

wishing Jerry Emmett a Happy 101st Birthday and thank her for all that she had done for Arizona and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO CLINT SPURRIER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Clint Spurrier of Mount Ayr, Iowa for receiving a 2015 Governor's Volunteer Award. Starting in 1983, the Governor's office began awarding state employees who displayed a commitment to volunteerism by helping with various projects or programs within their communities. Since its implementation the award has expanded to any member of the public that displays the necessary attributes for receiving this award.

Clint is a prime example of the dedication and commitment to service that Iowans are known for. He selflessly gives his time to programs like the South Central Iowa Community Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of life all across the south central region of Iowa through the implementation of charitable funds. Each year, they donate more than \$1 million to various organizations in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and recognize Clint for his many years of service and dedication to others in his community. His volunteerism embodies the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Clint for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN KOREAN WAR SOLDIERS FROM QUEENS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise with The Honorable JOSEPH CROWLEY, The Honorable STEVE ISRAEL, The Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, The Honorable CAROLYN MALONEY, and The Honorable GREGORY MEEKS, on the 62nd anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, to recognize the brave soldiers from Queens who were killed or missing in action during the Korean War. Many of these valiant soldiers are memorialized on a statue in Kissena Park, in my district.

The Korean War was a grueling conflict that brought the Cold War into Asia. The Korean War lasted three years, and approximately five million soldiers and civilians were killed.

In this tragic three-year period, one hundred and eighty-three soldiers from Queens died to protect our country and the democratic ideals that we hold dear. It is important to honor their memory and ensure their sacrifices are not forgotten. I wish to submit their names for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Dominick M. Ambrosino, Thomas W. August, Joseph Banks, Gilbert E. Barnard,

George Barrell, Reginald J. Batten, Salvatore T. Bellavia, Joseph P. Bertani, Robert S. Bick, Robert H. Black, Edward R. Bosch, Walter J. Bradich, Harry M. Bringes, Charles J. Brown, Jr., Thomas J. Burke.

Nicola Cafaro, Joseph S. Campo, Joseph J. Carey, Jr., Robert J. Carpenter, Patrick F. Carr, Peter F. Casey, Donald M. Chapple, Leroy R. Coleman, William Collins, Josephs Colonna, Frederick A. Conti, Mario Contiliano, John R. Coogan, Edward T. Cooney, Ernest J. Corin, Anthony E. Costa, Donald J. Cunniffe, Daniel V. Curley, Peter J. Cusumano, Benito Dalleva, Jerome M. Daly, William Davis, John A. De Franchesi, Trinidad De La Fuente, Joseph De Pietro, Richard P. Delligatti, Fiore J. Di Giorgio, Joseph E. Doherty, Mortimer Domroe, Charles A. Dow, Matthew R. Downs, Richard T. Dwyer.

Edward A. Edni, Lewis Fabrizio, James F. Farrell, Dominick J. Fazio, Milton Fedchisin, David E. Feldmeth, Eugene H. Firnges, Thomas F. Fisher, Thomas E. Flanagan, Douglas L. Flannery, James L. Foreza, Niel M. Freeman, Frank T. Frey, Raymond X. Gallagher, Fred J. Giangrosso, John Gieseking, Gilbert G. Goepel, Fred Goldstein, Walter F. Gross, Leon Gurfein.

Robert W. Hamblin, Robert Hanley, Daniel M. Healy, John J. Hegarty III, Adolf F. Heissler, Paul O. Herman, Thomas D. Herr, Thomas Hicks, Edmond Hitziger, Marti F. Hochenberger, Martin J. Hoffman, Edgar G. Holmes, Edward M. Howard, Raymond P. Jenner, Elmer J. Kallmeyer, John J. Kane, Edward Kazmierczak, George C. Klausner, Kenneth W. Kinsey, Kingdon R. Knapp, Paul J. Kruk.

Salvatore T. La Rocca, Edward F. Lamers, Meredith L. Lehman, Jr., Billy Liolin, Ernest Little, Sr., George J. Mabin, Guy A. Maclaury, Michael F. Maher, Daniel D. Maletta, George H. Mammes, Philip V. Mandra, John S. Maniatty, Anthony Marcatante, Jason Maschist, Marshall McCook, James C. McEvoy, James J. F. McGoey, Hugh P. McKenna, John P. McKenna, John P. McLaughlin, Joseph E. McLaughlin, Robert J. McLoughlin, John P. McQuade, John C. Mendel, Henry Mezzatesta, Jr., Theodore Milczarczyk, Gus E. Miller, Robert F. Miller, John G. Mitchell, Curtis L. Smith, Ralph R. Mitola, William W. Monaghan, Gunther T. Muller.

Adolphus Nava, Charles V. Nejedly, Dennis J. Nyhan, Edward O'Donnell, Vincent W. O'Neill, Michael J. O'Sullivan, Anthony E. Pagano, Raphael J. Papparillo, Jr., Elmiro Patitucci, Jr., Frederick Perrotta, Alfred P. Perry, John Pointeck, Jr., Frank P. Ragone, Benjamin Rand, George H. Redding, Michael D. Restaino, Roy T. Riggs, Thomas M. Robb, Edward J. Rock, Daniel F. Rogers, Louis H. Roman, James J. Rone, Hector P. Rosa, George J. Rothenberger, John J. Ryan.

Bernard J. Sabin, John W. Salerno, Columbus Samuels, Edward F. Santoro, Francis Scherman, William D. Scott, Henry Scotti, Frederick M. Scribner, Jr., Warren Sears, Ronald E. Shaddock, John J. Shay, Jr., James R. Silk, George E. Simmons, Nichol L. Siniscalchi, Stephen J. Smallbone, Curtis L. Smith, Dewitt R. Smith, Ernest A. Sobeck, Jr., Ronald C. Sparks, Raymond A. Staats, Anthony G. Steinhauser, Jr., James A. Sullivan, Jr., George F. Troy, Curt W. Ulrich, Leonard J. Vanata, James Void, Richard H. Volz, Robert A. Vradenburgh, Martin J. Wahl, William R.

Walsh, Allan J. Waterman, Gerhardt H. Weber, Arthur A. Weigand, Melvin Weiss, Chester W. Wierzbicki, Gerald F. Williams, Richard E. Willoughby, Walter J. Yuzskiewics.

As representatives of Queens, it is our honor to recognize the fallen soldiers who called Queens their home, and gave their lives in service to our country. I would like to thank the National Archives and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for providing the names of the deceased.

TRIBUTE TO PAYTON WEEHLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Payton Weehler of Maloy, Iowa, for qualifying for nationals at the Memorial Day State Junior High Rodeo Tournament. Payton is the son of Neil and Jill Weehler.

Payton won the break-away roping competition and received the Rookie of the Year award. His success reflects his hard work and dedication to his craft. He will compete at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, later in the summer.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Payton in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Payton on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament and in his future career.

HONORING BETTY RHODES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Betty Rhodes, who is leaving after 15 years of dedicated service to the Napa County Commission on Aging.

Ms. Betty Rhodes served in several vital capacities on the Napa County Commission on Aging, most important as Chair for two terms beginning in 2001. Throughout the years, she has been a consistent and committed benefactor to the community through her patronage and support of innumerable causes in Napa County. Her commitments include writing the "Senior Corner" in the St. Helena Star, serving on the Board of Directors of Napa, becoming a member of the Senior Advisory Committee for the City of Napa, and becoming co-host of Seniors Rule!, a new local television series. Ms. Rhodes fully embraced her numerous leadership positions and has been an important advocate for the elderly community.

One of her major contributions to the local community is the award winning protective measure known as the Caregiver Permit Ordinance. This measure mandates fingerprinting and criminal background checks for every individual and business providing in-home care for the elderly and disabled in the Napa Valley. Ms. Rhodes was also named "Outstanding Booster of the Year" by the Napa Chamber of Commerce in 2009, signifying the lasting positive impacts that she has had on the community.

Ms. Rhodes' success in working with the elder community stems from her ability to truly understand their needs as well as their value in the community. Through her dedication and determination, she has proven to be an influential leading advocate for older adults.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Rhodes has a long and distinguished career of service to others, most notably to the senior community in Napa County. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge Ms. Rhodes today and wish her well as she departs the Napa County Commission on Aging.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law and codified the prohibition of discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and public and private places that are open to the general public.

An individual with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment. Approximately 112,158 individuals of the population living within the 17th Congressional District have a disability. I am proud to represent them and to speak out today on a law that transformed our country.

As a nation, America took another step on the pathway toward true equality during the late 1980s when the concept of federal legislation with the single, worthy goal of expanding civil rights protections to millions of Americans with disabilities gained bipartisan support.

I applauded those advocates, such as former Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, who first introduced the legislation on May 8, 1988. Those great people brought to life a vision of inclusion, access, and dignity. It is my hope we can today follow in their likeness and continue to protect the rights of all people.

TRIBUTE TO HANK BOHLING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Hank Bohling of Greenfield, Iowa, for receiving a state 4-H citizenship project award. Hank is the son of Lynn and Elaine Bohling of Greenfield, Iowa.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55

counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Hank's commitment to serving others, and I commend him for his hard work.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent future leaders like Hank Bohling in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I applaud his award today. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Hank on his achievement. I wish him and his family nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND TENNIS WEEK IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to honor the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place August 1–9, 2015, in Rock Creek Park, and to recognize these dates as "Tennis Week" in the District of Columbia. All are invited to attend the 47th installment of this Washington tennis tradition, a cultural, economic, and community staple in the region.

The Washington tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell, along with business partner John Harris, and with the support of Arthur Ashe. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport, and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains in its original location on 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Donald Dell gave the tournament charter to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes for children.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in 182 countries. A 2014 economic impact study found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open on the regional economy is more than \$26 million. The tournament is the only Association of Tennis Professionals 500 level event in the United States, and it is one of only four professional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia" for the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, celebrated August 1–9, as well as the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation for their outstanding efforts to run a world-class sporting event and contributions to D.C. youth.

IN HONOR OF FELIX PELLETIER

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Rhode Island resident Felix Pelletier, not only for his courageous service in the Army during World War II, but also his continuous service to the men and women of the armed services long after he honorably completed his tour of duty.

For years now, Mr. Pelletier has dedicated hours each day to making life more comfortable for our service members. Using his trusted Singer sewing machine, he has created neck coolers to help provide relief for the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines from the heat endured while defending our freedom. At age 90, Mr. Pelletier has sewn over 50,000 of these devices and continues to craft them one stitch at a time.

I commend Mr. Pelletier for his devotion to serving our country for over 70 years, from the shores of Normandy to our home state of Rhode Island. We are proud to have him as one of our own, and I thank him for his selfless commitment to helping our service members to this day.

TRIBUTE TO HOUSTON STEPHENS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Houston Stephens for qualifying for nationals at the Memorial Day State Junior High Rodeo Tournament. Houston is the son of Jamie and Brad Stephens of Glenwood, Iowa.

Houston received the reserve champion award in the break-away roping competition and placed second in the team roping competition. His success reflects his dedication to the event, as well as his work ethic and competitive spirit. He will compete at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, later this summer.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Houston in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but the best at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament and in his future rodeo career.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 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 \$18,151,903,780,340.35. We've added \$7,525,026,731,427.27 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could