most of you know all of her awards and honors—but a list of things does not fully define a person—especially a T.C. Freeman. What this amazing woman left behind is far greater than the awards and accolades she received here on earth. She left a legacy in Generations of Soldiers and Families—not just present and future. That is why we all have gathered here today—many of you traveling great distances to be here—We are her Legacy.

T.C. was a devoted wife to Bobby for 55 years, always by his side, supporting him, and supporting him in his Army career, and a devoted mother to Gil, William, and Robert. A true military family with both sons serving and their daughter, an Army wife. Later T.C. revealed in the accomplishments of their 3 grandchildren—Clytie, Richard and Sarah. We thank each of you—her family—for sharing her with us for all these years.

I first met the Freemans in 1984. . . . Bobby was still on active duty, the Garrison Commander of the 101st and T.C. was not just any Army wife, but the epitome of an Army wife. Like others in her generation, she saw being a supportive Army wife as a privilege and an honor that carried with it the responsibility of passing on the traditions of Army life to the next generation. As a young soldier’s wife, new to the 101st Airborne Division, my wife Vicki, like so many others, found a role model in T.C. Freeman. And that was just the beginning of a long and enduring friendship.

In the early years—As an Army wife to Bobby—she sent him off to war and welcomed him home from Viet Nam. Later she would remind us all how important it is to take care of the Families of our deployed Soldiers and to give a Hero’s Welcome to our returning Soldiers—something that was not done for our Viet Nam heroes. As a young soldier’s wife, new to the 101st Airborne Division, my wife Vicki, like so many others, found a role model in T.C. Freeman. Like others in her generation, she saw being a supportive Army wife as a privilege and an honor that carried with it the responsibility of passing on the traditions of Army life to the next generation. As a young soldier’s wife, new to the 101st Airborne Division, my wife Vicki, like so many others, found a role model in T.C. Freeman. And that was just the beginning of a long and enduring friendship.

One of her many unique qualities was her ability to relate to anyone: Soldier or 4 star general. She was the best welcoming Soldier as she was shaking hands with Senators and Congressmen on Capitol Hill. And as she mentored Army spouses, she was not above mentoring and lecturing command generals, to include this one.

If I had to single out one incident, or one thing I did not want to be asked to do, the one thing I did not want to be asked to do was go to Afghanistan. At any hour of the day or night, you would find T.C. at Hangar One talking to our waiting Families, setting up refreshments, and currently the deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. At any hour of the day or night, you would find T.C. at Hangar One talking to our waiting Families, setting up refreshments, and currently the deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

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But the one task I hoped never to have to do, the one thing I did not want to be asked to do, the one thing I did not want to be asked to do came last year when she realized what was ahead of her . . . Her final tasking was for me to give the eulogy at her passing. Not wanting to face the inevitable, I jokingly replied, “I’ll do yours, if you’ll do mine.” I wanted so much to turn her down, but I had never said no to T.C. Freeman and I wasn’t about to say no for something so important to her. Especially when she remarked with her eulogy grin—“Besides Richard, You are an Army Aviator—and I know you will exaggerate . . . like you always do!”

In her last role, she was sidelined and forced to work out of her bedroom for the past year. But work it she did . . . texting and facetoing with her many fans and admirers, both young and old. Until the end, she entered her hundreds of well-wishers from her bed, showing us the grace and dignity that were synonymous with her. I hope that someday there will be a bronze statue of T.C.—and I never wished for her to be hugged a Soldier, something that she did for decades and something we will always remember her for. I have a feeling she is looking down today, very pleased with the love and support being shown her family but she knew that she was traded in heaven.

On Thursday there was a Welcome Home ceremony . . . but this one was not in Hangar One . . . it was in Heaven. I picture her now surrounded by Soldiers embracing her, saying, “We love you . . . thank you for your service . . . Welcome Home!”

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Carolyn Della-Rodolfa from the Bucks County community. In addition, she is a student who consistently attends seminars, reads and studies to broaden her knowledge. Under her tutelage, Doylestown Hospital and its related parts greatly expanded their quality and breadth of healthcare services. Notably, Ms. Della-Rodolfa’s social and business acumen has had a financial impact on the total community beyond lifesaving healthcare and life-improving wellness care. Retiring, with the appreciation and gratitude of her colleagues and community, this outstanding volunteer/leader clearly has set an example for others to follow.

BUSINESS RAIDING AND ASSET GRABBING IN RUSSIA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I’d like to bring you a colleague of mine and an illuminating report on corruption and corporate dispossession in Russia. Written by Dr. Louise Shelley and Judy Deane of George Mason University’s Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, “Reiderstvo: Implications for Russia and the West,” concisely lays out the systematic tactics, fraud and corruption of business raiding and asset grabbing in Russia.

The most well-known case is that of the Yukos Oil Company, which not only saw its Russian founder Mikhail Khodorkovsky imprisoned for ten years in a Siberian gulag while his $22 billion company was dismantled under the guise of $22 billion in unpaid tax claims. A corporate entity, Yukos shares were confiscated and assets sold off at rigged auctions, without any regard for even its international—including U.S.—shareholders. As some of you may recall, I held a hearing last fall on the Russian government’s violations of the rule of law, which examined the challenges these investors faced in enforcing the Permanent Court of Arbitration’s $50 billion finding of unlawful appropriation against the Russian government. It turns out Yukos is only the tip of the iceberg.
The reiderstvo report neatly encapsulates a Russian phenomenon that both contributes to, and is accelerating as a result of, Russia’s economic decline. According to the authors, Russian corporate raiding practices, facilitated and even directed by the Kremlin, are “con- tributing to Russia’s current unfriendly business and political environment.”14 Russia’s uniquely de- structive practice of corporate raiding not only has dire ramifications for the Russian people and any remaining foreign investors, it has long term implications for Russian stability. Reiderstvo”, an ominous and violent practice in Russia since the early 1990s, is vastly different from U.S. corporate “raiding”—that is, hostile takeovers by outside shareholders. Reiderstvo represents both pri- vate acquisition of business assets and public expropriation through a series of illegal bul- lying tactics that allow raiders to sell off a company’s assets, often to a state controlled entity, and rapidly launder the proceeds, mak- ing massive profits and destroying businesses in the process. This particular report is noteworthy for its documentation of two aspects of reiderstvo. First, reiderstvo and asset grabbing is far more widespread and imbedded in Russian business culture than most people outside of Russia have thought. Astonishingly, Russian President Vladimir Putin himself said that the number of current arrests for economic crimes sug- gests that tens of thousands of companies of all sizes in Russia continue to be harassed, intimi- dated, robbed, and outright stolen.

Second, the study analyzes major cases of corporate raiding and identifies the most com- mon raiding tactics. These tactics include malici- ous prosecutions (false charges), malicious tax inspections, regulatory harassment, mis- use of shares and shareholder protections, misuse of the banking system, abuse of inter- national law enforcement, “Dark PR” cam- paigns, and even violence. In any given raid against a business, it is likely that several of these tactics will be used simultaneously. From their case studies the authors extract four stages of the reiderstvo process: prepara- tion, notification, execution, and legalization. In the case of OGAT, Ltd., one of the largest and most successful transportation compa- nies in Russia, raiders used fraudulent docu- ments to sell off company assets. In the case of TogliattiAzot, Russia’s largest ammonia company, the company underwent 120 tax inspec- tions in 18 months and was assessed $150 million in alleged unpaid taxes in order to try to force the company into bankruptcy, making it easier and cheaper to acquire. Yevroset, a highly successful mobile phone operator, was the victim of three raids in which $1.4 million in cash and phone handsets were taken, tax charges levied against one of its suppliers, and searches made of the homes of top managers, all to force owners to sell the company to a raider. It is easy to draw parallels from these cases to the many famous cases of Hermitage Cap- ital and the Yukos Oil Company and demon- strate the state’s own growing role in cor- porate raiding.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Human Rights subcommittee of the Helsinki Com- mission, I have focused much of my congress- sional work on fighting for human rights—for all human rights, throughout the world. And countless times I have seen the connection between human rights violations and govern- ments that engage such grotesque forms of corruption. One connection, of course, is that rampanty corrupt governments commit human rights violations in order to cover up their crimes, or those of the mafias that dominate them. Such was the famous case of the heroic Sergei Magnitsky. The kind of government corruption we see in Russia today, manifesting itself in the ruthlessness of reiderstvo, is that which imperils the human rights of the Rus- sian people.

Mr. Speaker, this report is a much needed and critical assessment of Russian corruption at the highest levels of authority and has im- portant implications for U.S. foreign policy in the dimensions of human rights and rule of law and commercial relations. The report may be found at www.reiderstvo.org. I strongly urge my col- leagues to read it.

PEARLAND ISD CAMPUS
TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the following teachers of Pearland Independent School District for being named Campus Teachers of the Year. Each school year, principals, teachers and staff members are recognized by the school district with various awards as a reflection of their hard work and dedication to their stu- dents and the school as a whole. This year 23 Pearland teachers were awarded the title “Campus Teachers of the Year”: Jennifer Black from Carleton Elementary, Anne Romolo from Challenger Elementary, Patricia Guel from Cockrell Elementary, Tiffany Cox from C.J. Harris Elementary, Katie Strong from Lawhon Elementary, Lisa Rocha from Magnolia Elementary, Christina Morton from Massey Ranch Elementary, Maureen Clayvon-Wright from Rustic Oak Elementary, Ruth Mondich from Shadycrest Elementary, Katie Cruz from Silvercrest Elementary, Gay Stricklin from Silverlake Elementary, Krin Holland from Alexander Middle School, Rebekkah Rudd from Jamison Middle School, Crystal Hildebrand from Rogers Middle School, Connie Medley from Sabalitude Middle School, Shaterra Jackson from Berry Miller Junior High, Lori Sandman from Pearland JUN- ior High East, Lana Garcia from Pearland Junior High South, Mara Williams from Pearland Junior High West, Troy Myers from Dawson High School, Jennifer Duggan from Pearland High School, Hunter Morgan from Turner Col- lege and Career High School, and Ann Lowrey from the PACE Center. These teachers go above and beyond to inspire their students and create a supportive educational environment. We are grateful for their commitment to education and providing a safe, inspirational learning environment for our students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congres- sional District of Texas, I congratulate these dedicated Pearland teachers for being named Campus Teachers of the Year. We thank them for all that they do.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT HANSON

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Robert “Bob” Hanson, who served as the Chairman and CEO of Deere & Company from 1982 to 1990.

Both as a citizen and a businessman, Bob was invaluable to the Quad-Cities and our re- gion. During his tenure as CEO, Bob guided John Deere through the farm crisis of the 1980s, and kept up company morale during a decade of rife with layoffs and downsizing. He fo- cused on developing Deere as a good cor- porate citizen that gave back to Moline, and made time to engage and build relationships with employees at every level of the company. Later CEOs have credited Bob with laying the foundation for Deere’s future success.

In addition to his business success, Bob also gave back to the community as an indi- vidual. In the middle of earning his degree, Bob served our country for three years as a Marine in World War II. His passion for help- ing others led him and his wife, Patricia, to contribute generously to his alma mater, Augustana College, and establish a scholar- ship for the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate Bob’s life, and his dedication to our community, my thoughts and prayers are with Bob’s wife, Pa- tricia, and the rest of his family during this dif- ficult time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAPE COD MUSEUM OF ART

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cape Cod Museum of Art on their 35th anniversary.

Thirty-five years ago, Harry Holl and Roy Freed brought to life their vision for a museum that honors and celebrates the works of out- standing artists from the Cape Cod region in Massachusetts. Mr. Holl, a renowned potter, sculptor, painter, and a Dennis resident him- self, lived out the same values that comprise the museum’s mission. As a teacher, he in- spiried his students and developed local art programs. Mr. Freed, both a lawyer and a sculptor, was dedicated to providing a venue to showcase the talents of our community. He brought together supporters at the founding of the Museum, and he contributed to the re- markable achievements and growth of this museum.

What started with ten local supporters, the Cape Cod Museum of Art now houses seven exhibition galleries, the Weny Education Cen- ter, a screening room, an outdoor sculpture garden, and a permanent collection of more than 2,000 works of art. Artists across the na- tion have drawn inspiration from our local community and our beautiful landscapes. I am proud to say the museum has been esteemed nation- wide, with the recent exhibit “Breaking the Mold” which featured outside artists drawing 718 submissions by 227 artists from 29 states.