

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE OCCASION OF PAUL D. TERRY'S RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor a long-time and trusted member of the Appropriations Committee staff, Paul D. Terry, who is retiring following nearly fifty years of service to his Nation. If one were to describe Paul, he would begin by saying that his qualities exemplify those found in a true American patriot. He is always at work early, stays late, always on task, and never ever complains about the challenges that face him. One might find this hard to believe—and assume that these words are simply tributary rhetoric—but if you know Paul, you know every word is true.

Paul comes from the heart of the plains—Norfolk, Nebraska, a farm boy attending a one room country school with one teacher, sixteen students in nine grades. He made good marks, and upon graduation from high school received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The day after graduation, he married the love of his life, Ann, and began to raise a family.

Paul was an Armor officer trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and successfully completed all of the major military education courses, including parachute and Ranger school. His military career took him across the globe. He was first assigned in Germany, then attended helicopter flight school, returned to assignments at Fort Knox and again to Germany. Paul commanded an Abrams tank battalion in Kansas and then served in a variety of important capacities at the Pentagon before his family moved to Korea for his final military tour.

Including his Academy years, Paul's retirement comprises over 34 years of service to the U.S. Army, retiring as a full Colonel. He served the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization upon retirement, and, most recently, for the past 15 years, the Committee on Appropriations has been fortunate to benefit from Paul's years of military experience, his expert knowledge of protocols and procedures, and his dedication to our country.

During his years in Congress, Paul has been a professional staff member for the Defense Subcommittee. His various portfolios have included operations and maintenance accounts, Working Capitol funds, Department of Defense Inspector General accounts, Civil Air Patrol funding, Army-wide procurement and research and development accounts, and the Joint IED Defeat Organization. Through these portfolios, Paul has helped the Committee provide thoughtful guidance to the Department, including its policies related to all Army ground and air combat resources.

It will be difficult to fill Paul Terry's shoes here in Congress. In fact, that task will be quite impossible. But Paul has served his na-

tion well, and the achievement of his retirement is fully deserved.

God's speed Paul. You will be missed by one and all here in the Nation's Capital.

HONORING HANNAH FREEDOM SCHOOL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hannah Freedom School's Resolution on Childhood Poverty, which seeks to end childhood poverty by 2030. Introduced by the Hannah Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School's 2015 Scholars—a group of 50 children ages 7–10 in Marin City, California—this resolution promotes equal access to opportunities for all children. In recognition of the scholars' commitment to combating poverty in our community and beyond, it is fitting that I submit the following resolution.

HANNAH FREEDOM SCHOOL RESOLUTION ON CHILDHOOD POVERTY

As part of the Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School Family, we are taught that we can make a difference in ourselves, our families, our communities, the nation and the world. In order to be all that we can be, we have learned that all children everywhere deserve a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start and the support of caring families and communities. But we also have learned that not all kids get what they deserve. Global poverty denies children these important opportunities. In as much as:

In America, 14.7 million children live in poverty. That means that about one out of every five kids is poor. If you are black or brown, the number is closer to one in three—even in families where parents are working.

If you are poor as a child, you have a lesser chance of graduating from high school or going to college, but a greater chance of going to jail or being in a low paying job, which means you have a greater chance of becoming a poor adult, suffering from poor health, and becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Poverty has no face. It can be anybody. It can be anywhere. Not just homeless people. Not just kids in hoodies. Not just in urban areas. It is even in Marin. There are 21,000 poor families in Marin who live on less than \$24,000 a year, while most families in our county earn more than \$80,000 per year.

Children living in poverty, almost 2,000 in Marin, often struggle in school to keep up with their classmates in math, science and language arts.

Poverty is not safe. It is not healthy. It is not fair. It is wrong. It must be ended.

We, the students of Hannah Freedom School commit to work toward ending childhood poverty in our lifetime, joining the global initiative to end poverty by 2030. Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

Being poor is like being on punishment. It means that you have to go without. You have to go without good and nutritious food,

decent housing, healthy neighborhoods, or schools that address your needs or celebrate your culture. It amounts to 'cruel and unusual' punishment that must be abolished.

Childhood poverty can be ended globally by 2030.

We as children are using our voices, now it's time for the adults to use theirs.

We call on our lawmakers to imagine ending child poverty in our county, in our state, in our nation now.

Ending child poverty means that we will be able to stop the cradle to prison pipeline, we will be better educated, and we will be better prepared for a peaceful world.

As Bryan Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, stated: "The opposite of poverty is not wealth . . . the opposite of poverty is justice . . . and opportunity."

RECOGNIZING THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170, of the Croatian Fraternal Union, on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, held on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

The Croatian Fraternal Union celebrated their gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have reached fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include Carol Ann Ammon, Rosemarie Brackett, Janet Browning, Nicholas James Constantine, Michael Dujmovic, Thomas Michael Gillam, Florence A. Liss, Denise Ann Lukrafka, Patricia Anne Marince, Margaret J. Mrzljak, Ronald E. Ostrowski, Penelope A. Pappas, Marian Lucille Pozgay, Richard James Putz, Carolyn Rarey, Barbara Ann Rubesha, James Joseph Rubino, Richard Sturtridge, James William Svetich, and Mary Ann Tuskan.

This memorable day began with a mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all the members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170 for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

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INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, SIMPLY STORAGE, AND 5280 ARMORY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Industrial Chemical Corporation, Simply Storage and 5280 Armory for receiving the Business Collaboration Award from the Arvada Economic Development Association.

The Business Collaboration Award was created to honor a one-of-a-kind partnership between three private Arvada businesses who overcame the challenges of growing their companies.

Industrial Chemical Corporation needed a small piece of land to be able to expand their rail capability. 5280 Armory needed to find larger space to expand their operation, and Simply Storage wanted to bring their storage facility to Arvada. The collaboration between these companies resulted in finding a suitable solution for each of these expanding companies to stay and grow in Arvada—a big win for the community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Industrial Chemical Corporation, Simply Storage and 5280 Armory for this well-deserved honor from the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of your collaboration and commitment to the community.

OCTOBER 20, 2015 EASTERN IOWA
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over eighty Iowa veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War will travel to our nation's capital. Together, they will visit the monuments that were built in their honor by a grateful nation.

For many, today will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. I can think of no greater honor than to be able to thank Iowa's and our nation's heroes for their service to our country.

We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude, and the Honor Flight demonstrates that we as a state and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our nation's uniform. As a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, I am proud to have a piece of marble in my office from the quarry that was used to build the World War II Memorial. Our World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and

the Vietnam War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to celebrate the valiant contributions of individuals with disabilities in the workplace. Twenty-five years ago America took an enormous stride as a nation when enacting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This legislation was monumental in promoting equal opportunity for those with a disability seeking employment, yet nearly a quarter century later discrimination still exists.

Over forty-eight million Americans have a disability, but are unemployed at a rate that is twice that of people without disabilities. Despite the courageous effort of those with disabilities to change beliefs of employers they still face grave challenges in the workplace. We must come together as a nation to support those here in the United States suffering from employment discrimination because of a disability. America can become a stronger nation when we utilize the talents of and celebrate the gifts of all of our people. During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we recognize Americans with disabilities that strengthen our workforce, communities, and country.

Many great organizations such as People Inc. in Western New York strive to promote equality for those with disabilities. People Inc. was founded in 1986 with a goal to give individuals with disabling conditions or other special needs support they need to participate and succeed in an accepting society. People Inc. is working toward a future where all persons whose needs limit their integration into the community can reach their highest level of human potential as responsible members of society.

I will continue to fight for the equal employment opportunity for those with disabilities. It is time that we put people with disabilities on a level playing field with every other American. I have supported and cosponsored the Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act, a bill that overturns 75-year-old provisions that allow individuals with disabilities to be employed at subminimum wage rates.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I ask that my colleagues join me in support for those with disabilities in the workplace and encourage them to spread awareness across the United States this October.

RECOGNIZING THE NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oath of citizenship on Friday, October 16, 2015. This memorable occasion, presided over by Judge Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building 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. Oath ceremonies are 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 October 16, 2015, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mary Ann Quinesio Caduco, Ruel Tafalla Caduco, Vanessa Elizabeth Ochoa Gonzalez, Ana Martins Murta, Heloisa Bezerra Martins, Lewelyn Estrera Arevalo, Paulius Junokas, Roxana Mendoza Diaz, Osvaldo Fonseca Hernandez, Nelia Riezza Aragon, Edenia Floriselda Fley Centeno, Seungyup Sun, Thuy Thi Hong Le, Yamylene Anne Almanzor Hartsough, Mei Wang, Evelyn Leanos Mota, Henry Kavalu Ndisya, Yen Ngoc Nguyen, Veena Jhamandas Prithyani, Luz Cruz, Karina Gomez, Nestor Hodgson, Judith Adanely Hunt, Orawan Yooplao Krizman, Jeff Nguetack Mbeleke, Pedro Raygoza, Joanna Reyna, Maria del Rosario Serrano, Chantal Emefa Vigbedor, and Pinar Zorlutuna Vural.

Although 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 Constitution, 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 October 16, 2015. 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.

COSTCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Costco for receiving the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) Outstanding Large Business Award.

The Outstanding Large Business Award is given to a large business in the community for their commitment to the local economy and job creation, particularly through their investment in the community and corporate culture.

Costco is the second largest global retailer with more than 80 million members. They have won many awards including being named the "Most Admired Company" by Fortune Magazine two years in a row. More importantly, Costco maintains a code of ethics that speak to the culture of respect they have for their members, employees and suppliers.

Costco opened their location in Arvada on September 19, 2001. Over the past 14 years they have grown to 250 employees, added several suppliers, and are a huge economic engine for the city of Arvada.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Costco for this well-deserved honor from the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of the service they provide our community and am certain their products and services will continue to benefit the community for decades to come.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF MR.
DON WICK

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the great work of a constituent of mine, Mr. Don Wick. Throughout his 28 years as Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, Don has been critical to supporting businesses throughout the county and region.

From the many business workshops and seminars to the outreach and mentorship programs, Don's tenure at EDASC has expanded and diversified the access to opportunity in Skagit County. One such program, the Leadership Skagit program, was recognized by the 2004 Governor's Leadership Award and strengthens the community by developing leaders who are informed, inclusive and connected through shared learning experiences.

Don understands that the engine of our economy is driven by our people and communities. His success at EDASC is due in part to his ability to engage with people and build relationships with them.

His leadership and commitment to the Skagit County community has allowed EDASC to build successful partnerships with local businesses and foster job growth that will continue to sustain the quality of life in our region for years to come.

It has always been a pleasure working with Don who is always enthusiastic and upbeat. It's contagious. Whether through radio broadcasting or economic development, he has left

a lasting positive impact, and I wish him the very best in whatever his next venture may be. He has dedicated the past 28 years to helping Skagit County grow and prosper, ensuring it's better off than when he started, and I have no doubt he'll continue giving back to the community in his retirement.

HONORING PASO PACÍFICO

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Paso Pacífico, an organization wholeheartedly dedicated to the restoration and conservation of the natural ecosystem of Central America's Pacific Slope, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Headquartered in Ventura County, California, Paso Pacífico transcends distance by committing itself to an ecological mission and vision that is shared by the Nicaraguan communities that it serves.

Beginning as a collaborative dream of Sarah Otterstrom and Liza Gonzalez, Paso Pacífico has grown into an exceptional organization that strives to rescue, save, and rehabilitate the natural wonders and resources of Central America, and specifically Nicaragua. Paso Pacífico has worked diligently to collaborate with private landowners, local businesses, government agencies, local and international non-governmental organizations, schoolchildren, and conservation scientists to protect Nicaragua's fragile ecosystem.

For the past decade, Paso Pacífico has empowered local communities and economies by creating and managing community programs throughout the region. These programs have ranged from mitigating climate change to rebuilding forests in order to positively affect the future of the global ecology. Paso Pacífico has developed conservation programs to address the issues that impact the local coastal and marine ecosystems. The organization's efforts include beach cleanup projects that have been comprised of over 6,000 people spanning across 80 beaches in Nicaragua, removing over 330,000 pounds of trash. Since 2005, Paso Pacífico has had a profound impact and has saved the habitats of the local endangered wildlife, including four species of sea turtles, the black-handed spider monkey, and the yellow-naped Amazon parrot.

Due to an outstanding and remarkable team including a dedicated staff, active Board of Directors, and numerous scientists, professionals, and volunteers, Paso Pacífico has achieved notable success through its unique programs and initiatives. Paso Pacífico has received the Emil M. Mrak International Award from the University of California, Davis, as well as the Gold Level Validation by the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance. Paso Pacífico has also been honored and recognized by National Geographic, the United States Forest Service, and the Disney Conservation Fund.

For their significant and critical efforts to protect the environment along the Pacific Coast of Central America, I am honored to recognize Paso Pacífico for 10 years of service. It is with sincere gratitude that I congratulate Paso Pacífico on reaching this momen-

tous milestone and I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
WAYNE DYER**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Wayne Dyer. Dr. Dyer was an internationally renowned author and speaker in the field of self-development and spiritual growth. Over the span of his four-decade career, he wrote 42 books, 21 of which became New York Times bestsellers, and this wide readership earned him the affectionate nickname of "the father of motivation" among his fans.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Dyer earned his doctorate in educational counseling from Wayne State University before serving as a professor at St. John's University in New York. Through his early work as a college educator, and as a clinical psychologist, he discovered the need to make the principles of self-discovery and personal growth available to the general public.

After publishing a string of best-selling books on the practical psychology of self-improvement, Dr. Dyer felt a shift in his thinking that led him to explore the spiritual aspects of human experience. "My purpose is to help people look at themselves and begin to shift their concepts," Dr. Dyer said at the time. "Remember, we are not our country, our race, or religion. We are eternal spirits. Seeing ourselves as spiritual beings without label is a way to transform the world and reach a sacred place for all of humanity."

Dr. Dyer created several audio programs and videos, and appeared on thousands of television and radio shows over the course of his career. Many of his books have been featured as PBS specials, raising over \$200 million for public television stations nationwide and making Dr. Dyer one of PBS's most successful fund-raisers. This philanthropic spirit was intrinsic to Dr. Dyer, as illustrated by his charitable contributions to his alma mater, Wayne State University, which totaled more than \$1 million.

Dr. Dyer's first feature film, *The Shift*, was released in 2009, followed in 2012 by the autobiographical film, *My Greatest Teacher*. The second film dramatized a defining moment in Dyer's life, when he had visited the grave of his father, who had abandoned him as a young boy. While the intention that day had been to exact some form of vengeance on the man Dyer felt had sent him down a dark path of rage and alcoholism, at the gravesite Dr. Dyer was overcome by inexplicable feelings of love and forgiveness. He credited this experience with changing the trajectory of his life. The date of this experience was August 30, 1974. On the exact same day, 41 years later, Dr. Dyer passed on.

Beyond this formative experience with his father, Dr. Dyer counted among his teachers St. Francis of Assisi, Lao Tzu, Rumi, Carl Jung, and Abraham Maslow.

Despite a childhood spent in orphanages and foster homes, Dr. Dyer made his dreams come true. He lived to teach others to overcome their perceived limits and engage in their "Highest Self."

Just before his passing, Dr. Dyer had returned from Australia and New Zealand, where he lectured in front of thousands of people. As a father to eight children and nine grandchildren, he was back home in Maui looking forward to spending time with his family, while gearing up for the launch of his upcoming book.

While he had struggled with leukemia, Dr. Dyer was the healthiest he had been in years, keeping a very active schedule. His death has officially been attributed to heart failure.

Dr. Dyer was a man dedicated to the betterment of others. His work touched countless lives, and his influence will certainly be missed.

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DENNIS MEYER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dennis Meyer of Das Meyer Fine Pastry Chalet for receiving the Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award from the Arvada Economic Development Association.

This prestigious business award, named after the founder of King Soopers in Olde Town Arvada, is presented to an individual with characteristics of an exemplary entrepreneur. Dennis Meyer has been baking since 1965 and is renowned as a Certified Executive Pastry Chef, Master Baker. A member of the American Academy of Chefs, Dennis was named "Chef of the Year" in 1987 and has won numerous gold medals in culinary competitions, including "People's Choice" and "Best of Show." He started his family owned business in 1985 in Arvada, Colorado. In 2006, he was inducted into the Colorado Chefs Hall of Fame.

The spirit behind Das Meyer Fine Pastry Chalet is led by the vision, creativity, kindness and generosity of the founder Dennis Meyer. His commitment to making his clients' special occasions memorable is remarkable and a tribute to his success.

I congratulate Dennis Meyer and all of the employees of Das Meyer Fine Pastry Chalet for this well-deserved honor from the Arvada Economic Development Association. I thank him for his commitment to excellence and his continued service to the community.

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RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S
MAXINE IVEY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Maxine Ivey on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of Northwest Florida Rural Health Network. For twenty years, Ms. Ivey has dedicated her life to serving the Gulf Coast community, and I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

Northwest Florida Rural Health Network, which serves Escambia, Santa Rosa,

Ocala and Walton Counties, is one of nine health networks in the State of Florida created to improve health care services and access in rural communities. Ms. Ivey has worked tirelessly with the Network since it was first established in 1995 and has held various leadership roles. While as Director of Purchasing and Volunteers for Jay Hospital prior to her husband's passing, Ms. Ivey, along with her husband, Don, who was the Jay Hospital Administrator at the time, worked together as a team to help keep the hospital open and to ensure that their community's health care needs were properly met. As a result of her leadership and continued dedication to service before self, Ms. Ivey eventually became Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Rural Health Network.

Ms. Ivey's service to Northwest Florida, however, is not limited to her work with the Network. She sits on the Jay Town Council and is the President of the Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging. In this capacity Maxine works closely with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and other local, state and national agencies to facilitate the needs of the elderly so they can age safely and with dignity in their own homes. Ms. Ivey is also an active member of Jay First Baptist Church and is a loving mother of three.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf the Gulf Coast community, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Maxine Ivey on her well-earned retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish her and her three sons all the best for continued success.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes. Had I been present on October 7th and 8th, I would have voted 'nay' on roll calls 536, 537, 538, and 544. I would have voted 'yea' on roll calls 539, 540, and 543.

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HONORING VIETNAM WAR MOVING
WALL MEMORIAL

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Vietnam Memorial Wall opening ceremony in the City of Coral Springs, Florida. The servicemembers whose names are written on the Wall fought valiantly to protect our Nation, and they rightfully deserve our recognition and admiration.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC, which stands as a testament to the loss endured in the Vietnam War. This display is coming to my district thanks to the dedication of Commissioner Lou Cimaglia, who served in the Army Reserve for eight years and made it his goal to bring the Wall to Coral Springs.

The Moving Wall will be on display in Coral Springs, Florida from October 22 to 26, 2015.

This event allows area residents to experience the Vietnam War Memorial and to reflect on the sacrifice of the men and women who fought in this conflict. Participants will also have the opportunity to leave mementos at the Wall, which will later be included at The Moving Wall Museum in Washington, DC.

I thank the Veterans Coalition for their help bringing the Wall to Coral Springs and John Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver for building the Wall. I also thank Commissioner Cimaglia, and all Vietnam veteran volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event possible. I am proud to honor them and this event, and express deep appreciation for all Vietnam War veterans' service to our Nation.

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RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Red Rocks Community College's (RRCC) Health Sciences Campus for receiving the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) Community Partnership Award.

The Community Partnership Award recognizes organizations and businesses that represent new investment and economic opportunities in Arvada. The award is being given to Red Rocks Community College for their capital investment in the new Health Sciences Campus in Arvada.

The Arvada campus is already home to RRCC's health programs as well as associate degree and general education courses that transfer to four-year institutions. The campus is currently undergoing a large expansion to help meet the needs of the growing health care needs of the community. Expected to be completed by fall of 2016, the new building will provide state-of-the-art instructional space for health sciences, enhanced curriculum for healthcare programs, accommodate additional students, and help develop new programs in line with industry demands.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Red Rocks Community College's (RRCC) Health Sciences Campus for being honored by the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of their contribution to our community and look forward to their new completed campus and future expansion.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED
SERVICE OF MILLARD
FILLMORE ADAMS, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude that I rise to honor Millard Fillmore Adams, Jr., of Santa Rosa County, who died suddenly on October 7, 2015.

Born and raised in Northwest Florida and a native of Santa Rosa County, Mr. Adams graduated from Milton High School in 1963. He earned his undergraduate degree from

Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, and it was during his time in Greenville where he met his bride of 47 years, Ms. Donna Spurr of Nova Scotia, Canada.

Mr. Adams answered the call to serve his country by joining the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Upon his return to Northwest Florida, he became owner and operator of WCKC AM radio, a local sports station that, among other things, broadcasted football games from his alma mater, Milton High School.

However, Mr. Adams's service and dedication to his community extended far beyond that of local radio. He served as a member on the Milton City Council and as Mayor of Milton from 1979 to 1980. In 1980, he joined the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners, where he served as a commissioner until 1984 and then again from 1988 to 1992. Mr. Adams also served as Director of the Santa Rosa County Chapter of the American Red Cross and was an active member of Campus Church at Pensacola Christian College. His countless contributions to Florida's First Congressional District in his various capacities are innumerable, and his death is a great loss to our community.

While many will remember Mr. Adams as a patriot who served our Nation honorably or as local official who left a lasting impact on Northwest Florida, his family and friends will remember him as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I am proud to honor the life and dedicated service of Millard Adams, Jr. My wife Vicki and I extend our deepest condolences and prayers to his wife, Donna; son, John and daughter-in-law Jennifer; daughter-in-law, Melissa; his grandchildren, Kailyn, Jaxon, Caroline, and Ryan; his sisters, Cynthia and Francis; and the entire Adams' family.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT
OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Saturday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. Ten of these veterans served over 70 years ago in World War II, and 17 served in the Korean War. Veterans of both wars will see the memorials dedicated to their service here in Washington. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

The World War II veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Henry Turner, Army; Marvin Worden, Army; William Carhart Jr, Army Air Force; Edward Nicolaidis, Marines; William Ackermann Jr, Navy; Clement K. Hyer, Navy; John T. Hyer, Navy; Stuart Richardson, Navy; Floyd Schrock, Navy; Vincent Stone, Navy.

The Korean War veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: James Bartlett, Air Force; Robert Burton, Air Force; Patricia Moyer, Air Force; Joseph Violette, Air Force; Raymond Coburn, Army; Henry Faria, Army; Clifford Friesen, Army; Wilferd Krein, Army;

William Gemmet, Marines, James Aday, Navy; John Ames, Navy; Darrell Davis, Navy; Charles Johnson, Navy; James McDonald, Navy; Allen Nash, Navy; Paul Standing, Navy; Raold Stroup, Navy.

These 27 heroes join the estimated 20,000–25,000 veterans who will travel to Washington D.C. from their home states in 2015, adding to the 138,800 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

TRIBUTE TO PAULINE MOBERG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pauline Moberg on the celebration of her 100th birthday. Pauline celebrated this special day on October 4, 2015 in Creston, Iowa.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Pauline's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Pauline has lived through 17 United States Presidents and 24 Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Pauline in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Pauline on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

BELOVED TEACHER, NOW
PUBLISHED AUTHOR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheryl Richardson, a talented and creative teacher from Richmond, Texas who has added author to her list of accomplishments.

As a fourth grade teacher at Manford Williams Elementary in Richmond, Ms. Richardson recently published her first children's book. You might recognize her under her pen name, Giddy Gragert. Fufu's Bistro is about a young boy who plays with his food when one day his food starts playing back. His imagination takes him on a journey around the world.

By combining her love of travel and her daughter's love for playing with food, Cheryl wrote a book that inspires creativity and curiosity in young children. Cheryl selflessly dedicates her time to helping children succeed. This new book is just another way Cheryl will be able to inspire kids to dream big. We are all proud of Ms. Richardson's hard work.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Cheryl, or Giddy, on her first book.

S&H PRODUCTS, INC.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize S&H Products, Inc. for receiving the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) Outstanding Small Business Award.

The Outstanding Small Business Award is given to a small business for their commitment to capital improvements and employment growth particularly through their investment in the community and corporate culture.

Since 1988, S&H Products has been designing and manufacturing premium-grade firefighting equipment, including fire hose nozzles, wye valves, shut-off valves, wildland hose clamps, and other related products for both commercial and government applications. Their products are used in 90 percent of wildland firefighting suppression efforts across the country, including in Colorado, a state that is greatly impacted by wildfires every year.

S&H Products is a great example of a successful local company with a 'Make It In America' philosophy and a commitment to high-quality products. Today, they are a family owned and operated business that oversees all its own product development from concept and design to manufacturing and testing from its facility in Arvada. Currently S&H employs about 33 people, up almost 50 percent from three years ago.

I extend my deepest congratulations to S&H Products, Inc. and all of their employees for being honored by the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of the service they provide our community and am certain their products and service will continue to benefit the wildland firefighting and our communities for decades to come.

TRIBUTE TO FRED LEONHARDT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to Frederick Wayne Leonhardt of Orlando, Florida, who passed away October 10, 2015. During my years of service, I have recognized a number of friends, public servants and individuals in the Journal of the U.S. House of Representatives. However, with Fred Leonhardt's sudden passing, I have lost a close friend and Delta Chi Fraternity Brother whom I have known for nearly half a century. In Central Florida, we have lost one of our

most active and successful community leaders. His family has lost a loved one whose smile, caring and beaming optimism are now fond memories. Fred touched thousands of lives with his untiring efforts on behalf of individuals and civic organizations and through his work with local, state and national leaders. Few individuals in Florida have achieved the level and record of success in volunteer leadership positions as this gentleman.

Fred was born October 26, 1949 in Daytona Beach to Frederick Walter Leonhardt and Gaetane Wirtanen Leonhardt. Raised in Volusia County, Florida, he attended Seabreeze High School and went on to the University of Florida. That was when I first met Fred, during rush in his first few days on campus. During his college days, Fred was active in student affairs and he became Florida Delta Chi Fraternity President. He was honored with membership in Florida Blue Key and served in many student leadership positions. After graduating with a Bachelors and then a Law Degree, Fred served our nation as a JAG officer in the United States Army.

After marrying Vicki Cook, daughter of Tom and Gloria, and beginning his practice in Daytona Beach; the Leonhardts settled in Orlando in 1988 with their two children, Whitaker and Ashley. He joined GrayRobinson law firm in 1992. Fred not only chaired the Daytona Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, but also the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce and State of Florida Chamber of Commerce.

His list of civic, bar and community activities is almost unmatched by any citizen. Fred was an active member of the Central Florida Partnership, Floridians for Better Transportation, University of Central Florida Foundation, Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida, Leadership Florida, Volusia County United Way, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Celebration Health Foundation and served as a Trustee Emeritus for the University of Florida Law School.

He is survived by Vicki Cook Leonhardt of Ponce Inlet; their children, Ashley Leonhardt Lee and her husband Kevin of Ormond Beach and Frederick Whitaker Leonhardt and his wife Amanda of Orlando; granddaughter Madison Grace Lee; and sister Germaine Leonhardt Moffett of Daytona Beach.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life, public service and legacy of my friend and a great American, Fredrick Wayne Leonhardt.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL SPARR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carol Sparr of Red Oak, Iowa, for being inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair. Inductees to the Hall of Fame must demonstrate dedication, encouragement, commitment and guidance to Iowa's 4-H students throughout the years.

Carol grew up in Rulo, Nebraska where she attended Peru State College. She and her husband, Ted, now reside in Red Oak, Iowa. Carol became involved in 4-H when her daughter Trasy joined the organization. For 35

years Carol has served as the Food and Nutrition Superintendent for the county fair and has helped oversee the annual bake sale. She now spends most of her free time volunteering in the community at Meals on Wheels, the Montgomery County Board of Health, and the First United Methodist Church of Red Oak.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Carol for earning this award. It is truly an honor to represent her, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Carol for her numerous accomplishments in the 4-H community. I wish her nothing but continued success moving forward.

RECOGNIZING THE ARIZONA BRANCH OF THE INTER- NATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arizona Branch of the International Dyslexia Association and the thousands of Arizonans impacted by dyslexia.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, a time to spread awareness and commit to ensuring that Americans with dyslexia have the resources they need to succeed in the classroom and in the workplace.

According to the International Dyslexia Association, up to 20 percent of Americans experience symptoms of dyslexia. That's one in five Americans—making dyslexia the most common learning disability in the United States.

Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability, the symptoms of which can have a profound effect on a person's ability to read, write, and perform other language-related tasks. While dyslexia is a life-long condition, we know that—with the proper resources—people with dyslexia can manage their symptoms and succeed in school and in life.

For over three decades, the Arizona Branch of the International Dyslexia Association has empowered Arizona families impacted by dyslexia, provided resources to educators, and fostered a community committed to the success of Arizonans with learning disabilities. I am honored to recognize their courageous efforts today.

I am also committed to working with my fellow members of the Dyslexia Caucus, a bipartisan group that supports education and career opportunities for people with dyslexia, and ensures that their voices are heard in Congress.

By working together and forming strong partnerships with community leaders like the Arizona Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, we can ensure Americans impacted by dyslexia have the resources necessary to achieve their full potential.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE AND SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF SENIOR AIRMAN NATHAN C. SARTAIN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude that I rise to pay tribute to a fallen decorated American hero.

On October 2, 2015, Senior Airman Nathan C. Sartain, who was assigned to the United States Air Force 66th Security Forces Squadron based out of Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts, lost his life in a tragic C-130 crash in Jalalabad, Afghanistan while deployed with the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and valiantly serving our Nation in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Senior Airman Sartain was 29 years old, but lived a lifetime marked by and full of service.

Born and raised in Pensacola, Florida, Senior Airman Sartain made the Northwest Florida community proud with his many achievements. He excelled at Pensacola High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he twice was named an outstanding cadet. Additionally, he was inducted into the Kitty Hawk Air Society's Daniel L. "Chappie" James Chapter designed to encourage personal excellence and promote community service and was awarded the Air Force Sergeants' Association medal in 2001.

Answering the call of duty and following in his father's footsteps of service, Senior Airman Sartain enlisted in the Air Force in 2013. Upon graduating from Basic Training and the Air Force Security Forces Academy Training, he served as an Installation Patrolman and mobilized as a Fly Away Security Team member, a role in which his missions would take him across the globe standing guard in defense of our Nation. His awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

His life stands as a testament that freedom is not free, and as exemplified by his extraordinary heroism, Senior Airman Sartain's legacy will echo in time as an example of the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. On behalf of the Northwest Florida community and a grateful Nation, my wife, Vicki, joins me in praying that God is with Nathan's wife, Lana; stepdaughter, Alexia; parents, Phillip and Janice; siblings, Jeremy, Heather and Dewayne; stepmother, Maralee; and all of the beloved family and friends he held so dear. We ask that God continue to bless them and the United States of America.

HONORING THE MINISTRY OF REV.
DR. JAMES C. PERKINS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the faith and service of

Rev. Dr. James C. Perkins of Detroit, Michigan to the gospel ministry and its congregants for the last 41 years. My hometown of Lexington, Kentucky has the distinguished honor to host Dr. Perkins as he preaches the gospel to three of our community's churches. His words, written and spoken, have moved many throughout the country for four decades and will continue to do so for years to come.

Over the course of the Fifth Annual Simultaneous Revival in Lexington, the Reverend will preach the gospel and speak words of compassion to the Sixth District of Kentucky's own Shiloh Baptist Church, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, and Imani Baptist Church. The event, hosted by the Interdenominational Pastoral Fellowship of Lexington and Vicinity, will spread the word of God and the enlightened message of peace and goodwill throughout the Commonwealth.

Dr. Perkins has been recognized throughout this great country and around the world as a leader in civil rights issues and advocacy for those who face daily struggles, seeking to remedy earthly woes through faith, prayer, and the support of the ministry. The Reverend's close relationship with many prominent groups and institutions such as the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit, Wiley College of Marshall, Texas, Morehouse School of Religion of Atlanta, Georgia, and the National Council of Churches has spread the Lord's word of good faith and love for our fellow man far and wide. In recognition of these good works, Dr. Perkins is a recipient of the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Community Builders Prize; an accolade bestowed by Morehouse College upon those who ardently pursue a life of work dedicated to the principle of constructing a world filled with dignity, freedom, and happiness for all people.

The Reverend's dedication to the gospel and preservation of the rights of Americans of all walks of life has been an inspiration to us all. On behalf of the residents of the Sixth Congressional District, I welcome him to Central Kentucky.

TRIBUTE TO DICK BERGSTROM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dick Bergstrom of Creston, Iowa, for being selected as a member of the Creston High School Hall of Fame.

A Cedar Falls native, Dick played football at the University of Northern Iowa and was the head football coach for 33 years at Creston High School, during which he coached 17 straight winning seasons and 10 playoff teams. He taught mathematics, health, and physical education during his time at CHS.

Mr. Speaker, Dick's efforts embody 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 Dick for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECT RIDERS OF METRORAIL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2015

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Protect Riders of Metrorail Public Transportation Act of 2015 (PROMPT Act). I am joined by Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland and Mrs. COMSTOCK of Virginia introducing this important piece of legislation that impacts our respective jurisdictions. The bill permits the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary to administer State safety oversight activities for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority until the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland develop a State safety oversight program certified by the Secretary. The bill also permits the DOT Secretary to use the existing safety oversight formula funds set aside for the State Safety Oversight agency for transit safety oversight.

Following the catastrophic 2009 WMATA Metrorail accident that killed nine residents of the region, Congress gave the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) safety oversight authority for transit rail systems as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). MAP-21 directed FTA to create and implement a national public transportation safety plan, and gave FTA the authority to set and enforce minimum safety standards for transit rail systems. MAP-21 also gave FTA the authority to oversee state safety oversight programs for transit rail and provided \$22 million annually nationwide for formula grants to eligible state safety oversight programs.

On January 12, 2015, smoke filled a Metrorail train near the L'Enfant Plaza Metro Station in Washington, DC, killing one passenger and injuring at least 84 passengers. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) launched an investigation of the incident, examining the cause of the accident and expects to issue a final report early next year. NTSB is also investigating the Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC), which was charged with supervising Metro's rail safety oversight program, and the FTA, which has not yet issued any safety regulations nor created a national public transportation safety plan.

Earlier this year, the FTA conducted a safety management inspection of WMATA's rail and bus systems and audited the Tri-State Oversight Committee. FTA identified 78 corrective actions for Metrorail to address 44 safety findings and 13 corrective actions for Metrobus to address 10 safety findings. FTA's audit of the TOC found significant gaps in safety oversight, with the TOC lacking enforcement authority and failing to meet MAP-21 legal and financial requirements. Among the FTA's recommendations was that the jurisdictions transition the TOC into the Metro Safety Commission, which was authorized by the DOT Secretary in February 2014.

Following an August 6, 2015, derailment of a Metrorail train outside of the Smithsonian Metro Station, the NTSB issued an urgent recommendation to the DOT Secretary that Congress amend 45 U.S.C. 1104(3) to list WMATA as a commuter authority, authorizing the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to exercise regulatory oversight of WMATA Met-

rorail. On October 9, 2015, the DOT Secretary responded to the NTSB recommendation by directing the FTA itself to take over direct safety oversight from the TOC. DOT will have available resources from FTA and FRA to implement direct safety oversight, which will include direct enforcement and investigation by FTA of WMATA Metrorail, and FTA will perform unannounced facility inspections and issuances of directives to address any safety inefficiencies.

This bill codifies the DOT response to the NTSB recommendation and makes the funding that would go to the TOC available to DOT and FTA to carry out direct safety oversight. I believe WMATA Metrorail riders will be relieved that the FTA will take direct oversight of Metrorail until the DOT Secretary certifies that a fully functioning Metro Safety Commission is up and running.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

CELEBRATING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 275th anniversary of Torrington, Connecticut.

On Saturday, I had the honor of commemorating the city's 275th anniversary with local public officials and members of the community. Gathered on the steps of City Hall, we marked this historic milestone, honored the city's residents, and showcased the best of Torrington. The event hosts were the City of Torrington, the Warner Theatre, and the Torrington Historical Society.

In October 1740, residents established a town government only five years after the first settler, Ebenezer Lyman Jr., came to Torrington. Within a few short years, the first church, meeting house, and main roads were built, and Torrington flourished. In the early 19th century, Torrington industrialized. Several large brass mills opened, making the city a hub of production in the area. Over time, Torrington's population grew to meet these new labor demands. Among these new inhabitants were a diverse group of immigrants, bringing with them cultures that would enrich Torrington's commerce, art, and architecture.

When our nation was embroiled in the Second World War, Torrington put its industrial muscle behind the war effort. The city produced vital materials for our troops and contributed to victory. Manufacturing continues to be a substantial industry in Torrington. Many of these companies have called Torrington home for decades, while others have found the city recently and discovered that it is an ideal location.

Today, Torrington is a thriving, vibrant community. It has set an example for what a city can do when residents work together with a vision for the future. The city boasts cultural attractions that bring visitors from near and far to see all that Torrington has to offer.

I am honored to represent the City of Torrington in the United States Congress. I would like to thank Torrington's Municipal Historian Ken Buckbee and the Torrington 275

Organizing Committee for planning a spectacular celebration to recognize Torrington's 275th anniversary.

Congratulations to Torrington.

TRIBUTE TO MARION DRESADOW

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marion Dresdow on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Marion's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Marion has lived through 17 United States Presidents and 24 Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Marion in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marion on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING REVEREND GRIFFIN DAVIS, SR. ON HIS 50TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT THE HILLTOP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. and commemorate the 50th anniversary of his esteemed ministry. As a devoted pastor, he has spent many years worshipping at Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church in Riviera Beach, Florida.

Reverend Davis has always gone out of his way to help those in need in his community. "Life is incomplete without God," Reverend Davis has said. "We need to get off the seat of 'do-nothing' and go out and find the Lord." Since its founding, Hilltop have brought many people together to share their deep love and devotion to the Lord.

Reverend Davis has always acted as a beacon of good-will and served as a dependable figure whom the city and its residents can rely on. His ministry has focused on providing good will and support to assist those who are most vulnerable, including the poor and disabled, and most importantly, senior citizens and children in need. He is routinely involved in ambitious projects, whether it is providing a furnished home for a church member, providing clothes and food for the hungry, or simply listening to those who yearn to be heard. Each and every one of Rev. Davis' efforts have reflected the sheer love and pride he

holds for his fellow congregants. I am truly honored to join his family, friends, and everyone in the community in honoring him.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. is a remarkable man whose heart knows no bounds. I have had the privilege to see firsthand the selfless work that he has been able to accomplish, and wish him many more years of service to his ministry. I am proud to not only represent him in Congress, but also call him my close friend.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF KEUKA COLLEGE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Keuka College.

Keuka College was founded in 1890 on the shores of Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes region of New York. This independent, liberal arts college was established by Rev. George Harvey Ball, who sought to provide high-quality education to all deserving students regardless of their economic backgrounds.

Over the past 125 years, Keuka College has offered students a vibrant educational curriculum focused on experiential learning and community service. All students are required to complete at least 140 hours of hands-on experience every year, putting into practice what they learn in the classroom. This enables students to gain significant, real-world experience and professional skills before they enter the workforce. The student-designed internship program "Field Period" has received national recognition from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Keuka College offers 31 bachelor's degree programs on its home campus, many with specialized concentrations. In addition, the College offers seven master's degree programs and pre-professional programs in dentistry, law, medicine, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and occupational therapy. These programs fulfill the College's mission statement by developing "exemplary citizens and leaders" who realize "their full personal and professional potential."

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Keuka College on 125 years of success. I am proud to recognize this remarkable milestone and the great contributions the College has made, and will continue to make, to New York's 23rd Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MERTZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate George Mertz of Walnut, Iowa, on the celebration of his 100th birthday on October 3, 2015.

In George's early years he took over the family farm implement business and sold real

estate in Walnut, Iowa. He married Evelyn Oldehoff on September 10, 1944, and has four sons, 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. George admirably served in the U.S. Air Force during the Second World War. Longevity runs in the family, as his dad lived to be 101.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent George, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating George in reaching this incredible milestone. I wish him continued health and happiness in the years to come.

CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM'S DIVISION OF DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING AND RADIOLOGY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Children's National Health System and its Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology on the International Day of Radiology and on the tremendous impact that pediatric medical imaging and radiation has on children's health care in the District of Columbia.

Children's National Health System and its Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology offers District residents access to a specialized staff, full-time Child Life Specialists, state-of-the-art equipment and walk-in radiographs. When a procedure, such as an MRI, requires sedation, Children's National is the only hospital in the national capital region that guarantees a child's anesthesia is administered by a fellowship-trained pediatric anesthesiologist.

Children's National has one of the few radiology programs in the United States with several physicists on staff. Children's physicists ensure patient safety through careful monitoring of all equipment. Their physicists supervise radiation safety throughout the hospital, can answer parents' questions about the radiation dose for an exam and ensure safe and effective application of Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

Children's National performs approximately 130,000 diagnostic imaging studies each year. These studies play a critical role in the detection, diagnosis and management of a wide variety of diseases affecting children; and they are performed by specially trained physicians, technologists, sonographers, nurses and child life specialists who understand the unique needs of our youngest patients. Medical imaging reduces the number of invasive surgeries, unnecessary hospital admissions and lengths of hospital stays, and helps lower health care costs for Americans.

On November 8, 2015, the International Day of Radiology, sponsored by the American College of Radiology, the European Society of Radiology and the Radiologic Society of North America, is celebrating the 120th anniversary of the discovery of the X-ray by Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen and the important role medical imaging and radiation oncology serve in health care. Children's National will designate Friday, November 6, 2015, to celebrate the International Day of Radiology, which this year is dedicated to pediatric imaging.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 2015 International Day of Radiology and recognizing and honoring Children's National Health System and its Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology for their invaluable contributions to improving pediatric radiology on behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia.

WELCOME TO SCENIC PEARLAND,
TEXAS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pearland, Texas for earning a Gold Level Scenic City Certification. Pearland residents already know how beautiful this city is, and we are proud that everybody across Texas agrees.

Scenic Texas, a non-profit organization, awarded the Gold Level Scenic City Certification to Pearland for five years. The organization took note of Pearland's beautiful landscapes, tree-lined streets, and dedication to cultural arts. This certification further demonstrates Pearland's commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents. We are extremely proud of this growing city.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Pearland. Thank you for keeping our little piece of Texas beautiful.

TRIBUTE TO JOE AND DOROTHY
HILDRETH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe and Dorothy Hildreth of Underwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Joe and Dorothy were married in 1965.

Joe and Dorothy's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Brenda and Pam, along with their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SANTA
MONICA HEALTH CENTER RUN
BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS
ANGELES

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Monica Health Center run by Planned Parenthood Los Ange-

les. The Santa Monica Health Center, which is located in the heart of the 33rd Congressional District, serves more than twenty thousand of my constituents every year.

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles has provided high-quality and affordable health services for fifty years, including reproductive health care, cancer screenings, sex education, and health counseling. Thanks to their consistent commitment to patient care, they are now the largest private provider of reproductive health services in Los Angeles County. Planned Parenthood clinics are particularly essential to the health of young, disadvantaged, and low-income patients.

I am inspired by the tireless dedication and exceptional skill shown by the Santa Monica Health Center's employees, volunteers, and champions. Since its inception, the Santa Monica Health Center has worked to preserve and defend the reproductive rights of all Angelenos. By ensuring access to reproductive care, they have steadfastly protected their patients' autonomy and future opportunities.

The Santa Monica Health Center's clinicians and patient advocates earned our deepest thanks, recognition, and support. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending them for their years of service to the residents of the 33rd District.

HONORING NELSON SHANKS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, from presidents to popes to princesses, Nelson Shanks painted them all.

An internationally renowned portrait artist, he called my district of Bucks County home—painting some of his most iconic works in his studio in Andalusia, Bensalem.

Throughout his decades-long career, Shanks served on the faculty of several prominent art organizations, including the Art Institute of Chicago and the National Academy of Design before founding Studio Incamminati in Philadelphia. Celebrated for his adherence to Realism, he was a recipient of the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement by the Portrait Society of America.

While Shanks once remarked that "if you can see it, and if you know your color, you can paint it," there is no doubt that his masterpieces far exceeded the simplicity he stated.

Nelson Shanks passed away at the end of August, but his legacy lives on in the timeless works of art around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND EMOGENE
KAUFMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate John and Emogene Kaufman of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 16, 1950 at the First Christian Church

in Council Bluffs, where they have remained members.

John and Emogene's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, John and Susan, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LONG
BEACH BRANCH OF NAACP

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Long Beach Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this week. Since its founding in 1940, the NAACP has been at the forefront of the fight to protect the civil rights of all Americans. The mission statement of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination in the United States. It has done so by advocating for and influencing the passage of numerous pieces of landmark legislation including the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. It has also been a forceful voice behind numerous court decisions that have set our nation's course on civil rights.

The NAACP has had a presence in Long Beach, CA since 1940 and has done much to advance the cause of civil rights for the city's residents. Before the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Los Angeles County was similar to many segregated counties throughout the nation and African-American residents in the county experienced racial discrimination in all aspects of their lives. The NAACP was central in the fight to combat these injustices and worked over the following decades to expand voter participation, legally challenge the segregated school system, and bring the equality of opportunity to Long Beach. Today, the Long Beach Branch of the NAACP sponsors many award winning programs and projects, such as the Community Impact Program, which promotes academic excellence, social responsibility, leadership, and community service. Since its founding, the Long Beach Branch has been recognized over 20 times with the prestigious Thalheimer Awards, the National NAACP's top award given to branches for outstanding achievements. The Long Beach Branch NAACP has also been recognized as one of the best NAACP branches in California. This success is thanks in no small part to the NAACP, which has always resolutely placed them in the vanguard of the struggle for equality.

Despite all that has been accomplished over the years, the mission and goals of the NAACP remains an ongoing journey. Racial profiling remains a pervasive policy in both the workplace and in many police departments all over the country; inequities in the criminal justice system continue to overwhelmingly impact African Americans; and, threats to voter access continue to gain traction in certain areas

of the country. These injustices show that the NAACP's work is just as important today as it was when the Long Beach Branch NAACP was founded 75 years ago. While our recognition of past progress made under the leadership of the NAACP is critical and necessary, we also must look to the future and rededicate ourselves as Americans to the fulfillment of their goals of a truly equal and just society for all Americans.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 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 \$18,152,705,110,034.31. We've added \$7,525,828,061,121.23 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.

TRIBUTE TO THE FABRIC AND
FRIENDS QUILT GUILD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fabric and Friends Quilt Guild of Adair County, Iowa, for their continued service to our country's veterans.

The Guild, which was formed in 2001, began with members creating "cooling ties" for soldiers deployed to Iraq and quilts for service members recovering at Walter Reed Hospital. Guild members now present "Red, White and Blue" quilts to local service members.

Mr. Speaker, the selflessness and dedication each member of this group demonstrates embodies the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent them, and Iowans like them, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in recognizing the Fabric and Friends Quilt Guild for their service to our armed service members and veterans and wish them nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORY OF MARTHA CAROLYN
EDEN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 15th, South Carolinians paused from recovery efforts of record flooding to recognize the life of Martha Carolyn Edens with a Service of Death and Resurrection at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in Columbia.

The Reverend Doctor Bill Bouknight properly began the sermon recognizing her as a Caring Conservative.

Martha Edens was a devoted pioneer in establishing the modern Republican Party. She was an active volunteer in August 1961 electing Richland Representative Charlie Boineau to the House of Representatives as the first Republican elected to the General Assembly in the Twentieth Century. He was joined in 1962 by State Representative Floyd Spence of Lexington who was the first elected official to switch parties. Through her family's dedication she lived a revolution where Republicans by 2010 held elected all statewide state and federal offices. Additionally super majorities were achieved in the State House and Senate with eight of nine federal offices. From isolated pockets of Republican transplants from the Northeast and Midwest in 1961, the party is now dominant in almost every corner of the state.

She helped establish a broad-based party in 2010 electing Nikki Haley as the state's first female Governor in 340 years and as America's second Indian-American Governor. With Tim Scott, being the second African-American elected to Congress in the twentieth Century and in 2014 he achieved being the first popularly elected African-American ever from the South to the U.S. Senate. Additionally with Alan Wilson, South Carolina elected America's youngest State Attorney General.

Martha Edens' vision and dedication to the principles of limited government and expanded freedom have been adopted by the people of South Carolina. On October 11th, a thoughtful obituary was published in The State of Columbia, South Carolina.

Columbia Memorial service for Martha Carolyn Edens, 87, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2015, at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church. Following the service, the family will receive friends in the church dining hall. Burial will be private in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family.

Ms. Edens died Friday, October 9, 2015. Born in Richland County, she was the daughter of the late James Drake Edens Sr. and May Florence Youmans Edens. She graduated from Dreher High School, attended Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga. and graduated from the University of South Carolina.

Martha lived a well-spent life of love, dedication and generosity. In addition to being a loving, caring mother to her two children, Martha accomplished more in her life than most people even dream of. She was active in politics, her college fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha, her church, Trenholm Road United Methodist and her community. Among the highlights of Martha's many accomplishments was being awarded the Order of the Palmetto in 1995 by Governor Carroll A. Campbell.

On the local level, she served the Richland County Republican Party as Party Chairman, Finance Chairman and Precinct Committeeman. Martha served as Vice Chairman of the First Tuesday Republican Club. She was a member of the Richland County Ivory Club, the Richland County Republican Women's Club and was a governor's mansion docent.

A true community leader, Martha was also an active member of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, having served on numerous boards and committees and was an Advisory Board member of Lutheran Theological Seminary. Martha was also an active board

member of the Palmetto Society of the United Way and the Salvation Army of Columbia and she was former president and member of the State Board of Directors of South Carolina Easter Seal Society. Additionally, Martha was a member of the South Carolina Museum Commission and the SC Law Institute Council. She was a former member of the Advisory Board of Republic National Bank and the Citizens Committee for the Construction of the Richland County Judicial Center. She served as treasurer of the South Carolina Republican Party.

A longtime member of the Capitol 100 Foundation, Martha served our state as National Committeewoman on the Republican National Committee, where she became known as one of the most outstanding national committeewomen in the nation. As National Committeewoman, she served on the Rules Committee of the RNC, was elected Vice Chairman of the Southern Region and served on the Chairman's Executive Committee, having served four years in each of those positions. In 1992, Martha served, along with Honorary Chairman Carroll A. Campbell, as Chairman of the Southern Republican Conference. Elected to serve as one of eight members of the Site Selection Committee for the 1996 Republican National Convention, Martha also served on the Committee on Arrangements for the San Diego convention. On the state level, Martha had the honor of serving on the South Carolina Election Commission.

She served as Vice President on the Board of Trustees of Brenau University for thirty years, received the Outstanding Alumnae Award for Community Service and received the prestigious Mary Mildred Sullivan Award given to distinguished alumnae.

Martha was also a member of the Board of Visitors for Columbia College, the Advisory Board for the Medical University of South Carolina and served Richland County School District Two as a Board of Trustees member, Secretary, Vice President and Chairman. Additionally, Martha held office on the Board of Trustees of Richland Memorial Hospital and worked as a volunteer with the Help-Line Crisis Intervention Program and Baptist Medical Center Hospice.

Dearest to her heart, though, was her lifelong involvement with Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity. She served as Province President for the states of North and South Carolina and Georgia, National Vice President, National President, National Extension Director, Chairman, International Office Building Committee, President of Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation and served on the Foundation Board as a director. Her fraternity honors were as an Honor Ring Recipient, Vivian Ulmer Smith Rushing Award, Alumnae Certificate of Merit, Louise Kettler Helper Award and Outstanding Alumnae Award.

Martha Carolyn Edens had many dear friends who valued her dry wit, her sharp humor and her unflinching sense of style. Her honesty, ethics and fairness could always be counted on. She gave generously in donating her time and talents.

Surviving are her daughter, Dinah Helms Cook (Phil); daughter-in-law, Pamela Blaylock Helms; grandchildren, Blake Edens Helms, James Cook, Jennifer Cook and Allison Cook. Also surviving are nieces and nephews and many dear friends. Martha was predeceased by her former husband, William Edgar Helms Jr.; her son, William Edgar Helms III; and brothers, James Drake Edens Jr. and William Youmans Edens Sr.

RETIREMENT OF DAVE OLSON
(WASHINGTON RIVER PROTECTION SOLUTIONS)

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of Dave Olson, who is retiring as President of Washington River Protection Solutions, a Tank-Farm Contractor at the Hanford Nuclear site in Central Washington.

After 30 years of service, Dave's retirement is well-deserved. Since taking over as President of WRPS in 2013, he has been an outstanding leader and under his leadership the company has tackled some of the most complex waste remediation issues at the site, while maintaining one of the best safety records across the EM complex.

Hanford is one of the most critical environmental cleanup projects in the world—with 56 million gallons of radioactive and hazardous chemical waste stored in underground tanks—and Dave's dedication and contributions have been invaluable to the project.

Dave also volunteered as a member of the Hanford Working Group, which I formed to advise me on issues of importance to the Hanford Site and local communities. I would like to congratulate Dave on his retirement and thank him for his time, valuable insight, and dedicated service to the cleanup mission at Hanford and the long-term prosperity of the Tri-Cities.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY PETERSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Larry Peterson, of Creston, Iowa, for being selected as a member of the Creston High School Hall of Fame.

Mr. Peterson has been writing for newspapers since the day he graduated from the University of Iowa in 1979. He has spent 30 years writing for the Creston News Advertiser, where he has served as sports editor, assistant editor, feature writer and sports writer. Larry has covered more than 3,000 high school games, numerous state championship teams and more than 100 individual champions during his time as a sports writer. Larry

has also spent almost 16 years coaching teams in Creston throughout the years.

Mr. Speaker, Larry's efforts embody 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 Larry for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAKACHOAG SCHOOL

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Pakachoag School.

Pakachoag School, located in Auburn, Massachusetts, was recently named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Pakachoag prides itself on its dedication to providing students with the tools they need to succeed in the dynamic and fast-paced world surrounding them. Auburn schools have a history of educational excellence. In 2014, the Julia Bancroft School won a Blue Ribbon award. Due to redistricting, Julia Bancroft and Pakachoag have since merged. Educators of the Auburn Public Schools provide committed and enthusiastic leadership, creating a comprehensive and inviting educational environment. The Pakachoag pledge, "We are Prepared, Aware, and Kind!" echoes the school's focus on ensuring students can become considerate and intelligent luminaries in the world outside the classroom.

To inspire civic responsibility and leadership, Pakachoag promotes numerous Community Service Learning Projects. Through fundraising, volunteer work, and reading programs, the importance of "giving back" is instilled in students. The school also offers a number of events and programs such as food drives and community reading days that not only reflect upon the student's development, but benefit the community as a whole.

Pakachoag School also strives to provide a comprehensive and inclusive environment within the school's walls. Pakachoag's special needs program is one of the most intensive in the Auburn school system. Extracurricular activities like student government and a student-written newspaper, along with on-site before and after-school childcare through the Galaxy

Program, demonstrate how Pakachoag is deeply committed to the success, nurturing, and overall wellbeing of each and every one of its students.

None of these wonderful educational achievements would be possible without the talented educators and staff members at Pakachoag School. Administrative leadership under Superintendent Dr. Maryellen Brunelle can be associated with her passion for the success of her students, as well as a dedication to creating a warm and welcoming learning environment. The tireless efforts by all of those involved can be credited to Pakachoag's success.

I am so proud to represent the faculty, students, and staff of the Pakachoag School and the Auburn School System, and I look forward to what they will continue to accomplish in the future. I ask you to join me in congratulating the Pakachoag School for being named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from the House on February 26, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on H. Res. 125 (Roll Call 93). I would like to accurately reflect my stance on this issue.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON AND JEAN SMITH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ramon and Jean Smith of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 18, 1955.

Ramon and Jean's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Sherrie, Terry, and Doug, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.