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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on November 19, 2015, the House of Representatives considered H.R. 4038, the American Security Against Foreign Enemies (SAFE) Act. Regrettably, I was unable to be present for the vote. However, had I been present, I would have supported the final passage of H.R. 4038.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NEW ORLEANS MUSICAL LEGEND ALLEN TOUSSAINT

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Allen Toussaint, accomplished American producer, musician, songwriter and one of the most talented and prolific New Orleans musicians of my lifetime. Mr. Toussaint passed away on November 10, 2015, at the age of 77.

Mr. Toussaint was born in 1938 and grew up in the Gert Town neighborhood of New Orleans, Louisiana. As a child, he learned to play the piano through informal lessons from an elderly neighbor and picked up melodies from the radio. During his teen years in the 1950s, Mr. Toussaint performed with Earl King's band standing in for Huey "Piano" Smith. The experience launched his music career when he caught the attention of Fats Domino producer Dave Bartholomew. Mr. Toussaint first recorded in 1957 as a stand-in pianist for Fats Domino on the record, "I Want You to Know."

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Mr. Toussaint was a remarkably influential songwriter and producer. He played piano and wrote, arranged and produced a series of hits including records like Lee Dorsey's "Working in the Coal Mine," and Jessie Hill's "Ooh Poo Pah Doo." As his sound got funkier into the 70s, he wrote songs such as "Southern Nights," and produced Labelle's, "Lady Marmalade."

Mr. Toussaint's creativity was inspired by the city of New Orleans, but his impact spread beyond the Big Easy and the R&B genre. World famous rock bands, including the Rolling Stones, the Who and the Hollies, covered his song "Fortune Teller." Mr. Toussaint also collaborated with numerous renowned musicians, including Elvis Costello and Paul McCartney.

In 1998, Mr. Toussaint was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Following the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, he wrote "The River in Reverse," which was nominated for a Grammy. In 2009 Mr. Toussaint

received a Trustees Award Grammy, and he was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2013.

Mr. Toussaint is described as a soft-spoken embodiment of New Orleans music's rich history. Tributes have flowed in from around the world since the death of the R&B legend, evoking words of condolences for his family and praise for his work from artists as diverse as Jimmy Buffett, the Soul Rebels, Paul McCartney, Lenny Kravitz, and the Rolling Stones.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Toussaint, master craftsman of 20th-century American culture. His music will forever be ingrained in the culture and soul of New Orleans and this country.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3608

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to advocate for a bill I introduced, H.R. 3608, which would right a wrong that has impacted over 750 businesses in the United States, including in my home state of Ohio, for more than three years. My bill simply clarifies that the tax on commercial air transportation, also called the "ticket tax," doesn't apply to aircraft management services (AMS) for general aviation flights that don't use tickets.

Aviation has been a source of pride and jobs for Ohio ever since the Wright Brothers invented and built their aircraft in the state. Ohioans build aircraft engines, supply aluminum for aircraft frames, design and manufacture sophisticated avionics, and maintain and fly the planes in the largest business aircraft fleets in the country. All across America, thousands of companies use general aviation and aircraft management services to help ensure the safe and efficient operation of their aircraft.

In March 2012, the Internal Revenue Service's chief counsel released a memorandum stating that services provided in support of aviation are taxable as if the services are transportation itself. The IRS said that the ticket tax applies to AMS businesses that supply pilots, mechanics, maintenance, scheduling and navigation, and the other services provided to general aviation flights, and that is contradictory to Congressional intent.

For decades it has been clear that commercial aviation is required to pay the ticket tax, while general aviation pays the fuel tax. Congress noted this in the Airports and Airways Revenue Act of 1970, when it stated that "the fuel tax on general aviation is a measure of its use of the airway system, since general aviation . . . will not be subject to the passenger and cargo taxes." However, the chief counsel of the IRS ignored this simple statement and seeks to impose a tax where Congress expressly chose not to apply one. Additionally,

general aviation already pays taxes through the excise tax on fuel. The fuel tax is paid into the Airports and Airways Trust Fund to pay for runway maintenance and improvement and air traffic control.

The IRS can implement the tax laws, but it can't create a new tax. The IRS cannot mandate that general aviation pay the ticket tax after Congress expressly chose not to apply the tax to general aviation or AMS that help people fly their own airplane. AMS are not transportation, but rather services in support of transportation, and thus should not be taxed as transportation. For more than three years, AMS companies have tried to explain that to the IRS, but the IRS has refused to acknowledge their mistake and withdraw their opinion.

Meanwhile, businesses have been audited by the IRS and told they owe taxes based on the IRS memorandum. Many AMS companies are small businesses who cannot afford to wage multi-year arguments with the IRS. Recently the U.S. District Court in Columbus, Ohio, decided a case to prevent the IRS from collecting this tax. The court's decision states that the IRS did not provide "precise and not speculative notice" of an AMS company's potential obligation to collect the ticket tax from its customers. I'm pleased the court got it right, but if the IRS won't correct its mistake, it's time for Congress to do it for them, and in a way that will last. That's why my bill provides clarity that payments for AMS are exempt from the ticket tax. I hope my colleagues will join me in support of the bill to ensure its prompt enactment.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF REVEREND MICHAEL C. MCCARTHY, S.J.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Father Michael C. McCarthy, S.J. and wish him every blessing as he begins a new and challenging chapter in his life.

Father McCarthy, known affectionately to all as "Father Mick" has served with great distinction as Edmund Campion University Professor at Santa Clara University and Executive Director of the University's Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education for five years. In January, 2016, Father McCarthy will begin a new career at Fordham University as Vice President for Mission Integration and Planning and as Presidential Assistant for Planning.

Father McCarthy was born on July 20, 1964 in San Francisco, was raised in the City of St. Francis, and is the youngest of six children. He is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep in San Francisco where he received the Ignatian Award. He began his college career at Stanford University, but after entering the Jesuit Novitiate a year later he continued his education at Santa Clara University. He

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earned his Master of Divinity at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, his BA/MA in Philosophy and Classical Literature at Oxford University, and his Ph.D. at the University of Notre Dame. He took his First Vows in August, 1985, was ordained Deacon in March 1996, Presbyterian in June 1996, and served as House Consulor of the Jesuit Community from 2007 to 2010.

During Father McCarthy's stellar years at Santa Clara he founded the "Thriving Neighbors Initiative", a community based program that serves low income minorities by providing university students to mentor and tutor elementary school children and their parents. He was also Director of the Catholic Studies Program and Associate Professor with a joint appointment in the Religious Studies and Classics Departments. He has published countless articles and book chapters and has made numerous presentations, most of them in his chosen research areas of early Christianity, early Biblical exegesis, St. Augustine, and early asceticism and spirituality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Father Michael McCarthy for his extraordinary leadership at Santa Clara University and wishing him well in his new position at Fordham University where he will undoubtedly have an exceedingly bright future. Santa Clara's great loss is Fordham's enormous gain. California, and especially Father McCarthy's 95-year-old mother, will miss him greatly, but his star is bright enough to shine on all of us from wherever he is.

AMERICAN SECURITY AGAINST
FOREIGN ENEMIES ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong solidarity with our brothers and sisters in France. I join them in their grief over the tragic events of November 13, I keep them in my thoughts and prayers, and I hope that their healing will soon begin.

In the wake of the heinous attacks in Paris and across the world, I stand here today in strong opposition to H.R. 4038, the so-called American SAFE Act. As the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, my top priority is to keep the American people safe. Toward that end, our nation's current review system for refugees is extensive and rigorous. Refugees are required to wait overseas for at least 18 to 24 months before they can be admitted into our country, and they enter only if they meet all vetting requirements. The current process checks biographical and biometric data against law enforcement and intelligence databases, and there is no waiver for any part of the process.

H.R. 4038 seeks to exploit the understandable fear that some Americans feel by effectively shutting down the refugee resettlement program for Syrian and Iraqi nationals, possibly for years, until a new vetting process is established. The passage of this bill will effectively close our doors to people seeking refuge from barbaric attacks like those that were committed in Paris.

I support looking for ways to strengthen the screening process our nation currently has in place. However, strengthening our refugee screening process does not mean we must turn our back on some of the globe's most vulnerable people, especially women and children. That would go against our American values and weaken our standing among our allies. This includes France, which, in spite of the horrors it experienced in Paris, has pledged to take in 30,000 refugees.

The United States has been built by people of many nations, races, and faiths, who fled hunger and persecution in search of a better life in America. We have a long history of welcoming the tired, the poor, and the huddled masses yearning to breathe free. For centuries, America has been a beacon of light and hope for those in need. Let us not dim that light in the face of fear. Let us not block the refuge that our nation can provide to the men, women, and children who suffer at the hands of extremist regimes. Let us embrace the maxim that our French brothers and sisters have shared with the world, one that exemplifies three universal values of humanity: Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

I urge all Members to oppose this bill.

AMERICAN SECURITY AGAINST
FOREIGN ENEMIES ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, as a lawmaker who has dedicated the last 12 years to working on issues of national security, I have spent thousands of hours in classified briefings on threats both domestic and abroad. I have traveled to dozens of terrorism hotspots around the globe, meeting with foreign dignitaries and our intelligence workers on the front lines. No one more strongly believes that our first and most important responsibility is the protection of all Americans. We must always scrutinize any foreigner who wants to enter our country for any reason.

Today, the highest level of security screening of any category traveler or immigrant belongs to refugees. Those screenings involve health checks, biometric tests to confirm identity and multiple layers of background checks along with in-person interviews by specially trained Department of Homeland Security officers. The process involves not only DHS but the National Counterterrorism Center, the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, the State Department and the Department of Defense, each of which must certify the refugee's status at every stage. If a refugee's background or identity cannot be confirmed at any point, their application ends.

Syrian refugees receive an additional layer of screening, culminating in a process that usually takes 18 to 24 months before they set foot on U.S. soil, if they are even approved.

As a security expert, I know that most terrorists already live in the U.S. or they come via illegal means. But it would be far easier for terrorists to enter the country legally on a tourist visa or through the visa waiver program if they are citizens of eligible nations, including France and Belgium, which is where the Paris attackers were citizens.

It is important to note that the legislation under consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives applies only to Syrian and Iraqi refugees—but not refugees from other countries with known terror networks including Yemen, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

I am not convinced this bill would protect our country from foreign enemies any more than existing processes and procedures. Since 2001, only about 2,200 Syrian refugees have been admitted to the United States. Half are children and another quarter is over the age of 60. These refugees are victims of the same terrorists we are trying to defeat. Banning them would not only do nothing to strengthen our national security, it would fuel the anti-American sentiment that strengthens ISIS. The best way to address the refugee crisis is by removing the threat.

For these reasons, I oppose the American SAFE Act of 2015 and support the Secure Refugee Process Act of 2015.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUE CURRIN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sue Currin for her 34 years of exemplary service at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the last six years as Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Currin has dedicated her life and career to providing every member of our community with quality health care.

Thanks to Ms. Currin's innovative and steadfast leadership, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center today is the sole provider of trauma and emergency psychiatric care for the City and County of San Francisco serving a diverse patient population and offering a wide spectrum of inpatient and outpatient services. The medical center serves about 100,000 patients a year and provides 20 percent of the city's inpatient care.

Ms. Currin secured \$6 million in grant funding for a nursing internship program, a medication error reduction project, patient safety initiatives, and a transportation from hospital to home program. She was also essential in developing the Acute Care for the Elderly unit. That unit improves patient outcomes and satisfaction while shortening hospital stays and reducing nursing home admissions. Additional major achievements were the development of the first Palliative Care Program for San Francisco's underserved and the Lean Management System at the hospital. And most recently, Ms. Currin succeeded in starting construction of an acute care building that is expected to open in the spring of 2016. This new facility will be equipped with the most advanced technology that will give every San Franciscan access to the best available healthcare. It will truly be an example of a state-of-the-art 21st century hospital and an enduring reminder of all the amazing work she has done.

I deeply admire Sue Currin's perseverance, vision and dedication to others. She started at General Hospital as a student nurse in 1975 and rose through the ranks of staff nurse, nurse educator, Director of Staff Development and Quality Management, Chief Nursing Officer/Chief Operating Officer and finally CEO.

She also worked at Kaiser Permanente for three years where she was responsible for quality management, medical staff services, infection control, medical record, member services and risk management over four medical centers. Quality control is part of Ms. Currin's DNA and inactivity alien to her character.

While Ms. Currin held one of the most demanding jobs in the health care profession, she made time to serve on several boards and committees, including the Hospital Councils of San Francisco and Northern and Central California, the American Hospital Association, the California Association of Public Hospitals, America's Essential Hospitals Education Committee and CareForce. As you can see from this list, Ms. Currin invented multitasking.

As the daughter of a military family Sue Currin grew up traveling the world. After her older brother was born in Japan, her parents were transferred to Hamilton Air Force Base in California where she was born. The family then moved to France where her sister was born. From there it was back to the U.S., Illinois and again California. She attended American River Community College, Tacoma Community College in Washington, graduated with a BA in Science in Nursing from San Francisco State University and then with a Master's of Science in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco.

She and her husband of 34 years, Manny Ungson, have two successful and wonderful sons, Justin and Adam Currin Ungson. In her well-deserved retirement, Ms. Currin will finally have more time to quilt and to cook with her family, her favorite pastimes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Sue Currin, an outstanding hospital leader who has shaped the health care landscape of San Francisco and the Bay Area. Her tireless efforts to improve the lives of others and her contributions to the city will be felt for decades to come.

HONORING ARTSWESTCHESTER
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, organizations that celebrate and promote the arts are an invaluable part of any great community. For 50 years, ArtsWestchester has connected the entire Westchester community with the arts through incredible exhibitions, programming, events, and initiatives for people of all ages. Their value to our local communities and neighborhoods cannot be understated.

Founded in 1965, ArtsWestchester is the largest private, not-for-profit arts council in New York State, and a recognized leader among arts councils nationwide. The ArtsWestchester mission is to provide leadership, vision, and support to the local arts scene, while ensuring the availability, accessibility, and diversity of the arts in Westchester. Every year, ArtsWestchester distributes over \$1 million in grants to artists and arts organizations, and markets the arts for over 150 cultural organizations and 1,000 artists on their website, as well as in their monthly publication, ArtsNews.

ArtsWestchester also owns and operates the Arts Exchange, a historic landmark building on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, which serves as a haven for local artists to create, perform, rehearse, and showcase their work. The building is constantly humming with activity; and epitomizes exactly what ArtsWestchester is all about.

In addition to the cultural impact, Arts Westchester has also had a profound economic impact on the area. In 2010 alone, the arts in Westchester accounted for over \$156.44 million in economic activity, due in no small part to the work of ArtsWestchester. The combination of economic growth and cultural artistry is a powerful one, and its positive affect on the entire region has been felt as a result.

On November 20, 2015 ArtsWestchester is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Gala. I want to congratulate the entire organization on the occasion, and thank them for all of their great contributions to Westchester.

HONORING DOUG GLAESER

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the long career of public service provided by an outstanding constituent from my district, Doug Glaeser, who has served the San Gabriel Valley and the students, professors, and staff of Cal Poly Pomona University with distinction as the Director of Government affairs and a Political Science Professor for the past 30 years.

Doug has been an invaluable resource to me and my staff, and will be truly missed. He has assisted my office in connecting professors and students with government officials to research and find solutions for challenges facing our state and nation.

Doug has organized multiple water conferences that I have held at Cal Poly which have led to University researchers working with water agencies and policy makers to improve water conservation for residents, businesses, and agriculture. He also facilitated workforce development programs to improve the current and next generation of our water workforce.

Doug has also established partnerships between Cal Poly and the Air Force that have created applied educational experiences for students to prepare them for careers in the public and private aerospace industry. He was successful in working with our office to garner \$5 million in federal funding to improve the Engineering Department's Aerospace Laboratories. These laboratories have led to expanded educational opportunities for students, improved research capabilities for professors, and modeling and simulation assistance for the Air Force.

Doug's work has not been limited to the betterment of Cal Poly alone; he has been a strong advocate for the California State University system as well as all higher educational institutions in California. He has been a leader in opening up opportunities for Latino students and Hispanic-Serving Institutions by advocating for legislation that seeks to improve federal programs which target educational opportunities for Hispanic students in

the Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Military sectors.

Mr. Speaker, I would also note that outside of his job at Cal Poly, Doug volunteers much of his time to organizing, managing, and officiating swimming and water polo competitions throughout the state of California. His commitment to improving both the academic and athletic pursuits of our students is exemplary.

Doug's accomplishments for our community are a product of the kindness, knowledge, humor and enthusiasm that he exudes every day. We will miss Doug's visits to my office and his bright smile, his warm greeting to everyone in the office, and the delicious avocados he brings from the Cal Poly Farm Store.

Doug's proudest achievement is the success of his children Kimberley, Kevin and Daniel, and his grandson Alex. I have been particularly fortunate to get to know Kimberley, as she was an intern in my office and has gone on to serve our country as a Naval Aviator. I was honored to join Doug and his family at Kimberley's winging ceremony early this year in Pensacola, FL.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the San Gabriel Valley, and the Cal Poly Pomona community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Doug Glaeser on his retirement, and thanking him for his long career of public service to Cal Poly Pomona, the State of California and our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 641 on final passage of H.R. 3189, the Fed Oversight Reform and Modernization Act of 2015, I would have voted aye, which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

HONORING MR. JOE DORSEY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Joe Dorsey on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Mr. Dorsey has had an incredible career in sports and serving his community.

Joe was born in 1935, in Waco, Texas, to Charlie and Aldora Dorsey. He had five sisters: Ollie, Charlie, Alta, Evelyn, and Loretta. In 1945, his family moved to California and settled in Albany. His father later opened and operated Dorsey's Locker, a popular neighborhood restaurant and bar in Oakland. It was more than a social hotspot but a haven that provided jobs for members of the community for nearly 60 years.

From 1948 to 1954, Joe attended Albany High School where he was a three-sport letterman. He led Albany High to four basketball and three baseball championships. During his senior year, he served as captain of both teams and was selected to the all-league teams to play both sports.

Joe graduated from Albany High School in 1954 and enrolled in Contra Costa Junior College, where he continued to play basketball

and baseball. During his freshman year, the baseball team won the Junior College State Championship and the basketball team won the conference championship. His leadership and talent on the field led to his signing with the Cincinnati Reds in 1957, but a shoulder injury ended his career after playing with the team for only two years. Albany High School and Contra Costa Junior College later inducted Joe into the Hall of Fame. Albany High School also honored him as their "Athlete of the Century".

Joe married his high school sweetheart Bettye Willis in 1957 but they divorced in 1979. He later met Corrine Tucker and married her in 1984. From his unions, seven children were born: Adrianna, Doreen, Richard, Mitchell, Bruce, Tashia, and Jamareia.

Committed to the continued success of the family business, Joe became a partner in 1996, working tirelessly to ensure its success. For more than forty years, Dorsey's Locker continued to grow and thrive in the Oakland community, even providing jobs to community members in need. It was extremely popular for its live music performances and open mic nights until its doors closed in 2015. It was a vital community institution where lively discussion and important events took place.

On a personal note, I have known Joe for many years. He and Dorsey's Locker have been a part of my public and private life, supporting all of my efforts in extraordinary ways. Joe has been a true friend to me, my sisters Mildred and Beverly, and my late beloved mother, Mildred Massey. For this, we are deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District celebrates the extraordinary life and service of Mr. Joe Dorsey. I wish him continued success, happiness, and well-being for many years to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF LOTTIE
ALBERT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish my very dear friend Lottie Albert a happy 100th birthday. Lottie was born on December 25, 1915 to Eva and Louis Wernick in New York City. Twenty-one years later, Lottie married Sol Albert and the two enjoyed 55 years of marriage, and have two lovely daughters, Harriet and Doreen. Lottie is the grandmother to Eric, Glenn, and Lowell, as well as a great-grandmother to Kyle, Samantha, Heather, and Seth.

Lottie has been a resident and community leader of Broward County for over 40 years. I am truly grateful for her selflessness and tireless service.

In 1988, she was inducted into the Area Agency on Aging's Dr. Nan S. Hutchinson Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Additionally, Broward County honored Lottie in 2005 by declaring November 12th as "Lottie Albert Appreciation Day." In 2012, Lottie was inducted into the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame for her work with the Ann Storck Children's Center, the Elderly Interest Fund's MEDIVAN Program, and the Alzheimer's Family Center.

It has been my honor to witness Lottie's commitment and passion for serving her community. Her civic engagement is an example to us all. I have enjoyed a personal friendship with Lottie over many years, and look forward to celebrating her birthday with her on December 5th in Sunrise, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on the momentous occasion, please join me in wishing Lottie Albert a happy and wonderful 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING ABBIE LOU
HAMPTON MARTIN

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abbie Lou Hampton Martin for her exemplary service to the East St. Louis, Illinois community.

Mrs. Martin served on the St. Clair County Mental Health Board for over 20 years. She was the chairman and leading fundraiser of the Mental Health Fundraiser Initiative. Additionally, she was the first African American woman to serve as the Physical Education Supervisor for the East St. Louis School District Number 189.

Mrs. Martin is also the only surviving charter member of the East St. Louis Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She was initiated into the Alpha Nu Chapter in 1937 at the University of Illinois Urban and served as its president from 1946 to 1947.

She has always been active with the sorority since its founding 79 years ago. She has served on numerous committees throughout her long and service-filled career as a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

In 2011, Mrs. Martin was honored for her service with the Wise Owl Award, an award given to those who have displayed outstanding service and commitment to their community.

On February 12, 2016, Abbie Lou Hampton Martin will celebrate her 100th birthday. I ask you to join me in both wishing her a happy birthday and thanking her for her many decades of dedicated service to the East St. Louis community.

HONORING ERIC POLLARD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Pollard, a true public servant whose leadership, loyalty, and dedication to his work has left an indelible mark on the Yonkers Public School System.

Teachers, administrators coworkers and parents all have wonderful things to say about Eric and the job he has done as Head Custodian of the School 16 Annex, located at 759 North Broadway in Yonkers. His reputation precedes him, due to his work ethic and dedication to the school. Principal Cynthia Eisner has lauded Eric, saying, "he makes sure that everything is not only in working order, but it is in tip top shape." In addition to his custodial

duties, Eric helps with arrivals and dismissals, serving as a de facto traffic officer, clearing the bus lanes of cars to ensure a smooth dismissal every day. The school's Assistant Principal, JoAnn DiMaria, has also praised Eric for his "leadership, loyalty, and dedication of the highest caliber in association with his responsibilities as Head Custodian. He supports and collaborates with custodial staff in the Main Building while consistently maintaining an immaculate environment where our children can learn."

A Yonkers resident himself, Eric resides with his wife, Lisa, and daughters Kamesha and Aaliyah in the district. He is one of six children born to Mildred and Claude Lee Sr. and has been a resident of Yonkers since 1967. He attended PS 8, graduated from Roosevelt High School, and has been employed by the Board of Education as a custodian since 1992. Eric is Yonkers through and through, and he epitomizes the hard work and dedication the community is known for.

On November 17th Eric is being honored with the 2015 Civil Service Employee of the Year Award, hosted by the Exchange Club of Yonkers and the Yonkers Public School system. It is my pleasure to congratulate Eric on this wonderful honor, and thank him for his years of service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, due to pressing matters of public safety in my district, I missed the following roll call votes:

Roll call No. 638. I would have voted no. Roll call No. 639. I would have voted no. Roll call No. 640. I would have voted yes. Roll call No. 641. I would have voted no. Roll call No. 642. I would have voted yes. Roll call No. 643. I would have voted no.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 29
100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scouts of America Troop 29, which is located in East Moriches, New York.

Troop 29 was founded in 1915 and is celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year. Since its inception, over 1,000 young men have been involved in Troop 29, many of whom have reached great success later in life. Impressively, in Troop 29, 61 young men have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

Today, I would like to congratulate Troop 29 on its 100-year anniversary and thank the Troop's members for their dedicated service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF TERRY
NAGEL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Terry Nagel, the retiring Mayor and member of the Burlingame City Council. The word "indefatigable" comes to mind when reciting Terry Nagel's public service.

Mayor Nagel joined the Burlingame City Council in 2003 after receiving the highest number of votes in any council race. She has served three terms as Mayor.

When she launched her council career, she had to do so in periodic darkness because the local power company frequently failed to supply Burlingame with electricity, largely owing to antiquated infrastructure that left the city prone to blackouts during storms. It should be noted that although the power company sometimes failed to provide electricity because of this old equipment, it found a way to buy modern equipment so that Burlingame customers could receive monthly bills for the erratic electrical service. Over several years, Terry Nagel pressured the power company to change its priorities and to spend millions of dollars to make sure the system is reliable, both for Burlingame and surrounding communities. She still receives phone calls during storms from residents who thank her for keeping the lights on.

While every council member shares in the success of a community, Terry Nagel initiated many of the most notable successes, including a recent rebirth of Burlingame Avenue that has given the town a beacon for families, newcomers and visitors. The project took many years to undertake and then to complete, but the results are indisputable. Burlingame's main street is attractive and distinctive, with upgraded businesses to match the beautiful public infrastructure. Terry Nagel can rightfully claim that she helped to create a welcoming and charming cityscape that will be enjoyed by multiple generations.

Mayor Nagel has promoted open government, fiscal responsibility and championed emergency preparedness. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. She started the Burlingame Pet Parade, a fun-filled family event in Burlingame's community calendar. In conjunction with her public service, she created the Community Wish List that connects donors with over 80 community nonprofits.

She has extensive professional experience managing nonprofits and promoting such venerable institutions as the Stanford Law School. She is a former reporter for our local newspaper, and she is a graduate of the University of Washington, cum laude, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Mayor Nagel and her husband Jim Nagel have lived in Burlingame for 32 years. If you do the math, you'll realize that her family, including sons Matt and Greg and daughter Katie, have seen Mayor Nagel walk out the door in service to the public for nearly 40% of the time that she has lived in town. This represents thousands of hours outside the home, in dedication to her neighbors and generations yet to come. That's thousands of hours away from her family, yet her family has been rock solid in its support of her vision.

We rise today to honor a great leader of the City of Burlingame and my friend and colleague Terry Nagel. She says that her focus is on communication and building consensus. In fact, it is all of those things and more. She is the penultimate community steward, and although we wish her well in her next adventures, we can also truly say that she will be missed in the years ahead.

HONORING MARY V. KING

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman MIKE HONDA and Congressman ERIC SWALWELL, to honor the inspiring life of an exemplary member of the East Bay community, Mary V. King. With her passing on November 15th, 2015, we honor her career of extraordinary service to the East Bay community and her lasting legacy.

As a young mother on public assistance, Mary was drawn into politics to improve the economic conditions of lower income residents. She successfully led a county tax initiative campaign that created new sources of funding for public transit and other transportation projects. In 1988, she became the first African-American woman elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and was reelected twice. During her tenure, she authored several monumental policies, including the King Plan, a major land-use amendment to protect open space while maintaining sustainable development in unincorporated areas.

Mary also dedicated much of her time to improving the social services provided to lower income residents. Because of her advocacy, the Mary V. King Health Education Center, located at the Eastmont Wellness Center in Oakland, was named in her honor.

After leaving office in 2001, Mary worked as a private consultant specializing in government affairs, regional housing, and transportation issues. In 2009, she was appointed the General Manager of AC Transit, where she served faithfully until her retirement in 2012.

Mary also served on numerous local and regional committees, including the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), California Department of Corrections, and the Alameda County Central Committee. She also served as a Chief of Staff to Oakland Mayor Lionel J. Wilson and California State Legislator Bill Lockyer.

Throughout her career, she received numerous awards including the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials; the "Allen E. Broussard Memorial Award for Outstanding Humanitarianism" from the Alameda County Bar Association; and the "George Moscone Memorial Award" from the American Society of Public Administration. In 2014, she was awarded the Metropolitan Transportation Grant award for her leadership as Chair of the Bay Bridge Design Task Force during the construction of the Eastern Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

On a personal note, I will always remember Mary for her many contributions as a public servant, but more importantly, as a loving

mother, grandmother, daughter, and friend. Mary always put her family first. She loved and cared for her beautiful mother, children, and grandchildren in ways that I witnessed and admired. I was inspired by how she balanced her work and her personal life, always rising to the occasion in both. Mary's humanity was never destroyed by politics and power. She was authentic in all of her relationships, and she will be deeply missed.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the life of a remarkable individual and devoted public servant, Mary V. King. Her service has helped countless residents of the East Bay community and her contributions are innumerable. I join all of Ms. King's loved ones in celebrating her incredible accomplishments and offer my sincerest condolences.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TAXPAYER
RIGHTS ACT OF 2015

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I have been introducing taxpayer rights legislation since 2004, and today I am proud to introduce the Taxpayer Rights Act of 2015, a bill that contains important provisions to improve services for and protect the rights of American taxpayers, particularly those with modest incomes. Senator CARDIN, who previously helped lead efforts in the House to pass the original Taxpayer Bill of Rights, is introducing companion legislation in the Senate. Many of these provisions are based on recommendations from the National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina Olson, who has long been a champion of improving taxpayer services and tax administration at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

As former Nixon Treasury Secretary William Simon said, "The nation should have a tax system that looks like someone designed it on purpose." As we look for ways to improve the tax code to make it fairer and more transparent for all taxpayers, it is critical that ideas to help improve IRS service and accessibility are included in this conversation. Every year, millions of taxpayers file their returns with the IRS and inevitably issues of tax administration come to the forefront. These issues range from taxpayers not knowing their legal rights when interacting with the IRS, to taxpayers enlisting unscrupulous or poorly-trained preparers to help them complete one of their most important financial transactions of the year. This legislation aims to help prevent taxpayers from finding themselves in these avoidable situations, and to build on and improve taxpayer services provided through the IRS.

The centerpiece of this Act is the requirement that Treasury publish a Taxpayer Bill of Rights. The Taxpayer Bill of Rights is a simple and straightforward statement that enumerates all taxpayers' rights and obligations. As the National Taxpayer Advocate explained in her 2011 Report to Congress: "In a time when the IRS will feel pressure to bring in additional tax revenue, it is crucial to provide taxpayers with strong protection for their rights." Currently, these rights and obligations are scattered throughout the tax code and Internal Revenue Manual, making them neither accessible nor written in plain language that most taxpayers can understand.

This Act also helps improve the quality and accessibility of tax preparation services and advice available to taxpayers in several different ways. First, it clarifies that the IRS has the authority to regulate tax return preparers. Ensuring tax preparers are trained, competent, and current on tax law developments will go a long way towards helping taxpayers during one of their most important financial transactions of the year. The Act also helps ensure moderate income taxpayers access qualified tax assistance by supporting a grant program for free income tax assistance services, like those offered by the Koreatown Youth and Community Center in my district in Los Angeles. It also allows IRS referrals to Low Income Taxpayer Clinics, which provide representation to modest income taxpayers in their disputes with the IRS. In addition, the Act puts new protections in place to ensure taxpayer information remains confidential, and increases penalties on preparers of fraudulent tax returns.

Finally, this bill includes several provisions that would improve IRS taxpayer services. One important provision provides greater protections for taxpayers when they are faced with a Notice of a Federal Tax Lien filing (NFTL). Filing of an NFTL can result in significant, longterm hardship to a taxpayer, and may adversely affect the taxpayer's credit, thus impairing his or her ability to conduct financial transactions or secure employment. The Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act requires the IRS to make individualized determinations before the filing of an NFTL, and also requires consideration of hardship factors and a taxpayer's history of compliance before these determinations are made.

Many of the issues identified in this bill have caused confusion and undue hardship for taxpayers across the country. I encourage all of my colleagues to support these common sense provisions to promote taxpayer rights and services for all Americans.

HONORING PETER DIPAOLA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and a true community leader, Pelham Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola, who has served his community in elected office with distinction for close to 25 years.

A resident of Pelham Manor since 1952, Peter has always had a love affair with Pelham Manor and its residents. He attended Siwanoy Elementary School while his future wife attended Prospect Hill, beginning a family legacy in the Pelham Elementary School system that has lasted three generations.

In 1991, Peter began his life of public service as a member of the Pelham Manor Planning Board, and never looked back. To call Peter's career in elected office diverse or extensive would be an understatement. He served as Pelham Manor Trustee, with oversight for administration, planning, and finance; Fire Commissioner; Police Commissioner; Commissioner of Public Works; was elected Mayor of the Village of Pelham Manor in 2001; Town Councilman in 2004; and finally Pelham

Town Supervisor in 2012, the role in which he currently still serves.

As Town Supervisor, Peter has worked diligently to maintain the beauty and charm that has defined Pelham for decades. In spite of state mandated tax caps, he has overseen a redesign and improvement of the Town Court, a renovation of Gazebo Park, an expansion of the offerings by the Pelham Recreation Department, as well as an improvement of town services and programs, all while staying under the 2 percent tax cap. He has also worked hard to obtain vital funding through local, state, and federal grants, some of which my office has helped procure, for initiatives ranging from Superstorm Sandy repairs to improvements to Trotta Park. Peter's ability to deliver the services Pelham's residents have come to expect from their local government, while exhibiting strict fiscal responsibility, has been masterful, and as Pelham's Congressman I have always counted myself fortunate to have such a wonderful partner in government.

Peter and I may not come from the same side of the aisle, but we have always had a great relationship, built on a foundation of mutual respect, while working together in the spirit of bipartisanship. As the American Legion Pelham Post 50 honors Peter at their annual Veterans Week Dinner Dance, I want to take a moment to honor him as well, and thank his wife, children, and grandchildren for sharing him with the entire community. There is no more fitting honoree than Peter, and he is most deserving of this recognition.

UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 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 \$ 18,719,613,274,893.51. We've added \$8,092,736,225,980.43 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING SHAWN FRIEDKIN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Shawn Friedkin for receiving the Arnold H. Snider Visionary Leadership Award from the Reeve Foundation, recognizing his many years of tireless work on behalf of disabled people.

Twenty years ago, Shawn was a newly married man with a young daughter when his life was forever changed. After a terrible car accident, Shawn experienced unrepairable damage to his spinal cord and would never walk again.

On November 19, the Reeve Foundation held its 25th Annual "A Magical Evening" fundraiser in New York, where Mr. Friedkin's

hard work was recognized. In 1997 Shawn founded Stand Among Friends, an organization to help people with disabilities live life to their full potential. Since then he has been involved in raising funds for neurological research and creating programs to support people with disabilities in our community. As President of this organization, Mr. Friedkin opened a disability center on Florida Atlantic University's campus in 2006, which has helped place over 800 people in jobs.

Shawn is an inspiration, and I am pleased to recognize him today and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 643 on final passage of H.R. 4038, the American SAFE Act of 2015, I would have voted aye, which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight delay on March 23, 2015, I was unable to attend House Roll Call Vote numbers 130 and 131. If present, I would have voted yes on H.R. 360 and H. Res. 162.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT FRANK NORWOOD

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Master Sergeant Frank Norwood, an outstanding Maine veteran and patriot who has distinguished himself with his outstanding service to our country, state, and veterans.

Master Sergeant Norwood is well known in my state for his role as the Maine Military Funeral Honors Coordinator, a post in which he has earned statewide respect from military, government, and civilian communities. Since 2005, his team has performed 12,000 military funerals and, over the last five years, has been at every single Maine veteran's funeral. This incredible feat—unmatched by any other state—is a true show of respect to the veterans who have defended our country.

In addition, Master Sergeant Norwood has led the Maine State Select Honor Guard to become the pride of the Maine Army National Guard. During his tenure there, he has coordinated over 700 events and personally participated in over 500 of them, ranging from gubernatorial inaugurations, posting colors at major sporting events, and performing military funerals for our fallen heroes. Additionally, he has instructed numerous veterans' organizations and community groups on ceremonial

and flag etiquette, often volunteering his personal time.

I would also like to recognize Master Sergeant Norwood's many years of distinguished service in the Army and the Maine Army National Guard. He served in Grenada, helped ready Maine's Guard members for an overseas deployment in the War on Terror, and earned numerous military honors and awards.

Frank Norwood is a great leader and patriot. The people of Maine are honored by his dedication, and I thank him wholeheartedly for his service to our veterans and our nation.

TEACHING HISTORY AND SERVING TEXAS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Terri Wenzel from Pearland, Texas for being named President of the Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS).

Ms. Wenzel is a fourth grade teacher at Pearland's Challenger Elementary. For almost 15 years, she has been involved with TCSS in order to promote Texas social studies around our great state. From encouraging development for her fellow teachers, to bringing history to life in her classroom, Ms. Wenzel has truly shown her commitment to Texas. She begins serving on the TCSS Executive Council in January 2016 and will begin her term as president in 2017. Ms. Wenzel is making Pearland and Challenger Elementary proud. TCSS made a great decision by selecting her.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Terri. Thank you for teaching young Texans about our great state.

HONORING ANGELO MARTINELLI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader in the Yonkers community, Angelo R. Martinelli, who for 20 years has led the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce as Chairman with great distinction and integrity.

Originally born in the Bronx in 1927, Angelo grew up in Mount Vernon, attending A.B. Davis High School. Following his graduating in 1945, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served until 1946 as a Sergeant.

After leaving the Army, Angelo returned home to work in his family's business, The Yonkers Daily Times, while swiftly moving to buy the Gazette Press in 1948. This shift, as well as meeting the love of his life, Carol Madatto, led to the purchase of their first home in Yonkers in 1960, where Angelo still currently lives.

In 1974, Angelo ran and was elected Mayor of the City of Yonkers, serving from 1974–1979 and again from 1982–1987. He has earned a reputation as an effective and forceful advocate of municipal government interests, like seniors, anti-crime programs, and the reactivation of the Yonkers Police Athletic

League. In 1983, with the closing of the PAL seeming imminent, Mayor Martinelli helped form a new Board of Directors, and today the PAL is a vibrant organization, with Angelo continuing to serve as its President since 1991. Angelo was the owner and Chairman of the Board of Gazette Press, Inc., and is currently Chairman of the Board for Today Media, Inc. From 1990 until May, 2012 he served as a director of Hudson Valley Bank.

In January 1984, Mercy College conferred upon him an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. In January 1995 he became Chairman of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce, a position he still holds. In August 2015, HBO aired the miniseries, "Show Me a Hero," with Angelo, who was delighted to be portrayed by actor Jim Belushi.

But Angelo's passion was always his family. He and Carol, to whom he was married to and loved for 65 years, have six sons, Michael, Paul, Robert, Richard, Thomas and Ralph, and five daughters-in-law, 12 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Angelo is an active parishioner of St. Eugene's Church, Yonkers.

This year, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is honoring Angelo at the 122nd Annual Business Hall of Fame Dinner, commemorating his 20 years of service as Chairman of the Board. I want to thank him for his incredible leadership and for helping to make Yonkers the great city it is today.

A TRIBUTE TO KRISTIN JOHNK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kristin Johnk of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the American Future Farmers of America Degree Award. The American Future Farmers of America Degree is the highest honor a FFA member can achieve.

From October 28th through October 31st the FFA held their annual National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. It was then that Kristin was awarded the American FFA Degree for her abilities and outstanding achievements in agriculture business, production, processing and service programs. Kristin has a wide range of experience in agriculture related jobs. She has worked in floriculture, turf and landscaping management, as well as vegetable production. Her experience in these jobs have opened her eyes to future career opportunities and allowed her to develop some of the skills she will need to succeed in them.

Eligibility requirements for this prestigious FFA award include: earning at least \$10,000 and productively investing \$7,500 through a supervised agriculture experience program or working in an existing agriculturally-focused position, completing 50 hours of community service, as well as demonstrating outstanding leadership abilities. Kristin met and exceeded each of these requirements through her dedication to the organization and the agriculture community.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Kristin for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can help you achieve your goals. I

am honored to recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kristin for her accomplishments and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO WYATT SAEUGLING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Wyatt Saeugling of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the American Future Farmers of America Degree Award. The American Future Farmers of America Degree is the highest honor a FFA member can achieve.

From October 28th through October 31st the FFA held their annual National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. It was there that Wyatt was awarded the American FFA Degree for his abilities and outstanding achievements in agriculture business, production, processing and service programs. He has always been involved in agriculture, from helping his grandpa on their dairy farm to starting his own cow herd.

Eligibility requirements for this prestigious FFA award include: earning at least \$10,000 and productively investing \$7,500 through a supervised agriculture experience program or working in an existing agriculturally-focused position, completing 50 hours of community service, as well as demonstrating outstanding leadership abilities. Wyatt met and exceeded each of these requirements through his dedication to the organization and the agriculture community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent young leaders like Wyatt in the United States House of Representatives. He is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can help you achieve your goals. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments and wishing him nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO TUCKER SAGER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tucker Sager of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the American Future Farmers of America Degree Award. The American Future Farmers of America Degree is the highest honor a FFA member can achieve.

From October 28th through October 31st the FFA held their annual National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. It was then that Tucker was awarded the American FFA Degree for his abilities and outstanding achievements in agriculture business, production, processing and service programs. Tucker has always had an interest in agriculture, and his passion has only been reinforced through his work as a farm hand.

Eligibility requirements for this prestigious FFA award include: earning at least \$10,000

and productively investing \$7,500 through a supervised agriculture experience program or working in an existing agriculturally-focused position, completing 50 hours of community service, as well as demonstrating outstanding leadership abilities. Tucker met and exceeded each of these requirements through his dedication to the organization and the agriculture community.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Tucker for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can help you achieve your goals. I am honored to recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tucker for his accomplishments and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO CHANCEY
RICHARDS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chancey Richards of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the American Future Farmers of America Degree Award. The American Future Farmers of America Degree is the highest honor an FFA member can achieve.

From October 28th through October 31st the FFA held their annual National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. It was then that Chancey was awarded the American FFA Degree for his abilities and outstanding achievements in agriculture business, production, processing and service programs. After starting his sophomore year of high school Chancey learned of his love for the agriculture industry. He began helping out at a local cattle operation by doing odd jobs around the farm along with raising his own horse, Chicago. This experience taught him about the responsibilities that come with operating your own cattle farm and how to be successful.

Eligibility requirements for this prestigious FFA award include: earning at least \$10,000 and productively investing \$7,500 through a supervised agriculture experience program or working in an existing agriculturally-focused position, completing 50 hours of community service, as well as demonstrating outstanding leadership abilities. Chancey met and exceeded each of these requirements through his dedication to the organization and the agriculture community.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Chancey for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can help you achieve your goals. I am honored to recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments and wishing him nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO TODD ASHBY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Todd Ashby, Executive Director of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, for being recognized by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) as this year's recipient of the Ronald F. Kirby Memorial National Award for Outstanding Individual Leadership.

To earn this prestigious national award the recipient must display outstanding efforts in metropolitan transportation planning and planning leadership. They must also display and exemplify at least two of the following criteria: innovation, impact of profession, implementation, and coordination. Todd has embodied each of the four criteria and has worked tirelessly to promote his profession and the city of Des Moines.

Todd has worked behind-the-scenes on his most recent project to establish the Des Moines Transload Facility. It will serve as a hub for surrounding area businesses by connecting the trucking network to the rail network. Based on recent findings, it will be a significant improvement over what is available today in central Iowa. It will allow businesses to reach areas of the state, and country that were unreachable before the facility. It is estimated that the Transload Facility will be completed by 2016.

Mr. Speaker, Todd has displayed a work ethic and dedication to success that is matched by few. I am honored to represent him and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Todd for receiving this outstanding award and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO LAVERNE AND
PEGGY GOSS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate LaVerne and Peggy Goss of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1955.

LaVerne and Peggy's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. It is families like the Gosses that make me proud to call myself an Iowan and represent the people of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this special couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO DUANE AND
SHARON STEFFENS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Duane and Sharon Steffens of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 19, 1965, at the Methodist Church in Cumberland, Iowa.

Duane and Sharon's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Todd, Stacy, Denny, and Tracy, along with their grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. It is families like the Steffens's that make me proud to call myself an Iowan and represent the people of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this special couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE AND MARY
NELSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe and Mary Nelson of Anita, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 18, 1965, at Zion Lutheran Church in Atlantic, Iowa.

Joe and Mary's lifelong commitment to each other, their children Jeff and Kim, and their grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. It is families like the Nelsons that make me proud to call myself an Iowan and represent the people of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this special couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO SANDY SCHUBERT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sandy Schubert for the grand opening of her new business, Hedgeie's Books, Toys & More, in Bedford, Iowa.

Sandy opened her new business on September 29th, 2015. She and her husband Kevin want to give back to their community and are striving to provide needed products in this small rural town that would otherwise not be available. They sell a wide range of items from books and toys for all ages, to local Iowa

wines. Small businesses, like Hedgie's Books, Toys & More, are the backbone of small rural economies.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sandy and her family for their commitment to their community. It is an honor to represent hardworking Iowans like the Schuberts in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on their new business venture and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO MARK MCNEES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mark McNeas, as he was named President of the Iowa Firefighters Association at the Association's 137th annual meeting. Mark also serves as the Fire Chief for the City of Atlantic, Iowa, where he has served as a firefighter for 25 years.

The mission of the Iowa Firefighters Association revolves around improving Iowa's fire services and protecting the public. They work to uphold these goals through the enactment of legislation, improving training practices, fire prevention, and increasing access to public safety information. Mark has displayed a commitment to the core principals of the Iowa Firefighters Association and is truly deserving of this important role within the Association.

Mr. Speaker, Mark has dedicated himself to serving and protecting his community. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him and wishing him and the Iowa Firefighters Association nothing but continued success as he settles into his new role.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 01, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 2

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense personnel reform and strengthening the all-volunteer force.
SD-G50

10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine agriculture's role in combating global hunger.
SR-328A

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine protecting trade secrets, focusing on the impact of trade secret theft on American competitiveness and potential solutions to remedy this harm.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine reforming the federal budget process, focusing on modernizing budget concepts to improve accuracy and transparency.
SD-608

2:15 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.
SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and S. 1879, to improve processes in the Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), focusing on whether the justice systems in Indian country have improved.
SD-628

2:30 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's alien removal policies.
SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine consolidating non-Department of Veterans Affairs care programs.
SR-418

4 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To receive a closed briefing on Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action oversight, focusing on the International Atomic Energy Agency's report on the possible military dimensions of the Iranian nuclear program.
SH-219

DECEMBER 3

9 a.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To receive a closed briefing on the United States role in the Middle East.
S-116

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine supporting the warfighter of today and tomorrow.
SD-106

10 a.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, including perspectives on the Act's impacts in Alaska and suggestions for improvements to the Act.
SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Salerno, and Darlene Michele Soltys, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2019 (Reappointment).
SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and the nominations of Dana J. Boente, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years, and John P. Fishwick, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.
SD-226

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.
SH-216

2:30 p.m.
Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights
To hold hearings to examine the AB InBev/SABMiller merger and the state of competition in the beer industry.
SD-226

DECEMBER 15

10 a.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 2257, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations.
SD-366