

Brothers—Big Sisters of NW Ohio, Lutheran Social Services and the Sylvania Athletic Foundation.

At The University of Toledo, he has been involved with The Tower Club, President's Club, Downtown Coaches, UT Alumni Association, College of Business & Family Business Center, Sales Executive of the Day, Honorary Doctorate of Management, Pacemaker of the Year, Catherine Eberly Center for Women, UT Foundation Board and The Findlay Building—the athletic complex at Scott Park—is named in his honor. He established The Celia Koontz Findlay Scholarship, The James R. Findlay Scholarship, and the Jim & Celia Findlay Family Business Award. He chaired The University of Toledo's Council for Academic Excellence to raise funds for scholarships. He also received the UT Athletic Department's 12th Man Award and is an honorary member of the Varsity T Club.

He has also been involved with ProMedica's Wine Event, Autism Fundraising Council, The Goerlich Center Campaign, Flower Hospital's Women's Auxiliary Flower Hospital Cancer and a member of the Stevens Warren Flower Society.

In 2001 he published "In the Company of Friends", a book of his life experiences.

Jim has also been awarded an Honorary Degree from Lourdes College, the Newman Award, Servant Leadership Award, Toledo Community Award, "Grow our Economy—Develop our People" Award and Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Award.

Jim is the founder of Impact Products and, upon his retirement, in typical Jim Findlay fashion, he gave the company to his employees. The company's name—IMPACT—is a testament to the impact that one person can selflessly make on the lives of so many. We, the family of Toledo and NW Ohio blessed and honored, know and pay tribute to our dear friend, Jim Findlay, who in good time and times of great struggle, teaches us by way of his courageous example.

RECOGNIZING SIMEON TORONTO'S COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Simeon Toronto of Andover, Minnesota on his election as the 67th president of the American Legion Boys Nation.

At only 17 years old, he has an impressive record. Not only is he the first Minnesotan in more than two decades to be elected president of the American Legion Boys Nation, but he is also captain of his high school's boy's cross country and track teams, president of the student council and an Eagle Scout.

With a giving heart and a focus on serving those around him, Simeon is a shining example of a true Minnesota spirit. Our country would benefit from more young men as dedicated and accomplished as Simeon.

I know I speak for my constituents when I say we are so proud of this young man and look forward to seeing what's to come in his bright future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Body recognize Simeon's tremendous accomplishments and

congratulate him as he begins this new journey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 484, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

HONORING CAPTAIN STEVEN CHRIS KOCKOS FOR HIS SERVICE AS A EULESS POLICE OFFICER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Captain Steven Chris Kockos for his 30 years of service as a police officer for the City of Euleus, Texas.

Captain Kockos began his career with the Euleus Police Department on June 26, 1983, when he was hired as a patrol officer. By 1985 he was a detective and, in that year, he earned his Intermediate Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), completed the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) course, and was assigned to the Criminal Investigative Division.

Kockos received his Advanced Certification in 1989 and, in 1990, was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division. In that time, he also trained in the use of the intoxilyzer and completed the Police School of Supervision at the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute. At the end of 1992, he was assigned to Internal Affairs, a position in which he coordinated training and investigated any violations of policies or procedures by police personnel. Kockos earned his Police Instructor Certification in that same year. In January of 1993, Kockos was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Police Administration.

Over the years, Kockos continued to advance his honorable career. He was made commander of the multi-agency Tarrant County Narcotics Intelligence and Coordination Unit in January of 1995. In 1997, he received the Master Police Officer Certification from TCLEOSE and, a few months later, was reassigned to the Patrol Division after successfully serving the narcotics unit. Starting in 2001, Kockos led the Criminal Investigation Division for nearly three years before returning to the Patrol Division. On February 3, 2011, Kockos was promoted to the rank of captain and was assigned to command the Communications, Property, Records, and Detention Divisions.

Years of steadfast service saw many honors and memories for Captain Kockos. He received twenty commendations, a certificate of achievement for his work in the D.A.R.E. program in 1997, and won Supervisor of the Year in 2007—an award he was nominated for nine times, demonstrating the relationships and respect that he had on the force. One memorable commendation was for an occasion on

which Kockos used his certified scuba diving expertise to recover a murder weapon from a lake.

Before entering the Euleus Police Department, Kockos had a history of selfless service to others. His father was an Assistant Chief in the Dallas Police Department. Kockos himself was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force who served four years, two as a military policeman, and was honorably discharged in 1979. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from University of Texas at Arlington in 1983. He is an avid golfer and has two adult children, Chris and Matt, with his wife Judy of 32 years.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Steven Kockos for his 30 years of public service as an officer of the Euleus Police Department.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WINSTON L. YANG

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an article by Dr. Winston L. Yang, Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies at Seton Hall University in New Jersey published in the Asian Pacific Business Journal, a Colorado-based news outlet, in its June 2011 issue. It is my privilege and honor to share this article with the American people and enshrine it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CHENG MING, A POWERFUL VOICE FOR
DEMOCRACY IN CHINA

(By Winston L. Yang, Ph.D.)

Since the establishment of the Communist Government in China in 1949, the Chinese people have been suffering under the Communist one-party tyranny. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has denied such universal values as democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law.

Even though the People's Republic of China (PRC) has recently replaced Japan as the world's second largest economy, the Chinese people have been living under the widespread official corruption and the Communist suppressions. All pro-democracy movements have been crushed by the CPP. Hundreds and thousands of political prisoners who advocate democratization are still in the PRC's jails. One of the best examples is Mr. Liu Xiao Po, who advocated peaceful political reforms and stressed the need for political liberalization in China. He was put on trial and sentenced to an 11-year jail term. Nevertheless, Mr. Liu was honored with the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize. He has been hailed all over the world as a "democratic hero." Yet his wife, Liu Ciao, has been under house arrest ever since.

Back in May, 1989, well over half a million Chinese college students gathered in Beijing's Tiananmen Square to demand freedom and democracy. The students protested against the suppressive policy of the Chinese Communist Government. Such legitimate, peaceful protests and demands, however, were suppressed by the Communist armed forces. When the smoke cleared, hundred of students lay dead.

In the view of the violent Communist suppression of freedom and democracy, Mr. Wen Hui, a well-known writer and journalist, founded Cheng Ming, a monthly political

commentary, in Hong Kong in 1977 to advocate democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law for the Chinese people. Since its founding, Cheng Ming has become one of the most powerful, if not the most powerful, voices for political change and liberalization in China.

In 2007, Cheng Ming, the most popular political journal published in Hong Kong, celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding. Mr. Wen, its publisher, received hundreds of congratulatory messages from leaders in various circles all around the world. One of the best examples is U.S. Congressman Mark Udall, now a U.S. Senator, who in a letter to Mr. Wen dated October 2, 2007, pointed out that “with a worldwide readership, Cheng Ming has extended far-reaching influences beyond Hong Kong.”

Mr. Libby Davies, a member of the Canadian Parliament, in a letter dated October 17, 2007, congratulated Mr. Wen on Cheng Ming’s achievements and contributions. Mr. Wen also received many, many other congratulatory messages.

Despite Cheng Ming’s great influences, achievements and contributions, Mr. Wen continues to condemn, in his writings, China’s one-party dictatorship and advocates an end to political suppression in the PRC. A strong critic of China, Mr. Wen voices his criticisms and advocacy in his monthly column published in Cheng Ming. Mr. Wen will not end his critical writings until and unless China renounces its totalitarian system and becomes a free, democratic country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FRANK FULBROOK

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frank Fulbrook. Mr. Fulbrook was a committed city advocate and a valuable member of our community. Mr. Fulbrook leaves behind a loving family, caring friends, and even more admirers.

Mr. Fulbrook always spoke his mind. He was a steadfast defender of his principles, and a tireless crusader against laws and proposals he opposed. Although Mr. Fulbrook didn’t receive a law degree, his passion for the law and extensive legal knowledge allowed him to write many legal briefs and file several lawsuits.

Mr. Fulbrook left an indelible mark on Camden, primarily through local government. He believed everyone had a right to have their opinion heard, but was a fearsome debater and powerful advocate for his causes. There was nothing he cared more about than his fellow Camdenites.

Mr. Fulbrook also served on the Camden zoning board, the city’s library board, and was a gracious landlord who rented to students looking to live in the city.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fulbrook was a role model for all of the people in the first Congressional District of New Jersey. His dedication to our city inspired many, including me, to strive to be better public servants. I rise with the rest of South Jersey to honor Frank Fulbrook for his outstanding commitment to our community. I wish Frank’s family the best; he will surely be missed.

RECOGNIZING BORGERT PRODUCTS, INC ON THEIR NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BUSINESS

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the ninetieth anniversary of Borgert Products, Inc., in Saint Joseph, Minnesota. Borgert Product’s main mission is to produce premium interlocking concrete pavements and related products, and to provide better service and choices for their customers.

This family owned and operated company was established in 1923 by Lawrence Borgert in East Saint Cloud, Minnesota. In 1953 Kenneth J. Borgert took over the business and moved the operation to its current location in Saint Joseph, Minnesota. After Kenneth retired in 1989, three of his children—Susan, Kevin, and Nadine—acquired the company. In 1999, the Borgert siblings expanded the operation by adding a second state-of-the-art plant. In 2006 Susan became the sole owner. She considers the employees of Borgert Products as her ‘work family’, attesting to the value she places on each one of the staff.

Borgert Products proudly produces superior concrete paving products that exceed industry standards. Part of their success is due to classes they offer with hands-on lessons for the installation of their interlocking concrete pavers and permeable interlocking concrete pavers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Body congratulate and recognize Susan Borgert and the entire Borgert Products, Inc. family for their long standing dedication to quality products, to customer satisfaction, to the environment, and to their community.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL A. SHEEHAN

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express appreciation and pay tribute to Michael A. Sheehan upon his retirement as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict. Since his confirmation on December 17, 2011, Mr. Sheehan has distinguished himself as a tireless leader and advocate for special operations forces, counterterrorism policy, and operations. With more than 30 years of experience in combating terrorism, Assistant Secretary Sheehan has provided indispensable advice to the defense committees and directly contributed to U.S. government counterterrorism strategy and policy. He has personally shaped many key counterterrorism initiatives, including the prudent use of operational authorities that fully enabled U.S. Special Operations Forces and our foreign partners around the world. Under his leadership and guidance, the Department of Defense worked to degrade al-Qa’ida’s reach across the Middle East and Northwest Africa, and to diminish significantly its influence in Yemen, Somalia, Mali, and Afghanistan. By continually pressing for the ef-

fective and strategic employment of special operations forces to train, equip and advise our foreign partner forces, Assistant Secretary Sheehan has helped implement a U.S. national counterterrorism strategy to meet the challenges of a diversifying terrorist threat.

During this tenure, Assistant Secretary Sheehan has elevated the importance and effectiveness of numerous Department of Defense efforts to build partner capacity and enhance partnered operations. He personally oversaw counterterrorism operational authorities under Section 1208, capacity building efforts under Section 1206, numerous projects under the Global Security Contingency Fund, the Defense Institutional Reform Initiative, and the Ministry of Defense Advisory program that have resulted in the significant improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness of these critical components within U.S. defense strategy.

Assistant Secretary Sheehan also provided oversight of multiple Department of Defense humanitarian assistance and disaster relief programs and operations, including assistance to the Philippines after Typhoon Bopha in December 2012, support for non-combatant evacuation in the Central African Republic in December 2012, and the humanitarian assistance efforts in Jordan to address refugees from Syria. Additionally, he has represented the Department on the interagency Atrocities Prevention Board (APB) and has overseen U.S. Special Operations Forces contributions to the African Union initiative launched against Joseph Kony and the Lord’s Resistance Army.

With an encyclopedic knowledge of terrorist organizations, keen strategic awareness, and extensive operational experience, Assistant Secretary Sheehan has continually provided the congressional defense committees of the United States Congress with honest, effective, and timely advice and testimony. Assistant Secretary Sheehan’s visionary leadership and guidance has greatly enhanced our national security and further aligned the Department of Defense to meet the 21st century challenges facing our nation and the warfighter. At every turn, in his more than three decades of government service, he has made our country safer. For that, we shall remain forever grateful.

HONORING MICHAEL DAVID NEELEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael David Neeley. Michael 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 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Michael 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, Michael has earned the rank of Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and became a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, all