

In honor of Mrs. Moss's 25 years of dedicated service to the Fort Worth community and its schools, this statement will be submitted on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

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 \$18,891,869,602,125.16. We've added \$8,264,992,553,212.08 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.

TRIBUTE TO BOB HEMBORG

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Bob Hemborg will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Bob has dedicated himself to the Corona community.

Bob is the founder and owner of Hemborg Ford, a local business fixture. He initially purchased the Ford dealership in Corona and he quickly realized he wanted more land. He relocated his business to the neighboring community of Norco. Bob has worked tirelessly with a strong work ethic and business practices that have enabled his dealership to grow and thrive in the community. Bob prides himself on having many repeat and multi-generational clients.

Family is also very important to Bob. When it came time for him to retire, he entrusted the day-to-day operations to his son Tor, though he is quick to tell you he is in the office regularly. Since semi-retiring, Bob has become involved in philanthropic outreach and business-related groups.

Bob's tireless passion for his family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Bob a close friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Bob on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO CAREY CROWSON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carey

Crowson of Ankeny, Iowa, for being selected to the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame.

This year, Carey Crowson, a 1972 Mount Ayr graduate, was honored with inclusion in the Rock Hall of Fame for his individual accomplishments in the music industry over the past 40 years. Crowson has performed as part of a duo Jackson/Crowson and has been a member of a number of local bands. Backfire, Cactus Killers, Uncle Walt, and the Cavaliers from 1984–1995. Carey has also written and sung jingles and promotional songs for many major corporations.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Carey for his accomplishments today. His efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him and Iowans like him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carey for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MOTIVATION DAY OF JANUARY 2, 2016

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 15th anniversary of National Motivation Day.

National Motivation Day was originally introduced by my predecessor, Congressman Felix Grucci, in 2001. The goal of National Motivation Day was to call for a renewed sense of national motivation shortly following the devastating terror attacks against our country on September 11, 2001.

As we enter into a new year, many of us will use this time as a moment of reflection. I ask my esteemed colleagues to keep in mind the goal of National Motivation Day and let it continue to inspire us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on two votes cast on January 12th, 2016 on amendments to H.R. 1644, the STEAM Act.

On Roll Call Vote 38 on an amendment offered by Mr. KILDEE of Michigan, I did not vote. My intention was to vote "aye."

On Roll Call Vote 39 on an amendment offered by Mr. CARTWRIGHT of Pennsylvania, I did not vote. My intention was to vote "aye."

TRIBUTE TO NICOLE GRINDLE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicole Grindle of Malvern, Iowa, for her selection as

the 2015 Shenandoah School System Teacher of the Year. Nicole is a teacher at the Shenandoah Middle School where she teaches chemistry, physics, AP chemistry, and AP physics.

Nicole is recognized by her peers as a teacher who has a passion to teach and one who reaches far beyond the status quo in teaching her students. She is committed to challenging her students in academics, leadership, accountability, and responsibility. Nicole has an outstanding skill in instructing her students and building relationships of respect with them. When not teaching Nicole takes an active role in a number of school activities by helping her students develop their talents for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Nicole's leadership and her thoughtful technique. Nicole is an Iowan who is making a lasting impact in the lives of her students and for that we are deeply proud. She has dedicated her life to helping and serving others and so it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service and wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF AGNES ZHELESNIK

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Agnes Zhelesnik, who this week celebrates her 102nd birthday.

Mrs. Zhelesnik holds a very special national distinction—she is the oldest working teacher in America. Mrs. Zhelesnik teaches home economics at The Sundance School in North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Two years ago I visited her at The Sundance School. I was happy to meet her, tour her classroom and get to know some of her colleagues and students. They shared with me how her warm and friendly personality has made The Sundance School a wonderful place to learn.

She is a favorite among the students and her enthusiasm for educating makes her a great teacher and staff member.

On this special occasion, I thank Mrs. Zhelesnik for her years of public service and wish her continued good health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KNEELAND YOUNGBLOOD

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the myriad accomplishments of a deeply curious and supremely impressive man—Kneeland Youngblood. Many people outside of the upper crust of Dallas' business community do

not know the name Kneeland Youngblood, and until recently, he would have been satisfied with that fact. However, Youngblood recently decided to expose himself and his story to the greater Dallas community in order to inspire a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

Kneeland Youngblood has found his success in founding Pharos Capital Group LLC. However, his career and life took many steps and progressions before he settled on this career. Youngblood was born in the segregated neighborhood of Galena Park in Houston. His father and mother struggled to make ends meet supporting Youngblood and his six siblings.

From these humble beginnings, Youngblood made his way to Princeton University, and then to UT-Southwestern Medical School. He began his career in Dallas in emergency medicine, and planned to climb his way up in the medical field, until his tastes changed.

Youngblood was integral in organizing a diverse group of young professionals who were fundraising for Anne Richard's initial gubernatorial campaign. During this successful period, Youngblood was exposed to the business community in a way that wetted his appetite. In the impressive and forward way he now operates his business, he approached powerful people in the business community and asked them for help in a career transition. He was forty.

Now, only twenty years later, he has founded Pharos Capital Group LLC, which operated a \$525 million institutional fund in 2014. He serves on several local boards, and recently became the first black member of the Dallas Country Club, where his father waited tables decades ago.

Mr. Speaker, more important to Youngblood than all of these successes, is the success of his family. He has six kids who between them went to Stanford, Harvard, Yale, or Princeton. Today, I want to honor the incredible path Kneeland Youngblood has travelled, and recognize him formally to allow him to serve as the example to young leaders and entrepreneurs he knows he is.

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TRIBUTE TO JOHN DOWNS

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, John Downs will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. John has dedicated himself to the Corona community.

John is the second generation owner of local business icon Downs Energy. The business was started in 1962 by John's father, Elvin Downs. In 1976, Downs Energy made the decision to launch a key lock operation to sell fuel around the clock to trucking companies. John works closely on the day-to-day operations with his wife Catherine.

John is also a devoted father and husband. He and his wife Catherine have two children, Sherry Downs Messner and Mike Downs.

John describes having his children follow in his footsteps as something that makes him smile.

John's tireless passion for his family and the community has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call John a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating John on achieving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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TRIBUTE TO GARY McCLANAHAN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gary McClanahan upon his retirement from Central Campus in the Des Moines School System, where he served for 25 years.

Gary served as the director of the Central Campus for 18 years and spent 7 years as the school's supervisor of technology. Central campus is a career and technical education program that provides a diverse educational opportunity for students, from auto body repair to marine biology. Gary's commitment to excellence will be missed by all at Central Campus.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Gary on his retirement from the Des Moines Central Campus. It is because of dedicated Iowans like Gary that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Gary on this incredible milestone and wishing him nothing but the best in his retirement.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on roll call no. 43, "yea."

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TRIBUTE TO MARY LELIA ECKHART

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a valued constituent of mine in the second district of Ohio. Mary Lelia Eckhart, known by her friends as Lelia, will soon celebrate her 100th birthday on March 22, 2016.

Lelia Eckhart was born into a large farming family in 1916 with six siblings, in Lewis County, Kentucky. Beginning to learn the skills of a homemaker from the age of eight, she quickly became an integral member of her large and loving family.

As her family began moving away, Lelia decided to join her sister in Portsmouth, Ohio during the Great Depression in the 1930s. As southern Ohio struggled along with the rest of the nation during the Depression, Lelia was soon in high demand by many families for her skills. Soon, Lelia was employed by the Bannon family of Portsmouth where she worked for nearly 60 years.

Lelia's significant talents include needlework of all types, from designing to tailoring her wardrobe, and her cooking abilities are legendary. When asked to reveal her secret to creating such great food, she faithfully replies "It tastes so good because I stirred it with my finger!"

Lelia developed many lasting friendships which remain to this day. Central to her life is her devotion to her faith. She worships to this day at Cornerstone Methodist Church, from which follows the guiding principles of her long and story-filled life.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th birthday of Lelia Eckhart.

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TRIBUTE TO RITA SCHROEDER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Rita Schroeder for being chosen for induction into the Southwestern Community College Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach. She will be inducted on January 23, 2016 in Creston, Iowa.

Rita was a 1982 graduate of Southwestern Community College and provided leadership to the Spartan volleyball program from 1984–2009. Under her guidance, the Spartans had a record of 704–382. They competed in national championships five times. Under Rita's leadership, each student-athlete was required to put school first, and during her tenure her teams received ten NJCAA team academic awards.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Rita for her well-deserved induction into the Southwestern Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. It is because of Iowans like Rita that I am proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Rita for this achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

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HONORING JACQUELINE ANN BERRIEN

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jacqueline Ann Berrien, chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from 2010 to 2014, who passed away on November 9, 2015, at the age of 53. I was privileged to know Jacqueline Berrien and to work with her here in the Congress.

A native Washingtonian, Jacqueline graduated from Oberlin College and Harvard Law