

brought innovative teaching methods to bear to help our students excel, including movie-making, robotics lessons and simulated NASA space missions. His students noted that Mr. Grisillo is a great teacher because he believes in his students and serves as a mentor to them. When asked to describe Mr. Grisillo in one word, students said he was “inspirational,” “extraordinary” and “fun”—just what our teachers ought to be.

Mr. Grisillo is a graduate of West Chester University and holds a Master’s Degree from Widener University.

Mr. Grisillo was one of four finalists from schools in Pennsylvania’s 7th Congressional District. Tracey Fritch of Rose Tree Media School District, Lori Gallagher of Hatboro-Horsham School District and Nicole Miletto of Hatboro-Horsham School District were also finalists for Pennsylvania’s 2014 Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mr. Grisillo, Ms. Fritch, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Miletto and all our educators for their dedication to our children and their tireless work to prepare them for the future.

RECOGNIZING 91.3 FM KXCI: A TUCSON AREA RADIO STATION AND COMMUNITY LEADER

**HON. RON BARBER**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 91.3 FM KXCI, a community radio station serving Tucson, Arizona and the surrounding areas, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. The anniversary, which occurs on December 6th, 2013, will be marked by a special concert event at the El Con Club and Grill in Tucson, featuring an eclectic mix of local bands.

KXCI makes invaluable contributions to the communities of southern Arizona. Its unique blend of music expands the cultural horizons of its listeners and its relationships with local arts and public service organizations bring local citizens together. By providing over \$200,000 worth of free airtime for public service announcements each year, KXCI helps Tucson area non-profits to raise awareness of their causes and foster community engagement.

KXCI’s staff, supporters and listeners understand that radio can be a powerful force for social good. Together, they have built a radio station that facilitates a healthy exchange of ideas and expressions, strengthens local communities, promotes the arts and provides stimulating entertainment.

Over 30 years, tuning into KXCI has been synonymous with placing a finger on the pulse of the city of Tucson. The station has long been one of the region’s most trusted and respected sources of news, music and current events. Those who live within its reaches find comfort in its unique programming in the car, at home and at work.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate KXCI on reaching this great milestone. Its long history of enriching the communities in and around Tucson deserves our highest admiration and respect. Happy birthday, KXCI—and many more!

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM  
“RANDY” BATES, JR., JD

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an accomplished business, legal and educational leader in my district. William “Randy” Bates, Jr., has been a successful businessman and attorney in Southeast Texas and has served as a member of the Lone Star College System for more than 20 years.

Randy was the first African American appointed, and then elected, to the Lone Star College System board. He served as Vice Chair of the board and was twice elected board Chair.

As a board member and as Chair during his tenure with the Lone Star College System, he has been instrumental in the system’s growth, from fewer than 20,000 students and three colleges in 1991 to six colleges and a total enrollment of 90,000 students.

Prior to his service in the field of higher education, Randy earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and his Juris Doctor from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, where he later served as an Adjunct Professor.

As a student at Texas Southern, Randy was elected Class President at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law and was the first African American to be selected Law Student Director for the Texas Young Lawyers Association, representing all law students in the State of Texas.

Randy later founded the law firm of Bates & Coleman, PC, which specializes in Public Finance Law.

His many accomplishments include being named Outstanding Texan in the field of Education by the Legislative Black Caucus, the Mayor’s Distinguished Award from the City of El Paso and the Excellence in Achievement Award from Texas Southern University for years of outstanding service to education and the community.

Randy is a lifelong member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and is married to the former Glenda Underwood. They are the proud parents of three sons, Lamont, William and Jonathan.

In recognition for his years of service to the Lone Star College System, the central building on the Lone Star College—Victory Center Campus will be named in his honor.

Randy—I congratulate you on your distinguished service to the Lone Star College System and I offer my sincere appreciation for your many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING SUQUAMISH TRIBE  
CHAIRMAN, MR. LEONARD  
FORSMAN, FOR HIS NOMINATION  
TO THE PRESIDENT’S ADVISORY  
COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESER-  
VATION

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a long-time leader in Kitsap County and the Suquamish Tribe, Chairman Leonard Forsman. His service to the Suquamish Tribe and Greater Puget Sound Region of Washington State has positively impacted the environment and community.

Mr. Forsman has been nominated by the President to serve as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent agency that advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

Mr. Forsman has served on the Suquamish Tribal Council for over 20 years and has served as Tribal Chairman since 2005, where he has been an advocate for tribal education, cultural preservation, gaming policy, and habitat protection.

As Chairman, Mr. Forsman has supported preserving the cultural identity of the Suquamish Tribe. He remains committed to educating both his tribe and the larger community on their history, including usage of Suquamish names throughout the Puget Sound. He also travels as a puller on the Tribe’s traditional canoe on the annual Tribal Canoe Journey, legging hundreds of miles on the Salish Sea. The Tribal Canoe Journey brings together many tribes from the Pacific Northwest to celebrate native art, culture, and history. Mr. Forsman’s work has ensured that the history of the Suquamish Tribe will continue to be part of our region’s shared heritage.

Whether it’s his degrees in both Anthropology and Historical Preservation, his career as a research archaeologist, or his service as a member of the Washington State Historical Society Board since 2007, it’s clear that Mr. Forsman’s educational and professional background will bring a high degree of expertise to the Advisory Council.

As I close, I can say with confidence that Leonard Forsman’s dedication to his tribe’s history and cultural identity has enriched the Greater Puget Sound area. I am pleased to recognize that dedication today in the United States Congress.

HONORING PHILIP NELSON

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Philip Nelson of the Illinois Farm Bureau (ILFB) and to recognize his years of service to the state and national agriculture community.

Mr. Nelson began his career in agriculture in his youth and was awarded the prestigious Illinois FFA Star Farmer of the Year award in