

The Center for Lifelong Learning, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary and has provided over 10,000 students with a learning experience since it began in 1993.

The Friends of the Kinnelon Library fundraise annually to support improvements for the library and technological advancements to help grow their resources for children, teens, and adults. In its 50 years, the library has continued to grow as a central gathering point for the community. They hope to continue to service the community and evolve with its needs in their next 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Kinnelon Public Library as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

HONORING NAUGATUCK VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS THEY
CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the faculty, staff, students, and Greater Waterbury community in extending my sincere congratulations to Naugatuck Valley Community College as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this innovative institution of higher learning.

The City of Waterbury, through Works Progress Administration funding, was able to help hundreds of its residents get trained for and obtain good jobs with livable wages. When that funding was exhausted, Waterbury Higher Education, Inc. campaigned vigorously for an institute of higher education, namely a branch of the University of Connecticut in Waterbury. They were successful in that endeavor with a local branch opening in 1955. It was in that environment, through that commitment to continued education and in response to a growing need for engineering technicians in expanding local industries, that Waterbury State Technical Institute—later to be upgraded to Waterbury State Technical College—opened its doors in 1964.

With the advent of a state-wide community college system under Governor John Dempsey, Waterbury became the home of Mattatuck Community College which became one of the first to open its doors. When classes started in September of 1967, the college enrolled 288 full-time and 224 part-time students. In just five short years, enrollment at the Mattatuck Community College nearly quadrupled and programs were expanded to include early childhood education and nursing programs.

In 1992, under consolidation efforts by the General Assembly, the merger of Waterbury State Technical College and Mattatuck Community College established what is now Naugatuck Valley Community College. Today, NVCC serves 2,951 full-time and 4,244 part-time students and is the only community college in Connecticut to offer associate degree programs in aviation science, horticulture, digital arts, and visual and performance arts. The

campus boasts over 1100 networked computers, its Technology Hall features the latest in high-tech facilities, and its Fine Arts Center, in addition to including two theaters, music and dance studios, video studios, and rehearsal rooms, is also home to one of three observatories in Connecticut.

Today, our community colleges are playing a critical role in educating our workforce. Just as they did in 1955, NVCC is providing quality education and training programs that are preparing students of all ages for good jobs that are in demand in our local economy. Under the guidance of current President, Daisy Cocco De Filippis, NVCC continues its commitment to providing students with access to innovative programs, training, and hands-on experiences that will ensure their future success.

For its many invaluable contributions to our community, and particularly for its critical role in our education system, I am proud to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to Naugatuck Valley Community College on its 50th Anniversary as well as my very best wishes for many more years of continued success.

HONORING COLONEL KIMBERLEE
JOOS

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Kimberlee Joos who received the Celebration Award at the Annual Zonta Women of Achievement for her selfless service and proud achievements that greatly impact both our Missouri community and the nation as a whole.

In 1991, Colonel Joos received her commission through the Air Force ROTC program at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She then became a master intelligence officer with a notable skillset in various intelligence disciplines including Flying Unit-level Intelligence Support, Theater Airborne ISR Operations, and National Cryptologic Operations and Collection Management.

Her service extends beyond Missouri, and she now commands the 17th Training Wing at the Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas. Additionally, she holds command responsibility for units in California, Arizona, and Florida where she administers real property, equipment, supplies, and contracts. She also offers support to Army, Navy and Marine Corps on-base units in addition to countless other organizations.

Colonel Joos's noteworthy accomplishments are evident in her various awards and decorations that include the Defense Superior Service Medal and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Kimberlee Joos's dedication has been truly admirable and has benefited our community greatly. It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and successes before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE BIRTH OF CANADA'S
FIRST PRIME MINISTER SIR
JOHN A. MACDONALD

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in anticipation of an auspicious day in Canadian history, the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Canada's Founding Father, Sir John A. Macdonald of Ontario, on January 11, 2015.

Sir Macdonald was the first Prime Minister of Canada and a significant figure in the development of the British North America Act that gave rise to the birth of Canada as a nation on July 1, 1867. As one of the founders of the great nation of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald's importance to the American people should not be overlooked.

The Canadian people have much in common with us. They are independent, resilient in the face of adversity, and proud of their history. We share many of the same values and have chosen repeatedly to face the problems of the world together. Whether in matters of security, law enforcement, environmental protection or commerce, Canada has long been a partner and friend to the United States.

Our relationship with Canada is based not only on a long history of shared cultural values and experience, it also encompasses one of the closest economic partnerships in the world amounting to \$1.2 trillion in trade, tourism, investment and other activities. U.S.-Canada trade alone supports an estimated 8 million jobs here in the U.S. and millions more across the border. Canada is also the largest source of foreign direct investment in the United States. Our neighbors to the north maintain a substantial investment in the success and growth of the U.S. economy and American businesses of all sizes.

The City of Kingston is hosting a national commemoration service on Sunday, January 11, 2015 marking the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November, 17 2014, I was absent because of travel delays due to weather related activities.

If I had been present, I would have voted the following on November 17, 2014:

Rollcall 520 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, H.R. 5162, An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center, I would have voted "aye."