

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING ANTONETTE  
"TONI" LANDOLFI

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the exemplary life of Antonette "Toni" Landolfi, 85, of Niles, who passed away peacefully earlier this year with her son and daughter by her side.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Niles, a founder of the Tri-County Association of Nursing Home Social Workers, past President of the American Committee on Italian Migration, and an active member of the local Democratic Party, among many other community organizations.

Toni was honored numerous times for her outstanding service, including her work with the Diocese of Youngstown. For her work in Democratic politics she received the Joseph A. Marino Democrat of the Year Award. She was recognized for her community activism by the Ohio House of Representatives for her dedication to Shepherd of the Valley and she received the Carmen DeChristofaro Service Award for all she did to better the lives of the people of Niles.

Toni enjoyed entertaining and hosting gatherings at her home and backyard pool where she took great pleasure in feeding and serving all who visited.

Preceded in death by her husband Gregory A. Landolfi, Toni will be deeply missed by her daughter Jennie Louise Landolfi of Niles, her son Attorney John Louis Landolfi, his wife Christina and her three grandsons, Johnny, Dante and Marco Landolfi of Columbus, her siblings Pete Cervone of Austintown, Pat Bonanno and Rose (Dominic) Sarno of Niles, her sisters-in-law Rose Raschilla of Youngstown and Mary Jane (Jim) Botsko of Gallatin, TN, many nieces and nephews and her beloved neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Toni Landolfi. I will always remember the tremendous support she provided to me throughout my career. She had class and lived with a deep and abiding faith and an amazing Grace. I extend my most sincere condolences to Toni's entire family. Her contributions to this community will not be forgotten. Northeast Ohio is a better place because of her service and her life.

IN MEMORY OF RON FLORIAN

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of former Mayor of Truckee, California, Ron Florian.

Mayor Florian's career as a public servant was forged out of love for his community. He was born in Sacramento and moved to Truckee in 1992 to follow in his father's footsteps as a grocer. Mayor Florian's work as President of the Truckee Rotary is worthy of note; through his membership in the Rotary Club, Ron gained access to a new way to serve those around him. While he cared deeply about these activities, they did not define him. Ron was a man characterized by an energetic spirit, quick wit, and a boundless capacity for generosity.

Ron Florian took his commitment to service further when he served two terms on the Truckee Town Council and two terms as Mayor. During his time on the Council, Ron proved instrumental in establishing the Truckee Police Department and constructing the Highway 267 Bypass. He consistently worked to make Truckee safer, stronger, and more united. Ron understood what it means to be a part of a community bigger than oneself.

Mayor Florian enjoyed doing the people's work and loved working side by side with the citizens of Truckee. Even in the instance that he and his colleagues disagreed, Ron considered them friends rather than adversaries. While he received numerous accolades, Ron consistently attributed the accomplishments to his staff, who he believed deserved credit for all the heavy lifting. He loved and valued them, just as he loved and valued the town they all served together. Ron's grace, wit, and sense of humor will surely be missed.

Ron and his lovely wife, Patti, fulfilled their dream of owning a business together when Florian's Fine Wines & Specialty Foods opened its doors in 1999. Through his business, Ron continued to serve and unite the town of Truckee, with Florian's becoming a local meeting place.

One of Ron's greatest gifts was his commitment to shaping the next generation. Ron's legacy lives on in the lives that he touched, and it is my privilege to rise in recognition of his many achievements and contributions to Truckee.

HONORING SPC WALTER WINN,  
WOUNDED WARRIOR OF THE YEAR

**HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, today it is my honor and privilege to recognize a true American hero, SPC Walter Winn. SPC Winn was recently recognized as the first ever Wounded Warrior of the Year for his work with the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Bragg. SPC Winn entered the WTB program during Operation Enduring Freedom from the heralded 82nd Airborne and 1st Theatre Support Command.

SPC Winn was nominated by officials at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg for his "dedication, service, integrity, leadership and his inspiration to all Wounded Warriors who have served this great country."

Out of 3,500 candidates, SPC Winn was chosen for his exemplary perseverance and determination. SPC Winn pressed on in the face of adversity, and as a result, he received high marks in the Warrior Transition Unit.

Mr. Winn is an inspiration to countless veterans and active-duty soldiers at Ft. Bragg and around the country. His commanders have noted that SPC Winn's compassion and hard work is contagious around the WTB. Mr. Speaker, I am honored and proud to recognize SPC Walter Winn, the Wounded Warrior of the Year.

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS  
MONTH

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, last month we recognized May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month.

A life-threatening disorder that can occur during pregnancy or the postpartum period, preeclampsia is one of the leading causes of maternal mortality and morbidity, affecting hundreds of women and babies each day.

Preeclampsia is a rapid rise in blood pressure that can lead to seizure, stroke, organ failure or death.

And while all pregnant women are at risk, all too often the symptoms are dismissed as typical pregnancy complaints.

One way to save the baby from preeclampsia complications is through delivery, which is oftentimes conducted prior to a pregnancy being full term in the context of an emergency situation. Pre-term birth can lead to significant and costly health challenges for a baby.

Moreover, there is a strong relationship between preeclampsia and future cardiovascular disease.

Women who develop preeclampsia during pregnancy are four times more likely to develop hypertension later in life and are twice as likely to develop heart disease, stroke, and blood clots.

In this way, preeclampsia during pregnancy can have ramifications throughout a woman's adult life.

That is why awareness building, as well as research and prevention, are so important. I urge my colleague to work together to ensure that by next May we have done all we can to support these important efforts.

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RECOGNIZING DEPUTY MICHAEL JACOBI AND DEPUTY MATTHEW SWOPE, RECIPIENTS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. DAN BENISHEK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two deputies of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Michael Jacobi and Deputy Matthew Swope on the distinction of earning the Police Officers Association of Michigan's Police Officers of the Year Award. Deputy Jacobi and Deputy Swope are two of five officers to be honored by the Police Officers Association of Michigan for 2014. On behalf of all residents of Northern Michigan, we are honored to have two officers such as Deputy Jacobi and Deputy Swope to be serving and earn this distinction.

On the night of Jan. 16–17, a woman was abducted at gunpoint from the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and forced to the home of a male suspect, later identified as recently-paroled Eric Lee Ramsey, who bound her and sexually assaulted her. He returned her to the car and began driving, stating that he intended to murder her. The woman managed to open the door and jump out of the moving vehicle, taking refuge in a nearby home. The suspect poured gasoline on the home and attempted to set it ablaze before fleeing the scene.

The police were notified, and several hours later the suspect rammed a state police cruiser. After being pursued by more state troopers, Ramsey was able to flee and take control of a large flatbed truck. The word was put out to be on watch for the vehicle, and Crawford County Deputy Michael Jacobi turned around to give pursuit after passing by in the opposite direction. Jacobi became the only officer on his trail after the suspect rammed an additional state police cruiser, disabling it and injuring the officers inside.

Seeing a roadblock, Ramsey turned the vehicle around while Jacobi checked on the status of the injured officers, and crashed head-on into Jacobi's cruiser. He repeatedly backed up and continued ramming the patrol car until the vehicles became jammed together. At this point Jacobi took hold of his M-16 rifle, which he set to full automatic, and fired a burst, holding the gun over his head. However, the gun jammed, and Ramsey exited his vehicle. It was then that Jacobi saw Ramsey holding what he believed to be a firearm. He dropped his jammed M-16 and drew his Glock pistol. During this time, Deputy Matthew Swope arrived on the scene, and Ramsey moved out of sight of Jacobi. Swope placed his vehicle between the truck and Jacobi, a brave action which provided protection to his exposed partner while risking his own safety.

Ramsey then began trying to free his vehicle, and Deputy Jacobi approached the cab. Through the window, he could see that the suspect was pointing the gun at him. Jacobi determined that his partner and himself were in imminent danger, and fired into the vehicle several times. There was no response or

movement from within the truck, leading the deputies to secure Ramsey. They found that the suspect was deceased, and had been brandishing an air-pistol designed to look like a firearm.

Eric Lee Ramsey, after sexually assaulting and attempting to murder a woman, fleeing police and exposing many on the road to extreme danger, and threatening officers with bodily harm, was subdued due to the bravery and service of officers Matthew Swope and Michael Jacobi, who put themselves at great personal risk to protect the public and each other.

For this action in which they put themselves at great risk, they are honored by the Police Officers Association of Michigan and earned the 2014 Police Officers of the Year Award. This is their second time being honored for their dedication, after receiving this award in 2013 for previous actions of bravery. I wish to commend Deputy Jacobi and Deputy Swope for their heroism and well deserved honor of earning the Police Officers Association of Michigan's Police Officers of the Year Award, the second time they have been honored by the Police Officers Association of Michigan for going above and beyond the call of duty. Furthermore, I salute all Michigan law enforcement officials from Isle Royale to Monroe County and Gogebic County to Port Huron in the work they do every day to protect the residents of our state.

**HONORING THE HISTORY OF THE  
BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the history of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. As told by the church itself:

"Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, under the leadership of Pastor Godfrey R. Patterson who joined in fall 2013, is one of the first African American congregations in the Sacramento Valley in the state of California, and until 1946, Bethel A.M.E. Church was the only African American congregation in Yuba County, California. The Church was organized in 1854, in a home located on California Alley, between Sixth and Seventh Streets, and the address was later changed to 113 Fifth Street—Marysville, California. The Reverend D.P. Stokes was the organizing Pastor, and the first Trustees were: G.A. Cantine, D.W. Sands, and Samuel Rinzel.

The physical building of the church was built in 1863, next door to the home which became the parsonage, and the deed for the land was made to the Trustees at that time: Mr. J. Watkins; P. Churchill; P. Powers; S.W. Williams; Charles Bush; B. Brooks; and J.C. Cork. During the 1864–1865 A.M.E. Church Annual Conference, held at Bethel A.M.E. Church in San Francisco, California, Bethel A.M.E. church was recognized and received into the A.M.E. Church connection; the congregation consisted of twenty-three (23) members.

On July 2, 1921, the church was destroyed by fire along with most of the lower parts of

Marysville. The physical structure of the church was rebuilt in the same location of which it stands today at 115 Fifth Street.

The early Pastors, from 1857 to 1879, were circuit ministers. Many Pastors followed from 1880 to 1970; and in 1970, Reverend Winn, assisted by the "Men" of Bethel, personally remodeled the physical building, and paneled walls in the downstairs kitchen area, as well as remodeled the parsonage. Also, very instrumental in the renovation was the late Waymon Sales, a doer of the Word.

Reverend Charles DeWitt followed reverend Winn, and was followed by Rev. Joseph Forbes who initiated and directed many education and community service projects always in the best interest of both, the Church and the Community.

Pastors of more recent history are: Reverend E.D. Farris (1978–1980); Norris Williams (1980–1985). Reverend LaGrant Moore, now a Presiding elder in the Southern California Conference of the 5th Episcopal district, served from 1985–1987; followed by reverend Percy Leaks (1987).

In 1987, reverend Willie L. Adams was appointed and served until 1992; under his administration, the physical structure of Bethel A.M.E. Church took on a new look; the old parsonage was demolished, and the sanctuary and pulpit areas were enlarged; the upstairs area was reconstructed into a balcony; This construction was made possible through the hard work of "Buckley Construction" and several members of the congregation.

Reverend David Reginald Allen, Sr. served from 1992 to 1994; and Reverend David Wayne Coston, Sr. served from 1994 to 1999. In 1999, reverend Dante L. Rome was appointed to Bethel, and served until April 2007; in July 2004, under the leadership of Rev. Rome, an additional 20 feet was added to the north end of the building, along with a beautiful "stained-glass" window displaying the A.M.E. Church Denomination's symbol of the "cross with the Anvil" depicting the initial pulpit used by our founder, Richard Allen, in a blacksmith shop. Also a baptismal pool was added, and the kitchen and downstairs restrooms were remodeled.

Pastor, Reverend Freda Cash was the first female Pastor who was appointed to the Bethel A.M.E. Church at the Fifth District's Mid-Year Conference in April 2007. Under her leadership a new front entrance was constructed in June 2008. Windows forming a cross on two sides of the structure have engraved on each glass block names of members of the congregation, and family members who have been called from "labor to reward." The new entrance way has been dedicated in honor of a faithful servant, Brother Murphy Buckley.

Also, under Reverend Cash's administration, an "evangelism" team, under the direction of our assistant minister, Rev. Joyce Gardner and Steward, Bro. Paul Lethridge, has been established. Once a month this team reaches out into the community at the Veteran's Park on 5th Street in Marysville, feeding physically and spiritually. And, under the direction of our Evangelist, Terry Hammonds; a homeless ministry that assisted persons in the "Riverbottom" with food, clothing, and other items that assist them during the winter months, has been established.

Lastly, but not least, from the reactivation of our 7:30 a.m. morning "Worship and Testimony" service, the "Early Morning Disciples Alliance" (EMDA) has been established. This group of "early risers" has assisted the church greatly with community outreach activities that bring churches of different denominations together for worship and fellowship."

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS OF HERNDON'S 10TH ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS COMPETITION AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the participants and winners from the Council for the Arts of Herndon's Tenth Annual Technology and the Arts Competition.

The Technology and the Arts program grew out of a desire to offer computer savvy teens a way to showcase their abilities in an artistic format. The innovative program challenges students in all Fairfax and Arlington county high schools to create works of animation, digital art, digital music, and digital photography by blending technology and artistry into one cutting-edge masterpiece. Students submit entries at their schools, and teachers select which works will be entered into the contest. Works are judged by professionals and experts in the field, and awards are given in each category. Additionally, this program also showcases how creativity extends beyond the arts into a crucial component of our local and national economies. Technology has been the driving force behind Fairfax County's economic expansion for the past two decades. Knowledge-based enterprises directly employ more than 140,000 people in Fairfax County and some of the world's leading technology firms are headquartered here. America remains the world's leader in technology innovation primarily because of the creativity and ingenuity of these companies. This event is not just about art, it is also about laying the foundation for America's competitiveness in a global market place.

I am pleased to congratulate the following winners of the 2014 Technology and the Arts Competition:

Arts Council of Fairfax Uphoff Scholarship Award: Frankenstein, Adrian Caballero of Falls Church High School

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

First Prize: Freedom, Chris Aguila of South Lakes High School

Second Prize: Mold Me, Madison Schultz, South County High School

Third Prize: History of a Gaze (Self Portrait), Anna Smith, Centreville High School

Digital Photography Honorable Mentions: Manipulated, Sue Minh Jung, Centreville High School

Bundle, Margaret Hollingsworth, Oakton High School

Monday's Mist, Gabrielle Bomberg, West Potomac High School

Things to Pack, Sarah Wasinger, Fairfax High School

DIGITAL ART

First Prize: Eye See You, Logan Darr, W.T. Woodson High School

Second Prize: Washington DC, Cheyenne Price Oakton High School

Third Prize: Welcome to the New World, Angela He, Oakton High School

Digital Art Honorable Mentions: Apparition, Tony Lunsford, Mt. Vernon High School

Conformity, Jesse Sands, Lake Braddock Secondary

ANIMATION

First Prize: Mind Games, Max Johnson, Falls Church High School

Second Prize: I Draw, Adrian Caballero, Lake Braddock Secondary School

Third Prize: The Fast and the Felines, Wesley Rogers, Falls Church High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this year's winners and thanking the Council for the Arts of Herndon for promoting creativity and innovation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MINNETONKA GIRLS STATE TRACK CHAMPIONS

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minnetonka Girls State Track team on winning their second consecutive high school state championship.

Last June, the Minnetonka Skippers overcame the odds and defeated the favored team for the State Title. The girls knew a repeat wouldn't be easy with many strong contenders such as Cretin-Derham Hall, Lakeville South, Alexandria, and Prior Lake. But they remained focused on their goal and came out on top once again.

Seniors Elizabeth Endy, who won the 800 meter title and contributed to the 4x800 gold medal and 4x400 silver medal and Senior Mia Barron, who set all-time state high school records in both the long jump and triple jump events at the State Tournament. Their leadership and athleticism will be missed at Minnetonka next year.

The team sailed to victory due to the energy and vigor of the athletes throughout the season as well as at the State Tournament, where many strong performances had a hand in the win. The team emerged mid-season with strength in middle distance, relays and jumps. Key to the Skippers success is head Coach Reimer-Morgan, who has coached track at the school for 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the dedication of both Coach Reimer-Morgan and the members of the Girls Skipper Track Team. Winning a State Title is no easy feat, especially defending the title for a consecutive second year. This win is a testament to the power of teamwork and perseverance of the student athletes.

Once again, congratulations to the Minnetonka Girls Track Team on becoming state champions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, during roll-call 308 on the Democrat Motion to Recommit for H.R. 4457 to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes—I was away from the floor handling issues for a constituent of my district and I intended to vote "no."

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUENT MICHAEL J. PARSONS, DEPARTING CHAIRMAN OF NAFCU'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**HON. RICHARD L. HANNA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael J. Parsons, President and CEO of First Source Federal Credit Union, in New Hartford, NY, as he completes his tenure as Chairman of the Board at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). First elected to the Board in 2006, Mike has been a devoted and effective leader in the credit union industry. Having known Mike for many years, I have always been able to turn to him for his expert analysis with respect to any credit union issue being debated in Congress.

Given the regulatory landscape facing the credit union industry in recent years, Mike's responsibilities as Chairman have been particularly daunting. Still, he has done an incredible job balancing his time as Chairman of the NAFCU Board and his responsibilities at First Source Federal Credit Union. Mike has over thirty-eight years' experience in the financial services industry, with 20 years at First Source Federal Credit Union, having served as President and CEO since 1999.

In addition to helping the credit union industry navigate the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Mike has also been proactive in educating lawmakers in Congress, the National Credit Union Administration, and White House officials on a number of issues impacting credit unions including: regulatory relief, housing finance reform, and lending standards.

In addition to his career accolades, Mike has gone above and beyond giving back to his local community as a trustee at Utica College, and a Board Member of Mohawk Valley Economic Development, and Utica Industrial Development Corporation.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 25 individuals, one investigative team, and one Operational Task

Force in a variety of categories including, the Silver or Bronze Valor Award, the Merit Valor Award, and the Investigative Merit Award.

Three members of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Bronze Valor Award: Captain Jason Reese and Captain Brian Ferguson.

2014 Merit Valor Award: Captain Tom Clark.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 294, on June 10, 2014, I inadvertently voted "aye" on the amendment to H.R. 4745 offered by Mr. SESSIONS of Texas. My intention was to vote "no."

HONORING RONDA R. CLAYTON,  
RN, BSN

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronda R. Clayton, the 2011 recipient of the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence's Rural Practice Nurse of the Year Award.

In 1991, Ronda completed her Bachelor of Science and began her honorable career as a healthcare practitioner in New Mexico. For over 20 years, Ronda has dedicated this time to serving the people of Artesia, New Mexico through her tireless work at Artesia General Hospital, a small, 49-bed, rural hospital.

Serving as a healthcare provider in a rural community invariably means becoming a "jack of all trades" and Ronda exemplifies this characteristic every day she walks through the Artesia General Hospital doors. As the Director of Pharmacy she provides clinical expertise in pharmacy to hospital nurses and medical staff, she develops strategies to move the Department's skill base and technology forward, and she works with patients in the Intensive Care Unit, following up on patients long after they are discharged from the hospital.

With a singular commitment to patient-focused care Ronda took the initiative to develop a program in which patient medication, laboratory and microbiology values, and diagnosis are assessed repeatedly to ensure efficiency. Ronda is everything to everyone—as a co-worker she shows genuine interest in staff development, as a practitioner she takes extra measures to ensure patients, physicians, and

staff are well taken care of, and as a respected member of her hospital, she values the opinions of others and looks for ways to contribute back to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation to Nurse Clayton for spending so much of her career inspiring young nurses and other healthcare professionals to continue serving rural communities with the same level of passion and commitment that she has shown throughout her years. Ronda is an exemplary New Mexico healthcare success story, and serves as a role model for future generations of healthcare professionals. Ronda's receipt of the Rural Practice Nurse of the Year Award was not only well-deserved, but long overdue.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN LUIS ALBERTO BENEVIDES

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Luis Alberto Benevides for 30 years of military service in the United States Navy. His commitment and service to our great nation deserve to be commended.

In 1980, Mr. Benevides graduated from Livingston High School in Livingston, California. After graduation, he attended Thomas A. Edison State College in New Jersey and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Mr. Benevides began his active duty career in 1983 as a U.S. Army Medical Laboratory Technician. In 1987, Mr. Benevides was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy. His first assignment as an Ensign was onboard the USS *Implicit*, where he served as the Operations Officer.

In 1988, Mr. Benevides transferred to the USS *Conquest* where he served as the Operations Officer and performed Mine Hunting and Clearance Operations in the Arabian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq War. Soon after returning from the Arabian Gulf, he attained his Surface Warfare Qualification and was subsequently assigned as a Linguist Project Officer.

Mr. Benevides transferred to the Medical Service Corps as a Radiation Health Officer in 1990 and served in Maryland and Hawaii. In 1996, he was selected to assume duties as the Clinic Director of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Branch Clinic and served as the mammography physicist for Hawaii, Japan, and Guam.

While serving the U.S. Navy, Mr. Benevides continued his education and graduated from Georgetown University with a Master's of Science in Radiation Science, and Central Michigan University with a Master's of Science in Health Care Administration.

While on assignment in Hawaii, Mr. Benevides held a professorship at Hawaii Pacific University, where he instructed classes in biology and mathematics. In 2005, after obtaining a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nuclear Engineering Sciences from the University of Florida, Mr. Benevides served as a science advisor and technical manager at the Naval Dosimetry Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

In 2009, Mr. Benevides became the Director for Radiological Controls at Naval Sea Sys-

tems Command. His duties included oversight and management of all the research as well as industrial and operational uses of radiation sources in the Navy and Marine Corps. After the March 2011 Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear accident, his responsibilities were expanded to include consequence management of 30 ships and over 200 aircraft that may have been contaminated. He also provided humanitarian and disaster relief to the citizens of Japan following the earthquake and tsunami.

Throughout his many years of service, Mr. Benevides has been honored with numerous military awards, including Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Luis Alberto Benevides for his many years of service to the U.S. Navy. He is a source of pride for our Central Valley and the entire nation.

#### NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

### HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Men's Health Caucus I am pleased to celebrate National Men's Health Week. This year marks the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week, which was started by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1994.

National Men's Health Week was legislation sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Bill Richardson and is celebrated each year during the week that ends on Father's Day. Recognizing that many health problems that affect men can be prevented, the week was designed to encourage men, boys and their families to develop positive health habits, engage in preventive behaviors, lead healthy lifestyles, and seek timely medical advice and care. As co-chair of the Congressional Men's Health Caucus, I am proud to celebrate this week and help raise awareness of health issues that affect men, boys, and their families.

I've seen first-hand the importance of health education and awareness for men in particular. As a member of the Delaware Cancer Consortium, a statewide organization dedicated to reducing the impact of cancer in my state, I helped to implement a successful colorectal cancer screening program that dramatically increased screening rates for Delaware men. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer affecting men; however, Delaware's screening program has helped reduce the rate of colorectal cancer by 41 percent among Delawareans and allowed Delaware to become the first state to eliminate disparities in colorectal cancer screening between Caucasian and African American men. But there is still progress to be made. We need to do a better job addressing the disparity in mortality rates of African American men with prostate cancer, providing early screening for lung cancer, and continuing our commitment to research.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week, we are reminded of how far our country has come in improving the health and well-being of men and boys, but there is still a lot of work left to be done. We also recognize the importance of these efforts as a way of reducing overall health care costs as part of a plan to address the country's fiscal challenges. Mr. Speaker, this week, along with the entire month of June, Men's Health Month, provides an excellent opportunity to focus on ways that we and our loved ones can live healthier, longer lives.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Five officers and one Narcotics Task Force from the Prince William County Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Investigative Merit Award: Narcotics Task Force (Operation Blue Dragon) and Officer Daniel Sekely.

2014 Bronze Valor Award: Lieutenant Carlos Robles and Officer Patrick Balchunas.

2014 Merit Valor Award: Officer Aaron Lintz and Officer Steven Mattos, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN HONOR OF GUADALUPE LOPEZ

**HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the life and service

of Guadalupe Lopez: veteran of the 158th Infantry Regiment of the Arizona National Guard, recipient of the Silver Star Medal, and my constituent.

Mr. Lopez served his country bravely during World War II in the 158th Infantry Regiment of the Arizona National Guard, better known as the "Bushmasters". The Bushmasters, whose nickname comes from a deadly jungle snake, have a distinguished history that stretches over a hundred years, both in Arizona and throughout the world. They are known for their expertise in jungle warfare and skill in knife fighting and hand-to-hand combat techniques. General MacArthur himself extolled the Bushmasters: "No greater fighting combat team has ever deployed for battle".

Mr. Lopez was drafted in 1940, and in 1941 was sent to Panama for jungle training and to protect the Panama Canal. Between 1942–1945, his company regiment was sent to battle in Australia, the Netherlands, New Guinea, and the Philippines. Mr. Lopez was released from service in 1945, after his brother was killed in the war.

Mr. Lopez is an American hero, and we are proud to call him an Arizonan.

Cuidado, Mr. Lopez.

ONEGIFT INCORPORATED OF MORRISTOWN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor OneGift Inc., located in the Town of Morristown, County of Morris, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

OneGift was founded in 1988 by Leigh S. Porges and Anne DeLaney, and is dedicated to the memory of their mothers, Carol G. Simon and Ruth Ann DeLaney. The nonprofit organization helps adults who have been diagnosed with cancer to fulfill wishes that they might not be able to achieve on their own. Dedicated volunteers encourage positive thinking and help cancer patients focus their energy on getting better. They work closely with patients, families, and friends to create a memorable, worry-free experience for those who could not otherwise afford it.

Over the last 25 years, OneGift has created over 3500 experiences for adult cancer patients, their families, and their friends. The types of wish requests that OneGift receives vary greatly. Some ask for a vacation to a place they have never been, or a place they have not seen in years. Others ask for a family reunion or a trip into New York City to see their favorite Broadway play. Whatever the wish is, OneGift strives to make that wish into a reality.

OneGift has helped many cancer patients across New Jersey. OneGift caters to eight area hospitals: Clara Maass Medical Center, Morristown Hospital, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Overlook Hospital, Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Somerset Medical Center, and Trinitas Regional Medical Center.

OneGift's volunteers work long and hard to make sure that every detail of the wish is addressed so that the patients won't have any worry or stress. All donations go straight to

helping a patient receive the best trip or experience possible.

As it celebrates its 25th Anniversary, OneGift Inc. continues to help adult cancer patients fulfill their wishes as they endure their battle with cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating OneGift, its staff, and volunteers, as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING FOSTER FARMS

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Mr. DENHAM and Mr. VALADAO to honor Foster Farms, a poultry company with 75 years of business experience in California's Central Valley. Foster Farms is not only a significant employer in the community but also a national leader in high quality poultry production.

Foster Farms was founded in 1939 by Max and Verda Foster, a couple who dreamed of selling better, safer farm products to consumers. By taking out a small loan the young couple invested in an 80-acre farm near Modesto, California, and their business quickly grew. The Foster's commitment to raising high quality poultry led to their purchase of a feed mill in 1950. By 1959, Max and Verda added a processing plant in nearby Livingston.

The expansion of Foster Farms continued into the 1960s when the company consolidated its corporate headquarters in the small Central California town of Livingston, where it still resides today. Increasing demand for fresh poultry led Foster Farms to continue its expansion into southern California. By 1973, consumers across the state from Del Norte County to San Diego could access Foster Farms' high quality fresh poultry.

Today, Foster Farms poultry operation employs more than 12,000 hardworking Americans. The company has sales in excess of \$2 billion, and their profits have made possible significant financial contributions to agricultural education in the State of California. Foster Farms has given grants to UC Davis, Fresno State, and California Polytechnic State University. Foster Farms' efforts have been recognized throughout the State's educational system. The company's Chief Executive Officer, Ron Foster, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for 15 years of leadership as an educational advisor, fundraiser, benefactor, and collaborator.

Since 2005, Foster Farms has consistently received the highest animal welfare ratings from various independent auditors. In 2013, Foster Farms became the first major poultry producer to be certified by the American Humane Association, which is the nation's first national humane organization for children and animals. The company continued to demonstrate their appreciation for high quality chicken through their "Say No to Plumping" campaign, which began in 2009. Thanks in large part to Foster Farms, plumping is no longer found in retailers on the West Coast.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join Mr. DENHAM, Mr. VALADAO,

and myself in recognizing Foster Farms for 75 successful years in business.

COMMENDING THE HONORABLE  
TONY A. DEBRUM OF THE REPUB-  
LIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend my good friend, the Honorable Tony A. deBrum, who has served the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with distinction and honor as Senator, Minister in Assistance to the President (Vice-President), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Health and Environment, and in other notable capacities.

Senator Tony deBrum was born in 1945 and grew up on Likiep atoll at the height of the U.S. nuclear testing program in the RMI. From 1946–1958, the U.S. exploded 67 nuclear bombs in the Marshall Islands and, in 1954, detonated the Bravo shot on Bikini atoll. Acknowledged as the greatest nuclear explosion ever detonated, the Bravo shot vaporized 6 islands and created a mushroom cloud 25 miles in diameter.

In his own words, the Honorable Tony deBrum, states:

I am a nuclear witness and my memories from Likiep atoll in the northern Marshalls are strong. I lived there as a young boy for the entire 12 years of the nuclear testing program, and when I was 9 years old, I remember vividly the white flash of the Bravo detonation on Bikini atoll, 6 decades ago in 1954, and one thousand times more powerful than Hiroshima—an event that truly shocked the international community into action.

It was in the morning, and my grandfather and I were out fishing. He was throwing net and I was carrying a basket behind him when Bravo went off. Unlike previous ones, Bravo went off with a very bright flash, almost a blinding flash; bear in mind we are almost 200 miles away from ground zero. No sound, just a flash and then a force, the shock wave. I like to describe it as if you are under a glass bowl and someone poured blood over it. Everything turned red: sky, the ocean, the fish, and my grandfather's net.

People in Rongelap nowadays claim they saw the sun rising from the West. I saw the sun rising from the middle of the sky, I mean I don't even know what direction it came from but it just covered it, it was really scary. We lived in thatch houses at that time, my grandfather and I had our own thatch house and every gecko and animal that lived in the thatch fell dead not more than a couple of days after. The military came in, sent boats ashore to run us through Geiger counters and other stuff; everybody in the village was required to go through that.

Shaped by what he witnessed, Tony deBrum determined to become an activist.

I think that's the point that my brain was taught that. I did not consciously say at the time, I am going to now be a crusader. Just a few weeks after that, my grandfather and I went to Kwajalein, where they had evacuated the people of Rongelap, where they were staying in big large green tents being treated for their nuclear burns and exposure. All the while, incidentally, the United States government was announcing that everything

was OK, that there was nothing to be worried about.

Unconvinced, Tony deBrum not only became one of the first Marshall Islanders to graduate from college but he worked for 17 years to negotiate his country's independence from the United States. As an eyewitness to nuclear explosions, he also became one of the world's leading advocates for nuclear disarmament calling upon the parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to stop the spread of nuclear weapons and pursue the peace and security of a world without them. In 2012, Tony deBrum was awarded the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's Distinguished Peace Leadership Award. Previous recipients include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, King Hussein of Jordan, and Jacques Cousteau.

In April 2014, the Republic of the Marshall Islands filed the Nuclear Zero Lawsuits—unprecedented lawsuits against all nine countries that possess nuclear weapons for their failure to negotiate in good faith for nuclear disarmament as required by the NPT. The landmark cases signed by RMI Foreign Minister Tony deBrum are now pending before the International Court of Justice in The Hague and the U.S. Federal District Court in San Francisco. As a Pacific Islander and as the Ranking Member of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, I applaud the RMI and especially Tony deBrum for taking a stand against the nuclear weapon giants. “No nation should ever suffer as we have,” Foreign Minister Tony deBrum has stated, and I agree.

I also agree that we should spur greater commitments in international climate change negotiations, and I commend Foreign Minister Tony deBrum for galvanizing more urgent and concrete action on climate change. As an architect of the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership, Foreign Minister Tony deBrum has been unrelenting in vocalizing his concerns. In 2013, he addressed the United Nations Security Council on the threat posed by climate change to the long-term viability and survival of the Marshall Islands. During climate talks at the United Nations, he stated that “we are not just trying to save our islands, we are trying to save the entire world.”

I declare my sincere and heartfelt commitment to a nuclear-free world and a world committed to putting climate at the top of its diplomatic agenda. In so doing, I honor Tony deBrum as a leader, activist, friend and brother by placing his name and work in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for historical purposes.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE  
WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD  
RECIPIENTS FROM THE CITY OF  
MANASSAS POLICE DEPART-  
MENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Two members of the City of Manassas Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Merit Valor Award: Officer Trey Cram and Police Officer First Class Brett Stumpf.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who served in the City of Manassas Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

A TRIBUTE TO ANDREW JOON-HAO  
TAN FOR HIS WINNING ESSAY  
DEMOCRACY: COHESION BE-  
TWEEN PEOPLE AND GOVERN-  
MENT

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Joon-hao Tan, a student at La Entrada Middle School in Menlo Park, California, for his First Place Award in the 2013 Making Democracy Work Student Essay Contest held by the United States Capitol Historical Society. His extraordinary essay, entitled Democracy: Cohesion Between People and Government, follows.

“What political power could ever carry on the vast multitude of lesser undertakings which the American citizens perform every day, with the assistance of the principle of association,” wrote French philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville when he visited the United States to observe American government. Tocqueville evaluates the American governance and decides that for democracy to be effective in America, citizens and organizations must actively participate in the government. After the American Revolution, representatives from each state met together to write the Constitution, an American standard for how democracy would function. Recently, however, the government has been less productive than in the past. Some have begun to question if democracy can remain an effective form of government in the current era. Democracy has the potential to be a flourishing style of government, but is predicated on the protection of individuals' rights and liberties, people's access to education and information, and actively participating citizens, all of which, they claim, are resting on shaky grounds.

First and foremost, individual liberties must be guaranteed to everyone in a democracy. This provides protection to minority groups whose rights may otherwise be construed upon. Civil liberties can be encroached upon during times of national crises. A recent example of this is the Patriot

Act, which was enacted after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Even though reining in civil liberties seemed appropriate for national security reasons in the immediate aftermath, there have been unintended consequences whereby our basic civil rights have been infringed. The debate over the role of the National Security Agency is currently being adjudicated in federal courts because many people feel that their fourth amendment rights are being violated. The expansion and retraction of our rights must continually be examined, and the government must provide enforcement of these rights to all citizens to create a bond of trust between the people and the government.

Secondly, education should be available to all citizens, policies must be transparent, information should be widely accessible, and diverse points of views should be encouraged. When citizens in a democracy are educated, democracy functions much more effectively. Across countries, education and democracy are highly correlated. In other words, those who receive poor education are less likely to be politically active. Also, less educated people are more vulnerable to propaganda and false information, leaving them susceptible to vote based on the influence of others. Citizens also deserve access to uncensored information. In regimes where information is tightly controlled, citizens are restricted from developing their own opinions and this limits their capacity to fully engage in the political process. It is the government's responsibility to provide basic education and ensure freedom of the press so that citizens are engaged and empowered to play a part in a successful democracy.

Finally, citizens must fulfill their civic duties in a democracy. These include voting and jury duty but can also be as simple as staying updated on current issues and obeying the law. Unfortunately, many of these simple duties are commonly overlooked. Even in the last presidential election in 2012, where there was a record voter turnout only about 60% of registered voters voted. Thus, the voice of around 40% of people was not heard in the ballot. Similarly, fulfilling civic responsibilities is necessary for democracy to work well. For example, jury duty has been difficult to implement. According to Sun Sentinel, in South Florida about two of every three people skip jury duty with or without being exempted. Jurors in South Florida have only a 41% response rate and 3,000 people must be requested to fill 1,000 jury spots because of the high rejection rate. This may be an extreme case, but the lack of commitment to civic responsibility is not unique to Florida. Complacency in civic involvement ultimately leads to erosion of democracy and make our system stale and unsustainable.

The "lesser undertakings which the American citizens perform every day" are essential in a democracy because government cannot fulfill all the needs of citizens. In a successful democracy individual rights and liberties must be applied impartially, education and current information must be readily available, and the citizens must do their part to allow the law to be applied fairly. America has survived and struggled through adversities to become one of the longest living democracies in the world because of its strong commitment to the Constitution, impartial application of the law and unrestricted information from varying political opinions. Democracy is an active and dynamic process, and flourishes with self-examination and engagement of its citizens, but languishes with complacency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me today in honoring Andrew Tan, an extraordinary young man, for his deep understanding

of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in our nation, and for his ability to write about it in a cogent, understandable and inspiring style. He is an inspiration to all of us and he is an eloquent statement about the youth of our nation.

RECOGNIZING CITIZENS STATE BANK NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 100 years of business by the Citizens State Bank Norwood Young America in Minnesota.

In 1914, Peter Effertz opened the bank on 214 Elm Street where it remained for its first seventy years. Albert Kehrer acquired the bank in 1930 followed by Donald Kehrer beginning in 1952. Later, during the time when Clinton Kurtz and Leonard Lano owned the bank (1979–1999), it was moved to its present location on US Highway 212. The bank is now under the ownership of Paul Pieschel who continues to lead it with the original philosophy of wanting to make a difference in the everyday lives of the people it serves.

Over the last 100 years, this community bank has worked hard to meet the needs of its customers—from a place to tie off a horse or park a Model T Ford to on-line banking and ATMs. Their motto is "Person to person. Neighbor to neighbor. Yesterday, today and tomorrow." and they take pride in going above and beyond what their customers expect.

The stability of both its ownership and leadership, and the sincere interest the employees have in each unique customer situation has provided genuine person-to-person connections with their customers for 100 years. As their recent newsletter states, "Our long-term philosophy creates trust and motivates our customers to refer their neighbors and friends to the bank."

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body join with me in honoring Citizens State Bank Norwood Young America upon reaching this noteworthy centennial milestone and to wish them continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMPHILL SOLTANE

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Camphill Soltane of Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 25th anniversary of exemplary service in providing educational, vocational, and residential services for young adults with developmental disabilities. This is a great milestone and a considerable accomplishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of Camphill Soltane for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 25 years, the men and women of Camphill Soltane have dedicated themselves

to enabling young adults and adults with special needs to identify and pursue their interests, exercise their talents, and develop their skills that they may enjoy a rich and satisfying life and make valued contributions to the world. A member of the international Camphill Movement, which began in Scotland 70 years ago, Camphill Soltane continues the Movement's tradition of approaching the individual with special needs as a valued member of society worthy of love, dignity, and the opportunity to realize goals and dreams.

Camphill Soltane's varied residential settings on its 52 acre Glenmoore site, and affiliated houses in Phoenixville, provide opportunities for individuals with special needs to live as independently as possible within a supportive community environment. For the last quarter century, this groundbreaking model has served to foster relationships based on mutual respect while encouraging the ongoing development of life and social skills.

Mr. Speaker, in light of its 25 years of outstanding service, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Camphill Soltane for its invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THE TEAM INVESTIGATING THE CASE OF ARSON AT MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The 12 members of the team investigating a case of arson at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Investigative Merit Award: Lt. Dave Cooper, Lt. Brad Miller, and Lt. Angel Tyson of the Fire Marshal's Office; Supervising Special Agent Steve Avato, Special Agent Chad Campanell, and Special Agent Paul Parisi of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Detective Saemi Kitchens, Detective Maria Cervantes, Crime Analyst Supervisor Dawn Locke-Trillhaase and Detective Jason Callahan of the Prince William County Police Department; Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Claiborne T.

Richardson II; and Special Agent Keith Palli of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who served on the team investigating a case of arson at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 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 \$17,536,123,426,853.10. We've added \$6,909,246,377,940.02 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING WESLEYAN,  
WEST STOKES AND WEST-  
CHESTER ON THEIR CHAMPION-  
SHIPS

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, in sports, winning a championship is an incredible accomplishment. I am proud to announce that Wesleyan Christian Academy, West Stokes High, and Westchester Country Day all recently won state titles. All of these schools are either in the Sixth District of North Carolina or our constituents attend these fine institutions.

The softball team at Wesleyan Christian Academy recently won the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association 3A softball championship for the first time in the school's history. The Lady Trojans credit their success to the strong bond the team formed after a fellow teammate experienced a critical medical condition. Players Taylor Bisbee and Taylor Travis received the American Red Cross Certificate of Merit Award for their courageous acts towards their teammate in need.

The West Stokes girls' soccer team defeated Washington 2-0 to bring home the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A state title. The Lady Wildcats believe it was their refuse-to-lose attitude that helped them capture the soccer program's first state title: Team captains Taylor Hooper and Tori Van Meter received individual honors. Hooper was named the championship's Most Valuable Player, while Van Meter received the NCHSAA Sportsmanship Award.

Westchester Country Day recently won the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association 2A state championships for baseball and golf. This is the third straight year the

baseball team has brought home a state title and is the third in four years for the golf team.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Wesleyan Christian Academy, West Stokes High, and Westchester Country Day for winning state championships.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WAYZATA  
TROJANS BOYS TENNIS TEAM

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata Boys Tennis Team on their outstanding accomplishment of winning their second consecutive Minnesota State Championship.

Even though they lost 6 starters from last year's team, under the direction of Head Coach Jeff Prondzinski the team found a way to regain their winning form.

The team spent the better part of the season mixing and matching players, hoping to find the perfect combination. The long winter kept the team inside and postponed many matches throughout the season. But regardless of the unfortunate circumstances, the Trojans remained dedicated and focused, putting forth extra effort in their free time to improve.

The road to the championship was intense, as Wayzata battled tough competitors to qualify. Among the standout Trojan athletes is Sophomore Nick Beaty, who got the team off to a great start by winning the singles championship. The Trojan momentum continued with victories from Sam Theisen at No. 3 Singles and four additional wins to seal the championship.

Mr. Speaker, This year's well-deserved title carries a little more weight in the player's eyes due to the rocky road that was successfully navigated to get there. It is a testament to the team's perseverance and enthusiasm to overcome many obstacles and accomplish their goal of being the best boys tennis team in the State of Minnesota.

Congratulations again to the Trojan Boys Tennis team, Coach Prondzinski, and all of the parents, teachers and fans who have supported these athletes along the way.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE  
WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD  
RECIPIENTS FROM THE VIRGINIA  
STATE POLICE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

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Two members of Virginia State Police are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Silver Valor Award: Trooper Charles A. Lanfranchi and Trooper Brandon West.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Virginia State Police. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County and the Commonwealth of Virginia, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING  
ROBERT F. ECKLOND

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor Mr. Robert F. Ecklund, a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Ecklund originally enlisted in the United States Navy as a Seaman Apprentice, completing Boot Camp in Sampson, New York and advanced technical training at the Construction Training Center in Davisville, Rhode Island. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II with the 20th Special Naval Construction Battalion Seabees. Mr. Ecklund was present at Red Hill Seabee Camp in Hawaii during V-J Day on September 2, 1945. He was honorably discharged in September 1946, having attained the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class.

Following his discharge, Mr. Ecklund showed his continued dedication to the U.S. Armed Forces by joining the United States Naval Reserve. When he was called to serve during the Korean War, Mr. Ecklund honored his country by returning to active duty, serving in Korea from April 1950 to July 1953.

This year on Memorial Day, Robert Ecklund was celebrated by the Honor Flight Network, a non-profit organization that seeks to honor America's veterans for the sacrifices they made for our country. As part of this recognition, Mr. Ecklund was flown from Florida to Washington, DC, affording him the opportunity to visit and reflect at the National World War II Memorial.

I am proud to recognize and honor Mr. Ecklund and remember those who have given so much to serve our country. Their dedication, courage, and sacrifice allowed America to remain safe and free. I ask my colleagues will join me in commending Robert Ecklund for his long-standing service to the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEACH BLANKET BABYLON

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the world's longest running musical revue that is politically incorrect, brilliant and hilarious. Beach Blanket Babylon has drawn sold-out audiences in its hometown San Francisco for 40 years and isn't showing any signs of slowing down or getting old. The New York Times is right to call Beach Blanket Babylon "no less a part of San Francisco than the Golden Gate Bridge or Coit Tower."

Every performance of Beach Blanket Babylon takes the audience on a fast-paced journey around the world with Snow White on her search for Prince Charming. She encounters an always-changing cast of characters from politics and pop culture. Everybody who is anybody has been on stage: President Barack Obama, the Queen of England, Lady Gaga, Tina Turner, Prince, Hillary Clinton, Justin Bieber, Elvis and da Mayor Willie Brown have all endured sarcastic interpretations of current events.

I fell in love with the show the first time I saw it, in part, of course, because of the outrageous hats. These creations range from a giant heart made of red curls to the Skyline of San Francisco with a growing Transamerica Pyramid to a five tier wedding cake. Balancing those heavy and top-heavy sculptures is no easy task for the performers. They wear braces on their hips and shoulders to distribute the weight. The mechanical hats are so heavy that they are attached to stands that roll on the stage and are hidden in the costumes of the performers.

I was told by a secret source that auditions for Beach Blanket Babylon are "the craziest thing ever." They start out innocent enough: sing a song, say for example Stand by Your Man. Next thing you know, you'll be asked to sing it with a French bulldog accent or the personality of the Wicked Witch from the Wizard of Oz.

The late Steve Silver, with his sense for the absurd and whimsical imagination, was the genius who gave birth to Beach Blanket Babylon in 1974. The show grew out of street performances in North Beach, the famous Italian neighborhood of San Francisco. Since Silver's passing in 1995, his widow Jo Schuman Silver has produced the show and continued his vision and legacy.

In 1983, Beach Blanket Babylon did a command performance for the Queen of England and Prince Phillip at Davies Symphony Hall. In 1988, the de Young Museum presented an exhibition of 15 years of Beach Blanket Babylon hats and costumes. On the 20th anniversary, BBB performed at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House and today, on the 40th anniversary, BBB is giving a special performance at San Francisco City Hall featuring current Mayor Ed Lee, former Mayor Willie Brown, former Secretary of State George Schultz and his wife Charlotte Schultz as Wonder Woman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 40th anniversary of Beach Blanket Babylon, a San

Francisco institution that has sharpened the minds and provided hearty belly laughs for over 6 million fans during 15,000 performances. I have enjoyed the show more than a dozen times and will continue to be a regular at this unique San Francisco theater experience. May it last for at least another 40 years!

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS BANOS DIVINO ESPIRITO SANTO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Los Banos Portuguese Divino Espírito Santo (Los Banos Portuguese DES) organization on their 100th anniversary.

The story of the Los Banos Portuguese DES Association began more than 700 years ago with the birth of a royal princess. Queen Saint Isabel was born in Aragon, Spain, in 1271. According to legend, a famine seized Portugal in 1292, and she donated generously to her people. Moved by the example of their queen, the Portuguese nobles asked permission to create a festival in honor of these generous acts. Every year on Pentecost Sunday, the Portuguese people collect donations to feed the community. The festa made its way from Western Europe to the Azores and eventually the United States on the proverbial backs of Portuguese Azorean immigrants. The festa is still celebrated today.

In 1904, Azorean Portuguese immigrants founded the Los Banos chapter of the organization which honors Queen Saint Isabel's example—the *Irmãdeade do Divino Espírito Santo* 64. The organization was incorporated and later changed its name to Los Banos Portuguese DES Association. The Los Banos Portuguese DES Festa was incorporated in 1914. The festa was originally celebrated in a building that was a community center built in the early 20th century. Several individuals were largely responsible for the rebuilding of the community center and its subsequent revival into a Portuguese Hall.

In 1934, the Los Banos DES purchased the property where the current hall stands today. Several families were involved with building the hall, most notably the Fagundes, Freitas, Parreira, Rosa and Silva families. The community celebrated its first festa there in 1937.

From the 1930s to the 60s the DES Hall was the central venue for many weddings, parties, and church bazaars, as it was the only completed community center in Los Banos for many years. The Los Banos Dairyman's Association held their meetings there until the late 1960s and wrote the minutes of the meetings in Portuguese until 1949. Free food would always be served to the community on days of celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleague to join me in recognizing the Los Banos Portuguese Divino Espírito Santo in celebration of the 100th Annual Festa. This community's rich heritage, with its commitment to the ideals of their patron Queen Saint Isabel, has continued for one hundred years.

RECOGNIZING MS. CHRISTINE ZINSER AND HER EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Christine Zinser, a constituent of the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, and to commend her for being the driving force behind Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia.

In 2011, Ms. Zinser's son Philipp was preparing to graduate from Robinson Secondary School and had made the decision to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. She approached the school to request that her son, and other seniors who had decided to enlist, be recognized during the graduation ceremony or any other end of year award event. Unfortunately, the school denied her request even though other students would be recognized for various accomplishments.

Ms. Zinser, along with another parent, Carolyn Kellam, decided to take matters into their own hands. If the school would not recognize their children, they would organize an event to do so. They contacted Braddock District Supervisor John Cook who readily agreed to allow the event to be held in his office. Ms. Zinser then contacted my office to see if she could count on my support and I enthusiastically agreed. Together we held a ceremony on June 9, 2011 in honor of the young men and women who had chosen to enlist in our Armed Forces upon graduation from Robinson Secondary School.

Following that first ceremony, Ms. Zinser doubled her efforts to include enlistees from the entire Northern Virginia region. She continued to lobby the school system, and due directly to her unwavering efforts, many schools now recognize the students who have decided to enlist, including her son's former high school. She partnered with an organization called Our Community Salutes and formed the first parent-established chapter of that organization. Ms. Zinser also assisted with establishing chapters in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Ms. Zinser has been featured on television and in newspapers raising awareness and support for our young men and women. In February, 2012, Ms. Zinser was quoted as saying: "I really feel like these kids are a forgotten spoke in the wheel of recognizing our military families. We laud those returning from war, mourn those who have fallen, show unflinching support for the families of active duty military personnel, compassion for those who sustain injuries and immense respect for our veterans. But the young men and women who choose to serve, especially when our nation is at war, go unrecognized."

This year marks the 4th Annual Our Community Salutes ceremony during which we will honor 129 local high school students who have decided to serve our country in uniform. These students will join the 1% of our population who have enlisted, knowing that they may be putting themselves in harm's way to protect and defend our country. It is my honor to join Christine again, as I have each year, and be among the first to say to these young men and women: "Thank you."

Ms. Zinser's son Philipp still serves in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is stationed at Camp Pendleton and is currently deployed to Afghanistan, where he will serve for the foreseeable future. His leadership and professionalism have been recognized, and he has attained the rank of Corporal. I thank him for his service, and pray that he stays safe while serving in a dangerous arena.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Christine Zinser and in commending her for her tireless efforts to appropriately honor the young people in our community who choose to serve. I also would like to thank Christine's partner, Sandra Coffman, for her unyielding support and dedication. Their commitment to Our Community Salutes and to our young warriors will leave a lasting legacy and is worthy of our highest praise.

HIGHWAY 15'S JOINT PORT OF  
ENTRY PROJECT

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an important transportation project that is currently under construction in my district, the Eighth District of California on Interstate 15 near the Nevada border. The Joint Port of Entry Project, on Interstate 15, is a vital step towards improving the safety and reliability of California's highways while also creating nearly 2,000 jobs. Planning for this project spans more than twenty years.

The first phase of this project will construct the California Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility. This advanced design facility will help protect our roadway infrastructure from overweight vehicles entering California, which leads to the deteriorating life-span of our highways. The second phase of this project will construct the California Department of Food and Agriculture Inspection Station.

I applaud the California Department of Transportation, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Highway Patrol, California Department of General Services, and the California Department of Finance for their coordinated efforts to bring this project to fruition.

In this final phase of construction, I also wish to recognize the Director of the Department of Transportation, Malcolm Dougherty, P.E., and District Eighth Director Basem E. Muallem, P.E., for their outstanding leadership.

IN TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY CHIEF  
JIM TOOMEY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jim Toomey of Tolland, Connecticut who a few weeks ago stepped aside from a distinguished 42 year career as a Tolland Volunteer Firefighter. When Jim entered the department in 1972, little did he know the role and operations of a small rural

fire department in eastern Connecticut would evolve into a far more demanding mission by the end of his career.

In 1972, Tolland was a small rural community with a small force that focused on the traditional mission of fighting fires. In the years following as Tolland grew and the fire department, in turn, assumed more responsibilities, Jim joined the Dive Team, became an EMT, and after 9/11 integrated new Department of Homeland Security requirements for first responders.

In 2005, Jim became Deputy Chief and served with distinction until his retirement this year. A few weeks ago, an overflow crowd assembled to celebrate Jim's retirement at Maneley's Banquet Center in South Windsor and to shower Jim and his wife Karen, their children and grandchildren with the well-deserved accolades of his amazing career. As someone who worked with Karen in my law practice for 27 years, I saw up close the long hours he devoted to the department and the sacrifice he and his family made to serve his town so diligently and competently.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me and his fellow citizens in thanking Jim for the outstanding example of public service he set, and for all of the people and property he protected and rescued for 42 long years.

HONORING CAFÉ LUSH

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Café Lush, and owners Tom Doherty and Sandy Gregory, on the 3rd anniversary of their distinguished local Albuquerque establishment.

Since opening in 2011, Café Lush has developed into a thriving business and popular hotspot for locals. Located in downtown Albuquerque, Café Lush features an exceptional menu that carries nutrient dense organic food and fresh seasonal produce that promotes happy, healthy, and sustainable lifestyles.

The beautiful street corner café, with its vibrant outdoor patio was not always a distinct feature in the neighborhood. In fact, before the establishment of Café Lush many restaurants unsuccessfully tried to establish themselves in the area. The location became known as a frequent site for new restaurants that would eventually close, or go out of business.

Despite this historical precedent, and a struggling economy, Café Lush launched a business model that appealed to the growing demand for locally grown healthy foods. Café Lush's fresh new take on organic ingredients with a New Mexico twist reverberated throughout the community and today the café continues to be wildly successful.

Café Lush's vision and accomplishments are an inspiration for future generations of entrepreneurs and small business owners, and demonstrate the ability of one business to change an entire neighborhood. Located next to two schools, a place of worship, and just a short walk away from the heart of downtown Albuquerque, Café Lush has reinvigorated the area and brought renewed energy to Albuquerque's scenic landscape.

I have no doubt that Café Lush will continue to have great success. Their quality food,

great customer service, and beautiful outdoor patio are what continue to make me a frequent customer. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Café Lush on these accomplishments, their 3rd anniversary and the many more to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE  
WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD  
RECIPIENT FROM THE OCCOQUAN  
WOODBIDGE LORTON VOLUN-  
TEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 25 individuals, one investigative team, and one Operational Task Force in a variety of categories including, the Silver or Bronze Valor Award, the Merit Valor Award, and the Investigative Merit Award.

One member of the Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department is being honored this year for his exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the name of the following award recipient:

2014 Silver Medal of Valor: Assistant Chief Steven R. Godin.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipient, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEX-  
INGTON ARTS & SCIENCE CEN-  
TER

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Living Arts and Science Center of Lexington, Kentucky on the groundbreaking of their new facility, the "Lucille Caudill Little Discovery Center."

The Living Arts & Science Center, LASC, was created as a not-for-profit organization in 1968 to provide opportunities for exploration and education in the arts and sciences. Since then, the LASC has become a stimulating force and creative resource for Central Kentuckians. Through dynamic arts and science programming, the LASC has fostered exploration and inspired creativity among children

and adults, schools, and organizations around the region. With the addition of the "Lucille Caudill Little Discovery Center," the LASC will now be able to offer even more hands-on learning opportunities with additional science and art classrooms, as well as a Digital Art Studio and a Clay Studio.

The Living Arts & Science Center is especially important to me as it has hosted my annual Congressional Art Competition for the past two years. I am proud to see this organization expand to offer more programs and activities centered on arts and science. I commend them for their dedication to education and community outreach, and know this expansion will further enhance the Sixth District members' understanding and appreciation for the arts and sciences.

CONGRATULATING COMMANDER  
BION STEWART—A TRUE COAST  
GUARDSMAN

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service, dedication and professionalism of Commander, CDR, Bion Stewart, who has served as the U.S. Coast Guard Liaison to the House of Representatives from August 2011 to July 2014. CDR Stewart is a consummate professional and exemplifies the Coast Guard's Corps Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Over the last three years CDR Stewart's supreme knowledge of Coast Guard operations and strategic priorities has been invaluable to the Members of the Coast Guard's oversight Committees as we make critical decisions in an austere budget environment.

CDR Stewart worked with Committee staff and Coast Guard leadership to prepare for crucial operations, acquisitions, and policy hearings, and was integral in supporting our Subcommittee's efforts in the passage of the Coast Guard Authorization Acts of 2012 and 2014. CDR Stewart's superior expertise in Coast Guard acquisitions and budget priorities was an invaluable resource as the Congress supported the Coast Guard's vital recapitalization and modernization efforts during the 111th, 112th, and 113th Congresses.

As the only former Coast Guardsman in Congress, and as a Member of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, I am honored to represent the fine men and women of the United States Coast Guard who serve our Nation with distinction. The men and women who serve as Congressional Liaisons take on a monumentally difficult but crucially important challenge; one which is as important to the success of the Coast Guard as the cutter and aircraft crews who protect our waterways every day. I would like to thank CDR Stewart for his dedication and service in this challenging position.

He has been a tremendous help to my staff and me. I want to congratulate him on his upcoming promotion to Captain, and wish him fair winds and following seas as he continues his outstanding service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING McDONALDS MEATS  
UPON 100 YEARS OF BUSINESS

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize McDonalds Meats of Clear Lake, Minnesota, as it celebrates 100 years of business.

When Mr. John Leo McDonald purchased a meat market in Clear Lake, Minnesota in 1914, little did anyone know how long-lasting this family business would be. Forty years after the business started, John's son Richard took over, meeting the growing demand for business and expanding their facility.

Thirty-five years after that Richard's son, David McDonald, became the head of the family business. Taking on this rich family tradition, David not only expanded the facility for a second time to meet the growing demand for their delicious meats, but he also started experimenting with jerky flavors. Business was booming. David took over full ownership in 1994.

Thirteen years later, Travis and Jennifer McDonald, fourth generation McDonalds, continue the family business, providing excellence in service and delicious meats, leading the business into its 100th year.

Like many family-owned businesses throughout our state, McDonalds Meats provides not only a service; but also a sense of security, family and community. It is this sense of tradition that helps make Minnesota a great place to raise a family.

For 100 years and four generations, this hometown business has provided a rich variety of smoked sausages, jerky, deli meats and cheeses, all from their own smokehouses and sausage kitchen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body join with me in honoring McDonalds Meats upon reaching this noteworthy centennial milestone. Here's to another century of quality meats.

CONGRATULATING THE 2014 LORDS  
AND LADIES FAIRFAX, THE RECIPIENT  
OF THE JAMES M. SCOTT COMMUNITY SPIRIT  
AWARD, AND THE CELEBRATE  
FAIRFAX! VOLUNTEERS OF THE  
YEAR

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. For the past 30 years, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has selected two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other exceptional commitments and accomplishments to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, more than 570 individuals have been granted the honor of being named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by his or her representative on the Board of Supervisors. The Board also traditionally recognizes these individuals during a reception held in conjunction with the annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival in June.

This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will recognize those individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments by the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and should be commended.

It is my honor to enter the names of the following 2014 Lords and Ladies Fairfax into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

At Large: Lady Mary Keeser and Lord Rohil Bhinge

Braddock District: Lady Monica Jackson and Lord Anthony J. Vellucci

Dranesville District: Lady Lauri Lacorte and Lord Jay Donahue

Hunter Mill District: Lady Baba Foster Freeman and Lord Michael Amouri

Lee District: Lady Tawny Hammond and Lord George F. Towery

Mason District: Lady Terry O'Hara Lavoie and Lord Jan Reitman

Mt. Vernon District: Lady Mary J. Porter and Lord Colonel Gregory D. Gadson

Providence District: Lady Merni Fitzgerald and Lord James M. Scott

Springfield District: Lady Karen Brown and Lord Paul Liberty

Sully District: Lady Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb and Lord Phillip W. Allin

I also commend the following recipients of the James M. Scott Community Spirit Award and the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival Volunteers of the Year Award:

James M. Scott Community Spirit Award: Fairfax Water

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival Volunteers of the Year Award: Galen and Tara Munroe

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to their fellow residents and serves to strengthen and enrich the Fairfax County community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BILL R.  
LEMAY

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Bill R. LeMay, who passed away on June 8, 2014, at the age of 81. Bill was a proud resident of California's San Joaquin Valley, and his dedication to the community will never be forgotten.

Bill was born in Oklahoma and moved to Corcoran, California, when he was 13 years old. He had six siblings: Betty, Dorothy, Pearl, Tommy, Johnny, and Susie. From a young age, Bill recognized the importance of hard work. Early on in his career, Bill hauled sheep and cattle by truck during a night shift. He completed twice the amount of work than what was expected, and before receiving his first paycheck, he earned three raises. His tenacity and dedication to always doing his best was something he carried with him throughout his entire life.

In 1952, Bill joined the United States Army during the Korean War and completed basic

training at Fort Ord. After serving two years in the military, Bill married the love of his life, Delores Josephine Pagel. Bill and Delores were married for 59 years.

In 1955, Bill began a lifelong career at Salyers' America. At one point, Salyers was one of the largest farming operations in the United States. Bill was the Farm Superintendent and managed 85,000 acres of land, which included 18 crops ranging from wheat and barley to tomatoes and cotton. Bill worked at Salyers for 45 years, retiring in 2000.

In addition to fighting in the Korean War, Bill fought two long battles close to home that were much more personal. The 1969 and 1983 Tulare Lake Floods fueled a long-standing rivalry between Valley farmers and Mother Nature, and Bill was at the forefront. Valley agriculture always played a very significant role in Bill's life because he understood its impact on the strength of our Nation.

More important than his appreciation for agriculture, Bill's family meant everything to him. Bill and Delores loved their three sons and their spouses: Harold and Kelly, Larry and Valerie, and Todd and Stephen. His pride and joy were his eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but they will always have an outstanding role model who they will hold in their hearts forever.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Bill R. LeMay. His service to our country and dedication to working hard will always be remembered.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOPKINS  
ROYALS STATE TRACK CHAMPIONS

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hopkins Royals Boys Track Team for their success in attaining their very first Minnesota State High School Championship.

The Hopkins Team was by no means an underdog at State, but they weren't the favorite either. The boys exhibited enormous effort and passion throughout the season and at the tournament—an attitude that even coaches from opposing teams noticed.

The Royals were led by three outstanding athletes in Terrance Bowers, Shaheed Hickman, and Joe Klecker, who gained valuable team points in their respective events. However, it was the team effort in the 4x100 relay that secured the title for the Royals.

Head Coach Nick Lovas is proud of each athlete's individual goals, but even more satisfied with their commitment to the team. His passion for teaching students is an example the entire community can celebrate.

Mr. Speaker, this title will go down in Hopkins High history because it is the first Boys Track Championship in the school's 108 years of existence. The boys pushed themselves to their limits, ran faster and jumped farther each week, and ended up victorious. This accomplishment is the result of the hard work and dedication from the athletes and coaches, as

well as the endless support from parents, teachers and fans.

Again, I want to congratulate the Hopkins Royals Boys Track Team, on becoming State High School Champions.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GMU PROFESSOR DONNA STERLING TO SCIENCE EDUCATION

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the tremendous contributions of George Mason University Professor Donna R. Sterling, whose work to improve the research in and development of effective science and math curricula has benefitted elementary and secondary school students across the nation.

Ms. Sterling is a Distinguished Service Professor and Director of the Center for Restructuring Education in Science and Technology at George Mason's College of Education and Human Development. GMU, which is located in the 11th Congressional District in Fairfax, Virginia, is now the Commonwealth's largest public university with 34,000 students, a full-time faculty of more than 1,800, 11 schools, and degrees in 198 fields of study. Over the past 22 years, Ms. Sterling's research has been instrumental in helping to improve science teaching in elementary and secondary schools and higher educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth and across the country, while simultaneously increasing the profile of George Mason University.

She has served as principal investigator for numerous teacher development and research grants and has authored more than 100 articles, books, and reports. Her portfolio includes the award-winning "New Science Teachers' Support Network" for provisionally-licensed science teachers and "Science Camp" for training pre-service and experienced teachers to conduct problem-based learning with children. Through the years, her research has garnered more than \$50 million in funding support from multiple public and private sources, including the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Education, ExxonMobil, Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Micron, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

A recent project used her research for the basis of the Virginia Initiative for Science Teaching and Achievement (or VISTA). The project received one of the largest Investing in Innovation (or i3) grants from the U.S. Department of Education. It also marked the largest grant in GMU's history and brought together six Virginia universities, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition, and private corporate partners to support the improvement of K-12 science education.

In addition to her research work, Ms. Sterling has been an active member of the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition, where she has developed policy recommendations and white papers for improving K-12 science education, the development of science lead-

ers, and the preparation of outstanding teacher and student programs.

She earned her Doctor of Education degree in science education from The George Washington University, and she completed her early research and career training under two noted Nobel Prize recipients—Linus Pauling and Melvin Calvin who between them received three Nobel prizes.

She is regarded by her peers as a pioneer in classroom curriculum development to engage young students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (or STEM). She also has served as a role model and mentor to generations of graduate students—particularly young women—by inspiring and supporting them as they pursue careers in teaching, research, and leadership roles in the field of STEM education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Dr. Donna Sterling and in thanking her for her innovative and lasting contributions to classroom instruction. Her ability to inspire graduate students in scientific discovery—pushing them to question, hypothesize, and verify new knowledge through real experimentation and persistence—have been a hallmark of her passion for science education. She continues to support an ever-expanding network of former students who now are inspiring the next generation of young women and men to unlock the mysteries and wonders of our world through scientific discovery.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP MEN OF DISTINCTION LUNCHEON HONOREES

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the Waukegan community's finest leaders.

In education, business, government, faith and more, these 15 outstanding men embody what is best about Waukegan and demonstrate a deep commitment to strengthening our community.

It is my great pleasure to honor the 2014 Men of Distinction: Dr. Phil Carrigan; Arthuer Craigen; Don Elliott; Ronnel Ewing; Chuck Gutman; Kenneth Mayo; Mayor Steve Pannell; Greg Moio; Joe Moody; Mayor Wayne Motley; Bill Newby; Martin Perez; Pastor Eugene Roberson; Mayor Leon Rockingham; Jose Rodriguez.

It takes strong leaders with vision and dedication to bring a community together and secure a hopeful, prosperous future for the next generation. With no less than their fullest commitment to the people and the township of Waukegan, these 15 honorees work each and every day to enrich their community.

As true Men of Distinction, this year's honorees deserve the highest praise and greatest respect. I know that this honor will merely inspire them to work even harder to strengthen Waukegan and build an even better, closer community.

HONORING MR. CHARLES  
MCDOWELL LEE, SR.

**HON. BRADLEY BYRNE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a friend and a great Alabamian, Mr. Charles McDowell Lee, Sr.

Mr. Lee, as he was commonly known, served as Secretary of the Alabama State Senate from 1963 to 2011. At the time of his retirement, McDowell Lee was the longest serving secretary of a legislative body in the entire nation. During my time as a state senator, I grew to know Mr. Lee as a brilliant mind and the unequivocal historian of the Alabama Legislature.

Mr. Lee, a native of Clio, Alabama, graduated from Barbour County High School in 1942 and went on to study at Auburn University. He answered the call of duty during World War II, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters. He then returned to Alabama to finish his education at Troy State Teachers College. After graduating, Mr. Lee was elected mayor of his hometown of Clio, earning the recognition as one of the youngest mayors in the nation.

Mr. Lee was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1954, and he went on to serve in that position for eight years, earning the titles of "Outstanding Freshman" and "Best Debater" by the Alabama Press Association. In 1963, he was selected as Secretary of the Alabama Senate.

He would go on to serve as Secretary of the Senate for 47 years. During that span, Mr. Lee worked with ten different governors and hundreds of state senators. He was known nationally as an expert scholar on parliamentary procedure and received countless state and national awards for his years of public service.

Every morning that the State Senate was in session, a number of other senators and I would gather in Mr. Lee's office to drink coffee and get his input on current events. It was in those candid conversations with Mr. Lee that I truly learned how the State Senate worked and gained a deep appreciation for the unique rules that govern legislative bodies.

In a legislative body where emotions and politics sometimes get the best of us, Mr. Lee provided calm, unbiased leadership and direction. He respected the rules and the institution, and through that each senator quickly grew to respect him.

Mr. Lee passed away on April 17, 2014, at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; his sons Arch, Charles Jr., and Kenneth; his daughters Margaret and Josie Lee; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. I know his family must miss him very much, but they can find peace in the countless individuals' lives that McDowell Lee improved, mentored, and impacted in his lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I find it only fitting to recognize this great American in this body, the People's House, for his dutiful service to our nation and immense respect for the legislative process.

IN HONOR OF BARBRA MINCH,  
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE  
WILLIAM F. RYAN COMMUNITY  
HEALTH CENTER

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the people of New York's tenth congressional district in saying a fond farewell to President and CEO of the William F. Ryan Community Health Center, Barbra Minch, as she enters her retirement.

After 35 years of service to the community, Barbra leaves behind an incomparable legacy and has been an immeasurable asset to the community as a whole. The Ryan Center's wonderful contributions would not have been possible without her dedicated service.

Barbra E. Minch has lived and worked in the Upper West Side community for over 42 years. As a single parent raising two children, Ms. Minch has been an advocate for affordable housing and quality public schools, a teacher, and an educational administrator. In 1979, Ms. Minch joined the William F. Ryan Community Health Center as an Administrator, and was soon promoted to Deputy Director. In 1995, she was appointed Executive Director by the Board of Directors, and was then appointed President & CEO in 2001. In this role, Ms. Minch provided leadership to 17 sites throughout Manhattan and has represented the Ryan Center in the Community Health Center movement on a federal and statewide scale, contributing unmatched leadership and philanthropy.

Over the years, I have worked with Barbra on many issues regarding health care on the Upper West Side, in Chelsea and Clinton, and in Lower Manhattan. I have always found her to be irrepressible, creative, energetic, and singularly focused on improving access to quality health care at minimal cost to the low-income people among us. Our community has been blessed by Barbra's energy and dedication for many years, and despite her having trained and put in place a dedicated team to continue her work, we shall sorely miss her continuing contributions.

Ms. Minch has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) as First Vice Chair and chaired its Legislative Committee for several years. She is a member of several committees of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), including the Legislative Committee, Credentials Committee, Ethics and Grievance Committee, and Membership and Rules Committees. She is also a member of the Health Care Executive Forum, which advances health care leadership and management. Ms. Minch was the first and only Community Health Center representative on the Board of Trustees of the Job Security Fund of the 1199/SEIU Employment Training and Job Security Program. In 1998, Ms. Minch played an integral role in helping to establish the Coalition to Preserve Access to Community-Based Health Care Providers, which set the stage for direct funding to Community Health Centers from New York State.

Ms. Minch has won many awards in recognition of her excellent work and dedication

including: The Jeffrey T. Latman Award from CHCANYS; the Palma Award as Health Administrator of the Year from the Latino Coalition for Fair Media; and the distinguished John Gilbert Community Healthcare Award of Excellence from NACHC. Most recently, Ms. Minch was inducted into the NACHC Hall of Fame, one of a small group of community health advocates throughout the nation, and the first New Yorker to receive this prestigious award.

Barbra is undoubtedly deserving of all of her commendations, and I hope to offer her another one by wishing her the most sincere congratulations on behalf of myself and my constituents as she finishes a singular career of public service. I wish her the best of luck in everything the future holds for her. I know she will find many more ways to contribute to the lives of residents throughout New York City and beyond. I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Barbra's efforts.

THE BOULAN PARK MIDDLE  
SCHOOL INVESTMENT TEAM—  
RANKING NINTH IN THE SIFMA  
FOUNDATION'S CAPITOL HILL  
CHALLENGE

**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Investment Team from Boulan Park Middle School for placing ninth in the country in the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Foundation's Capitol Hill Challenge of 2014. The team is comprised of Kevin Li, Rohit Chakravarty, and Jason Song, along with their coach, Mr. Mark Martin.

The students worked diligently on this project. They greatly improved their knowledge of the stock market and the world economic landscape. These students used their own knowledge to earn a 42% return on investment, turning 100,000 dollars into over 142,000 dollars. Additionally, this is the first year in which a middle school team finished in the top 10 nationwide.

I am proud to have sponsored Kevin, Rohit, and Jason. The time and effort they dedicated to this project is beyond impressive. On behalf of the residents of Michigan's 11th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate them on this remarkable achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
TO EXTEND SECTION 181 OF THE  
TAX CODE

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague from Georgia, Congressman DOUG COLLINS, to introduce legislation to extend section 181 of the tax code to continue to allow for the immediate tax write-off of the first \$15 million (or \$20 million where the production is made in a distressed community) of production expenditures for qualifying domestic film and television productions. In addition, our bill

would extend section 181 treatment to live theatrical productions.

Section 181 was first enacted in the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 and has been extended several times since. It was added to protect the U.S. television and film industry and to counteract the increasingly aggressive incentives offered by many foreign governments to attract production overseas. The Directors Guild of America noted, at the time that section 181 was passed, “globalization, rising costs, foreign wage, tax and financing incentives, and technological advances, combined are causing a substantial transformation of what used to be a quintessentially American industry into an increasingly dispersed global industry.”

In enacting section 181, Congress recognized the important and unique contribution our television and film production industries make to providing high-paying jobs and economic benefits in communities across the country. These productions provide good jobs not just for actors, writers and directors, but also for the local carpenters and electricians, the drivers and equipment operators, the caterers and hotel-keepers who provide services to these productions. It is estimated that a major motion picture shooting on location contributes \$225,000 every day to the local economy. For example, in 2011, the major studios alone paid over \$2.7 billion to over 23,000 vendors in New York State. Moreover, in that same year, filmed production accounted for \$7.1 billion in spending and employed 130,000 people in New York City, according to the Boston Consulting Group.

Section 181 of the Internal Revenue Code allows production companies to deduct the cost of qualified U.S. productions immediately rather than capitalizing the costs and deducting them slowly over time. The incentive accelerates the timing of the deduction but it does not change the amount of the deduction. In order to qualify, a film must be domestically-produced, that is, at least 75 percent of the total compensation paid for the production must be for services performed in the U.S. by actors, directors, producers and other production staff personnel. The deduction applies to the first \$15 million (\$20 million for productions in low income communities or distressed area or isolated area of distress) of a qualified film or television production. The cost of the production above the dollar limitation is capitalized and recovered under the taxpayer's normal method of accounting.

I believe that section 181 remains an appropriately targeted provision, designed to encourage television and film producers to stay here in the United States and keep those jobs in our communities. In the last decades, New York City and in particular my home borough of Queens has seen a resurgent television and film production sector bring new jobs and revenue into the community. Film production jobs in New York grew by nearly 25 percent between 2008 and 2011, at a time when private sector employment was falling. This bill will help to ensure that those jobs stay here in the U.S.

The bill we are introducing today also includes a new feature to extend section 181 benefits to live theatrical productions. As with films, theater not only provides cultural benefits but also provides economic benefits to local communities in the U.S. For example, according to the Broadway League, Broadway

contributed \$11 billion in 2012–13 to New York City's economy on top of ticket sales and supports 86,000 jobs. And the benefits are not limited to New York. Traveling Broadway shows contributed almost \$3.4 billion to the U.S. economy, which helps sustain regional and local theatres, allowing them to offer their cultural events. Live theatre audiences make numerous ancillary purchases, including restaurants, hotels, parking, taxis and souvenirs.

Unfortunately, as with film, other countries are becoming more aggressive in attracting theatrical production overseas. This is important because future income associated with a production, such as licensing fees and royalties, return to the country of the production's origin. Thus, as more original productions move overseas, the U.S. will lose tax revenue associated with those productions. To help prevent this from occurring and to allow investors to recoup their risky investment more quickly, we believe it is important to extend section 181 to theatrical productions.

Finally, it is important to note that, while both film and television production and theatre production are inherently risky capital-intensive businesses, neither industry qualifies for bonus depreciation that covered virtually every other American industry. Section 181 acts similarly to bonus depreciation to allow investors in these uniquely American industries to recoup their investments more rapidly. This can aid the decision to green-light a project or to produce it in the U.S. This will have ripple effects across the economy by generating revenue and jobs for a range of local businesses, such as caterers, hotels, equipment rentals, etc.

This legislation works to protect these important industries and stem the flood of production to non-U.S. locations. Section 181, which expired at the end of 2013, should be extended and expanded as soon as possible in order to encourage domestic investment and keep television, film and theatrical production jobs in the United States.

IN HONOR OF PAUL TOWNS OF  
ELGIN, SOUTH CAROLINA

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2014, I was honored to attend the Sparkleberry County Fair in Northeast Columbia, South Carolina led by Chairman John Monroe. At this year's Fair, I was present as the Fair Committee recognized Paul Towns for his dedication to the community. Mr. Towns, a veteran of 20 years' service in the United States Army and native of Elgin, South Carolina, was additionally honored for his compassion and generosity to others, his integral role in planning for the Sparkleberry County Fair, and for raising cancer awareness.

A survivor of a 10-year battle with cancer, Paul successfully organized the inaugural Sparkleberry Fair Cancer Awareness 5K on April 19, 2014. This run/walk helped raise funds for the South Carolina Oncology Association's efforts to provide assistance to patients throughout their cancer treatment.

In addition to promoting cancer awareness through the Sparkleberry County Fair, Mr.

Towns, his wife Sarah, and their two children put on a Christmas light display with 100 percent of the proceeds raised going directly to benefit Camp Kemo, a summer camp for kids that have been diagnosed with cancer. Guests enjoy an old fashioned light display, hay rides, a freedom tree, his collection of antique tractors, miniature trains, and memorabilia all beautifully decorated with lights while supporting a great cause.

Mr. Towns' passion for promoting cancer awareness, while maintaining a positive attitude, dignity, optimism, and humor in everything he does makes him an integral part of the community.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOSEPH A.  
ALLUTO

**HON. STEVE STIVERS**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Joseph A. Alluto for his service as the interim president of The Ohio State University.

Dr. Alluto has served as Ohio State's interim president since July 1, 2013. Prior to this position, Dr. Alluto served as Ohio State's chief executive officer, executive vice president, provost, dean of the Max M. Fisher College of Business, and John W. Berry, Sr. Chair in Business. He also served as the executive dean for the professional colleges at Ohio State where he coordinated the activities of the Colleges of Engineering; Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; Education and Human Ecology; Law, and Social Work and represented the interests of those colleges in university-wide decision-making bodies.

Prior to his time at Ohio State, Dr. Alluto was the Clarence S. Marsh Professor of Management at the State University of New York at Buffalo, focusing his research on Sino-U.S. joint ventures and the relationships between improvement processes and corporate performance. He also served as dean of the SUNY-Buffalo School of Management for 14 years and as the first international dean for the Dalian University School of Business.

Dr. Alluto is a leading authority on managerial behavior, having coauthored a book on research methods in organizational research and has more than 65 articles in academic journals. He has also been a visible and active advocate for advanced management education and research in China. He pioneered the first Sino-U.S. jointly funded MBA program offered in the People's Republic of China in 1984 and was appointed as advisor to the First Session of Council for the Dalian Behavioral Sciences Association.

Throughout his career, Dr. Alluto has been unwavering in his dedication to education and stayed true to his mission of achieving true eminence at Ohio State. I would like to thank him for his service and wish him well as he returns to the faculty of the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University.

CONGRATULATING DELTA AIRLINES ON ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Delta Airlines on the 85th anniversary of its founding on June 17, 1929.

Delta is one of our Nation's oldest and largest commercial passenger airlines. From Delta's founder, C.E. Woolman, to its current CEO, Richard Anderson, and with thousands of loyal employees over the years, they have built one of the world's finest airlines. In a difficult and sometimes turbulent industry, Delta has survived many challenges over the past decades.

Originally established as a crop dusting operation, it was later founded in Monroe, Louisiana and has grown to a world-class passenger airline that now boasts more than 80,000 employees and serves nearly 165 million passengers annually. Traveling to more than 300 destinations worldwide and with recent mergers and acquisitions, Delta now holds a position as one of the largest domestic U.S. airlines. Over the years, as one of the first U.S. airlines to carry passengers, Delta's innovation and leadership has led to industry firsts like domestic inflight Wi-Fi and TV broadcasts.

Delta is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia and serves hundreds of U.S. cities and flies to 59 countries in six continents. In Florida, Delta serves many of our communities and provides employment for thousands of workers. Across the country, several of my family members and friends have retired and some continue to work for Delta. Travelling frequently over the years, I have met hundreds of wonderful people who work very hard to keep Delta customers flying and their company successful in business.

As the former Chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee and the House Transportation Committee, it has been my honor to work with many officials and employees and it is my pleasure to congratulate each of them and the Delta Airlines Family on this occasion. I know my colleagues join me in saluting a great American business and all the fine people at Delta Airlines on this significant milestone.

A TRIBUTE TO TONY GWYNN: A MAN OF UNRIVALED SKILL AND EXEMPLARY CHARACTER

**HON. SCOTT H. PETERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my fellow members of the San Diego Delegation including Representative DAVIS, Representative ISSA, Representative HUNTER, and Representative VARGAS, rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Tony Gwynn, a celebrated batting champion in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame and beloved San Diego Padre. For over 30 years, Tony's enthusiasm for baseball and life itself was a source of goodwill for our national pas-

time and for all San Diegans. He will be sorely missed by the many people he inspired to play the game and by the many lives he touched on and off the baseball diamond.

Tony Gwynn was a baseball legend. The 15-time All-Star led the Padres to two World Series appearances. In his career, he accumulated 3,141 hits over 20 seasons, earning a career batting average of .338 that is 18th best all-time. He also received a record-tying eight National League batting titles in addition to winning five Gold Glove Awards in recognition of his defensive skills. Gwynn was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2007, his first year of eligibility.

Gwynn's dedication to the sport was only matched by his love for San Diego, earning him the nickname, "Mr. Padre." While Gwynn had the option to play elsewhere, he loyally spent his entire career in San Diego. Following his time as a player in the major leagues, he remained in San Diego to dedicate the remainder of his life to coaching at his alma mater, San Diego State University.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the utmost respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the life of Tony Gwynn, an outstanding athlete and exemplary citizen, friend, and family man. His love of the game, tireless dedication, genial attitude, and uplifting presence will be missed.

MARKING THE RETIREMENT OF  
CHUCK LOVELESS

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished career of a steadfast champion for working men and women, Chuck Loveless. For decades, Chuck has stood as a guardian for working families in America—a tireless leader who has been at the center of some of the most important policy debates and struggles in the last 20 years. He leaves the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees with an enduring legacy of leadership and action, and a long record of battles fought and won for the middle class, the backbone of our democracy.

A native of Pennsylvania, Chuck earned a Master's Degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. A man of faith and principle, he has poured his heart and soul into a career of advocating for working people.

As Director of Federal Government Affairs for AFSCME, Chuck has always been a steadfast partner in our efforts to build a stronger, fairer, and more prosperous America for all people.

He and AFSCME led the fight against President Bush's proposal to privatize Social Security. He was on the front lines in the budget wars to protect Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security from Republican cuts. And he was an invaluable force in passing the historic Affordable Care Act that is providing newfound health security, and the personal and economic freedom that comes with it to millions of hard-working Americans.

Most recently, Chuck has devoted himself to the nationwide effort to raise the minimum

wage, and renew emergency unemployment insurance for the millions of Americans who worked hard, played by the rules, and lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

Yet perhaps most impressive is the personal commitment he has maintained throughout his positions of leadership—from his active involvement in his church to caring for those with AIDS as a volunteer at the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

As he enters the next chapter of his life, I join with many others in thanking him for the many years of energy and determination he has given AFSCME and our nation. We know that his achievements will make a difference in the lives of Americans for generations to come. Congratulations on your long and illustrious tenure at AFSCME, and good luck in all your future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
TO EXTEND SECTION 181 OF THE  
TAX CODE

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation with my friend from New York, Congressman CROWLEY, to extend section 181 of the tax code to continue to allow for the immediate tax write-off of the first \$15 million (or \$20 million where the production is made in a distressed community) of production expenditures for qualifying domestic film and television productions. In addition, our bill would extend section 181 treatment to live theatrical productions. We are joined on this bill today by our colleagues Mr. BOUSTANY (LA), Mr. NEAL (MA), Mr. NUNES (CA), and Ms. SANCHEZ (CA).

Section 181 was first enacted in the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 and has been extended several times since. It was added to protect the U.S. television and film industry and to counteract the increasingly aggressive incentives offered by many foreign governments to attract production overseas. The Directors Guild of America noted, at the time that section 181 was passed, "globalization, rising costs, foreign wage, tax and financing incentives, and technological advances, combined are causing a substantial transformation of what used to be a quintessentially American industry into an increasingly dispersed global industry."

Thus, in enacting section 181, Congress recognized the important and unique contribution our television and film production industries make to providing high-paying jobs and economic benefits in communities across the country. These productions provide good jobs not just for actors, writers and directors, but also for the local carpenters and electricians, the drivers and equipment operators, the caterers and hotel-keepers who provide services to these productions. It is estimated that a major motion picture shooting on location contributes \$225,000 every day to the local economy. For example, in 2011, the major studios alone paid over \$530 million to nearly 4,000 vendors in Georgia.

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I believe that section 181 remains an appropriately targeted provision, designed to encourage television and film producers to stay here in the United States and keep those jobs in our communities. For example, incentivized productions contributed over \$800 million annually to Georgia's economic output from 2007 to 2010. In 2012 alone, the entertainment industry spent more than \$870 million in Georgia, including new investments in infrastructure as several studios and other industry-related

businesses have expanded or relocated in Georgia. This bill will help to ensure that those jobs stay here in the U.S.

The bill I am introducing today also includes a new feature to extend section 181 benefits to live theatrical productions. As with films, theater not only provides cultural benefits but also provides economic benefits to local communities in the U.S. For example, according to the Broadway league, Broadway contributed \$11 billion in 2012–13 to New York City's economy on top of ticket sales and supports 86,000 jobs. And the benefits are not limited to New York. Traveling Broadway shows contributed almost \$3.4 billion to the U.S. economy, which helps sustain regional and local theatres allowing them to offer their cultural events. Live theatre audiences make numerous ancillary purchases, including restaurants, hotels, parking, taxis and souvenirs.

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associated with those productions. To help prevent this from occurring and to allow investors to recoup their risky investment more quickly, we believe it is important to extend section 181 to theatrical productions.

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This legislation works to protect these important industries and stem the flood of production to non-U.S. locations. Section 181, which expired at the end of 2013, should be extended and expanded as soon as possible in order to encourage domestic investment and keep television, film and theatrical production jobs in the United States.