

way for community college students to partner with community industries to create pioneering STEM-based solutions for real world issues. The Community College Innovation Challenge is an important example of encouraging STEM education and research for our nation's students and future leaders. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The Red Foxes placed first in the challenge with their Mobile Medical Disaster Relief Unit. Made out of 3D printed parts, a motor, Radio Frequency ID (RFID) tracker and Raspberry Pi computer, this device enhances the ability for medical teams to distribute and track needed medicine when responding to disasters. With its implementation, emergency responders could respond to high-stress, time-sensitive medical situations more quickly, more safely, and more effectively. The Red Foxes identified this problem and began working as a team to develop an innovative solution leaning on the skills of each of their team members.

I congratulate the Red Fox Team of Nathan Tiedt, Scotty Hall, Kaia Chapman, Keya Lea Horiuchi, and their faculty advisory Helena Martellaro for their first place finish. I applaud the Red Foxes for their dedication to this groundbreaking project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

RETIREMENT OF JIM TUDOR

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend, Jim Tudor, who is retiring after 29 years of committed service to the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

Jim served in the U.S. Army after graduating from the University of Cincinnati in 1972. After completing his military service, Jim went on to spend nine years working for 7-Eleven before joining the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

In his 29 years with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, Jim has been repeatedly honored for his skilled and dedicated advocacy. He received the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson in 2000. Moreover, the Pigeon Committee, an organization of Georgia lobbyists, has recognized him on numerous occasions throughout his career, most notably, with the 2012 Golden Pigeon Award for his advocacy that succeeded in bringing about the passage of Sunday alcohol sales in Georgia. Jim was also recognized in James Magazine's list of top ten lobbyists or trade organizations every year from 2012 through 2014.

Jim's tireless dedication goes well beyond his work at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores. He has been an active mentor and leader at the Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and a host of other youth groups. Jim is also very active in the Covington Rotary. A devout Christian, Jim has served in numerous roles in his church and has been a model of the highest morals and values.

In Jim's career and with his family, church, and community, he has been the embodiment of dedication and moral character. I wish him all the best as he spends his hard-earned retirement with his wife Sandra, their four children, and five grandchildren.

HONORING THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE OF NAPA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Children's Health Initiative of Napa County as they celebrate their tenth anniversary of service to our community. I thank the Children's Health Initiative for their years of work connecting underserved families and children to quality healthcare services.

Founded in 2005, the Children's Health Initiative has worked tirelessly to help the less fortunate members of the Napa County community enroll in affordable health and dental insurance plans. Since their inception, the Children's Health Initiative has enrolled over 16,000 children and teens in subsidized health insurance programs, increasing the number of insured children in Napa County by 78.6 percent.

Additionally, the Children's Health Initiative works in 43 public schools across the county to educate students and parents about health insurance and coverage options. As the first non-profit organization in California to implement a team of bi-lingual, bi-cultural licensed insurance agents, the Children's Health Initiative has shown a true dedication to providing quality service to our community. Thanks to these outreach efforts, thousands of Napa County residents now have access to affordable health insurance and a platform to lead healthy lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank the Children's Health Initiative of Napa County for their service to our community over the past ten years. The Children's Health Initiative's unyielding commitment to providing the residents of Napa County with affordable healthcare options has been essential to ensuring the overall well being of our community, and we wish them continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES R. MIDDLETON ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Chuck Middleton, President of Roosevelt University, on his retirement from Roosevelt after 13 years of outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success.

As Roosevelt University's fifth president, Dr. Middleton brought relentless energy and dedication to the institution, transforming the uni-

versity from a part-time, adult university to one primarily serving traditional-age, full-time students. During his tenure, Dr. Middleton expanded Roosevelt's faculty by 23%, created Roosevelt's College of Pharmacy, revitalized Roosevelt's intercollegiate athletic programs, and led construction of Roosevelt's Wabash Building, a multi-purpose 32-story, vertical campus that is the second tallest university building in the United States.

Dr. Middleton is a professor and scholar of modern British history. In addition to Roosevelt, he has held senior administrative positions at the University System of Maryland, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dr. Middleton's career is defined by his commitment to inclusiveness and diversity in education, and he has dedicated significant energy to civic and community leadership, including establishment of the national LGBTQ Presidents in Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, as an alumnus of Roosevelt University, I applaud Dr. Middleton for his invaluable and exemplary leadership to the many students and institutions he has served. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Middleton on an accomplished career and wishing him a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THOMAS GLENDON STAFFORD

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor lifelong Missourian Thomas Glendon Stafford from Cape Girardeau on his 100th birthday.

Mr. Stafford was born on June 28, 1915 in Zadock, Missouri. After sixth grade, Mr. Stafford went to work for his father who was a farmer. He lived on the family farm until he met his wife Bernice at her church in Vanduser, Missouri. He asked for her hand in marriage at the age of 19. In 1942, the couple moved to Cape Girardeau where he has made a home for 68 years and began working for Commercial Transport as a truck driver.

On March 14, 1945, Mr. Stafford was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. After 19 weeks of training at Fort Hood, he was sent across the Pacific to the Philippines before eventually being transferred to Tokyo, Japan. He spent a year in Tokyo at the personnel office driving soldiers. Mr. Stafford was honorably discharged on May 18, 1946, and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal for his dedication and service.

After his daughters left home, he and his wife lived a quiet life until Bernice passed away at the age of 91 on November 6th, 2004. He has seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren and now lives at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

For his service to our nation, and all that he has accomplished over the last century, it is my pleasure to honor Mr. Stafford before the United States House of Representatives on his 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAROLD
HOLZER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Harold Holzer who has had an extraordinary and distinguished career as a communications director and historian. He is retiring after 23 years of invaluable service to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest and most comprehensive art museum in the western hemisphere. Mr. Holzer helped broaden the media visibility of the Museum both here and abroad. In addition to his day job at the Museum, Mr. Holzer is widely considered one of the preeminent authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. Mr. Holzer's impact on New York's civic and cultural life has been profound and his contributions to our understanding of the Civil War era have been incalculable.

Mr. Holzer began his career as a reporter and later editor for The Manhattan Tribune, going on to become political press secretary first for Bella Abzug during her campaigns for Senate and Mayor, and then for Mario Cuomo's Gubernatorial campaign. He served as a government speechwriter for Mayor Abraham Beame, leaving to become the public affairs director for WNET. From 1984 to 1992, he served Governor Mario Cuomo as Special Counselor to the Director of Economic Development and Executive Vice President for Public Affairs at the New York State Urban Development Corporation (NYSUDC), which was then involved in overseeing the construction of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

In 1992, Mr. Holzer became Chief Communications Officer for the Metropolitan Museum. Four years later, he was promoted to Vice President and, in 2005, he was named the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs. In this capacity, Mr. Holzer has been responsible for supervising external affairs and overseeing publicity, marketing, audience research and tourism promotion for the Museum, and has served as chief spokesman on all local, national, and international issues. During his tenure, Mr. Holzer helped persuade government grantors to deliver unprecedented levels of funding to the Museum, which have, among other things, supported educational programs and critical improvements to the Museum's physical plant. He also created broadcast marketing partnerships with radio, television and the Internet, magnifying the Museum's outreach.

A prolific writer, Mr. Holzer has authored, coauthored, and edited over forty books on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. Some of his works include: *Lincoln at Cooper Union*, *The Lincoln Image*, and the 2015 Lincoln Prize-winning *Lincoln and the Power of the Press*. In 2008, Mr. Holzer received the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush, the highest recognition America awarded to individuals or institutions that have had a positive impact on the nation's understanding of the humanities.

Mr. Holzer authored *Lincoln: How Abraham Lincoln Ended Slavery in America*, the young-adult companion to Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning biopic, *Lincoln*. Mr. Holzer

also served as a script consultant on the adapted screenplay for the film.

President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Holzer as cochairman of the U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which oversaw the planning of the national celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday. Mr. Holzer served in that capacity from 2000–2009. He now serves as Chairman of the successor organization, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation.

Mr. Holzer lives in Rye, New York with his wife, Edith. They have two daughters and a grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Harold Holzer's talent, dedication and erudition. His contributions to our nation's civic and cultural life, as well as our understanding of President Lincoln and the extraordinary era when he was President will last long into the future.

TSCA MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2576, the TSCA Modernization Act. While this bill is not perfect, it is a good step toward better protecting Americans and our environment from dangerous chemicals.

Current law, the Toxic Substance Control Act, passed in the 1970s and has been a failure. While its name implies that it gave the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to ensure the safety of many chemicals, in reality, its scope is severely limited and the standards for action are unreasonably high. It also restricted testing to thousands of chemicals that were already in use when it passed. Since it was enacted, EPA has partially regulated only five chemicals under the law.

Democrats have been calling for TSCA reform for many years, and today we are considering the first meaningful change. While it does not go as far as previous Democratic proposals, it represents significant progress over current law. It makes it easier for EPA to test chemicals using a risk-based approach, explicitly protects vulnerable populations, and provides more resources to get the job done. It also allows EPA to move more quickly to address the most toxic and harmful chemicals.

Our work is not done—the Senate is finalizing its proposal and we will have to reconcile our differences. I will continue to advocate for strong protections for American families and our environment. I am voting yes today to take an important step forward in that effort.

REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING A NUCLEAR ARMED IRAN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today our nation faces challenges across the globe, but there is no threat more central to current world order than the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran.

Tuesday, June 30, is the self-imposed negotiating deadline for the P5+1 over Iran's illicit nuclear program. At this critical juncture I am thankful for the Administration's repeated promise that no deal is better than a bad deal.

I want to remind my colleagues why this issue is so vital.

Even a threshold nuclear Iran—where they have a short breakout capacity—would lead to massive nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. We have already seen troubling statements from regional partners like Saudi Arabia about developing or purchasing nuclear weapons of their own.

Mr. Speaker, I don't need to tell you the consequences of possible proliferation of the world's most dangerous weapon in the world's most dangerous region.

Just look at the destructive role Iran is already playing in this chaotic region without nuclear weapons.

Iran is the most active state sponsor of terrorism, sending weapons and support to Hamas and Hezbollah. It is actively assisting rebel advances in Yemen, it has long destabilized Iraq and Lebanon, and it is propping up the brutal Assad regime in Syria. Not to mention that this Iranian regime systematically violates its own citizen's basic human rights.

That is why there is broad bipartisan support for preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, and on both sides of the aisle, we hope for a diplomatic solution to this crisis.

But we must be vigilant and ensure that if a deal is reached it truly is a good deal that verifiably prevents all Iranian pathways to a bomb.

Such a deal must include five key components: robust and intrusive inspections, phased sanctions relief that comes only as a result of Iranian compliance, dismantlement of key nuclear infrastructure, disclosure of possible military dimensions of the program, and a long timeline that gives the international community confidence that it can hold Iran accountable.

My colleagues and I will be watching closely and stand ready to scrutinize any final agreement to ensure the future security of our nation and that of our allies in the region.

HONORING DANIEL "DANNY"
DARIO VILLANUEVA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel "Danny" Dario Villanueva, a dear friend, successful athlete and businessman, and champion of the little guy. Danny passed away unexpectedly at the age of 77. His death is a deep loss for Myrna, his wife, his sons Danny Jr. and Jim, and his extended family. Losing Danny brings equal sadness to all who believe in the American Dream and seek role models willing to answer that call to duty.

In reflecting on Danny Villanueva's accomplishments, the list is long. The better question to ask is: what didn't Danny accomplish. From his humble beginnings in Tulumcarí, New Mexico—the ninth of twelve children of migrant missionary workers—and throughout the rest of his life, Danny pioneered a remarkable