

have been lost due to disasters. We also continue to offer a free CPR course for attendees plus explanations of hospital care during an emergency, and instructions on how to store food, currency and water in safe places. Experts on earthquakes, fires and floods explain likely scenarios and often the local fire departments give detailed, localized explanations to their own residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 10th annual Disaster Preparedness Day in San Mateo County. No one wants to experience a disaster, but everyone must be prepared for one. It has been said that practice makes perfect. In San Mateo County, we can never hope to be perfect in our response to disaster, but everyone knows that we practice because we love our families, our community and our neighborhoods, and we are determined to be prepared.

TRIBUTE TO LESLIE BARBOUR

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and colleague, Leslie Barbour of the Nuclear Energy Institute, who will be retiring from NEI later this summer. In some circles, Leslie is known as the "First Lady of Nuclear Energy" and her presence and insights will be missed.

When I came to Congress sixteen years ago, I met Leslie Barbour for the first time. In many ways, Leslie is the face of the nuclear energy industry that many Members of Congress and congressional staff see the most. Whether it is in a meeting, at a hearing or a mark-up, Leslie Barbour is there on behalf of the nuclear industry.

Leslie is an extremely effective advocate for the nuclear energy industry and she has a unique ability to explain complex technological issues in understandable terms. Leslie is an educator and an advocate and she has created events like the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Summit that bring political leaders, nuclear industry officials and union representatives together to discuss the best strategies and options for moving nuclear energy forward.

As the representative of Idaho's Second Congressional District, I have the honor of representing the Idaho National Laboratory, the nation's lead lab for nuclear energy research and development. The Idaho National Laboratory and the Nuclear Energy Institute work very closely together, and over the years Leslie has organized tours of the lab and brought lab employees to Washington, DC to help educate policymakers on the benefits of nuclear power. Leslie is always looking for new ways to reach new audiences and educate new Members of Congress on the role nuclear energy plays in our nation's energy strategy.

In addition to her professional work, Leslie Barbour is also an active member of her community. For a number of years, Leslie has served on the Board of Directors of the Capitol Hill Group Ministries, a non-denominational organization that addresses the social needs of the men, women and children living near Cap-

itol Hill. In fact, in recognition of her efforts, in 2011 Capitol Hill Group Ministries named Leslie the Volunteer of the Year.

After twenty years with the Nuclear Energy Institute, Leslie is retiring from NEI but she will still be active here in Washington, DC. It has been a joy to work with Leslie, and I wish her and her husband Gary all the best as they take on new challenges and new opportunities.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ in my hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts for celebrating their sixtieth anniversary this month. Since its founding in 1954, Holy Trinity has become an important part of the cultural and spiritual identity of the Mason Square area of Springfield.

With its commitment to community outreach, Holy Trinity has become a vital part of the revitalization of the Mason Square area. For decades, Holy Trinity has worked to make Mason Square a better and safer place for everyone. Their parishioners help serve the people that are most in need by donating clothes and working at shelters on a regular basis. They have sponsored many initiatives including Community Olympics and offering different scholarships. Notably, Holy Trinity headed up a project, working with other churches and the city of Springfield, to renovate the gym at Deberry Elementary School for those students to enjoy.

I want to congratulate Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ for reaching this important milestone and I wish them all the best with their future endeavors.

JULIE GEISER CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julie Geiser of Pueblo, Colorado. After 18 years of service as the Director of the Alamosa Public Health Department, Ms. Geiser is retiring to spend time with her family and friends.

Ms. Geiser has had an exemplary career, leading her department with vision and passion. Under her guidance, the Alamosa Public Health Department has doubled in size, while continuing to maintain a standard of excellence that meets the needs of her community. In 2008 Ms. Geiser provided crucial leadership during a salmonella outbreak, prioritizing public safety by ensuring that the public remained informed. During this tenuous time she worked with local officials to locate and terminate the source of the outbreak and limit its spread. Instances like this demonstrate the important role Ms. Geiser has had in ensuring the health and vitality of her community. Ms. Geiser was

recognized by the Nightingale Luminaries in 2014 for demonstrating outstanding leadership, advocacy, and innovation in her community.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Geiser's hard work and dedication to serving her community are commendable. I stand with the residents of Alamosa County in thanking Ms. Geiser and congratulating her on a lifetime of service. Although she is retiring from her current post, I am confident she will remain a valuable part of her community, and I look forward to seeing all she will accomplish in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL INDIANS STATE CHAMPION BASEBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding feat achieved by the Northumberland Indians baseball team with their victory in the Division IA Virginia High School League Championship.

The Indians earned the IA State Baseball Championship title in an impressive 9–3 game with the Honaker High School Tigers, winning the State Championship while handing the Tigers their first and only loss of the season.

I would like to commend head coach Johnny Mothershead and all those who are involved with the Northumberland High School Indians for building this successful baseball program into a championship winning team.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand today to recognize the school, the coaches, the fans, and most importantly, the players on their successful season and victory in the IA State Championship game.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 309: Due to a previously scheduled constituent event in my district, I was not able to be present for this vote.

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

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAVID BALDREE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize David Baldree. Born in Shelby, North Carolina in 1966 to J.D. and Margaret Baldree, David grew up in a home committed to volunteering and giving back to the community. Even now, David's parents, a retired

school teacher and small business owner, continue to volunteer their time assisting the visually impaired, the homeless, and the needy families in their local area. This lifetime commitment to service was lovingly ingrained in David, who spends countless hours giving back to his community.

After attending Mars Hill College on both music and academic scholarships, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre, David pursued an early career as a performer and entertainer. Soon, his focus shifted to production and he spent the next several years traveling as a company manager for Sesame Street Live! and producing and stage managing in San Antonio, Texas. While in Texas, he worked on Governor Ann Richards' final gubernatorial campaign and was honored to present the San Antonio bid for the 1996 Democratic National Convention to then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

After leaving Texas and moving to South Carolina to start his own entertainment production company, David was recruited by the Walt Disney Company in 1996, where he is currently the Producer for Disney Cruise Line. He holds a Masters of Science degree in Entertainment Business from Full Sail University and lectures on cruise line operations and management at the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

Much of David's free time is spent serving on several boards, volunteering his time, and advocating for the rights of others. Serving as the President of the Board of Directors for The Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival, he is committed to expanding the opportunities for artists in the Orlando area. David is a member of the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee and serves on the Equality Florida Orlando Steering Committee, both of which allow him to work for advocacy and legislation that guarantee and expand the rights of the LGBTQ population. David is an active member of the Central Florida Softball League, an organization that brings amateur softball competition to the Central Florida LGBTQ community and its allies. He has volunteered for The Hope and Help Center of Central Florida and actively supports the Zebra Coalition, where he not only gives his time, but also serves as a role model for the LGBTQ youth with whom he interacts.

The model of service and community involvement that David's parents created in their home is a difficult standard to uphold, but David continues to prove that he is an incredible asset and a boon to his community.

I am happy to honor David Baldree, during LGBT Pride Month, for his political, civic, and professional contributions to the Central Florida community.

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR MARINE
CORPS GENERAL CLIFTON B.
CATES

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of the Navy should name an appropriate Navy ship in honor of Marine Corps General Clifton B. Cates of Tiptonville, Tennessee.

Clifton Bledsoe Cates was born in Tiptonville, Tennessee on August 31, 1893. After graduating from high school at Missouri Military Academy in 1910 and the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Law degree in 1916, he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and began active duty on June 13, 1917.

During World War I, General Cates served with the 6th Marine Regiment, fighting in France. He was the most decorated Marine Corps Officer of World War I, having been awarded the Navy Cross, Army Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star and 2 palms.

When General Cates returned to the United States in September 1919, he served in Washington, D.C. as a White House aide and Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. From 1923 to 1925, Cates served a tour of sea duty as commander of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS *California*, and in 1929, he was deployed to Shanghai, China, where he rejoined the 4th Marines and served for three years. He then returned to the United States for training at the Army Industrial College, and by 1940, he was named the Director of the Marine Officers Basic School at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

In 1942, Colonel Cates led the 1st Marine Regiment at Guadalcanal, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit. From there, he took command of the 4th Marine Division in the Marianas operation, the Tinian campaign and the seizure of Iwo Jima. He received several distinguished awards for his service at Iwo Jima, including the Distinguished Service Medal with a gold star. After his tour of duty in the Pacific, Cates returned to the United States to serve as Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico until 1944. He then returned to the Pacific until the end of the war as commander of the 4th Marine Division.

On January 1, 1948, Cates was promoted to the rank of General and sworn in as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He served in this position for four years until he retired on June 30, 1954 after thirty-seven years of military service. General Cates passed away on June 4, 1970 at the United States Naval Hospital in Annapolis, Maryland and was buried with full military honors on June 8, 1970 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Because of his heroic and dedicated service to our nation, I fully support the Secretary of the Navy naming an appropriate ship after General Clifton B. Cates. It's an honor to introduce this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 2014, during floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, I inadvertently voted "nay" on Mr. MORAN's amendment, rollcall vote No. 324, when I intended to vote "yea".

THE PASSING OF DENNIS PITTS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Hall County lost a wonderful citizen and community leader when my friend Dennis Pitts passed in his family's home on May 24 at just the age of 58.

A lifelong Georgian, Dennis was a 1973 graduate of Johnson High School. He worked in real estate for many years before becoming Hall County's first Republican commissioner. He served two terms in that position, starting in 1994. In business, he became president and chief financial officer of Minit Save Food Stores and Pitts Management Co.

Most recently, Dennis served in the office of his close friend, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle. Dennis was Cagle's North Georgia field representative and chief economic development officer.

In addition to his civic and community involvement, Dennis was an avid outdoorsman who spent time hunting, fishing, running, swimming, and cycling—including a 55-mile ride on his 55th birthday. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville.

Dennis will be remembered as a thoughtful, generous man who took great pride in serving Northeast Georgia. My prayers and thoughts are with Dennis' wife, Jane, as well as his parents and siblings during this difficult time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROYAL
MARINES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Royal Marines as they celebrate their 350th year of service to the people of Britain.

The Royal Marines were originally formed as "the Duke of York and Albany's maritime regiment of Foot" in 1664 under the reign of King Charles II. Later, in 1755, they became the official marine infantry for the Royal Navy, and acquired their present-day title by King George III in 1802. For centuries, the countless men and women who have served in the Royal Marines have fought valiantly for their country, and they have been present at more battles on land and sea than any other branch of the British Armed Forces. From the Battle of Trafalgar and other Napoleonic-era battles to World War I and World War II, and from Cold War conflicts up to modern-day service in Iraq and Afghanistan, members of the Royal Marines have witnessed the world changing drastically throughout their many centuries of service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Royal Marines upon this important milestone. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating their 350 years of service to the people of Britain.