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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

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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

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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

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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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