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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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