

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF HEARTLINE  
PRESS

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Heartline Press on winning SCORE's 2016 Small Business Achievement Award.

SCORE is a national nonprofit that provides free business mentoring and educational workshops to entrepreneurs and small business owners across the country. I am grateful for the services local SCORE chapters provide for our region's innovative entrepreneurs. And I commend the Chester County Chapter on being named "2015 Chapter of the Year," edging out over 300 other chapters around the country.

Ryan Hartley, founder of Heartline Press, developed his passion for the offset lithography printing process while attending Springfield High School. Bob Preston, who operated the school's print shop, became a lifelong mentor and encouraged Hartley to start his own printing company in 2005.

Hartley was working long hours and the business was barely profitable. So in 2012 he reached out to SCORE and was introduced to SCORE counselors who helped him reorganize his business to operate it more efficiently and effectively. Hartley also enhanced his web design services and developed a strong social media marketing campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Hartley on his success through the SCORE mentorship program.

HONORING JACOB BRUNS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Bruns. Jake is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jake has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jake has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jake has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob Bruns for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ZACHARY FITZMIER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

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

Zachary Fitzmier is an 11th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zachary Fitzmier 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 Zachary Fitzmier 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.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES ELACHI

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend Dr. Charles Elachi, as he concludes 46 years of service to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). As Director of JPL for the last 15 years, Dr. Elachi has been an exceptional leader and invaluable contributor to space exploration.

Born and raised in Lebanon, Dr. Elachi left home to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the University of Grenoble, France. From there he received his Diplome Ingenieur in engineering from the Polytechnic Institute, Grenoble. He continued his education at the California Institute of Technology where he received his Master of Science and Doctoral degrees in electrical sciences. After joining JPL in 1970, Dr. Elachi continued his education at the University of Southern California where he received his Master of Business Administration, and the University of California, Los Angeles where he received his Master of Science in Geology.

Dr. Elachi began his 46 year career at JPL as a research and science investigator. Quickly rising to leadership, he served as Principal Investigator on numerous NASA projects, most notably the Shuttle Imaging Radar series, the Magellan Imaging Radar, and the Cassini Titan Radar. From 1982 to 2000, Dr. Elachi served as Director for Space and Earth Science Programs at JPL and was responsible for the overall development of instruments for

Earth observation, planetary exploration, and astrophysics and the missions utilizing those instruments.

In May of 2001, Dr. Elachi was appointed Director of JPL and through the years has steadfastly stewarded JPL to unparalleled success. JPL's highly successful Mars missions—Phoenix and the rovers Spirit, Opportunity and Curiosity—have pushed the boundaries of robotic exploration and have inspired a new generation of scientists. Earth missions such as GRACE, Jason 1, 2, and 3, Aquarius, and Cloudsat to name a few, have furthered our understanding of Earth's climate and given us critical data on the planet we call home. Far beyond our planet, Juno, Kepler, Dawn, and many other missions are studying various parts of our solar system and beyond. Under Dr. Elachi's tenure, these successful missions and JPL's consistent ability to deliver on target have created innumerable job opportunities locally and nationally, and have continued JPL's distinction and prominence in space exploration.

Throughout his impressive career, Dr. Elachi has authored over 230 publications and lectured in more than 20 countries about space, planetary exploration, and Earth observation. He holds numerous patents in the fields of active microwave remote sensing and electromagnetic theory. Over the years, Dr. Elachi chaired a number of national and international committees which developed plans for the exploration of our solar system, neighboring solar systems, and Mars. His exceptional career includes over 30 awards and recognitions including the J.E. Hill Lifetime Space Achievement Award, the Association of Space Explorers Congress Crystal Helmet Award and the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal in three different years, to name a few.

It is with great appreciation and respect that I congratulate Dr. Charles Elachi upon 46 years of exemplary public service. The time and energy Dr. Elachi put into his work is extraordinary and people across the globe have benefited greatly from his dedicated service. Applauding his commitment and dedication to NASA's JPL and its work, I now proudly ask you all to join me in commending Dr. Charles Elachi for his lifetime of service to our country.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF GARY  
EDMONDSON

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Gary Edmondson. A veteran of the United States Army, Gary recently celebrated 70 years of playing TAPS at military funerals throughout the state of Louisiana at no cost to the families. He played his first military funeral in 1946, as a young Boy Scout at the age of 12 and for the last seven decades has never looked back.

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Born in August of 1934 in Brooklyn, N.Y., Gary joined the Army at the age of 21; eventually earning a place in the U.S. Army band in Louisville, Ky. Gary dedicated his life to playing TAPS to honor fellow veterans at their funerals. After relocating to Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1959, he notified all six of the local funeral homes to let them know he was always available to play TAPS free of charge.

Since moving to Acadiana, Gary has become a fixture of the community. He has played countless funerals, military, veterans, and community events throughout his lifetime of service. Just this past Memorial Day, he played in services at Lafayette Memorial Park, as well as Green Lawn Memorial Park—a tradition he has kept since 1964.

Gary's seven decades of heartfelt dedication to our fallen heroes is an inspiration to us all. In 2013, he earned an induction into the Living Legends Hall of Fame in Erath, La. In 2014, he created the Acadiana Veterans Honor Guard and was instrumental in securing funding to ensure every local veteran will receive full military funeral honors. Beloved by the entire community; Gary Edmondson has enriched the lives of countless families during their darkest hours. I rise to ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his lifetime of service, dedicated to providing the final tribute to our fallen heroes as their families lay them to rest.

IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION  
CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP

### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to draw attention to a development that remained largely unnoticed; discontinuation of the Fulbright Congressional Fellowship program run by the American Political Science Association (APSA).

My office has regularly welcomed international fellows. We continue to host these talented professionals from different areas around the world. Between 2004 and 2008, I hosted two APSA-Fulbright Congressional Fellows from India; an academic, Medha Nanivadekar, and a New Delhi journalist, Prasad Venkateswara Kunduri.

These Fellows brought a great deal of depth and perspective to the office at a time when relationship between United States of America and India was expanding like never before. Today, the U.S. and India are engaged across more than 60 fields.

Prasad, in particular came at a time when we in the Congress were deeply engaged and debating the Civil Nuclear Deal with India. I valued his perspective and understanding of the intricacies of discourse within India on the issue as well as the impact the process could have on U.S.-India relations and domestic politics.

During 2007–2008, Prasad spent a year in Washington, D.C. Since his return, he remains in contact with me and my office. He continues to share his experiences as a Fellow with his colleagues to promote a greater understanding of how the U.S. Congress works.

When I have traveled to India he is engaged in events related to my trip. I continue to appreciate his perspective when working on issues related to India.

Since we do not have a regular official delegation-level exchange program between the U.S. Congress and Parliament of India many of us travel to India as part of various programs organized by different groups or Co-Dels which include special events like one that retraced Martin Luther King's journey in India. Events organized by former Fellows like Prasad help bridge the gap between U.S. law-makers and people.

These Fellows who come to Washington, D.C. and spend a year on The Hill, help create a relationship with U.S. law-makers, staff, policy planners, advocacy groups and colleagues in the program. What they take back enriches the United States' relationship with these communities.

The Fulbright-APSA Congressional Fellowship Program was part of APSA's Congressional Fellowship Program. It was established over 60 years ago and remains a highly selective, non-partisan, early-to-mid career program devoted to expanding knowledge and awareness of Congress. The program enjoys a reputation for excellence among those concerned with the quality of government and the ways in which democracies function. The APSA-Congressional Fellowship ended after a five year run.

Appreciating the initiative and contribution of the program, I urge the Fulbright Board to reconsider and fund APSA Congressional Fellowship.

### HONORING KAELIN HAGEN

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kaelin Hagen. Kaelin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kaelin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kaelin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kaelin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kaelin Hagen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### RECOGNIZING EARLINE ROGERS UPON HER RETIREMENT

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, today it is with profound respect that I take this time to

honor one of Indiana's foremost citizens, State Senator Earline Rogers. A retired public school teacher, Earline has consistently distinguished herself as a pillar of her community, a voice for children, and a selfless public servant. Serving in the Indiana General Assembly for thirty-four years, Senator Rogers will be retiring this year after a truly monumental career.

Born in Gary, Indiana, Earline Rogers was inspired at an early age to be a force for positive change by her father, Earl Smith Sr., and her mother, Robbie. Employed as a steelworker, Earl worked tirelessly alongside his wife to support Earline and her four siblings, Gerry, Bobby, Earl Jr., and Denice. Taking on two part-time jobs in addition to his full-time position at the steel mill, Earl was determined to see his children graduate high school and attend college. Earline fulfilled her parents' dream and graduated as senior class president with honors from Roosevelt High School in Gary, and went on to earn Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Education from Indiana University. Following her undergraduate studies, Earline began her career teaching in the Gary Community School Corporation, and soon became active in the American Federation of Teachers union, working to provide teachers with the best resources to educate their students and provide them with pathways to success. Senator Rogers was elected to the Gary Common Council in 1980, and broke barriers serving as the Council's first female president. In 1982, Senator Rogers was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives, and in 1990, she became a member of the Indiana Senate where she has served for the past twenty-six years representing Indiana Senate District 3.

In particular, Senator Rogers has most recently served as the Indiana Senate Minority Whip, and as the Ranking Minority Member on the Education and Career Development Committee as well as the Family and Children Services Committee. Senator Rogers had also served on the Appropriations, Homeland Security and Transportation, Veterans Affairs and the Military, and Pensions and Labor Committees, and as a member of the Indiana Education Roundtable.

Since entering public service, Senator Rogers has established herself as one of Indiana's most accomplished and effective legislators, working across the aisle with her colleagues to improve the lives of all Hoosiers, notably to protect the safety, rights, and educational opportunities of our youngest citizens. In particular, Senator Rogers authored Jojo's Law, which mandates that all vehicles for ten or more passengers utilized by public schools, preschools, or licensed day care centers must meet the same safety standards as school buses. Senator Rogers also created Heather's Law, which requires the Indiana Department of Education to develop programs for Indiana schools to better educate students about dating violence. Moreover, she has led efforts to increase anti-bullying education statewide and safeguard our students from forms of harassment outside the classroom, such as cyberbullying. In addition, Earline Rogers was instrumental in the passage of legislation that raised the minimum age of the death penalty to 18 years of age in Indiana. Finally, Senator Rogers wrote Indiana's first bilingual-literacy program and successfully provided funding for Northwest Indiana school repair and prospective teacher training. Earline's record as an

advocate for our community's most vulnerable, and for preparing our next generation of leaders, has and will continue to leave an immeasurable impact on Northwest Indiana, our state, and our country.

In addition to her achievements in the realm of children and education, Senator Rogers' legislative accomplishments include filing the first bill to legalize casino and riverboat gaming in Indiana, spearheading efforts to increase job growth, and most recently, gaining legislative approval to relocate docked riverboat casinos to adjacent land. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Rogers, this industry has generated significant economic investment throughout our state. Furthermore, Senator Rogers was a leader and integral to the creation of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, an entity that currently works with local, state, and federal partners to spur regional economic development. These projects include the enrichment of the Gary/Chicago International Airport, improving access to our historic lakeshore through the Marquette Plan, investment in the recapitalization and expansion of the South Shore Rail Line, and the development of a regional bus system. Senator Rogers has fought to bring economic prosperity and opportunities to all of her constituents, and has been a transformational figure and the epitome of a public servant.

Earline is married to Chuck Rogers, a retired Gary firefighter, and together they have two children, Keith Sr. and Dara, as well as a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Earline plans to spend her retirement staying active in the Gary community, including in Saint Timothy Community Church, where she has been a member for over fifty years, and looks forward to spending winters visiting her family in Arizona.

I am especially proud to note that the relationship between the Smith/Rogers and Visclosky families spans four generations. As mentioned earlier in my remarks, Earline's father worked two part-time jobs in addition to his full-time employment. One of those part-time positions was working with my father in the Calumet Township Trustee's office in the 1940s and 1950s. There they began a friendship based on a profound respect for each other. To this day, my 100-year-old father, John, is proud that he attended Earline's high school graduation open house and was able to witness the beginning of her distinguished academic and professional career. That friendship has continued through my relationship with Earline and Chuck, and now spans a fourth generation with her grandson, Keith, who is currently serving in my Washington, DC, Congressional office. The Visclosky family has been blessed to have experienced such a long standing and strong relationship with individuals imbued with integrity, selflessness, and with whom we have had countless good laughs.

I am proud to call Earline my friend, and I wish her the very best in this new chapter of her life. Earline has always served the citizens of Gary, Northwest Indiana, and our entire state as a passionate and compassionate public servant. For this she is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Indiana State Senator Earline Rogers for her life of public service, and for teaching generations of young Hoosiers to be a force for

positive change, both in and out of the classroom. Senator Rogers' life has truly been a gift to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF ACTION  
POTENTIAL

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Action Potential on winning SCORE's 2016 Small Business Achievement Award.

SCORE is a national nonprofit that provides free business mentoring and educational workshops to entrepreneurs and small business owners across the country. I am grateful for the services local SCORE chapters provide for our region's innovative entrepreneurs. And I commend the Chester County Chapter on being named "2015 Chapter of the Year," edging out over 300 other chapters around the country.

Kathy Dixon and Kristen Wilson founded Action Potential in 2011 to provide innovative, high-customized rehabilitation services to senior, neurological and amputee clients. Action Potential is the first outpatient therapy provider to offer these specialized services in Delaware and Chester Counties. In just three years the business more than quadrupled its number of patients.

Kathy and Kristen have been involved with SCORE since they were first considering starting their own business, attending workshops that helped them develop a business plan and working with a SCORE counselor.

Action Potential is actively involved in and giving back to its community, hosting educational luncheon sessions for physicians and charity events like their National Amputee Golf Association First Swing Seminar and Annual Turkey Trot.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Kathy Dixon and Kristen Wilson on their success. It is small businesses like Action Potential that form the backbone of our local economy.

H.R. 5055, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2017

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep concerns about the proactive management practices displayed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, in regard to their management of West Point Dam and Lake water levels. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should use all appropriated funds to implement and carry out the best practices. For many years, my office and the stakeholders of West Point Lake have worked with the Mobile District to discuss proactive policies and what it will take to put adaptive management practices in place. Upon hearing the announcement that West Point Lake will not remain at full pool this summer as a direct result of the Mobile Dis-

trict's decision to draw down the lake, I once again am concerned that best practices are not being utilized. The construction of the West Point Dam was authorized by Congress through the Flood Control Act of 1962 and completed later in 1975. Of the five intended purposes for the West Point Dam and Lake, general recreation is chief among them. West Point Lake has served this historical purpose for over 40 years, contributing anywhere from \$153 million to \$710 million in annual economic impact. However, the economic impact depends heavily on the lake's water levels. West Point Lake guests enjoy fishing, boating, and other water sports, as well as many other outdoor activities centrally located around the lake. There can be no doubt that recreational activities on West Point Lake are the life-blood of the area. The threat of low water levels will have substantial impacts on recreation. I urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District to use all appropriated funds to implement adaptive management practices according to the general recreation purpose of West Point Dam and Lake.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN BREITSMAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Mr. John Breitsman on the occasion of his retirement as the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture after 34 years of devoted service. Working every day to provide the best possible service to the consumers and producers of Pennsylvania's agriculture, John challenges his team to instill excellence and leadership in meeting the state's agricultural needs. Comprehensive oversight under John's leadership has improved agriculture significantly in my district and throughout Pennsylvania, ensuring a diverse and healthy ecosystem for generations to come.

Beginning his service to the state in 1982, John quickly advanced from an Agricultural Products Inspector to Agronomic Specialist, eventually holding the titles of Chief of the Division of Agronomic and Regional Services and Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry. His leadership and expertise have earned him positions with state, regional, national, and international organizations such as the Food and Drug Administration, the American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) where he served as president, and the FBI. John has also worked closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Rapid Response Team, which is responsible for creating a Best Practices Manual for food and feed related emergency responses. His service and involvement with such diverse organizations has instilled a sense of security in my constituents' food supply and helped my district's farmers meet today's most daunting challenges.

John has always understood the value in surrounding himself with an elite team, mentoring his employees, and providing them with the support needed to fulfill the Bureau's mission of protecting Pennsylvania agriculture and

ensuring consumer safety. With such unique and committed service to his position and employees alike, John has received numerous awards highlighting his service. In 1999, he was recognized with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Outstanding Employee of the Year award and, in 2001, was honored with the AAFCO Distinguished Service Award. John has also been integral in the development of PaPlants, the Bureau's comprehensive web-based tracking and interactive constituent access program. PaPlants is now a model for USAPlants, a nationwide initiative in use by five other states.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. John Breitsman for his extensive guidance and superior leadership with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Commitment to his colleagues has allowed John to inspire his co-workers on a daily basis, and his hard work is evident through various achievements and lasting contributions to my community and state. John's retirement will be accompanied by quality time spent with his wife Kristin and his daughter Stephanie. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Mr. John Breitsman well on the occasion of his retirement, and best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 269 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to, as amended, H. Con. Res. 129, Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

On June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 270 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4906, To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency, and for other purposes, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4906.

On June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 271 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4904, Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4904.

On June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 272 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1815, Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1815, as amended.

TRIBUTE TO LILA AND TED  
SHOESMITH

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ted and Lila Shoemith on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ted and Lila were married on May 27, 1956 and reside in Guthrie Center, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

#### RECOGNIZING SYDNEY EISMEIER

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sydney Eismeier, a Military Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Sydney is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for her service. It is with great pleasure that I give her my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Sydney and her family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Sydney.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sydney as a Military Appointee for her commitment to protect and serve our nation.

THOMAS BERGMAN

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

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

Thomas Bergman is a 12th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Thomas Bergman 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 Thomas Bergman 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.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DAVE BREIDINGER

### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Dave Breidinger, a man of commitment and service.

Whether we speak of Dave Breidinger's accomplishments during his career with Comcast or in the community, Dave has served with unwavering dedication. On this special milestone of his retirement, we come to celebrate the positive impact that Dave had on so many people's lives.

Dave began his career managing a local franchise. He retires today as the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Comcast's Northeast Division States. I had the pleasure to work with Dave on federal government communication related issues. His contributions to Comcast have been unparalleled, as they have significantly expanded communication in the Northeast region.

Equally important to Dave's accomplishments at Comcast and his commitment to professional associations, is the extensive range of his community involvement. He has been involved with groups including the Rotary Club, Salvation Army, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Currently, he serves on numerous boards including the Bucks County Community College Foundation Board and the St. Mary Medical Center Advisory Board. Dave is also Chairman of the Board of Pearl S. Buck International which works to build better lives for children around the world—an organization located in my district which I have great pride representing in the United States House of Representatives.

In honor of his time, hard work, and selfless spirit, Dave has received a multitude of awards including the Rotary District 7510 "Matty" Mathewson Rotarian of the Year award, the Boy Scouts of America "Spirit of America" award, and leadership awards from the NJCTA, the CTAMDDC and from the Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania. He was also inducted into the Cable Television Pioneers for his instrumental part in the Cable Television Industry.

David Breidinger's 35 years of work for Comcast and outstanding leadership is deeply appreciated. We are grateful for David's commitment and service and know he will continue to inspire others in the Northampton Township and beyond.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll call vote 269, H. Con. Res. 129 expressing

support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

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HONORING JACOB L. SALSBURY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob L. Salsbury. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob L. Salsbury for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on roll call votes 269, 270, 271, and 272.

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TRIBUTE TO THE ZIPP’S PIZZARIA

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zipp’s Pizzeria of Adair, Iowa for winning the 2016 Iowa Tourism Office’s Pizza Madness Award from the Iowa Tourism Office.

Iowa Tourism Office announced their contest search for the best pizza in Iowa in mid-March 2016 and after nearly 15,000 entries, the votes cast named Zipp’s Pizzeria, an iconic small establishment nestled in western Iowa. The one-time “take out only” pizza parlor is now a full service restaurant known statewide for its signature taco pizza.

This year’s winning entrant was a local hometown café, like so many of those in Iowa.

Zipp’s Pizzeria has all the markings of a great pizza parlor—with extra helpings of community pride and dishing up a tailor-made private recipe for its specialty taco pizza. Owner Jim Zimmerline accepted the award, noting he is humbled by the attention but is willing to give away their winning philosophy: never skimp on the ingredients. He said, “Not every pizza is the same. A lot of love goes into it. Everything is fresh.”

I commend Jim Zimmerline and the staff at Zipp’s Pizzeria for creating an outstanding pizza. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Zipp’s Pizzeria for winning 2016 Iowa Tourism Office’s Pizza Madness Award. I wish Jim and all of the staff nothing but the best.

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RECOGNIZING GUSSIE GAMMON’S  
90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gussie Gammon of St. Simons Island, Georgia for her 90th birthday on June 25th.

At 90 years old Ms. Gammon continues to be an impressive member and contributor to the coastal Georgia community.

She contributes greatly to the Coastal Georgia Republican Club in Brunswick and the Georgia Federation of Republican Women. She has even held positions of leadership including secretary of the Coastal Georgia Republican Club.

I know from the time that I have spent with her that she deeply cares about bettering her community as well as the nation.

Before moving to coastal Georgia in 2009, Gussie and her husband Don were active members of the community in Waynesville, North Carolina.

The First Congressional District of Georgia is lucky to have someone like Gussie who illustrates, each day, her dedication in creating a better community and I thank her for her service.

Ms. Gammon, I hope you have a happy 90th birthday.

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RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
SERVICE OF VINCENT ROTHWELL

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the life and service of Vincent Rothwell, who recently passed away at the age of 91.

Mr. Rothwell was a long-time resident of Chautauqua County, New York. He graduated from Mayville High School in 1941 and joined the Army Air Corps in 1943. He served as a turret gunner aboard B-24 Bombers in the European Theater during World War II. After the war, he returned stateside and served as a Personnel Sergeant.

Mr. Rothwell was honorably discharged from the Army in 1946. He returned to New York

and married the love of his life, Elizabeth “Betty” Pickard, later that year. Mr. Rothwell graduated from Houghton College in 1952 and the Evangelical Theology Seminar of Naperville, Illinois, in 1955. Two years after joining the ministry, he reenlisted in the Army as a chaplain. He served a deployment in Vietnam and presided over more than 1,500 funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Rothwell attained the rank of Lt. Colonel and, in 1975 retired as Senior Chaplain after 22 years of service to his country.

Mr. Rothwell returned to Westfield in 1984, where he continued his ministry as a pastor at the Westfield United Methodist Church. Even in retirement, Mr. Rothwell tirelessly served his local community, as a member of the Chautauqua County Jail Chaplaincy, a Westfield Village Trustee, the Westfield Village Clerk, and the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department Chaplain. As a pillar of his community, Mr. Rothwell was admired and respected by everyone who knew him.

Vincent Rothwell dedicated his life to serving his country, his community, and his neighbors. I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of this great American.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, I missed votes on account of a flight delay from Miami to Washington, D.C. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 269: I would have voted YEA: H. Con. Res. 129—Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs.

Roll Call: 270: I would have voted YEA: H.R. 4906—To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency, and for other purposes.

Roll Call: 271: I would have voted YEA: H.R. 4904—MEGABYTE Act.

Roll Call: 272: I would have voted YEA: H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT PITTENGER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Votes Number 269, 270, 271, and 272 I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been

present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On Roll Call Number 269. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call Number 270. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call Number 271. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call Number 272. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

TRIBUTE TO EVANELL AND  
ARTHUR WHITWORTH

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Evanel and Arthur Whitworth on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Arthur and Evanel were married on June 12, 1951 and reside in Winterset, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

I commend this lovely couple on their 65 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DANNY JONES,  
ASST. CHIEF, CLEARWATER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Danny Jones who has dedicated nearly 30 years of service to his community and whose selfless work continues to inspire all those around him.

Mr. Jones retired on May 24, 2016 as Assistant Fire Chief of the Clearwater Fire Department. He spent his career aiding and assisting the people of Pinellas County where he was known for his dedication to the job and commitment to his coworkers and community.

Mr. Jones led the Clearwater Fire Department with a heartfelt smile and enthusiastic attitude, comforting individuals and families who needed his assistance, and guiding the members of his team who relied on his thoughtful guidance while responding to dangerous situations.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and acknowledge Mr. Jones for his dedicated service to Pinellas County and our beloved community. He has made an impact on the Tampa Bay area, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing his service and congratulating him on his career. I wish him the best of luck as he begins a new chapter in his life.

TASMYN DOWD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

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

Tasmyn Dowd is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tasmyn Dowd 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 Tasmyn Dowd for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I want to state that on June 7, 2016, I missed four roll call votes due to prior commitments in my district. Had I been present I would have voted:

YES—Roll Call Vote 269—H. Con. Res. 129—Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs.

YES—Roll Call Vote 270—H.R. 4906—To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency.

YES—Roll Call Vote 271—H.R. 4904—Making Electronic Government Accountable by Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016

YES—Roll Call Vote 272—H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, if I was present on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 for Congressional votes I would have voted the following ways:

H. Con. Res. 129—YES

H.R. 4906—YES

H.R. 4904—YES

H.R. 1815—YES

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT  
OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
MARY FRITZ

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the legacy of State Representative Mary Fritz, who will be retiring from the Connecticut House of Representatives. Rep. Fritz's retirement will mark the conclusion of her fifteenth term and more than three decades of public service. As a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, Rep. Fritz has worked tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Cheshire and Wallingford.

Rep. Fritz began a lifetime of public service on the Board of Education in the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut. In November of 1982, Rep. Fritz was first elected to represent the 90th District in the Connecticut General Assembly. Since Rep. Fritz's inaugural term, she has established herself as a consummate leader, serving as Deputy Majority Leader, Deputy Speaker, and Assistant Deputy Speaker over the course of her long and distinguished tenure.

As a legislator, Rep. Fritz has successfully pushed for and passed legislation on a broad array of issues including crime, education, healthcare, senior care, and taxation. During her first term, Rep. Fritz helped establish high school graduation requirements that called for Connecticut high school students to complete a course in civics. This marked the first of many hard-won reforms through which she enriched the lives of her constituents and strengthened our community.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize the service of my friend and former colleague, State Representative Mary Fritz. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank her and wish her the very best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO TIM CAPPEL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Tim Cappel of Atlantic, Iowa, for his selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional Business Leader Award. Tim Cappel is associated with Cappel's Ace Hardware in Atlantic.

Tim was selected for this honor because he has been a long-standing member of the Atlantic community and demonstrates exceptional leadership as well as positive business practices in his family-owned business. He takes an active role in the Atlantic community by serving as an EMT and Assistant Fire Chief for the Atlantic Fire Department, Treasurer for the Cass County Fire Association and assists with fundraisers for the Shrine Burn Center.

I applaud and congratulate Tim Cappel for earning this award. He 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 Tim Cappel for his many accomplishments and for his service to the Atlantic community. I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALEX  
MELNIKOW'S RETIREMENT

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Mr. Alex Melnikow of Clifton, Virginia. Mr. Melnikow retired on February 3rd, 2016, after over 40 years of service to the United States. His dedication to a high standard of conduct allowed him to remain honest and loyal, and allowed him to make a positive impact to the efficiency in our armed services.

During his most recent assignment, Mr. Melnikow served as the lead analyst for Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) within the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering, Engineering Enterprise, and Defense Standardization Program Office. Mr. Melnikow strove to enhance the efficiency of engineering practices such as operational support, alliance forces interoperability, material configuration, training development and outreach.

In addition to his time at DMSMS, Mr. Melnikow served for 25 years as a logistics program manager for the Defense Logistics Agency, as well as 7 years with the Tennessee Valley Authority as an acquisition program manager. He served as a senior staff engineer for the Defense Logistics Agency in the Logistics Research and Development Program. In 2007, he received the Defense Logistics Agency's Outstanding Program Manager Award as a result of his efforts on the electronics availability program. These experiences all contributed to his impressive technical background as a test engineer and as a senior program manager.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Alex Melnikow for the outstanding services he provided to the United States throughout his long-lasting career. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2016, due to a weather-related travel delay I was absent for recorded votes No. 269, No. 270, No. 271 and No. 272.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here:

On Roll Call No. 269 I would have voted yes.

On Roll Call No. 270 I would have voted yes.

On Roll Call No. 271 I would have voted yes.

On Roll Call No. 272 I would have voted yes.

HONORING NATHAN WIRT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Wirt. Nathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nathan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Wirt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY WEBER,  
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a hero in our community, Danny Weber, who was recently named East Lake Firefighter of the Year.

Mr. Weber has been a firefighter-paramedic for seven years, and has served Pinellas County since 2014. Mr. Weber has dedicated his life to assisting individuals and families in our community, but one story in particular demonstrates his courage and selflessness, and inspired his selection as Firefighter of the Year.

On June 12, 2015, a woman lost control of her vehicle and drove into a large pond. Shortly after, the East Lake Fire Rescue arrived on the scene, and Mr. Weber wasted no time making his way to the woman trapped inside of her vehicle. He rescued the woman from inside the sinking car and pulled her to safety. Selfless acts like this one are truly heroic.

This is not the first time Mr. Weber has been recognized for his service. Mr. Weber also won the Morroni Award as the Pinellas County Firefighter of the Year. I am grateful that Mr. Weber is part of our community and continues to make a difference. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Weber for his service to Pinellas County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BETO O'ROURKE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, during the roll call votes on Monday, May 23, 2016 through Thursday, May 27, 2016, I was absent due to an invitation from the President to join him on his trip to Vietnam.

Had I been present, on roll call number 229, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 230, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 231, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 232, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 233, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 234, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 235, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 236, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 237, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 238, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 239, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 240, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 241, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 242, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 243, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 244, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 245, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 246, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 247, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 248, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 249, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 250, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 251, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 252, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 253, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 254, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 255, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 256, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 257, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 258, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 259, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 260, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 261, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 262, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 263, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 264, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 265, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 266, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 267, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 268, I would have voted Nay.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT TYLER  
WHITEHEAD

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tyler Whitehead of Norwalk, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Tyler is a member of Boy Scout Troop 30. The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately two percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout Project to benefit the community. For Tyler's project, he refurbished the landscaping near the entrance of the Norwalk Police Department, supervising volunteers who removed debris, landscaped and planted foliage to improve the area. He raised the required funds by creating a donation letter and augmenting that effort with personal solicitations to Norwalk business leaders who could see the vision of his project. Raising more money than needed for the landscaping project, Tyler donated the remainder to the D.A.R.E. program to educate young students against drug and alcohol usage.

The work ethic Tyler has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

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 Tyler Whitehead 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 Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll call vote 270, H.R. 4906—to amend title 5,

United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately on June 7, 2016, I missed roll call votes 269, 270, 271, and 272.

On roll call vote 269, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H. Con. Res. 129, "Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs."

On roll call vote 270, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H.R. 4906, "To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency, and for other purposes."

On roll call vote 271, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H.R. 4904, "Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016".

On roll call vote 272, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H.R. 1815, "Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act".

REMEMBERING JACK KRUMME OF  
OVERLAND PARK

**HON. KEVIN YODER**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of a long-time member of my Military and Veterans' Advisory Committee, Jack Krumme, who passed away in April. Jack was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950, serving as a corporal in the ordinance corps during the Korean War.

After Jack's service in the Army, he continued to serve our nation and our community as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Overland Park. Even though he had left the service, Jack continued to work with and advocate on behalf of his fellow veterans, serving as commander of Korean War Veterans' Association, Chapter 181.

During his tenure as commander, he led the effort to raise funds to construct the Korean War Veterans' Memorial located in Overland Park. It was a truly proud moment for Jack when the memorial was finished.

For those of us who knew him, the memorial now stands as not only a testament to Ko-

rean War veterans, but also to Jack. He always wanted to make sure the service of all Korean War Veterans was acknowledged and "not forgotten." It's a wonderful spot in our community.

Jack and I became close as he served on my veterans advisory committee doing so for more than five years. He always provided valuable insight and advice. His service, like the service of so many others, made it possible for our country to flourish and prosper.

Jack's willingness to serve and commitment to his fellow veterans reflects greatly on him as a soldier. His service will never be forgotten and he will remain, forever, a true patriot.

Mr. Speaker, the Third District lost a selfless and dedicated individual in Jack. He may be gone, but he will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with Dolores and their wonderful family.

God Bless, Jack.

HONORING ELIANA JOY HERNDON

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my Tax Counsel, Randy Herndon and his wife Christie, on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Joy Herndon. Their bundle of joy was born at 9:25 PM, on June 7, 2016 and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. I would also like to congratulate their children, Micah and Anya, on becoming big siblings who welcomed their baby sister to the world.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Herndon family and wish them health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE AND LEE  
WHEELER, JR.

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Maxine and Lee Wheeler, Jr. of Lorimor, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 27, 1951.

Lee Jr. and Maxine's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
RETIREMENT OF FRED SHELL

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fred Shell on his retirement from

DTE Energy for his lifetime of distinguished service to our region and state.

A native of Essexville Michigan, Fred graduated from Garber High School in 1969 and attended Western Michigan University where he majored in History and Political Science. After college, Fred started in on a long and distinguished career in public service, working for both Congressman Paul Todd and Congressman Jim O'Hara before beginning a long career of providing gas and power to the State of Michigan.

Fred started at the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company in 1977 as the Assistant Manager of Media Relations. From that point forward, Fred has held a wide variety of positions, in public relations, media relations, public policy, and management at MichCon and G-Tech. In 2001, after the Detroit Edison and MichCon merger, Fred was named Vice President of Corporate and Government Affairs at DTE Energy. In this role, Fred has been a constant in the Michigan Government and Business scene, guiding policy that has improved the lives of Michigan's citizens and improved the environment for job creation in our state; we appreciate all that he has done to keep Michigan moving forward.

Fred has spent many years of his career involved in giving back. In 1998, as a testament to his hard work, he was named as the President of the MichCon Foundation. After the merger in 2001, Fred led the staff team and developed a strategic vision that combined the MichCon and Detroit Edison Foundations into the DTE Energy Foundation. Fred's leadership advanced the DTE Energy Foundation forward to become one of the most important foundations in our state. The foundation has supported a wide range of youth and cultural programming, as well as supporting basic human services. The Foundation's work of providing support to families in need during the great recession exemplified the extraordinary role that this foundation plays in our community, improving the lives of so many of our friends and neighbors.

Fred has personally gone above and beyond in his involvement with a wide variety of community organizations and non-profits. He has served as the president of the Michigan Economic Development Foundation, the Vice Chairman of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, as a board member of the Historical Society of Michigan, the Metro Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau, the Michigan Political Leadership Program, and the Right Place of Grand Rapids, just to name a few. Our state has been enriched and advanced by Fred's commitment to volunteerism and community service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Fred Shell for his service to our State. I thank him for his leadership and wish him many years of success.

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THE GUARDIANS

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Guardians. All were affected

by morcellation of an occult uterine cancer—and all lost their precious lives prematurely or unnecessarily, because of deadly defect in our medical device regulatory space.

Erica Kaitz, Danusia Bennett-Taber, Patricia Daley, Sally Newton, Sandra Brown, Mary Alyce Dolan, Nancy Lincoln Davis, Margie Miller, Barbara Leary, Lori Kauffman, Elizabeth Jacobson, Jenny Proffer, Linda Interlichia, Brenda Leuzzi, Vivianna Ruschitto, Martha Ariti, Nancy Curtis.

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HONORING ANDREW H. STEWART

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew H. Stewart. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Andrew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew H. Stewart for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ROSE  
OBERTI PERACCHI

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Rose Oberti Peracchi, who recently passed away on May 26, 2016, at the age of 100. Rose was an extraordinary person, and she will always be remembered as a woman who lived her life with purpose and great dedication to her family, friends, and community.

Rose Peracchi was born on August 22, 1915 to Giacomo and Mary Nan Oberti on her family farm located near Sanger, California. She fell in love and married her teenage sweetheart, Gene Peracchi, early on in life, and together they worked hard, raised their two sons, Gene and Don, and took care of Rose's father, while remaining faithful to family, and her community.

Rose was a self-taught seamstress, establishing her own drapery business and contracting with West Coast Draperies until her retirement in 1977. As a business owner, she was a trailblazer in the industry, and although difficult at times to run a business and raise a family, her dedication and hard work helped

her accomplish many successes. She will always be remembered for her culinary skills, an art form enjoyed by family and friends. Rose generously shared her skills, teaching first her sons, then her daughters-in-law and eventually her grandchildren in the art of Italian food preparation.

Rose's friendliness and genuine nature built many lasting friendships during her lifetime. Her long and remarkable life is fondly remembered by the countless friends and family who were fortunate to know her. Rose leaves behind her son Don and his wife Judy, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. It is my honor to join her family in celebrating the life of this amazing woman, who will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Rose Oberti Peracchi, whose genuine character and her loving commitment to her family and community will be greatly missed.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP ONE—SACRAMENTO

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop One—Sacramento as the scouts, their families, leaders, and former scouts join together to celebrate their centennial anniversary. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring BSA Troop One for its dedication to service in our community on the occasion of the troop's "100 of One" celebration.

Troop One was officially formed in Sacramento in 1916, and is the oldest troop in the western United States. It was one of few Boy Scouts of America troops that remained active during World War II. The first Eagle Scout of Troop One, the late Charles "Muddy" Watters, Sr., was recognized in 1932. Since then, over 400 Troop One scouts have ascended to the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop One is active in molding young leaders in the Sacramento area. Through monthly wilderness adventures, service outings, and jamborees, the 88 current scouts of Troop One learn and maintain the troop's founding values: a commitment to ethics, behaving responsibly, and serving one's community.

For 100 years, Troop One has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to Sacramento's youth and its larger community. From founding Troop One Scoutmaster George W. Spilman, to current scoutmaster Christopher Tileston, Troop One Scoutmasters have dedicated themselves to cultivating scouts into outstanding citizens. In turn, Troop One scouts have worked hard to better Sacramento. Sacramento is a better place thanks to the service and commitment of Troop One's scouts.

Mr. Speaker, as Troop One celebrates its 100th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the troop and its contribution to Sacramento's youth.

## TRIBUTE TO VERNE WELCH

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Verne Welch of Council Bluffs, Iowa for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County. Verne Welch is a Council Bluffs native who never forgot where he came from.

Verne Welch graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1955. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1968. Upon discharge, he joined a California recruitment firm for overseas contractors. In 1972 he joined Harrah's, Inc. and remained with the company until 1987. He felt a need to help his hometown during some tough economic times so in 1988, Verne Welch returned to Council Bluffs, establishing gaming in Iowa, working tirelessly to develop the industry in Council Bluffs.

Former Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan described Verne as "the guy who came home and changed the face of his hometown community." Tom Schmitt, the publisher of the Daily Nonpareil, said, "Verne Welch's actions to revitalize his hometown have brought a lot of changes to this community. If there was ever a person who could say, 'This is what I have done,' it would be Verne Welch—and he never says that." Because of Verne's active community service, he has created a legacy second to none. Verne Welch's endless dedication, commitment, generosity, and leadership for Council Bluffs has enhanced and improved the quality of life for his community and its citizens.

I commend and congratulate Verne Welch for making a difference in his hometown and influencing the economic future of Council Bluffs and the State of Iowa. I salute his many accomplishments and dedication for serving his community. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Verne Welch and wishing him the very best in the future.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll call 271, H.R. 4904—MEGABYTE Act of 2016.

Had I been present, I would have voted Ye.

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 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 \$19,220,484,557,364.60. We've added \$8,593,607,508,451.52 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

## RECOGNIZING ADAM KRATT

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adam Kratt, a Military Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Adam is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for his service. It is with great pleasure that I give him my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Adam and his family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Adam.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Adam as a Military Appointee for his commitment to protect and serve our nation.

## RECOGNIZING DR. VIRGINIA CARSON

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Virginia Carson and her retirement as President of South Georgia State College on June 30.

A graduate of the University of Georgia with Master's and Doctorate degrees from Georgia State University, Dr. Carson is no stranger to success.

During her 8 year tenure as President of South Georgia State College, she showed an unbelievable commitment to fostering her students' ambition and educational growth.

This dedication to her students has been instrumental to the success of the college and has ensured her students' success for years to come.

Dr. Carson prided herself on keeping a tightknit community with small class sizes and encouraging students to engage in extra-curricular activities, which also enhanced campus life.

Although the true importance of Dr. Carson's service cannot be measured, I am honored to congratulate her for her hard work and dedication to higher education.

## TRIBUTE TO TS BANK OF IOWA

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate TS Bank of Atlantic,

Iowa, for being selected by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional Choice Workplace Service Award. TS Bank's branch is located in Atlantic with its headquarters in Treynor, Iowa.

TS bank has a reputation for attracting, hiring, retaining, developing, and training young professionals. The bank has a mission to ignite prosperity by working together every day to create a positive impact on their clients and communities that they serve. TS Bank takes great pride in reinvesting in local communities, impacting local initiatives, supporting and sponsoring local community events, providing needed funds and resources for local nonprofits. TS Bank has a history of 80 percent employees volunteering in their communities.

I applaud and congratulate TS Bank for earning this award. TS Bank is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of a community and its businesses. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating TS Bank for its many accomplishments and for the services it provides to Atlantic and southwest Iowa. I wish TS Bank and its employees continued success in all their future endeavors.

## RECOGNIZING JAIRAM HATHWAR

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jairam Hathwar on winning the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee. Jairam was crowned co-champion after correctly spelling Feldenkrais in the final round of the competition.

Jairam is a seventh-grade student at the Alternative School for Math and Science in my hometown of Corning, New York. He participated in the National Spelling Bee for the second year in a row; after barely missing the finals last year, Jairam outlasted 285 other contestants en route to his first place finish this year.

Jairam's achievement is a testament to his work ethic, dedication to learning, and commitment to reaching his highest potential. After spending countless hours studying complex definitions, parts of speech, and languages of origin, he correctly spelled several of the most challenging words in the English language. Despite the high level of difficulty, Jairam demonstrated confidence and composure throughout the competition. Most importantly, he treated his fellow competitors with respect and showed humility and sportsmanship from the first word to the last.

Jairam Hathwar is a remarkable young man with an incredibly bright future ahead of him. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jairam on this remarkable accomplishment and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to being unavoidably detained, I missed the following Roll Call Vote: No. 273 on June 7, 2016.

If present, I would have voted:

Roll Call Vote No. 273—On Ordering the Previous Question, “AYE.”

RECOGNIZING CHARLES W. EARLE  
STEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CHESS TEAM

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts of the Charles W. Earle STEM Elementary School's Chess Team.

Earle STEM Elementary School is among the top elementary school chess teams in Chicago. Considering this small school is located in a crime-prone area in the Englewood neighborhood of my Congressional District, I am very pleased of the involvement and leadership of chess Coach Joseph M. Ocol and the many leaders at the school. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Earle STEM School Principal, Cederall Petties, and Assistant Principal Elwanda Butler, along with the help Network 11 Chief Megan Hougard, the families and parents in the Local School Council Community headed by Darlene O'Banner.

On Sunday, April 24th, 2016, the all-girls chess team of Earle STEM Elementary School won 1st Place in the 2016 All-Girls National Chess Tournament. Out of 65 schools and 450 female students from all over the USA, only four CPS schools qualified to form an all-girl, grade sixth to eighth, chess team to compete in this biggest all-girl national chess tournament in the USA. The Earle STEM all-girls chess team was one of only two all-African American girls' chess team in that 2016 All-Girls National Chess Tournament.

Another notable victory for the Earle STEM Chess Team, composed this time of boys and girls from grades fourth to eighth, took place at the 2016 National Junior High School Championship where they won the 5th Place Trophy. This tournament was held at Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 15 to 17. With more than a hundred schools and about 2,000 students from all over the country competing, this is considered the biggest junior high school chess tournament in the USA.

Six months into the 2015–2016 academic year, and during its initial year as a chess team, the Earle STEM Elementary School Chess Team garnered five 1st Place team trophies, including a 4th Place trophy in the State of Illinois chess championship, and a 3rd Place Chicago Public Schools academic chess trophy.

At its inception, the Earle STEM Elementary School Chess Team members started mentoring one another on the rudiments of chess

then advanced the mentoring program from Grade 8 to the kindergarten program. Allowing the 40 students of the chess and math club the capacity to participate after school and on Saturdays; the Earle STEM mentoring program has been effective in getting kids to mentor one another whilst competing against each other. This provides the most economical way of mastering skills and yet offering opportunities for students to be productive after school instead of being in the streets.

In closing, the Charles W. Earle STEM Elementary School's Chess Team is a prime example of students excelling beyond their environment and striving for excellence. Congratulations to the children of Earle Stern: Joshua Johnson, Erik Tolbert, Brandon Burgess, Taahir Levi, Tamaya Fultz, Breanna Shaw, Gavin Harry, Semaj Lowe, Xavier Rosado, Angelique Wilson, Monique Williams, Gelita Woodlow, Devion Dukes, Tyrone Dellar and Shawn Palmer. I am proud to acknowledge the school and these students for their achievements and I look forward to hearing about their great works for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL AND JACK  
SWANGER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Carol and Jack Swanger of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1966. Carol is retired from Risen Son Christian Village and is active in the Red Hats and other women's group at Southside Christian Church. Jack is retired from Campbell's Soup Company, enjoys being a score keeper for local athletic teams, and volunteers at the food pantry at the Southside Christian Church.

Carol and Jack's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carol and Jack Swanger on this momentous occasion.

HONORING MISHAWAKA FIRE  
CHIEF DALE FREEMAN FOR A  
DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Chief Dale Freeman and honor him for a selfless career serving Hoosiers throughout Mishawaka.

Chief Freeman began his storied journey with the Mishawaka Fire Department 36 years

ago. Since then, he has gone on to lead the brave men and women who protect members of the northern Indiana community on a daily basis, responding to their calls for both emergency medical assistance and fire rescue. As chief, Freeman's rise has been marked by incredible dedication and perseverance.

His commitment to excellence just recently resulted in over 5,100 people, mostly children, receiving critical fire safety education through “Survive Alive House,” Little Red, and other local programs and school assemblies. Furthermore, under Chief Freeman's leadership, more than half of Mishawaka's firefighting force is now cross-trained as Emergency Medical Technicians. These efforts have significantly strengthened the northern Indiana community's level of preparedness, allowing Hoosiers throughout Mishawaka to feel safe knowing that their local fire department is ready to respond at a moment's notice.

Chief Freeman's passion for serving the greater good is truly remarkable and deserves the praise of many. His continued dedication to aiding those in desperate need of assistance has undoubtedly reduced significant cases of fire-related injuries, deaths, and property damage. Since first joining the Mishawaka Fire Department, Chief Freeman has truly epitomized the ideal of servant leadership. On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to thank him for his service and sacrifice for our community.

INTRODUCING THE STOP, OBSERVE, ASK AND RESPOND (SOAR) TO HEALTH WELLNESS ACT

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Stop, Observe, Ask and Respond (SOAR) to Health and Wellness Act along with my colleagues Representatives ADAM KINZINGER, TONY CÁRDENAS and ANN WAGNER. It is a companion to S. 1446, which was introduced by Senators HEIDI HEITKAMP and SUSAN COLLINS. This bipartisan bill supports efforts underway at the Department of Health and Human Services to combat human trafficking by directing the Secretary to establish a pilot program to be known as ‘Stop, Observe, Ask and Respond to Health and Wellness Training’ to provide training on human trafficking to health care providers at all levels.

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that uses force, fraud or coercion to lure millions of men, women and children in countries around the world annually, including here in the United States. Human trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, and generates billions of dollars in profits each year, making it the second most profitable form of transnational crime behind drug trafficking.

Recognizing the key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims, providing life-saving help and bringing traffickers to justice. Human trafficking, however, is a hidden crime and victims rarely seek help because of cultural barriers or out of fear of their traffickers or law enforcement.

While victims are often difficult to identify, a reported 68 percent of trafficking victims end

up in a health care setting at some point while being exploited, including in clinics, emergency rooms and doctor's offices. Despite this, out of more than 5,680 hospitals in the country, only 60 have been identified as having a plan for treating patients who are victims of trafficking and 95 percent of emergency room personnel are not trained to treat trafficking victims.

Our bill aims to ensure health care professionals are trained to identify and assist victims of human trafficking, and help close the gap in health care settings without plans for treating trafficking victims. I want to urge my colleagues to pass this important legislation so that health care professionals can better identify trafficking victims, provide victim centered care and help bring perpetrators of human trafficking to justice with the help of law enforcement as well as social and victims service agencies and organizations.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll call 272, H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER GIBBS, SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Senior Chief Petty Officer Christopher Gibbs for his duty and service to Pinellas County and to our country.

On May 4, 2016 Officer Gibbs returned home after a year-long deployment and 21 years of military service. While enlisted, served as a Senior Chief Master at Arms and eventually earned the title of Senior Chief Petty Officer. We are eternally grateful for his service overseas.

Since returning home, Officer Gibbs continued his dedication to serving others through his work as an officer with the Pinellas Park Police Department.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Senior Chief Petty Officer Christopher Gibbs for his service to our community and this country. Pinellas Park is a safer place with him protecting us and we are very grateful and appreciative of his efforts. I ask this body to join me in recognizing Officer Gibbs' efforts and expressing our appreciation for his service.

May God bless Officer Gibbs and his family.

#### TRIBUTE TO CASEY BLAKE

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

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

Blake of Indianola, Iowa, for receiving the 2016 Robert D. Ray Pillar of Character Award from The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The Award is given to those who live a life full of good character and foster greater character in others. This non-profit organization, formerly known as Character Counts in Iowa, was created in 1997 by former Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray and former First Lady Billie Ray. It showcases humanitarian and civility endeavors impacting Iowans. The six character pillars are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Mr. Blake and his wife Abbie, as well as their six children, reside in Indianola, Iowa but for 13 years, he was defined a professional baseball player for several teams including Toronto Blue Jays, Minnesota Twins, Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians, Los Angeles Dodgers and the Colorado Rockies organizations. Upon his retirement, the family returned home to Iowa and his hometown of Indianola. In 2010, they founded the Indianola Community Youth Foundation, built the Blake Fieldhouse and other community athletic complexes. Mr. Blake was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame in 2014 and the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

I applaud and congratulate Casey Blake as a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can affect the future of a community. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring his accomplishments. I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### 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 Thursday, June 9, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Department of the Inte-

rior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil and gas pipeline infrastructure and the economic, safety, environmental, permitting, construction, and maintenance considerations associated with that infrastructure.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine energy tax policy in 2016 and beyond.

SD-215

3 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's progress in implementing Inspector General and Government Accountability Office recommendations.

SD-406

JUNE 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine implementing the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014, focusing on perspectives of stakeholders.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs, focusing on examining solutions.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine assessing the Coast Guard's increasing duties, focusing on drug and migrant interdiction.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for United States business in the digital age.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 2839 and H.R. 3004, bills to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/

Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, H.R. 3036, to designate the National September 11 Memorial located at the World Trade Center site in New York City, New York, as a national memorial, H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, H.R. 4119, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, S. 211, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 630, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 1007, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 1623, to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, S. 1662, to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area, S. 1690, to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, S. 1696 and H.R. 482, bills to redesignate the Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia, to revise the boundary of that monument, S. 1824, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes Na-

tional Heritage Area, S. 2087, to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, S. 2412, to establish the Tule Lake National Historic Site in the State of California, S. 2548, to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, S. 2627, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve, S. 2807, to amend title 54, United States Code, to require State approval before the Secretary of the Interior restricts access to waters under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service for recreational or commercial fishing, S. 2805, to modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, S. 2923, to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the "Saint-Gaudens National Park for the Arts", S. 2954, to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, S. 3020, to update the map of, and modify the acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, S. 3027, to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.

SD-366  
 Special Committee on Aging  
 To hold hearings to examine innovations to promote Americans' financial security.  
 SD-562

JUNE 16

9:30 a.m.  
 Committee on Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings to examine our evolving understanding and response to transnational criminal threats.  
 SD-419

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management  
 To hold hearings to examine reviewing the rulemaking records of independent regulatory agencies.  
 SD-342

JUNE 21

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.  
 SH-216

2:30 p.m.  
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
 Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's Planning 2.0 initiative.  
 SD-366

JULY 13

10:30 a.m.  
 Committee on Appropriations  
 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
 To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.  
 SD-124