

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING GAGE MARINE AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. MAILBOAT

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gage Marine and the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Mailboat.

Only a few places in the United States still deliver the mail by boat. Lake Geneva is one of those places.

Mail delivery by boat was once a necessity; now, it is keeping a proud tradition alive. And this isn't your typical mail man, Mr. Speaker.

The mailboat can't stop or slow down, or the mail route would take too long. Instead, it's delivered by mail jumpers; young men and women who hop off the boat, run with the mail to the mailbox, and sprint back before the boat passes by.

The boat really never stops; if mail runners aren't fast enough, they'll soon be taking a swim in Lake Geneva.

And as of June 14th this year, the U.S. Mailboat will have been operating in Wisconsin's First District for 100 years. I want to commend them for reaching this milestone. Our country is still quite young, and to see such history right in my own back yard is very special.

So on behalf of the First District of Wisconsin, I want to say congratulations once again to the U.S. Mailboat's 100th anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PASTOR
BILLY EDMONDSON

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a pillar of our community, Pastor Billy Edmondson.

This year marks Pastor Edmondson's twenty-fifth anniversary of service as Senior Pastor of Sutallee Baptist Church in White, Georgia.

During his days studying at Reinhart University and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, he prepared himself to serve. And, through his honorable service in the United States Marine Corps, on the Boards of the Georgia Baptist Mission and the Academy at Double H Ranch, as well as his tenure at Sutallee Baptist, his dedication to service in our community has been unwavering. Pastor Edmondson has made it his life's work to serve Christ and preach His word both inside and outside of the church.

On behalf of the people of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I would like to recognize and congratulate Pastor Edmondson on his many years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Springfield High School Boys Lacrosse team, the 2016 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) champions.

The Springfield Boys Lacrosse team won the state title after defeating La Salle 4-3 in the championship game. They are the third straight team from Delaware County to win the PIAA Championship.

I want to congratulate the following students on the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team: Zac Methlie, Mike Gerzabek, Liam Difonso, Joe Debernardi, Ray Jeffers, Andrew Pickett, David Hentnick, Ian Reger, Jack Spence, Zac Venit, Kyle Long, Mike Vent, Jamie Bove, Dan Gluck, Vince Puppio, Pat Smyth, Aiden Travers, Geo Dotsikas, James Spence, Anthony Delvecchio, Nick Cutuli, Nick Martin, Matt Blake, Matt Ries, Zack Broomall, Max Difonso, Mike Ward, Nate Lohr, Nick Matty, Alex Grafstrom, Anthony Divario, and Pat Clemens. Their hard work, discipline and teamwork bring great pride to the 7th District.

I also want to congratulate Head Coach Tom Lemieux and assistant coaches Jason Orlando, Ryne Adolph, Austin Kaut, Mike Gurenlian, and Jordan Demcher.

Mr. Speaker, I once again congratulate Coach Lemieux, the coaching staff, the team, and the entire Springfield community on this outstanding accomplishment.

CHRIS WILLIAMS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chris Williams for his leadership, hard work and dedication on behalf of the 2015-2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, *MEDIC!*, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. As a result of the work of Chris and his students, these veterans' stories will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. Chris was an integral part of making the film and provided invaluable support to the project and his students during the interview, production and editing phases.

Chris received his degree in Radio/Television/Film from the University of North Texas and began his career in television and video

production working for two different television stations and ultimately owning his own video production company, Frosty Entertainment. He also worked as the Chief Editor for Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain in Denver and worked with celebrities and sports stars like Don Henley, Jeff Gordon, Wayne Gretzky, Janine Turner, and Muhammad Ali.

In 2009, Chris decided to change career paths and became a teacher at TW Browne Middle School in South Dallas. After moving to Denver in 2012, Chris started as a substitute teacher in Adams County School District 50 and became a full time instructor at Westminster High School during the 2013-14 school year. Since then, Chris has worked to enhance the Basic Computers course as well as starting the Video Cinema Arts (VCA) program. Both courses have grown and become more successful under Chris' leadership and continue to thrive as evidenced by the addition of an Advanced VCA course next year. In 2016, Chris was also named Teacher of the Year.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Chris Williams for his hard work and tireless effort on the 2015-2016 Veterans History Project documentary film and for his contribution to the lives of so many students in our community.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MRS. ALICE NICHOLSON
MADURO

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fiercely determined and independent woman, Mrs. Alice Nicholson Maduro, whose 100th birthday is July 8, 2016.

Four years before women gained the right to vote, and 100 years before a woman first earned the nomination to become the President of the United States, Mrs. Maduro was born in New York City on July 8, 1916 to Leone "Claudine" Gensollin of Menton, France, and Walter Curtis Nicholson of New York State.

Since the grade-schooler Alice Nicholson favored her French mother's pronunciation of her first name, she began to spell it with a "y" instead of an "i" (Alyce, pronounced "Aleeece"). The Nicholsons were a hard-working family, raising their children in modest circumstances. When Alyce's school-headmaster father died an early death, he left the family with few means and thus Alyce with little opportunity for higher education. However, this determined young woman was irreplaceable and Alyce thrived as a reporter at the Summit New Jersey Herald, editorial assistant at McGraw Hill publications, and executive within the Information & Media Division of the "Marshall Plan" in Paris after the Second World War. From Paris, Alyce returned to the

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United States to work at Radio Free Asia in San Francisco, CA.

When Denis Brandon Maduro, Esq. met this intelligent, international, beautiful woman during her east coast visit he fell in love instantaneously. He proposed to her promptly and, in the face of her reticence, lovingly encouraged her to extend her trip indefinitely. The two married two and one-half months later, on August 1, 1953, and yielded three offspring, Denis Brandon Maduro, Jr., Timothy Nicholson Maduro, and Peter Nicholson Maduro.

As mother and wife, Mrs. Maduro devoted herself to making a home for her family until her husband Denis Sr.'s untimely death in 1967. Left alone to financially support her three boys, she needed to return to work. Constitutively industrious, Mrs. Maduro became a successful residential real estate broker in Manhattan and maintained an active broker's license through her 98th year. She was also the head of the parents' association at Collegiate School of New York City (the oldest still-operating educational institution in this country) where her children were enrolled. In that role, she was charged to welcome former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis into the ranks of the parents' activities since John F. Kennedy, Jr. was then also enrolled there as a grade-schooler. In this connection, Mrs. Madura's eldest boy, Denis, was hired to be "big brother" to John Jr. during the summer of 1970 on the Onassis' Greek island summer home of Scorpis.

By her two eldest sons, Mrs. Maduro is the beloved grandmother of Gabriela Balaz Maduro and Andrea Balaz Maduro, of Jacksonville, Florida, as well as Leah Lee Maduro and Kona Lee Maduro, of Pacific Palisades, California.

Still "sharp as a tack" and always elegantly turned out, Mrs. Maduro lives completely independently on Manhattan's upper west side, eagerly follows the New York Ballet & Philharmonic, the Manhattan art scene, local and national politics and international current events. Moreover, she elects to take taxi cabs instead of the city bus or subway only when unduly constrained for time. Thrilled to witness an African American and now perhaps a woman lead our country as its chief executive, she hopes to live to the day when people of all genders, identities, ethnicities, origins and religions can achieve high-office without barrier or prejudice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an admirably "tough cookie" and an outstanding citizen of this great nation, Mrs. Alice Nicholson Maduro, in anticipation of her 100th birthday.

HONORING MOTHER MATTIE MAE
AMOS-MARSHALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mattie Mae Amos-Marshall, who was born in a small community in Florence, Mississippi called Steen Creek on October 15, 1915 to the late Mr. Ben and Salle White-Amos.

Mrs. Marshall married her childhood sweetheart, the late Mr. Jessie Marshall, at the age

of 18 and moved to Flora, Mississippi where she began a family of her own.

Mrs. Marshall was baptized at a young age at Stokes Chapel MB Church and later moved her membership to Jones Chapel MB Church where she is a member of the Mother's Board. Mrs. Marshall moved to Canton, Mississippi as a child and was educated in the Madison County School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mother Mattie Mae Amos-Marshall.

COLIN LEE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Colin Lee for his leadership, hard work and dedication on behalf of the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, MEDIC!, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. As a result of the work of Colin and his students, these veterans' stories will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. Colin was an integral part of making the film and provided invaluable support to the project and his students during the research, interview and production phases.

Colin has been a teacher for more than 20 years, including the past 15 years in Adams County School District 50. Throughout his career as a teacher, he's been heavily involved in student activities inside and outside the classroom including a Student Council Sponsor, Class Sponsor, track coach, International Baccalaureate Coordinator and Dean of Students. Currently, Colin serves as the sponsor of the National Honor Society. He earned his BS Education degree in History from Missouri State University.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Colin Lee for his hard work and dedication to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film and for his contribution to the lives of so many students in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 297 on H.R. 4939. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO PHIL WALDMAN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Phil Waldman for his induction into the Florida Aviation Hall of Fame of 2016.

Mr. Waldman was a ferry pilot and the former President of the Florida Globe Aero. From 1975 to 1979, he ferried 400 planes a year and had 27 pilots on his payroll too.

Mr. Waldman flew planes all over the world and a lot of the time, they were single engine planes. That means for 20 to 30 hours of flight time, he would be alone with an extra gas tank in the seat beside him. He crossed the Atlantic and Pacific oceans over 250 times in small planes, almost beating the standing record for this type of flight.

Mr. Waldman is joining a rich history of aviation pilots in the Florida Aviation Hall of Fame and our community of Pinellas County is proud to have him as a neighbor. Although he semi-retired in 2008, he remains an active pilot. I respect Mr. Waldman for the work he put into aviation, and I ask this body join me in recognizing Phil Waldman for his accomplishments.

KIFFANY KIEWIET

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kiffany Kiewiet for her leadership and vision on behalf of the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, MEDIC!, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. Kiffany's willingness to take on the project and her ongoing support of the project helped provide a very memorable and hands-on experience for the students. The Veterans History Project helps preserve the stories of our veterans for future generations and MEDIC! will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center.

Kiffany became the principal in 2015 after serving as the assistant principal and athletic director for Westminster High School. Prior to that Kiffany worked as a community liaison at Manual High School in Denver. Kiffany's career in education started in an at-risk high school program in Wisconsin before she moved to Colorado about five-and-half years ago. A lifelong learner herself, Kiffany demonstrates a willingness to take on new challenges and projects to help both teachers and students grow and learn.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Kiffany Kiewiet for her leadership on the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film and for her ongoing contribution to the lives of so many students in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Monday, June 13, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 297 and 298.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 7, and Wednesday, June 8, 2016, I was absent for roll call votes 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, & 275.

Had I been present for 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, as amended, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for 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, and for other purposes, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 271, H.R. 4904—MEGABYTE Act of 2016, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 272, H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 273, motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775, H. Con. Res. 89 and H. Con. Res. 112, I would have voted “no”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 274, H. Res. 767—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775—Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016, H. Con. Res. 89—Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, and H. Con. Res. 112—Expressing the sense of Congress opposing the President’s proposed \$10 tax on every barrel of oil, I would have voted “no”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 275, H.R. 3826—Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act, I would have voted “yes”.

LAURA SEWARD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Laura Seward for her leadership, hard work and dedication on behalf of the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, *MEDIC!*, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. The Veterans History Project is a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal ac-

counts of American war veterans. The stories of these veterans will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. Laura and her students were an integral part of the film helping to provide b-roll photos along with designing all graphics and interactive media.

Laura earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography and digital art and her K–12 Art Education Licensure from Metropolitan State College in Denver in 2008. Since then she has worked as the graphic design, interactive media and digital photography teacher at Westminster High School where she has increased enrollment in the program by 200 percent.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Laura Seward for her hard work and dedication to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film and for her ongoing contributions to the lives of so many students in our community.

TRIBUTE TO FLORIDA DREAM CENTER
HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the efforts of the Florida Dream Center, an agency working to improve the lives of those living in our community.

The Florida Dream Center was started in 2012 with the goal of helping victims of homelessness, human trafficking, and neglect. Led by Executive Director Geoffrey Rogers and President Bill Losasso, the Florida Dream Center is committed to their goal for Pinellas County which entails restoring dreams, renewing hope, and rebuilding lives.

Most recently, The Florida Dream Center and the Pinellas County Human Services, partnered to make a dream become reality for a family of four through the Adopt-A-Block initiative. A single mom and her three boys, all of whom are under the age of 15, did not have a home to live in and were living in motels. Volunteers gave their time to remodel and restore a foreclosed property that the family will now be living in.

Along with revitalizing our communities and neighborhoods, the Florida Dream Center works hard to help combat hunger. At the beginning of April, the organization and other members of our community helped hand out food to those in need and they also provided repairs and maintenance to the community where they saw it was needed most. Additionally, the Florida Dream Center aids human trafficking victims and survivors to ensure they feel safe in Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Florida Dream Center and Pinellas County Human Services and Fair Housing Assistance Program for continuing to aid and provide exemplary help to those in need in our county. Their acts of kindness are an inspiration and I ask that this body join me in recognizing them for the hard work they have done and continue to do for all of us in Pinellas County.

HONORING JOHN O. BADERO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant Dr. John Olurotimi Badero who was born the 7th of 8th children to Chief Eliab Olufemi and Mrs. Stella Taiwo Badero in Lagos, Nigeria.

Dr. Badero attended St. Mary’s Private School in Lagos, Nigeria for his primary education where he skipped the 4th grade due to his academic excellence, completing primary education in five years instead of the regular six years.

Dr. Badero received his secondary school education at Federal Government College Odogbolu in Ogun State, Nigeria where he completed 6 years of secondary school education graduating with 9 distinctions in his senior secondary school certificate education.

Dr. Badero’s academic excellence dates back to his secondary school days where he won the best overall student in Nigeria in a national science quiz competition. He subsequently got admission into the medical school at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife.

Following Completion of his medical training at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile Ife, and internship training, Dr. Badero moved to the United States for further post-graduate medical education. He completed 3 years of Residency training in Internal Medicine at State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY.

After completion of his residency training in internal medicine, Dr. Badero then completed a 2-year Fellowship training in Nephrology & Hypertension at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta Georgia. Upon Completion of his Nephrology Fellowship at Emory University, Dr. Badero returned to SUNY Downstate Medical in Brooklyn, New York to complete yet another 3-year fellowship training in Cardiovascular Medicine.

After a distinguished Cardiology Fellowship, he gained admission into the prestigious Yale University School of Medicine, where Dr. Badero completed two Fellowship trainings in Invasive & Interventional Cardiology as well as Peripheral Vascular Angioplasty & Interventions. He completed his training at Yale University with distinction and a certificate of achievement for exemplary performance.

Dr. Badero then returned to SUNY Downstate Medical Center for another year of Fellowship training in Interventional Nephrology/Endovascular medicine & Dialysis Access intervention.

Dr. Badero in all completed an unprecedented 10 years of continuous post graduate medical training and he is currently board certified in: 1) Internal Medicine; 2) Nephrology & Hypertension; 3) Interventional Nephrology & Endovascular Access; 4) Cardiovascular Medicine; 5) Nuclear Cardiology; and 6) Invasive & Interventional Cardiology making him the only one in the state of Mississippi.

Dr. Badero is currently the only fully trained and board certified cardio-nephrologist (combined kidney and heart specialist) in the world today and recently received a recognition award by financial development magazine in Nigeria.

Dr. Badero performed the first transradial cardiac catheterization and coronary angioplasty at Central Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Badero is a recipient of many awards including:

The Association of black cardiologists scholarship award for the best cardiology fellow in the U.S.;

The 2014 Mississippi Healthcare Heroes in the state of Mississippi;

He was also named one of Jackson, Mississippi's Best Surgeons;

Distinguished Physician Award as the First and Only combined heart and kidney specialist in the United States;

Distinguished Physician, Marquis Who's Who in America;

Patients Choice Recognition Award; and Most Compassionate Doctor, New York.

Dr. Badero has authored many peer-reviewed journals and he is currently on the editorial board of the International Journal of Nephrology & Renovascular Disease.

He is a: 1) Fellow of the American College of Physicians; 2) Fellow of the American Society of Nephrology; 3) Fellow of the American Society of Diagnostic & Interventional Nephrology; 4) Fellow of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology; 5) Fellow of the American College of Cardiology; and 6) Fellow of the Society for Cardiac Angiography & Interventions.

Dr. Badero is currently the Executive Director of Cardiac Renal & Vascular Associates.

Dr. Badero is on the global advisory panel of therapeutics experts on thrombosis and Artherosclerosis, Merck Pharmaceuticals U.S.A.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Badero is the assistant pastor of Vine Chapel Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Olurotimi J. Badero for his dedication to serving others.

MICHAEL LINERT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Michael Linert for his contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, *MEDIC!*, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. The Veterans History Project is a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. The stories of these veterans will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. As the director of orchestras at Westminster High School, Michael contributed a very moving original musical score—an invaluable addition to the project.

Michael enjoys a varied musical career as a cellist, countertenor, composer, and strings teacher. As a cellist, he has performed with the American Baroque Orchestra, Commonwealth Opera, QV Ensemble, and the Summer

Rhapsody Symphony Orchestra. He performs recitals regularly and his compositions have premiered in the United States, Australia, and Colombia. He has also appeared as a vocal soloist with the Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Chamber Singers, Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Indiana University Opera Theater, and the Bloomington Bach Cantata Project. Additionally, he has performed with Ensemble Lipzodes at the XIV International Sacred Music Festival in Quito, Ecuador and as a member of the Carnegie Hall Chamber Chorus with the Tallis Scholars.

Michael received a Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance degree summa cum laude from The Hartt School, a Master of Science in Music Education degree from Indiana University, and will soon receive a Vocal Performance Diploma from Indiana University.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Michael Linert for his important contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 298 on H.R. 5312. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYFLOWER

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important anniversary in our nation's history. In 2020, the United States will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Today, descendants of the Mayflower live in nearly every district in the country, which is why I introduced the Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act. This bill will recognize the lasting significance of the Mayflower's arrival for our nation's history and authorizes the U.S. Treasury to mint coins in honor of the anniversary.

Coin bills are revenue neutral and are not a burden to taxpayers. Proceeds from the sale will go to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Wampanoag Nation, and other non-profit organizations in Plymouth, which will benefit education, scholarship, and outreach programs to honor the history of the Pilgrims. This includes a 50 year peace treaty with the Wampanoag Tribe and the creation of the Mayflower Compact—one of our country's first examples of self-governance in the New World.

Mr. Speaker, the arrival of the Pilgrims remains an important symbolic moment in our country's history. I encourage all my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic occasion.

PATRICK LEE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Patrick Lee for his contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, *MEDIC!*, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. The Veterans History Project is a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. The stories of these veterans will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. Patrick contributed to the project with a very moving original musical score—an invaluable addition to the project.

Patrick began playing piano in 1988 at the age of 7 and has played for the last 25 years, including professionally for the last 15 years. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Jazz Piano in 2006 from CU Boulder. Patrick has played notable Colorado venues like Red Rocks, the Fox & Boulder Theatres, and the Fillmore and has played with bands including De La Soul, Victor Wooten, Thundercat, and Soulive. Patrick has also worked as a producer creating jingles for ESPN, Crocs, Showtime, and Details Magazine.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Patrick Lee for his important contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR MARIA LOWE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mayor Maria Lowe, the mayor of St. Pete Beach, who will be stepping down at the end of this year.

Mayor Lowe was elected in 2014. Prior to becoming mayor, she graduated from West Point, served in the Afghan War, and received her MBA from George Washington University. She is also an active member of our community serving as a full-time community volunteer, a systems engineer, a member of the Pass-a-Grille Women's Club, and part of the Historic Preservation Board.

She has decided that her time as Mayor has come to an end, and will be relinquishing her post at the end of this year. She will be working with her husband at the American Battle Monuments Commission, which tends graves of fallen soldiers worldwide. The headquarters are in Paris, so she and the family will be moving there, primarily maintaining the U.S. cemetery for military personnel near Normandy, France. While she will miss St. Pete Beach, she is very proud to be doing her patriotic duty.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mayor Maria Lowe for her service to St. Pete Beach and Pinellas County. I also am proud that she will

continue to be doing a great service for us as a community and nation abroad. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mayor Maria Lowe's accomplishments and we wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING GLORIA COLEMAN
DOTSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Gloria Coleman Dotson.

Gloria Coleman Dotson grew up and lives in Claiborne County as the oldest of seven children of Curtis Coleman and Ethel Allen in the town Ulysses S. Grant said was "Too Beautiful to Burn." She is a 1973 graduate of Port Gibson High School. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Jackson State University in 1977.

After graduation, Ms. Dotson was employed by the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors in the Chancery Clerk's Office. She worked under the supervision of two Chancery Clerks: Mrs. Stella Jennings-Greenwood and Mr. Frank Wilson. She worked in the Chancery Clerk's Office for twenty-five years as Deputy Chancery Clerk prior to being elected Chancery Clerk in 2000. She is currently serving her fourth term as Chancery Clerk.

Ms. Dotson is a member of First Christian Disciples of Christ Church, a choir member and Sunday School Treasurer. She is involved in several civic organizations including: Port Gibson Main Street, MS Cultural Crossroad Board of Directors, Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact, a member of NAACP and the Chancery Clerk's Association.

Ms. Dotson has been married to Joe Dotson, Jr. for twenty-two years. They are the proud parents of three children: JaBari, JaNetra, and JoKevy. They have an eleven year old granddaughter, KaMeryal and a one year old grandson, KaMari.

The title "Chancery Clerk" does not adequately describe the various duties and responsibilities that Ms. Dotson has attendant to in the office. The Chancery Clerk's Office has a multitude of duties and functions which are governed by an assortment of statutes and court rules, along with following guidelines established either by the State Department of Audit or the Department of Finance and Administration. The Chancery Clerk's position is a four year elected term.

Ms. Dotson often states, "I thank God for allowing me to serve as a Public Official. I love my job. When I'm not serving my constituents, I spend time with my family and friends, work in the yard and reading."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Gloria Coleman Dotson for her dedication and support to the Claiborne County Community.

VANCE A. SILVIA, SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS, UNITED STATES
ARMY (RET.)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Vance A. Silvia, Sergeant First Class, United States Army (ret.), for his service to our country.

Sergeant First Class Silvia served in the United States Army and the Texas, Wyoming and Colorado Army National Guard from March 1998 through June 2009. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant First Class Silvia had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with service in Iraq and Kuwait.

Sergeant First Class Silvia participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant First Class Silvia and hearing about his experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant First Class Silvia's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant First Class Silvia's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant First Class Vance A. Silvia for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING RANDY DAVIS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Randy Davis, who retires June 30, 2016 after 33 years in education in Missouri.

Mr. Davis began his career in Licking where he taught Social Studies and coached boys' basketball. He became principal of Salem High School and I am proud to say he was principal when I was a student there. He also coached girls' basketball. After that, he moved on to Potosi—first as the assistant superintendent for five years and then as superintendent for 13 years.

At Potosi, Assistant Superintendent Jamie Thompson said he took great pride in helping the school district become a vital part of the community. "He told us to 'treat every child the way you would want your child treated,'" she said. "And, his big thing was to emphasize our school colors and say, 'Love Purple, but Live Gold!'"

Shelly, his wife of 32 years said, "Randy has loved making a difference in the lives of kids and setting the bar higher for the students and staff." I would agree, he made positive

impacts on the futures of his students because he certainly impacted mine.

For devoting his life to the education of Missouri's students, it is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Randy Davis of Potosi before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ELIAS, TOWN
ATTORNEY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge Mr. John Elias for his service to Pinellas County as a town attorney for Belleair Shores for 18 years.

Mr. Elias has worked for Belleair Shores since 1998. When he started, he was hired on a six-month trial period. Because of his exemplary work, his trial period was extended and he worked for the town for 18 years. He has proudly served Belleair Shores and its residents.

Mr. Elias is retiring in July after his years of service. He is known for his dedication and high morals and serves as a role-model for the town. I ask this body to join me thanking John for his service to us, and wishing him the best of luck in the future.

LEON A. RODRIGUEZ, SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS, UNITED STATES
ARMY (RET.)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Leon A. Rodriguez, Sergeant First Class, United States Army (ret.), for his service to our country.

Sergeant First Class Rodriguez served in the United States Army from August 1955 through August 1975. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant First Class Rodriguez had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty in Vietnam.

Sergeant First Class Rodriguez participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant First Class Rodriguez and hearing about his experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant First Class Rodriguez's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant First Class Rodriguez's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant First Class Leon A. Rodriguez for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING JACK HEALY AS HE RETIRES FROM MASSACHUSETTS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Healy, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP), as he retires from a long and successful career in manufacturing.

For over 50 years, Jack has worked in various capacities within the manufacturing industry. Jack began his career with Squibb-Beech-Nut Inc., and continued his work at Lego Systems, Presmet Corporation, Wellesley Consulting Group, and MassMEP.

Notably, Jack served as a Senior Vice President of Lego Systems, where he co-founded the U.S. division and was responsible for the establishment and operation of Lego's U.S. based manufacturing operations. With the help of Jack, the Lego brand has become a household name in the United States.

As a founding Director of Operations for MassMEP, Jack has dedicated himself to helping small- and medium-sized manufacturers in Massachusetts identify and implement growth opportunities through advanced manufacturing and management practices. He's known as the "voice of manufacturing" in our Commonwealth, and is relied upon for his expertise in manufacturing competitiveness and workforce strategies.

During my time in Congress, I have had the pleasure of working with Jack and his organization on efforts to revitalize our manufacturing base and create good paying jobs in Massachusetts. Under his leadership, MassMEP has become a recognized leader in manufacturing competitiveness, helping to create thousands of jobs during its 17 year history. MassMEP has also developed an award-winning Mobile Outreach Skills Training (M.O.S.T) Program, which trains and recruits future workers with little or no prior manufacturing experience for entry level production jobs.

Jack has also been instrumental in numerous projects in my Congressional district and throughout Massachusetts. In particular, he has played a key role in the "Manufacturing Our Future" effort in Massachusetts, which has served as a catalyst for critical developments like Worcester's Gateway Park, and has led partnerships that bring together various stakeholders from industry, academia, and government to advance manufacturing competitiveness and create pipelines to careers in advanced manufacturing.

I wish Jack all the best as he retires from an incredible career, and know he will enjoy spending time with his wonderful wife, Hilda, his children, and his grandchildren. Jack has been an incredible partner in revitalizing the Massachusetts manufacturing base, and I'm proud to call him a friend.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jack Healy's contributions to the Massachusetts economy and our country's manufacturing sector.

HONORING MRS. LATONYA WILLIAMS-BRADLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable entrepreneur, Mrs. LaTonya Williams-Bradley.

Strands of long, black locks fell effortlessly onto the floor as a pair of young eyes looked on eagerly—carefully observing the technique of the hands behind the shears that snipped away to create a new, edgy look.

Mrs. Williams-Bradley of Cleveland watched intently as her mother cut, washed and curled mane after mane, building a strong clientele at her Rosedale salon.

She remembers while sitting and observing her mother at her salon as a child, that she desired to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a hair stylist.

But, what she didn't know was that she would also become an agent, to help others do the same, as owner and CEO of Goshen School of Cosmetology in Cleveland, Mississippi.

As a single parent Mrs. Williams-Bradley received her cosmetology education at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where she graduated in 2006.

After passing the state licensure to become a licensed cosmetologist, Mrs. Williams-Bradley returned to Coahoma Community College to further her cosmetology career to become a cosmetology instructor and completed that course of study in 2009. She was immediately offered the opportunity to become a cosmetology instructor at Coahoma Community College.

After working at Coahoma Community College she worked at Blue Cliff College in Gulfport, Mississippi as a cosmetology instructor.

During her tenure as an instructor she decided that it was time to pursue her dream of owning her salon and began researching entrepreneurship practices and opportunities, eventually, deciding it was time to pursue her dream of one day opening her own salon. In 2011 she opened Goshen Salon and Boutique in Cleveland, Mississippi. She chose the biblical name Goshen because it is a land of plenty, comfort and growth in Egypt. On July 29, 2013 she opened Goshen School of Cosmetology with a core curriculum and institution designed to promote growth, increase and comfort.

Now, what was once the dream of a little girl has become a reality. Mrs. Williams-Bradley has enjoyed substantial success in the exciting field of cosmetology. Where over the last nine years she owned and managed two successful hair salons while teaching at two colleges, inspired numerous students to strive for excellence and to achieve their maximum potential.

The motto she shares with others is "Whatever is your passion and your heart's desire—pursue it and be the best at it and believe that there is nothing too hard for God."

Mrs. Williams-Bradley is married to Tony Bradley and has four children: Teara, Tamaryea, Zira and Lauren. She is the daughter of Freddie and Barbara Graham and has two (2) siblings: Erica Jackson and Beauty Braham.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing entrepreneur.

JOSHUA D. AGEE, SERGEANT,
UNITED STATES ARMY (RET.)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Joshua D. Agee, Sergeant, United States Army (ret.), for his service to our country.

Sergeant Agee served in the United States Army and the Colorado Army National Guard from September 1999 to June 2009. During his service, he served in support of Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, both in Kuwait and Iraq. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant Agee had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty, including his tour in Iraq.

Sergeant Agee participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant Agee and hearing about his experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant Agee's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant Agee's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant Joshua D. Agee for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING THE FAIRFIELD
MEDICAL CENTER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fairfield Medical Center, located in Lancaster, Ohio, as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

The Fairfield Medical Center has followed its historic mission to provide the best care to all, while serving as a foundation for year-round community efforts to encourage healthier lifestyles. The Fairfield Medical Center's commitment to promoting the well-being of all of southeastern Ohio can be seen in the useful health information it provides to members of the community, its all-inclusive appeal, and its strong advocacy for members of the community who have mental or physical disabilities.

On October 10, 1916, The Lancaster Municipal Hospital opened its doors for the first time on 10 acres just outside of the city's limits. At the time of the hospital's opening, there were 36 beds and 10 bassinets to serve the city of approximately 15,000 people. As the hospital

grew, it changed its name to the Fairfield Medical Center to reflect its role as the leading medical institution both in the county and throughout southeastern Ohio, a role it still serves as the county's largest employer.

Today, the Fairfield Medical Center has gained increased recognition for its excellence in healthcare and treatment. Now with over 200 beds and multiple affiliate locations in Fairfield County, the Fairfield Medical Center offers a variety of premier services to the people of southeastern Ohio, including oncology care, cardiovascular surgery, obstetrics, orthopedics, therapy, and emergency services.

Throughout its history, the Fairfield Medical Center has been unwavering in the promotion of the health of the community. I would like to thank the Fairfield Medical Center for its dedication to serving the community for 100 years.

CONGRATULATING THE GREEK ORTHODOX PARISH OF LOUDOUN COUNTY ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County as they celebrate their 10th anniversary this year.

What an incredible journey of faith and dedication it has been for them. Ten years ago, a few courageous people started reaching out Greek families in the phone book and before long a dynamic new community had been established in Loudoun County. Today, this community has a membership of more than 150 families who are participating in 20 different ministries.

Not only has the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County been a source of spiritual support and development for its own members, it has also been a blessing to other residents of Loudoun County through its support of charitable projects such as the Good Shepherd Alliance, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, the Loudoun County Youth Shelter and the Twin Oaks Assisted Living Center, whose residents enjoy the special Christmas visits of parish members.

Another important contribution of the parish to the larger community is the "Taste of Greece" festival. Our understanding of the contribution of Hellenic culture and heritage to our national culture is enhanced through the wonderful food, music, and history that the members of the parish share with others at this annual festival.

I have learned from parish leaders that their plans for the next ten years are just as ambitious as the last decade, culminating in the building of a permanent place of worship in Loudoun County. As their representative in Congress, I offer my prayers and personal best wishes as they embark on this important journey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the members of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County as they continue to be a source of inspiration and support for our community.

ANGELA M. MILLER, SERGEANT,
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Angela M. Miller, Sergeant, United States Army, for her service to our country.

Sergeant Miller served in the United States Army and the Iowa and Colorado Army National Guard from February 2003 through December 2012. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant Miller had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq.

Sergeant Miller participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant Miller and hearing about her experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant Miller's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant Miller's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant Angela M. Miller for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING REVEREND THOMAS H. PEOPLES, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special man, Reverend Thomas H. Peoples, Jr. He serves as pastor of Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

Reverend Peoples has led this wonderful congregation, which numbers over 1,300 members, for the past thirty-seven years. Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1790 and is the oldest African-American active congregation west of the Allegheny Mountains. Rev. Peoples is the eighteenth minister to serve the church. Under his leadership, the church has grown in membership and in its community outreach. Reverend Peoples is greatly loved and respected by his congregation and by the Lexington community.

Reverend Peoples is a native of Lexington. He is a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and Simmons Bible College.

Reverend Peoples has been married for fifty-three years to Delma Bennett Peoples. They are the proud parents of five children, including three sons in the ministry. They also have numerous grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Through the ministry of this good Christian man, many people have come to know Jesus Christ and serve Him through Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church and beyond. Countless lives have been changed by this man of God and the world is a better place because of his ministry. It is my sincere honor to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote yesterday for two pieces of legislation. Had I been in the chamber I would have voted YES on the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act, H.R. 4939 and YES on the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act, H.R. 5312.

TRIBUTE TO ITWOMEN GROUP OF TAMPA AND GIRLS INC OF PINELLAS AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a non-profit organization striving to make a difference in the technology and engineering fields for girls and women. The ITWomen Group of Tampa looks to provide all of the necessary support for females who want to pursue a career in technology.

The national organization was started in 2002 by senior level women from several technology companies. Their goal was to provide professional development, support, education, and scholarships to girls and women looking to break into technology and engineering fields. By working with non-profits, universities, various sponsors and organizations, they are successfully closing the gender gap in a field generally dominated by men.

The ITWomen of Tampa Bay is a new branch and is increasing their influence in Pinellas County and by partnering with Girls Incorporated of Pinellas After School Enrichment Program. The Girls Incorporated of Pinellas works to make sure our sisters, daughters, friends, family, and neighbors will become the leaders of tomorrow by providing them with programs that promote female empowerment. Their combined goal is to inspire girls in our community to confidently strive towards a career in technology.

Mackenzie Baird, a high school sophomore from our community who is hoping to pursue a career in technology, works with ITWomen of Tampa Bay and the Girls Incorporated of Pinellas After School Enrichment Program. In her free time, she helps mentor and educate younger elementary school girls about computer programming as well as the role of women in the technology sector. She is an exceptional young woman and I wish her luck in her future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge and thank the ITWomen of Tampa and Girls Incorporated of Pinellas After School Enrichment Program for working hard to achieve equity in fields of engineering and technology. Their spirit and passion inspires our community, and ask that this body join me in thanking them for their efforts.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
FRANK HART, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Frank Hart, Jr. Mr. Hart was born in 1926 in Sharpsburg, Kentucky. While a student at Sharpsburg High School in January of 1944, he enlisted as a reserve in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He graduated in May of 1944.

Mr. Hart entered the U.S. Army Air Corps for active duty on August 8, 1944. He was in training as an aviation cadet, but was physically unable to serve. He then volunteered for gunnery school and was shipped to Florida for training. As a new corporal, he was sent in June of 1945 for training on a B-29 bomber crew as a "Right Scanner" on an Overseas Training Unit. The training was to end on August 21 and all crews were set to be sent overseas. August 14 was V-J Day and the war with Japan ended. Mr. Hart was promoted to sergeant and later earned another stripe as staff sergeant. Mr. Hart was discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas on June 26, 1946.

Following his time in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Mr. Hart enrolled in the University of Kentucky along with many other veterans. The legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant began his first year at the University of Kentucky that same year.

Mr. Hart married Beulah Moore in 1947 and began his farming career. They have been married more than sixty eight years and have two adult children, three grandchildren, and a new great-grandchild.

Mr. Hart, now retired, farmed and raised tobacco crops for fifty years. He also worked in highway construction, ran a service station, and worked at the Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot.

As a part of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Hart is to be commended for his service to his country. Because of his willingness to sacrifice, and the willingness of his fellow men and women in uniform, our freedoms are secured. Mr. Hart truly is an outstanding American and an inspiration to us all. I am proud to recognize his service before the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD (DICK) L.
ROYER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard (Dick) L. Royer, who passed away on May 27, 2016 at the age of

77. Royer was an MAI appraiser and realtor who also served as President of the Columbus Realtors, The Ohio Association of Realtors, and the Columbus Rotary Club for significant portions of his lifetime.

Royer was born in 1938 in Canton, Ohio, where he attended Canton Lehman High School. He earned his degree from The Ohio State University College of Business in 1962, and soon after, joined the real estate company Kohr and Kohr where he would spend his entire business career. Over 50 years later, the firm still operates today as Kohr, Royer, Griffith Inc. (KRG). Royer's service to the real estate industry in Columbus was fueled by his love for the city.

Outside of KRG, Royer held many offices and board positions over the years. He served as President of the local Appraisal Institute Chapter and was an active member at the King Avenue United Methodist Church in Columbus. Royer was a resident of the suburb Upper Arlington, which he cherished as his home and held as high in his heart as he did the City of Columbus.

There is no doubt of the enormous legacy Dick Royer has left behind on the real estate industry and the greater Columbus community. I'm extremely grateful for his service to our city and state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately was unable to be present for several votes taken on the House floor on June 10, 2016, missing Roll Call Vote Number 289 through Number 296. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call Number 289: YEA, Roll Call Number 290: NAY, Roll Call Number 291: YEA, Roll Call Number 292: NAY, Roll Call Number 293: YEA, Roll Call Number 294: NAY, Roll Call Number 295: NAY, Roll Call Number 296: NAY.

HONORING COLONEL LEE HUDSON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Colonel Lee Hudson. He currently serves as commander of the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky and is retiring from military service following a long and distinguished career.

Colonel Hudson was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1990 following completion of a BS degree from Auburn University. He holds an MBA from Hawaii Pacific University and a Master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Colonel Hudson has served our nation in many leadership positions over his career, including Commander of the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) Support Battalion from 2008-2010 and Commander of the Mission

Support Element, United States Army Office of Military Support from 2010-2012, supporting strength-of-force and counterterrorism missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Philippines, and North Africa. It has been my honor to know him as Commander of Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky, where he has led in an exemplary manner and his service is greatly appreciated by the community.

Colonel Hudson's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Korea Defense Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War On Terror (GWOT) Service Medal; and Master Parachutist, Ranger, Pathfinder, and Air Assault Badges.

Colonel Hudson is to be commended for his service, dedication, and loyalty to our nation through his years of leadership in the United States Army. I join with a grateful nation in thanking him and wishing him the best in the years to come. It is my honor to recognize this great American before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER CATHI LONG

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a member of the Clearwater Police Department who was named our 2016 School Resource Officer of the Year for Pinellas County Schools. Officer Cathi Long was awarded this great honor on May 17, 2016 for her devotion to students living in our community.

Officer Long has been a member of the Clearwater Police Department since 2004 and has served as a School Resource Officer for Countryside High School since 2013. During that time, she has been a part of multiple school initiatives including Teen Court and Students against Drunk Driving. She is a hero to the families of our community.

Officer Long has also used her own personal time to help mentor seniors who are struggling to graduate and is instrumental in the coordination of the Operation Graduate program that helped at-risk students plan for their future. Additionally, the Teen Court initiative that she is a part of helps students defer from the judicial system and potentially avoid permanent marks on their records.

Officer Long is known to her students as a "Second Mom". Recently she received a letter from a student thanking her for always being there for guidance and support. Additionally, a hallway banner created by the students has been hung up above lockers to honor Officer Long for what she does. She is a role model for her students and Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and recognize Officer Long for being an inspiration to our kids and for being a caring and supportive individual in our community. I am proud to have her in our Clearwater Police Department. I ask that this body join me in recognizing the efforts of Officer Long as she continues to help students within our community.

FCC STB RULE IMPACTS ON
SMALL PROVIDERS

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my deep concern with the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) proposed rules on set-top-boxes. On May 5th, I along with Rep. CRAMER (R-ND) and 58 of our House colleagues sent a letter to Chairman Wheeler at the FCC. That letter focused on the burdens these rules would impose on small cable operators.

I've heard from several of my rural cable operators, and they are worried the FCC is failing to fully understand the impact these rules will have on small providers. Many of them will spend over a \$1 million per system in order to comply with these rules, diverting resources that would otherwise be spent investing in broadband. Furthermore, it is estimated these costs could cause as many as 200 cable operators nationwide to go out of business or simply exit the video market place.

We all support and want to encourage increased innovation and competition. In fact, many small operators are heavily investing in upgrading their existing networks to provide faster high-speed broadband. They also support innovative boxes from TiVo and apps that work on Roku boxes.

The Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy agrees the proposal "will be disproportionately and significantly burdensome" for small cable operators. The SBA went on to say the "FCC has not adequately attempted to quantify or describe the economic impact of its proposed rules" nor did the FCC make "any attempt to explain what kinds of costs small operators might incur in order to comply" with the rule. Mr. Speaker, it is inconceivable to me that the FCC would propose new rules and seek to impose new regulations without fully understanding the economic impacts of their actions—especially when it comes to the many small rural providers in my district.

Recognizing the burdens these new rules would have on small providers, consumer groups like Public Knowledge and innovative companies like TiVo support taking a different approach with small operators. I urge the FCC to reconsider imposing these rules on small operators because of the tremendous burden it would impose on them. If these new rules cause operators to go out of business or limit video services the Commission may end up hurting the very people they are seeking to help and that's the consumer.

HONORING THE CITY OF
CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the City of Carlisle, Kentucky as it celebrates its bicentennial. The City of Carlisle was founded in 1816 as the county seat of Nicholas County, Kentucky. Carlisle has rich history and its citizens are very proud to call Carlisle home.

They have done a wonderful job preserving several historic buildings and keeping the history of the community alive.

I always enjoy visiting Carlisle and Nicholas County, where the people are friendly, hard-working, faith-centered, and family-oriented. I congratulate all the citizens of Carlisle on the two-hundredth anniversary of their town's founding and I wish them the best for the future. It is my honor to recognize the occasion before the United States House of Representatives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 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 \$19,218,850,296,387.20. We've added \$8,591,973,247,474.12 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO CHILDREN'S DREAM
FUND

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Children's Dream Fund on their 35th anniversary.

The Children's Dream Fund was established in 1981 as the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund. Franise Geringer, a small South African boy with aging disease, had a dream to meet his hero, Pinocchio. The Sunshine City Jaycees of St. Petersburg raised funds for the family to visit Disneyworld and any excess funds raised would go to the family. However, the family denied the extra funds and instead chose for the money to go to helping other children.

After twenty years, the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund was renamed to the Children's Dream Fund. It now serves children in West Coast Florida who are referred to by neighboring children's hospitals. It helps children between ages three and eighteen with life threatening diseases and has fulfilled over two thousand dreams. These dreams range from a celebrity meet, a trip, a gift, or most frequently, a week at the Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Children's Dream Fund for their excellent work over the past 35 years. They have given hope to so many kids and their families in Pinellas County and West Central Florida. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts.

HONORING FATHER JIM SICHKO

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Father Jim Sichko. He has served as Pastor of St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish in Richmond, Kentucky for the past twelve years. He leaves Richmond soon to begin a one-year appointment from Pope Francis as a Missionary of Mercy.

Father Sichko is the youngest of five children. He received an undergraduate degree in vocal performance from the New England Conservatory of Music and performed as an opera singer before deciding to enter the priesthood. He studied theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology and was ordained into the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 23rd, 1998.

As pastor of St. Mark's Parish, Father Sichko is well known for his storytelling. He travels throughout the United States and presents retreats, missions, and days of recollection. He once disguised himself as a homeless man as part of his ministry. He authored a book entitled "Among Friends." Father Sichko has invited many celebrities to his parish for fundraising events over the years, including Dolly Parton, First Lady Laura Bush, Donnie Osmond, and, most recently, Jay Leno.

Father Sichko has made quite a difference in his parish and in the Richmond community. He will be greatly missed and I wish him well as he leaves to serve God in a different role. I am proud to recognize and honor him before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 13, 2016, because of airline delays I missed roll call votes No. 297 "To increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, and for other purposes" and No. 298 "To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both bills.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 2016, I was unavoidably detained due to a traffic accident and was unable to record my vote for roll call No. 283. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on consideration of the resolution.

RECOGNIZING MISSOURI TALK
RADIO HOST WARREN KRECH ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. Warren Krech. "Mr. Jefferson City", has retired after 30 years in Jefferson City radio and over 40 years in the radio industry. Warren most recently spent his time entertaining listeners as the morning news and talk host on KWOS News Radio 950.

A native of South Dakota and graduate from the University of Minnesota, Mr. Krech found his love of radio while serving in the United States Army—specifically with the American Forces Radio & TV in East Africa. Warren and his family moved from Wisconsin to Jefferson City, Missouri in 1984. When Mr. Krech moved to Missouri, he worked for Frank Newell at KJMO. While some consider broadcasting to be a nomadic business, Warren wanted to settle his then young family in the Jefferson City community.

Throughout his radio years, Mr. Krech sat in the DJ chair, but found his niche when he was able to enter talk radio format. For 23 years, Warren has worked with John Marsh at KJMO and KWOS. During Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Krech and John Marsh, hosted a "Tape from Home" at the local mall where people could come record their comments for friends and family who were serving in the military.

Mr. Krech is the current and three time winner of the News Tribune's "Readers' Choice" award for favorite local radio personality. Additionally, Warren is an active local emcee and speaker for charities including: Samaritan Center, Special Olympics, and Heart Association. Mr. Krech has been host of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon for 13 years on KOMU-TV.

With this retirement, Mr. Krech will now be able to spend more time with his wife, Marcia, who is a retired Jefferson City teacher. He has a daughter, Sarah, who lives in St. Louis and a son, Ben, who lives in Washington, DC. Warren also enjoys the St. Louis Cardinals, running, cycling, gardening, and his two cats.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Mr. Warren Krech on his retirement. His commitment to the radio industry and his local community makes this a commendable accomplishment.

TUESDAY'S IN TEXAS: RED ADAIR

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, born the son of an Irish blacksmith in Houston, Paul Neal Adair, commonly known as "Red" started his long service as a fire fighter in World War II with the 139th Bomb Disposal Squadron. While enlisted, he was sent across Japan to find undetonated bombs and safely disarm them. However, it wasn't until after his service in the Army that he became renowned for his bravery and skill as a fire fighter.

He began working under Myron Kinley, a pioneer and innovator in oil-well firefighting. Adair worked diligently to learn the many new inventions and techniques Kinley had created, and by 1959 he was ready to strike out on his own. He founded the Red Adair Co., a private company solely devoted to fighting large scale oil fires, and over the course of his career he put out more than two thousand of these fires, both on land and on offshore platforms.

In November of 1961, a particularly large fire, nicknamed the "Devil's Cigarette Lighter," broke out in the middle of the Algerian Sahara. Mr. Speaker, the flame was over four hundred and fifty feet high. Despite best efforts, the fire burned continuously, with no end in sight. That was, until Adair and his crew were called to the scene.

Driving a modified bulldozer right up to the well where the fire was burning, Adair was able to get a large nitroglycerin charge into the well, allowing the explosion to displace enough oxygen that the monster of a fire was finally extinguished.

His feats in the Sahara gained him and his crew a reputation worldwide. They additionally helped with a large gas leak off the coast of Australia, and contributed to capping the biggest oil well blowout to have ever been recorded in the North Sea.

Even in 1991 at the age of seventy-five, Adair took part in the extinguishing of countless oil well fires that were set by Iraqi troops in Kuwait during the Gulf War. Soon after he retired, he sold his world famous company. His top employees went on to form their own company, the International Well Control. His great courage and success in his field led to a John Wayne movie called "Hellfighters" to be made, which was loosely based on his encounters in the Sahara. In 2004, at the age of eighty-nine, Paul Adair passed away, but both his men and many others will remember him as a pioneer in firefighting who not only saved many cities from millions of dollars in damages from these large scale oil fires, but also thousands of lives.

And that's just the way it is.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
WAPPAPELLO LAKE AND DAM

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of Wappapello Lake and Dam in Wayne County, Missouri. Lake Wappapello hosts 2.5 million people annually and has made an incredible impact on its surroundings.

Senator John Overton proposed the Wappapello Lake and Dam project in June of 1936. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began the project in 1938 and completed Wappapello Lake and Dam in 1941. It was constructed along the St. Francis River in order to provide flood control and hydroelectricity to southeastern Missouri.

Wappapello Lake is one of five man-made lakes in the St. Louis District and is one of the nation's oldest Corps of Engineers projects. The project includes 44,000 acres of land and water, providing ample opportunity for water recreation. With largemouth bass, white bass,

channel catfish, crappie, and bluegill atop the list, fishing is a great pastime for lake goers. Lake Wappapello State Park is located on the edge of the lake and is run by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The 1,854-acre State Park offers fishing, swimming, picnicking, and, lodging as well as trials for horseback riding, all-terrain biking, and backpacking. The park also offers camping with both modern and traditional, rustic campgrounds.

For the special place it holds in the hearts and lives of many in the community, as well as its place as a landmark in Wayne County, it is my pleasure to recognize the 75th anniversary of Wappapello Lake and Dam.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 283. I would like to indicate that I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call 283 had I been there.

MARITIME PIRACY AND PIRATES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when the word pirate comes to mind, many envision treasure seeking ruffians with eye patches. Unbeknownst to most of us, pirates still exist: lurking the coast of East Africa, specifically Somalia and Kenya, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Guinea, The Malacca Strait, and the Indian subcontinent. Pirates today, however, can do more damage than forcing a poor fellow to walk the plank. Regions plagued by poverty and extreme terrorism have raised a whole new breed of manipulative, violent, maritime hijackers who will stop at nothing to achieve their goals. Modern piracy is not simply a matter of economic loss or threatened safety, but a risk to the entire globe due to the close-knit ties pirates have with terrorists.

All eyes of the international community were suddenly turned to the coast of Somalia when pirates hijacked a Russian supertanker full of oil and army tanks. What did the American government do? Nothing. Nothing that is, until the unimaginable happened. A U.S. cargo ship was openly attacked by pirates, and the captain was held as ransom for several days. Since then, efforts have been taken to defend ships from maritime crime, such as legalization of weapons on board for commercial shipping vessels. Is this passive defense enough? When analyzing the cost of insurance, freight, rerouting, and ransoms, the price we pay to watch these pirates roam the high seas ranges to as high as \$16 billion a year. Yet there are far greater non-monetary costs awaiting us in the future. If a ship is attacked at just the right place, it could result in the closure and seizure of invaluable international waterways.

Though many pirates have different motives than terrorists, terrorist tactics are frequently

used in hijackings. Both terrorists and pirates traumatize civilians and prey off of fear. As of now there is no international community specifically designated to prevent piracy like there is for terrorism, simply because the legal jurisdiction of piracy is in question. What we all should agree on, however, is that maritime piracy is a devastating form of terrorism.

The topic of most apprehension is the proven fact that modern pirates fund terrorist groups. Whether taken by force or friendship from the pirates, Al-Qaeda now possesses around 15 cargo vessels. Confiscation of vessels hasn't been the only recent breach in maritime security. Thanks to unobstructed leadership of Somali pirates, we've experienced an increase in maritime trafficking of narcotics, people and illicit goods, and arms proliferation. The evidence shows that maritime terrorism has recently gained the attention of most terrorist groups. Large and heavily loaded commercial vessels, offshore gas rigs, and maritime hub ports are easy shots for maritime terrorists, who seek mass destruction of human life, infrastructure, and nature.

Though piracy off the Somalia coast has recently decreased, it has caught flame and prospered in other regions of Africa, such as the waters of Guinea and Nigeria. Squashing these pirates once and for all is easier said than done. They do not proudly announce their presence on the sea, but rather use silence and stealth to steal an average of \$5,000 to \$15,000 per ship. Some of these raids are exceedingly violent, while others are bloodless. In both terrorism and maritime piracy, there must be extensive planning, and those involved must be willing to sacrifice their lives.

Our friends in England recently recognized a dire loophole in worldwide attempts to combat terrorism. Since 2010, the international community has poured billions into the hands of pirates as ransom for the release of vessels and crew. These pirates are not necessarily terrorists themselves, yet many have direct connections to major terror groups. We can be sure that piracy has summoned nearby terrorist groups with the scent of money and the bribe of civilian fear. Maritime piracy is now used as the ever-prosperous bank for terrorists. Great Britain understands this and is in the midst of editing a bill which prohibits all forms of ransom payments to terrorists.

Somali pirates appear to give the ransoms from their pirated material to al-Qaeda. There is no doubt that piracy could not only fund, but also be used as a form of terrorism or for political purposes, especially because of the unusual amount of security breaches easily accessible on ports and at sea compared to land. Take for example al-Qaeda's attack on United States. It only took two men in a tiny boat to kill seventeen U.S. citizens and injure 39 more, just by placing a shape charge against the hull of the USS *Cole* while it was refueling at a Yemeni port.

We must ensure the future does not hold a pirate-terrorist group merger. This event would spin to a halt all anti-terrorism efforts. Al Shabaab and al-Qaeda are difficult and resilient as it is, but imagine these groups with access to strategic waterways, billions of dollars, high grade ships in their grasp, and American captives at their disposal. Debate on the floor of the House has found, Piracy is "Booming without any credible deterrence, without the type of deterrence you saw at one point in

time from the British navy or from the U.S. fleet. As we speak, there are 27 vessels and 449 hostages being held by Somali pirates" Yet nothing substantial is done.

Though many ships are now well-armed, piracy continues without hiccup. It's time the United States takes some action and put these outlaws in the high seas out of business and send them to Davy Jones' locker. An estimated \$160 million was paid as ransoms to pirates in one year alone. Using a private navy is almost as drastic a cost. So, the question is: what should we do? One of the most considered solutions is that of modern privateering. Privateers as defined by international law are "vessels belonging to private owners, and sailing under commission of war empowering the person to whom it is granted to carry on all forms of hostility which are permissible at sea by the usages of war." Privateers will be given the opportunity to disable dangerous non-state enemies, and in the process, create revenue. This is not a hard decision. It's a win-win.

The U.S. military has used a form of privateering in the past certain types of air combat and warfare. In fact, in the 1930's, the U.S. Navy bought blimps from—and hired—a private company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, to build a fleet of airships and blimps. These blimps were previously used for advertising, yet the Navy used these simple civilian mechanisms to help defend the country.

In the past, the problem of piracy was largely wiped out due to privateers. The privateers, though used as a sort of political pawn, were extremely successful and motivated. In a system of capitalism, it's important to consider all parties, and the relationship in which each benefits another. If privateering and letters of marque were used by the United States government today, the government would gain a significant amount of hegemony, credibility, and sea power. The privateering ship owners would receive rewards or payments in return for the seized pirate ships, as well as a higher safety and low insurance prices. Maritime piracy is indeed a threat that, if not soon stopped, will lead to increased terrorism and economic disaster.

In my Congressional office, we employ interns to help with writing and tasks around the office. One of our interns, Rachel Jones, researched this issue regarding piracy on the open seas. Her help this summer was valuable and I thank her for all of her work and assistance. I wish Rachel luck in her future endeavors and with the rest of her time at my alma mater—Abilene Christian University.

And that's just the way it is.

WHAT KIND OF HISTORY SHOULD WE MAKE?

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today on this Restoration Tuesday, I rise to acknowledge the continued voter suppression around the country during this election year and the ongoing battle for protection of the constitutional right to vote.

This Restoration Tuesday is particularly special, as it is the last primary vote. At the clos-

ing of the polls, we will officially be embarking on the first general election in 50 years without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Countless Americans gathered together in the years up to the passing of the historic legislation that banned discrimination in voting polls, and solidified voting equality. Backpedaling into times of racial disparity in the voting process is a dangerous course of action that we should refrain from venturing into. We are currently defacing the legacy of those who gave up their lives in order to secure equal representation in the voting booth.

It is imperative that we rally together and Restore The Vote. We cannot allow this presidential election to greet us without being protected against those who wish to slant the election through harsh voting laws. It is the right of every eligible American to cast a ballot in the favor of their interests without hurdles being placed in their path. Through the passage of the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015, we will be able to complete the order handed down to us by the Supreme Court of the United States. We will be able to recreate the safe haven in voting, where everyone feels entitled and able to exercise their democratic right. I ask my colleagues to join me in support of the Voting Rights Advancement of 2015 so that we can make the democratic process democratic again.

TRIBUTE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WORKERS

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the emergency medical service (EMS) workers of Pinellas County for their hard work and sacrifice.

From May 15th to May 21st we recognize the importance of our EMS workers who sacrifice every day to provide the emergency care our community needs.

EMS workers put their lives on the line for the people of Pinellas County. City Council Member Jerry Beverland's son was recently saved by his local EMS team who were on the scene within four minutes of his call for help. It is only right that EMS workers get the recognition they deserve for their dutiful efforts.

Several members of our local emergency response teams received awards for their efforts. Aaron Gonzalez, a Fire Rescue administrator for Oldsmar, accepted the EMS Week Award, and Chris Collins, who has been a Sunstar paramedic for two years, was recognized as Paramedic of the Year. Nick Eberhardt won the Emergency Medical Technician of the Year award, and Eric Fayad was named Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year. He also works fulltime as a lieutenant for the Seminole Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and acknowledge these award winning emergency response workers who sacrifice their time and lives for the residents of Pinellas County. Their work makes our community a better place, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing our EMS teams of Pinellas County for their exceptional work.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE
GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Girl Scouts of the USA for 100 years of making meaningful and lasting change in their communities and around the world through the Gold Award.

Girl Scouts who pursue the Gold Award—the highest award in Girl Scouting—aspire to transform ideas into action.

Young women who earn their Gold Award are true leaders, dedicated to civic engagement and community empowerment.

Since 1916, approximately 1 million Girl Scouts have earned this prestigious award or its equivalent.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character.

They build true leaders, in fields as diverse as business, medicine, and politics.

As Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts said, “Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best.”

I am pleased to join Girl Scouts as they celebrate 100 years of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and wish them continued success in inspiring girls to excel and make a difference in the world.

IN MEMORY OF GORDIE HOWE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Gordie Howe, who passed away on June 10, 2016, at the age of 88. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and fans across the country.

Born on March 31, 1928, he grew up in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan before coming to Detroit, where he made his National Hockey League debut on October 16, 1946, scoring in his first game at the age of 18. Gordie Howe, or as he was known to a generation and beyond, “Mr. Hockey”, was the embodiment of the National Hockey League, and an ambassador from Detroit to the rest of the country and to the world. I speak here for Detroit, for the Red Wings, and for the entire NHL, when I say that we will miss him dearly.

Gordie Howe, a 23-time All-Star, was unmatched on the ice, and in his twenty-five seasons with the Red Wings, he led the city of Detroit to four Stanley Cups, winning numerous distinctions along the way. He was also instrumental in the conception of what would become the National Hockey League Players’ Association. But Gordie Howe was so much more than a man with a hockey stick; he was a force for good off the ice as well. Gordie, whose wife Colleen “Mrs. Hockey” Howe, suffered from Pick’s Disease, was heavily involved in the search for a cure to degenerative brain diseases, founding the Gordie and Colleen Howe Fund for Alzheimers, in partnership with the University of Toronto Baycrest.

Mr. Speaker, on June 10, we lost one of the greats. For almost half of his adult life, Gordie

Howe represented the city of Detroit with distinction and class, and his legacy will live on long after we are gone, on the banners hanging in Joe Louis Arena, at the charities he championed in retirement, and in the hearts of millions of hockey fans across the continent.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS GOLD AWARD

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Gold Award, Girl Scout’s highest honor.

Congratulations to the young women who earn the distinguished Gold Award and become exemplary leaders in communities across our country. This accomplishment reflects outstanding leadership and civic engagement. Today, women pilot rockets into space, lead international conglomerates, pioneer new innovations in medicine and technology, and occupy positions of international leadership in countries all over the world. Many of those female leaders are Girl Scout alumnae.

As a Girl Scout, I learned how to be an effective leader and how to work as part of a team. I also learned the importance of being part of a community. The Girl Scouts enables young women to discover their passions. Scouting empowers girls and young women, and teaches the importance of working collaboratively. The Gold Award inspires girls in Arizona to find greatness inside themselves and to channel ideas and passions to benefit our communities.

Thank you to Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council and Girl Scout councils across the nation for giving young women courage, confidence, and character.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE AND LAYLE KREMSKE AND DOTTIE AND BOB BELLAVANCE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dave and Layle Kremske, and Dottie and Bob Bellavance, the new inductees of the 2016 Senior Hall of Fame.

For decades, these two couples have made significant contributions to the city of Dunedin. They have donated their time and effort to Pinellas County by being active members of many charitable organizations.

The Kremskes are members of the Friends of the Library program, an organization that provides funding, enhancements, and support to the staff and programs of the Dunedin Library. Layle also served as PTA President and President of the Dunedin Youth Guild, which focuses on supporting youth-focused community projects in Dunedin. Dave has been an active member of the Stadium Advisory and Parks Recreation Advisory committees.

Dottie Bellavance is also on the board of the Friends of the Library program and is active with the Dunedin Youth Guild. She mentors students and volunteers at the Church of the Good Shepherd and serves at the Dunedin Cares Food Pantry. Bob Bellavance has served as CEO and President of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of the Dunedin Rotary Club for years. He was also a member of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. Due to his efforts, many local businesses have a stronger relationship with their local government.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the Kremskes and Bellavances for their work and efforts for Pinellas County. They have made their city of Dunedin a better place, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing and thanking them for their diligence and care for our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on roll call Nos. 297 and 298, I missed votes because of a flight delay due to weather conditions. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF
RABBI DOUG KAHN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise with Representatives JACKIE SPEIER, JARED HUFFMAN, MIKE THOMPSON, BARBARA LEE, ANNA ESHOO and ERIC SWALWELL to honor Rabbi Doug Kahn as he retires as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

For 34 years, Rabbi Kahn has served with distinction and led with integrity. Rabbi Kahn’s analytical mind, diplomatic skills, endless energy and compassion have earned him the admiration of people around the world. As a consensus builder and community leader, Rabbi Kahn has dedicated his life to answering the sacred call, “tikun olam,” to repair the world.

Since 1938, JCRC has been committed to improving relations between the Jewish community and the community at-large. A strong advocate for the Bay Area Jewish community, Rabbi Kahn has masterfully managed sensitive and challenging issues, built bridges with Americans of many faiths, interests, and ethnic groups.

Under his leadership, JCRC confronted anti-Semitism, the oppression of Soviet Jews, and anti-Israel activities on college campuses.

A fourth-generation San Franciscan, Doug Kahn was born in 1951 to a family that discussed current events around the dinner table. The Civil Rights Movement and protests against the Vietnam War sparked his passion for social justice.

As a UC Berkeley student in 1971, he joined the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jewry

and, at great personal risk, traveled to the Soviet Union. Inspired by that journey, he attended rabbinical school in Israel, where he immersed himself in Jewish traditions and developed a personal connection to the Jewish faith.

In 1979, the Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College ordained Rabbi Kahn. He then served as the executive director of George Washington University Hillel. In 1981, Rabbi Kahn returned to San Francisco and joined JCRC as assistant director.

During the Soviet Jewry exodus, Rabbi Kahn fought for the freedom of Soviet Jews. Influenced by his two mentors, legends in our community, then-JCRC Director Earl Raab and Associate Director Rita Semel, Rabbi Kahn helped mobilize the community.

In 1987, Rabbi Kahn and a cheering crowd welcomed to San Francisco "refusenik" Natan Sharansky, who had been freed from a Soviet prison.

Later that year, Rabbi Kahn was promoted to Associate Director of JCRC and in 1999, he became Executive Director following the retirements of Raab and Semel. Rabbi Kahn has built strong interfaith and interethnic relationships with African American, Asian American, Latino and Muslim American communities championing civil rights, employment, housing, equality in education, immigration, nuclear nonproliferation, domestic violence prevention, marriage equality and the end of apartheid in South Africa.

In the face of crises and tragedy, Rabbi Kahn built bridges. From standing on the pulpit at San Francisco's Third Baptist Church in affirmation of a strong African American-Jewish alliance after the Rodney King verdict to performing outreach to the local Bosnian Muslim community after the brutal human rights violations against Bosnians in the 1992-95 civil war, and more recently, standing in solidarity with Muslim Americans threatened by Islamophobia, Rabbi Kahn and the JCRC have made our communities stronger.

Although Rabbi Kahn is leaving JCRC, he will continue to offer his wisdom and superb skills for JCRC's values and priorities.

My colleagues and I hope his departure from JCRC will allow Rabbi Kahn to spend more time with Ellen, his beloved wife, and their two sons, Joey and Daniel.

Mr. Speaker, we ask the House of Representatives to join us in celebrating the outstanding contributions our good friend Rabbi Doug Kahn has made to the Bay Area and beyond. His moral compass, eternal optimism, unwavering dedication and perseverance have profoundly strengthened our communities.

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE HEFTY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Wayne Hefty for his service to Pinellas County.

Mr. Hefty has worked in Pinellas for many years. In 1975, he worked in Gulfport as a park supervisor landscaping and designing green spaces. In 1979, he opened up his own business where he designed and installed parks and playgrounds all over the community.

In 1992, he applied to be the Director of Public Works in Indian Rocks Beach, and among sixty applicants, Mr. Hefty was chosen for the job. His first task was to fix up the city for the annual Art in the Park show in 1992 which he completed successfully. From there, he finished dozens of projects including the city's Nature Park and Beach Access walkovers. Mr. Hefty was also involved in Keep Pinellas Beautiful, an organization formed in 1996. He was an active member of the board for ten years and served as a treasurer.

In 1998, Mr. Hefty became a consultant for the Pinellas County School Board and Pinellas County Utilities. His first assignment was to find out the energy usage for 140 different school buildings in eleven different municipalities. He also worked with the county's water management and created the energy team to manage the county's water, recycling, and trash programs. This project saved the city twelve million dollars. In 2004, he joined the Energy Systems Group which proposed energy saving strategies across thirteen states.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Wayne Hefty for his hard work for Pinellas County. He has shown exceptional dedication to the community and it has been a pleasure having him as a neighbor. I ask that this body rise to recognize Mr. Hefty for his years of service.

ON THE TRAGIC ORLANDO PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the victims, as well as their families and friends, all of whom have been devastated by the senseless carnage at the Orlando, Florida Pulse Nightclub, which took place on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

As of June 14, 2016, 49 innocent people have lost their lives and many more were wounded in the brutal slaughter, as they sought to enjoy their weekend. We must not allow the hatred of LGBTQ Equality by a bastard to define their lives. We must remember and respect each of the victims for their individuality and the joy they brought to the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, especially since this month is LGBTQ Pride Month, we should mourn their passing with deep sorrow and celebrate their lives with an abundance of love.

Mr. Speaker, we must also do more than speak heartfelt words of love and condolences. We must speak through legislation that may not save all lives but can save some lives.

We cannot allow history to record that when all was said and done, more was said than done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MITCHELL ALEXANDER WINEY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense sorrow and great respect that I rise to remember United States Military Academy (USMA) Cadet Mitchell Alexander Winey for his patriotism and dedication to serving his country. His untimely death occurred on June 2, 2016, at Fort Hood, Texas, while participating in Cadet Troop Leader Training. Cadet Winey was a member of the USMA Class of 2018, B Company, First Regiment.

Mitchell Winey, born in Valparaiso, Indiana, graduated from Chesterton High School in 2014, where he served as class president for four years. Mitchell excelled in his studies and was an honor roll student who belonged to the National Honor Society. In addition, he was nominated by his peers to participate in the Natural Helpers Program during his high school tenure, which was a testament to his helpfulness and kind-hearted spirit when it came to serving others in his community. An accomplished athlete, Mitchell was also the captain of his high school soccer team and enjoyed skiing and hiking. Later, at West Point, Cadet Winey went on to become a founding member of the newly-formed freestyle ski team.

On July 2, 2014, Mitchell reported to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a rising leader in his class and had an exemplary academic record as an engineering management major. Cadet Winey's outstanding academic performance earned him recognition on the Dean's List for four semesters, and he also earned the Army Physical Fitness Badge three times while participating on his company's soccer and ultimate Frisbee teams.

Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen Jr., Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, depicted Winey as immensely proud to be a cadet and one who exemplified the ideals and values of West Point in all he set out to do. For his service, Cadet Winey received the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Friends and teachers describe Mitchell as a gracious and enthusiastic young man who excelled as a student leader. His friends will remember him as talented, intelligent, hardworking, and adventurous. Residents in the community are remembering Cadet Winey as a dedicated American hero.

Mitchell leaves behind a beloved host of family and friends. He is survived by his loving mother, Margo, and proud father, Tim. Mitchell also leaves to cherish his memory his dear sister, Paige. He will be greatly missed by his grandparents, Shirley Winey and Ronald Groff, and by many other friends and family members, as well as an appreciative, yet profoundly saddened, community.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, USMA Cadet Mitchell Winey. Cadet Winey sacrificed his life during training for service to his country, and his death comes as a great tragedy to our nation. Cadet Mitchell Alexander Winey will forever endure as a hero in the eyes of his family, his

community, and his country. Thus, let us never forget the ultimate sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of our country as a free and democratic society.

COMMENDING THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO RURAL AMERICA AND THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to commend the Farm Credit System for 100 years of service to rural America and the agriculture industry.

The importance of the Farm Credit System is largely unknown to those outside of agriculture, often leaving it prone to political attacks. However, its importance to those it serves has never been greater, as declining commodity prices have led to a sharp downturn in the farm economy. Thankfully, the Farm Credit System and its members have been there to help lessen the burden.

To understand the Farm Credit System, it's important to look back to its roots. In the early 1900s, credit was largely unavailable or unaffordable in rural areas, and lenders avoided agricultural loans due to their associated risks. In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a commission to explore the problem and ultimately found a need to develop more cooperatives and a cooperative credit system for farmers.

From that idea, Congress passed the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916, eventually resulting in the establishment of the Farm Credit System—a system created to provide a permanent, reliable source of credit to American agriculture.

The Farm Credit System's mission has evolved over time. For example, in 1980, Congress empowered the Farm Credit System to provide valuable capital for infrastructure necessary for communities to thrive.

But since its inception, the Farm Credit System has never wavered in its mission of providing lines of credit to our rural communities in good times and in bad. During the late 1980's, our farmers and ranchers faced particularly difficult times. Fortunately, the agriculture industry and the Farm Credit System were able to weather the storm together and emerged even more prepared for the years to come. Today, I believe that the Farm Credit System is fundamentally safe and sound and in a position to endure the challenges that it will inevitably face.

To acknowledge and celebrate a century of dedicated service to rural America, I was proud to sponsor House Resolution 591, com-

memorating Farm Credit's 100th anniversary. Providing more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 customers, the Farm Credit System has worked tirelessly in all 50 states to ensure a vibrant rural economy, and I am proud to congratulate them today.

DR. ROBERT E. WITT, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Dr. Robert E. Witt for his academic career and the impact he had on higher education. As Dr. Witt closes another successful chapter of his life as the Chancellor of the University of Alabama System, I believe it is important to recognize a few of his numerous accomplishments and his service to the nation and to the great State of Alabama.

Dr. Robert Witt began his educational endeavors at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1962. In 1964, Witt received his MBA from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College, and his Ph.D. in Business Administration from Penn State in 1968. Over the next 35 years, he established a career of excellence in higher education. Dr. Witt served in various positions at The University of Texas, including serving as dean of the Business School at the University of Texas at Austin and president of the University of Texas at Arlington.

In March of 2003, Dr. Witt was appointed President of The University of Alabama. During his nine-year tenure as President, Witt led an ambitious plan for academic growth and achievement that has positioned UA as one of America's fastest growing public universities. In 2012, he was appointed by the University's Board of Directors to serve as the Chancellor of the University of Alabama System. The University of Alabama System is comprised of the universities in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Huntsville as well as the University of Alabama at Birmingham Health System.

Dr. Witt has held several important roles aside from his leadership at the University of Alabama, including serving as the chairman of the Council of Presidents of Alabama's public colleges and universities. Dr. Witt has played a leadership role in various organizations during his time in Alabama which include the Governor's College & Career Ready Task Force; the American Cast Iron Pipe Company Board of Directors; the Alexis deTocqueville Executive Committee; the Advisory Board, Elizabeth Project Care Board. He is past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, a past member of the Tuscaloosa County IDA Board and the Black Warrior

Council Boy Scouts of America. In 2011 he was inducted into to the Alabama Academy of Honor, which is comprised of 100 living Alabamians elected on the basis of service to the state.

I want to commend Dr. Witt for his success and his dedication to higher education. While Dr. Witt's career may be coming to a close over the next few months, the impact he has left on students and faculty will echo for several generations to come. I wish him and his family all the best in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE 176TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YELLOW RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH IN BAKER, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 176th anniversary of the Yellow River Baptist Church in Baker, Florida.

For 176 years, the Yellow River Baptist Church has served the citizens of the Gulf Coast, and today it stands as a pillar of the Northwest Florida community as the first Baptist church in Walton and Escambia counties and one of the oldest Baptist churches in the State of Florida.

The Yellow River Baptist Church was established on Sunday, June 14, 1840 with the assistance of two representatives of the Bethlehem Baptist Association of Alabama, nearly five years before Florida entered its statehood. What started with a small handful of congregants residing along the upper Yellow River just south of the Alabama line has grown over the years, and throughout the course of its history, the church family has consisted of members including from the Baggett, Barrow, Blackman, Campbell, Carver, Clary, Cobb, Collingsworth, Cook, Danelly, Gartman, Gaskins, George, Hart, Helms, Howell, King, Madden, Milligan, Parker, Peaden, Richbourg, Senterfitt, Stegall, Steele, Stewart and Wilkinson families.

The success of the Yellow River Baptist Church, without question, is a true testament to the congregation's strong faith in the Lord and strength of its community, and it is my privilege to honor them on this important occasion.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vicki joins me in congratulating this small but faithful congregation for its 176 years of service and dedication to God and to the Northwest Florida community. May God grant the congregants of Yellow River Baptist Church many more years to come and may His blessings continue to shine down on them.