

Amya Myanna Luz Aviles, Marrell Tyler II, and Kelechi Greene.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the newest life members of the Gary branch of the NAACP, as well as Stephen Mays, the current Gary NAACP president, Cynthia and Mamon Powers Jr., who are Honorary Chairs, and all members of the organization for their extraordinary efforts and tremendous leadership. These outstanding men and women have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, and for that they are to be commended.

HONORING ANDREW "ANDY"
HYMAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew "Andy" Hyman of Marin County, California, for his selection as the Trustee of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. A member of the Dixie School District Board of Trustees, Mr. Hyman has spent more than a decade advocating for and advising the district and its students.

As a member who served two terms as president of the Dixie School Board, Mr. Hyman has devoted thousands of hours on vital committees and efforts. He led a district-wide transportation committee to lower home-to-school transportation costs, and helped initiate green purchasing and recycling policies. Additionally, he led efforts to create the first district-wide anti-bullying policy, and has worked to improve nutrition in school lunches.

Mr. Hyman has been a consistent leader in our community across a range of issues affecting our schools. From organizing rallies to working with local legislators, he has been a consistent and effective voice for our students and their opportunities for success.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Andrew "Andy" Hyman for his contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE
PONTIUS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Michael "Mike" Pontius, who served the city of Freeport, Illinois, as a firefighter for nearly 14 years before retiring due to injuries sustained on the job.

A dedicated firefighter and a loving husband and father, Mike had a warm and outgoing presence in his community. In addition to serving as a firefighter, he gave back to his alma mater, Aquin High School, throughout his life. When Mike wasn't cheering for the Aquin Bulldogs, he was rooting on the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. He is survived by his wife, Dawn, and his children, Josh, Jerek, Jordan, and Kirsten.

Mr. Speaker, as the wife of a sheriff, I know how important it is to support our first responders, and I am forever grateful for the service Mike provided to the Freeport community. While we commemorate Mike's life, and his dedication to his family and community, my thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN W. MCELVAIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Calvin W. McElvain of Des Moines, Iowa for earning the Gold Medal of Achievement Award of Iowa's Royal Ranger Outpost Number 35. The Gold Medal of Achievement designation is the highest advancement rank in the Royal Ranger Outpost based at Christian Life Assembly of Des Moines.

To earn this Gold Medalist rank, Calvin McElvain completed 47 skill merits, 213 Bible lessons, and 35 hours of community service. Beyond those opportunities, Calvin also completed a service project by transforming the Christian Life Assembly Church's modest fire ring into a first rate campsite with a mason fire ring and anchored benches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Calvin McElvain and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Gold Medal of Achievement ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 229 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4889, the Kelsey Smith Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 230 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3998, the Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 231 on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 743, the

rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5055, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 232, on adoption of H. Res. 743, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5055, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 233, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 and H.R. 897, Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 234 Adoption of H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 and H.R. 897, Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 235 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5077, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 236 on Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 237 on passage of H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 238, on concurring in the Senate Amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 2576, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

HONORING REVEREND PHARIS D.
EVANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you and my colleagues today to congratulate Reverend Pharis D. Evans on his 55th anniversary as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. For his lifetime of leadership and tireless dedication to his congregation and to the community in Gary and beyond, he is worthy of the highest praise. In his honor, a celebratory banquet hosted by Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church will take place on June 13, 2016.

Pharis Evans graduated from Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tennessee. As a young boy, his passion for theology grew from the church services he attended, and he knew early on that he was destined to be a preacher. He studied theology at Chicago Baptist Institute and continued his studies at Calumet

College of Saint Joseph in Whiting. It was on the first Sunday in April 1961, when Pharis D. Evans was first selected to lead Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. For the past 55 years, he has administered spiritual guidance to a congregation that presently serves more than 800 parishioners. Pastor Evans's impact through his spiritual teaching has been immeasurable, and those he has mentored can all attest to his generous nature. Throughout the years, he has been a tireless advocate for his church and the community. Since 1963, Pastor Evans has coordinated and maintained Radio Broadcast Outreach Ministry. From 2009 to the present, he has also served as "Spiritual Advisor" for the Baptist Ministers Conference of Gary and Vicinity, and in 2008, he was awarded the prestigious community service Drum Major Award by the Gary Frontiers Service Club. Additionally, Pastor Evans has served as President and Vice President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention for the state of Indiana and been a chaplain for the Gary Police Department. A passionate and proven leader, Pastor Evans has provided counsel for many young ministers in search of guidance and direction. For his selfless devotion to aiding those in need of spiritual guidance, Pastor Evans is to be commended.

Reverend Evans's exceptional dedication to the church and to his community is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He and his beloved late wife, Ann, raised five wonderful children (one deceased), and have nine grandchildren (one deceased), and three great-grandchildren.

I am privileged and honored to call Pastor Evans my friend. More importantly, Reverend Pharis D. Evans has been a friend to all, the epitome of what we consider a Man of God. A man who has led a life we should all seek to emulate. His vision, his work, and his spirit have provided all of us with a guide to an improved and gentler future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Pastor Evans on his 55th anniversary as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. For his lifetime of leadership and selfless service to others, he is to be truly an inspiration to us all.

JOE ANDERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joe Anderson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Joe Anderson is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joe Anderson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joe Anderson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have

no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50 YEAR REUNION OF THE DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 50 years since the Class of 1966 graced the halls of Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dillard has a storied past and a bright future. Originally established in 1907 as Colored School Number Eleven, its opening marked the beginning of monumental African American achievements in South Florida. At that time, Fort Lauderdale was a farming region where locals found it unnecessary to educate African Americans past the sixth grade.

Two decades later the school progressed under Principal Dr. Joseph A. Ely, who added more classes and sought to educate African American students past the sixth grade. He was also responsible for the school's current name, a nod to James Harvey Dillard, a white educator from Virginia, who was a black education advocate.

In 1948, Dillard's well-known jazz program was led by Julian Edwin "Cannonball" Adderley, who later became one of the best known jazz musicians in America. Adderley brought new life to the school and helped instill the importance of jazz in the students. He taught jazz when it had not yet been accepted as a classical art form, and while he was teaching jazz he was also teaching Bach and Beethoven.

Due to an expanding community, the high school grades were moved to a new facility at 2501 N.W. 11th Street in 1950, where the Class of '66 attended and graduated. Dillard High School is now one of 62 high schools in the Broward County Public Schools and has become a magnet school open to all of Broward County, hosting three programs:

Performing & Visual Arts where students collaborate and work with artists-in-residence, and have the privilege of working side-by-side with the professionals at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art and other local arts organizations.

Emerging Computer Technology which offers a state-of-the-art technology curriculum that complements students' core academic requirements utilizing computers and the latest technologies to develop higher level thinking skills, critical research and study, communication, and problem solving.

Digital Entrepreneurship Academy where students understand the essentials for successful business plan development, start-up and operation using digital arts, and using technology to create art, music, multimedia and animation.

Mr. Speaker, clearly all Panthers can be proud of the history and future of Dillard High School. It is my absolute pleasure to wish those Panthers celebrating their 50th high school reunion on June 18, 2016, a joyous and spirited reunion.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM PROCE ON EARNING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC WORKS LEADER AWARD

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Proce on earning the American Public Works Association Public Works Leader Award.

Each year the American Public Works Association recognizes 10 outstanding individuals who have made an indelible mark on their communities through their commitment to public service. This year, I have the distinct honor of representing one of the recipients, Jim Proce, the Assistant City Manager of Rowlett.

Jim's commitment to his community and dedication to service has not gone unnoticed throughout his 32 years of service. During his career, he has earned many honors and awards including the National Community Involvement Award by the American Public Works Association, was named the State Public Works Employee of the Year by FACERS in 2010, is a Designated Public Works Leadership Fellow by the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership through the American Public Works Association, and is a member of the International City Management Association.

In his role as Assistant City Manager of Rowlett, Jim has excelled as a community leader and worked to implement strategic goals to strengthen the city and best serve the citizens of Rowlett. Throughout Jim's years of service he has displayed an unwavering commitment to community and proved to be a distinguished leader in all of his endeavors.

I would like to offer Jim my heartiest congratulations on this immense accomplishment and thank him for his dedication to serving the great people of Rowlett, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO MEGAN ROBERTS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Megan Roberts of Atlantic, Iowa, for her selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional Entrepreneur Award. Megan is associated with the Megan Roberts State Farm Agency.

Megan's entrepreneurial spirit and involvement in a new start-up enterprise led to her selection for the award. Megan Roberts has a vision for leadership, highlighting community and civic responsibilities, a center of her business and personal life. She is focused on giving back to her community, offering her life experience and resources to assist with the improvement of Atlantic, all the while focusing on her future and career goals.

I applaud and congratulate Megan Roberts for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of a community and business. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating