

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY IN HOBART, INDIANA, THE HOBART HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND THE HOBART GARDEN CLUB

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Carnegie Library in Hobart, Indiana, the 50th anniversary of the Hobart Historical Society, and the 85th anniversary of the Hobart Garden Club. In honor of these momentous occasions, the Hobart Historical Society hosted a centennial celebration on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. During the celebration, a dedication ceremony took place for the Blue Star Memorial Garden, which was planted in honor of the men and women who have served or are currently serving in our nation's armed forces.

The Carnegie Library was erected in 1915 with the aid of philanthropist and businessman Andrew Carnegie. Over the course of 46 years, Carnegie built 1,689 libraries across the United States, 164 of which were constructed in Indiana. The Hobart location remained a library until 1968, at which time it became a museum, serving as a hub for the Hobart Historical Society's preservation efforts. In 1982, the library-turned-museum was registered as a National Historic Landmark.

The Hobart Historical Society, which was originally established 50 years ago, continues to educate, promote, and preserve the past for future generations. Not only does the society preserve the Carnegie Library and educate citizens about the rich history of the area, it also assists members of the community with genealogical research and planning events. Throughout the years, the historical society has given countless tours of the museum, continually engaging all members of the community.

For 85 years, the Hobart Garden Club has actively educated and engaged Northwest Indiana residents who have an interest in gardening, landscape design, horticultural improvement, and youth education. The club is known for their efforts to protect and conserve the natural resources of Northwest Indiana. For their remarkable efforts to promote environmental responsibility and education among members of the community, young and old, the Hobart Garden Club is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Hobart Historical Society on its 50th anniversary and the Hobart Garden Club on its 85th anniversary, and in congratulating the members of the community on the centennial anniversary of the Carnegie Library. The pas-

sionate dedication and service of the members of these organizations is to be commended, and Northwest Indiana is both grateful and proud to have had their support for so many years.

RECOGNIZING PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUNY BUFFALO STATE CHALLENGE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and acknowledge, my alma mater, SUNY Buffalo State. On June 29th, the university hosted the 5th annual Buffalo State Challenge awards luncheon, in Assembly Hall of the Campbell Student Union. The Buffalo State Challenge program serves high school students from public schools in Buffalo, throughout their four years of high school. This college prep initiative inspires success through the process of goal setting, to effect higher academic achievement and ultimately graduation from high school. This year's luncheon recognized the success of Buffalo State Challenge participants past and present.

At its height, the Buffalo State Challenge served more than 125 high school students, most of them from McKinley High School, in my hometown of Buffalo, NY. The program challenges students to graduate from high school with an 85 or higher average. Those who do so, with requisite SAT scores, are awarded a scholarship for four consecutive years of enrollment at the college. Participants from McKinley's class of 2015 represent the second consecutive graduating cohort since the program's inception in 2010. This year's awards luncheon also recognized the successes of previous participants in a feature titled "Where are they now?" This segment highlighted the successful outcomes of students who have entered college and the world of work since graduating from high school. Many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings were in attendance to celebrate this year's honorees.

The luncheon also included the presence of special guests such as the President of SUNY Buffalo State, Dr. Katherine S. Conway-Turner and Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Hal D. Payne. Additionally key representatives from campus offices such as: Enrollment Management, Admissions, the Alumni Affairs Office, the Dean of Students, the Upward Bound Program, the Student Support Services Program, and Government Relations.

As the Representative of the 26th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize the ongoing contributions of SUNY Buffalo State in cultivating a brighter future for high school stu-

dents, through the continued success of the Buffalo State Challenge program. Please help me in congratulating this year's award recipients: Odalys Oritz, Ali Alshuaibi, Johnny Jackson, Destiny Simmons, Crystal Lewis McClary, Kyra King, Tionna Colbert, Tymon Turner, Kayla Cheney, Asia Lindsey, Jonathon Waller, Alaysia McKinnis, Tarlisa Bolden, Emery Campfield, Jordy Richiez, Ahmed Abdo and Carlton Bess. To all of these outstanding students: congratulations on your successful participation in the Buffalo State Challenge Program and best wishes for success as you continue to pursue your educational, professional and personal goals.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BILL AND BARBARA KEITH

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bill and Barbara Keith, who celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 29th.

When Bill and Barbara were married in 1945, Bill had just returned from World War II. Barbara describes their two year courtship as a simple one that started when Bill was on leave from the Navy in 1943. They would go bowling, go to see a movie, or go out for dinner. For two years, they continued to write to each other until Bill was discharged in March of 1945. They were married in Scituate and lived in Boston until 1952 when the couple moved to Bill's childhood home in Marshfield.

Bill and Barbara soon began to grow their family. Bill—hard-working, dedicated, and quiet—held four jobs in order to support the family. This included being head custodian for over 20 years at Martinson Elementary School as well as custodian at Ventress Library and Trinity Episcopal Church. He was also a machinist at the Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot. Barbara became known in the community as the person to call if a child needed a place to stay during a family emergency. She started Steeple Preschool at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshfield Hills with one of her friends. Over the years, Bill and Barbara's family has grown to include six children, two foster children, twenty grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bill and Barbara Keith on this joyous occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing them and their family many more years of happiness.

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CELEBRATING THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. JIM AND BETTY HELD'S OWNERSHIP OF THE STONE HILL WINERY COMPANY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Betty Held's ownership of the Stone Hill Winery Company. Stone Hill Winery continues to be one of Missouri's most pre-eminent businesses, and has received numerous accolades throughout the Helds' 50 years of ownership. Today, the winery farms seven vineyards and purchases grapes from five independent growers in the state; thus, producing more than 250,000 gallons of Missouri grown wine and contributing over \$7 million to the state's economy each year.

The story of the Stone Hill Wine Company begins in 1847, when it was founded by Mr. Michael Poeschel. The winery quickly grew in popularity and size, and soon became the second largest winery in the United States. In the 1880's, Stone Hill's thriving business allowed Missouri to become the leading wine producing state in the nation. On December 28, 1901 an ornately decorated bottle of Stone Hill Wine Company "Pearl of Missouri" Extra Dry Champagne was used to christen the first USS *Missouri*, Battleship (BB-11).

Unfortunately, prohibition would soon take a hit on the state's wine production and Stone Hill; killing the thriving industry in Missouri. This despair would not last long. In 1961, after returning home from his service in the Navy, Jim Held planted a four acre vineyard of cawtawba grapes near Hermann, Missouri. Only four years later, Jim was asked by the then current owner of Stone Hill to reopen a winery on the property, and on July 5, 1965, the Held's officially reopened the Stone Hill Winery.

Since its reopening, the winery has restored the wine industry in Missouri. In 1969, Stone Hill Winery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Several years later, the Held's traveled to Washington, D.C. in 1982 to receive the award for Missouri's Small Business of the Year, presented by President Ronald Reagan. The awards did not end there, as the Held's received Hall of Fame recognition from the Missouri Division of Tourism and the Pioneer Award from the Missouri Grape and Wine Program. Additionally, the winery has been awarded the Missouri's Governor's Cup on nine occasions for producing the best wine in Missouri and has received three C.V. Riley Awards for the Best Missouri Norton, the official state grape of Missouri. In 2014, in honor of his accomplishments and revival of the Missouri Wine Industry, Jim was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

The Helds have come a long way since first reopening the Stone Hill Winery with only \$1,500 to their name. Jim and Betty's hard work and dedication have not only afforded enjoyment for Missourians, but provided jobs across the state. Their award-winning winery has proven to be a staple to Missouri, and its wines continue to be enjoyed by individuals across the United States.

I ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Held for the accomplishments throughout the years and celebrating their 50th Anniversary as owners of the Stone Hill Winery.

RECOGNIZING ELAINE WALDROP'S
25 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Elaine Waldrop, a dedicated professional with the Department of Veterans Affairs' Congressional Liaison Service on the occasion of her retirement. Elaine has been an exemplary public servant who has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism on a daily basis. She has served for more than 25 years and her career in public service has been a testament to the importance of unselfish devotion. As Elaine embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment the outstanding contributions she has made to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States House of Representatives and the people of the United States of America. I would like to send her my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, and may her life be filled with health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW C.
WIKTOROWICZ

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Andrew C. Wiktorowicz, an outstanding leader and representative of the California Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). During Mr. Wiktorowicz's two terms as Chairman of California's ESGR, his extensive expertise and unwavering leadership forwarded the organization's mission of promoting supportive work environments for servicemembers through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities.

Mr. Wiktorowicz's exceptional leadership was instrumental in combining the Northern and Southern California committees into a single California Committee for the ESGR. Mr. Wiktorowicz managed a seamless transition and successfully integrated both regions to create the largest ESGR Committee in the United States. Under Mr. Wiktorowicz's direction, the California ESGR served an estimated 63,000 members of the National Guard Reserves and additionally supported over 600 military and employer events annually. Additionally, Mr. Wiktorowicz developed and implemented the highly effective Employment Initiative Program supporting over 5,000 Citizen Warriors and resulting in over 500 successful hires.

During Mr. Wiktorowicz's tenure, over 14,000 employers signed the ESGR Statement of Support and over 5,000 supervisors received the Employer Support Patriot Award. His selfless dedication to the committee and service members distinguished the ESGR as the premier military and employer volunteer establishment in the State of California. Mr. Wiktorowicz's efforts have been recognized nationally because of his strong Ombudsman Program, which effectively supports all California Guard and Reservists.

Mr. Wiktorowicz has been an amazing asset to both Ventura County and the State of California. Through his efforts on behalf of servicemembers and the working community, he has created an organization that for many is the backbone of their tenure in the California Guard and Reserves.

For these reasons, I would like to graciously thank Mr. Wiktorowicz for his steadfast commitment and dedication as the Chairman of the State of California's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Mr. Wiktorowicz's work with the ESGR will continue to positively shape the experience for future generations of the California Guard and Reserves.

HONORING NEWLY NATURALIZED
AMERICAN CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who took their oath of citizenship on July 4, 2015. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony took place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, was held at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The oath ceremony was a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2015, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Guillermina Cornejo Campos, Emmanuel Thierry Mentor, Ruth Elizabeth Gallegos Pecina, Beatrice Nyambura Macharia, Geoffrey Macharia Gakuya, Javeed Ali Khan, Vika Priscilia Boentaram, Mateusz Dembowski, Srinivasa Rao Ayinampudi, Jacqueline Zumazuma, Viviana Pacheco, Fatma Dafallah Widaatlah, Dorothy Wanjiru Njiru, Emilia Robles de Navarro, Erlinda Dimaala Miranda, Juan Andres Bermudez Aguirre, Karen Yanin Hernandez, Jose Abonce Belmonte, Fayzeh Mahmoud Altaweel, Priya Phani Ayinampudi, Maria Beatriz Becerra, Aaditya Ganapathy

Chandramouli, Arlieta Bongcaras Dahlstrom, Gabriela Olimpia Dordea, Maria Yolanda Eulloqui, Sumoh Fomba, Negin Hosseini Goodrich, Daniela Guilhon de Alcantara Avellar, Wendy Hurtado-Krzewski, Abdelrazeq Odeh Issa, Tamam Yousef Khater, Biljana Krieski, Joaquin Martinez, Leoncio Larry Villavicencio Miranda, Sara L Mondragon, Jazmin Montoya, Cristina Navarrete, Aureliano Navarro, Tosin Precious Ogunfowokan, Mariceli Paz, Karla Nohemi Ramos, Xiao Bin Shao, Lama Sharif, Sook Hee Suh, Dong Yo Suh, Lily Jiyun Suh, Maria Rosario Tirado, Ekaterina Alexeevna Vostrikova, Carmen Ramona Wilber, Victor Zepeda.

Though each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals, who became citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2015, the day of our Nation's independence. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING MR. BILL CONSIDINE,
THE LONG-SERVING PRESIDENT
AND CEO OF AKRON CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I am very grateful for the opportunity to recognize the life work of Bill Considine, the long-serving President and CEO of Akron Children's Hospital.

Bill is celebrating thirty-five years as President of Akron Children's—making him the longest serving President of any children's hospital in the country and among the longest serving Presidents of any hospital in the nation. Under his leadership, Akron Children's Hospital has grown from an urban children's hospital into a pediatric health system that serves twenty-seven counties in Ohio. It is consistently ranked among the top children's hospitals in the country and that success is without question the result of Bill's vision, commitment, and leadership.

Bill graduated from Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Akron and a master's degree in health science administration from The Ohio State University. In 1979, Bill assumed the role as president of Akron Children's Hospital reaffirming his devo-

tion to his community. Under his leadership, Akron Children's has expanded the scope of children's healthcare services and is now the largest pediatric healthcare provider in northern Ohio serving more than 800,000 children each year. Today, the scope of pediatric healthcare services offered by Akron Children's Hospital are exceptional, including advanced cardiac care, intensive neonatal care, behavioral health, and even Ohio's first pediatric sports medicine center. Bill has been consistently recognized by numerous organizations for his visionary leadership at Akron Children's Hospital. Two special awards include his 2009 induction into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame and the 2011 Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award for his years of dedication to humanitarian causes in the greater Akron community.

Bill is a true public servant and a visionary leader. Our community is a better place to call home due to his years of service and commitment to helping children and their families. With sincerest gratitude, I honor Bill Considine for his selfless dedication to Akron Children's Hospital as well as his humanitarian efforts throughout Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in extending a heartfelt thank you to an inspiring leader, Bill Considine.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM OF
BEN ZION COLB

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a true hero, Ben Zion Colb, and to thank him for his heroic efforts and great sacrifice in saving Jews in Poland during World War II. Ben Zion Colb went to great lengths to save his fellow Jews from extermination by the Nazis.

Ben Zion's brave endeavor began when he sent a courier to escort his then-fiancée, Clara Lieber, from Poland to Slovakia, where the deportation of Jews had been temporarily halted. After succeeding in bringing Clara to safety, he realized he could use the same method he used to smuggle Clara across the border to help other Jews escape from Poland. With the help of his friend Rabbi Michael Weissmandl and a network of couriers, he succeeded in bringing most likely over one thousand Jews across the border. Ben Zion largely focused on the rescue of children, who came to be known as “Ben Zion's Kinder.” After the war, Ben Zion and Clara eventually made their way to New York, where they raised three children. Ben Zion passed away in 1973, but his inspiring legacy still lives on.

I was fascinated to learn of the many documents that still exist, which detail the history of Ben Zion Colb's heroism. There are hand-written and typed papers with names of people who were rescued. Sometimes these papers include dates of birth, where these individuals were from, where they crossed the border and in some cases the actual day they crossed. I hope these documents will continue to assist in locating those individuals who were rescued by Ben Zion Colb and help bring together families and their diverse histories.

I want to properly recognize Ben Zion Colb's sacrifices and truly heroic efforts and to re-

mind my colleagues that individuals such as Ben Zion serve as a reminder as to how one person can make a difference in the lives of many. Ben Zion Colb took it upon himself to save as many lives as possible during a time of great need and it is important that we strive to live by his example.

RECOGNIZING LOUIS “MILKMAN”
PATTERSON FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING COMMITMENT TO THE
BUFFALO COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and honor Mr. Louis Patterson for his engagement with the Buffalo community. Mr. Patterson has been a committed, well-loved and respected community member for over 50 years.

Born in Birmingham Alabama in 1945, Mr. Patterson moved to the Buffalo area in 1960 where he has remained ever since. Before retiring in 2013, Mr. Patterson worked for Upstate Dairy for 36 years where he would earn his affectionate nickname, “Milkman.”

A constant presence in the Buffalo swing dance community, Mr. Patterson was and is admired by many as both a great man and a great dancer. He brings joy to those around him not only through his own dancing but also through his ardent support of other dancers and organizations in the community. He is a man who lives up to the adage that one should give more than one receives in its fullest sense.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor and recognize Mr. Patterson. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Patterson on an accomplished history of community engagement, and to commend him for the exemplary work he has done to enrich the communities of Western New York.

IS ACADEMIC FREEDOM THREAT-
ENED BY CHINA'S INFLUENCE ON
U.S. UNIVERSITIES?

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently held a hearing that was the second in a series probing the question of whether maintaining access to China's lucrative education market undermines the very values that make American universities great, including academic freedom. The hearing was timely for three reasons: the growing number of satellite or branch campuses started by U.S. universities in China; the record numbers of Chinese students enrolling in U.S. universities and colleges in China each year, bringing with them nearly \$10 million a year in tuition and other spending; and the recent efforts by the Communist Party of China to regain ideological control over universities and academic research.

Official Chinese government decrees prohibit teaching and research in seven areas—

the so-called “seven taboos:” universal values; press freedom; civil society; citizens’ rights; criticism of the Party’s past; neoliberal economics; and independence of the judiciary.

All of the “seven taboos” are criticized as “Western ideals.”

These taboos raise the question: Are U.S. colleges and universities compromising their images as bastions of free inquiry and academic freedom in exchange for China’s education dollars?

Some may defend any concessions made as the cost of doing business in an authoritarian state such as China.

Maybe a university decides that it won’t offer a class on human rights in China, maybe they won’t invite a prominent dissident as a fellow or visiting lecturer, maybe they won’t protest when a professor is denied a visa because his or her work is critical of a dictator. Maybe such compromises are rationalized as necessary to not offend a major donor or for the “greater good” of maintaining access.

If U.S. universities are only offering Chinese students and faculty a different name on their diploma or paycheck, is it worth the costs and compromises?

Perry Link, the eminent China scholar, argued during our first hearing, that the slow drip of self-censorship is the most pernicious threat to academic freedom and undermines both the recognized brands of major universities and their credibility.

Self-censorship may be the reason NYU terminated the fellowship of world class human rights activist and hero, Chen Guangcheng. As the NYU faculty said in their letter to the Board of Trustees, the circumstances surrounding the launch of NYU satellite campus in Shanghai and the ending of Chen’s residence created a “public perception, accurate or otherwise, that NYU made commitments in order to operate in China.” Did NYU make any such commitments?

Let the record show that we invited NYU’s President and faculty sixteen times to testify before this committee, without success. We are very pleased that Jeffery Lehman, the Vice-Chancellor of NYU-Shanghai campus, joined us at our recent hearing.

On a personal note, I spent time with Chen when he first came to the United States. Though NYU offered him important sanctuary, he was treated very rudely at times, particularly when it was clear that he would not isolate himself on campus. NYU officials and others worked to cordon off access to Chen and to keep him away from Chinese dissidents and there was a belief, reported by Reuters and the Wall Street Journal, that Chen was too involved with anti-abortion activists, Republicans, and others.

We may never know if NYU experienced “persistent and direct pressure from China” to oust Chen from his NYU fellowship or whether they sought to isolate him in order to keep Chen’s story out of the 2012 Presidential elections as Prof. Jerry Cohen has said in an interview at the time. Certainly there is some interest here as Hillary Clinton spent a whole chapter in her book detailing the events of Chen’s escape and exile in the United States.

Or maybe there wasn’t any pressure at all, just self-censorship to keep in Beijing’s good graces during the final stages of opening the NYU-Shanghai campus.

We are not here to exclusively focus on the sad divorce of Chen Guangcheng and NYU.

But his ousting raises the question: Is it possible to accept lucrative subsidies from the Chinese government, or other dictatorships for that matter, operate campuses on their territory and still preserve academic freedom and the other values that make Americans great?

The agreements they sign with the host government are often kept secret and real information about them can be hard to obtain.

Foreign educational partnerships are important endeavors—for students, collaborative research, cultural understanding, and maybe even for the host country in some sense. The U.S. model of higher education is the world’s best. American faculty, fellowships, and exchange programs are effective global ambassadors. We must all seek to maintain that integrity. It is in the interests of the U.S. to do so, particularly when it comes to China.

Nevertheless, if U.S. colleges and universities are outsourcing academic control, faculty and student oversight, or curriculum to a foreign government can they really be “islands of freedom” in the midst of authoritarian states or dictatorships? Are they places where all students and faculty can enjoy the fundamental freedoms denied them in their own country?

The questions we asked are not abstract. The Chinese government and Communist Party are waging a persistent, intense and escalating campaign to suppress dissent, purge rivals from within the Party, and regain ideological control over the arts, media, and the universities.

This campaign is broader and more extensive than any other in the past twenty years. Targets include human rights defenders, the press, social media and the Internet, civil rights lawyers, Tibetans and Uyghurs, religious groups, NGOs, intellectuals and their students, and government officials, particularly those allied with former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin.

Chinese universities have been targeted as well, the recently issued Communist Party directive “Document 30,” reinforces earlier warnings to purge “Western-inspired notions of media independence, human rights, and criticism of Mao [Zedong].

In a recent speech reported by the New York Times, President Xi urged university leaders to “keep a tight grip on . . . ideological work in higher education . . . never allow singing to a tune contrary to the party center, never allowing eating the Communist Party’s food and then smashing the Communist Party’s cooking pots.

Will anyone at NYU or Ft. Hays St or Johns Hopkins or Duke for that matter—be allowed to smash any cooking pots?

It’s a serious question, because if your campuses are subsidized by the Chinese government, if your joint-educational partnerships are “majority-owned” by the Chinese government, aren’t you eating the Communist Party’s food and then subject to its rules, just like any Chinese university?

There are nine U.S. educational partnerships operating in China. New York University-Shanghai opened its doors to students in September 2013. Three other similar ventures have started since 2013: a Duke University campus in Kunshan, Jiangsu Province; a University of California-Berkeley School of Engineering research facility in the Pudong District of Shanghai; and a Kean University campus in Wenzhou in Zhejiang Province. In addition, since 2006, Fort Hays State University in Kansas, has partnered with Zhengzhou University/

SIAS International School, a U.S.-based educational non-governmental organization, to provide degrees for thousands of Chinese students.

China’s National Plan for Medium and Long-term Education Reform and Development (2010–2020), issued in July 2010, provided Chinese partners with a strong incentive to enter into such ventures. The plan exhorted Chinese universities to become “world-class,” in part by establishing “international academic cooperation organizations” and setting up research and development bases with “high quality educational and scientific research institutions from overseas.” Among the attractions for U.S. universities entering into such ventures are generous funding from the Chinese government, typically covering all campus construction costs and some or all operating costs; revenue from full fee-paying Chinese students on China-based campuses, who may later become wealthy alumni donors; the potential for a higher profile in China translating into the recruitment of more full fee-paying Chinese students to home campuses in the United States; opportunities for new global research collaborations with Chinese scholars and universities; and, opportunities for American students to study abroad.

I have also initiated a GAO study to review the agreements of both satellite campuses in China and of Confucius Institutes in the U.S. I know some agreements are public, others are not. In fact, some schools made their agreements public after our last hearing. We are looking for complete transparency and will be asking all universities and colleges to make their agreements with the Chinese government public.

We need to know if universities and colleges who are starting satellite programs in China—can be islands of freedom in China or in other parts of the world. We need to know what pressures are being placed on them to compromise fundamental freedoms, and what compromises, if any, were made to gain a small slice of the China educational market.

These are important questions. Can they be handled by the universities, their faculties, and trustees themselves or if there is something the U.S. Congress and or State Department can do to ensure academic freedom, and other fundamental freedoms are protected.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE AS NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Scoliosis Awareness Month and to reaffirm our commitment to fighting a potentially debilitating medical condition that affects over 7 million Americans and 160,000 Bay State residents.

Each June, National Scoliosis Awareness Month brings together the diverse members of the scoliosis community—from physicians, patients, and families to private businesses committed to raising awareness about this spinal condition. To date, the cause of scoliosis remains unknown but quick diagnosis and early detection allows physicians to monitor the condition and, if necessary, begin treatment before serious complications, including chronic

back pain and impacted heart and lung function would begin.

Approximately one out of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis requires continued treatment, and, in extreme cases, surgery. It is of paramount importance that early detection resources are available to local schools and physicians to ensure that children and their families are both screened and educated about the condition.

Further, while up to three percent of the American population is estimated to have scoliosis, the number of family and friends who are impacted by this condition numbers many millions more. With early detection and proper treatment, patients can live a healthy and active life. National Scoliosis Awareness Month promotes public awareness for this condition—elevating the visibility of scoliosis and empowering individuals whose lives have been touched by this condition.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing June as National Scoliosis Awareness Month by thanking organizations such as the National Scoliosis Foundation and the Scoliosis Research Society, as well as their many supporters, for their tireless efforts in raising awareness of scoliosis and promoting critical research on this condition.

CELEBRATING CAPE VERDEAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of independence for the Republic of Cape Verde, or Cabo Verde, which was celebrated on Sunday, July 5th.

Uninhabited until its discovery by the Portuguese in the 15th century, Cape Verde grew into a thriving center of commerce by the time it achieved independence in 1975.

Today, the Republic of Cape Verde is a model democracy and friend to the United States.

My home state of Rhode Island is home to one of the largest Cape Verdean-American populations in the United States—with nearly 20,000 men, women, and children calling Rhode Island home today.

It is a privilege to serve on their behalf and represent their interests before Congress today.

I have also been fortunate to host Cape Verdean Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves for official visits to Rhode Island's First Congressional District and to discuss the work we can do together to strengthen the Cape Verdean community living in Rhode Island today.

I extend my best wishes to the people of Cape Verde for a joyous celebration of the 40th anniversary of their independence this month.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
SUNGLASSES DAY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Sunglasses Day and to honor the sunglass manufacturers and suppliers throughout my Dallas Congressional District, the State of Texas and around the country. Texas and the Dallas area are home to a variety of optical industry leaders including 24 optical laboratories that manufacture prescription sun wear, 3 lens manufacturers that supply UV filtering lenses, and 6 sun wear frame suppliers. As a physician, I commend the sunglass industry and their trade association The Vision Council (TVC) for ongoing outreach campaigns to educate consumers regarding the damaging effects of ultraviolet (UV) rays to the eye and healthy vision.

In the case of eye protection, what you don't know can hurt you. When it comes to the human eye and the sun's rays, it's what we can't see that matters most. UV radiation that reaches the earth's surface, made up of two types of invisible rays, UVA and UVB, endangers an unprotected eye. The effects of long-term exposure can include cataracts, macular degeneration, abnormal growths on the eye's surface and even cancer of the eye. While everyone should shield their eyes from UV rays, certain risk factors like age and eye color increase an individual's vulnerability to UV related eye disorders. Where you live and travel can also make a big difference in the level of UV exposure. Since UV damage can't be reversed, prevention through protection is key.

Later this summer, sunglass manufacturers and distributors from my home district in Texas and The Vision Council (TVC) will be convening a Capitol Hill briefing on the topic of UV danger and protecting your eye health. I encourage my colleagues to attend and applaud the sunglass community and The Vision Council for their leadership in promoting healthy vision.

116TH BIRTHDAY OF MS.
SUSANNAH MUSHATT JONES

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 116th birthday of Ms. Susannah Mushatt Jones, who is affectionately called Miss Susie. Confirmed by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living person, she is a beloved member of the Brooklyn community I am proud to represent in Congress. In recognition of her birthday, Miss Susie will be honored on July 7, 2015 at the Vandalia Senior Center in Brooklyn, NY. We revel not just the years since her birth, but the history she has witnessed in three separate centuries. From experiencing segregation in the South to being a first-hand witness of the Civil Rights movement in New York, we commemorate her birthday with awe and inspiration.

Miss Susie was born into a large, loving family on July 6, 1899 in Lowndes County,

Alabama as the third of eleven children. In 1923 she moved to New York as part of the Great Migration of African Americans from the rural South to cities in the North, Midwest, and West. Miss Susie dedicated her professional pursuits to children, first as a school teacher and then as a childcare provider. At one point, she moved to Hollywood to work for a family in the film industry. During her time on the west coast, she enjoyed socializing with movie stars and attending movie premieres. She fondly remembers meeting Ronald Reagan, Clark Gable, and Cary Grant.

Family has always surrounded Miss Susie: she takes great delight in being an aunt to over 100 nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, she has brightened many lives with her positive attitude and infectious laugh. She resides in Vandalia Houses and was an active member of the Vandalia Houses Senior Center tenant patrol through her 100th birthday. Miss Susie credits her healthy lifestyle free of smoking and drinking for her longevity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Ms. Susannah Mushatt Jones on her 116th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF CABO VERDE'S
INDEPENDENCE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the historic 40th Anniversary of Cabo Verde independence.

The history of Cabo Verde is as intricate and vibrant as the people themselves. First founded by the adventuresome European explorers of the fifteenth century, Cabo Verde became a critical trading post on the route from the coasts of Africa and bustling Mediterranean ports to the newly discovered lands across the Atlantic. The diverse residents of Cabo Verde lived under Portuguese rule until the establishment of a transitional government and first election of a National Assembly in 1975. To date, July 5 remains celebrated by the residents of Cabo Verde and their growing diaspora overseas as a day of independence.

I have the privilege of representing communities in Southeastern Massachusetts that boast strong ties to Cabo Verde and hosts the highest concentration of Cabo Verdean-Americans in the United States. The Cities of New Bedford and Fall River, in addition to Brockton and Boston, are some of the largest communities of Cabo Verdean descent in the country.

The Cabo Verdean community has played an integral role in molding the rich culture of Massachusetts as we know it today. This influence dates back to the height of the whaling industry in the 18th century, during which time Cabo Verdeans were universally respected for their skills as seamen and whale hunters—recognized across the world as honest, hard workers. They continue to uphold that reputation in Massachusetts, where many Cabo Verdean-Americans continue to work in the historic fishing and cranberry industries.

Today, the scenic archipelago of Cabo Verde enjoys political stability, democratic rule and substantial economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the 40th anniversary of Cabo Verde's independence and in recognizing the country's irreplaceable role in the international community.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Chair, I rise today because I believe every child in every school should receive an excellent education.

It is a goal that I have worked toward as Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, and one I know many in this House share. I would like to especially thank the Committee Chairmen ROGERS and CALVERT, and Ranking Members LOWEY and MCCOLLUM, for working with me to address the challenges facing Native American students.

Earlier this year I visited the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota. At the school, thin metal walls are all that separate students from harsh winters and blankets hang over the doors in a desperate attempt to keep out the cold air. When winds reach a certain strength at the "Bug School," students are forced to evacuate the building—often in below-zero temperatures. On many cold and windy winter days, Bug School students keep their winter jackets on all day, to save time during evacuation.

Mr. Chair, this is unacceptable. These children deserve much better. It's incumbent on the Administration and this Congress to get to the bottom of this.

The Education and the Workforce Committee recently held hearings to examine the deplorable conditions affecting Native American schools—an issue that in recent months has received national attention thanks to the investigative work of the Star Tribune.

Mr. Chair, the federal government promised to provide Native American students a quality education in a manner that preserves their heritage, and we are failing to keep that promise.

Accordingly, I sent a letter to my colleagues on the House Committee on Appropriations this year requesting an increase of nearly \$60 million more than last year's budget for Bureau of Indian Education schools.

I am pleased the Department of Interior appropriations bill, through the hard work of the Chairmen and Ranking Members, reflects my request and recognizes that we cannot continue to fail meeting our commitment.

While additional resources are certainly important, they are only part of what is needed in a long-term solution. We still must work together in a bipartisan manner to untangle the

maze of bureaucracy that continues to plague BIE schools and students.

Mr. Chair, these unique, vulnerable children have waited long enough for the federal government to live up to its promises and I urge my colleagues to support this bill which is an important step toward our goal of providing an excellent education for all our children.

TRIBUTE TO OARD-ROSS DRUG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oard-Ross Drug of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Oard-Ross Drug has been operating at the same corner location since 1907. Mr. Joe Beraldi, the drug store's owner and pharmacist, has himself worked at the store for 75 years. Mr. Beraldi continues to enjoy working with the customers and does not enjoy golf, which, he explains, are the two main reasons he has no plans for retirement yet.

Mr. Beraldi was born and raised in Council Bluffs and began working at the store at age 14 while attending high school. He said he made deliveries on his bike for 10 cents an hour during that time. Today, Mr. Beraldi serves second and third generation customers at the drug store. This multi-generational customer loyalty is a testament to the great service provided by Mr. Beraldi and his staff. Currently, Mr. Beraldi works part-time at the store and has no intention of retiring. His son, Tony, also a pharmacist, has worked at Oard-Ross Drug for 29 years and now manages the store.

I commend Mr. Joe Beraldi, his son, Tony, and the staff at Oard-Ross Drug for their many years of dedicated service to Council Bluffs. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Oard-Ross Drug for this extraordinary occasion. I wish them all the best moving forward.

COMMEMORATING 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, forty six years ago, on July 20, 1969, millions of Americans and other people around the world, sat glued to their televisions and radios to witness a human being walk on the surface of the moon, one of the signal events in world history.

This astounding technological achievement could not have come at a better time because in July 1969, the United States was in need of a unifying event following the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert Kennedy, and Malcolm X, and social divisions resulting from America's involvement in the Vietnam War, a war that cost the nation dearly in blood and treasure.

In 1969, the world was still caught in the grip of the Cold War, divided by ideology, sep-

arated into opposing blocs of countries aligned with either the Soviet Union or the United States.

Today the world stands connected in a variety of ways unimaginable 46 years ago.

The step onto the surface of the moon by Neil Armstrong, left more than a mere foot print in the moon sand, it spurred a technological revolution that has resulted in many of the devices that help shape our lives today.

On September 29, 1962 at Rice University in Houston, Texas, President John F. Kennedy inspired the nation to accept the challenge of sending a man to the moon and bringing him safely home before the end of the decade.

President Kennedy said, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

In July 1969, through the combined determination and efforts of the American people, the United States made good on President Kennedy's prediction.

From the inspiration of a young President who challenged us to set our sights on the moon, scientists developed new materials, engineers manufactured innovative equipment, and factory workers assembled cutting edge transport crafts.

Together, Americans proved that by working together, toward a common purpose, there is nothing beyond our reach.

And let us not forget the crew of American heroes, who made President's Kennedy's promise a reality for the world, and whose courage and daring embodied the virtues and ideals of the American spirit: astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Eugene Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins.

The words spoken by Neil Armstrong when he stepped off Eagle 1 onto the surface of the moon perfectly captured the significance of that moment in human history: "This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

This giant step forward in world history reflected the ground breaking research, development, inventions, and discoveries of thousands of Americans who successfully opened a new path in frontier of space exploration.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GILBERT
"GIL" ERNEST ADAMI

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Dr. Gilbert Ernest Adami, who passed away on June 24, 2015 at the age of 92, leaving behind a proud legacy.

Dr. Adami was born September 2, 1922 in Winters, Texas to Ernest and Emma Adami. Even as a child, he knew his calling in life was to heal others. He graduated from Winters High School at age 16, and attended the University of Texas. At age 19, he was admitted to Tulane University School of Medicine, obtaining his medical degree at age 22. Dr. Adami entered the United States Navy in 1945

and after completing a residency in Los Angeles General Hospital, served at the Long Beach Naval Base in the V12 training program. He left California to complete a surgical residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney, Texas. While performing surgery there, he met a surgical nurse, Lillian, who became the love of his life.

In 1951, Dr. Adami and Lillian married and moved to Denton, Texas, where he opened his surgical practice. Dr. Adami joined eight other physicians and developed Westgate Medical Center, which later became Denton Regional Medical Center, furthering his goal of expanding emergency services in Denton. In addition to managing his medical practice for over 50 years, Dr. Adami, with his wife's help, developed real estate, operated a ranch, and engaged in other entrepreneurial pursuits.

Dr. Adami attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was a Charter Member of the local Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a great tennis player, pilot, and loved being outdoors, especially with fellow hunters, sons, son-in-laws, and grandsons.

In 1998, the Denton County Medical Society awarded Dr. Adami the prestigious Gold-Headed Cane Award, honoring him as an outstanding physician who demonstrated the highest qualities of excellence, service, and selflessness in contributions to his family, the art and science of medicine, and to the community. He will be missed greatly. It was an honor and a privilege to represent Dr. Gilbert Ernest Adami in the U.S. House of Representatives and I extend my condolences to his family, friends, and the patients, nurses, doctors, and medical professionals who loved and respected him.

COMMENDING THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING IN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS V. THE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Supreme Court's ruling last month in Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project. The Justices ruled 5-4 that federal housing law allows people to challenge lending rules, zoning laws, and other housing practices that have a harmful impact on minority groups, even if there is no proof that companies or government agencies intended to discriminate.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, "Much progress remains to be made in our nation's continuing struggle against racial isolation." He continued, "The Court acknowledges the Fair Housing Act's continuing role in moving the nation toward a more integrated society."

Housing is one of the backbones of the American economy and for many is integral to the American dream. No person should be shut out because of the color of their skin.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. HAROLD DRINKWATER

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a dedicated public servant and committed firefighter.

On August 6, 1955, Harold Drinkwater joined the Camden Fire Department, just after returning from the Korean War. His leadership and bravery served as inspirations to every member of the department, and he was soon promoted to Assistant Fire Chief. Nearly sixty years later, Harold continues to serve the Department.

I know that the Fire Department is deeply grateful for Harold's heroism and commitment to his community. When the Department received its most recent engine, Camden's firefighters chose to honor Harold by placing his name on the truck. This summer, the Department plans to recognize him at their annual family picnic.

I wish Harold the best as he continues to serve the Town of Camden, and I thank him wholeheartedly for his many years of service to his town and to our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND WORK OF ANNE GAYLOR

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent who dedicated her life's work to advancing principles of justice and fairness in her community, her state, and her country.

Anne Nicol Gaylor began her life in a small town near Tomah, Wisconsin. After graduating high school at age 16 and earning a degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison, she became a businesswoman and editor at Middleton Times Tribune where she successfully transformed the publication into an award-winning weekly. Anne notably founded the Women's Medical Fund which has raised and donated nearly \$3 million to low-income women who lack access to healthcare services. Throughout her career, Anne remained involved with the Women's Medical Fund and was a tireless advocate for women's rights.

In 1976, Anne founded the Freedom from Religion Foundation, the nation's leading defender in the fight to protect and preserve the separation of church and state. This organization grew from a small group of committed individuals discussing the advancement of civil liberties into a major national organization with more than 23,000 members.

Throughout her retirement, she remained active in the Women's Medical Fund, dedicating her time to providing direct service to those in need. Thanks to her tireless leadership, Anne received a number of prestigious awards and recognitions, including the Humanist Heroine Award from the American Humanist Association, Wisconsin National Organization for Women's Feminist of the Year Award, and NARAL's Tiller Award. These out-

standing achievements and recognitions are a testimony to Anne's resilient spirit and tireless advocacy on behalf of the issues closest to her heart.

Anne's commitment to community and work as an activist, feminist, and free-thinker have been invaluable to Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Ms. Anne Nicol Gaylor today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EULESS POLICE OFFICER MIKE DUFF

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize retiring Corporal Mike Duff for his 31 years of public service as a Euless Police Officer for the City of Euless, Texas.

Mike Duff joined the Euless Police Department in 1983 where he was hired as a patrol officer. After serving four years in that capacity, Mike was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Mike's hard work in the CID was acknowledged in 1990 by the department when he was promoted to Corporal. In addition to his primary roles in the department, Mike has also served as a member of the Euless Tactical Team.

Throughout his career, Mike Duff has been a training officer with the Euless Police Department; furthermore, he has been assigned to local and federal drug task force agencies because of his outstanding police training and abilities.

As a committed law enforcer, Mike Duff has sought training and certification throughout his years of service. His achievements include Basic Police Certification in 1983, Intermediate Police Certification in 1987, Advanced Police Certification in 1993, and Masters Police Certification in 2004. Furthermore, Mike received his Police Officer Firearms Instructor Certificate in 2005 and his Field Training Officer Certification in 2004. He has received over 2,000 hours of in-service training during his 31-year career as a police officer.

Mike Duff's extensive experience and training in criminal investigation has been recognized on many occasions as a result of his contributions to the police department and community. He has received over 35 police commendations in which he was recognized for his professionalism and service to the community. Moreover, Mike has been nominated six times for Officer of the Year and was also selected for the Certificate of Merit in 2012, the Distinguished Service Award in 2006, and the Blackie Sustaire Award in 1996.

Outside the field of law enforcement, Mike Duff recently earned his associate degree in General Studies from Columbia College in 2014. He is married to his wife, Andrea, and they have one daughter named Lyndsey.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Mike Duff for his years of public service as a Euless Police Officer.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor for its sesquicentennial anniversary. Second Baptist has stood since 1865 as a symbol of the African American community of Ann Arbor. As this country has gone through a transformative journey to live up to its creed of "All men are created equal" for the past century and a half, the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor has been on a journey to perfect itself.

Second Baptist's journey began when it was chartered in 1865. The original congregation was led by Rev. Lewis and met in a small frame cottage overlooking the Huron River. They would later move into a new building in the heart of the segregated black residential community of the city in 1890. As Second Baptist grew, so did Ann Arbor's African American community. In the late 1910's and early 20's, the "Great Migrations" led to a large growth in the African American population in Washtenaw County. In the late 20's and 30's programs were inaugurated to help community members get through the Great Depression. In 1966 Rev. Emmett L. Green was chosen to lead Second Baptist through a new Civil Rights Era. Rev. Green was committed to Martin Luther King's inspired Social Gospel civil rights activism during his tenure as pastor.

Second Baptist is currently led by Rev. Dr. Stephen Daniels, who aims to help Second Baptist continue its tradition of building a church with Christ and His Gospel as its foundation. On its 150th year, Second Baptist pauses to reflect, to renew and to embrace the limitless possibilities that God has scripted for the coming seasons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor The Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor for its sesquicentennial anniversary and its dedication to enriching the lives of the surrounding community.

H.R. 160, THE PROTECT MEDICAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2015

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of H.R. 160, the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015.

While I strongly believe the bill should be paid for before becoming law, this bill is a great first step of furthering the promise of the Affordable Care Act, a law that will cover 32 million lives when fully implemented.

The Affordable Care Act has created jobs, lowered costs, and significantly expanded coverage, as it was designed to do. It did away with bans on preexisting conditions, allowed young adults to stay on their parents' plan, eliminated annual and lifetime limits, and is

closing the Part D prescription drug donut hole. As the law continues to improve the lives and health security of the American people, I will look for ways to improve the law. No law is perfect. That is why I support the Protect Medical Innovation Act and have cosponsored other pieces of legislation designed to keep consumers from feeling the hit of unintended consequences. Congress should look for ways to create jobs, lower costs further, and encourage states to accept Medicaid expansion, which will cover an additional 800,000 working Floridians.

I am hopeful that with a strong vote in the House of Representatives, H.R. 160 will soon arrive at the President's desk, fully offset, to be signed into law.

HONORING MAJOR STEPHEN REICH AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE QUILT PROJECT

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Major Stephen Reich and to recognize the compassionate work of the Home of the Brave Quilt Project.

Today, we recognize the history and importance of quilting in our society as a symbol of Americana. Quilting can tell stories through fabric and stitches when words fail. For hundreds of years, quilting has been used not only as a means of communication, but also as a sign of respect for fellow community members. In keeping with this tradition, the Home of the Brave Quilt Project has taken on the task of honoring our brave men, women, and families touched by war through the gift of a quilt.

Susan and Raymond Reich from Washington Depot, Connecticut, lost their son, Stephen, on June 28, 2005. Stephen graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1993. While studying at the Academy, he pitched for the baseball team. Two years into his military career, the Baltimore Orioles drafted the southpaw, and he played for their minor league affiliate team before the Army recalled him to finish his term. Choosing to answer the call of military service and relinquishing his pro baseball career, he returned to fight for our great country. Stephen was killed along with seven other Night Stalkers during a rescue operation to save a Navy SEAL team in Afghanistan; he was on his fourth tour of duty.

Shortly after Stephen died, his mother and father received a quilt in his honor. As a quilter by profession, Susan understood the significance of this act. Receiving the quilt helped her family heal and it provided them with comfort, knowing that others were thinking of them during their difficult time.

When Don Beld founded the Home of the Brave Quilt Project in July of 2004, his goal was to give families comfort in the best way he knew how. Since Don did not serve during the Vietnam War like many of his peers, he knew in his heart that he needed to serve America's families in some way. With this idea in mind, Don embarked on a project that would expand to 59 states and territories, honoring those who have died from injuries while

on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. Each quilt is based on patterns originally designed by the United States Sanitary Commission during the Civil War era. To date, the Home of the Brave Quilt Project has delivered over 6,000 quilts to more than 5,000 families. They serve as a reminder that bravery will always be revered.

On Sunday, June 28, the Reich family marked the tenth anniversary of Stephen's death. I hope that the quilt they received continues to provide comfort and reminds their family that we, as a nation, hold them in our hearts.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the 51st anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, one of the consequential governmental actions since the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the act that would profoundly change our country and brought about the greatest reduction in economic and social inequality among Americans in history.

Mr. Speaker, today it is difficult to imagine there once was a time in our country when blacks and whites could not eat together in public restaurants, use the same public restrooms, stay at the same hotels, or attend the same schools.

It is hard to believe today that just 51 years ago, discrimination on the ground of race was a legal and socially accepted practice.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 changed that.

The Civil Rights Act outlawed discrimination and segregation in employment, public accommodations, and education on the ground of race, gender, religion or national origin.

This act became the soil from which our country flourished; opportunities were bred and dreams were born.

This change did not happen overnight or by accident.

It took hard work and courage and an unwavering faith that America could live up to the true meaning of its creed.

With American leaders embodying faith and courage the Civil Rights Act signifies battles fought over many years that our champions finally won.

Leaders like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Whitney Young, Rosa Parks, and John Lewis are just a few of the many noble champions who took a stand for freedom and risked their lives to make real the promise of America for all Americans.

Today, 51 years later, we continue to preserve the rights and freedoms that so many fought for and could only dream of before the Civil Rights Act.

On the evening of June 11, 1963, President John F. Kennedy addressed the nation and uttered these words that would echo in history: "It ought to be possible for every American to enjoy the privileges of being American without regard to his race or his color. But this is not the case. We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the Scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution. The

heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities, whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated. One hundred years of delay have passed since President Lincoln freed the slaves, yet their heirs, their grandsons, are not fully free. They are not yet freed from the bonds of injustice. They are not yet freed from social and economic oppression. And this Nation, for all its hopes and all its boasts, will not be fully free until all its citizens are free. Now the time has come for this Nation to fulfill its promise."

And a better country, we have become.

Although we have come a long way, we must not become complacent on the issues of civil rights.

Our nation is a growing melting pot, and we must continue to make sure American citizens, regardless of their religion, race, or gender, are granted the right to freedom and equality.

This nation prides itself on the abundance of individual freedom.

Through the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we have nurtured a land where every American citizen is born free, and with the opportunity to chase their own American dream.

Mr. Speaker, before signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson addressed the nation on the significance of the bill he was about to sign: "We believe that all men are created equal. Yet many are denied equal treatment. We believe that all men have certain unalienable rights. Yet many Americans do not enjoy those rights. We believe that all men are entitled to the blessings of liberty. Yet millions are being deprived of those blessings—not because of their own failures, but because of the color of their skin. The reasons are deeply imbedded in history and tradition and the nature of man. We can understand—without rancor or hatred—how this all happened. But it cannot continue. Our Constitution, the foundation of our Republic, forbids it. The principles of our freedom forbid it. Morality forbids it. And the law I will sign tonight forbids it."

Our fight for civil rights is not over.

Victories such as the Supreme Court decision on marriage equality do not overshadow the fact that those who identify as LGBT can get married on Monday, be fired by Friday, and be kicked out of their apartment by Sunday.

The fight is not over.

Mr. Speaker, we still have members of minority communities being killed based on the color of their skin and not the content of their character.

Our fight is not over.

Symbols of hate hang on government buildings in the form of a flag that inspires deplorable actions, leaving 9 dead after a church Bible study.

America's fight for civil rights is not over.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 sought to fulfill the promise of the fourteenth amendment that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Fifty-one years ago we as a nation moved forward to accept that all American citizens have the same inalienable rights regardless of religion, race, or gender.

The language of the 14th Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 guarantees protection for all citizens' rights and it is our job as representatives of the people to make sure we continue to defend those rights.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge the progress we have made since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and I pledge to continue fighting for all Americans so that we may keep the promises written in law by our founding fathers.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES W.
(BILL) CURTIS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the retirement of James W. (Bill) Curtis from the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Mr. Curtis has served as the Executive Director of the Commission since November 1980. He has over 44 years of professional experience in the planning field and has worked for state, regional and local agencies.

Previously, he was the Principal Planner with the Jefferson County Office of Planning and Community Development in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Curtis also served as Planning Director for the South Central Alabama Development Commission in Montgomery, Alabama, and worked as a Planner for the states of Tennessee and South Carolina.

Mr. Curtis holds a Master of City Planning degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Georgia. He holds charter membership in the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners, and has served as the President of the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association and President of the Alabama Association of Regional Councils.

In 1995, Mr. Curtis was named "Planner of the Year" by the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association, and in 2003, was named to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Curtis and congratulating him on his retirement.

HONORING THE MARRIAGE OF MR.
AND MRS. BRYCE KAPPER

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the marriage of Mr. Bryce Kapper and his wife, Brittany, née Mueller. Mr. and Mrs. Kapper were united in marriage Saturday June 27, 2015 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in their hometown of Decatur, Illinois. The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Dave Taylor and was followed by a reception at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Mueller. The groom is the son

of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kapper, better known by one of the attendees as "Mama and Papa Kapper."

Miss Tiffany Laramee served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included Miss Rachael Clark, Miss Brittany Maxedon and Mrs. Becky Brewster. Mr. Scott Lietzow served as Best Man. Groomsmen included Mr. Kyle Kapper, brother of the groom; Mr. Clint Mueller, brother of the bride; and Mr. Rick Barry.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Kapper are a wonderful match and their love for each other is evident to all they meet. I wish them all the best in this new and exciting chapter of their lives together.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STEVEN BASCOM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Steven Bascom, the recipient of the Patient Care Partner Award from the Iowa Pharmacy Association.

Dr. Bascom was presented with this award during the IPA Annual Meeting banquet on June 12, 2015. The IPA Patient Care Partner Award annually recognizes a physician or other health care provider in an Iowa community who works collaboratively with pharmacists to optimize the care of their patients. Dr. Bascom was nominated by DeeAnn Wedemeyer-Oleson, Director of Pharmacy at Guthrie County Hospital. He was instrumental in the adoption of the Admission Home Medication orders collaborative drug therapy management protocol used at GCH.

I applaud and congratulate Dr. Bascom for receiving this award. I am proud to represent him and his fellow doctors and pharmacists in Guthrie County in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Dr. Bascom and wishing him nothing but continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS SKIP
MARANEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, during the 54th Annual Roll Call Congressional Baseball Game for Charity on June 11th, there was recognition of Skip Maraney as this year's Hall of Fame Inductee.

Skip was properly recognized as a living legend institution of Capitol Hill. The following tribute was published in the game program.

ROLL CALL'S THE MAN WHO PIONEERED ROLL CALL'S SPORTS COVERAGE

(By David Meyers)

If Roll Call founder Sid Yudain was the Abner Doubleday of congressional baseball, Skip Maraney was his Shirley Povich.

Maraney spent most of the 1960's writing about congressional sports—baseball, obviously, but also basketball, softball, bowling, and bridge—for Roll Call. In fact, he was Roll Call's first, and seemingly only, sports columnist. For his dedication to the paper, the

community and the game, Maraney is the 2015 inductee into the Roll Call Congressional Baseball Hall of Fame.

Maraney was working for the Clerk of the House in 1963, when he suggested to Yudaín that someone should write about all the sports teams featuring congressional staff (baseball was just getting going then). “He said, ‘Ok, write it.’” Maraney recalls about the birth of Skip-along, which eventually expanded into an “around the Hill” beat and laid the groundwork for Roll Call’s current coverage of life in and around the Capitol.

From his perch, Maraney watched the game rise from the ashes after Speaker Sam Rayburn, D-Texas, shut it down in 1958. In 1961, members of Congress took part in a home-run contest and the next year the event became an actual game, played prior to a Washington Senators home contest.

“Sid had the idea of turning it into a party. The game had hot dogs, cheerleaders,” Maraney says. “Buses took everyone to the Stadium.”

Not only was Maraney providing pre- and post-game coverage, he was also calling the game. During those years, he got to see some of the greats of congressional baseball history: Indiana Democratic Sen. Birch Bayh (“He was sensational!”); former major league pitcher Wilmer “Vinegar Bend” Mizell, R-N.C.; Massachusetts GOP Rep. Silvio Conte (“He batted with a cigar and came out on crutches one year. And hit a double.”).

As the 1970s began, Maraney left the Clerk’s office and gave up the sports beat for a job with the National Star Route Mail Contractors Association, where he remains as executive director. While he obviously enjoys his job, there are some things he had to leave behind. As Roll Call’s sports and community columnist, “I got invited to everything.”

HONORING JAMES PONCE

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate James Augustine Ponce of St. Augustine, Florida who turns 98 on July 19, 2015.

A native of St. Augustine, Florida, James Ponce was born on July 19, 1917. His relatives descended from the family of Juan Ponce de Leon.

Ponce grew up in the downtown area of St. Augustine, where his father owned R. Ponce Funeral Home. As a young boy he recalls his father burying American Tycoon, Henry Flagler, and other prominent figures of the community. In addition, Ponce has stated that his days at St. Joseph Academy afforded him the opportunity to learn about how Florida became a U.S. territory.

This early exposure to America’s Oldest City cemented his passion for the rich history that Florida boasts. Since that introduction as a child, Ponce has dedicated his life to preserving and sharing the histories of St. Augustine, the Breakers, and Palm Beach. Ponce also proudly served his country in the Navy during World War II and the Marines during the Korean War. Since the 1950s, he has called Palm Beach County home. During his time at the Breakers Hotel and Resort, Ponce worked at the front desk and eventually retired as an assistant manager. As of now, he conducts weekly walking tours of the Breakers.

Ponce is the official historian of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and has also served as the President of the Historical Society of Palm Beach.

Throughout his career and retirement, Ponce has been recognized for his vast historical knowledge. In 1996 the Palm Beach Town Council named him “Palm Beach’s only two-legged, historical landmark.” He is the recipient of the Providencia Award from the Palm Beach Country Convention and Visitors Bureau, which recognizes an individual or agency that contributes to the prosperity of the tourism industry in the county.

James Ponce is an exceptional man, and one whom I am proud to represent in Florida’s 22nd District. I know I join with his family and friends in celebrating this wonderful occasion. I wish him good health and continued success in the coming years.

IN HONOR OF THE COMO HIGH SCHOOL, 1914–1971, 10TH ALL SCHOOL REUNION CELEBRATION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Como High School’s 10th All School Reunion Celebration on July 2–5, 2015. This celebration is a milestone for the Como community as it recognizes its history and the impact Como High School had on its students.

From its inception, the Como community’s location left its primarily black residents walled in with a physical barrier separating Como from the surrounding neighborhoods. This physical separation prompted its residents to meet the needs of the community through their own initiatives. In the fall of 1914, Como residents felt an urgent need for a formal school to educate the black youth of the community. During its first year, Como Elementary School housed 11 students and employed one teacher by the name of Ms. Lucinda Baker.

Unfortunately, after two years the school was closed due to low enrollment and did not reopen for its second term until 1917. The school was ultimately reestablished the following year in 1918, where Mrs. Pearl Walker Connor served as the head teacher.

After World War I, the Como community began to grow rapidly. As more people moved into the community there was a greater need for a bigger and better school building. Under the leadership of Mr. R. N. Riddles, the county superintendent, a building with two rooms was built on the southeast corners of Faron and Bonnell Streets.

During the time of expansion, Mrs. Gertrude Wilkerson-Starners was appointed head teacher with Mrs. Geneva Carrington serving as her assistant. Later Mrs. Jessie Ralieggh and Mrs. A. Greenwood joined the staff and Mrs. M. L. Patterson came to the school as a teacher in 1931.

The men of the community initially supplied coal for heating and kept the grounds clean; but as the school began to grow, the need for custodial personnel became necessary. In 1933, Mr. John Atkins was hired as the first full time custodian.

Although no formal record exists, it is clear that the need for a high school naturally grew

as the community had more students to educate. Additional teachers were added in 1935, and the school moved to occupy Libbey, Goodman, Horne and Hollaran Streets. In 1935, Mr. J. Martin Jacquet was hired as principal and served the institution for ten years with Mr. Oscar M. Williams succeeding him in 1946. The current building was erected in 1950 during Williams’ tenure as principal. Mr. Wilbur H. Byrd served as Como High School’s last principal from 1967 until the school’s closure in 1971.

Como Elementary School and Como High School grew from humble beginnings to a 33 room ultra-modern structure that housed an industrial arts room, a gymnasium, a 500 person auditorium; a chemistry lab, homemaking laboratories, a library, men’s and women’s lounges, and a group of offices for the administrative staff.

Between 1914 and 1965, Como Elementary and Como High School’s prestige increased as their academic excellence was recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In 1971, the sudden shift to integrate schools forced Como High School to close despite its growth. Although school integration caused the original Como High School to close, Como Elementary School and Como Montessori Magnet School carry on its legacy of community, unity and pride.

After Como High School’s closure the first annual school reunion was held in July 1983. Its subsequent reunions proved that the fond memories of the Como spirit remain in the hearts of former students and staff members forever.

HONORING THE RAVENSBRUCK ARCHIVE PROJECT

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ravensbruck Archive Project.

The Ravensbruck Concentration camp was the Nazi’s largest and central internment camp for women and children during the Holocaust. Between 1939 and 1945, over 130,000 prisoners passed through Ravensbruck and its satellite camps.

The Ravensbruck Archive is an international archive that provides a critical link to the history of the Holocaust. Many of the documents in the Archive have been hidden for the past 70 years, but now because of the Ravensbruck Archive Project, the material will be translated, digitized, and shared with the world via the web and a world traveling exhibit. The Ravensbruck Archive Project will preserve and make accessible this important piece of history for generations to come.

The Ravensbruck Archive is housed at Lund University in Sweden. The Archive includes more than 500 handwritten interviews with Ravensbruck survivors, taken at the time of their liberation in 1946. The Archive contains prisoners’ notebooks, diaries, letters, poems, recipes, photographs, drawings, and official Nazi documents from the concentration camp such as lists of prisoners, block books, and transcripts of protocols and original documents

from the Ravensbruck trial in Hamburg in 1946–1947.

Our community owes the Ravensbruck Archive Project and all those involved a debt of gratitude for their tireless hard work and dedication. I would especially like to commend my constituent, Robert Resnick, for his leadership in this Project. Mr. Resnick is the Chair of this important restoration endeavor.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Ravensbruck Archive Project.

TRIBUTE TO THE ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Ankeny High School Girls Soccer Team for winning for the Iowa Girls 2A State Soccer Tournament.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Team:

Players: Mariah Anderson, Adrienne Beardsley, Morgan Bennett, Caroline Buelt, Molly Close, Lisa Dauterive, Jordan Enga, Ali Gibson, Kayla Heitz, Megan Henderson, Lizzy Humpall, Kelsey Laughman, Maddie Leever, Alexis Legg, Hannah McCann, Claire Netten, Aylssa Parker, Emily Schuhmacher, Jena Stevens, Tana Stevens, Kelsey Yarrow, and Taylor Young;

Coaches: Lacey Woolf Chelsea Cline, Kristen Boyer, and Ashlee May; and

Managers: Sahara Adamson, Allie Roode, and Malorie Strong.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating these young ladies and the rest of the team for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all continued success.

CONGRATULATING JIM TUDOR ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to speak in honor of a good friend and policy advocate, Jim Tudor. Having known Jim for years, including back in my time in the Georgia State Senate, I know personally his hard work ethic and keen insight on public affairs.

Jim graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1972 and spent two years in the Army. Having worked for Georgia Association of Convenience Stores since January 1987, Jim has been recognized by James Magazine as one of the Top Ten Lobbyist or trade organizations for the last three years and has received various Pigeon Awards from the Pigeon Community. Jim is highly active in the community, including his church, the Covington Rotary, the Georgia Youth Assembly and the YMCA.

Mr. Speaker, Jim recently announced his retirement after 29 years of work at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores. After having done such wonderful work for so long, I am sure it will be a distinct, but well-deserved, change of pace. Though the Association will miss him, I know how excited his wife Sarah, his four children, and five grandchildren must be. Jim looks forward to roaming the countryside with Sarah in their retro-style 2015 Mellow Yellow Winnebago. On behalf of the Sixth District of Georgia, I congratulate Jim and thank him for all he has done enriching our community.

CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ON WINNING 2015 FIFA WORLD CUP

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the United States Women's National Team for their victory at the 2015 FIFA World Cup, their third championship, and first since the legendary 1999 championship team.

The teamwork, individual skills of the players, and sportsmanship displayed by these great athletes shined through as they moved through their bracket and then the knock-round and finally the epic championship game where they defeated the valiant and talented Japan National Team 5–2 in the highest scoring championship game in the history of the World Cup.

One nation. One team. Twenty three women. Twenty three girls who grew up to become role models for women and girls everywhere and captured the hearts of all Americans.

I would like to congratulate each and every one of these tremendous women for their dedication to the sport and to each other.

It is a matter of special pride to me and the constituents of the 18th Congressional District that three members of the remarkable Women's National Team come from Houston's local club, the Houston Dash: Meghan Klingenberg; Morgan Brian; and the tournament's top player and winner of the Golden Ball Award, Carli Lloyd.

As these women return to Houston this week, I know my constituents will be there cheering as hard as ever for their favorite players.

Meghan, Morgan, and Carli are an inspiration for the young women in my district—a district full of girls with the potential to succeed in sports, academics, and anything they set their minds to achieve.

The incredible victory of the 2015 Women's National Team is further proof that making the necessary investments to provide equal academic, athletic, and economic opportunities to girls and women yield substantial tangible and intangible dividends to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, women and girls are the biggest untapped resource in the world; in too many places they have been denied access to education, fair pay, and opportunities for so long—but that is changing.

After a weekend of celebration, I think it is safe to say that when women succeed, America succeeds.

And you know what? America can succeed much more.

Now, more than ever, I applaud the provisions like Title IX which have made it possible for girls to take part in sports and school activities.

However, there is more work to be done.

But today is a day to celebrate and salute the remarkable women athletes of the victorious 2015 National Women's Team which will live on in history as one of America's greatest team and in the achievements to come of girls and boys who were inspired by their devotion to their sport, their team, and to each other.

When girls succeed, women succeed. And when women succeed, America succeeds.

THANKING ALLEN KING FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Allen King, a resident of Maryland's Fifth Congressional District, for his service to this House. He retired on June 30, 2015, after more than thirty years in various positions with the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

For the past twelve years, Allen has served as the Supervisor for the Central Receiving and Warehousing, Logistics, and Support Department. He began his career with the House with the Labor Department and Property Supply under the Clerk's office, and for many years he worked directly under Cosmo Quattrone and Tom Van Dyke in the Furnishings Department. Following a reorganization of the CAO, the Department was renamed Logistics and Support, where Allen worked with former Deputy CAO Walter Edwards and former Chief Logistics Officer Jerry Bennett.

Some of his most memorable experiences during his time working for the CAO include contributing to the setup for the Congressional Iran-Contra hearings in 1987 as well as the 2001 anthrax scare, when the House of Representatives had to convene in a temporary location. Allen and his team, along with other CAO staff, set up an alternate House chamber as well as temporary offices and provisions for Members and staff off campus.

One of Allen's favorite moments on the job occurred in 1981 when he witnessed a marching band performing through the halls of the Cannon House Office Building, in town for the Inauguration of President Ronald Reagan. Allen was also on hand to witness the lying-in-state of President Reagan's casket in the Capitol Rotunda years later.

In retirement, Allen intends to enjoy more fishing and visits with old friends and co-workers. I congratulate him on his years of service, and I wish him and his family all the best as Allen begins a new chapter in his life. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Allen King for his distinguished service, contributions, and commitment to this House and to our country.

HONORING PRO PHARMACY IN
SOUTH SAINT PAUL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the owner of PRO Pharmacy in South Saint Paul, Minnesota, Greg Schouweiler, along with his staff and customers, as this independent local business closes after decades of serving residents in my hometown and the surrounding community.

In 1923, Gericke's Pharmacy was established, providing health care to local residents. In November 1975, Greg Schouweiler purchased this neighborhood drugstore at Marie and Fifth Avenue and continued to meet health care needs for families in South St. Paul for generations.

Under Greg's ownership, for nearly 40 years, PRO Pharmacy truly grew into an important community resource, providing high-quality patient care and exceptional, friendly and dependable customer service to individuals and families. For the past five years, PRO Pharmacy was the only pharmacy in South Saint Paul, the sole independent pharmacy in the nearby area, and the sole pharmacy delivering prescriptions to patients in South Saint Paul, West Saint Paul, and Inver Grove Heights. PRO Pharmacy delivered between 400–500 prescriptions per day to Minnesota seniors and people with disabilities free of charge. This was an invaluable service for these customers and ensured that they received their prescriptions in a timely manner. During the past several years, it was an honor to work with PRO Pharmacy on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries to help them to continue to be able to get their prescriptions filled from their trusted neighborhood drugstore—PRO Pharmacy.

On June 15, 2015, PRO Pharmacy closed for the last time. The courteous, high quality service they have provided for many years will be missed. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise to honor PRO Pharmacy in South Saint Paul, Minnesota after nearly four decades of putting customers first and serving the community.

IN MEMORY OF MARY LOU DEVIVO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with deep sadness to remember my friend and a pillar of the Windham region, Mary Lou DeVivo, who passed away last week. Mary Lou was an incredible woman, abound with endless energy and optimism and an unwavering commitment to the Windham community.

Mary Lou was the owner and President of the Willimantic Waste Paper Company, a local business her late beloved husband James ran with her for many years. After James's death in 1996, Mary Lou took the helm and grew the company further into a regional cornerstone, providing employment to many local residents and needed services to area businesses and households.

Mary Lou worked for many years as a preschool and kindergarten teacher and believed fervently in the power of education to combat poverty. She graduated in 1960 from Willimantic State Teachers College with a degree in Education, and she later earned a degree in Religion from Holy Apostles College in Cromwell. Among her many accomplishments, Mary Lou will be remembered for launching the Windham Reads Program and serving as an unrelenting advocate for improving Windham Schools.

She was well known for her deep and wide commitment to local community organizations, including the Covenant Soup Kitchen, the Windham Library Board, Willimantic Co-Op, Willimantic Irish Club, Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum, the Victorian Neighborhood Association, Windham Garden Club, and the Board for Saint Mary Saint Joseph School, among others. She was uniquely attuned to the needs of her community, and she never hesitated to get involved when her contributions would make a difference.

She was a woman of deep faith, and was heavily involved in St. Joseph's Parish in Windham, where she once served as Director of Religious Studies. She was a generous patron of that church, as well as St. Mary's and Sagrado Corazon De Jesus. Above all, Mary Lou will be remembered as an outgoing, friendly, feisty and strong-willed member of our community, and I will deeply miss her friendship. Windham will feel this loss greatly.

My heart goes out to her family and friends, especially her children Tom, Tim, Bridget, John, and Gina and her 14 grandchildren. I ask that my colleagues please rise to remember Mary Lou, a remarkable woman who will be missed profoundly by all who knew her.

TRIBUTE TO CORUM'S FLOWERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corum's Flowers of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for over 100 years in business. Corum's Flowers has been "making special moments since 1910," a slogan written on a chalkboard in the storefront. Pam and Wayne Cyboron are the owners of Corum's Flowers. Pam is a second-generation florist, and her family business traces its roots back more than a century in Council Bluffs.

Pam remembers driving a delivery van for her parents when she was a student in high school. Today Pam and Wayne enjoy the support of over 15,000 customers, and the business has a reputation of great service. Pam said, "word-of-mouth is a big thing in this town." Corum's Flowers serves second and third generations of Council Bluffs families, the support of the community and their customer loyalty a testament to the great service they provide.

I commend Corum's Flowers and their staff for over 100 years of dedicated service to Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Corum's Flowers for this extraordinary occasion. I wish them and all of their employees best wishes moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM HARDY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker and members, I rise today to honor the departing City Manager of Foster City, Jim Hardy. He's had an extraordinary 34 years with the city, the last 21 years as City Manager. Jim leaves a legacy that is profound having joined the city just 10 years after it was incorporated. He is only the second City Manager ever hired by Foster City, following in the footsteps of his esteemed predecessor, Rick Wykoff.

It is not quite fair to say that Foster City sits on San Francisco Bay. It's more correct to say that our beautiful bay envelops Foster City, and offers its residents a lifestyle that is, as Jim Hardy says, paradise. Boating, fishing, parks second-to-none, and excellent schools that compare to any in this nation—this is Foster City. Jim Hardy's role in stabilizing and growing this community was pivotal.

The finances of the city and its predecessor agency were shaky for many years. Jim joined the city's staff as stability arrived, but the city and its councils have always made a strong balance sheet a top priority. As Jim has often noted, the city has wonderful public improvements but they are also on the bay, and they deteriorate rapidly. The roads need more care than most and the extensive pumping systems that fill and moderate Foster City's lagoons are expensive to maintain. The community rightfully deserves a first class police department, and all of these expenses have to be managed aggressively. Jim is the classic "man with the green eyeshade" who realizes that a community of sustained good living cannot exist unless the city's finances remain strong. As a consequence of his financial and community leadership, transformative public and private improvements have been accomplished during his years as City Manager.

The Vintage Park Overcrossing was completed in 1992. A corporation yard project was finished in 1993. A lift station for water control purposes was finished in 1996. Upon entering Foster City, one is struck by its beautiful new library and civic center complex, completed in 1999 and 2003, respectively. The Leo J. Ryan Amphitheater was completed in 2004, a water main extension in 2006, a teen center in 2010, and the widening of two major roads in 2013. The Foster Square development was finished this year. These are just a few of the many physical manifestations of Jim's leadership.

However, the most important and enduring legacy of Jim is the way in which he created a cohesive team amongst city staff. Employees are encouraged to accept responsibility but to work as a team to meet the public's needs. As we know, public service can sometimes entail resolving contentious issues. Jim's decent, non-controversial approach to problem solving was a steady voice during many staff and council meetings.

Jim is not the only leader in the Hardy family. His wife, Luisa, is also retiring from her career and the two of them will be able to spend more time with their four adult children, all employed in challenging positions, and with the Hardy-family grandchildren. The airlines are going to be seeing a lot of Jim and Luisa as they make their way back and forth between

Utah and the Bay Area over these next few years.

Mr. Speaker and members, one of the highest compliments that we can pay to anyone leaving public life is to say that they served with honor. Jim Hardy did so. He was honest and fair in his dealings with the public, patient with his councils and dutiful towards their directions, mindful of his employees and their needs and conscious of setting the highest personal standard of propriety. There are no statues erected or brilliant orchestral compositions written to commemorate the ending of a distinguished career in local government. However, there are fond memories. Jim leaves thousands of these as he exits public service. These fond memories are themselves a type of ode to a life well led, and as enduring as any statue that we might erect. Now is the time to say thank you to Jim Hardy, a man called father, grandfather, leader and friend.

HONORING BARBARA HARRIS

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Barbara Ann Poland Harris of West Palm Beach, Florida, who turned 84 years old on June 29th, 2015.

Barbara, who was born in Steubenville, Ohio, is a lifelong educator, member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and loving mother of two sons. Barbara moved to Florida in 1954 to teach and coach basketball at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Miami Beach. She went on to teach at Watkin B. Duncan Middle School in 1965, where she taught until her retirement in 1995. While teaching at the middle school, Barbara was named teacher of the month, had a yearbook dedication in her name, and was a tennis coach and avid sports supporter. After her retirement Barbara traveled extensively across Europe and Asia.

I am proud to represent Barbara in Florida's 22nd District. I join with her friends and family in celebrating her birthday. I wish her good health and continued success in the coming years.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE "OLDER AMERICANS ACT" OF 1965

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

Passed by the historic 89th Congress, the "Older Americans Act" was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 14, 1965 in response to the growing national consensus that the level of community social services available for older Americans was simply inadequate.

The original legislation established the authority for grants to states for community planning and other social services.

These services included funding for vital research and development of projects, and personnel training to assist our aging citizens.

This legislation authorized the creation of a wide array of programs through a national network of 56 state agencies that specialize in aging.

The legislation also led to the creation of 629 area agencies on aging, nearly 20,000 service providers, 244 Tribal organizations, and 2 Native Hawaiian organizations representing 400 Tribes throughout our country.

The Older Americans Act also assisted in the creation of community service employment for low-income elder Americans.

These community services included implementation of job training for our aging community; along with focusing on the protection of the rights of vulnerable Americans.

Every year, an estimated 2.1 million older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

In 2013 alone, over 4.2 million elder Americans were below the poverty level.

Today, an estimated 65.7 million Americans, or nearly 30 percent of the general population, provide care for an older adult, or someone living with illness or disability.

The Older Americans Act has led to the creation of vital programs such as the National Meals on Wheels of America, which provide meals to our ever growing elderly community.

According to the United States Census Bureau, 9 percent of the residents of my congressional district, which is centered in Houston, Texas, are over the age of 65.

These older citizens in the city of Houston utilize services provided by the Harris County Area Agency on Aging Family Caregiver Support Network.

Without the passage of significant legislation such as the "Older Americans Act" of 1965, older American citizens throughout our country would never know of the positive impact that a professional caregiver can provide them.

Older women are more than likely to be living alone at the age of 75, and a caregiver will provide them the necessary assistance to live a healthy life in their own home.

The issues facing our seniors grow every day with the increasing pace of the world around us.

The services that the Older Americans Act generated have assisted countless elder Americans in the half century since the law was enacted.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passage of the "Older Americans Act" of 1965 and to recognize its remarkable contributions to the quality of life enjoyed by older Americans and in making our country a better and sweeter place to live.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,981,262,337.43. We've added \$7,525,104,213,424.35 to our debt in 6

years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it recently has come to my attention that the last vote I intended to cast during the vote series on May 12, 2015, was not recorded. I would have recorded my vote as Yes on H.R. 2146, the Defending Public Safety Employees Retirement Act.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MORRIE SANCHEZ

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Morrie Sanchez, a longtime Angeleno, onetime union organizer, avid dancer, and family friend. Morrie passed away quietly on June 16, 2015, in Monrovia, California, at the age of 97.

Born on June 25, 1917, in Jerome, Arizona, to Victoria Balderamos and Angel Gonzalez, Morrie was from an old California family whose roots in the state predated the Mexican Revolution and its becoming part of the United States. She had two sisters, Vera and Margarita.

Her grandfather, Zeferino Balderamos, was born in San Luis Obispo in the early 1800s, and her grandmother, Modesta Rodriguez, was from Sonora, Mexico.

When Morrie moved to Los Angeles, California, she lived and raised her three eldest daughters—Dolores, Rose Marie, and Carol—in the city's downtown core, in an area known as Bunker Hill. She later moved to Pico-Union, where she raised her youngest daughter, Sylvia.

Morrie was a stalwart of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU), serving as a union organizer, as a shop steward, and multiple terms as local chapter president between 1950 and the late 1980s.

A longtime community activist, Morrie worked diligently in many political campaigns. These included the first election of my father, former Congressman Edward R. Roybal, to his earlier position as the first Latino in the 20th century to be elected to the Los Angeles City Council.

For many years, she volunteered with the City of Hope and White Memorial Hospital, and with many other local nonprofit groups.

Morrie did not let retirement slow her down a bit. Instead, she used her "free time" to support senior citizen causes, and could often be seen dancing the afternoon away at one of the many local senior centers, including the International Institute in Boyle Heights, the Highland Park Senior Center, and Salazar Park in East Los Angeles.

In 1990, the International Institute named her "Mother of the Year." Morrie was the matriarch of six generations living in Southern California at the time of her death.

The Roybal family is fortunate to have known Morrie Sanchez as a supporter and friend.

She is survived by daughters Dolores Sanchez, Rose Marie Barron, Carol Limon, and Sylvia Sanchez; sons-in-law Jonathan Sanchez and Gilbert Limon; 17 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; 29 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great grandchild. She was laid to rest on June 25, 2015, at Calvary Cemetery in East Los Angeles.

TRIBUTE TO GORDON AND
PATRICIA SCHOENING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gordon and Patricia Schoening of Glenwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.

Gordon and Patricia's lifelong commitment to each other, their children Suzanne, Bruce, and Jodi, their seven grandchildren, and their six great-grandchildren embodies true Iowa values. I applaud this devoted couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more years of happiness. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family all the best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF
AUBREY WILLIAM "BILL" FRENCH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of Mr. Aubrey William "Bill" French for his commitment to the betterment of Ypsilanti, MI, and service to his community. Bill French's passion for business stimulated the local economy and instilled a confidence in other entrepreneurs to invest in Washtenaw County.

Mr. French's business career started in 1972 when he and his wife, Sandee French, opened Aubree's Pizzeria in Depot Town. The business became the foundation for Depot Town and it has been a special establishment in Washtenaw County since 1972. Aubree's continues to operate after 43 years, and it has grown to include 8 separate locations.

Mr. French was known as a passionate restaurant owner who worked hard to develop a strong rapport with his staff. He helped his team develop a strong work ethic, and supported their academic and professional goals. His skills as a mentor not only developed a restaurant; he built a family.

In addition to being a restaurant owner, Mr. French was the first president of the Depot Downtown Development Authority, and served on the Ypsilanti Economic Development Cor-

poration. For his service to his community, Mr. French received many awards throughout his life, such as the Small Business Person of the Year Award in 1994, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the memory of Mr. Aubrey William "Bill" French for his dedication to business, the City of Ypsilanti, and Washtenaw County.

RECOGNIZING BILL PRESS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bill Press for his outstanding contributions to political commentary in the District of Columbia and across the country, and in congratulating him on the occasion of his 10th anniversary as host of the nationally syndicated The Bill Press Show, heard on the radio and seen on FreeSpeech TV. With offices located right here in Ward 6 of the nation's capital, Bill Press has remained consistent in informing Americans about our congressional legislation for statehood and voting rights, and D.C.'s fight to achieve equal citizenship.

Ten years ago, The Bill Press Show began as a nationally syndicated talk radio program. Today, the program is seen and heard nationally on radio, television, and on the internet. For more than four decades, Bill has made himself a go-to, reliable political pundit on radio and on television. Bill has covered both the Democratic and Republican national conventions in his time as host of The Bill Press Show and regularly covers the White House. As a former co-host of MSNBC's Buchanan and Press, CNN's Crossfire and The Spin Room, Bill Press built a national reputation for thought-provoking and humorous insights on American politics.

Bill Press is also the author of five books and writes a nationally syndicated newspaper column, distributed by Tribune Media Services. He is also a featured columnist for The Hill newspaper in Washington, D.C.

During Bill's storied career, he has received numerous awards for his work, including four Emmys and a Golden Mike Award. In 1992, the Associated Press named him Best Commentator of the Year.

Bill Press got experience many commentators lack when he chaired the California Democratic Party from 1993 to 1996 and served as chief of staff to California State Senator Peter Behr (R). He also served as director of the California Office of Planning and Research under Governor Jerry Brown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me commending Bill Press and his entire team at The Bill Press Show, including his Executive Producer, Peter Ogburn, and his business partner, Paul Woodhull for their 10 years of outstanding service to the field of political commentary and their continued commitment to providing information and analysis to the American people.

HONORING THE GREAT SALT BAY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN
DAMARISCOTTA, MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to be from a state with a lasting tradition of supporting arts education. From Winslow Homer to Andrew Wyeth, Maine artists have long been recognized for their extraordinary talent. This is in no small part due to the emphasis that Maine schools have put on arts education. I'm so grateful for the many educators who have made teaching our youth about the arts a priority.

This year, the Great Salt Bay Community School in Damariscotta, Maine won the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation's SupportMusic Merit Award for the exceptional quality of its music program. They have led our state in arts education, and I am confident that their program serves as an inspiration to schools across the country that are looking to better educate their students about the arts.

Winning the SupportMusic Merit Award is a prestigious honor, and the entire Damariscotta community should be proud. This achievement belongs to the administration, teachers, students, families, and town as a whole. I am so proud to have this excellent school in my district. This award is a testament to its teachers' dedication and commitment to their students as well as to the tremendous talent that is required to motivate and properly educate students about music.

It gives me great pleasure to offer the Great Salt Bay Community School—along with its teachers, staff and students—my sincerest congratulations on this prestigious award, and my best wishes for the years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE PASSAGE
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION
ACT OF 1947

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the passage of the "Presidential Succession Act of 1947."

Passed by the 80th Congress, the "Presidential Succession Act" was signed into law by President Harry S Truman on July 18, 1947, in response to the sudden death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States.

The death of President Roosevelt was felt throughout the country, because FDR had held the office for over twelve years and seen the country through the Great Depression, the surprise attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor, and World War II.

When President Roosevelt died, Vice President Harry Truman was immediately sworn in as President; the position of Vice President remained vacant for the duration of the term, from April 1945 to January 1949.

President Truman prevailed upon the Congress to pass legislation that would correct the

issue of a vacant Constitutional position within the Executive Branch.

The Presidential Succession Act established the line of succession to the office of President of the United States in the event that neither a President nor Vice President is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

The Presidential Succession Act places the Speaker of the House first and the President pro tempore second in the line of constitutional succession for our Chief Executive after the Vice President of the United States.

By creating this clear line of Constitutional succession for the Office of the President, Congress provided a mechanism to maintain continuity of executive branch operation through horrific national tragedies, like the one occurring on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, elevating at that moment Vice President Lyndon Johnson to the Office of the Presidency.

Another moment in our nation's history that exemplifies the wisdom of the Presidential Succession Act is the attempted assassination on March 30, 1981, of our 40th President, Ronald Reagan.

The aftermath of this attempted assassination of a sitting U.S. President was eased by the well-known defined transition of duties set forth in the Presidential Succession Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commemorate the "Presidential Succession Act" of 1947 as an example of Congressional foresight in protecting the continuity of the Office of the Presidency during a national crisis.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV) for garnering a coveted bronze prize at the annual "Telly Awards" for their partnership documentary, "Zip Code." The Telly Awards honor the finest in film, video production, and web commercials for outstanding local, regional and cable television commercials and programs.

I applaud MUSC and SCETV on their efforts to present a program to South Carolina viewers offering viewpoints of doctors and community leaders that seek to change the way people think about health care. More specifically, this program focuses on a variety of health topics, from the food we eat to the water we drink to the air we breathe—all of which affect our daily lives and play a huge role in our health. According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, in South Carolina alone there are approximately one million people who lack access to healthy food. That's 20 percent of the state's population.

Through MUSC's Public Information and Community Outreach group, the "Zip Code" production paired two outstanding organizations who presented an in-depth look at the

many causes of health disparities in our nation today. As stated in the program, "Health starts where we live, learn, work and play. In fact, some experts say the lifespan of a child is determined more by his or her zip code than their genetic code." "Zip Code" seeks to answer, "Why is there such a divide in the health of the American people?"

I would also like to personally thank my good friend David Rivers, the Director of the Public Information and Community Outreach department at MUSC, for his leadership in this project. His commitment and creativity have led to instructive and productive innovations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating these two outstanding organizations on their efforts to bring attention to the important topic of the state of health in South Carolina.

HONORING UNITED STATES NAVY CAPTAIN ANDREW K.M. ROSA

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of United States Navy Captain Andrew Rosa. I know I am not alone in my appreciation of Captain Rosa's service and dedication.

Throughout his career, Captain Rosa served in a variety of positions both here in the United States and overseas. As Mission Commander of Task Group 53.8—a Fifth Fleet antiterrorism-force protection task group—he was mobilized and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. His bravery and contributions to our nation's fight against terrorism are truly admirable.

Captain Rosa leaves a lasting legacy through his leadership and unwavering commitment to the protection of this country's ideals both at home and abroad. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to express my gratitude to Captain Andrew Rosa for his thirty-four years of exemplary service.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WILLIAM L. DEAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Dr. William L. Dean who will become Pastor Emeritus at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Dr. Dean served as the senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga from October 1972 until December 1994—pastoring this church longer than any other minister.

The event honoring Dr. Dean will take place at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Dean and thanking him for his unwavering service and devotion to First Baptist Church Sylacauga.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND SUE VAN FOSSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor John and Sue Van Fosson of Clarinda, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. John and Sue were married on June 24, 1955 in College Springs, Iowa.

John and Sue's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, Teresa, Julie, Robin, Bruce, and Betsy, as well as their grandchildren and great-grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. I applaud this devoted couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family all the best moving forward.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FLORIDA'S BELOVED, SENATOR DURELL "DOC" PEADEN, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's beloved Senator Durrell "Doc" Peaden, Jr. Doc was a great friend and committed public servant who had an enormous impact on the lives of both his constituents in Northwest Florida and the state as a whole. His passing is mourned throughout the great State of Florida.

A proud Northwest Floridian, Doc was born August 24, 1945, in DeFuniak Springs. After obtaining his undergraduate degree from Tulane University, Doc went on to medical school, gaining his MD in 1973. He immediately returned to his home in Northwest Florida, and, as he often liked to say, he was a "country doctor" for decades, working tirelessly to care for the patients in and around his home in Okaloosa County. While practicing medicine, Doc also obtained his law degree.

In 1994, Doc Peaden began his distinguished career as an elected official when he won a seat in the Florida House of Representatives serving the people of the 5th District. Using his immense experience as a doctor, Doc quickly established himself as a leader in the state on health care issues, and during his time in the House, he helped lead efforts to expand medical education in the state by establishing a medical school at Florida State University. Having had the opportunity to serve with Doc in the Florida House, I know firsthand how hard he worked to ensure that the medical needs of our state were met.

After serving in the Florida House of Representatives, Doc continued his tremendous service to Northwest Florida in the Florida State Senate, where he served from 2000–2010. His tenure included a position as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee, and he successfully championed many important health care related bills through the Florida Legislature, including legislation requiring greater reporting from physicians.

As a physician and a legislator, Doc was deeply committed to advancing the important issue of medical education to the forefront, and both during and after his time in the Legislature, he championed the construction of new medical schools around the state. He deeply understood how vital it is to ensure that rural Floridians have their medical needs met in their own community, and after leaving the Senate, he was instrumental in bringing a new dental school to DeFuniak Springs.

To some, Doc Peaden will be remembered as a caring physician, always going above and beyond the call to serve the needs of his patients; to others, he will be remembered as an exceptional elected official and champion of health care; to his friends and family, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband and father. His immense contributions to our community and our state will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Senator Durell “Doc” Peaden, Jr. My wife Vicki and I extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to his wife, Nancy; his children Durell III (Trey), Tyler, and Taylen; and the entire Peaden family.

HONORING MR. JOHN MOERLINS

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Moerlins. It takes a special type of person to lead a life of serving his or her community; Mr. Moerlins was that type of person.

Mr. Moerlins selflessly served our great country during his early years in the United States Army and continued to serve his local community of Sound Beach, New York, through his work in federal and local agencies, and many local organizations. After serving in the Army, Mr. Moerlins came home to Long Island where he worked eighteen years as a letter carrier for the Glendale Post Office of the

United States Postal Service and was a long-time member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He later became Treasurer of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Mr. Moerlins continued his life of service on a more local level as a valued resident of the Sound Beach Community on Long Island. He was a long-time member of the Sound Beach Civic Association, the Mt. Sinai Senior Citizens Club, and the Board of the Sound Beach Property Owners. He served as an usher in the St. Louis de Montfort R.C. Church, served on the Miller Place Board of Education, and was also extremely instrumental in the completion of many local projects. As a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces, it is fitting that Mr. Moerlins helped to secure funding to create the Sound Beach Veterans Memorial. Additionally, Mr. Moerlins was actively involved in the design of the children’s park and the installation of the bus shelter in front of the post office in Sound Beach.

Mr. Moerlins passed away on December 15, 2011. In addition to serving his community, Mr. Moerlins was also a loving husband, father, and grandfather who is dearly missed by his family and friends. It is my hope that many will follow in the footsteps of Mr. Moerlins and give back to their country and community as graciously as he did. People like Mr. Moerlins help make our world a much better place.

Today, I thank John for his years of dedication and service to our country and community.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
CARL D. “CHUBBY” PROFFITT, JR.

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Carl D. “Chubby” Proffitt, Jr. of Charlottesville, Virginia, who passed away June 30, 2015 at age 96.

Mr. Proffitt began serving in the U.S. Army National Guard during the Great Depression to support his family. He was called to duty during Pearl Harbor and as a member of the Army’s 29th Infantry Division, led his platoon on D-Day. Mr. Proffitt successfully guided thirty men in his landing craft safely on the beach through rounds of machine gun and artillery fire.

For his valor and service, he received three Purple Hearts, a Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and numerous other awards. In 2013, I was honored to see Mr. Proffitt receive the French Legion of Honor for his service during World War II and participate in a ceremony honoring Mr. Proffitt in Charlottesville at the American Legion. He fondly remembered those he served with who did not return home and credited God for his safe return.

Mr. Proffitt was a tremendous family man—a husband of 64 years to wife Ollie, a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. As a witness to such pivotal moments in our nation’s history, he was honored to speak with student groups and those researching World War II. He was selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the 2008 Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello which then-President George W. Bush attended. He was actively engaged with local recreational endeavors, particularly sports, leading the Charlottesville City Council to honor him in 2010 by dedicating fields at the McIntire Softball Complex in his name. Mr. Proffitt was remembered by Phil Grimm, the commander of American Legion Post 74, of which Proffitt was a lifetime member, as a humble, spirited leader: “He was so down-to-earth that you never realized you were in the presence of someone who had accomplished so much.”

We remain forever grateful for Mr. Proffitt’s bravery and sacrifices—may he rest in peace. On the day Carl D. “Chubby” Proffitt, Jr. is laid to rest, I ask that the members of this House of Representatives join me, the Proffitt family, and the community of Charlottesville, Virginia in honoring the memory of a great American hero.