevin Shah, Niloy Shah, Nicholas Cen, Karsyn Robb, Abby Mietchen, Caroline Dunmire, Joshua Tubb, Elizabeth Bird, Jonathan Rintels, Meagan Bedsaul, Truman Custer, Isaac Grunstra, Megan Ganley, Jane Willner, Dev Lakhia, Chase Robinett, Erik Edwards, Elisha Gentry, Katrina Freeland, Samantha Below, Samuel Brackett, Reed Dickerson, Bailey Dolph, Zachary Griffith, Daulton Grube, Jaimie Lee, Kayleigh Skolnick, Grant Thompson, and Sara Vestal.

FOUR STUDENTS HONORED WITH CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD FOR THEIR COMMIT- MENT TO SERVING PINELLAS COUNTY

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend four students who are being honored today with the Congressional Award Gold Medal for individual achievement in volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration. For the benefit of my colleagues, I would like to outline some of their accomplishments.

Hannah Foster, a resident of Seminole, Florida, volunteered with the Largo Library and the Florida Gulf Coast Center for Fishing & Interactive Museum in Florida's 13th congressional district where she arranged exhibits and hosted a summer camp for students. She tested her endurance through kayaking voyages and attended the Student Leadership University to enhance her ability to inspire others. She has studied history extensively in order to widen her international perspective. Hannah reconnected with her heritage through a seven-day Mandarin language immersion trip to Chinatown in San Francisco.

Another one of my constituents, Milan Patel of Clearwater, Florida, volunteered more than 400 hours for Suncoast Hospice, a valued center in the community, for more than 15 years. She founded the Suncoast Hospice Teen Music Program and played the guitar daily at the bedside of terminally ill patients. In addition, Milan traveled to Boca Raton every weekend to hone her fencing skills. She also fenced in the Junior Olympics for the past two years and journeyed to Cambodia and Laos to learn the art of meditation while living with a group of monks.

Alexander Smith of St. Petersburg volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. He worked both in a warehouse and on job sites to build houses in low-income communities. Alexander also hiked for seven days in the Blue Ridge Mountains to refine his survival and team-building skills and played the bagpipe competitively. A skilled athlete, he also participated in his high school's rowing team, won a United States Rowing Silver Medal, and is currently rowing for Cornell University.

Ryan Sutherland volunteered at Bay Pines Veterans Administration hospital, and he also served as a sailing instructor for underprivileged youth. Because of his deep interest in healthcare and his experience as a boy scout, he completed both an advanced emergency medical technician and American Red Cross lifeguard course and dedicated 1,000 hours to focusing on expanding his healthcare, music, and leadership knowledge. Ryan aided in Pinellas County's humanitarian efforts through his own organization, Water for Africa. He served as the president of the Inklings Book Club, which sought to promote literacy in my district. Ryan reached the summit of Mount Washington and spent 300 hours hiking, cycling, and running. He also sailed a 34-foot sailboat to Key West and the Dry Tortugas.

Mr. Speaker, these four young people serve as models of patriotism and principle for the rest of our nation's youth. Their goals of self-motivation will continue to guide them throughout their lives, and I have no doubt they will make great contributions to our country in the future. The Congressional Award program is essential to our nation, and I commend these students for attaining this high level of community service and personal responsibility for which it stands.

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