

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

2014 CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Awards recognize four avenues of individual growth—community service, physical fitness, exploration, and personal development—and how the fulfillment of these goals forms balanced and promising young citizens.

In their pursuit of these goals, recipients of the Congressional Awards have gained new skills and greater confidence. For many, these projects will be the cornerstone for future endeavors, further enriching their lives and encouraging others to follow their lead.

The recipients of the 2014 Congressional Awards set the finest example and demonstrate dedication to improving their communities and the Nation as a whole.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, it is my privilege to recognize the honored recipients of the 2014 Congressional Award Gold Medal—the highest achievement for America's youth:

Nina Alerte, Evie Anderson, Divya Arya, Raja Atluri, Ellie Bakkedahl, Erin Barbeau, Amber Barron, Carolyn Beard, Bryan Bell, Jr., Melissa Benn, Lauren Bernard, Ryker Bierhuizen, Josiah Bierle, Trevor Boice, Kathryn Bolt, Madison Bowden, John Broadhead, Morgan Brownfield, Jon Brownfield Jr., Rebekah Broyles, Anna Bryant, Corey Buckley, Kinley Buckley, Madeleine Burrell.

Benjamin Casstevens, James Cavanaugh IV, Puspita Chamlagai, Meenakshi Chatrathi, Lauren Christoffersen, Cade Chudy, Casey Coffey, Corey Coffey, Aaron Coon, Mackenzie Corson, Erica Coslop, Benjamin Crane, Christopher Crary, Adriana Culotta, Aleksandra Cvetkovic, San Da, Abigail da Silva, Soham Daga, Jenna Daniel, Kathryn Day.

Michael Deng, Payal Desai, Suveer Desai, Pallavi Dev, Allison Diamond, Richard Donahoe II, Abigail Dorfman, Madallein Dubrosa, Laxmi Dulal, Bhaskar Dutt, Brianna Eisert, Jonah Elyachar, Luke Emmoth, Guy Erickson, Seth Evans, Derek Faraldo, Julia Filloon, Joseph Finelli, Sydney Fisher, Olivia Fogel, Breanna Foley, Emma Ford.

Gabrielle Gafford, Rachel Gaines, Jocelyn Ganzert, Ghanashyam Gautam, Hari Gautam, Cynthia Gibson Staley, John Gillen, Tia May Goebel, Collin Goldstein, Stephen Grammer, Neha Gupta, Mahroosa Haideri, Jessica Halter, Jihun Han, Elizabeth Handen, Meghan Hanley, Loriana Harkey, Alexandra Harten, Jackson Hartley, Dhonovan Hauserman.

Heather Hearn, Peter Hegland, Mikael Heins, Alex Hirst, Connor Hoehle, Charles Holmes, Eliane Holmlund, Camille Holt, Candice Holt, Abigail Hoyt, Caroline Hsu, Spence Hutcheson, Gian Christian Ignacio, Mukund Iyer, Vignesh Iyer, Christopher Jellen, James Jendrusina, Lauren Jessen, Kyle Johnson, Gabriel Johnson, Sapphire Johnson.

Ashna Kadam, Beda Kafley, Chandra Kafley, Homa Kafley, Sovit Kafley, Caleb Kammel, Srilakshmi Karuturi, Cimron

Kashyap, Rachel Kelly, Matthew Kemp, Pau Khan Khai, Noshin Khan, Yong-Hyun Kim, Allison Koontz, Alexander Kriese, Tulasha Kuikel, Charlotte Kwon.

Dalia Lache, Sarah Laper, Danielle Lecher, Justin Jinwon Lee, Jackie Lender, Jake Levy, Avery Lewis, Mackenzie Lewis, Angela Li, Richard Lindemanis, James Lindsey, Matthew Liscinski, Stephanie Liu, Matthew Lively, Katya Lopatko, Christopher Lopez, Alexander Louie, Angeline Low, Marcel Luhur, Cassie Lukasiewicz, Kathryn Lundgren, Kara Lunny, Danielle Lyle.

Sakshi Mahajan, Nicholas Makos, Christin Manilal, Alexander Marchal, Katie Marshall, Melinda Mastel, Lauren Maunus, Christian Mauro, Sophia Mauro, Theresa McGrath, Jed McGuigan, Julia McKenna, Noah McRea, Patrick Meier, Max Meirou, Katie Mersereau, Nicholas Meyer, Katherine Meyers, Naw Mi.

Brett Miller, Samantha Miller, Jeremiah Mitchell, Haleigh Monyek, Jennifer Morehouse, Natalie Moreno, Shelby Mosier, Harley Mueller, Casey Mulroy, Ariel Murphy, Emory Nager, Josephine Needs, Amira Nelson, Saraswati Nepal, Courtney Newell, Graham Novak, Zachary Oliver, Andrew O'Neill, Lesly Ortiz.

Robert Page, Isabelle Paik, Grace Lee Pak, Jasmine Panton, David Park, Elizabeth Parker, Victoria Pavlock, Dane Pearson, Sydney Peavy, Sara Penka, Matthew Percival, Samuel Pfister, Gabriela Poveda Posada, Mark Powers, Jr., Tabitha Prescott, Patricia Purcell, Eduard Rainer, Swetha Ramamurthy, Stephanie Ramer, Nakul Rao.

Robert Rasmussen, Hari Ravichandran, Emily Reed, Kate Reed, Courtlyn Reekstin, Alexandra Reich, Matthew Reidy, Bishnu Rimal, Angela Rogers, Scout Royce, Gili Rusak, Sovanak Sam, Hashani Samarasena, Morgan Scheibler, Alexis Schmid, Susanna Schriever, Alexander Schultz, Abhinav Seetharaman.

Andrew Shafer, Aarthy Shah, Brittney Sheena, Devon Sherrerd, Priya Sheth, Jackie Shipman, Xavier Shiu, Ryan Sim, Haleigh Singer, Nina Sjostrom, Cheyenne Smith, Eleanor Smith, Rachel Smith, Reagan Smith, Danielle Snow, Leah Soloff, Julianna Song, Stephen Song, Katelyn Sorensen, Preetam Soundararajan.

Katelyn Sparks, Ian Stafford, Selena Steinberg, Olivia Stogner, Andrew Stone, Sarah Stover, Govinda Subedi, Hannah Summer, Jasmine Sun, Van Ro Sung, Akilesh Tangella, Anselm Teather, Walker Thole, Nathaniel Tilp, Salvador Tinoco, Julian Tubello-Cassinari, Vikas Vavilala, Victoria Vega, Sadhvi Venkatramani, Sahaj Viradia.

Go Khawm Vung, Nel Lun Vung, Elana Waldstein, Tony Wang, Christie Webb, Shannon Wedel, Gillian Wilkins, Stuart Wilkins, Madelyn Winchester, Carla Winsor, Christopher Wong, Soohyun Woo, Christina Xiao, Sharon Yang, Tony Yi, So Young Yoo, Robert Youel, Stefania Young, Daniel Yuan, Ana Zeneli.

TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDRA GRADY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alexandra Grady

for being selected as the 2014 Distinguished Young Woman of Iowa.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program that supports young women to reach their full potential. Founded in 1958, Distinguished Young Women is the largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. It was founded on the mission to “positively impact the lives of young women by providing a transformative experience that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent.” As Iowa’s Distinguished Young Woman, Ms. Grady will compete in the National Finals competition later this month in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one’s talents and sharing them with the world. Alex’s efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to have her represent our state in this national competition. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Alex’s achievement and I wish her continued success in her future education and career.

NEVADA LEADERS REMEMBER MEDIA TITAN, EDUCATION LEADER JIM ROGERS

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Las Vegas Review-Journal news article:

NEVADA LEADERS REMEMBER MEDIA TITAN, EDUCATION LEADER JIM ROGERS, DEAD AT 75
[From The Las Vegas Review-Journal, June 15, 2014]

Philanthropist, education advocate and media pioneer Jim Rogers, 75, died Saturday night following a lengthy battle with cancer. Friends will always remember him as a man with passion.

In addition to owning KSNV-TV, Channel 3, in Las Vegas, Rogers served as the ninth chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education from 2005-09, after serving one year as interim chancellor.

“He was very strong-minded on certain things,” said former UNLV President Carol Harter, who worked with Rogers when he was chancellor of the Board of Regents. “It was never dull.”

Rogers famously harried Harter out of her position at the university in 2006, but later became her friend and ally. In 2013, he donated \$10 million to the Black Mountain Institute, UNLV’s graduate-level creative writing program. And Rogers backed Harter to serve as interim president of the university when Neal Smatresk suddenly stepped down.

Harter attributed Rogers’ generosity to his wife, Beverly Rogers.

“He wanted to honor her through that gift,” she said. “I can’t tell you how grateful we are. That started many opportunities.”

Harter added that as part of the donation, Rogers requested the name of the program

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and the building be named for his wife. Toward the end of his life, he saw how important it was to his wife that she assume some of his legacy of fighting for higher education, she said.

"He was the most interesting man," Harter said. "Right to the end, he was energetic."

Not only was Rogers vocal about who should step in as interim president at UNLV, but he was not shy about sharing his opinions on elections to the Board of Regents.

"He made it his personal mission to fight for higher education funding when he was chancellor and continued that work after he returned to the private sector," said Kevin Page, chairman of the Board of Regents, whom Rogers' adamantly endorsed on Twitter the night before he died. "Improving Nevada's education system was Jim's way of giving back to the community."

And Rogers' work in education was not confined to Nevada.

Rogers made the largest gift to a law school in history at the time to the University of Arizona. Rogers graduated from the law school in 1962. His son also went there and now the school is named after him.

"This wasn't just a man who put his support and name on the school. He actually cared," said Marc Miller, dean of the James E. Rogers College of Law. "He wanted to change the world."

Miller said students loved Rogers, who frequently came to give speeches and engage the community. He was always taking students to lunch and coming up with ways to improve their law school experience.

"Jim had no shortage of ideas. I wish I could have had many more years of his friendship and council," Miller said. "We're all feeling it. Everyone here is in shock."

In addition to his philanthropic record, Rogers will also be remembered as a media pioneer.

"Jim was a mercurial, fiery and passionate man who changed the face of local television," politics reporter and TV personality Jon Ralston wrote in an email. "He didn't care about ratings. He wanted his legacy to be providing as much real news to viewers, no matter the cost. It was a bold and visionary step."

"I remember when he took me back to New York to meet with NBC executives to inform them of his plan to turn KSNV into a local version of CNN. They looked at him like he was crazy. And you know what? He didn't care."

Ralston, whose show "Ralston Reports" airs on Channel 3, said Rogers changed his life.

"(Rogers) quietly tried to woo me to come to KSNV for many years before it happened. He gave me a statewide audience and had confidence in me from the start," Ralston wrote. "I will never forget that. I will miss him."

A Las Vegas native, Rogers founded Valley Broadcasting Co. in 1971 and won FCC approval to operate an NBC affiliate, Channel 3, in 1979.

He parlayed that into Sunbelt Communications, which grew into 14 TV stations in five Mountain states, including three in Nevada. Others were in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Arizona. Sunbelt's title was changed to Intermountain West Communications Co. about five years ago.

KSNV president and chief operating officer Lisa Poe-Howfield described Rogers as tough, unfiltered, kind and charismatic.

"You always knew exactly where you stood with him, and I appreciated that," she said.

In January, the Review-Journal learned of a Channel 3 meeting in which Rogers revealed he was having another bout with cancer.

Rogers fought off bladder cancer about seven years ago, but he said station employees would still have a job no matter what happened.

A Channel 3 insider who attended the meeting said Rogers made it clear that when he "goes, everything goes to (his wife) Beverly, and when she goes, everything goes to the colleges."

Poe-Howfield said she plans to keep working to fulfill Rogers' wishes for the station.

"He has always wanted the station to be the station of record for the people," she said. "That was his vision, and I plan to continue that."

Channel 3 will be airing special segments highlighting Rogers' life each day this week, she said.

"As much as we thought we would be prepared, somewhere in the back of my mind I thought if anyone could beat cancer, it would be Jim," she said.

Several prominent Nevadans issued statements Sunday that highlight Rogers' philanthropy and charisma.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he has known Rogers for a long time.

"Jim and I were contemporaries while practicing law, and what a terrific lawyer he was," Reid said. "And his talents were not limited to law. What he has done in the communications world is record-setting, and not just in Nevada but in the Western United States. What he has done in education is superb."

"His philanthropic endeavors are unsurpassed in the state of Nevada. He was my friend and his friendship to me I will always remember."

Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval, and Reps. Dina Titus and Steven Horsford, both D-Nev., also expressed their condolences in statements.

"With the passing of Jim Rogers, Nevada has lost one of its most outspoken and fearless advocates," Sandoval said. "Jim was nationally recognized as a successful philanthropist and business leader. In the state of Nevada, he was so much more. Jim dedicated his time and resources to advancing our education system and as chancellor of higher education, was fierce in his commitment to make sure our students had the resources they needed to succeed."

Horsford said Rogers had a huge impact on Nevada, and he will be missed.

Titus touched on Rogers' big personality.

"Jim Rogers had no fear," she said. "His business acumen, philanthropic generosity, and ferocious passion for learning made him a true game changer. He started the conversation, directed the dialogue, and produced results that propelled Nevada, sometimes kicking and screaming, toward a brighter future."

Former Nevada Gov. Bob Miller, a Democrat, praised Rogers for his commitment to education.

"Jim Rogers was the exemplary role model for giving back to the community," he said in a statement. "His particular passion and devotion to education, specifically his unmatched generosity and resolute attention for higher education, is a legacy that will be a challenge for us all to live up to."

"We in Nevada have lost one of our most vocal leaders for increasing education opportunities."

Funeral arrangements for Rogers have not been finalized as of Sunday.

HONORING SARAH K. R.
WOODWARD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize a special member of my staff. After more than ten years of service, Sarah K. R. Woodward will be leaving her post in my Kansas City District Office.

Sarah began working in my campaign office, then joined my Washington office staff in 2004. She has filled many roles in the office, including staff assistant, scheduler, field representative and caseworker. Whatever role I needed Sarah to fill, she did so with exceptional proficiency and skill.

Most recently serving as a field representative and caseworker, Sarah is known for her patience and kindness in dealing with constituents. Whether it is listening to a veteran's retelling of war stories, speaking to a room of civic-minded high school students, or assisting a single-mother in getting Social Security numbers for her daughters, Sarah's experience and listening ear can put constituents at ease. When it came to planning events, I knew Sarah would always put together an excellent event, whether for the Congressional Art Contest, the Sixth Congressional District Leadership Academy, or a veteran's medal presentation ceremony.

I have received many letters of thanks for the outstanding constituent service Sarah has provided. Her professionalism and dedication to serving my constituents was a great example of how government should work. While I am losing a valuable member of my team, I am excited for Sarah to begin the next chapter of her career.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Sarah K. R. Woodward for her many years of service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I know Sarah's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking her for her commitment to others and wishing her best of luck in all her endeavors and many years of success to come.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION OF THE TOWN OF
PEMBINE

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Town of Pembine, located in Marinette County.

The Town of Pembine certainly has a unique history starting with the Wisconsin State Legislature's efforts to create this township out of two separate communities in 1913. By the spring of 1914, the first town meeting was held at the Pembine jail and the township was officially formed.

The name of the community was derived from the nearby Pemebonwon River. Even before it became a township, Pembine played an important role in Wisconsin's early economy offering jobs in the logging and rail industries. According to Pembine resident Edmund Willis,

it was among these early loggers “that many of the legends of the mythical Paul Bunyan and his daring exploits originated, as men gathered in their bunkhouses at the end of the day.”

Today, Pembine is a popular tourist destination in northern Wisconsin affording traveler's wonderful outdoor experiences like hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. In fact, Pembine has been referred to as a “Sportsman's Paradise”. As Congressman, I am proud to represent the citizens of Pembine and hope that everyone in Northeast Wisconsin will join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Town of Pembine on August 2nd, 2014.

HONORING SANTOS GONZALEZ
RUBIO

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Santos Gonzalez Rubio of Brownsville, Tennessee for achieving naturalization in the United States of America. Mr. Gonzalez is a dedicated, hardworking, and honest young man who has chosen to permanently commit to the United States, showing loyalty to both the Constitution and the people of this nation.

In order to become a United States citizen, Mr. Gonzalez had to take the Oath of Allegiance. This means that he: gives up his former allegiance to Mexico and now swears allegiance to the United States; supports and defends the Constitution and the laws of this country; and will serve the country, if and when he is required to do so. In addition to these requirements, Mr. Gonzalez now has the responsibility to vote and participate in important political matters, as well as serve on a jury.

Achieving naturalization is a huge accomplishment, and I could not be more proud of Mr. Gonzalez for becoming a citizen of the United States of America. Congratulations, Mr. Gonzalez, on joining the greatest nation on earth. I wish you nothing but the best as you begin this new chapter in your life.

RECOGNIZING VENTURA COUNTY'S
24TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ventura County's 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, which commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the United States of America. Today, this event serves as an observance and celebration of African-American history and heritage. Additionally, Juneteenth serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of our country's multi-cultural diversity and the spirit of community we hold as a nation.

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger announced to all who were enslaved

that they were free, thus marking the memorial of this occurrence as the Juneteenth celebration. The early Juneteenth festivities were held in the spirit of celebrating and honoring the newly freed citizens' ancestors. The bountiful feasts and lively celebrations fueled the overall cherishment of African-American heritage, with great emphasis put on the exploration and education of the African-American community.

For over a century, Juneteenth is celebrated in all corners of the nation and has established a role of promoting reverence for African American history and achievement. Over the last several years, this vibrant event has extended beyond the African-American community and has seen an increase in focus on respect for all the cultures that make up our great nation.

In Ventura County, this annual celebration brings together the tradition from the earliest days of Juneteenth and the rich diversity of our community throughout the region. The community-wide involvement in this historic event is a true testament to the multiculturalism of our county. Juneteenth not only highlights the culture of the African-American community, but it expresses the importance of recognizing the heritage of all the citizens that comprise Ventura County.

Juneteenth embodies the spirit of community and offers the promise of a bright future by embracing the richness of the culture and heritage of a community as a whole, especially in communities like Ventura County where the festivities continue to grow and the overall goal of respect for diversity becomes instilled in all who take part in the excitement.

It is with great enthusiasm that I join the Ventura County Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California in the historical celebration of their 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND
DEDICATION OF REV. LOU NESS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and devotion of Rev. Lou Ness of Rockford, Illinois, who has, in just over two months, walked from Rockford to Washington D.C. to draw attention to the plight of the poverty stricken in America.

Lou, a 65 year old grandmother, is the Executive Director of Shelter Care ministries in Rockford. Lou's dedication on this 756-mile march has been inspiring, and I was proud to greet her today as she reached her final destination, here at the U.S. Capitol.

I'd also like to applaud the staff and volunteers at Shelter Care Ministries for the work they do every day to provide emergency and transitional housing for the homeless, as well as valuable support services including child care and career counseling.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Lou for having the courage to confront the societal challenge of poverty by embarking on this journey and acting as a voice for those less fortunate.

INDIAN COAL PRODUCTION TAX
CREDIT

HON. STEVE DAINES

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, since it was first offered as part of the Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005, the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit has been a crucial tax incentive that levels the playing field for the production of Indian coal. However, it expired last year.

Before its expiration, this important incentive served as a counter-balance to the additional costs and time required to develop Tribal coal deposits, which are subject to more regulatory requirements than comparable development on private, state, or federal lands.

The production of coal has been a boon for the Crow Tribe of the State of Montana and has already generated more than 125 jobs for Tribal members. Crow Tribal Chairman Darrin Old Coyote has called the tax credit an “essential tool” to “the economic viability of our existing coal mining operations.”

Montana's Northern Cheyenne tribe and other coal-producing tribes stand ready to likewise utilize this important policy to create jobs and increase energy development.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 4785 and make the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit permanent to ensure strong economic benefits for future generations of Montana Tribes.

HONORING CUB SCOUT PACK 290

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70 young men of Cub Scout Pack 290 of Frisco, Texas. This is no ordinary Cub Scout Pack. These individuals go above and beyond to be involved in civic activities and community events and place a great emphasis on leading the community in patriotic awareness.

Pack 290 was established in 2005 and has contributed over 1,000 hours of community service in the last three years. In previous years, Pack 290 has participated in the Frisco Veteran's Community Parade where they won the Grand Marshal's Award and the Best Theme Related Award. They have also participated in “Clean It and Green It” three consecutive years. This is a city wide event where residents of all ages celebrate Earth Day by not only picking up trash and aesthetically improving the community, but also labeling storm drains with educational tiles about the city's storm water program.

It is essential for our leaders of tomorrow to be engaged in civic affairs and know and preserve our history. Through participating in our government at an early age, these young men have learned lessons that will last a lifetime. It is my hope that they will continue to be involved in our community in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these scouts, the troop leaders, their parents and families for their dedication to our community and wish them the best on their future endeavors.

HONORING EVAN TODD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Evan Todd. Evan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Evan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Evan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Evan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Evan organized and led the construction of a sidewalk outside of Ravenwood Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri.

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

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR ERNEST H. BUEHL, SR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to aviation pioneer Ernest H. Buehl Sr.

Ernest Buehl was born in Germany in 1897. He learned to fly in 1914—just 11 years after the Wright Brothers' first flight. Buehl's career began at BMW where he quickly became one of their leading technicians and in 1920, he was sent to the United States to train American technicians to work with the BMW engines he had help design in Germany.

That same year, Buehl flew on the first transcontinental airmail flight from New York to Oakland, California. Buehl made frequent stops along the way to consult with local officials about the need for airports suitable to land larger aircraft. Eddie Rickenbacker, a World War I ace was a passenger on the transcontinental flight.

Throughout the 1920s, Buehl took aircraft to areas just below the Arctic Circle in Canada, and in 1922 he worked with Roald Amundsen to prepare aircraft to fly over the North Pole.

Buehl moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1923 to work for a company pioneering the use of aerial photography. This technology made it possible to create highly qualified topographic maps. Buehl and his partner, a black aviator named E.C. Malick, started the Flying Dutchman Air Service and in 1923, Buehl earned his first pilot's license, signed by Orville Wright himself.

After becoming a citizen of the United States in 1928, Buehl went on to open three airports in the Philadelphia area where he trained pilots and promoted civilian aviation. During World War II, Buehl served as a Flight Commander for the flight training program at

Franklin & Marshall College, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It is estimated that he trained 1,400 cadets. Buehl would also routinely serve as the personal pilot for General deGaulle on his visits to the United States raising funds for the French Resistance.

Buehl has been recognized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD before. On April 23, 1996, the Honorable Ronald V. Dellums mentioned him in connection with the training of "Chief" C. Alfred Anderson, who organized the famous African-American Tuskegee Airmen who fought in World War II. In 1930, after Alfred Anderson had repeatedly been denied a pilot's license because he was black, Buehl accepted him as a student and advocated on his behalf. Buehl forcefully insisted that he be allowed to take the pilot's license test, even when a Federal examiner refused to let Anderson apply. Tuskegee Airmen historians and members of the Anderson family say that without Buehl's willingness to work with Anderson and to stick up for him, there would have been no Tuskegee Airmen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Ernest H. Buehl, Sr. for his lasting contributions to aviation and our nation by supporting his nomination to the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN DEAN A. TUFTS

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Captain Dean A. Tufts, a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, a skilled Fleet Marine Force Officer, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, and a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Hawaii.

Born on December 25, 1967 in Springfield, Massachusetts, Captain Tufts earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval Command and Staff from Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

In his extensive and distinguished career in the United States Navy, Captain Tufts has shown exceptional leadership and gallantry. Captain Tufts' tours in the Navy include Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction in the Oakland Army Base in Oakland, California; Readiness and Military Training Officer in the THIRTY-FIRST Naval Construction Regiment in Port Hueneme, California; Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization Budget/Execution Program Director in the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) in Washington DC; and Assistant Operations Officer in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) in Washington DC. Captain Tufts assumed.

After assuming command of NMCB ONE, in Gulfport, Mississippi in July 2006, Captain Tufts deployed to both Japan and Iraq. Since

then, Captain Tufts has assumed other leadership positions in various capacities; he has been assigned as Operations Officer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East and has also served as the Civil Engineer Corps' Head Detailer at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee. Since August 2012, Captain Tufts has served as Commander for Naval Construction Group ONE in Port Hueneme, CA.

Captain Tufts' exemplary character and boundless service to our nation has earned him several decorations including the Bronze Star, six Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, two Navy Unit Commendation Ribbons, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, and four Navy "E" Ribbons. These accomplishments are indicative of Captain Tufts' unwavering commitment and dedication to his work, nation and community.

I appreciate Captain Tufts' dedication to our nation and his work during his time at Port Hueneme. It is with sincere appreciation that I would like to recognize Captain Dean A. Tufts, salute and thank him for his honorable and selfless service to our country. I wish him the absolute best as he transfers to Naval Facilities Engineering Command in the state of Hawaii, where I know he will continue his successful naval career.

HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF TAX EXTENDER PROVISIONS

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my opposition to the process that has brought the bills under consideration before us today. Once again, my colleagues and I find ourselves in the difficult position of opposing the extension of tax provisions that are worthy of support, and long overdue for consideration. The Section 179 provisions that allow for businesses to expense the cost of certain asset purchases, and the tax treatment of S corporations that allows them to pay a reduced "built-in gains" tax, have long helped our small businesses thrive. I was pleased to vote for them as part of a bill to avert the fiscal cliff in January 2013. But because of inaction by the House on tax reform, these provisions were allowed to expire at the end of last year. Now, we are being given a choice: extend these provisions permanently without paying for them, and without also extending the many other important provisions that have expired, or don't extend them at all.

More than three million Americans have lost access to emergency unemployment insurance. Despite the Senate passing legislation to extend unemployment benefits, the House has refused to join in this important, bipartisan effort to help our hardest-hit constituents. Our colleagues in the majority insist that an extension of the emergency unemployment insurance program be fully paid for, but now are putting forward costly permanent legislation that will add \$75 billion to the deficit. Of course small businesses are worthy of support from this Congress, but not at the expense of

those who are still unable to find work. I fully support the motion to recommit, which extends these important provisions for another two years. This will give our businesses the tax relief they deserve, while allowing us to engage in a broader conversation on tax reform that our constituents have demanded.

In May, we considered a similarly misguided effort to extend the Research and Develop-

ment Tax Credit permanently and without an offset. I expressed frustration that by extending this tax credit while not acting on others, we appear more concerned with the needs of the business community than with those of working families when we should be concerned about both. The credits we are considering today should be extended, yes, but so should important provisions such as the

Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, and the Production Tax Credit for renewable energy projects.

The House must be mindful of its commitment to help all Americans, and we should consider a slate of tax extenders that will benefit all of our constituents. For this reason, I oppose the bills before us today, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.