

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF REASON

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thursday, May 1, 2014 as the National Day of Reason.

The National Day of Reason celebrates the application of reason and the positive impact it has had on humanity. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm the Constitutional separation of religion and government.

Each day, scientists and engineers in my Silicon Valley district are developing innovative new technologies through the use of the scientific method and the application of reason. Such advances throughout history have offered hope for human survival on Earth, improved the conditions within which we live, and cultivated intelligent, moral and ethical behaviors and interactions among people.

Our Founding Fathers based the Constitution of the United States upon philosophical principles that have their origins in the historical Age of Reason. On the National Day of Reason, we remember and celebrate this history, including the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of religion and freedom from the imposition of religion by the state. Our nation's founders knew that the best way to protect religious freedom was to keep the government separate from religion.

The National Day of Reason is also a time to continue the effort our Founding Fathers began to form a more perfect union, something I work toward each day as a Member of Congress. Every year on this day, events such as food drives and blood drives are held in which Americans help their fellow citizens and our nation as a whole. These community service events are just some of the many ways Americans will be working to help those in need on the Day of Reason and throughout the year.

I encourage all citizens, residents and visitors to join in observing this day and focusing upon the employment of reason, critical thought, the scientific method, and free inquiry to the resolution of human problems and for the welfare of human kind.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ANIMAL ADVOCACY DAY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of National Animal Advocacy Day. National Animal Advocacy Day encourages citizens to speak up to help secure meaningful protections for animals at the federal, state, and local levels.

On this National Animal Advocacy Day, I want to speak up for the humane treatment of our nation's horses. I ask the House of Representatives to pass H.R. 1094, the Safeguard American Food Exports Act, or SAFE Act. This bipartisan legislation, which I introduced with my colleague from Illinois, Rep. JAN SCHAKOWSKY, bans horse slaughter for human consumption and the export of horses for the same. Until a ban is in place, every horse is just one bad sale away from being sent to slaughter. I've seen this happen in my own district, and it must be stopped.

Horses are not bred for human consumption. Unlike dogs or cats, horses are routinely treated with drugs that can be toxic to humans. Horses are often transported without food, water, or rest in dangerously overcrowded trailers to endure an inhumane slaughter process.

Passage of the SAFE Act will not only protect our nation's horses. It will also protect consumers from exposure to the toxic chemicals found in horsemeat. Horses have a special place in our nation's history. Surveys show that 80 percent of American voters oppose the slaughter of horses for human consumption. It's a bill whose time has come. The SAFE Act will help to ensure that our horses get the protection they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, on National Animal Advocacy Day I applaud 170 of my colleagues in the House who are cosponsors of the SAFE Act, and encourage the rest of my colleagues to support it as well.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OLIVIA BAIR ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Olivia Bair of Findlay, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Olivia's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Olivia brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio, Olivia served as secretary for both the Red Cross Youth Council and Findlay's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Olivia was a member of her school's soccer and golf teams. Olivia also participated in the Latin Club as well as played club soccer. In addition, Olivia volunteered her time to her community at City Mission of Findlay. I am confident that Olivia will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Olivia Bair on the offer of her appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Olivia will excel during her career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to the Nation.

HONORING THE 129TH RESCUE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON VICE SQUADRON COMMANDER ROGER DALE HIGBY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor 129th Rescue Wing Support Squadron Vice Squadron Commander Roger Dale Higby, who is retiring after 52 years in law enforcement.

Mr. Higby moved to California at the age of five. He attended Los Gatos High School and graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from West Valley College. Roger continued his education at San Jose State University where he acquired a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice.

Roger began his lengthy law enforcement career in 1961 as a campus police officer at San Jose City College. From 1963 to 1966, Roger served in the United States Army attaining the rank of Sergeant in the Military Police and as a traffic investigator. Afterwards, Mr. Higby served as a weapons specialist in the California Air National Guard. In 1966, he joined the Campbell Police Department and quickly moved up the ranks.

The County of Stanislaus was lucky to acquire him in 1976, when Roger became the Chief of Police of Riverbank. At that time, the department had lost its POST certification and was under the supervision of the Attorney General. In two years, Roger was able to regain that certification and get the department back on track. During this time, he also served in the City of Waterford and taught at Ceres High School.

Mr. Higby spent 20 years with the Modesto Police Department in a variety of departments. He was a Traffic Sergeant, a member of the SWAT team, and Watch Commander. Roger had a 90 percent homicide clearance record when he was a Detective Sergeant.

Since January 2013, he has served as the Vice Squadron Commander at the 129th Rescue Wing Support Squadron at Moffett Airfield.

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Prior to joining the Squadron, Roger enjoyed many years at the State Guard Association of the United States as a MEMS Commandant Emeritus/MEMS International Coordinator.

Roger is married to Domenica Cindy and has a daughter, Danielle. In addition to his wife & child, his family includes his parents, Alfred & Mary Higby; siblings Richard and Joann Higby; biological parents Ruth Larsen and Ray Swift; and his biological siblings, Verna "Sue" Wertz, Thomas Bisbee, Dennis, Danny, Robert, and Debbie Swift. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, gardening, and farming almonds. Roger plans to continue consulting, training, mentoring, and writing after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement by Vice Squadron Commander Roger Dale Higby and hereby wish him continued success in his retirement.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Taiwan Relations Act, signed into law 35 years ago on April 10, 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, officially recognizes the unique relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

Taiwan is one of our closest allies and best friends in the world.

The University of Tennessee started having a large number of students coming from Taiwan in the early 1960s because a man from that nation, Nelson Nee, was head of the U.T. International Students Program. Many of these students became, and many still are, leaders in the Republic of China.

I had the privilege of spending a week in Taiwan along with Congressman PETE SESSIONS and former Congressman Sonny Calahan around 10 years ago. The Taiwanese people could not have been kinder or more impressive to us than during that visit.

I am thankful for the friendship of the people from Taiwan and honored to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF TO
HARLEM'S OLDEST ROMEO,
CLYDE E. COOK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 26, 2014, the Village of Harlem and the residents of the HDFC Houses at 206 West 121st Street came together to celebrate the life of Clyde E. Cook who passed away peacefully on April 15, 2014. It was a fitting tribute to a man who helped organize and redeveloped 206 West 121st Street Apartment Building into New York City's Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) program, giving individual tenants ownership shares of their apartments, where Clyde served as

president and building manager. Clyde and his beloved wife Clarissa were dear friends, allies and active members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Democratic Club, the home club of my political family.

Clyde Cook's obituary in the New York Amsterdam News reads as follows:

"Harlem's oldest Romeo" Clyde E. Cook was a proud member of the Harlem Village, and because of his inspiration and positive outlook, he was an optimistic figure in the community. His smile and kindness moved everyone that knew him; he was a strong pillar and role model.

Cook took great pride and pleasure in helping others. He loved writing poetry and going to the movies. His 6-foot-2-inch slender frame, rich baritone voice and cool demeanor led to his being called "Harlem's oldest Romeo." He was a father figure and dear friend to many. His direct involvement as a Harlem community advocate enhanced and enriched the neighborhood.

He was born in Selma, Ala., on Aug. 2, 1936, to the late Ira and Lottie Cook. Clyde was the youngest of four children. At an early age, his family relocated to Harlem and Clyde received his education in the New York City public school system, graduating from Clinton High School in the Bronx. During his adult years, Clyde fell in love and married Clarissa Harrison and resided in Harlem until she preceded him in death in 2006.

Clyde joined the auxiliary police during the nineteen seventies and graduated with honors. He held many managerial positions during his professional career starting at Harlem Hospital, the City Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street, the Board of Elections and ending as president and building manager of his HDFC building, located at 206 West 121st Street, around the corner from Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard and a short distance from the Mecca of Harlem's African Square on 125th Street that he loved so dearly. Clyde performed outstanding and exemplary service, helping others attain affordable housing.

Clyde Cook's leadership abilities led him to become an active community advocate. He joined the 28th Precinct Auxiliary Police in an effort to bring crime down and clean up the neighborhood during Harlem's darkest drug infested days. Being such a lover of community, Clyde became the president of the Golden Awards Committee, where under his leadership he honored many of Harlem's elite professionals for exceptional and devoted acts of service within the community. Our beloved Clyde passed away quietly with dignity and grace after a brief on April 15.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my esteem colleagues to join me in honoring Harlem's oldest Romeo and community advocate, Mr. Clyde E. Cook.

HONORING 11 RESIDENTS OF
BROWARD COUNTY SELECTED
FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR
HALL OF FAME

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 11 outstanding seniors from my district that have been selected to be part of the Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Through the generous donation of their time and resources, these exemplary seniors have displayed a

level of commitment to public service that can be admired by all.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County offers this annual distinction to seniors who have dedicated themselves to improving their community in South Florida. From ordinary citizens and businesspeople to public servants and advocates, they have gone above and beyond to serve both the elderly and those in need. The amount of time, money, and effort these individuals have expended for the betterment of their community is truly admirable and exhibits a level of passion worthy of recognition.

Congratulations to Margaret "Marnie" Allen, William Edelstein, Rose Manni, Rita Martin, Carmen Morales, Anthony C. Musto, Soutien Peng, Jackie Rosen, Joseph "Joe" Schwartz, Lucy Stevens, and Ilene Weisberg on their election to the 2014 Senior Hall of Fame. I hope that by honoring them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that they can continue to inspire South Floridians to live by their example.

42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GAY
AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
(GLAA)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 43rd anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (GLAA). GLAA is a valued organization that has become a local leader in the struggle for equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

Since its formation in April 1971, GLAA has been a respected and tireless advocate for full and equal rights for the residents of the District of Columbia, and has been at the forefront of efforts to strengthen enforcement of the landmark D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977. One of GLAA's most significant achievements, on which it worked with coalition partners, D.C. elected officials, and District residents, was the enactment of the District of Columbia Religious Freedom and Civil Rights Equality Amendment, which permits same-sex couples to marry in the District.

In addition to its leadership on LGBT rights in the District, GLAA has always provided leadership on a wide range of civil rights issues, such as family rights, police accountability, and access to condoms in prisons and D.C. public schools. GLAA also emphasizes effective public health strategies and accountability in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the District.

At GLAA's 34th anniversary reception on April 30, 2014, the recipients of its 2014 Distinguished Service Awards will be recognized, including:

Jerry Clark, Chair of the D.C. Statehood Coalition, political director of D.C. for Democracy, and a board member of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. He has served as a trustee for the Law and Society Association, a co-chair of the Whitman-Walker spring gala, and as a member of the Democratic National Committee's Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council. He has served on the board of directors of the

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, including as co-chair. He was appointed to the Mayor's Committee on the 15th Anniversary of the March on Washington. He earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree from Princeton. He is a health benefits consultant.

Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr., President and CEO of the Center for Black Equity, Inc. (originally known as the International Federation of Black Prides), the only Black LGBT international organization in the world. He founded IFBP in 1999 as a coalition of Black Pride organizers in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and South Africa to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community-based organizations. There are over 30 Black Pride events with over 450,000 attendees each year. IFBP became the Center for Black Equity in 2012 with an expanded mission "to promote a multinational LGBT network dedicated to improving health and wellness opportunities, economic empowerment, and equal rights while promoting individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination." He previously served as executive director of the DC Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education Consortium (formerly known as the DC CARE Consortium) and Damien Ministries. He was licensed as a Social Worker in New Jersey, and has worked on HIV/AIDS and LGBT issues for 25 years. He serves on seven non-profit boards, and is chair of Mayor Vincent Gray's LGBT Advisory Committee. He attended Rutgers University with degrees in history and business.

Alison Gill, Government Affairs Director at The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender queer (LGBTQ) youth, where she coordinates advocacy for LGBTQ youth mental health and well-being through policy initiatives at the federal, state, and local level. Prior to joining The Trevor Project, Alison was Public Policy Manager at the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, where she focused on state and local safe schools policy issues. Alison also engages in local transgender advocacy in Washington, DC, through Trans Legal Advocates of Washington. Alison is a graduate of Rutgers University, and received her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School.

I ask the House to join me in honoring the recipients of GLAA's 2014 Distinguished Service Award and in celebrating GLAA's 43 years of contributions to the LGBT community in the District of Columbia.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOHN WENDT ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Wendt of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air

Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

John brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Sylvania Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, John served on the Principle Advisory Committee, as a member of Sylvania's chapter of the National Honor Society and served as an office aid.

Throughout high school, John was a member of his school's soccer and basketball teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. John also participated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization and the Big Serve Mission Trip his freshman year of high school, Latin Club as well as played club soccer. I am confident that John will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John Wendt on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that John will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS (PAST) ACT

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, this Wednesday is National Animal Advocacy Day. On this day, citizens are invited to help enact meaningful protections for animals at the federal, state and local level by being an effective voice for animals.

On National Animal Advocacy Day, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to renew my call for the House of Representatives to pass the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act, or PAST Act. This important measure will stop the soring of horses, an abusive practice used by horse trainers in the Tennessee Walking, Racking, and Spotted Saddle Horse industries. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act more than 40 years ago in order to protect horses from soring. Unfortunately, a failed self-policing enforcement system and inadequate penalties in the statute have allowed this cruelty to continue.

This bipartisan legislation is already cosponsored by well over half of the House and is supported by many organizations in the equine industry, veterinary medicine, and animal protection communities. I am pleased to provide a copy of the list of support for the record to the full House. I urge my colleagues to take swift action to bring this important bill to the floor. Below is a current list of supporters of the PAST Act, H.R. 1518:

ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS (PAST) ACT

HORSE ORGANIZATIONS

1. American Horse Council
2. American Quarter Horse Association
3. American Morgan Horse Association
4. American Paint Horse Association
5. American Saddlebred Horse Association
6. Appaloosa Horse Club
7. Arizona Coalition for Equines
8. Carolina Walkers, Inc. (South Carolina)
9. Delaware Equine Council
10. Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary (Arizona)
11. European Tennessee Walking Horse Association
12. Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses
13. For The Tennessee Walking Horse
14. Friends of Sound Horses
15. Friesian Horse Association of North America
16. Gaitway Walking Horse Association (Missouri)
17. Idaho Horse Council
18. International Friesian Show Horse Association
19. International Walking Horse Association
20. Maryland Horse Council
21. Michigan Horse Council
22. Minnesota Horse Council
23. Mountain Pleasure Horse Association (Kentucky)
24. National Plantation Walking Horse Association
25. National Walking Horse Association
26. Natural Walking Horses (Europe)
27. New York State Horse Breeders Association
28. New York State Horse Council
29. New York State Plantation Walking Horse Club
30. Northern California Walking Horse Association
31. One Horse at a Time, Inc. (Kentucky)
32. Pennsylvania Equine Council
33. Pennsylvania Pleasure Walking Horse Association
34. Pinto Horse Association of America
35. Plantation Walking Horse Association of California
36. Plantation Walking Horses of Maryland
37. Professional Horsemen's Association of America
38. Pure Pleasure Gaited Horse Association (Oklahoma)
39. Rocky Mountain Horse Association (Kentucky)
40. Sound Trails and Rails Society (Georgia)
41. South Carolina Horse Council
42. South Dakota Quarter Horse Association
43. Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club (Idaho)
44. Speak Up for Horses, Inc. (Kentucky)
45. Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors Association of Montana
46. Tennessee Walking Horse Association of New Jersey, Inc.
47. Tennessee Walking Horse Association of Oklahoma
48. Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors Association of Oregon
49. Tennessee Walking Horse Heritage Society
50. Texas State Horse Council
51. United Pleasure Walking Horse Association (Missouri)
52. United Professional Horsemen's Association
53. United States Equestrian Federation
54. Walking Horse Association of Michigan
55. World Walking Horse Association
56. Yankee Walkers/Gaited Horses of New England (Maine/New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island/Connecticut, and Vermont)

VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HEALTH

1. American Veterinary Medical Association
2. American Association of Equine Practitioners
3. National Association of Federal Veterinarians
4. U.S. Animal Health Association
5. Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association
6. Veterinarians for Equine Welfare
7. Alabama Veterinary Medical Association
8. Alaska Veterinary Medical Association
9. Arizona Veterinary Medical Association
10. Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association
11. California Veterinary Medical Association
12. Colorado Veterinary Medical Association
13. Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association
14. Delaware Veterinary Medical Association
15. District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association
16. Florida Association of Equine Practitioners
17. Florida Veterinary Medical Association
18. Georgia Veterinary Medical Association
19. Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association
20. Idaho Veterinary Medical Association
21. Illinois Veterinary Medical Association
22. Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
23. Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
24. Kansas Veterinary Medical Association
25. Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association
26. Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association
27. Maine Veterinary Medical Association
28. Maryland Veterinary Medical Association
29. Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association
30. Michigan Veterinary Medical Association
31. Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association
32. Missouri Veterinary Medical Association
33. Montana Veterinary Medical Association
34. Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
35. Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
36. New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association
37. New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association
38. New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association
39. New York State Veterinary Medical Association
40. North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association
41. North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association
42. Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
43. Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association
44. Oregon Veterinary Medical Association
45. Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association
46. Puerto Rico Veterinary Medical Association
47. Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association
48. South Carolina Association of Veterinarians
49. South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association
50. Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
51. Texas Veterinary Medical Association
52. Utah Veterinary Medical Association
53. Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
54. Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
55. Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
56. West Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
57. Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
58. Wyoming Veterinary Medical Association
59. Donna Preston Moore, DVM, former head of USDA's Horse Protection Program
60. Tracy A. Turner, DVM, MS
61. Michelle Abraham, Resident, New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
62. John C. Haffner, DVM, ABVP(Eq)
63. Susan Botts, DVM
64. Angela M. Dion, DVM
65. Michelle Abraham, Resident, New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
66. Hanna Galantino-Homer, VMD, PHD
67. Alicia Grossman, DVM
68. Sue Lindborg, CVT Research Specialist New Bolton Center, University of PA School Of Veterinary Medicine
69. Midge Leitch, VMD, former head of Radiology, New Bolton Center, University of PA School Of Veterinary Medicine
70. Harry Werner, VMD, past president, American Association of AAEP
71. Judith L. Ford, Veterinary Technician
72. Benson B. Martin, DVM, Associate Professor Sports Medicine, New Bolton Center, University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine
73. Nat Messer, DVM, University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine
74. Mary A. Robinson, VMD, PhD
75. Mary Lynn Stanton, DVM
76. Joy Tomlinson, DVM
77. Steve O'Grady, DVM, APF

ANIMAL PROTECTION

1. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
2. Animal Law Coalition
3. Animal Legal Defense Fund
4. Animal Protection Voters (New Mexico)
5. Animal Welfare Institute
6. Best Friends Animal Society
7. Dakin Humane Society (Massachusetts)
8. Equine Welfare Alliance
9. Homes for Horses Coalition
10. Horse Harbor Foundation (Washington State)
11. Horse Haven of Tennessee
12. Humane Society Legislative Fund
13. Michigan Horse Welfare Coalition
14. Mississippi Horses
15. Nevins Farm & Equine Center, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
16. Oregon Horse Welfare Council
17. Richmond Friends of Animals (Virginia)
18. Second Chance Ranch (Washington State)
19. Tennessee Voters for Animal Protection
20. The Humane Society of the United States
21. Virginia Alliance for Animal Shelters
22. Virginia Equine Welfare Society
23. Virginia Federation of Humane Societies
24. Virginia Beach Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

HORSE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

1. Bill Harlin, Past President, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association and owner of Harlinsdale Farm
2. Clay Harlin, former Senior Vice-President, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association
3. Marty Irby, Past President, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association

4. Chuck Cadle, Past Executive Director, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association
5. Georgina Bloomberg, professional equestrian sponsored by Ariat International
6. Rick Wies, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association former VP, Pleasure Horse Division
7. Susan Kayne, host of "Unbridled" television show
8. Pat Parelli, founder of Parelli Natural Horsemanship
9. Tom Seay, Best of America by Horseback, trail riding TV show
10. Jan Ebeling, dressage trainer, member of the 2012 Olympic dressage team for the USA and co-owner of Rafalca
11. Dr. April Austin, USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist
12. Monty Roberts, award-winning trainer, best-selling author of The Man Who Listens to Horses
13. Carl Bledsoe, former member of Walking Horse Trainers' Association
14. Pamela Reband, MD, Board of Directors member and former Vice President of TWHBEA
15. Dr. Rebecca Gimenez, Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue
16. Eric Gray, walking horse farrier
17. Leslie Desmond, natural horsemanship clinician and author
18. Gael Borquin, dressage and eventing coach
19. Karl Mikolka, Former Chief Rider, Spanish Riding School, Vienna, Austria and USDF Hall of Fame
20. E. Allen Buck, Sympathetic Horsemanship
21. Steffen Peters, American Olympian and FEI rider
22. Shannon Peters, dressage instructor and FEI rider
23. Sheryl Rudolph, FITS/Fun in the Saddle, Inc.
24. Heather Barklow, Equine Connections, LLC
25. Diane Sept, Connected Riding Senior Instructor
26. Anita Adams, dressage trainer and FEI rider
27. Mary Werning, dressage trainer and FEI Rider, USDF Medalist
28. Maria Lisa Eastman, Raintree Equine Assisted Services, equine therapy program
29. Dr. Christine Teicheira, equine and human chiropractor
30. Gigi Nutter, USDF Gold Medalist, dressage trainer, owner Touch-N-Go Farm
31. Lisa Kelly Simmons, Lipizzan breeder, Past Director of the United States Lipizzan Federation
32. Jayne Fingerhut, MA, CMT, USDF Regional Champion Rider, equine business patent holder and manufacturer
33. Michelle Andrews Sabol, director of an equestrian therapy program
34. Holly Mason, Equine Biomechanics Specialist, author of It's Never Too Late
35. Terri Farley (author, the Phantom Stallion series)

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- 9. Sheriff Frank Latham, Hopkins County, KY
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PUBLIC OPINION IN KEY STATES WITH LARGEST TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE INDUSTRY

A poll conducted in December 2012 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research found that 75% of Tennessee voters and 69% of Kentucky voters support federal legislation to strengthen the Horse Protection Act by ending the current, failed system of industry self-policing, banning the use of chains and stacks (devices implicated in the soiling process) on horses at shows, and increasing penalties for violating the law.

LEGISLATORS

Sponsor of original Horse Protection Act of 1970: Former Senator Joseph Tydings
 Current bipartisan cosponsors of the PAST Act: 51 Senators on S. 1406 / 269 Representatives on H.R. 1518 (320 total)

CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

- 1. Alyssa Milano, actress, Charmed, Project Runway All-Stars
- 2. Priscilla Presley, film and TV actress, Dallas, The Naked Gun
- 3. Emmylou Harris, singer-songwriter and 12-time Grammy winner
- 4. Kesha, platinum recording singer-songwriter
- 5. Viggo Mortensen, actor, The Lord of the Rings
- 6. Wendie Malick, actress, Hot in Cleveland
- 7. Loretta Swit, stage and TV actress, MASH
- 8. Jillian Michaels, trainer on The Biggest Loser
- 9. Mark Miller, musician, Sawyer Brown
- 10. Lynn Anderson, singer-songwriter
- 11. Jenna Morasca, actress, model, grand prize winner of Survivor: The Amazon
- 12. Alexandra Paul, actress, Baywatch
- 13. Dawn Olivieri, film and TV actress, True Blood
- 14. Joe Camp, director of Benji films, author of Soul of a Horse
- 15. Kelly Carlson, actress, Nip/Tuck
- 16. Mary Ann Kennedy, singer-songwriter
- 17. Lacy J. Dalton, singer-songwriter

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the second vote series on April 29, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on both H.R. 4414, the Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014, and H.R. 627, the National Park Service 110th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

IN HONOR OF BRIG. GENERAL
 CECIL NEELY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor General Cecil Neely, an Amer-

ican hero, dedicated public servant, and a friend.

After getting his first taste of public service as President of the Madisonville High School Honor Society, Cecil first took those leadership skills to Sam Houston State University and then into the U.S. Army. Rising from Private to Brigadier General is no small feat. It takes a soldier's soldier to climb that ladder.

General Neely spent nearly three decades serving his country above and beyond the call of duty. Not only was he honored with our nation's highest peacetime award, the Distinguished Service Medal, he received the Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam, as well as the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutists' Badge, and numerous other U.S. and foreign awards.

It is no wonder this former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is also a member of the Infantry "Hall of Fame" at the United States Army Infantry School.

General Neely returned to Sam Houston State University to earn his Master's degree in history. And after his retirement from the military he dove into another form of public service as County Judge of Madison County. Resolving redistricting issues and cutting property taxes while improving medical services, it took Judge Neely's work to establish a District Attorney's office and a "one-stop" center to bring county and state services together.

General Neely prepared Madison County—and the Brazos Valley—for the 21st century. As a chairman of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments from 2001–2002, and member from 1994–2006, Cecil Neely has led by example at every step.

Of course, he couldn't have done it all without the great support system he has in his wife, Lynn and their children, Susan, Russell, and Michael.

Our communities and our entire nation have been blessed by his service. Brigadier General Cecil Neely, thank you and job well done, sir.

ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for more than 40 years, St. Mary Medical Center, located in my home district of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, has been serving the community and working to ensure a happier, healthier quality of life for tens of thousands of my constituents.

This week, St. Mary Medical Center was recognized for their outstanding work as they were named one of the best hospitals in the nation by Truven Health Analytics. After comparing 2,800 hospitals across the country based on 10 categories—including patient safety, patient satisfaction, and clinical standard—the group named St. Mary Medical Center one of its top healthcare providers.

Furthermore, the St. Mary's received the Everest Award—marking it as one of the most improved hospitals nationwide.

To those of us who know St. Mary Medical Center best, we are pleased—but not surprised—as St. Mary is an outstanding health care facility, employing thousands of dedicated health care professionals, on the cutting edge

of all health care innovations, and a recognized leader in the region for providing the highest quality of care to their patients every day. They are a caring, faith-based medical center in the tradition of St. Francis and they are totally prepared to meet the healthcare needs of all in our community as they do so with grateful hearts, impeccable credentials, and a clear view toward their Franciscan mission and the future role of healthcare.

St. Mary's will always have a special place in my heart—it's where I met my wife and it's where my daughter and son-in-law both work today as nurse professionals, and it's where I received critical medical treatment when I needed it most.

This national recognition is well deserved and is a testament to the hard work of everyone involved at St. Mary Medical Center—from administrators and doctors to nurses and support staff. I offer my most sincere congratulations on this well-deserved award!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF LYNN AND GLENDA MARTIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Lynn and Glenda Martin.

Glenda Jean Dalton was born in Gainesville, Georgia, and Horace Lynn Martin was born in Anniston, Alabama. They met at First Baptist Church of Saks over 50 years ago. They were married at First Baptist Church of Saks on May 22nd, 1954, and they are still very active members today. Lynn also serves as a deacon and as the Church Administrator.

Both Lynn and Glenda attended college at Jacksonville State University. While there, Glenda got her Master's Degree in Education, and Lynn got a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Math. Glenda taught at Wellborn High School until her retirement, and Lynn owns his own business in Anniston, Green's Art and Framing. He has also worked for several accounting firms over the years. Mr. Martin is also very involved with the Saks High School football team where he has carried the chains for the team for about 48 years. The Calhoun County School Board just voted to name the old high school gym after Mr. Martin. It is now known as the Lynn Martin gym.

Together, Lynn and Glenda have two daughters: Sheilah Brady and Dawne Vaughn. They have 7 grandchildren: Cory Wooten, Cassidy Wooten, Trey Brady, Jessica Vaughn, Aaron Vaughn, Peyton Vaughn, and Grayson Vaughn.

Please join me in congratulating this lovely couple on 50 years together. Mrs. Martin, a cancer survivor, and Mr. Martin set an example of love and service for the people of the Third District. The celebration will take place on May 10th at a reception with their friends and family members.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EVAN ULINSKI ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Evan Ulinski of Elmore, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Evan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Evan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Woodmore High School in Elmore, Ohio, Evan served as a member of the Key Club and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization.

Throughout high school, Evan was a member of his school's football, baseball and wrestling teams and earned varsity letters in all three sports. I am confident that Evan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Evan Ulinski on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Evan will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JAMES EDWARD CHAFFIN III

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 12th, a Service of Death and Resurrection was held for an American hero Captain James Edward "Ed" Chaffin III.

Participating at the standing room only service at Mount Hebron United Methodist Church of West Columbia, South Carolina, were Iris Jo Harley as organist, with greetings from Reverend Mandy Taylor Young, remarks by Lt. Col. Phillip Jenison, and a sermon by Reverend Tim Rogers. Burial followed in the church graveyard.

The Service program contained the following tribute:

CAPTAIN JAMES EDWARD CHAFFIN, III

James Edward "Ed" Chaffin, III, was born on February 4, 1987, in West Columbia, South Carolina, the son of Elizabeth Rhodes

Chaffin and the late James Edward Chaffin, Jr. He passed away while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in Kandahar, Afghanistan on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Ed was a 2005 Honor Graduate of the Brookland-Cayce High School in Cayce, South Carolina, where he played football, was a member of the Interact Club, the National Honor Society, and the newspaper staff.

A 2009 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, he majored in Comparative Politics and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. While at West Point, he was a member of the Russian Club and participated in a club trip to the country of Azerbaijan.

Ed was an avid reader who enjoyed reading about history, especially on military subjects. He had a passion for travel and experiencing new cultures all over the world, which took him to Thailand, Vietnam, and Greece, just to name a few. He had a witty sense of humor, which was immediately evident to all who know him. Even far away, he always rooted for Gamecock football. He has a very caring spirit and a strong work ethic, making him an honored member of the armed forces protecting our freedom.

Ed's first tour of service was in 2011 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards and decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the basic Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge, and the NATO Medal.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth "Beth" Chaffin of West Columbia; his sisters, Susan Chaffin Bilton and her husband, Jarod, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Nancy Chaffin of Charlotte, NC; and many classmates, friends, and fellow service members all over the world.

SAN ANTONIO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the San Antonio Manufacturers Association (SAMA) is one of the oldest manufacturing associations in the country. And this year, SAMA celebrates its 100th year as the voice of the manufacturing industry in the San Antonio area.

"Made in America" is a label we want to see on advanced technologies produced by American laboratories and factories. We must ensure that the United States provides an environment where the manufacturing industry can strive and grow.

SAMA helps with this initiative. The Association advocates for policies that will boost American manufacturing and help train the next generation of manufacturers.

The manufacturing industry stimulates the economy by providing good paying jobs and creating high-quality American products. More than 1,500 manufacturing companies operate in the San Antonio area alone, and in 2011, these companies' combined impact on the local economy reached \$22.5 billion.

San Antonians greatly benefit from the manufacturing industry. Over 50,000 residents of the Alamo City work in this industry and the

average wage is 11 percent higher than the average wage for all San Antonio jobs. So the manufacturing industry is good for all Americans, especially those in Central Texas.

Congratulations, San Antonio Manufacturers Association, on reaching the century mark. And thank you for all you do for San Antonio and the great State of Texas.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TRAVELING EXOTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act. This legislation would restrict the use of exotic, non-domesticated animals in traveling entertainment.

Based upon publically available research, including video and photographic evidence, it is clear that traveling circuses cannot provide proper living conditions for exotic animals. This legislation is intended to target the most egregious situations involving exotic and wild animals in traveling circuses. Keeping elephants in chains, confining lions and tigers in small cages, forcing them to perform unnatural tricks for the sole purpose of human amusement is increasingly difficult to justify the more we learn about these intelligent, social creatures.

The Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act would comprehensively tackle the use of all exotic animals in circuses. The bill would end the confinement of animals for extended periods in temporary facilities, stop cruel training and control methods employed by circuses, and limit the danger these animals pose to public safety. The bill intentionally targets only the most egregious conditions these exotic animals are subjected to and would not impact zoos, aquariums, rodeos or other static facilities with captive wildlife.

While this Congress needs to take action on a variety of issues vital to our nation's well-being, I believe we should also take the opportunity to focus public attention on instances of fundamental animal mistreatment. How we choose to treat animals is a reflection of our nation's values, for better or worse. Too often, however, inhumane activities are hidden, rarely discussed, and left to continue unabated.

The Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act will ensure this significant animal protection issue, the use of exotic animals in traveling entertainment, receives proper scrutiny. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this important animal protection legislation.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Christine Sullivan on her retirement and thank her for her dedicated service

to the residents and small businesses in the Sixth District, and throughout Massachusetts.

For the last twelve years, Christine has served as the CEO of the Enterprise Center at Salem State University. Under Christine's leadership, the Enterprise Center has grown to provide numerous opportunities for local small businesses to improve and expand their operations. The Center offers more than 70 annual business skill workshops as well as a variety of specialized development programs including the Million Dollar Women Symposium, the 128 Venture North Breakfast series, and an extensive Mentor Program and the Growth Program.

The Enterprise Center currently works with more than 6,000 small business owners and employees in more than 142 communities throughout the state.

Before joining the Enterprise Center, Christine founded and served as CEO of Hawthorne Associates, a marketing, advertising and public relations firm serving clients in the US and internationally. Christine also served as Massachusetts Secretary of Consumer Affairs, Chief of Staff to former Congressman Michael Harrington, and Chair of the Communications Department at Endicott College.

Christine not only serves her community through her work at the Enterprise Center, she serves as a Director of Beverly Cooperative Bank, the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development, the Salem YMCA, the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice, and the Creative Economy Council of Massachusetts.

I congratulate Christine on her successful career and wish her well as she begins her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Monday April 28, 2014 I was not present for 2 votes. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 178, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 179, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING MAINE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB FOR WHITE CAP MOUNTAIN PROJECT

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to be from a state that features some of the most beautiful and diverse natural landscapes in the country. From the mountains to the sea, with deep woods in between, Maine has many places that inspire a sense of wonder for the world around us.

That said, they are not always easy to reach. For that reason, I'm grateful for organizations and volunteers in our state who work so hard to protect these special places while

building trails and other accommodations so the public can enjoy them.

I would like to recognize one of these groups in particular for recently restoring a key section of the Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. With partner organizations and dedicated volunteers, the Maine Appalachian Trail Club rebuilt the trail up White Cap Mountain, whose summit boasts some of the most spectacular views in the state. Support from the Federal Recreational Trails Program—an absolutely critical source of funding that has helped build thousands of miles of public trails across the country—was also critical to the project's success.

The difficulty of the rebuilding should not be understated. The trail is in a remote location on very rugged terrain. But the club's care and hard work have resulted in a path that will last for many years, accommodate more hikers, and limit environmental impacts on the mountain. Thousands of hikers have already used the newly refurbished trail.

Mr. Speaker, projects like this that benefit our community and deepen our appreciation of nature should not go unrecognized. My sincere congratulations go to the Maine Appalachian Trail Club on a job well done.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JASON HUG ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Jason Hug of Bryan, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Jason's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jason brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio, Jason was on the Honor Roll, was awarded numerous outstanding scholar athlete awards, a member of the National Honor Society, and maintained a 4.0 grade point average that placed him first in his class.

Throughout high school, Jason played football, basketball, baseball, and track and field, being voted captain of his football team his senior year. In addition, Jason was class president and volunteered at his church and other community events. I am confident that Jason will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jason Hug on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education avail-

able. I am positive that Jason will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY STUDENTS SELECTED AS FINALISTS IN NASA'S EXPLORATION DESIGN CHALLENGE

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the student engineers of Team Titan from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for being selected as national finalists in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge. Team Titan, led by Dr. Eric Hawker, is one of just five high school teams from across the country to be selected as finalists for the opportunity to contribute to the design of radiation shields for NASA's Orion spacecraft.

Over 125,000 students from 81 countries have participated in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge. This competition is designed to engage students on the topic of space exploration and challenge them to think like scientists and engineers.

The shield designed by Team Titan could protect a sensor inside the Orion spacecraft against space radiation. Team Titan's design was reviewed by Orion engineers, as well as educators from NASA and the National Institute of Aerospace, and selected as a finalist among the forty-six teams that submitted engineering notebooks with radiation shield designs.

IMSA has continuously demonstrated a dedication to offering the kind of education necessary to create future generations of scientists and engineers. Team Titan's selection as a finalist in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge provides a shining example of why IMSA is internationally recognized for its leadership in teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to students in grades 10–12.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Dr. Eric Hawker, and the students of Team Titan: Cassandra Erwin, Ryan Franks, Claire Hensley, Michael Hreck, Alec Mangan, and Alonzo Marsh, for being selected as finalists in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge.

ARTICLE FROM TODAY'S FINANCIAL TIMES ENTITLED, "CHINA TO OVERTAKE U.S. AS TOP ECONOMIC POWER THIS YEAR"

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following article from today's Financial Times entitled, "China To overtake U.S. as top economic power this year".

[From Financial Times, Apr. 30, 2014]
 CHINA TO OVERTAKE US AS TOP ECONOMIC
 POWER THIS YEAR
 (By Chris Giles)

The US is on the brink of losing its status as the world's largest economy and is likely to slip behind China this year, sooner than widely expected, to the world's leading statistical agencies.

The US has been the global leader since overtaking the UK in 1872. Most economists previously thought China would pull ahead in 2019.

The data, compiled by the International Comparison Programme hosted by the World Bank, and to be released today, are the most authoritative estimates of what money can buy in different countries and are used by most public and private sector organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund. This is the first time they have been updated since 2005.

After extensive research on the prices of goods and services the ICP concluded that money goes further in poorer countries than previously thought, prompting it to increase the relative size of emerging market economies.

The estimates of the real cost of living, known as purchasing power parity, or PPPs, are recognised as the best way to compare the size of economies rather than using volatile exchange rates, which rarely reflect the true cost of goods and services: on this measure the IMF put US GDP in 2012 at \$16.2tn, and China's at \$8.2tn.

In 2005, the ICP thought that China's economy was less than half the size of the US, accounting for only 43 per cent of America's total. Using the new methodology—and reflecting the fact that China's economy has grown much more quickly—the research placed China's GDP at 87 per cent of the US in 2011.

For 2011, the report says: "The US remained the world's largest economy, but it was closely followed by China when measured using PPPs".

With the IMF expecting China's economy to have grown 24 per cent between 2011 and 2014 while the US is expected to expand only 7.6 per cent, China is likely to overtake the US this year.

The figures revolutionise the picture of the world's economic landscape, boosting the importance of large middle-income countries. India becomes the third-largest economy having previously been in 10th place. The size of its economy almost doubled from 19 per cent of the US in 2005 to 37 per cent in 2011.

Russia, Brazil, Indonesia and Mexico make the top 12 in the global table. In contrast, high costs and lower growth push the UK and Japan further behind the US than in the 2005 tables while Germany improved its relative position a little and Italy remained the same.

The findings will intensify arguments about control over global international organisations such as the World Bank and IMF, which are increasingly out of line with the balance of global economic power.

When looking at the actual consumption per head, the report found the new methodology together with faster growth in poor countries have "greatly reduced" the gap between rich and poor, "suggesting that the world has become more equal".

The world's rich countries still account for 50 per cent of global GDP while containing only 17 per cent of the world's population.

Having compared the cost of living in different countries, the report also found that the four most expensive countries to live in are: Switzerland, Norway, Bermuda and Australia, with the cheapest Egypt, Pakistan, Myanmar and Ethiopia.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRISTOPHER
 "CHRIS" ARTERTON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Dr. Christopher "Chris" Arterton, the Founding Dean of the nation's first school for professional politics, The George Washington University (GWU) Graduate School of Political Management who will be leaving his full-time post at GWU, but will remain on staff serving in a research capacity.

Dr. Arterton earned his B.A. from Trinity College, his M.A. from American University and his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Arterton is a distinguished author who has written several books on American politics and leadership. He is also a noted expert in political strategy and tactics, public opinion, and ethics and leadership in politics. His vision is to make democracy work where it is welcomed around the globe.

Prior to coming to GWU, Dr. Arterton was a professor at Yale University for 10 years, teaching in both the Political Science Department and the School of Organization and Management. Additionally, Dr. Arterton played an active role at The Institute of Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, having served on five faculty study groups.

Dr. Arterton's research, his 20 years of teaching, and his considerable experience as a consultant on American public opinion make him an expert on the strategic environment of American political leaders, an area that encompasses the news media and communications technology generally and political strategy. Dr. Arterton continues to travel around the globe to teach about democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Christopher Arterton with heartfelt congratulations on a job well done for GWU and our country.

CITIZEN CONCERN ABOUT CON-
 GRESS PASSING A RESPONSIBLE
 BUDGET

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following response to a letter from a concerned citizen.

DEAR MR. MCANULTY: Thank you for contacting me with your concerns about Congress passing a responsible budget. I appreciate the time you took to reach out to me on this important issue. In my first few days in Congress, I introduced H. J. Res. 49, which is an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would require an annual balanced budget. I believe that the federal government, like families throughout Missouri, should only spend what it has.

On December 12, 2013 the House of Representatives voted on a budget compromise that set spending levels for the next two years. While I believe Congress must pass a budget, I ultimately could not support this

compromise plan that immediately raised new revenues without giving immediate attention to Washington's spending addiction and our massive national debt. We must start paying down our national debt.

Another reason I voted against the budget compromise were the changes made to veteran's benefits. Our men and women in uniform deserve unwavering support from every Member of Congress and all Americans. It is wrong to balance budgets on the backs of troops who voluntarily put themselves in harm's way so that we can all be free. The livelihood of our troops should not be negotiable.

While I appreciate the time and effort that went into crafting this budget deal, I could not support this plan because it immediately increases spending without immediately reducing the deficit. Simply put this agreement raises revenue and spends more money.

Again, I appreciate the time you have taken to reach out to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri and encourage you to visit my website at www.jasonsmith.house.gov/contact/newsletter to sign up for my e-newsletter and receive regular updates from Washington, DC.

HONORING KATHRYN MOIRA
 HAYES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathryn Moira Hayes for her thirty years of service to the people of Sonoma County in both the public and private sector. Ms. Hayes has been an honorable and effective advocate for the community in which she lives, for Sonoma County's business community and for all those in need.

Ms. Hayes' leadership of the North Bay Board of Realtors (NORBAR) over the last sixteen years has grown the organization to serve over 3,000 members in Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma Counties. During her tenure, NORBAR has been known not only for a high degree of professionalism and dedication to its members, the industry and community, but also for promoting professional standards and ethics, and seeking to preserve property rights and services of importance.

Prior to joining the North Bay Association of Realtors, Kathy was a member of my district staff for six years, responsible for district and field activities in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. During her time on my staff, she was a tireless advocate for constituents. In particular, I commend her work on issues related to Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, which was critical to maintaining a healthy community in our district.

Ms. Hayes' catalog of community involvement and achievements is far too prolific to list here. She is a past President of the Santa Rosa Education Cooperative Board and past Chair of the Board for the Sonoma County Chapter of the American Red Cross, as well as a current member of the Board for Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County. She has received numerous prestigious awards, including the George Escofie Distinguished Board Service Award from the American Red Cross, the Sonoma County Spirit Award from the

Sonoma County Economic Development Board and the Gerald Hathaway Memorial Award for Significant Contributions to Chamber of Commerce Management in California.

In her spare time, Kathy is a master chef, a classically trained musician, and a graceful leader who builds consensus for every effort of which she is a part. Kathy has been a valuable contributor to her community for her entire life. But her most noted and beloved role is that of mother to her two sons.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Kathryn Moira Hayes at this time. She has been a model citizen and leader in Sonoma County and her presence has enriched the lives of all those in our community.

HONORING THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, DIVISION 39

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 39, proudly celebrating their 125th anniversary in May, 2014. Their motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity can be seen throughout the division's history, from helping Irish immigrants obtain work in the early 1870's to the present day, by awarding scholarships, holding fundraisers for those in need and collecting thousands of dollars and much needed supplies for those in New York and New Jersey who were devastated by super storm Sandy.

In 1884 Irish immigrants built and attended St. Leo's Catholic Church, which still stands today. In 1885 an Irishman and Hibernian, Frank Jordan, built the Tacony Music Hall, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. Today ancestors of the Irish immigrant families still reside in the Tacony area of Philadelphia. During the 1950's and 1960's many more divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were started in Philadelphia and surrounding areas and Division 39 lost members. By the late 1960's when there were less than 50 members remaining, the officers and members undertook a revitalization of this once great division. By the early 1980's Division 39 had over 300 members, and by the mid 1990's there were over 900 members, making Division 39 the largest in the country. As of today the membership remains at approximately 750 members.

Some of the annual functions at the division are the communion breakfast, Veterans Day mass and social, children's Christmas party, mass before the St. Patrick's Day parade and post parade party, awarding of scholarships based on a written essay, three scholarship awards on Thanksgiving Day to Father Judge High School football players, erection and dismantling of the Christmas creche in downtown Philadelphia, the annual chili cook off and membership drive and weekly crab night. These events are only some of the ways the Division 39 gives back to the community.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 39, on its 125th anniversary of serving the Tacony community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 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 \$17,447,321,527,551.15. We've added \$6,820,444,478,638.07 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF KAMERON GRUBAUGH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Kameron Grubaugh of Convoy, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Kameron's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kameron brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Crestview High School in Convoy, Ohio, Kameron was on the Honor/Merit Roll and was a member of the Red/Blue Club and National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Kameron played soccer and football, earning a varsity letter in football and led the Ohio Extreme Soccer Club as team captain. In addition, Kameron was a member of the Model United Nations, Van Wert County Historical Society Junior Curator, and attended Buckeye Boys State. I am confident that Kameron will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kameron Grubaugh on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kameron will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE CUBA NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Cuba, New York Chamber of Commerce on its 100th anniversary. Over the past 100 years, the Chamber has successfully provided small businesses and local entrepreneurs with the resources, expertise, and advice needed to succeed.

The town of Cuba is stronger and more vibrant because of the Chamber. This organization has proven to be an invaluable resource for promoting local businesses by providing them with opportunities for growth. The Chamber brings businesses together, creating strong economic bonds and partnerships between its members. In addition, it provides referrals that are crucial to many businesses in the area. Due to the Chamber's unrelenting work in assisting commerce, local businesses continue to provide well-paying jobs and high-quality products and services to our region.

The Chamber is also a strong advocate for local tourism. It supports local events and industries that attract visitors to Allegany County, including a wide variety of agritourism and outdoor activities.

Once again I wish to congratulate the Cuba, New York Chamber of Commerce on 100 successful years of service and I look forward to the great contributions it will continue to make to New York's 23rd Congressional District.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION MARKING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution marking the 60th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision of Brown v. Board of Education, which was handed down on May 17, 1954. This case was a landmark decision for the 20th century civil rights movement and a turning point for our nation.

Brown overturned 58 years of a "separate but equal" policy established in Plessy v. Ferguson that was anything but equal. Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote in the Court's unanimous opinion that even if facilities are equal with respect to buildings, curricula, qualifications and salaries of teachers, and other "tangible" factors, that the effect of segregation, the very concept itself, meant that separate facilities could never be equal facilities. The Court ruled: "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal" and, consequently, "segregation is a denial of the equal protection of the laws." After this decision, access to public facilities could never again be denied on the basis of race.

The decision was a victory for the mid-century civil rights movement that also led to legislative pushes which drastically changed the

outlook of race relations in America: the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act, and the Fair Housing Act. Brown helped level the playing field for all Americans regardless of race.

While the battle over segregation continued at the state level for many years afterward, and our nation still today has many civil rights issues to address, Brown remains a moment of historical significance that ushered our country to contemporary standards of humanity and compassion. As we mark this important milestone in our nation's history, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

135TH BIRTHDAY OF NANNIE
HELEN BURROUGHS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 135th birthday of Nannie Helen Burroughs and in recognizing her many contributions to our nation, and especially the District of Columbia. Ms. Burroughs was born on May 2, 1879, and in 1975, Mayor Walter Washington declared May 10 "Nannie Helen Burroughs Day" in D.C.

Born in Orange, Virginia, Ms. Burroughs moved to Washington with her mother when she was five years old. In 1896, Ms. Burroughs graduated with honors from M Street School, now Dunbar High School. She proceeded to make immeasurable contributions to our city and country as an educator, civil rights advocate and religious leader.

Ms. Burroughs was launched onto the national scene in 1900 with her speech at the National Baptist Convention in Richmond, Virginia, "Hindering the Women from Helping," about giving women a greater role in the church. Her speech led to the establishment of the Women's Convention to the National Baptist Convention and her selection as its secretary. Ms. Burroughs held this position until 1947, when she was elected president and served in that capacity until her death in 1961.

Ms. Burroughs' signature achievement was the founding of the National Training School for Negro Women and Girls in the Deanwood Area of Washington, D.C. in 1909, where she served as its principal until her death in 1961. The school would later be renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School and remained in operation until 2013.

Ms. Burroughs contributed to many other parts of the nation, including: establishing a Negro women's industrial club—the first of its kind—in Louisville, Kentucky in 1898; serving as keynote speaker at the first Baptist World Alliance Congress in London, England in 1905; establishing Woman's Day in the Baptist Church in 1907, while a member of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church in D.C.; giving the commencement speech at Tuskegee Institute in 1934—the first woman to do so; serving on the listeners' advisory panel of the National Broadcasting Company; and giving a radio address to the nation and soldiers fighting abroad men abroad in 1943. She was also a primary force in establishing the Frederick Douglass House Museum. Most recently, in 2012, Mrs. Burroughs was posthumously

awarded membership in the American Automobile Association—a benefit which had been denied in 1930.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nannie Helen Burroughs for a life of committed service to our children. Her legacy continues to offer a powerful example for how we should conduct our lives and strive to teach the next generation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW MEXICO
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to acknowledge the success of the Academic Bowl Team at the New Mexico School for the Deaf. This impressive group of students travelled to Austin, Texas earlier this year to take part in the Regional Academic Bowl Competition, a tournament measuring contestants in different areas of knowledge. Over the course of matches consisting of three one-hour rounds, competitors were tested on their knowledge of the humanities, sciences, current events, deaf studies, and many other disciplines.

For the first time in school history, the NMSD team won the Regional Competition, going undefeated in all eight of their matches. Their winning performance earned them a trip to the national competition, held annually here in Washington, D.C. at Gallaudet University, the first university in the world founded to give instruction specifically to the deaf and hard of hearing. The team continued its run of excellence at the highest level by winning three out of five of matches on the first day of competition. On day two, NMSD won its first match before a loss in the playoffs eliminated them from competition.

This impressive performance was a result of hard work, dedication and perseverance, and is a source of pride for the state of New Mexico. The team features a diverse group of students from different backgrounds, hailing from different parts of the Land of Enchantment, along with one exchange student—Kalle Lovgren—from Sweden. Two of the NMSD team members, Jasmine Sisneros and Tyrel Wilding, were selected as All-Stars for the entire Southwest Region. These fine young students, together with teammates Augusta Skoog, Hadassah Aguilar-Davis, and former National Most Outstanding Player Paige Foreman, who rejoined the team for the national competition, performed brilliantly through the Academic Bowl Competition.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the NMSD Academic Bowl Team and their coaches, Scott Vollmar and Nate Harrison, on all their success.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER
OWEN J. MULLEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Owen J. Mullen, a dedicated

member of my Service Academy Selection Committee and an outstanding person who will be celebrating 50 years service as a Catholic Priest on May 16, 2014.

Born in Troy, New York in 1938, Father Mullen attended Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary for eight years in Emmitsburg, Maryland before being ordained a priest for the Wilmington Diocese in Delaware on May 16, 1964. He was then sent to Villanova University in Philadelphia in order to obtain a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and it was here that he worked for the next 17 years serving as both a teacher and a high school administrator. Following Villanova, Father Mullen became Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, Maryland.

Aside from serving in his church, Father Mullen also proudly served our nation. In 1968, he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Delaware National Guard and in 1979 was transferred into the Army Reserves where he was stationed at the United States Military Academy Admission Office counseling candidates for West Point. During the summer he also served as a Chaplain for the incoming Cadets at Beast Barracks and continued doing so for the next 20 years. In 1981, Father Mullen accepted a position to become Associate Chaplain at the University of San Diego until 1989.

Father Mullen was again invited to serve our nation's young military cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point as an active duty Army Lieutenant Colonel Catholic Cadet Chaplain for the United States Corps of Cadets, where he served from 1989–1997. Father Mullen was then promoted to full Colonel and assigned as the Senior Army Chaplain in Hawaii.

Despite retiring on August 31, 2001, as a Colonel in the US Army after 30 years of active and reserve service, Father Mullen continued his service by becoming Pastor at Holy Family Parish and Academy until June 2004. He then returned to the University of San Diego as a University Chaplain with a multitude of responsibilities, including Chaplain for the Football, Baseball, Basketball Teams and the Lacrosse Club. Father Mullen also found the time to serve as an Advisor to the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity and recently became the twenty-fourth alumnus to be elected as Phi Kappa Theta's Fraternity President.

During his time in San Diego, Father Mullen has served as a member of the Service Academy Selection Committee for both me and my father, former Congressman Duncan L. Hunter. In this capacity he has provided much needed insight and guidance to many young men and women as they prepared for careers in the military.

The common theme throughout Father Mullen's career has been one word—service. As Father Mullen knows well, Jesus taught his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew, "But the greatest among you shall be your servant." This biblical principle has been the standard to Father Mullen's approach to any request, challenge or need, and we have all benefited from his commitment to this standard. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating and thanking Father Mullen for his 50 years of service to both his community and our nation.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THOMAS HECKMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Thomas Heckman of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Evan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Thomas brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending E.L. Bowsher High School in Toledo, Ohio, Thomas was a member of the Spanish club, student council, yearbook, and National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Thomas was a member of his school's soccer, cross country and track and field teams and earned varsity letters in all three sports. Thomas also volunteered with Safe-T-City all four years of high school. I am confident that Thomas will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Thomas Heckman on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Thomas will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

MISS INDIAN WORLD—TAYLOR THOMAS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Taylor Thomas on her achievement of being crowned the 2014–2015 Miss Indian World. The competition was recently held at the University of New Mexico Arena in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where each contestant was judged on public speaking, personal interview, traditional representation, and dance/essay.

Ms. Thomas resides in my congressional district at Fort Hall and is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. She qualified for the national competition by being named Miss Shoshone-Bannock Queen this past year. It is truly an honor for me to recognize Ms. Thom-

as for her national accomplishments and as a role model in the Fort Hall community. She will make an excellent representative of Native American culture throughout her tenure as Miss Indian World.

Not only is Ms. Thomas a respected ambassador of the Fort Hall community, but she also attends Idaho State University, where she is majoring in political science. I have no doubt that her commitment to higher education played an important role in the competition, as her personal interview was the strongest of any competitor. Ms. Thomas has also been an advocate for Native Youth programs and indigenous language preservation, which are important components of Shoshone-Bannock culture.

I wish Ms. Thomas well as she travels across the United States in her role as Miss Indian World. It is a great honor for the Fort Hall community, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and my congressional district to have such a talented young woman represent her community on a world stage.

BILL ADAMS: PITTSBURGH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION'S 2014 INVENTOR OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Bill Adams on having been named the 2014 Inventor of the Year by the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association. This award honors living inventors whose patented inventions have had a significant impact on the economy, social well-being, and the advancement of technology.

After returning from military service in Vietnam, Bill Adams worked in the Pittsburgh Public Schools as an elementary school librarian. In the late 1970s, Bill inherited \$10,000, resigned from his job and built Adams Manufacturing into the \$50 million-plus enterprise it is today.

As the Founder and Chairman of Adams Manufacturing, Bill has contributed to progressing the design and use of a number of consumer products, such as suction cups, outdoor resin furniture, and holiday accessories. Founded in 1976, Adams Manufacturing is headquartered in Portersville, Pennsylvania, and celebrates American ingenuity by ensuring that their products are "Made in the USA."

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Mr. Adams' contributions to Western Pennsylvania and American manufacturing.

TRIBUTE TO MISS MILLMAN, MR. DOWGIN, MISS VALLAD, & MISS DAVANZO

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lana Millman, Matthew Dowgin,

Anna Vallad, and Amanda Davanzo for their dedication and hard work for the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the spring 2014 session.

The work of these young men and women has been exemplary and I know they all have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these four and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

All four of our interns have made plans to continue their work in public service next year with various organizations in both Colorado and Washington. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Lana Millman, Matthew Dowgin, Anna Vallad, and Amanda Davanzo for their service this spring.

4TH ANNUAL JUNIOR INVITATIONAL AT SAGE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last weekend, I had the opportunity of attending the Sage Valley Golf Club in Graniteville, South Carolina, for the 4th Annual Junior Invitational at Sage Valley Golf Club. This spectacular event featured 54 of the top junior golfers from around the world coming together to compete at this prestigious championship. In just four short years, this tournament has quickly become heralded as one of the premier events in world of junior golf.

Congratulations to Scottie Scheffler, of Dallas, Texas, on his victory at this year's championship. Scottie's 54-hole total of 5-under par, 211, was one-shot clear of Cameron Champ, of Sacramento, California, who finished second.

This tournament, which brings juniors from around the country and world together for a unique experience, is the vision of the Club's founder, Weldon Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt is to be congratulated on this immensely successful tournament. The great golf legend Gary Player even made an appearance at this year's event. Each year golf enthusiasts will look forward to attending next year's championship, which provides extraordinary opportunities for young golfers worldwide.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF BRYANT SCHLADE ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce

that Bryant Schlade of Napoleon, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Bryant's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Bryant brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Napoleon High School, in Napoleon, Ohio, Bryant was on the Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Bryant was a member of his school's football, basketball, and track and field teams and earned varsity letters in all three sports. In addition, Bryant served as captain of the football and basketball teams his senior year. He was class president, member of the student council, Spanish Club member, Envirothon, and volunteered his time as an usher at church. I am confident that Bryant will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bryant Schlade on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Bryant will excel during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING DR. RAY ANN HAVASY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ray Ann Havasy, an esteemed resident of my congressional district. Not only is she an active and vocal member of her community in Port Washington, she is also the Director of the Center for Science Teaching and Learning, a valuable and necessary organization on Long Island.

The Center for Science Teaching and Learning exists to promote science education and literacy in children and adults. They accomplish this by holding workshops that engage our youth and challenge them to pursue their education inside and outside of the classroom.

Dr. Havasy, along with CSTL, has made an effort to promote S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning through local competitions that challenge participants to think critically about their studies and allow them to sharpen their knowledge in an applicable manner. The efforts of CSTL represent the type of innovative, out-of-the-box thinking we need to ensure that our children's academic competence remains that of a global leader.

Dr. Havasy and the Center for Science Teaching and Learning represent a positive institution in our community and I applaud their work. I am honored to be able to represent them here in Congress.

REMEMBERING JOHN BENINCASA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the exemplary life and service of John Benincasa. John sadly passed away on April 6, 2014 at the age of 87.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Alliance" to those in his community, John was an extraordinary civil servant and veteran who served as president of the Alliance City Council and dedicated himself to the people of Stark County. On the day of his passing, John was in his 11th consecutive term as City Council president.

After graduating from Mount Union College, John worked as vice president and general manager of Da-Tronics Inc. He later became the City of Alliance Safety Service Director for much of the 1980s under then Mayor Francis Carr.

John was an active volunteer for his community, including 12 years on the Alliance Park board. John also spent 13 years in the Alliance Jaycees as a Board Member, where he helped organize and manage the Carnation City Triathlon/Duathlon for 25 years. John was also an active member of the United Methodist Church and the Alliance Area Family YMCA.

He was an exemplary civil servant, who was able to set aside partisan differences and work for the betterment of the city he loved. John will be honored by the Stark County Democratic Party posthumously with the lifetime achievement award. He was devoted to his family and faith, and was dedicated to and strongly preached the principles of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to honor the life of John Benincasa. I extend my most sincere condolences to John's entire family. His contributions to this community will not be forgotten. Northeast Ohio is a better place because of his service and his life. I ask that the House join me in remembering Mr. John Benincasa.

HONORING THE ETZ CHAIM CENTER ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of The Etz Chaim Center on the occasion of their anniversary this June, marking 25 years of providing quality Jewish education from a spiritual perspective to the Delaware Valley. Etz Chaim is a welcoming, non-judgmental organization dedicated to bringing the beauty and depth of Judaism to the contemporary Jew. Through a diverse menu of educational and spiritually-focused programs, Jews of all backgrounds are able to grow and connect more passionately with their heritage. Based in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, in my Congressional district, Etz Chaim provides programming for Jews and families in Montgomery County and the Philadelphia area.

Etz Chaim was founded in 1988 by Rabbi Dovid Wachs and Rabbi Moshe Ungar in Northeast Philadelphia. Since then, both their space and their programs have grown. Etz Chaim's new headquarters in Elkins Park opened in 2012, allowing them to expand their numerous class, forum, and event offerings, providing hundreds of educational and spiritual programs for the community. Each year, Etz Chaim reaches almost 1,000 people, from community based events attended by many, to one on one learning sessions for individuals looking to advance their personal growth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Etz Chaim and all of their success in supporting the Jewish community in Pennsylvania.

HONORING CHARLES WILLIAM RANSOME

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charlie Ransome who served our country for 23 years in the United States Army. I had the great privilege of knowing Charlie, and today I am including in the Congressional Record a tribute to him so that my colleagues will know how much he contributed to the nation, to his community, to his friends, and to his family.

Charles William "Charlie" Ransome, 49 years of age, passed away peacefully at his home in Sugar Land, Texas on November 30, 2012, after a courageous seven month battle with pancreatic cancer.

A celebration of Charlie's life was held at a funeral mass at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land, Texas on Friday, December 7, 2012. He was buried in Houston National Cemetery with full military honors, as was his wish. Serving as pallbearers were Michael Ransome, Bobby Balli, Terry Ray, Adrian Janak, David Ragusa, Richard Whitworth, Bill McLaughlin, and Jim Allen.

Charlie is survived by his beloved wife and son, Melinda Janak Ransome and Charles Zachary Ransome of Sugar Land, Texas. Also surviving him are his parents Rufus G. Ransome, Jr. and Jeanine Calderoni Ransome of Brownsville, Texas; his sister, Kathryn Anne Traynor (Frank) and nieces Sarah, Emily, and Rebecca of Houston, Texas; his brother, Michael Edward Ransome (Denise) and nephew Joshua and niece Olivia of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Additional survivors include his uncle, Charles Fount Ray and cousins Sandy and Karen Ray, Marshall and Mary Lou Ray, and Terry and Laurie Ray, all of Brownsville, Texas; and his uncle and aunt, William S. McLaughlin, Jr. and Doris Calderoni McLaughlin, and cousins Mary Leigh McLaughlin, Grayson Tate, and William S. McLaughlin, III, all of Houston, Texas.

Charlie was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rufus G. Ransome and Kathryn Eidman Ransome; maternal grandparents, Dr. Charles F. Calderoni and Doris Thompson Calderoni; and his aunt Ann Ransome Ray.

Charlie was born on June 7, 1963, in Brownsville, Texas, to Rufus G. Ransome, Jr.

and Jeanine Calderoni Ransome. He graduated from St. Joseph Academy in 1981 and Texas A&M University in 1985 earning a degree in civil engineering. While at Texas A&M Charlie proudly served as a member of the Corps of Cadets. He went on to serve 23 years in the U.S. Army and active reserves, retiring in 2008 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Charlie served tours of duty in Germany and Korea immediately out of college and was deployed to Iraq in 2004 with the Army Corps of Engineers as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq Charlie managed logistics for the military's construction efforts and troop rotations and served as a special investigating officer. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his time in Iraq. Charlie believed very strongly that his years of his service in the military were his contribution to making a better world. Patriotism was a way of life for him. He closed all his communications with the following quotation from Edmund Burke (1729—1797): "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

In 1991, Charlie married Melinda Janak. They were blessed with the birth of their son, Charles Zachary, in 1996. Charlie spent 21 beautiful years with his beloved Melinda and 16 with his beloved Zachary. The family loved to travel especially to all the wonderful National Parks where Charlie marveled at the natural beauty that God created.

Charlie's civilian engineering career was spent with Jacobs Engineering, in Houston, Texas where he was employed for 24 years. Always a giving man, Charlie was active in volunteerism both through Jacobs and his son's activities. Some of his favorite contributions were running United Way campaigns for Jacobs, reading to under privileged children and serving as treasurer for his son's high school athletics booster club.

Charlie was a man of great integrity, with the highest of moral standards. He was truly a family man, always loving to have his family and friends join him, Melinda, and Zach to celebrate at their home. An avid sportsman, hunting, fishing and scuba diving were some of his favorite pastimes.

Charlie treasured his wonderful life and lived it to the fullest. He will always be remembered as a very kind and compassionate man who loved people. In turn, Charlie was loved by everyone who knew him, as was evidenced by the tremendous outpouring of love, care and support from family and his many friends throughout his illness and passing.

We treasure the years Charlie spent with us. He will forever live in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR MR. RAMON RIVERA

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ramon Rivera from Malaga, Washington. Mr. Rivera is the founder of the Mariachi Huenachi program at Wenatchee High School and also the director of that remarkable music group. Recently, he was honored by the Seattle City Club with one of the 2014 Washington State Jefferson Awards.

The Jefferson Award is an award for "unsung heroes" who have committed themselves to volunteer service and improving the lives of those around them, and, in doing so, improving the world. So far, over 300 students have participated in the mariachi program pioneered by Mr. Rivera, a program which has received national attention. Not only do his students learn about the rich cultural heritage of mariachi music but they are also expected to achieve academic excellence and are encouraged to pursue higher educations, something that many of Mr. Rivera's students would never have considered otherwise.

I am honored to have met Mr. Rivera during the Spring Recess and am even more honored to represent him as my constituent. I congratulate him on the success of his endeavors and earning this prestigious recognition.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS TO RECEIVE THE NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, who is being awarded the prestigious National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services on May 8, 2014. This award recognizes "institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities" and is highly selective, as only ten institutions receive the award annually. It is also the highest award any American museum or library can receive.

The largest children's museum in the world, the Children's Museum of Indianapolis has been a mainstay of Indianapolis' cultural landscape since its founding in 1925, and is recognized as the global leader of museums for children. Among its many renowned permanent exhibits are a recreation of the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Seti I, a forty-three foot glass masterpiece by the famed artist Dale Chihuly, the SpaceQuest Planetarium where children can view and understand the Indiana night sky, and a working carousel from 1917. There is also the Dinosphere, which displays full-size dinosaur skeletons, including Leonardo the mummified dinosaur. From May 10, 2014 through November 2, 2014, the Children's Museum of Indianapolis will be the only museum in the United States to display the famed Chinese Terra Cotta Warriors as part of its permanent exhibit "Take Me There: China."

As a longtime Indianapolis resident who raised two children in our beautiful city, I especially appreciate all that the Children's Museum does for Hoosier children every day of the year. During Halloween, the museum presents its famous Haunted House, and during the holiday season the main staircase is transformed into the magical Yule Slide. Like many Hoosier parents, I have fond memories of taking my children to the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, and was so moved by the museum's work that I was inspired to serve on its Board, which was one of the great honors of my career. I am pleased to continue working

with the museum as a distinguished advisor helping to advance its important mission.

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 our children's curiosity and provide them with hands-on opportunities to learn about the world around them. The Children's Museum does just that, and undeniably inspires the more than one million visitors who come to experience the museum each year. I am proud to recognize the Children's Museum of Indianapolis today for its outstanding work in winning the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, and wish the museum continued success as it seeks to educate Indiana's children and families.

RECOGNIZING DR. DENNIS JOHNSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Dr. Dennis Johnson on his retirement from the George Washington University's (GWU) Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM). Dr. Johnson has committed more than 20 years of service to the GWU campus and will truly be missed there.

Dr. Johnson hails from a small town outside Merrillville, Indiana. In high school, he was very active in student government and politics. He earned his BA in International Relations from Carlton College and his Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University. His academic and scholarly interests include campaigns and elections, the profession of political consulting, and the history of American public policy.

Dr. Johnson has over 20 years of teaching and leadership experience with GWU's GSPM program. Dr. Johnson has served in multiple leadership roles with the GSPM, ending his tenure as the Director of its Legislative Affairs Program, Associate Dean, and later as its Acting Executive Director. Notably, Dr. Johnson served as a Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer at Jinan University in Guangzhou, China during the 2010–2011 academic year, where he lectured and spoke to a variety of academic, professional, and business audiences throughout China. Dr. Johnson has authored numerous books on political management and has lectured on the subject around the globe. He has had a lifetime passion for politics. In addition to his academic career, Dr. Johnson earlier served as Chief of Staff to then Congressman Norman Sisisky (D–VA).

Dr. Johnson has done impressive work in advancing the cause of democracy around the globe. He epitomizes the American Dream, achieving success as a public school graduate and the first in his family to graduate from college. He earned money for his college tuition working summers in a steel mill. Coming from a small town to having had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have tea with the Queen of England, Dennis has retained a sense of humility and Midwestern charm.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Dennis Johnson with sincere congratulations on a job well done for GWU and for advancing democracy around the world.

TRIBUTE TO RANGEVIEW HIGH
SCHOOL CYBERPATRIOT TEAM

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Savannah Clemente, Jacob Johnson, Lucas Nicodemus, Luke Robinson, Nathan Teeter, and LeeAnn Wilson of Aurora, Colorado. Colorado was well represented by these Rangeview High School students at the 2014 CyberPatriot Competition National Finals in National Harbor, Maryland.

CyberPatriot is the premier national youth cyber defense competition that teaches high school and middle school students about cyber-safety and how to defend computer systems against cyberattack. It also teaches students about internships and careers in cybersecurity and other opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Rangeview High School CyberPatriot team distinguished itself from the rest of the competing teams by demonstrating outstanding skills in three rigorous rounds of competition against their peers. Out of 1,500 competing teams, only 28 made it to the final competition where national championship trophies and scholarships were awarded. The Rangeview team won First Place in the Digital Crime Scene Challenge sponsored by the U.S. Cyber Crime Conference.

The Rangeview High School CyberPatriot students will undoubtedly go on to serve as innovative leaders in our country. Their fierce dedication to the STEM disciplines is critical to our nation's future. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Rangeview High School CyberPatriot students for their achievement of competing in the 2014 CyberPatriot Competition National Finals.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JULIET V.
GARCÍA

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Juliet V. García president of the University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB). Dr. García was recently named by CNN Money/Fortune as one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders—a list which includes Pope Francis, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Bono, and the Dalai Lama. Her leadership skills are an asset to Brownsville and South Texas.

Dr. García began her tenure as president of UTB in January 1992. Previously, she served as president of Texas Southmost College and was the first Mexican-American woman to become president of a college or university in the United States.

During Dr. García's tenure, she has relentlessly advocated for increasing access to higher education in South Texas, which is reflected in UTB's enrollment statistics. The UTB student body is 91% Hispanic and 71% are first-generation college students.

UTB has experienced tremendous growth under Dr. García's leadership. The school's budget has increased from \$31.4 million to

\$145 million, classroom space has quadrupled and many new buildings have been constructed including: a library, a life and health sciences building, a student union, an education and business building, an early childhood learning center, a recreation center, a performing arts center, and two biomedical research buildings.

Currently, Dr. García is guiding UTB through a merger with the University of Texas-Pan American to create the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Importantly, the new university, which will include a medical school, will have access to state oil and gas royalties through the permanent university fund.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to honor Dr. Juliet V. García, and I appreciate you joining me in recognizing her commitment to higher education.

RECOGNIZING THE 2013-2014 UNI-
VERSITY OF NOTRE DAME WOM-
EN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the 2013–2014 University of Notre Dame Lady Irish Women's Basketball team on their perfect regular season and exciting NCAA tournament run. The team finished the regular season with an unbeaten record of 29–0 and finished the post season winning the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, as well as competing in their third straight NCAA National Championship game.

The Lady Irish were led by their head coach, Muffett McGraw and senior captains Kayla McBride, Natalie Achonwa, and Ariel Braker. These outstanding players led their team to 37 consecutive victories, the university's first ever regular season, the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Championships, and a third consecutive National Championship game appearance. Altogether, the Lady Irish finished their first season in the ACC, the same way it ended its time in the Big East, with another dominating conference title.

In addition, the Irish earned several prestigious individual conference and national honors. Along with the 37 game winning streak, Conference Championship, and Final Four appearance, Coach McGraw earned a sweep of the AP, Naismith, Pat Summit, and US Basketball Writers Association for Coach of the Year awards. Along with Coach McGraw's amazing accomplishment, the team had three AP All-American's with Seniors Kayla McBride and Natalie Achonwa and Sophomore Jewell Loyd. The team also won numerous Atlantic Coast Conference awards including: Coach of the Year (Coach McGraw), Player of the Year, (Kayla McBride) and ACC tournament MVP (Jewell Loyd). Along with those ACC awards McBride, Loyd, and Achonwa each earned all-conference honors as well. The hard work and dedication by the players and coaches showed in both the individual awards and their dominating run to the National Championship game. This team will be one that is remembered forever in university history for years to come.

As a former basketball player and Representative of Notre Dame, it is my honor to

recognize the hard work and success of the 2013–2014 Lady Irish Basketball team. The dedication, selflessness, and sportsmanship these student athletes display is a model for young Hoosiers throughout Indiana. On behalf of Indiana's Second Congressional District, I am proud to recognize the University of Notre Dame Lady Irish's perfect regular season and amazing tournament run and wish them continued future success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 28, 2014, and Tuesday, April 29, 2014, I missed six votes as I was home in Arkansas dealing with the aftermath of the devastating storm that hit my district over the weekend.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 178, the passage of H.R. 4192, "yea" on rollcall vote 179, the passage of H.R. 4120, "yea" on rollcall vote 180, the Previous Question, "yea" on rollcall vote 181, the Adoption of the rule for Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification, "yea" on rollcall vote 182, the passage of H.R. 4414, and "yea" on rollcall vote 183, the passage of H.R. 627, of which I am a cosponsor.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE CITATION
FOR MG WILLIAM E. RAPP

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General William E. Rapp.

Major General Rapp distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service from 1 August 2012 to 1 June 2014, while serving as the Chief of Army Legislative Liaison. During this period of extraordinary change, continued combat operations in Afghanistan, and significant fiscal constraints and challenges facing the Army, Major General Rapp implemented and fostered a significantly improved strategic partnership with the 113th Congress. He clearly understood the importance of Congressional oversight and spearheaded the execution of an Army strategy to enhance Congressional trust and confidence in Army programs, policies and operations. Major General Rapp did a truly outstanding job in dealing with some of the most complex issues the Army faced during the last two legislative cycles with unparalleled results, enabling the Army to receive the necessary authorities and resources to support combat operations, sustain the all-volunteer force and maintain the quality of life for Soldiers, their Families and Army Civilians. Major General Rapp's outstanding leadership, strategic vision, and keen judgment are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon him, the Office of the Army Legislative Liaison and the United States Army.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
CAREER OF SUE SWISHER

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say a few words about Sue Swisher, a good friend of mine, and a true champion for the children of our region.

Sue will be retiring this summer, after more than twenty-four years leading the Child Abuse Council in Rock Island, Illinois. Sue joined the Child Abuse Council as Director of Programs in 1994, and became its Executive Director in 1998. Under her leadership, the Child Abuse Council has provided child-abuse treatment and prevention to hundreds of children and families in our region. During her tenure, Sue spearheaded the creation of programs designed to prevent child abuse, instead of just reacting to it, including teacher-training programs like Safe from the Start, and fatherhood classes like Boot Camp for Dads.

People learn lessons during childhood that stay with them their entire lives. Children can either learn about trust and respect, or they can learn about fear and insecurity. Sue Swisher has worked tirelessly to ensure that our children learn lessons about love and respect that will resonate throughout their lives. We will miss her steady hand, and thank her for her invaluable contribution to our community.

REMEMBERING JACK HARDESTY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember Jack Hardesty, a long-standing community leader in Clarke County, Virginia, who passed away April 15, 2014 at the age of 82.

John Douglas "Jack" Hardesty's family has long standing ties to Clarke County dating back to the 1780s. He chose to continue this legacy as an entrepreneur who worked to further his community.

Jack may be best known for his work on the Board of Supervisors, serving 17 years as chairman. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Clarke County, was a trustee for his church and member of the Berryville-Clarke Chamber of Commerce. Jack was named "Citizen of the Year" this year by the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber for his lifetime of service.

Jack had an incredible impact on Clarke County, organizing the county's first Comprehensive Plan, as well as his efforts to preserve historic farmland and open space in the county. Through his work he has left an indelible mark on the look and feel of his community.

Jack's accomplishments in agriculture were also well known. He was recognized as the Outstanding Young Farmer for Virginia in 1955, and later as Distinguished Dairyman of the Year in 1986.

Jack is survived by his two sons, John and David, who are both part of his family dairy

business. I know he will be missed dearly by both his family and the community as a whole.

I submit the following article from The Winchester Star of Mr. Hardesty's story.

[From the Winchester Star, Apr. 17, 2014]

COMMUNITY LEADER JACK HARDESTY DIES

(By Val Van Meter)

BERRYVILLE.—A man who is credited for shaping the way Clarke County looks today died Tuesday after a life of service.

John Douglas "Jack" Hardesty, 82, was an entrepreneur before that word was the height of compliment. But, while building his family's fortunes, he also aimed to do what was best for his community.

"He has had a tremendous influence on how the county looks and feels," said Michael Hobert, current chairman of the Board of Supervisors, a post Hardesty held for the better part of two decades.

"He was responsible for the county's first Comprehensive Plan," Hobert noted. That plan is the community's vision on how it wants to develop into the future.

"He helped to establish our identity, and we'll have that identity for a long time into the future."

His support to institute sliding-scale zoning helped preserve farmland and open space in the county and set a tone that has continued today.

Hardesty's family roots in Clarke County go back to the 1780s, and farming was all he wanted to do.

In high school, his senior classmates predicted that, within 10 years of their 1950 graduation, he would be milking 100 head of Holsteins. They weren't far off the mark.

He formed a partnership with his father and began building Harvue Dairy, which grew from a 25-head, hand-milked herd to a dairy producing millions of pounds of milk a year and shipping the genetics of its registered Holsteins all over the world.

His importance to agriculture was recognized in 1955, when he was named the Outstanding Young Farmer for Virginia, and it only continued to grow. In 1986 the Virginia State Dairyman's Association named him Distinguished Dairyman of the Year.

As a member of the Clarke County Ruritan Club, Hardesty was "very instrumental" in purchasing the land for the Clarke County Ruritan fairgrounds.

The purchase was arranged in 1960, said Billy Milleson, who chairs the annual Clarke County Fair for the Ruritan Club.

"He and his dad ran the dairy department at the fair for years," Milleson said.

He said Hardesty was one of the people who saved the fairgrounds when the Virginia Department of Transportation planned to put the Harry Byrd Highway bypass around Berryville. Their preferred route took it right through the fairgrounds, demolishing the grove of huge oak trees that give it so much of its character.

Hardesty, Milleson said, "went to Richmond and got it changed."

"He was an authentic man," Hobert added. He was genuine. He had integrity and good judgment."

Former state Sen. Russell Potts Jr. called Hardesty the consummate gentleman.

"He was Mr. Clarke County," Potts said, adding that Hardesty got into political life "for all the right reasons."

In 1965, Hardesty was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Russell Voting District representative Bob Withers on the Board of Supervisors.

A year later, he ran for election and won. He remained on the board for the next 29 years, serving 17 as chairman.

"The quality of life in Clarke County is a direct result of him insisting on high stand-

ards," Potts said. "He loved preservation," and the beauty of Clarke County.

Milleson said one of Hardesty's greatest characteristics was that he was a good listener.

"He could see the other side," he added.

In 1963, the stockholders of the Bank of Clarke County selected him to serve on the board of directors. In 1986, he stepped into the chairmanship, replacing the late Eustace Jackson, who had also preceded Hardesty as chairman of the Clarke supervisors.

Johnny Milleson, president of the Bank of Clarke, recalled Hardesty was always proud of his county and the bank, which grew from two branches, one in Berryville and one in Boyce, to 11 branches, including nine in Winchester and Frederick County.

He said when the two attended a seminar in North Carolina one year, people in the room were announcing their names and how long they had been directors of their respective banks.

Most were less than five years, but one man was cheered for serving 21.

He said Hardesty winked at him before announcing he'd been on the board of the "best little bank in the state of Virginia" for 41 years at that time.

The bank president said Hardesty was "a part of the bank family until his passing."

At Christmas, Hardesty would circulate through all the bank branches. "He had a kind word for everyone," and knew everyone.

He added that he had gone to school with Hardesty's older son, Johnny, and had known the elder Hardesty "since I can remember. He always had time for you, no matter how busy he was.

And, he was a hard worker. Meetings of the Bank of Clarke's board still begin at 6:50 a.m., a custom started by Hardesty, to make sure he got a full day's work in, despite taking time out for meetings.

Running a farm, a bank and a county didn't take up all of Hardesty's time.

He was a trustee for his church, Crum's Church, a post also held by his father.

He helped direct the dairy industry through positions on several organizations, including past president of the Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative, the Virginia Holstein Association and the Virginia State Dairyman's Association.

Three Virginia governors appointed him to committees to advise them on the concerns of local governments.

He promoted the larger county economy through membership in the Berryville-Clarke County Chamber of Commerce. This year, the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber, which now represents Clarke County, named Hardesty its "Citizen of the Year" for his lifetime of service to the county.

He was married to Carter Conley Hardesty, who died in 2003, for 50 years. The couple have two sons, John E. and David M., who are both part of the family dairy business.

A funeral service is planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church in Berryville.

Potts recalled Hardesty protesting when he introduced a bill in the Virginia General Assembly to name a bridge for Jack and Carter Hardesty in the district he represented for so many years.

"I told him, 'You don't have any say in it,'" Potts recalled.

Then-Gov. Mark Warner and Sen. Charles "Chuck" Robb, along with former Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., all came for the ceremony, Potts recalled.

Both Democrats and Republicans respected Hardesty.

Said Potts, "If you couldn't get along with Jack Hardesty, you couldn't get along with anyone."

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RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY
OF REASON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the National Day of Reason, which occurs this year on Thursday, May 1st.

As I see nations around the world in turmoil, among people of different religious faiths, we are moved to deeper appreciation for the Framers, who bequeathed us the Constitution, which requires the separation of church and state. We could not have built a vast nation of extraordinary religious and ethnic diversity were it not for our tolerance of the world's great religions, all of which exist among us in our nation today, and of Americans who claim no religion. I hope that all Americans—religious, non-religious and secular alike—will join in observing the National Day of Reason, today, May 1, 2014. This day provides an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the positive impacts on humanity of reason, critical thought and the scientific method, which have always been acknowledged to be consistent with religious faith, and to reaffirm that the line between religion and government must remain indelible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the National Day of Reason.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID SKORTON

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. David Skorton on his recent appointment as Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Skorton, who currently serves as the 12th President of Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York, will begin his tenure as the 13th Secretary of the Smithsonian in July 2015.

Dr. Skorton was chosen for this position based on his outstanding merit and impressive leadership record. He has extensive experience as an administrator, cardiologist, and biomedical researcher. Dr. Skorton brings his unique talent and knowledge base to his new position, where he will be the first physician to lead the Smithsonian.

A staunch advocate of the arts, sciences, and humanities, Dr. Skorton will effectively promote the Smithsonian Institution's mission of supporting the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." I am confident that his skills, experience, and expertise will serve Dr. Skorton well in his efforts to oversee the immense collection of museums and research centers that comprise the Smithsonian Institution.

I commend Dr. Skorton on earning this remarkable opportunity and I look forward to the new heights that the Smithsonian Institution will reach under his leadership.

COMMENDING STUDENTS ON RE-
CEIVING MILITARY ACADEMY
APPOINTMENTS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 10 students from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas who received appointments to America's military academies. The students who receive appointments to our nation's prestigious military academies are some of the best and brightest students in America. They bring enormous pride to our communities. It's an honor to recognize these young leaders who have committed to protect and defend our nation through service in our military academies.

The students selected to represent our district include: Joshua Xu of Seven Lakes High School in Katy (U.S. Naval Academy), Cy Payne of Seven Lakes High School in Katy (U.S. Naval Academy), David Hernandez, III of Pearland High School in Pearland (U.S. Military Academy), William Waters of Cinco Ranch High School in Katy (U.S. Military Academy), Morgan Landers of Strake Jesuit College Preparatory from Houston (U.S. Military Academy), Brittany Scofield of Seven Lakes High School in Katy (U.S. Military Academy), Chad Cleary of Stephen F. Austin High School in Sugar Land (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy), Drake Dentry of Pearland High School in Pearland (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy), Nicholas Supry of Seven Lakes High School in Katy (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy) and Jonah Sanjay Bhide of American Embassy School, New Delhi, India (U.S. Air Force Academy).

As a former Navy pilot, I know that these students are about to embark on a tremendous citizenship experience. On behalf of all of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I'm thrilled to congratulate these young leaders. I'm confident they will honorably serve our nation with pride and distinction.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF PATIENT SERVICES
INCORPORATED

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the accomplishments of Patient Services Incorporated (PSI) and to congratulate the organization on its 25 years of assisting Americans obtain the treatments and therapies they need. PSI is a national non-profit patient assistance charitable organization, headquartered in my Congressional district in Midlothian, Virginia. PSI has provided assistance to countless Americans in all 50 states and serves as a vital safety-net charity to help meet the needs of Americans suffering from expensive rare and chronic diseases.

Through PSI's leadership and determination, our nation's most vulnerable seniors are now able to access the treatments and care they need with the financial help of non-profit chari-

table organizations. I have visited with the devoted staff at PSI in the past, toured their campus, and I am proud to have PSI headquartered in my district.

PSI was founded out of the professional and personal experience of Dana Kuhn, a former Presbyterian Minister from Jackson, Tennessee. While employed as a clinical counselor at now VCU Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, Dana Kuhn encountered families devastated by chronic illnesses. Dr. Kuhn founded PSI in an effort to help this underserved community, and since then PSI has focused on finding solutions to the challenges facing the chronically ill.

Today I would like to congratulate PSI on its 25 years of helping Americans access medical treatments and therapies. In particular, I commend its Founder and President, Dana Kuhn, on his service to our country and his fellow man by creating this charitable organization.

RECOGNIZING AMBASSADOR
PETER AMMON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Peter Ammon as he leaves his post as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United States. His hard work and dedication to strengthening the economic and cultural relationship between Germany and the United States must be commended.

In his role as Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Ammon strengthened the strong ties that bind Germany and the United States. Within the U.S., he visited 45 states and met with ordinary Americans, Governors, State Legislators, Members of Congress, and local elected officials. He also helped establish the German residence as an icon of German culture by featuring art crafted by U.S. and German artists on a rotating basis. The National Day parties hosted at the residence drew more than 3,500 guests, who enjoyed German art and food.

Dr. Ammon has championed the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership both as German Ambassador and for nearly 20 years prior because he knows this groundbreaking trade agreement will create jobs and growth on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. Ammon leaves his post in Washington with the United States and Europe taking great strides toward finishing these tough, but necessary negotiations.

Dr. Ammon has served as German Ambassador to the United States since 2011. Previously, he served as Ambassador to Paris, France, and various other roles in the German government, including Director General for Economics at the German Foreign Office from 2001 to 2007 and Head of Policy Planning from 1996 to 1999. Prior to his service in these roles, Dr. Ammon served as a career diplomat in London, Senegal, and New Delhi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing my good friend Dr. Peter Ammon for his great service and commitment to the special relationship between Germany and the United States. We thank Dr. Ammon for his leadership and send him our very best

wishes for his next post in the United Kingdom.

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST
AND HONORING THE SURVIVORS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the Holocaust survivors in our community. Communities around the world this week commemorated Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. As these individuals, who were small children and teenagers during World War II, are no longer with us, it is vital that we hear and record their personal stories of what happened in the ghettos and concentration camps in Nazi-occupied Europe. We must not forget what they have to say, and we must do everything in our power to ensure that these atrocities never occur anywhere in the world.

I submit the following article from The Washington Post on first-hand accounts of those who survived.

[From the Washington Post]

WASHINGTON AREA HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS
SHARE HISTORIES IN DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

(By Katherine Shaver)

Blanche Porway remembers the guard tearing her from her mother's hand as they stood in line at the Auschwitz concentration camp with hundreds of Jews and other prisoners. Her mother was led off to the gas chambers while Porway and her older sister were spared, only because the guards deemed them fit enough to work.

Porway, then 19, had already survived the ghetto in Lodz, Poland, where her father and brother had starved to death.

"My sister said, 'I can't take this,'" Porway recalled tearfully Sunday. "But I said, 'We have to. We have to live to tell people.'"

Now 90, Porway shared her story at a brunch in Rockville to honor Holocaust survivors. The event, attended by about 40 survivors and their families, coincided with Monday's Holocaust—Remembrance Day, or Yom HaShoah, in Israel. Most of the survivors were residents at the Charles E. Smith Life Communities senior facilities in Rockville, where officials say they have one of the largest groups of Holocaust survivors in the Washington area.

They came with their adult children, who had grown up hearing their painful stories, and with grandchildren, who they hoped would learn more. They told of fathers being arrested in the night after an abrupt knock on the door. They told of their synagogues burning, of being boarded onto trains with other Jewish children fleeing the Nazis, of the nuns who hid them in convents. They showed scars on their hands from being forced to work in German factories and cried as they recalled being forced to shovel dirt at gunpoint during years in a labor camp.

Many broke into tears as they told their stories, their accents still carrying traces of their native German, French and Polish.

"It's hard to accept what happened, even now," Porway, who lives in Chevy Chase, said in a Polish accent, as her voice shook and her eyes teared up. A few moments later, she added quietly, "I sometimes question if people want to hear it, or if they'll get too upset."

Joel Appelbaum said he organized the brunch—this was the fourth—to honor Holo-

caust survivors in memory of his late father, who had stayed at one of the Charles E. Smith facilities. Appelbaum is vice president of the Progress Club, a Rockville social group that paid for the brunch through its charitable foundation.

He noted survivors' ages—those at the brunch were between 75 and 100—and the fact that their first-person accounts would soon be left to books and video archives.

"We have a limited window to do this," Appelbaum said as younger family members helped their parents and grandparents get seated, often after parking walkers and wheelchairs along the walls. "Ten years from now," Appelbaum said, "this will not be an event."

Charles E. Smith community officials said the survivors benefit from sharing their stories, too. Some had spoken little about the Holocaust during their younger years, after they had started new lives in the United States.

"I think at this stage in their lives, they want to talk, and it helps them," spokeswoman Emily Tipermas said. "They feel it's safe for them now to talk, and they understand that they lived through this period of history."

Yetti Sinnreich said her father, Ben! Sinnreich, who is 99, had one question for her as they sat down to eat: "Can I speak?"

Yetti Sinnreich, of Potomac, said she grew up hearing about the Holocaust from both parents, who met after the war in a "displaced persons" camp in Romania. Her mother, Klara Sinnreich, 97, worked as a seamstress in a labor camp.

While growing up, Yetti Sinnreich said, "I remember my father screaming with nightmares and waking up the house."

Klara Sinnreich no longer speaks much. But when the microphone came around, Beril Sinnreich raised his hand. He broke into tears as he recalled being forced to march to a work camp. He was 26 when Romanian soldiers came to his home, he said. He lost his entire family in the Holocaust.

"For three days and three nights, I didn't see water," Beril Sinnreich said. "We slept in train wagons. Every night, frozen people were thrown out like garbage."

They marched for six weeks, he said, and his father died of a heart attack. "He couldn't walk anymore," he said.

Beril Sinnreich, stooped with age and wearing a white cap, appeared exhausted as he spoke before the crowd.

"Three years, I was in a concentration camp," he said through tears. "I survived."

When asked after the brunch what he wanted the children and teenagers in the audience to take away from his story and others, Sinnreich had a short answer: "It shouldn't happen again."

**TIM CARPENTER: A FIGHTER FOR
JUSTICE**

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I want to join today with so many who are remembering the life of Tim Carpenter, a life-long advocate for social, economic and environmental justice.

Tim was a believer and an activist. He believed that we could create a world where every person has the right to quality health care, to a clean environment, to a good job, and to peace. And he knew the only way to achieve that just society is to empower people to take action.

Tim's activism took many forms. As co-founder of Progressive Democrats of America, he helped design and implement an "inside-outside" strategy that allowed people around the country to advocate with their elected officials and gave members of Congress real insight into the daily challenges facing our constituents. He didn't just talk about problems, he pushed for solutions—expanding voting rights, winning health care for all, and investing in people.

Tim made the most of his too-short life. There wasn't a progressive fight where you couldn't find Tim—strategizing, organizing, and mentoring new recruits to the cause. Tim was tough as nails when it came to pushing for results, but he was also a gentle and kind soul who connected personally to each person he met.

Tim will be greatly missed, but he has left us a powerful legacy by teaching us never to stop pushing our progressive principles through practical and effective organizing.

I offer my deep condolences to Tim's family, friends and fellow organizers.

HONORING THE 133 YEARS OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE BY THE
DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY TO
CENTRAL INDIANA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 133 Years of Faithful Service by the Daughters of Charity to Central Indiana.

In 1633, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul were co-founded by Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac in Paris, France, to "Serve Jesus Christ corporally and spiritually in the person of the poor." Over time, their work expanded worldwide with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton founding the Daughters of Charity community in the United States before the Civil War.

The Daughters of Charity in the United States were quickly recognized for their faithful ministry to people in need in the areas of health care, social services, education and spiritual care. Noting this, Bishop Francis Silas Chatard of Indianapolis worked with the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to begin a ministry of health care available for all people in need living in the growing city of Indianapolis.

With \$34.77 in their pockets, four Daughters of Charity arrived in Indianapolis on April 26, 1881, to start a healing ministry—today known as the St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital.

The Sisters brought with them a mission that is lived and celebrated by the St. Vincent Health ministry to this day: "We have a mission, a reason for being here, to keep health care human; human for our patients, human for our families, human for our doctors and human for all associates. The poor will come and the rich will come, if they know they are going to be treated as people."

Two hundred ninety-five Daughters of Charity have served in the St. Vincent ministry over the past 133 years, in whatever ways they were most needed. They have been an inspiration to St. Vincent associates, physicians,

volunteers and the broader community. As a former member of the St. Vincent Indianapolis Board of Directors who served with two Daughters of Charity, I witnessed firsthand their critical role in responding to human needs in the midst of ever-changing social, technological, human, and economic circumstances.

At the same time, the Daughters of Charity have remained responsive to contemporary health needs, as seen by the relocation and expansion of services; the establishment and operation of a nursing school; the support and expansion of training programs for physicians; the development of values-based relationships and innovative partnerships with physicians and community organizations; and the willingness to discern and redeploy resources to address greatest needs.

2014 marks a transition for the Daughters of Charity and St. Vincent Health in Indianapolis. The Daughters have deemed the ministry of St. Vincent Health to be fully prepared to continue their ministry to the Central Indiana community in the original spirit of the Daughters of Charity, and therefore are assigning their Indianapolis-based Sisters to other works of charity around the United States.

Mr. Speaker, as we mark this transition, I simply want to take this moment to recognize the extraordinary and lasting contributions made by the Daughters of Charity to the improving health and well-being—body, mind, and spirit—of the people of Central Indiana, noting particularly their dedication to serving and advocating for persons who are poor and most vulnerable.

I join with the St. Vincent Health Community in thanking the Daughters of Charity for the work that began the healing ministry of St. Vincent Health in 1881 and continues to thrive today.

RECOGNIZING EAST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL'S NJROTC MARKSMANSHIP TEAM

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the NJROTC Marksmanship Team at East Aurora High School for earning a top 10 finish at the Navy National Marksmanship Meet. The NJROTC Marksmanship Team at East Aurora qualified for the Navy's National Marksmanship Meet by finishing eighth out of 600 teams from across the country in the Secretary of the Navy Postal Competition.

Participants at the Navy National Marksmanship Meet are scored on their ability to accurately shoot an air rifle from three positions: lying down, kneeling, and standing. The competitors in the Navy National Marksmanship Meet must use intense concentration and remain calm to shoot accurately.

The performance of its Marksmanship Team at the Navy's National Marksmanship Meet provides a shining example of why East Aurora High School's NJROTC program is nationally recognized as a distinguished unit and regularly receives awards and honors. As recently as 2012, the Armed and Unarmed Drill Teams finished in first place in the Challenge

Division, and in 2006, the Color Guard won the overall championship while competing against 500 high schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the following members of the East Aurora High School NJROTC Marksmanship Team for their excellent finish at the Navy National Marksmanship Meet: Cadet Master Chief Giovanni Gutierrez, Cadet Senior Chief Austin Martinez, Cadet Second Class Petty Officer Luis Nevarez, Cadet LCDR Jesus Ortega, and Cadet Senior Chief Sylvanna Parra.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from a vote which occurred on April 29, 2014 due to a medical appointment. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Roll Number 180—H. Res. 555, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4414, Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014—"aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MRS. FLORENCE BELLAMY FROM THE PHENIX CITY SCHOOL BOARD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Florence Bellamy who is retiring from the Phenix City School Board after 25 years of service.

Mrs. Bellamy has served on the Phenix City School Board since 1989, including terms as vice president and president. Mrs. Bellamy has also served as the Immediate Past President of the Alabama Association of School Boards, having previously served as President, President-Elect, Vice President, and District 4 Director. She has remained active within AASB, including leading or serving on the Academy Advisory Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, and the Executive/Legislative Committee. In 2001, Florence was named an All-State School Member, the association's highest honor. She has also achieved AASB's highest recognition in training, the Master's Honor Roll. In January of 2008, Mrs. Bellamy was honored with a "lifetime Achievement" award from her local Board of Education.

In addition to her dedication to education, Mrs. Bellamy has a passion for serving her community. Since 2000, she has worked as a Supervisor with the Russell County Department of Human Resources in the area of Adult Protective Services. She and her husband, Michael, have four children and three grandchildren. Mrs. Bellamy and her husband, Judge Michael Bellamy, are also active in their church.

Mr. Speaker, we join his family and friends in celebrating Mrs. Bellamy's retirement and wish her the very best.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEACON CALVIN O. BUTTS II

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, April 27, 2014, the Village of Harlem, New York and the Village of East Elmhurst, Queens, New York came together to celebrate the life of Deacon Calvin Otis Butts, II, father of our beloved Reverend Dr. Calvin Otis Butts, III, Senior Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church. The celebration took place at the First Baptist Church of East Elmhurst, where Deacon Calvin O. Butts, II served the Lord and its ministry.

The celebration included the wonderful voices of the Abyssinian Baptist Church Mass Choir and the breathtaking and gospel and sound of the First Baptist Church of East Elmhurst Ministry of Music. The Baptist were certainly in the house as preachers from all over the City of New York crowded into the sanctuary to displayed their love and support to the Butts Family. The Reverend Patrick H. Young presided over the services and the Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III eulogized his father as only a proud and loving son could do. It was one of the most touching and delightful eulogies that captured our thoughts, our minds and our hearts.

I submit the obituary that was prepared detailing the wonderful life of Deacon Calvin Otis Butts, II:

THE LIFE OF CALVIN O. BUTTS II

Calvin Otis Butts, II was born on December 5, 1922 in Fitzgerald, Georgia, to Calvin Otis Butts, Sr. and Verdine Branch.

The second of eight siblings (Melba, Calvin II, Robert, Nadine, Elestine, Jerry, Joan Blondell, and Joseph) from that union, he grew up learning to love and trust God at the Salem First Baptist Church. This solid foundation of faith would strengthen and sustain him throughout his entire life. In his youth, Calvin served as a Western Union delivery boy, at that time a position not usually given to African Americans. The messengers' motto was "Take pride in your job and in your appearance," words that clearly had an influence on him through the years.

While in Fitzgerald, Calvin met Eloise Edwards, from nearby Ocilla, Georgia. He accompanied her to her high school prom, which was the beginning of a love that would endure for over six decades.

After attending Monitor High School, Calvin moved to Corona, Queens, New York, with his older half-brothers, James and Leon. He first worked in retail sales until he enlisted in the United States Army in 1942. He served tours in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, earning three Distinguished Service Medals and achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant before his honorable discharge in 1945.

Upon his return to New York, Calvin began working as a butcher. He joined the Meat Cutter's Union, and eventually became a chef at the Black Angus restaurant, a job he held for 25 years. He then went on to work for the City Of New York as a chef at the Bruener Home for Boys in the Bronx. Calvin also took care of some unfinished business, marrying his former prom date, Eloise Edwards, on September 14, 1947—a marriage that lasted 66½ years, and produced one son, Calvin Otis Butts III.

Mr. Butts was a man of integrity who stood on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ, and

it was apparent in every aspect of his life. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP, and as a testament to his faith and service, Mr. Butts was ordained as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of East Elmhurst, where he was also a member of the Men's Chorus.

Deacon Butts was also a good father. He was unwavering in his support, and took pride in the accomplishments of his son. He made sure that Calvin III, got an excellent education from Morehouse College. Even as his strength began to wane, you could still hear the respect and pride in Deacon Butts' voice when he extended his hand and greeted his song with a strong and clear, "Dr. Butts."

Deacon Calvin Otis Butts, II transitioned from labor to reward on April 21, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife, Eloise; his son and daughter-in-law, Calvin III and Patricia Butts; sisters Nadine Nealy, Elestine (Richard) Holloway, and Joan Blondell Williams; sisters-in-law Rosalee Butts and Emma Nell Butts; grandchildren Calvin IV (Tiffany), Alexander (Dina), and Patricia Jeanne; great-grandchildren Kyla Jeanne, Alexander II, Calvin V, Arthur Andrew, Reed Harris, and Ethan Nathaniel; and a loving host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept my faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my esteem colleagues to join me in honoring the Life of Deacon Calvin Otis Butts II.

HONORING PEDRO HUÍZAR

HON. PETE P. GALLEGO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Pedro Huizar. A surveyor by trade, his family roots and history date to the 1700s when accuracy in surveying depended on personal skill—not technology. Pedro was born in 1740. As a young man, he was trained as a sculptor in Spain and then sailed to the New World to seek his fortune.

Thirty-eight years later, he married his first love, María de la Trinidad Henriques. Historical records are somewhat hazy, but we know they had at least four children: three boys and a daughter. Sadly, in an event lost to history, María died. Pedro would later remarry to María Gertrudis Martinez in 1798.

In April 1793, Pedro was appointed surveyor when the San Antonio de Valero Mission—the mission we now know as The Alamo—was secularized. He was also present when Governor Manuel Muñoz distributed lands to 23 adult Indians. He too received a small piece of land for his service. Pedro went on to survey the lands at the missions San Francisco de Espada, San Juan Capistrano, San José and San Miguel de Aguayo, and Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña.

Around 1790, Pedro was commissioned by Governor Manuel Muñoz to draw the plans for reconstruction of the San Antonio de Béxar Presidio. Shortly after, on March 4, 1791, Pedro was sent to La Bahia to report on the feasibility of irrigation for lands around Nuestra

Señora de Loreto Presidio, but later concluded that the efforts would be too costly.

Through his profession as a surveyor, Pedro Huizar played an important role by surveying the various missions and the presidios of San Antonio de Béxar. His reputation for honesty and sound judgment earned the trust of his community and made others call upon him when a reliable assessment or survey was required.

After many years of service, Pedro Huizar was appointed a justicia at San José in 1794 by Governor Muñoz. Later, in 1796, he was appointed justicia at Concepción, also by Governor Muñoz. In that position, he oversaw the temporal affairs of the Native American population.

Today, Pedro is most known as the probable designer or sculptor of the window of the sacristy at San Jose Mission. No documents exist to prove he was the sculptor, but it is believed he was the artist in charge of both the rose window and the façade. There are several variations of the legend concerning Pedro's connection with the rose window. Some claim that the window was dedicated to Saint Rose of Lima, but there are no roses in the window, only figs. The Huizar family maintains that the window was dedicated to Rosa, a love lost on the journey to the New World.

Today, on this floor, I honor the life and legacy of Pedro Huizar. I also honor his descendants—many of whom even today still live in the San Antonio area and in the area of the San Antonio missions.

IN MEMORY OF PETE HALL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 21, 2014, a Service of Devine Worship was conducted for in thanksgiving for the Life of Lt. Col. William C. "Pete" Hall at the Beaufort National Cemetery at Beaufort, South Carolina.

The following is the deserved tribute from the program of the service: Lt. Col. William C. "Pete" Hall, 83, U.S. Air Force, husband of Lucy Ann Preacher Hall, of Beaufort, SC, died Wednesday, April 16, 2014 in Beaufort Memorial Hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014, at 11:00 am in Beaufort National Cemetery with full military honors. Pete was born January 15, 1931, in Abbeville, SC, but grew up in Ridgeland, SC. He is the son of the late Samuel Blake Hall and Pearl Potter Hall.

After graduating from Clemson University, Pete served his country in the United States Air Force for over 21 years, and was a fighter pilot with over 3,000 hours in various aircraft, including the T-33, B-57, and F-4D. He flew many bombing missions during the Vietnam War and earned numerous decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

After retiring from the Air Force, Pete served his community in several capacities, including President of the Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce, President of the Low Country Chapter of Retired Officers Association and as a member of the Beaufort County Aviation

Commission, Beaufort County Tax Equalization Board, the Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission and the Beaufort-Jasper Water Authority. He served as vice-chairman of the Beaufort County Republican Party and represented them as a delegate at several state level conventions. Pete enjoyed attending Clemson University football games, boating, fishing, and shrimping in Beaufort's waterways, as well as spending time with his family.

Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Lucy P. Hill (married 59 years), his two sons, Williams C. Hall Jr. and Robert B. Hall, and his five grandchildren. He will be missed by his family, as well as the many friends he has made over his years of service and living in Beaufort. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family.

CONGRATULATING RIVER OAKS SQUARE ARTS CENTER IN ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

HON. VANCE M. McALLISTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. McALLISTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate River Oaks Square Arts Center in Alexandria, Louisiana on its 30th anniversary.

Opening in February of 1984, River Oaks Arts Center was originally the home of the Bolton Family of Alexandria and was donated solely to be used to promote the arts. It is proudly listed under the National Registry of Historic Places and after years of renovation, River Oaks opened its doors to the community featuring artwork from more than 150 artists.

Over the years, River Oaks Square Arts Center has stimulated interest and appreciation for artists around the local community by its display of work. Located in Downtown Alexandria's Cultural District, this art center continues its mission intended by the Bolton family of promoting and emphasizing the value of fine arts and crafts.

I commend River Oaks Square Arts Center and congratulate them on 30 years of success, leadership, and community contribution and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them on this momentous occasion.

SRI CHINMOY

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Sri Chinmoy's arrival to America. As a spiritual teacher, poet, artist and composer, Sri Chinmoy used his many talents to make the world a more peaceful place to live.

Sri Chinmoy was born in the village of Shakpura, Chittagong, in Bangladesh, which was at the time called East Bengal. In 1964, Sri Chinmoy first traveled to the U.S. and later embarked on a fifty-state American lecture

tour to promote his powerful message of peace, cooperation, and respect for all. His first stop was Rhode Island's Brown University. His message of peace resonated with Rhode Islanders because he sought what so many people seek—a peaceful world for himself and others.

His quiet and selfless work has served as an important example to all those who work toward peace and harmony. A few years ago, I was proud to help dedicate a statue portraying Sri Chinmoy in Roger Williams Park to celebrate the World Harmony Run, founded by Sri Chinmoy, which seeks to strengthen international ties and promote friendship. Providence is among the many cities in America and across the world that recognize the peaceful principles taught by Sri Chinmoy. In fact, there are over 100 countries that participate in the World Harmony Run.

On the 50th anniversary of Sri Chinmoy's arrival to America, it is important that we remember his message and renew our commitment to make the world a more peaceful place. His leadership is sorely missed, but his spirit and message live on. As he so aptly described: "we are all seekers, and our goal is the same: to achieve inner peace, light, and joy, to become inseparably one with our Source, and to lead lives full of true satisfaction."

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
SHIRLEY BLUITT LEONARD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize beloved wife, mother, grandmother, Mrs. Shirley Bluitt Leonard, who passed away on Sunday, April 13, surrounded by her family. Mrs. Leonard was born in Mexia, TX to John C. Bluitt and Katie Wiley Bluitt Hurd. She graduated from Dunbar High School of Mexia in 1953. In 1956, she received the B.A. degree in Business from Wiley College in Marshall, TX. She earned the Master of Education from Prairie View A&M University (formerly Prairie View A&M College) in 1964. It was at Prairie View A&M University, on the steps of Suarez Hall, that she met her husband of 50 years Joe. E. Leonard, Sr. on February 28, 1964. Joe and Shirley Leonard graduated from the Master's program at PVAMU, marching together in May, 1964. She soon became certified as an educator in the State of Texas in Supervision and as a Reading Specialist, and subsequently took graduate education courses at the University of North Texas and Colorado University in Denver.

Mrs. Leonard's lifelong passion was educating others. During the course of her professional career, she taught in the Cleburne Independent School District, Aldine I.S.D., Austin I.S.D., and served as a Reading Specialist throughout the state of Texas. In the latter role, she supervised and coordinated the Title I Reading Program for the Austin Independent School District and coordinated programs for the Texas Youth Commission, formerly known as the Texas Youth Council. Mrs. Leonard was also a small business entrepreneur who owned and operated a beauty and fashion boutique for several years.

Mrs. Leonard was the mother of Dr. Joe E. Leonard, Jr., whom I also know personally through his work serving as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and previously as the lead staff member for the Congressional Black Caucus. Mrs. Leonard, a vivacious, spirited, and loving presence among her family, friends, and the many students she taught over the years, will be deeply missed. I extend my deepest condolences to the Leonard family during this time of grieving. Our country has benefitted immensely from Mrs. Leonard's career and her memory will continue to inspire others. Through her life she has created positive pathways for many future generations.

RECOGNIZING LT. COL. EDWARD
COOK AS THE 2014 EXCEPTIONAL
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD
WINNER

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Edward Cook as the 2014 recipient of the Exceptional Community Volunteer Award at the United Way of Central New York Achievements in Caring Celebration at the Palace Theatre in Syracuse, New York.

Lt. Col. Edward Cook, a member of the 174th Attack Wing based in Syracuse, is the standard bearer of dedication and commitment in serving his local community. Lt. Col. Cook lead a team of volunteers to collect food and toys during Drop Off Day for the Salvation Army's biggest event of the year—Christmas Bureau. Lt. Col. Cook coordinates all the logistics with his team to deliver food and toys, first to the Salvation Army, then to the Oncenter distribution point. The process culminates with Distribution Day, where Lt. Col. Cook once again leads his team to serve over 2,700 families who are most in need in Central New York.

The level of commitment shown throughout the Christmas Bureau process is remarkable, particularly this past year's Drop Off Day, where Lt. Col. Cook and his team braved below zero temperatures outside to make sure the logistical intake of food and toys ran smoothly.

This operation would simply not happen without Lt. Col. Edward Cook and his team. Lt. Col. Cook is present at every planning meeting throughout the year, and is always one of the first to step up to the plate for any other volunteer opportunity that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Lt. Col. Edward Cook as this year's recipient of the Exceptional Community Volunteer Award. We can only hope that all of us strive to have the same selfless dedication that Lt. Col. Edward Cook exhibits not only in protecting our freedom with the 174th Attack Wing, but in and around the community that we call home.

A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE WILD
HORSE AND BURRO MANAGE-
MENT STRATEGY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as an advocate over the years for wild horses, I rise today to join a chorus of advocates in urging the Bureau of Land Management to implement a safer and more sustainable wild horse and burro management strategy. Along with a majority of Americans, I recognize that our federally-protected wild horses and burros are national treasures to be protected and preserved for future generations.

For decades, the agency has pursued an unsustainable and highly controversial approach to wild horse management. Today, the U.S. government maintains more wild horses in captivity than remain free in the wild. At the same time, the Bureau is underutilizing proven, cost-effective and humane alternatives for wild horse management that would keep wild horses on the range and avert the need for roundups, removals, sale and slaughter. This is an untenable situation, both for America's wild horses and for American taxpayers.

A June 2013 report by the National Academy of Sciences recommended using available fertility control as a "more affordable option than continuing to remove horses to long-term holding facilities." I urge the agency to fix what is not working and to move toward these science-based recommendations. I stand ready to engage in a constructive dialogue with my colleagues and with agency officials to implement much needed changes to the current management program and to provide a more certain future for America's wild horse and burros.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 01, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
MAY 6

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense proposals relating to military compensation. SH-216

10 a.m.
Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine new routes for funding and financing highways and transit. SD-215

10:30 a.m.
Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for education. SD-608

12 noon
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To receive a briefing on Georgia 2008, and Ukraine 2014, focusing on if Moldova is next, and to examine Russia's intentions with regard to Transnistria and Moldova. CVC-268

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce
To hold hearings to examine a more efficient and effective government, focusing on cultivating the Federal workforce. SD-342

3 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the Ukraine, focusing on countering Russian intervention and supporting a democratic state. SD-419

MAY 7

9 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the 2014 Farm Bill, focusing on implementation and next steps. SR-328A

10 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook. SH-216

2 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security
To hold hearings to examine investing in cybersecurity, focusing on understanding risks and building capabilities for the future. SD-192

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and oversight for fiscal year 2015 for Federal information technology investments. SD-138

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on progress, challenges, and next steps. SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, S. 1818, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, S. 2041, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and S. 2188, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes. SD-628

MAY 8

3 p.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight
To hold hearings to examine waste and abuse in Army sponsorship and marketing contracts. SD-342

MAY 14

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine wildfires and forest management, focusing on how prevention is preservation. SD-628

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SD-G50

11 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the sub-

committee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222

2 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222

3:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SD-G50

5 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SD-G50

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10 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SD-G50

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on the Bureau of Indian Education. SD-628

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222