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

“SHARK LADY” OF MOTE PASSES AWAY AFTER NEARLY 75 YEARS OF MARINE RESEARCH

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of America's great ocean research pioneers, Dr. Eugenie Clark.

“Genie” Clark—known as the “Shark Lady”—founded Mote Marine Laboratory in Southwest Florida. She died at age 92 on Feb. 25 at her home in Sarasota.

Genie visited the New York Aquarium in 1922 at age nine and was fascinated by the sharks and other fish of many shapes and colors. She began sharing what she learned about the fish with others.

After carrying out a distinguished career spanning almost 75 years, raising four children and inspiring students and others, Clark will be remembered for her amazing discoveries.

Her legacy is impressive: blazing trails for women in science; inspiring generations of people from ocean experts to school children; swimming with sharks to learn about them; and founding a world-class marine laboratory that turned 60 this year.

Clark was a world authority on fish—particularly sharks and tropical sand fish. A courageous diver and explorer, Clark conducted 72 submersible dives as deep as 12,000 feet and led over 200 field research expeditions to the Red Sea and Gulf of Aqaba, Caribbean, Mexico, Japan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, Indonesia and Borneo to study sand fish, whale sharks, deep sea sharks and spotted oceanic triggerfish. She wrote three books and more than 175 articles, including research publications in leading peer-reviewed journals such as *Science* and a dozen popular stories in *National Geographic* magazine.

In 1955, Clark started the one-room Cape Haze Marine Laboratory in Placida, Fla., with her fisherman assistant and with philanthropic support and encouragement from the Vanderbilt family. The Lab thrived in partnership with its community and became Mote Marine Laboratory in 1967 to honor major benefactor William R. Mote. Today the Lab is based on City Island, Sarasota, and it hosts 24 diverse marine research and conservation programs, education programs for all ages and a major public Aquarium. The Lab has six campuses in Florida and more than 200 staff, including scientists who work in oceans surrounding all seven continents.

Clark joined the Zoology faculty at the University of Maryland in 1968, and she officially retired in 1992. She returned to Mote in 2000 as Senior Scientist and Director Emerita and

later became a Trustee. There, she continued to build upon and champion the groundbreaking research that she started 60 years ago.

Clark dove as recently as June 2014, when she brought a team of volunteer research divers to study deep water triggerfish in the Solomon Islands. The divers had been searching for nests and monitoring how the fish behaved.

Clark is the recipient of three honorary degrees and numerous awards including The Explorers Club Medal; the Medal of Excellence from the American Society of Oceanographers; The NOGI award in Arts from Underwater Society of America; the Dugan Award in Aquatic Sciences from the American Littoral Society; a Gold Medal from the Society of Women Geographers; the Distinguished Fellow Award from the American Elasmobranch Society; and the Franklin L. Burr Award from the National Geographic Society. Several fish species have been named in her honor: *Callogobius clarki* (Goren), *Sticharium clarkae* (George and Springer), *Enneapterygius clarkae* (Holleman), and *Atrobuca geniae* (Ben-Tuvia and Trewavas).

Clark is survived by her four children: Hera, Aya, Tak and Niki Konstantinou, and her grandson, Eli Weiss.

A TRIBUTE TO TRACY A. STONE—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Tracy Stone, of Elysian Valley, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Tracy Stone received a Bachelor's Degree in Art History from Cornell University in New York, a Master's Degree in Architecture from The University of Texas at Austin, and in 1989, was licensed as an Architect by the State of California. In 1991, Ms. Stone opened her own firm, Tracy A. Stone Architect. The office has completed a variety of projects, including a 'green' teahouse, an animal shelter and a children's dance studio.

Ms. Stone and members of her firm created and organized the annual “Frogtown Artwalk” in Elysian Valley, which started in 2006, as a small event showcasing the artists and artisans inhabiting the small commercial/industrial buildings along the Los Angeles River in Elysian Valley. It has grown into a full-scale community event that engages musicians from the surrounding areas, community organizations, local residents, as well as artists and artisans. The event has also featured various activities geared to parents and youth. The Frogtown Artwalk has traditionally celebrated the relationship between the Elysian Valley and the adjacent Los Angeles River, helping to bring interest as well as attention to a long forgotten resource. In 2008, Tracy Stone and Allen An-

derson established a non-profit organization, the Elysian Valley Arts Collective, which manages and funds the annual artwalk, and which has allowed the event to grow in complexity and size.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Tracy A. Stone.

CELEBRATING MS. MAXINE MILNER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ms. Maxine Milner, who is turning 100 years old March 23rd, 2015. She embodies the American dream as someone who has worked every day to improve the lives of her family and loved ones.

As we celebrate Ms. Milner's birth we can look back on a century filled with family and hard work. She was born in Kokomo, Indiana, and has remained a lifelong Hoosier who has never strayed far from home. In 1932, she married Edward V. Brown, and they were married for 74 years before he passed away in 2008. Shortly after marrying Edward, Maxine began working in 1935 at Crosley Radio. Crosley was eventually bought by Delco Radio where she continued to work for 39 years. Maxine was blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and is also a proud great grandmother of two. Since her retirement in 1974 she has been living out her retirement on Grissom Air Force base in Peru, Indiana.

It is an honor to wish Ms. Maxine Milner a very happy birthday and to celebrate a century of achievement. On behalf of Indiana's Second District, I am proud to recognize Maxine's birthday and wish her good health and many more birthdays.

TRIBUTE TO TODD JACOBSON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Todd Jacobson, a history teacher at Creston High School. Mr. Jacobson received the 2014–2015 VFW High School Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Jacobson received this award after being nominated by fellow teacher and 2009 award recipient, Lesa Downing. Mr. Jacobson served overseas during the Gulf War, and now says that he believes that there are no two greater professions, no more honorable professions than to have been a soldier and a teacher. He feels fortunate to have been able to do both. Todd plans to use his monetary award to provide a seating area at Creston's Freedom Rock in honor of his late father-in-law, Wilbur Chubick, who served in the Navy during the early 1950s.

I applaud and congratulate Todd Jacobson for his award, for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd congressional district the education that they will need to be successful in the future and for serving our country during the Gulf

War. I am proud to represent him, his family and his fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Todd Jacobson and wishing him well and continued success in the future.

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HONORING JOHN EVANS

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is always a pleasure to have local leaders in the business community who are civic-minded, and work hard to better the neighborhood. John Evans, the friendly face the community knows so well from Brown's Jewelers on Riverdale Avenue, has been one of those community-minded business leaders for many years.

John was born and bred in the Bronx. The grandson of a Greenwich Village artisan jeweler, he and a partner started in the jewelry business in 1967, building a successful business in the East Bronx. At age 30, John was ready for a new challenge, and took his talents to Fuji Film. For 20 years John rose through the ranks of the company, becoming upper-level management in Fuji's bio-medical engineering division.

As successful as his tenure at Fuji Film was, John decided to return to jewelry, this time at Brown's in Riverdale. For 18 years as owner, John has become a pillar of the Riverdale community. He has selflessly provided both financial and moral support to organizations throughout the entire area, including the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council (RJCRC), the South Riverdale Little League, the children's basketball program at the Riverdale Y, Rising Stars program at the Riverdale Y, and the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale. John's warmth and positive nature are evident in everything he does, and the Riverdale community has benefited greatly from all of his efforts.

This year, the RJCRC is honoring John with the Community Business Award at their annual Legislative Breakfast on March 15th. I want to congratulate my good friend John on this wonderful honor, and thank him for everything he has done on behalf of the Riverdale community. No one deserves this recognition or honor more than him.

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HONORING CADET MAXWELL ROSE

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cadet Maxwell Rose of Missouri for his achievement and commitment to serving our country.

Cadet Rose has reached the second milestone of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, and is being promoted to the rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. To complete the program and achieve this milestone, Cadet Rose had to

excel in different trainings and leadership classes. He then went before a Promotion Review Board of his peers who acknowledged his achievements and awarded him this recognition. This is quite an honor as only a few distinguished cadets nationwide achieve this status.

At a young age Cadet Rose has shown an admirable commitment to serve our country, and I am very thankful for patriots like him who will lead the future generation of airmen. It is my pleasure to recognize his efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

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A TRIBUTE TO CHERYL ORTEGA—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Cheryl Ortega of Echo Park, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Born in Los Feliz and raised in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles, California, Ms. Ortega's father's family arrived in Echo Park from Massachusetts in 1917, hoping to be part of the early movie industry. Ms. Ortega attended Los Feliz Elementary School, Our Mother of Good Counsel School, Immaculate Heart High School and Immaculate Heart College. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in French and a Bilingual Teaching Credential in Spanish.

Cheryl has been passionate about education from a very young age. She has been a teacher for nearly half a century, and has been teaching in Echo Park at Logan Span School for over two decades. Ms. Ortega's close association with the immigrant community has led her to actively advocate for people whose children she has taught in bilingual early education programs for almost 50 years. Along with her professional career, Cheryl is active and engaged in volunteering for the community and its schools. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of United Teachers Los Angeles, representing English Learner students and their teachers. She also serves as the Co-Chair of the Schools, Libraries, and Community Organizations of the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council, and has been a member of the Council through several different administrations.

Cheryl and her husband, John, have three children, John, Kristina and Sara, and five grandchildren, Danny, Jake, Amanda, Ben and Caleb.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Cheryl Ortega.

IN HONOR OF MR. MIKE  
MOYNIHAN

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the works of Mr. Mike Moynihan whose achievements, contributions and service to the people of New Jersey as an advocate and leader, have not gone unnoticed.

Mr. Moynihan recently retired after eighteen years with the United Way of Camden County and the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. Mr. Moynihan has also served across the nation with the United Way for nearly thirty years.

Mike was an effective and valuable member of the United Way of Camden County as its President and CEO. He was an advocate for the needs of the whole community, assisting in the merger that created a powerful and effective United Way in our area. I know Mike as a vital member of the community, and I enjoyed our time working together.

In addition to his work with the United Way, Mike also serves on the executive committee of the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs at Rutgers University, the Camden County Government Ethics Board, and has also been involved in a variety of community service organizations.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Moynihan is a great man who demonstrates for us all the good that can be accomplished by pairing true leadership and great compassion. I join with my community and all of New Jersey in honoring the achievements of this truly exceptional man.

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HONORING BRYSON DEAN GRAU

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryson Dean Grau. Bryson 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bryson has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bryson 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, Bryson has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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