

that the report contents will be based on our country's efforts."

In other words, Japan understood it would get a pass from the State Department and escape the list of countries facing action by the U.S. for their failure to resolve abduction cases based on what Mr. Okada euphemistically refers to as "efforts," not results.

Sgt. Michael Elias's country has utterly failed to protect him. He has seen zero progress in his case over the last year—the 7th year of his heart-wrenching ordeal—and yet the State Department cannot even bring itself to hold Japan accountable by naming Japan a worst offender in the annual report.

The Goldman Act is clear: All requests for return that the State Department submitted to the foreign ministry and that remained unresolved 12 months later are to be counted against Japan—and followed up with action.

The Goldman Act has given the State Department new and powerful tools to bring Japan, and other countries, to the resolution table. The goal is not to disrupt relations but to heal the painful rifts caused by international child abduction.

The question still remains, will the State Department use the Goldman Act as required by law?

RECOGNIZING COLLIN HORAN FOR
EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE
NORTH POINT VETERANS PRO-
GRAM

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Collin Horan, a Greencastle-Antrim Middle School student, for his dedicated service to the North Point Veterans Program.

Mr. Horan chose to work with the North Point Veteran's Home, a housing, employment, independent living, and recovery-oriented service provider for displaced veterans, out of a sense of gratitude for our former service members, and given his family's ties to the military.

After speaking with the home's 23 current residents, Mr. Horan set out with the help and support of his parents, Don and Lauren Horan, to provide the veterans with an impressive donation, which included home living essentials like towels and toiletry items, as well as significant funds for the home to purchase a refrigerator and laptop computer.

Garnering support from the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Funkstown and a number of local businesses, Mr. Horan worked tirelessly and even overcame a health setback to complete the service project in conjunction with his church confirmation.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Horan, a selfless young man, and congratulate him for his committed service to the North Point Veteran's Home, our country's service members, and his local community.

RECOGNIZING DR. RON KRUSE FOR
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Dr. Ron Kruse. He retired as Executive Director from the Developmental Services of Franklin County on June 8, 2015. Dr. Kruse has contributed to the county for 28 years.

Dr. Kruse was the first employee and executive director hired in 1987, and under his leadership DSFC expanded to a team of 142 employees. He served 38 years in the field, 28 of those serving the people of Franklin County with developmental disabilities. His work provided case management at the local level by developing the Franklin County Dental Network, Behavioral Services Early Intervention programming, and by partnering with county agencies to meet the residents' transportation needs. This showcases his ability to make a positive impact and leave behind a strong legacy with an organization that provides quality, innovative services.

DSFC enhances employment opportunities, educational and developmental programs, family support programs, and community living options. The organization also promotes public awareness and community collaboration to serve individuals with developmental disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, or a similar condition diagnosed before the age of 22. Thanks to Dr. Kruse's efforts, Franklin County will continue to move in the right direction for people with development disabilities.

With this retirement, Dr. Ron Kruse can now spend more time with his family which includes: his wife Pamela, daughters Jill and Kate, and grandson Ellis.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Ron Kruse on his retirement after 28 years of commitment to his community.

HONORING MR. ROY LEE SEAY

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Roy Lee Seay, who has been honored for his services in the Vietnam War. Through his service in the United States Army, Mr. Seay earned several medals and awards such as the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Marksman Badge with Auto Rifle Bar, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with "60" device. Mr. Seay was also recently surprised to find out he has been recognized with the following awards: the Silver Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle and Machinegun Bars, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unity Citation with Palm Device.

Mr. Seay was born July 12, 1947 in Mer Rouge, Louisiana to the late Robert Seay and

Elizabeth Seay. In October 1970, roughly eight months after returning from the war, Mr. Seay and his wife, Maggie Seay, moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he worked for Food Machinery Corporation/United Defense Industries for twenty-nine years until his retirement in 1999.

Mr. Seay is a dedicated member of his church, New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Minneapolis, where he also works as a Sunday School Teacher. Mr. Seay's family is of utmost importance to him. He is the proud father of three daughters: Debra Brinkley, Sandra Moore, and Lawanda Moore; and one son: Lonnie LaValias.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Seay and his entire family, on a lifetime of service—to his county, to his family, and to his community. Thank you, Roy, for your service.

DIGNIFIED INTERMENT OF OUR
VETERANS ACT

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on an issue plaguing our nation's veterans, and to thank two of my constituents from Fayette County, Mr. Lanny Golden, a Vietnam Veteran, and Mr. Ron Metros, a member of Rolling Thunder's Pennsylvania Chapter 5, for working with me on legislation to return dignity and respect to our country's heroes.

There are an estimated 47,000 unclaimed veteran remains that have been left to collect dust on funeral home shelves because the next of kin has not or could not be identified. Existing legislation directs the Veteran Affairs Administration, veteran service organizations, and funeral directors to work together in identifying veteran status for the deceased and making every effort to locate the next of kin. Unfortunately, there are a host of barriers that prevent effective collaboration among these stakeholders. For example, in my state of Pennsylvania, the Missing in America Project found nearly 100 unclaimed veterans within a couple years' time. Some of those veterans were sitting on shelves for more than 20 years awaiting burial.

We can speculate regarding the reason for this disgrace but we cannot know for sure without giving this issue the attention it deserves. That is why I have introduced H.R. 1338 "Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015." My bill requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the claiming and interring of unclaimed veteran remains. The intent of the study is to confirm the scope of this problem, uncover any barriers associated with claiming and interring veteran remains, and solicit recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs on potential program improvements. This is the first step in returning honor to our country's heroes.

Again, I would like to thank Mr. Metros and Mr. Golden for their dedicated work in service to our country's veterans. When asked why he is so passionate about this issue, Mr. Golden, who served with the First Air Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War, simply replied that these are his Brothers in Arms and they deserve to be buried beside those that have walked the same path.

I fully agree with Mr. Golden and would like to say thank you to all who have served this great nation. I will make every effort to ensure your final resting place be of dignity and honor. We will not forget you.

HONORING JUDGE MICHAEL
POLLARD

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the hard work of Judge Michael Pollard and his tremendous impact on the Tucson community.

His selfless work for the American people started when he was drafted into the United States Marine Corps in 1967. He was assigned to the Echo Company 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, proudly serving his country in Vietnam.

Following his time in the military, Judge Pollard graduated from the University of Arizona, College of Law in 1972. He then worked tirelessly in private practice as a prosecutor and public defender for 20 years before being appointed as a Tucson City Court magistrate in 1994.

Since that appointment, Judge Pollard has worked relentlessly to improve his community through his service on various committees, including as chair of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence in the Courts, as the state judicial representative to the Arizona Full Faith and Credit Team, and as co-chair of the Tucson/Pima County Homeless Plan Implementation Task Force, continuing to direct homeless courts in the region.

Judge Pollard's most recent contribution to Tucson can be found in his honorable and dedicated work with his fellow veterans. In 2009, along with a handful of other judges, he developed the Regional Municipalities Veterans Treatment Court. This organization works to provide veterans an opportunity to avoid jail time and clear any misdemeanor charges they may have on their record. In return, the veteran must complete court-mandated rehabilitation and support courses, many times working with the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System and other local organizations that provide those services. Since its inception, this program has allowed over 600 veterans to work towards a healthy, clean lifestyle without the difficulties of possessing a criminal record.

Thanks to Judge Pollard and his team, countless veterans have been able to move past their misdemeanors and progress to non-violent, healthy lives. He sees these misdemeanors not as permanent hardships, but as potential turning points for those who accept them. He provides a second chance for those who have fought for our country, and for this I am grateful. Judge Pollard demonstrates an individual who truly works for the betterment of his community, both among Tucsonans and his fellow veterans.

IN TRIBUTE TO UMOS ON THEIR
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to UMOS, a nationally renowned agency whose corporate headquarters is based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In July, 2015, UMOS will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

UMOS began as a single-focused, single state, migrant and seasonal farm worker serving agency only. Today, UMOS offers various programs and services to diverse populations with a diverse staff. Currently, UMOS employs 300 people and operates 40+ programs with more than \$25 million grant and performance-based contracts from federal, state, and local funding sources.

UMOS operates programs throughout the state of Wisconsin, as well as in Minnesota, Missouri, and Texas, along with a housing consortium in an eight-state area. It provides programs and services in three major categories: workforce development, child development, and social services including: farm labor, housing, HIV prevention services, domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking supportive services, home energy assistance, food pantry and Head Start. In addition to these programs, UMOS sponsors and organizes a number of cultural and community events in Wisconsin.

Much of the success of UMOS can be attributed to its longtime President and Chief Executive Officer, Lupe Martinez. He has led the agency for over 40 years and spent most of his professional career at UMOS. Mr. Martinez is dedicated to advocating and providing programs and services to improve employment, provide education opportunities as well as health and housing supports for UMOS' clientele whether they are migrant and seasonal farm workers or other underserved populations. Lupe Martinez has always gravitated toward leadership roles even as a child; he was one of 10 siblings in a family of migrant workers and accepted the responsibility of paying bills and managing the family finances. Today he manages the largest Hispanic non-profit organization in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say the UMOS hails from the 4th Congressional District, and pleased to give praise to Lupe Martinez, their Board of Directors and staff. I wish them many more years of success.

RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER
AND RETIREMENT OF MR.
MARTY BEIL

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career of Mr. Marty Beil, who will retire this week after having served as Executive Director of the American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees (AFSCME) Council 24, the Wisconsin State Employees Union since 1985. Over the

course of his 30 years at the helm of AFSCME Council 24, Marty has come to be known by many as the face of public employee unions in the State of Wisconsin.

Marty began his career in public service in 1969 working for the state's Division of Corrections as a probation and parole officer. It didn't take long for Marty to become involved with the union, and in 1973 he became president of the local chapter. In 1978 Marty was then elected president of the Wisconsin State Employees Union, a position which he held until 1985 when he was chosen to take over as executive director. Throughout his time as director, Marty was appointed by Wisconsin Governors to many high level committees and commissions on which he served as the spokesman for Council 24 and an outspoken advocate for state employees.

The hallmark of Marty's career was perhaps during the highly divisive 2011 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature when Governor Scott Walker introduced Act 10, the controversial legislation suspending most collective bargaining powers of the state's public unions. The bill was unprecedented in Wisconsin, which was the first state in the country to provide collective bargaining rights to public employees in 1959, and the legislation drew significant public dissent. Marty provided pivotal leadership and was a constant presence throughout the weeks of protests at the State Capitol where crowds of demonstrators numbered over 100,000 at times.

It is a true honor to recognize the career of Marty Beil, a tireless advocate and leader for state employees and working families in my district and across the state. His contributions are an important legacy in the longstanding tradition of fighting for workers' rights and protections in the State of Wisconsin.

HONORING BOB FALLSTROM

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Fallstrom, a friend, veteran, and newsman, who passed away on July 10, 2015 at the age of 88. Mr. Fallstrom served as an integral part of life in central Illinois by delivering the news to countless Central Illinoisans for 66 years. He left a lasting impact on many throughout the entire state of Illinois.

As a young man, Mr. Fallstrom worked at a movie theatre with the dream of a career in the news. Despite never having earned a college degree, he eventually achieved his dream, landing a position with the Herald & Review, a local newspaper in Decatur, Illinois.

Mr. Fallstrom put his professional dreams on hold to serve his country during World War II—a testament to his dedication to service and putting others first in all aspects of his life.

After the war, Mr. Fallstrom returned to central Illinois and once again picked up his reporter's notebook. He worked for decades as a sports editor for the paper and kept regular attendance at sporting events throughout the region. Known as the "good news editor," he was also described as a "talking encyclopedia" of central Illinois history.

I am proud to honor Mr. Fallstrom for his service to his country and his community. He