

has not only earned numerous awards, but also the respect of her family, peers, and community. The Venturing Silver Award is the equivalent of obtaining an Eagle Scout and recognizes the high level of achievement Brooke has accomplished through the Venturing program.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brooke Jackson for her accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Silver Award.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Older Americans Month. Each May, we celebrate the contributions and sacrifices that the older members of our communities have made to our nation.

The theme for this year's Older Americans Month is "Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow." We must encourage older adults to protect themselves from injury and remain active. Unfortunately, unintended injuries to our population of older Americans result in 6 million medically treated injuries and more than 30,000 deaths each year.

We must emphasize safety in public and private settings. Falls are a leading cause of injury and subsequent hospitalization for older Americans. In order to keep the older population in our country contributing to society, we must ensure their health and safety.

Older Americans Month lets us celebrate the achievements of our parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors. Seniors across the country deserve our recognition because they have built our strong foundation.

Please join me in celebrating Older Americans Month during May. Our seniors, a continuously growing number of Americans, deserve our recognition and our care.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 181, I was predisposed at this time.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 182, I was unable to return in time for votes due to a personal conflict.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL CAREY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Representative Michael Carey.

A native of Leeds, Maine and graduate of Dartmouth College, Michael Carey has served the State of Maine through four terms in the Maine House of Representatives as well as through his membership on the board of several community organizations and local businesses.

Representative Carey currently serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and as Chair of the House Committee on Elections. He has also served on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, Transportation Committee, as well as the special committees on Regulatory Fairness and Reform and Maine's Energy Future during his time in the Maine Legislature.

Representative Carey's long list of legislative achievements includes playing an instrumental role in the development and passage of the state's biennial and supplemental budgets. He has also sponsored successful legislation to strengthen penalties for violations of election laws, improve the Freedom of Access Act, preserve Code Enforcement Officer Training and Certification, improve lobbyist disclosure policies, help non-profit organizations take part in the legislative process and assist local towns in providing tax relief to residents.

In addition to his legislative accomplishments, Representative Carey has served Maine through his membership on the board of several local organizations and businesses, including Community Concepts, AVESTA Housing and Androscoggin County Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Representative Michael Carey for his service to the state of Maine and in wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING ALEXANDER MEYER BLACKBURN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Meyer Blackburn. Alexander is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1393, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alexander has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alexander built a fire pit for Heartland Presbyterian

Center, a conference and retreat facility in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Meyer Blackburn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING 16 PALM BEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO PLAN TO ENLIST INTO THE MILITARY AFTER GRADUATION

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 16 high school seniors from Palm Beach County who plan to enlist into the military after graduation this spring. Their maturity and courage are a testament to their dedication to our country, and they rightfully deserve our recognition and admiration.

I am proud to represent a district that is home to such a large number of men and women in the military, veterans, and their families. I feel tremendous gratitude to those who fought in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and to a new generation of heroes from the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. My father, Bernard Deutch, volunteered to fight in World War II as a teenager where he earned a Purple Heart at the Battle of the Bulge. It was his example of service to our nation that motivated me to serve in Congress.

Congratulations to Christopher Barnikel, Arturo Ipina Jr., Jose Pascual Tomas, Justin Grad, Adam Pendleton, Jason Marlin, Charles Green, Alexander Costello, Marc Velazquez, Sumer Boardman, Mauricio Alvarez, Trystan Anderson, Aprilday Lytal, Samuel Steinhouse, Elyzae Reina, and Shereek Powell for their service.

HONORING MICHAEL KAISER, PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, for nearly 15 years, Michael Kaiser has served excellently as President of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in our nation's capital. Throughout his distinguished career, Michael's talents and devotion to the arts have helped establish the Kennedy Center as one of the nation's premiere performance venues, a destination for artistic talent and a bustling hub of creativity. This weekend, the Kennedy Center community will gather to pay tribute to Michael's outstanding leadership as he steps down from his post later this year.

Since he took the helm in 2001, Michael Kaiser has enthusiastically and passionately embraced the mission of the Kennedy Center, always maintaining, as President Kennedy once said, that "The life of the arts . . . is close to the center of a nation's purpose—and is a test to the quality of a nation's civilization."

Under Michael's leadership, the Kennedy Center has featured voices and visions across the disciplines of the performing arts. He has produced wonderful theatrical works that received national acclaim—some of which have garnered Tony Award nominations when they appeared on Broadway. He has presented multiple international festivals that showcased arts from around the world and established the Center as a model for cultural diplomacy. He has hosted every major national and international dance company. Most recently, he oversaw the Center's merger with the Washington National Opera, ensuring that our nation's capital will continue to experience the wonders of the opera.

Michael has embarked on an extensive effort to train arts managers across the country and throughout the world. Acknowledging that great art demands great managers, he conceived a program to bring the next generation of arts leaders together to learn best practices for directing cultural institutions, small and large. He launched a program called "Arts in Crisis" to provide free consultation to arts managers across the country. As part of this effort, he traveled to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia to lead arts management symposia.

Michael has a unique vision that advances both artistic expression and cultural diplomacy—the power of the arts to connect peoples, communities, and nations. He has dedicated himself to enriching artistic expression and disseminating it in a way that builds bridges across borders and fosters international good will.

Michael's intellect, enthusiasm, and passion helped the Kennedy Center grow and thrive. We thank him for his years of leadership and wish him the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 186, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN MEMORY OF HARRY HARMAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Midlands of South Carolina recognized a life of service to fellow citizens by Lexington County Coroner Harry O. Harman who was one of South Carolina's first Republican county public officials of the Twentieth Century.

The following obituary was published April 24, 2014, in the Lexington County Chronicle & The Dispatch News:

HARRY O. HARMAN, JR.

Funeral services for Harry O. Harman, Jr., 79, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Patrick W. Riddle and Rev. Dr. Dennis R. Bolton officiating. A reception will be held in the social

hall immediately after the service. Private burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, at Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Lexington Chapel. Honorary pallbearers are the staffs of Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Lexington County Coroner's Office led by Chief Deputy Coroner Randy A. Martin, and Lexington Medical Center Pathology; the SC Funeral Directors' and SC Coroners' Associations; and Congressman Joe Wilson, Sheriff James R. Metts, Solicitor Donald V. Myers, Judge Knox McMahon, Jake Knotts, Mickey Lindler, and Lyman Whitehead.

Pallbearers are Josef E. Clark, Trevor P. Crocker, Alexander Harman, T. Brett Harman, George P.W. Harmon, Dr. R.B. Harmon II, Samuel H. Hendrix, Lester B. Hite, Joe Wayne Rauch, Walter "Sonny" Sanders, Franklin B. Waites, and Coroner Gary Watts. Mr. Harman passed away on Friday, April 18, 2014. A native of Lexington, SC, Mr. Harman was born on March 30, 1935, and was the son of the late Sarah Clark Harman and Dr. H. Odelle Harman. He was predeceased by brother, Arthur C. Harman.

Mr. Harman graduated from Lexington High School, attended Newberry College, and was a graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. In 1961 he started a successful business, Harman Funeral Home, which became Caughman-Harman Funeral Home in 1966 when he formed a partnership with the late Stephen Hampton Caughman. He spent more than 50 years counseling bereaved families.

Mr. Harman was first elected Coroner of Lexington County in 1976. He was instrumental in developing a countywide disaster plan and disaster-response team, 24-hour pathologist availability, and employing educated individuals to meet the demands of changing technology. He sought to establish strong working relationships with all law enforcement, EMS, fire services, physicians, pathologists, and nurses. He also helped obtain burial plots and grave markers to ensure dignified burials for indigent citizens of Lexington County.

Mr. Harman was a lifelong member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and longtime member of the Lexington County Chamber of Commerce, Lions' Club, Jaycees, and SC Coroners' and SC Law Enforcement Associations. He was a past member of the Lowman Home Board of Directors, as well as many other civic groups, and past president of the SC Funeral Directors' Association.

A man of many accomplishments, Mr. Harman was, most importantly, a servant. He took great pride and care in serving the people of his beloved Lexington County. With a strong sense of compassion and respect, he wanted to help families at times of crisis and sadness. This desire began with his work as a funeral director and continued with his service as Coroner. The people of Lexington County elected him as Coroner ten times, an honor he accepted with much gratitude and humility.

While Mr. Harman's service touched many lives, he was always, first of all, a dedicated son, brother, father, and grandfather who loved his family, especially his daughters and grandchildren, selflessly and unconditionally. His extraordinary sense of humor, unflinching empathy, understanding, and devotion will always be treasured and remembered by his family and friends. Mr. Harman is survived by his daughters, Sally H. Plowden (Russell) and Charlotte H. Stormer (Chris), both of Columbia; his sister, Elizabeth H. Caddell and brother Paul E. Harman (Gale) of Lexington; six grandchildren, Sarah Caroline Plowden, William Christian Stormer, Samuel Harman Stormer, Grace Zimmerman Plowden, Sarah McIver Stormer, and

Anne Brailsford Plowden; many nieces and nephews; his loyal business partner and devoted mother of his two daughters and grandmother of his six grandchildren, Daisy Wilson Harman; and his special friend, Sandra Rauch White.

The Family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staffs of Lexington Medical Center, LMC Extended Care, and DayBreak; Doctors Michael Roberts, Christopher Marshall, and Richard Murray; and dear friends Bernice Gibson and Lettie Winston.

Memorials may be made to St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 119 N. Church St., Lexington, SC 29072; Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, 3000 S. Beltline Blvd., Columbia, SC 29201; or a Hospice group of one's choice.

HONORING BRAEDYN HAUSDORF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Braedyn Hausdorf. Braedyn is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 174, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Braedyn has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Braedyn has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Braedyn has led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader and become a member of the Order of the Arrow. Braedyn has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Braedyn coordinated and constructed a quarter-mile walking trail within a park in Canton, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Braedyn Hausdorf for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY FLORES, LUPE F. FLORES AND OUR LADY OF LORETO CHAPEL

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Flores and Lupe F. Flores and their contribution to Our Lady of Loreto Chapel in Goliad, Texas.

The beautiful chapel has been in continuous use since the 1700s and is one of the oldest churches in Texas.

In 1946, Corpus Christi artist Antonio Garcia, who was known as the Michelangelo of South Texas, was commissioned to paint a fresco behind the chapel's altar. Mary Flores and Lupe F. Flores, both in high school at the time, posed for the artist during multiple sessions after school. Their likenesses were used to depict the annunciation scene from the Bible where the Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary and explains that she will become the mother of Jesus.