

Her grade point average has soared to 3.79, which was commendable, given her responsibilities.

Ms. Tyler's plans beyond high school include college with her sights set on a degree in Business Administration, then on to graduate school to pursue her MBA. You see all those years in FBLA and SGA have paid off because they have motivated her to think about her future. She has a dream of owning her own business. I am proud to have Ms. Tyler as a citizen of the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Mary Ann Tyler, an amazing student for her dedication to succeed.

COMMEMORATING MT. VERNON'S
ZIP CODE DAY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mt. Vernon, Iowa, as they commemorate May 23, 2014 (5-23-14) as zip code day.

Historic Mount Vernon, Iowa, is home to 4500 residents, including 1200 college students enrolled at Cornell College. Located in Eastern Iowa, the city boasts a vibrant uptown business community with numerous antique and specialty stores, restaurants, coffee houses, commercial art galleries, and three National Historic Districts.

Mt. Vernon also has a proud history of firsts in our nation's history including having one of the country's first curbside recycling programs and first community-designed and built playgrounds.

I am proud to have the opportunity to represent 52314 in Congress and applaud Mt. Vernon for achieving so much in the proud 177 years since the first settlers arrived in 1837.

HONORING THE 2014 AMHERST
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL
BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the honorees of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Awards Luncheon and Showcase here today. Each business/business leader has done their part to lead by example, demonstrating leadership in the business community and a shared dedication to improving the economic conditions of our region. As small businesses, they are in a unique position to not only push the community forward through job growth, but also to test drive new products and ways of doing business that will no doubt have a lasting impact in the world around us.

With a motto of "We Want Better", Block Club has been working on improving not only their customers' brands, but also strengthening the brand of the entire Western New York (WNY) area. Being featured in such pub-

lications as the Boston Herald and the Washington Post, Block Club has demonstrated to the rest of the country some of the outstanding work accomplished right here at home. I commend this year's Trailblazer Award recipient, Patrick Finan, Founder & Principal of Block Club.

Another individual being honored today is Maureen Munzert from Key Bank. Maureen has utilized her expertise in financing and the banking industries to better serve her clients and her strong record of accomplishments have led her to being recognized here today. Maureen's ability to go beyond a banking role and truly become a financial partner to her clients is exemplary. Her dedication to guidance and leadership is expressed not only in leading junior members of her team, but also her being a champion of the Key4Women sub-organization. I am pleased to recognize this year's Small Business Advocate of the Year, Maureen Munzert.

Dr. Lavigne is another individual who has had a great impact on the community. As a leader of many business support programs in the WNY region, not to mention her stewardship of the NYS Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, Dr. Lavigne has driven economic returns of over 60:1. This incredible stewardship of governmental funding has seen hundreds of new jobs created and demonstrated Dr. Lavigne's excellence in utilizing public funds for the public good. It is my honor to recognize Dr. Marnie Lavigne as this year's Community Stewardship Award recipient.

EnergyMark is a company which is leading the way in being an active business community member. Through model leadership, EnergyMark has helped countless aspiring community leaders through internships at both the undergraduate and master's level programs. Furthermore, in creating their space in the market, EnergyMark is allowing its customer to grow faster through innovative savings that have kept over 5 million dollars in the hands of local business for their own growth and development. I commend this year's Award of Excellence recipient, Energy Mark, LLC.

One of the newest additions to our city will be the HARBORCENTER facility opening later this year. The culmination of many proud accomplishments, the HARBORCENTER will provide 2 NHL sized hockey rinks and numerous support facilities around the venue including a hotel, restaurants, and training facilities which will compliment the development occurring on our waterfront. This project will be an attraction for families in our region and beyond and will boost the economic conditions of Downtown Buffalo. Under the leadership of John Koelmel, the HARBORCENTER is likely to generate nearly 2,000 jobs and a projected \$48 million dollars in state and local taxes. I applaud the work of all those involved with the HARBORCENTER project and congratulate you on your Sponsor's Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Lougen Valenti Bookbinder & Weintraub LLP are actively working to redefine how a CPA firm can be a part of the community. Balancing an approach of personal attention and national firm level resources, LVBW has pooled over 100 collective years of experience to serve clients from single employee businesses to multi-national corporations. While this alone is a tremendous accomplishment,

the team at LVBW pushes further, encouraging employee volunteerism and providing assistance to such notable local charities as the WNY Foodbank, United Way Day of Caring, and Journey's End. I am pleased to recognize Lougen Valenti Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP as the recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award.

Sweet Jenny's chocolates and ice cream has been a great story of success here in WNY and will soon reach its 30th year in business. In using a "charity based business model" Sweet Jenny's has utilized corporate giving to promote their brand on a local level and to provide ice cream and products to charity organizations and local food banks. I had the pleasure of visiting Sweet Jenny's and can attest the strength of their business and outreach in the community. It is my honor to commend this year's At Your Service Award recipient, Sweet Jenny's.

This impressive list of Small Businesses being honored at this year's Luncheon and Showcase deserve the extra recognition and I thank the Amherst Chamber of Commerce for bringing these distinguished business leaders together. It is through your actions that other business leaders have a guidepost for exemplary action. I wish you all continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING HONORABLE JAMES
D. GREGG FOR 27 YEARS OF
SERVICE AS A BANKRUPTCY
JUDGE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable James D. Gregg and his commendable service to Michigan's Western District as a bankruptcy judge.

Judge Gregg served Michigan's Western District as a United States bankruptcy judge for 27 years. Further, his service to the state has been a long time commitment, as he has worked for Michigan communities for over 30 years.

After graduating from Wayne State University with his Juris Doctor, Judge Gregg chose to remain in Michigan to practice. He served as a partner of Varnum, Riddering, and Schmidt & Howlett in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1987, Judge Gregg was designated in The Best Lawyers in America. From 1995 to 2003, Judge Gregg worked with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ultimately serving as the organizations president from 2002-2003.

Throughout his career, Judge Gregg has been committed to educating students and practitioners about bankruptcy law. From 1994-1997, Judge Gregg served as an adjunct professor and taught bankruptcy law courses at The Thomas Cooley Law School. He has also been an education chair, a speaker, or a panelist at more than one hundred and fifty educational seminars for bar associations and professional organizations throughout the United States. In 2013, the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan inaugurated the "James D. Gregg Bankruptcy

Education Award” to be given out to members of the local bar or bench who have done outstanding work to further the education among bankruptcy practitioners in the district. While Judge Gregg will no longer sit on the bench, he still plans to continue teaching bankruptcy law.

HONORING REDAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, only a few schools excel in competition on a State level that ignites a community; and

Whereas, under the leadership and guidance of Coach Jerry Jackson, The Redan High School Girls Basketball team has won its second State Championship for the school, the city of Stone Mountain and our beloved Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, these Magnificent Lady Raiders of Redan have demonstrated the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and the astounding spirit of triumph from a mental and physical battle; and

Whereas, the 6th day of March, 2014 will go down in history as the Day that our Redan High School Girls Basketball team became the AAAA Champions of Georgia, completing a perfect season with a 33–0 record; and

Whereas, the team has exhibited great moral character on and off the basketball court and through the halls of Redan High; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Redan High School Basketball Team for its victory for our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 21, 2014 as Redan High School Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of March, 2014.

RECOGNITION FOR KENNY JOWERS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Kenny Jowers, owner of Physical Gym in Gualala, California, and a dedicated community member as he is honored for his community service on May 8 and May 15 in Mendocino County.

Mr. Jowers has worked to integrate the “South Coast” from Timber Cove to Irish Beach which spans Mendocino and Sonoma Counties into a single cohesive unit. He has brought forums on health care and other timely issues to the residents of the South Coast and has supported the Senior Center and other community issues with care, compassion, and a focus on improving community service for the many groups in the region.

Mr. Jowers’ commitment to civic engagement and leadership in the community are worthy of high commendation. He has used

his tireless energy to promote civic engagement and educate the community about important issues and it is appropriate to thank him for his volunteer efforts and generosity of spirit.

A PICTURE TELLS A THOUSAND WORDS—IN HONOR OF THE G.I. FILM FESTIVAL

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of GIFF, The G.I. Film Festival and its co-founders Brandon and Laura Law-Millet. Darin Selnick is also the VP of Development. In 2007 the Millets created one of the most moving and important film festivals in our Nation, GIFF. Through their efforts it has blossomed into one of the most powerful events called the G.I. Film Festival, to tell the stories of America’s heroes which must be told to educate and preserve these priceless moments and events of the past for future generations to come. All hearts are moved and inspired by these works of art which honor America’s greatest, the men and women and their families of the Armed Forces. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them by Albert Carey Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

A PICTURE TELLS A THOUSAND WORDS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

War is hell, and Hell is War . . .
Things that men and women dare not speak of the more!

For the only glory found in this story,
is all of those magnificent’s who pay the selfless price of freedom sure!

Who for all their Brothers and Sisters In Arms,

fight for each other but to live one day more!
As the greatest stories ever told,

to warm our hearts as we grow old . . .
All in their most magnificent hue . . .

Are of those who in hearts of honor who find such valor true!

Are of all of those so who heroically go off to war,

all for me and you!
And come back home without arms and legs

. . .
With scars all upon their faces!
With holes all in their hearts,

as all of those demons they so face this . . .
And the doctors and nurses who death so race this!

And withstand all of the heartache,
to rebuild them in all such places!

Is but the grave price of war so cold!
And the ultimate,

are all of those who come back home incased in wood . . .

Who so gave their lives and fought but for the greater good!

As these are the stories to which our children must be told!

Of all of those who burdens bore!
So we will remember back into the days of yore!

Because . . .
A . . .

Because a picture tells a thousand words . . .
Gives voice to all of those moments and things which we’ve not heard . . .

Brings light to all of those who have not so lived these words . . .

Teaching us all what must so be learned!
Bringing inspiration in what is seen and heard!

And that freedom is not free!
But bought and paid for by all of these!
And but lies at the very height of what a human being can be!

And that in the darkest of all nights!
There are but all of those who but bring their light!

The men and women of the Armed Forces,
and their families who fight the fight!

So to all of you,
and your sacrifice . . .

We honor you with this light!
Because a picture tells a thousand words!

HONORING DETECTIVE MIKE MITCHELL

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor the outstanding career of Detective Mike Mitchell, who is retiring after 25 years with the Barnegat Police Department.

Detective Mitchell is beloved within the Barnegat community and he is best known for starting and running the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) program in the Barnegat Township Schools, which is currently in its 20th year. The D.A.R.E. program has graduated over 6,000 5th grade students and has had a tremendous impact in helping raise awareness on drug abuse.

Mike is an active volunteer in the community, particularly with Challenger Baseball and Basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the amazing career and community service of Detective Mike Mitchell.

TRIBUTE TO JIM HAMILTON AND PROCOATERS, INC.

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, On April 18, 1974, Mr. Jim Hamilton founded ProCoaters, Inc., (PCI) specializing in contract painting services for the OEM industry; and

Whereas, by 1978 PCI expanded services to include sheet metal fabrication and made it their mission to produce competitively priced sheet metal products, while providing timely delivery and exceptional customer service; and

Whereas, in 1992 PCI moved into their current 65,000 sq. ft. home on Minola Drive in Lithonia, Georgia and have subsequently expanded their capabilities through the use of laser technology fulfilling their mission of providing excellent service to their many metro Atlanta customers and beyond; and

Whereas, after the passing of Mr. Hamilton, his wife and sons continue to operate PCI, keeping this jewel of a company in Lithonia, with a stellar team of managers and employees; and

Whereas, PCI is a great example of the American Dream writ large, a family owned operation providing excellent service, employment opportunities and a product that “keeps