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HONORING THE TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN ILLINOIS'S TENTH DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Technology and Manufacturing Association (TMA) for its outstanding commitment to training and education in the advanced manufacturing industry in the district I represent and across the country.

Since 1925, the TMA Training & Education program has served as a valued source of employee learning and development for member companies. TMA training has experienced a significant resurgence.

Its Related Theory Apprentice Training program has been assisting member companies in training their apprentices for more than 70 years, and is one of the largest, most recognized precision metalworking apprenticeship programs in the United States.

Remarkably, enrollment in this program has more than quadrupled in the last three years. TMA has also expanded its curriculum to include the latest advancements and, for the first time since 1925, incorporates hands-on training.

The Fred W. Buhrke Training Center in Arlington Heights trains in the programming, set-up and operation of new, state-of-the-art computer numerical control (CNC) machines. More than 100 students have completed CNC training with TMA and can now earn nationally-recognized, stackable credentials.

TMA continues to partner with local organizations to expand training and work hand-in-hand to help bridge our skills gap and ensure our future success in advanced manufacturing.

I personally thank TMA for all it does to support advanced manufacturing and to expand economic opportunities throughout our communities and in the Tenth District.

HONORING NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Autism Awareness Month, a special opportunity to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism and to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

Autism is a developmental disorder that by some estimates affects 1 in 88 children age 8. These rates mark dramatic increases from just

decades ago, and I believe it is vital that more research be done to investigate the causes of autism and to determine prevention tactics, as well as treatments and possible cures for people already afflicted. As a member of the Congressional Coalition on Autism Research and Education, I have long supported increased funding for medical research to combat this unfortunate condition.

I would also like to recognize Rising Tide, which will celebrate its first anniversary on April 1. Rising Tide embodies the spirit of National Autism Awareness Month. Founded by John D'Erri and his son Thomas to create a supportive environment for Thomas' autistic brother Andrew, Rising Tide is a carwash that employs forty-three men and women with autism. The mission of this company is to empower autistic individuals and inspire communities to redefine their perception of the capabilities that people with autism have. Rising Tide is the largest single store retail employer of individuals with autism in the United States.

I am proud to recognize National Autism Awareness Month and the hard work that advocacy groups are doing in communities across the country to increase autism awareness in our community and make the world a better place for individuals with this diversity.

REMEMBERING ASHLEY EARL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness to mourn the death of Peace Corps volunteer Ashley Earl. Ashley passed away on Saturday, March 8, in her beloved host community of Oshakati, Namibia.

As a community health volunteer, Ashley worked tirelessly for the health and well-being of the residents of Oshakati, a community she was proud to be a part of. Working with Catholic AIDS Action, she coordinated after-school programs for youth in the local area. Those who worked with her say she "cared deeply for her students, and taught them to show respect for others as well as respect for themselves."

Ashley's time as a volunteer in the Peace Corps was just one component of her legacy of service. Prior to joining, she served six years in the Army Reserve and worked for a variety of social service organizations on behalf of women, children, and veterans.

At the beginning of her Peace Corps service, Ashley wrote, "I am hoping that I will be able to instill or inspire positive change in the community I will be working with." I can say with confidence that Ashley not only instilled and inspired positive change in the community of Oshakati, but also in those who encountered her. We all have much to learn from her heart for service and passion for life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness, and even greater admiration that we remember the legacy of Ashley Earl. Our hearts go out to her parents, Phyllis and Lee Lundquist, and her sister, Stacy Earl.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EDWARD ZALOGA AND HIS SERVICE TO THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Edward J. Zaloga, who on March 22, 2014, retired from his position as the 136th President of the Lackawanna County Medical Society. Since his graduation from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Zaloga has used his training and expertise to improve the state of health care in Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1878, the Lackawanna County Medical Society works to foster excellence in medical care, act as an advocate for physicians and their patients, and represent physicians to the entire community. Taking an active role in the health of the local community, Lackawanna County Medical Society holds an annual "Health Fair in the Park" that offers health screenings and benefits to county residents free of charge. Physicians of Lackawanna County Medical Society joined together to establish the Leahy Clinic for Uninsured at the University of Scranton, which provides crucial health care for local residents who cannot afford insurance.

Through his continued involvement with the Lackawanna County Medical Society, Dr. Zaloga has demonstrated a sincere commitment to his community. He served as a strong advocate for patients and his fellow physicians as a delegate to the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and as the Society's chief spokesperson on patient rights and quality of care issues. Throughout his career, Dr. Zaloga pushed the medical community to provide quality, cost-effective health care to the citizens of Lackawanna County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I am proud to congratulate Dr. Zaloga on his many achievements during his career, and I thank him for his dedication to improving health care in Lackawanna County. He has done a great service for the health care professionals, the uninsured, and all those who need health care in the Lackawanna community.

SOLEDAD SIERRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Soledad Sierra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Soledad Sierra is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Soledad Sierra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Soledad Sierra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD UNIVERSITY PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Howard University Pharmacy Alumni Association on 55 years of service to the Howard University College of Pharmacy and to the profession of pharmacy. Pharmacy education is an essential part of the core curriculum at Howard University. Since its establishment, Howard University has consistently educated diverse, culturally competent and thoughtful pharmacists. In fact, one of Howard University's earliest graduates earned a Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmacy, and started the legacy of service and excellence that has defined subsequent generations of graduates.

The College of Pharmacy's graduates work tirelessly to address existing and emerging health care concerns, including health care disparities along racial and economic lines. However, their call to serve extends well beyond the clinical and beyond the confines of their profession. For 55 years, the Pharmacy Alumni Association has served as one of the most effective advocates for the school and its students. Through its efforts, countless students have received scholarships and mentoring that enabled and empowered them to join this noble profession.

I ask the House to join me in celebrating the Pharmacy Alumni Association's 55th anniversary, and I wish the Howard University Pharmacy Alumni Association many more years of success as they continue to provide financial and networking opportunities to the next generation of pharmacists.

HONORING ABDULLAHI CHARIF

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Abdullahi Charif, a 12-year-old boy who tragically lost his life on March 1st, 2014, as a result of an accident that occurred while swimming during a physical education class at school.

Abdullahi lived a short life but he made a significant impact on his family and community. He was a bright and promising young man who enjoyed life. We must cherish the gifts and lessons he provided to his family and friends during his short time.

The tragic loss of Abdullahi should serve as a reminder that pool procedures in schools must be evaluated and held to the highest standards of safety. We must do all we can to avoid tragedies like this from occurring again.

I offer my condolences to his family and community in this time of loss.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Abdullahi Charif.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Congregation Ahavas Achim in Highland Park, New Jersey as it celebrates its 125th Anniversary this year. Since its incorporation in 1889, Congregation Ahavas Achim has provided a spiritual center for prayer, education and community to Middlesex County residents.

Upon its incorporation, Congregation Ahavas Achim began humbly, meeting in members' homes or rented stores in New Brunswick. Over the next several years, it grew, purchasing land and a building and continued to enlarge and remodel to meet the needs of a growing membership. Congregation Ahavas Achim relocated to Highland Park in 1987 and its new building was dedicated in 1989. The synagogue expanded once again and was re-dedicated in 2010.

Congregation Ahavas Achim is a Torah-observant congregation and member congregation of the Orthodox Union. It is open to Jews of all backgrounds and strives to include all members in synagogue life.

Over the years, Congregation Ahavas Achim has been led by Rabbi Israel Marcus, Rabbi Samuel Baskin, Rabbi Abraham Shapiro and Rabbi Ronald L. Schwarzberg. After serving as Assistant Rabbi, Interim Rabbi and Program Director, Rabbi Steven Miodownik became Rabbi of the congregation in 2006 and continues to provide spiritual leadership and guidance today. In addition to the Rabbi, the officers, staff and members of Congregation Ahavas Achim endeavor to carry on its mission and commit to a Halakhic life.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating Congregation Ahavas Achim as its members and supporters gather to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on March 30, 2014 and honor Marcia and Barry Levinson and Jennie and Josh Fine. Congregation Ahavas Achim and the esteemed honorees and guests of honor are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

WILSON MANTILLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wilson Mantilla for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Wilson Mantilla is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Wilson Mantilla is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Wilson Mantilla for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,546,932,628,558.05. We've added \$6,920,055,579,644.97 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 13 and 14, 2014 I joined Admiral Mike Connor, Commander of US Submarine Forces, on a visit to the USS *Missouri* to see firsthand the operations of a Virginia Class Submarine and missed several recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall No. 129, on the motion to recommit H.R. 3973 with instructions;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 130, on agreeing to the Polis of Colorado Part A Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3973;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 131, on the motion to recommit H.R. 3189 with instructions; "No" on rollcall No. 132, on passage of H.R. 3189;

"No" on rollcall No. 133, on the motion to table H. Res. 517;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 134, on the motion to recommit H.R. 4015 with instructions;

"No" on rollcall No. 135, on passage of H.R. 4015.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND RANDALL TREGO

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man who has put God and others above himself. The Reverend Randall Trego has been a blessing to The Woodlands through his ministry. As chaplain at St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital for the past 11 years, Rev. Trego has helped families heal. Since