

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, each June, our nation celebrates the extraordinary achievements of the LGBT community and their allies.

Thanks to the tireless activism of individuals and groups fighting for LGBT rights, we can all take pride in our nation's progress toward full LGBT equality. Just one year ago, the Supreme Court joined a growing number of Americans who recognize that love is love. Now millions have the security of knowing their rights and dignity are recognized and affirmed by our federal government.

There has never been a better time to rejoice in these hard fought victories. However, there is still work to be done.

Congress must pass the Equality Act to ensure that LGBT individuals are protected from discrimination. And we must take strong action to protect transgender Americans from an epidemic of violence, particularly transgender women of color.

All people deserve to live without fear and with dignity. We must continue the march towards LGBT equality in the United States and across the world.

I am honored to join with my colleagues in the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus and all Americans in celebrating PRIDE month. I am confident that if we stand united, we will win the fight for equality and justice.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, in rural communities, like those in the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia, the Farm Credit provides a variety of financial services to folks in their own communities. Since 1916, the Farm Credit System has served communities throughout the United States, playing an integral role in helping our country remain the world's greatest producer of food and fiber products while preserving our agricultural heritage.

Agriculture is by far the largest industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, supplying nearly 311,000 jobs and making an economic impact of \$52 billion annually. The Farm Credit of the Virginias plays an important part in ensuring this industry continues to grow by pro-

viding more than \$1.5 billion in financing to rural homeowners, farmers, and landowners in 96 counties in Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. It has been a pleasure working with this group over the years.

Farm Credit has a decidedly local feel, and it is clear that the representatives know and understand the communities they are serving. As a cooperative, members of the Farm Credit are also the customers and borrowers. They are uniquely invested in ensuring Farm Credit is best serving its borrowers.

Whether a farmer is looking to purchase a new piece of equipment, a family is buying a new home, or a new agritourism business is trying to find the capital to take root, the Farm Credit has been there every step of the way, helping families live out the American dream. Thank you to Farm Credit organizations in Virginia and across the country for their hard work on behalf of America's rural communities. Congratulations to the Farm Credit on 100 years of promoting American agriculture.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, as we near its 100th anniversary, I rise today to commend the cooperative owners and the employees of the Farm Credit System for their continuing service in meeting the credit and financial-services needs of rural communities and agriculture.

I was pleased to cosponsor House Resolution 591, commending the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for 100 years of service. The legislation was introduced by House Agriculture Committee Chairman MIKE CONAWAY, Ranking Member COLLIN PETERSON, as well as the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee for Commodity Exchanges, Energy & Credit, Chairman AUSTIN SCOTT and Ranking Member DAVID SCOTT.

The Farm Credit System plays a vital role in the national success of agriculture and the economic vibrancy of rural communities throughout all 50 States and Puerto Rico, providing more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 customers. For example, in my home state of Mississippi, Farm Credit serves 6,379 borrower-customers, providing \$1.2 billion in credit.

Farm Credit's mission also extends to supporting rural communities by financing vital infrastructure, bringing clean water to rural communities, providing reliable energy to farms and rural towns, and offering modern high-speed telecommunications that connect rural America to the rest of the world.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of the Farm Credit System. I was pleased to cosponsor House Resolution 591, commending the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for 100 years of service.

The Farm Credit System was established by Congress through the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916, signed into law on July 17, 1916, by President Woodrow Wilson, making 2016 the centennial anniversary of the founding of the cooperatively owned and operated Farm Credit System. Congress intended the Farm Credit System be designed as a permanent means to support the well-being and prosperity of the Nation's rural communities and agricultural producers of all types and sizes. It was designed as a network of cooperatives, independently owned and controlled by its borrowers, and meant to be responsive to individual needs for credit and financial services.

Since its inception the Farm Credit system has, and continues to, continually adapt in order to meet the changing needs of rural communities and agriculture. Today, the Farm Credit System plays a vital role in the success of the United States agricultural sector and the economic vibrancy of rural communities throughout all 50 States and Puerto Rico. The system provides more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 customers across the nation. In Maryland, Farm Credit serves nearly 5000 borrower-owners representing over \$1.3 billion in loan volume. In my district alone, MidAtlantic Farm Credit serves over 2000 borrower-owners, representing over \$633 million in loan volume.

The Farm Credit System actively supports the next generation of agricultural producers by annually providing billions of dollars in loans to young and beginning farmers and ranchers and through its ongoing financial support for organizations like 4-H and Future Farmers of America. In Maryland, Farm Credit serves over 3200 young/beginning/small farmers representing over \$648 million in loan volume.

For all these reasons, Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary or the establishment of the modern American Farm Credit System.

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CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for their continuing service in meeting the credit and financial-services needs of rural communities and agriculture.

Since 1916, the Farm Credit System has served rural Americans.

I was pleased to cosponsor House Resolution 591, introduced by House Agriculture Committee Chairman MIKE CONAWAY & Ranking Member COLLIN PETERSON, as well as the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee for Commodity Exchanges, Energy & Credit, Chairman AUSTIN SCOTT and Ranking Member DAVID SCOTT.

This resolution recognizes the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for their 100 years of service to Rural America.

Today, the Farm Credit System plays a vital role in the success of United States agriculture, providing more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 customers.

For example, in my home state of Alabama, Farm Credit makes over 7,000 loans per year. Almost 10 percent of the farmers they serve are considered Young Operators.

Since 2011, Farm Credit has returned \$10.9 million dollars back to their borrowers. I applaud the Farm Credit System's dedication to providing farmers with the means to serve America.

RECOGNIZING THE CALIFORNIA
STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM'S 2015-2016 SEASON

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) men's basketball team and its unprecedented success in the 2015-2016 season. I commend the hard work of the Roadrunners and strong leadership of Head Coach Rod Barnes, Assistant Coaches Jeff Conarroe, James Alford, and Mark Hsu, and Director of Basketball Operations JD Pollock. The Roadrunner men's basketball team has represented our community well, and brought national attention to Bakersfield through dedication that was always reflected in their games. I am honored—as an alumnus myself—to be able to add my voice to the chorus of praise, and to congratulate their season of accomplishment.

On March 18, 2016, the Roadrunners clashed against the number two seed in Oklahoma, on day one of the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Basketball Tournament. I witnessed firsthand the perseverance and grit they became famous for throughout the season. The Roadrunners

fiercely fought to match basket-for-basket against their heavily-favored opponents, even snatching the lead midway through the second half, but were ultimately outscored in the final few minutes.

As the Roadrunners celebrate their historic 24 victories in the Western Athletic Conference, and their first appearance in the NCAA Division I Tournament, I want to acknowledge the remarkable determination and incredible teamwork of Aly Ahmed, Jaylin Airington, Bray Barnes, Dedrick Basile, Damiyne Durham, Kyle Ferreira, Darryl Geyen, Justin Hollins, Kevin Mays, PJ Posey, Justin Pride, Matt Smith, and Brent Wrapp. A remarkable winning percentage of .727 reflects upon the immense amount of hard work they demonstrated throughout the entirety of the season.

The CSUB men's basketball team exemplifies our community's commitment to hard work, perseverance, and teamwork. The Roadrunners should be proud of their achievements this season, and I know that the community of Bakersfield joins me in congratulating them on their athletic accomplishments. My fellow Roadrunner alumni and our community look forward to watching their continued success in the seasons to follow.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JEFF KUSS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Marine Corps Captain Jeff Kuss. Captain Kuss was a native of Durango, CO where he attended Durango High School and graduated from Ft. Lewis College with a degree in economics. His life was tragically cut short during a training accident on June 2, 2016 while he and the other Blue Angel pilots were practicing for an air show near Smyrna, Tennessee. Captain Kuss was a loving family man and is survived by his wife Christina Ferrarese Kuss, their two young children Calvin and Sloan, and his parents Michael and Janet of Durango.

Captain Kuss possessed a passion for aviation which took root at a young age. After a great deal of hard work and perseverance, he became one of the Navy's most talented pilots, being selected in 2014 to join the elite Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron. The Blue Angels are one of the world's most renowned squadrons, representing the men and women who serve in the nation's Armed Forces and showcasing the incredible training, skill and capability of our nation's elite military pilots. Since 1946, the Blue Angels have inspired patriotism and wonder in millions of fascinated spectators. Each pilot is hand-picked by current members of the squadron to join—a selection process that is a testament to the respect that his colleagues had for the talent and ability Captain Kuss possessed.

The entire Durango community is incredibly proud of Captain Kuss for his service to our nation and what he was able to achieve. When he was brought home to rest in Durango citizens lined the streets to pay their respects to this fallen hero, a testament to Captain Kuss' service, deep ties to the community and a life well-lived. The host of active duty

members that have and continue to pay tribute to Captain Kuss are a tribute to the many lives he impacted over the course of his career.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Jeff Kuss exemplified the very best of Colorado's Third Congressional District and of the brave men and women who risk all in service to our nation each day. We honor his service and memory, and offer our condolences and prayers for his family and friends. May they find peace during this most difficult time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP
SAMUEL BLAKES

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pastor Samuel Blakes on his Episcopal Consecration to the office of Bishop. He is the loving husband of Stacy Blakes and an outstanding father to his two daughters. Bishop Samuel Blakes is the youngest son of Bishop Blakes, Sr. and has been pastoring for more than 21 years.

He and his brother Bishop Robert Blakes, Jr. serve as Co-Pastors at the New Home Family Worship Center, a ministry encompassing six locations across Louisiana and Texas. Bishop Samuel Blakes has the pleasure of serving as Pastor to both the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Ministries.

Bishop Samuel Blakes was called to ministry at a young age when he attended St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. His work in ministry began when he received his Bachelors of Theology from Christian Bible College of Louisiana and then went on to receive his Master's Degree in theology from the same institution. His dedication and love of God has allowed him to travel across the U.S. and abroad to spread the word of God. Not only does he travel to spread his message, but he and his brother, Bishop Robert Blakes, Jr. host their own weekly television show.

I join with the Blakes family in congratulating Bishop Samuel Blakes for his remarkable accomplishment.

HONORING MR. GARRY SAUNER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special and remarkable civil servant on the occasion of his retirement. After forty-one years of service to the Nation, Mr. Garry Sauner will complete a most distinguished career as a financial manager and congressional liaison for the United States Air Force. For the past sixteen years, Mr. Sauner served as the Deputy Director and Chief of the Budget and Research Branch of the Air Force Office of Appropriations Liaison. In this role, Mr. Sauner has acted as the Air Force's principal liaison to this subcommittee.

From personal experience, I can state that his tireless efforts, wise counsel, and attention to detail led to the successful completion of

hundreds of hearings, thousands of questions for the record, and countless requests for information which all helped our subcommittee make the best informed resourcing decisions.

Mr. Sauner led engagement efforts for senior Air Force leadership in defense of the Air Force budget request for military construction, housing, environment, and BRAC. Hundreds of Air Force officers, enlisted, civilians, and contractors have benefitted from his experience and counsel as a strong and capable mentor, resulting in a bond of trust between this subcommittee and the Air Force that will have lasting positive effects well into the future.

Prior to his dedicated service in his current role, Mr. Sauner served twenty-five years in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. With his four years as a Congressional Liaison Officer on active duty, Mr. Sauner can claim twenty years of experience working with the Congress—a rare feat indeed. Mr. Sauner leaves a lasting legacy both in the Executive and Legislative Branches of our government as a result of his quiet professionalism and embodiment of the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House please join me in extending our most sincere thanks for his service and best wishes for the days and years ahead as he begins a new journey.

IN OPPOSITION TO THE REPUBLICAN ANTI-POVERTY AGENDA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, last week, a group of 8 Republicans traveled to the House of Help City of Hope, a private residential drug and alcohol treatment program here in Southeast DC. There they unveiled their proposal to reduce poverty in America.

Make no mistake: the Republican Party has simply repackaged the same proposals that have locked our most underserved populations in poverty for generations.

I appreciate the group's advocacy for drug and alcohol treatment, but it is misguided and offensive to associate poverty with addiction. We should not be surprised that they are clinging to the tired narrative that victims of poverty are too lazy or irresponsible to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. The "bootstraps" narrative leaves out the reality that too many children in America are born without bootstraps to parents who never had bootstraps themselves. In the cycle of poverty, opportunity rarely presents itself.

From the schoolhouse to the workplace, children from wealthier and well-educated families arrive at every door with a very different set of skills and expectations than those from underserved backgrounds. For example, research suggests that children from low-income families hear 30 million fewer words than their wealthy peers by the age of 3. Other studies show that less than 50 percent of children living in poverty arrive at school prepared with the math and reading skills, emotional and behavioral control, and the physical well-being necessary to learn. These gaps persist into adulthood.

These are not excuses. They are facts.

The children of the wealthy are provided tutors, lawyers, contraceptives, therapy, and more when they stumble socially, physically, and academically. Their less affluent counterparts are instead met with financially struggling parents, probation officers, and ill-access to basic health services. Social scientists call the protections afforded to wealthier children in times of trouble "air bags."

It's time to dispel the blanket notion that the poor are to blame for their poverty. The government has a role to play, and for many, it is the star of the show.

When opportunity presents itself in low-income communities, it comes via a Head Start teacher, an after-school program, a Job Corps coach, a Pell grant, a Social Security check, a child tax credit, and through other resource programs implemented during and after the War on Poverty.

Our friends across the aisle want the American people to believe that the effective anti-poverty programs of the War on Poverty have been a waste of taxpayer dollars. In truth, the safety net's effectiveness at reducing poverty has grown nearly ten-fold since 1967.

Pell grants, senior centers, the breast and cervical cancer early detection program, grants to improve water and waste disposal systems, Job Corps, and the Foster Grandparent program are just some of the programs that have been effective in helping millions of Americans into the middle class. Despite the progress made under these programs, the Republicans deem them all as welfare.

The Social Security program has lifted 27 million Americans out of poverty, including 1.6 million children yet Republicans have proposed to privatize and cut the program.

The Earned Income Tax Credit has lifted 9 million working Americans out of poverty and has reduced poverty for 22 million more. Despite these tremendous benefits, the Republicans did not include this program in their proposal.

The SNAP program, which the proposal cuts, has lifted 10 million Americans out of poverty and 5 million more out of deep poverty.

Seventy percent of Americans will turn to the safety net at some point in their lifetimes. Attempts to cut these programs are rooted in dangerous and misguided ideology.

I was sent to Congress to build upon programs that work and craft new proposals to create ladders of opportunity into the middle class for my constituents.

On the contrary, the Republican blaming strategy is not "A Better Way"—it's the wrong way. On behalf of the hardworking Alabamians I represent, I urge all of my colleagues to reject this dangerous agenda.

HONORING RICHARD TWISS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to congratulate City of Indio Police Chief Rich-

ard Twiss who is retiring after 32 years of service to the people of California and the citizens of the United States. Throughout his career, Chief Twiss has been an exemplary public servant. He has taken on his vocation to service with a sense of duty and a strength of character that is needed to accomplish such a noble calling.

Richard Twiss' time in uniform began in 1984 as a United States Marine and continued as a police officer with the City of Indio Police Department. Through his leadership, Chief Twiss led a police force that helps build a safer community and is an incredible influence on the lives of hundreds of residents in the Coachella Valley located in California's 36th Congressional District.

Chief Twiss' distinguished career in law enforcement spans from his time as an officer at the Indio Police Department, to an investigator for the County of Riverside District Attorney's Office, to a special agent for the California Department of Justice, and for the last four years as the Chief of Police for the City of Indio.

At a national level, Chief Twiss has lent his expertise to help advance the cause of public safety. Chief Twiss participated in the President's National Committee on 21st Century Policing and served as a member of the California Attorney General's Community Oriented Policing Subcommittee. Most recently, he was appointed to the California Police Chief Association Homelessness and Mental Health working group. Chief Twiss implemented the Community Outreach Resource Program as a way to reduce homelessness and provide resources to the most vulnerable members of our society. This program received local, national, and international recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and honor Chief Richard Twiss for his service. And on behalf of the thousands of families of California's 36th Congressional District, I offer my sincerest thanks and congratulate Chief Twiss for his exceptional commitment to public safety. I wish him and his wife, Anna, all the best on his well-deserved retirement.

THIS IS THE WEEK WE MOURN TOGETHER IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 49 LIVES LOST JUNE 12, 2016

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, this is the week we mourn together. As one nation. This week we know no party, we know no prejudice. This is the week we all as Americans suffer loss together, come together, and resolve together that we will not fall to the architects of terror.

Mr. Speaker, this is our Paris.

The mass shooting in Orlando is now one more defining moment of our time. One more defining moment of terror. And one more defining moment in the fabric of modern America. Innocent brothers and sisters were targeted by evil, in the name of a radical Islamic jihad against America that despicably perverts religion to justify taking the life of innocent people. But this is the week we resolve to destroy terror forever, to destroy those who wish to destroy us.

In an election year, its natural for anger to divide us, to draw us into a partisan divide.

But let's rise above the politics of division and remain one united people. Let's not fall prey this week to politicians casting blame, seeking credit, or drawing division. The debate over national security, over guns and the constitution, over surveillance, over crimes of hate, these debates will rightfully occur over the coming weeks and months. And they should.

We must defeat our enemies before they defeat us. We must protect our communities from violence of any kind, at the cause of any weapon. We must always vet those who come here legally and we must secure our borders. And we must ensure we apprehend home-grown agents of terror in all 50 states.

But we do this together as a nation. United, not divided. Committed to the cause of freedom envisioned by our founders and granted by our Creator. We are one people. We stand with the victims of Orlando. They will forever be in our hearts. And in their loss, we resolve to honor their memories with vigilance, with fidelity, to make our nation safer, stronger, and forever united against hate, against evil, and against our enemies.

May God bless the souls of our departed fellow Americans. May God hold close their families and loved ones. And may God forever protect our nation and forever preserve our freedom.

Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old
Amanda Alvear, 25 years old
Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, 26 years old
Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33 years old
Antonio Davon Brown, 29 years old
Darryl Roman Burt II, 21 years old
Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28 years old
Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25 years old
Luis Daniel Conde, 39 years old
Cory James Connell, 21 years old
Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old
Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32 years old
Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old

old
Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old
Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26 years old
Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22 years old
Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22 years old
Paul Terrell Henry, 41 years old
Frank Hernandez, 27 years old
Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old
Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40 years old
Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19 years old
Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old
Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25 years old
Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32 years old
Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old
Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49 years old
Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25 years old

old
Kimberly Morris, 37 years old
Akyra Monet Murray, 18 years old
Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20 years old
Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25 years old
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years old
Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old
Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35 years old
Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25 years old
Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27 years old
Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35 years old

Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24 years old
Yilmary Rodriguez Solivan, 24 years old
Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old
Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old
Martin Benitez Tones, 33 years old
Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24 years old

Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old
Luis S. Vielma, 22 years old
Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50 years old
Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37 years old
Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years old

TRIBUTE TO JORDAN ANDERZHON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jordan Anderzhon of Farragut, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Jordan is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Jordan is an exceptional student, high-achieving in academics and all-around service. This Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who will seek to become physicians or enter the medical research field. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders honors, inspires and motivates high school students like Jordan Anderzhon as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Jordan Anderzhon is a student at Farragut Community High School in Farragut, Iowa. He was nominated by school officials and The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Jordan Anderzhon makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Jordan Anderzhon's accomplishments. Jordan Anderzhon will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

HONORING ILEEN KODISH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities thrive when hard work, dedication, and sacrifice are set by voluntary example. Ileen Kodish's actions embody these ideals for her community and it is why she is being awarded the Gates of Hope Award as Shaarei Tikvah's Volunteer of the Year.

Ileen grew up in Akron, Ohio, where she and her family became active in the Jewish community, involving themselves in B'nai B'rith Youth and USY. Following fashion school in Chicago, Ileen worked overseas; studying design in Paris and teaching at the Pratt Institute.

Ileen became Head Nursery School teacher at Genesis Agudas Achim, teaching two-year-olds who are now young adults actively engaged in our community. In recent years, she has worked as an au pair community counselor and as an office manager. Within Shaarei Tikvah, Ileen served as School Board Co-Chair from 2008 to 2014, devoting countless hours and extensive organizational skills

to bring about the most efficient operation possible. She brought the PJ Library program to Shaarei Tikvah while organizing and leading family workshops around the stories.

Currently, Ileen lives in Yonkers and has three daughters—Danielle, Nola, and Hali—who are graduates of Yonkers public schools, of our Religious School, and carry on the family tradition by volunteering in the school. Ileen also completed her Associates degree at Westchester Community College in 2011.

It is clear that Shaarei Tikvah has found a most deserving and accomplished honoree for recognition this year. Congratulations to Ileen on receiving the Gates of Hope Award and thank you for your years of contributions to the community.

HONORING MS. RAMI MUTH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Rami Muth, Superintendent of the Martinez Unified School District, upon her retirement.

Ms. Muth earned her bachelor's degree in History from California State University Long Beach, before going on to complete a Masters in Educational Leadership and her administrative credentials at California State University East Bay.

Ms. Muth has held a variety of positions throughout her career in education. She taught at both the elementary and middle school levels in Benicia, California before becoming an elementary school principal in the Fairfield-Suisun school district. Drawing on both her teaching and administrative experience, she became Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Martinez Unified School District before rising to her current post of Superintendent.

During her tenure as District Superintendent, Ms. Muth led new initiatives to improve the district's services and improve the academic experience for students. She launched an innovative energy conservation program that has saved the Martinez Unified School District over \$300,000 and has won an Environmental Excellence Award. Under Ms. Muth's leadership, five schools in the district were named California Gold Ribbon Schools: Martinez Junior High and Alhambra High School in 2015 and Las Juntas, John Swett, and John Muir Elementary Schools in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Muth has dedicated her career to ensuring that every student in our community receives a top-notch education. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD SOFTBALL TEAM'S 2015-2016 SEASON

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the California State University,

Bakersfield (CSUB) softball team. The Roadrunners advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Regionals after valiantly defeating top-seeded New Mexico State, clinching the Western Athletic Conference championship. This is the first time in the history of the Roadrunner softball program that a team has reached the regional tournament level, which is a testament to the commitment, spirit, and competitiveness of this year's team. I applaud the strong leadership of Head Coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler and Assistant Coach Shelly Prochaska, who have helped pave the way for the team's ongoing success.

Accolades like these make me, and thousands of alumni, even more proud to be a Roadrunner. Ever since the Roadrunners ascended to NCAA Division I status in 2010, they continue to represent our community well, while competing against the top collegiate sports teams in the nation. This year is another shining example of the progress the Roadrunner athletic program has made. The dedication and hard work reflected by the Roadrunner softball team is contagious and spreads throughout the community.

I would like to recognize the efforts of Nadia Amezcua, Kaylynn Burt, Michelle Cannata, Adrianna Cardoza, Julea Cavazos, Maddi Clark, Nicole Curry, Josie Flores, Selena Gonzalez, Chris Hipa, Lyndsay Klimenko, Jo Larios, Amber Mills, Briana Pontecorvo, Sydney Raeber, Alex Simmons, Alyssa Stockton, and Makenzie Zinger. In the WAC tournament, the Roadrunners gave up just four runs in their three game championship streak. All three wins against the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and New Mexico State University (twice) avenged earlier losses to these two teams during the regular season.

I know the Bakersfield community joins me in applauding the CSUB softball team's unprecedented and historic accomplishments this season. I hope the program's demeanor of confidence, success, and ambition continues in the seasons to come and I look forward to more Roadrunner victories.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes on Monday, June 13th and Tuesday, June 14th. Had I been present on these days, I would have voted 'aye' for roll calls 297, 298, 301, and 302 and 'nay' on roll calls 299, 300 and 303.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT ALAN POWERS-WETTESTAD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan Powers-Wettestad of Boy Scout Troop 520 in Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Alan dedicated himself to helping families of newborns by providing them with handmade blankets. He, with the support of his troop, made over one hundred blankets last fall and delivered them to the hospital just before Thanksgiving of last year. He also had the integrity to donate the remaining monetary donations as a Spirit of Giving Award to the obstetrics department, enabling them to purchase a new rocking chair. The work ethic, thoughtfulness, and kindness which Alan Powers-Wettestad has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Alan Powers-Wettestad and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE RAYMOND PARKS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the late racing legend Raymond Parks upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

If it weren't for men like Raymond Parks, there is no doubt the racing industry as we know it would not exist today. Mr. Parks was a pivotal player in both the development and expansion of NASCAR since its inception.

After serving his country during WWII, Mr. Parks returned to the United States where he had begun a career as a stock-car owner before the war. In 1947, he attended a meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida that would change racing forever. Sitting around the table with other drivers and promoters, they agreed that racing could not grow without a formal organization to create rules and give their sport structure. As a result, NASCAR was born.

From then on Raymond Parks remained an influential member in motorsports. Known for being the first successful team owner in racing, he won the first NACSCAR title ever in 1948. He would continue to work alongside his original team to dominate the sport until his retirement. Even though Mr. Parks passed away in 2010, his legacy lives on and will now be preserved forever in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Parks is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Raymond Parks, a 2017 inductee of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP ROBERT C. BLAKES, JR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pastor Robert C. Blakes, Jr. on his Episcopal Consecration to the office of Bishop. He is the loving husband of Lisa Blakes and a great father to four children. Bishop Blakes, Jr. is the eldest son of Bishop Blakes, Sr. and has been pastoring for more than 21 years.

He and his brother Bishop Samuel Blakes serve as Co-Pastors at the New Home Family Worship Center, a ministry encompassing six locations across Louisiana and Texas. Bishop Blakes, Jr. has the pleasure of serving as Senior Pastor to both the New Orleans and Houston Ministries.

Bishop Blakes, Jr. started his work in ministry when he received his Master's of Theology from Christian Bible College of Louisiana. His dedication and love of God has landed him regular appearances on World Harvest International and CNN as well as his own weekly television show alongside his brother. Bishop Blakes, Jr. has also attracted global attention with his recently published literary work, "The Father-Daughter Talk".

I join with the Blakes family in congratulating Bishop Blakes, Jr. for his outstanding accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE SERGEANT CHARLES H. COCHRANE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late NYPD Sergeant Charles H. Cochrane, whose contributions to New York City's civic life are being recognized by the renaming of the intersection of West 11th Street and Washington Street as Sgt. Charles H. Cochrane Way.

On November 20, 1981, Sgt. Charles H. Cochrane became the first openly gay officer in the history of the New York City Police Department when he testified before a City Council committee considering a proposal to ban discrimination against homosexuals. Sgt. Cochrane spoke out in favor of the bill, saying "I am very proud of being a New York City policeman. And I'm equally proud of being gay." At the time, Sgt. Cochrane was a fourteen year veteran of the NYPD. His declaration before the City Council committee was a brave

statement and a strong condemnation of ignorance and bigotry faced by the LGBT community. Sgt. Cochrane's bravery, passion and drive for the just treatment of LGBT individuals, and specifically of his fellow LGBT law enforcement officials, motivated him to found The Gay Officers Action League (GOAL), an organization dedicated to advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender law enforcement officers. Today, there are GOAL chapters in every major police department in the United States. Sergeant Cochrane passed away in 2008, but his legacy lives on in the community that he fought for and is epitomized by this street renaming in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the district where Sgt. Cochrane lived and worked and where he paved the way for countless other individuals and organizations to promote justice and equality within the law enforcement community. On this occasion, I reflect on the recent tragedy in Orlando and remind my colleagues that we have much work ahead of us to achieve an end to hate, bigotry and violence against the LGBT community, despite the strides that we have made as a society due to heroes like Sgt. Cochrane. As Sgt. Cochrane did, we must all stand up for tolerance and equality.

I congratulate GOAL on this significant milestone and would like to thank the NYPD officers who spearheaded this initiative.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF SHIRLEY WEISS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th birthday of Shirley Weiss, born Sarah Hengber, in Brooklyn, New York, on September 1, 1916. Shirley is one of 6 children born to Yetta and Samuel Hengber, both Russian immigrants, who after meeting in Poland, came to the United States in the early 1900s, to raise their large family.

Shirley married Harold Weiss on September 11, 1938, and raised two daughters in Bronx County, serving seventeen years at the Internal Revenue Service. Shirley retired in 1977 and with Harold, moved to bask in the Sunshine State. Over the last 40 years, she has enjoyed hosting visits with her family that includes 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grand daughters to whom she is a loving role model. Still a voracious reader, we honor Shirley's wonderful milestone of 100 years, and hereby acknowledge and commend her on this amazing achievement.

HONORING SHERY AND HOWARD
ROSENSTEIN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the strength of any religious institution comes from the dedication and commitment of the congregation. For Beth El Synagogue in New Rochelle, that strength is derived from members like Shery

and Howard Rosenstein, who have been intimately involved in the Synagogue's operations for over 17 years.

When Shery and Howard were living in Manhattan and decided to move to the suburbs, their journey to Westchester began with "shul-shopping." Once they experienced the warmth of Beth El, their decision to settle in New Rochelle was easily made. After joining the shul, they enrolled their three-year-old son Adam in Nursery School, and, along with newborn son David, quickly immersed themselves in synagogue activities. Daughter Shayna was born three years later, and by then Beth El had become an extension of their family's home, where they have all continued to make deep-rooted friendships, share meaningful lifecycle events, and experience everlasting memories by their ongoing involvement.

Shery has worn a variety of hats within the Beth El community, including co-chairing the Nursery School's Board, Parents' Association and Family Fun Day, working as a Nursery School teacher, storyteller, and head counselor of the Day Camp two-year-old group (the "Scoops") since its inception seven years ago. Howard's involvement began as the Day Camp Chair and he has been a familiar face working on various programs over the years, including the Family Kallah, delivering father/son Divrei Torah at the Family service, singing in Beth El's choir Shirat El, and serving on the Dinner Dance Committee which he co-chaired with Shery in 2010.

This year, Beth El is honoring Shery and Howard with their 2016 Service Award, and they are both extremely worthy of the honor. Congratulations to them both.

TRIBUTE TO CONNIE AND ROGER
DAVIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Connie and Roger Davis of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on May 21, 2016.

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

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

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MEN'S
HEALTH WEEK

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, over the last 100 years, the life expectancy of men has declined

in comparison with that of women, and women now live on average five years longer than men.

There is a silent crisis of men's health in America, and it's important that we bring it to light to reverse the trend.

This week, National Men's Health Week, we aim to save lives by raising awareness of male health challenges and empowering men and boys to make smart health decisions to tackle them.

Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to die at higher rates of nine of the ten leading causes of death. And men are half as likely as women to seek preventive care, one of the simplest ways to stave off chronic illness.

Many health problems that affect men, from heart disease to colon cancer, can be prevented with earlier detection. That is why we need to use National Men's Health Week as an opportunity to encourage men and boys to adopt preventive behaviors, seek timely medical care, and make their health a priority.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Men's Health Caucus, I am proud to celebrate this week and encourage men and boys to be proactive about their health, so they can live longer, healthier, and more productive lives. So they can be there for their families.

And I am proud to join the millions of Americans who are marking this month by calling on men to be active, to be engaged, and to take control of their health through smart decisions and proactive behaviors.

Mr. Speaker, our country has made important strides in improving the health and well-being of men and boys—including significant declines in cardiovascular disease mortality—and we can continue to make progress as long as we stay focused.

So, let's keep moving forward, drawing attention to ways that we and our loved ones can live longer, healthier lives.

TRIBUTE TO MADISON GODFREAD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Madison Godfreed of Shenandoah, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Madison is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Madison is an exceptional student, high-achieving in academics and all-around service. This Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who will seek to become physicians or enter the medical research field. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders honors, inspires and motivates high school students like Madison Godfreed as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Madison Godfreed is a student at Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah, Iowa. She was nominated by school officials and The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Madison makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize her

today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Madison Godfread's accomplishments. Madison Godfread will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEE RICK
HENDRICK

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend, and my friend, Rick Hendrick upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

A native of Warrenton, North Carolina, Rick Hendrick was born with racing in his blood. At an early age his father, "Papa Joe" Hendrick, instilled in Rick the value of a hard day's work and a love of automobiles. At the age of 14, he made a name for himself by shattering speed records at the local drag strip.

After purchasing a Chevrolet dealership, he quickly found success which led to the creation of Hendrick Automotive Group—the largest privately held dealership in the country. In 1984, he founded All-Star Racing which would eventually become Hendrick Motorsports. Headquartered in my district in Concord, North Carolina, Hendrick Motorsports is now consistently recognized as one of the sport's premier operations.

As an owner, Rick Hendrick has won a total of 14 NASCAR national series championships, the most all-time. Drivers for Hendrick Motorsports have become household names including the likes of Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Terry Labonte, Kasey Kahne, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. In total, Hendrick Motorsports has delivered an incredible 242 total wins. You would be hard pressed to find anyone more deserving of this honor.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Hendrick is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Rick Hendrick, his wife Linda, and their entire family on Rick's induction to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO KONNER ROSS AND
DEBORAH PETTINGILL

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge two members of our community, high school student Konner Ross and her teacher Deborah Pettingill, for bringing light to the story of a fallen World War II soldier from our community.

As a part of the Silent Hero Project, Ms. Ross recently wrote a eulogy for a St. Peters-

burg-native and WWII soldier, Private Leo K. Chalcraft. The Silent Hero Project is organized by the National History Day program. Fifteen teams of high school students and teachers research someone from their home state who is buried in Normandy, and Ms. Ross chose Private Chalcraft for her project.

He was only 19 years old and was drafted to serve. However, in 1944 off the coast of France, he drowned after the boat he was on sank. While researching Private Chalcraft's life, Ms. Ross felt a personal connection to him because he was so young when he was drafted and when he was killed in combat. She felt it was her responsibility to honor this young man from our community.

Her teacher, Deborah Pettingill, helped Ms. Ross with the project. Together, they have learned a lot about Private Chalcraft from military and burial records. They were also able to find his younger brother Albert, who had a lot of Private Chalcraft's mementos like a Purple Heart, flag, and telegrams. Eventually, the two will create a website honoring Private Chalcraft and the sacrifice he made for this country.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the work and effort of Ms. Konner Ross and Ms. Deborah Pettingill for bringing this memory back to our community and honoring Private Chalcraft's service to Pinellas County and to our country. I ask that this body join me in recognizing these two for the work they have done in honoring Private Chalcraft.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 120TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE TWIN SHAFT
MINING DISASTER IN PITTSSTON,
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 120th Anniversary of the Twin Shaft Mining Disaster in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Fifty-eight miners lost their lives during a massive cave-in, most of whom were boys and men of Lithuanian and Irish descent. Their memories will be honored June 25, 2016 at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish in Pittston.

In the early hours of June 28, 1896, miners from the Newton Coal Company were at work in the Red Ash Vein of the Twin Shaft Mine. During the shift, two hundred acres inside of the mine collapsed, trapping the crew of workers four hundred feet underground. Volunteers were quickly assembled to respond to the crisis. Attempts were made to excavate two tunnels in an effort to bring the miners to safety. However, rescue efforts proved to be futile and the victims' bodies were never recovered. The tragic event remains one of the largest coal mining disasters in Pennsylvania history.

A formal investigation of the cause of the disaster was opened by Pennsylvania Governor Daniel H. Hastings on July 10, 1896. Testimony indicated that the mine pillars displayed signs of instability in the weeks leading up to the accident. The investigation commission first issued its safety recommendations on September 25, 1896. The commission's findings helped make a strong case for better safety standards and workers' rights for mine workers.

It is a solemn responsibility of northeastern Pennsylvania civic leaders and citizens to honor and remember those who perished in the Twin Shaft Mine Disaster. As the Greater Pittston area marks the 120th Anniversary of this tragedy, may we never forget the sacrifices made by our coal mine workers and all they have contributed to our nation's economic success.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN HARRIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Christian Harris, son of Carrie and Anthony Harris of Indianola, Iowa as recipient of Indianola's first Citizenship Award ever to be presented by the city of Indianola. Christian Harris was recognized by Indianola's city leaders for his heroic efforts to assist a neighbor who had fallen. Christian Harris is a sixth-grader, a Boy Scout and loves his community.

The inaugural award by city officials recognizes individuals who provide exemplary aid, valor and service to fellow citizens in needs. Indianola Mayor Kelly Shaw presented the award in a ceremony during a May 2016 City Council meeting, recounting the bravery and leadership young Christian provided. Mayor Shaw recounted how Christian was looking out his window when he saw the neighbor fall head first onto the pavement. He told his mother to call 911. Trained in first aid, Christian Harris jumped into action, ran to render assistance, giving his neighbor a pillow to cradle his head and keep the neighbor calm until professional emergency medical technicians could arrive.

Said Indianola Mayor Shaw, "The police department always has a way to find out what you have been up to. But certainly when you've been up to good things, we like to recognize that. Suffice to say if you didn't save a life you saved a lot of potential heartache and with that, potential injuries."

Christian Harris acted in heroism and kindness which is in all of us. He is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens and Indianola citizens very proud. He has dedicated his young life to doing what is right and not seek such attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Christian Harris for his courage and help. I thank him for his service and wish he and his family continued success in all his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING SETON HALL
UNIVERSITY ON ITS THIR-
TEENTH ANNUAL "THE HALL ON
THE HILL"

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Seton Hall University on its thirteenth annual "The Hall on the Hill," held

today, June 15. I would like to invite everyone to celebrate the rising future of this great university, and its newly formed College of Communications and the Arts.

Founded in 1856 in the village of South Orange, New Jersey, which is in my district, Seton Hall University has been a staple of the New Jersey community, consistently ranking among the first tier of national universities. The university has continually made us proud in NCAA Division I intercollegiate basketball in the Big East conference, and has even churned out basketball legends who were inducted into the Hall of Fame such as Bob Davies. Seton Hall has also continued to impress through their distinguished alumni, including actor and athlete Chuck Connors, sportscaster Dick Vitale, and actor Dulé Hill.

Not only has Seton Hall University made an important impact on the lives of countless New Jerseyans, but I personally hold Seton Hall very close to my heart due to the positive impact it has had on my family. My late father, Donald M. Payne, attended Seton Hall University for his undergraduate career as a scholarship student and graduated in 1957. In honor of his passing and his compassion for humanity, the university launched a lecture series in his name to pay tribute to people who, like him, strive for a peaceful and a better future.

My father attributed the beginning of the formation of his life philosophy to his time at Seton Hall. The university also hosts the historical manuscript collection of his congressional papers, which were acquired by the University in 2015 after his passing in 2012. The University now has these papers readily available for anyone wishing to gain insight into congressional affairs, as my father served Congress from 1989 to 2012. I am forever grateful for the opportunities that Seton Hall offered my father, and the opportunities it continues to offer to its students every year.

More of Seton Hall's talented alumni will be showcased through performances and artwork during this year's "The Hall on the Hill." I invite all of you to show your appreciation for Seton Hall today and bring out your "True Blue." Go pirates.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE MARK MARTIN

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the racing legend Mark Martin upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Ever since his early days it was clear that Mark Martin was born to race. At the age of 15 he won his first race at a local dirt track in Arkansas. In his very first season, he walked away with the state championship. Success followed him during every step of his journey which culminated in one of the most impressive careers in NASCAR history.

Upon his retirement from driving, Mark Martin had amassed 96 total wins across NASCAR's three national series. His accomplishments also include five second place finishes in the championship standings and 56 career poles. To say Mark Martin is a racing

legend would be a gross understatement. A fierce competitor and true gentleman, Mr. Martin is the embodiment of racing and will now take his place among the greats in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Martin is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Mark Martin on his induction to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I was in my District, the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia on Monday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 14, and therefore, missed recorded votes 297 through 303. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

YES on Recorded Vote 297, to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4939, the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016

YES on Recorded Vote 298, to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5312, the Network and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act

YES on Recorded Vote 299, on Ordering the Previous Question

YES on Recorded Vote 300, on Agreeing to H. Res. 778, Providing for a combined rule for consideration of H.R. 5053 and H.R. 5293

YES on Recorded Vote 301, to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5049, the NSF Major Research Facility Reform Act

NO on Recorded Vote 302, on a Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 5053, the Preventing the IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act

YES on Recorded Vote 303, on Passage of H.R. 5053, the Preventing IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act

TRIBUTE TO SEMINOLE TEACHERS

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize our Seminole-area educators, who make a difference throughout our community every day.

On May 17, 2016, educators from across Pinellas County gathered next to my office to be recognized for their efforts and the work they do for our Seminole community. While only a handful of teachers made it to the honoring ceremony, they represent the hundreds of teachers who change the lives of our youth daily.

We all have had favorite teachers growing up, an adult other than our parent who saw something in us and wanted to make sure we

would succeed. I come from a family of educators and I have personally seen the impact a good teacher can have on their students.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and acknowledge the Seminole teachers for their hard work. They continue to better Pinellas County by caring for and working with our kids. I ask that this body join me in recognizing the service they do. We are very thankful for their hard work.

HONORING ELLEN AND PAUL LEWIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, when committed and proactive citizens are dedicated to the community, it is important to recognize and honor their actions. Ellen and Paul Lewis embody that type of commitment to the Shaarei Tikvah community.

Ellen grew up in Mt. Vernon, where her parents were active in the Emanuel Jewish Center. Ellen found a real passion in Hebrew School, becoming the first woman to chant Haftarah on a Shabbat morning in the early 1990s. Ellen later attended Tufts University, earning her Master's in Math Education at Yeshiva University and returned to Mt. Vernon upon graduation to teach math at Mt. Vernon High School.

Paul was born in Alton, Illinois, and later moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana. He attended St. Michaels College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and earned his Master's Degree at Notre Dame.

Ellen and Paul were introduced while the two taught together in Mount Vernon. Their love story grew from there, and they married in August 1973. Together they have a daughter, Rachel, a pediatric critical care physician in the metropolitan area.

To both Ellen and Paul, Shaarei Tikvah means one word: community. At Shaarei Tikvah, Ellen has chaired the Adult Education Committee for ten years, the Ritual Committee for two years, and serving the Board of Trustees and the School Board. Ellen still reads Haftarah four to six times a year and often chants from the Megillah on Purim. Paul has also been actively involved in the Shaarei Tikvah community, knowing how important it is to both Ellen and the Scarsdale community as a whole.

This year, Shaarei Tikvah is honoring both Ellen and Paul at their annual JeoPARTY dinner. I want to congratulate both of them on this wonderful honor, and on the occasion and thank them for all they do for both the Shaarei Tikvah and Westchester Communities.

TRIBUTE TO NICK HARRIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Nick Harris of Atlantic, Iowa, for his selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional

Newcomer Award. Nick is a representative of the Brocker, Karns, and Karns Insurance Agency.

Mr. Harris was selected for this honor because he has lived and worked in the Atlantic area for over two years, leaving an indelible impression by his contributions to the community. He is a leader in the community with undoubtedly, a lasting impact on Atlantic. He is an advocate of supporting local businesses and building relationships in the community. He leads the "Around Atlantic" campaign, introducing newcomers to the community and sharing all the positive things happening in Atlantic.

I applaud and congratulate Nick Harris for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work and dedication will affect the future of a community. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Nick Harris for his many accomplishments and service to the Atlantic community. I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF A HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation that extends the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in my district. Specifically, this legislation will provide for a commencement of construction deadline extension for the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project that is being developed in Washington State by the Okanogan Public Utility District, in partnership with Energy Northwest.

On July 9, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted the Okanogan Public Utility District an original license for the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project, which will be located at the existing Enloe Dam that is situated about 3.5 miles northwest of the City of Oroville in the State of Washington. The current Enloe Dam was constructed in 1920 on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land for power generation. However, operations ceased in 1958 when the extension of Bonneville Power Administration's high voltage transmission line into the Okanogan Valley provided a less expensive source of power. The proposed Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project makes economic and environmental sense as it will convert currently untapped energy in existing flow releases into clean, renewable electricity.

The Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project will have a footprint that is roughly half the size of the existing facility but will provide approximately three times the generating capacity of the decommissioned plant. Completion of the Project will provide Washingtonians and the Pacific Northwest region with a clean, renewable energy resource that generates an estimated 45,000 megawatt hours per year of carbon-free, renewable power. Additionally, the proposed project will create jobs and needed employment opportunities in a region with an unemployment rate that far exceeds the na-

tional average, underscoring the many positive benefits this project will have for the local community, state, and region.

The legislation will allow for development of this critical hydropower facility to move forward under a realistic regulatory timeline and in a manner consistent with prior Congressional actions on similar projects. By passing this measure and extending the commencement of construction deadline for the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project, Congress can help spur hydropower development in Central Washington and ensure the Project's many benefits are realized. For these reasons I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense legislation, which will have a positive and lasting impact on the region's energy supply and economic viability.

IN HONOR OF GEORGETTE WHITE
MOON'S PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Georgette White Moon's years of public service.

City Councilwoman Moon was elected in 2004 and will retire this year. She represents District 3 on the Tuskegee City Council in Tuskegee, Alabama.

She was born to the late George and late Carrie White and earned her Bachelor's degree at Alabama State University. Next Ms. Moon earned her Master's degree at Michigan State University and pursued postgraduate studies at Tuskegee University.

She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Friends of the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site and Bethel Baptist Church.

She received numerous honors as a teacher and taught in schools in Florida, South Carolina, Washington, D.C., Colorado, Virginia, Japan, and Alabama. She was the first African-American to teach at Punaho School that President Obama attended in Hawaii.

She returned to Tuskegee after retiring from her teaching career. As a city councilwoman, some of her accomplishments include: downtown improvements, development of Washington Plaza, increased number of retail stores and sales tax revenues and street paving in several neighborhoods.

She also served eight years on the Utilities Board of Tuskegee and on Head Start Policy Council.

She has a daughter, Antoinette Moon Harlan; a son-in-law, Robert Harlan; and a grandchild, Aspen Moon Harlan.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Honorable City Councilwoman Georgette White Moon and her service to the city of Tuskegee.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL RUBINGER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Rubinger, President and

CEO of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC).

Mr. Rubinger will be retiring from LISC later this month after 17 years as its creative and results driven CEO. During his tenure, LISC has grown into one of the largest and most well respected non-profits focusing on community and economic development in distressed neighborhoods throughout the country.

LISC equips struggling communities with the capital, strategy and technical expertise to make change imaginable. Working with local leaders, LISC invests in housing, health, education, public safety and employment—all basic needs that need to be addressed at the same time for communities to succeed.

Michael Rubinger was hired as a LISC program officer shortly after the establishment of the organization. He now completes his more than four decades of service to the organization and leaves in place a reliable, constructive, and innovative partner in community redevelopment made stronger by his stewardship and leadership and the lasting impact that his career has made on the community development field.

Among other notable achievements, Michael oversaw the development and implementation of LISC's Building Sustainable Communities initiative, a transformative approach to investing in communities which focuses on proving a comprehensive framework to meeting the needs of the community, including investments in housing, economic development, income and wealth building, education, health, and community safety.

LISC and hundreds of neighborhoods across the country are stronger because of Michael Rubinger's vision for healthy and robust communities. He knows the importance of hearing the voices of those in the community and of making sure that key local stakeholders come together to find common ground.

Michael is leaving LISC on a high note. 2015 was among the best years in LISC's history, including a record number of program and investment milestones, such as financing 21,000 affordable homes and apartments, opening its 80th Financial Opportunity Center in order to help residents build a more stable future, and establishing new partnerships nationwide. All of that contributed to LISC's \$1.3 billion in program and investment activity for 2015, an amazing accomplishment.

I have seen firsthand his influence in Toledo, Ohio. His comprehensive approach to revitalization was evident when LISC opened its Toledo office in 1989. It was my honor to introduce LISC to Toledo back then, and I am proud to be associated with the organization that has helped distressed neighborhoods across Ohio.

With 16,000 Toledo homeowners unable to afford the cost of major exterior maintenance, Toledo LISC, the Toledo Fair Housing Center and the Lucas County Land Bank created the Martin Luther King, Jr. Inclusive Communities initiative to help those in need.

In 2015, nearly 150 families were provided with a complete roof and gutter replacement. The roof and gutter replacements have helped individual homeowners, who live at or below 120 percent AMI, to preserve their property while shoring up Toledo's housing stock overall.

These homeowners also participated in financial literacy and homeownership counseling workshops offered by two LISC-backed

Financial Opportunity Centers (FOCs). The FOCs provided counseling and education to 234 homeowners who applied under the program.

I am especially proud of Toledo LISC's work but also know that these efforts are not unique to Toledo—that similar stories have occurred in the 30-plus cities where LISC offices are located, as well as in the over 14,000 rural counties that LISC serves through its national rural program, Rural LISC.

It is with great admiration that I pay tribute to Michael Rubinger and to his legacy of service on behalf of low-income families and communities. His unwavering dedication to making communities better and more viable through economic development initiatives in hundreds of urban and rural areas should be commended.

I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Michael Rubinger on his retirement and in thanking him for his noble choice to spend his most productive years in making America and her neighborhoods better for his efforts.

TRIBUTE TO MAURICE HERR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maurice Herr of Dallas Center, Iowa, on the celebration of his 100th birthday. He spent a lifetime farming and raising his family in the Dallas Center area. As a farmer by profession, it is only fitting that Mr. Herr is an avid John Deere collector, showing off many of his collectibles and memorabilia at his residence. He is an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, as evidenced by his ever-present Hawkeye cap.

Our world has changed immensely during the course of Maurice's life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mr. Herr has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-one Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mr. Herr in the United States Congress. It is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Maurice Herr for reaching this incredible milestone and in wishing him nothing but the best.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN HENDRICK

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mr. Kevin Hendrick for receiving the Governor's Shine Award.

Mr. Hendrick is the principal of Northeast High School in St. Petersburg and received

the award for his contributions to education at his school. Mr. Hendrick has been involved with schools for eighteen years, and is a past recipient of the Principal of the Year award.

Mr. Hendrick utilizes Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), a program to help diminish the achievement gap for students who are the first member of their family to go to college.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Kevin Hendrick for his commitment to our community and for ensuring students can reach their goals. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Hendrick for his hard work and congratulating him on receiving the Shine Award. It is most deserving.

HONORING ELISE AND BARRY
RICHMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two members of the New Rochelle community who this year have the distinct privilege of being named honorees at the Beth El Synagogue Annual Gala, Elise and Barry Richman.

For nearly 30 years, Elise and Barry have been dedicated and active members of the Beth El community in New Rochelle. Elise grew up in Yonkers, where her parents remain members. She attended Hebrew School, celebrated her bat mitzvah, and led Junior Congregation services there. When LPJC started sending its Hebrew School graduates to Beth El's Community Hebrew High School, Elise was in the first group of students to carpool to New Rochelle. After high school, Elise headed to Boston to attend the Boston University where she met Barry. Three years later, they were married. In 1987, expecting their first child, the Richmans decided to move to New Rochelle to be closer to family.

Elise and Barry happily relocated and immediately joined Beth El Synagogue Center, since Elise's older brother Teddy and wife, Beth, were already members, and her former teacher, Rabbi Sirner, was now Beth El's senior rabbi. As Elise and Barry's family grew, it was enriched by Beth El in countless ways. Not only did they regularly attend Shabbat and holiday services with their family, their children benefitted from Beth El's terrific Nursery School, summer camp, Religious School, youth services, and programming.

But Elise and Barry take the greatest pride in their three grown children, Nate, Allison, and Jason, all living in Manhattan. They are the light of the happy couple's lives, and each one is incredibly accomplished and successful in their own right.

The Beth El Synagogue community is lucky to have Elise and Barry, and they are very worthy of this honor. Congratulations to them.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEE BENNY PAR-
SONS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember my friend, the late racing legend, Benny Parsons upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

While he was born in Ellerbe, North Carolina, Benny Parsons grew up in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Wilkes County. After high school he moved to Detroit, Michigan to work for his father's taxi company. After being invited to a local race track by a customer, fate intervened when he was asked to be the driver for the race that night. In that moment a racing legend was born.

In 1970, Mr. Parsons joined the NASCAR circuit full time as a driver and it wasn't long until he won his first championship. A humble victor, he was described by many as an "everyman champion." In his career as a driver he amassed 21 victories and managed to finish in the top ten 283 times, roughly 54 percent of his races. Following his driving career, he seamlessly transitioned to television as a very popular announcer until his death in 2007. I got to know Benny while serving on a YMCA board that he chaired in Concord, NC. I will always remember his integrity, humble nature and infectious humor. While he is sorely missed by the racing community, his legacy will now live on as a member of the Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Parsons is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Benny Parsons, a 2017 inductee of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 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 \$19,222,275,711,902.53. We've added \$8,595,398,662,989.45 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 CHRISTINA BATEMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Christina Bateman of Atlantic, Iowa, for her selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional Public Service Award. Ms. Bateman is a representative of the Meyer and Gross Real Estate Agency.

Christina Bateman was selected for this recognition for her outstanding leadership and integrity in social and civic activities as well as her dedication to the Atlantic community. Christina is a constant advocate for the greater good in the Atlantic area. Many have said she is a "perfect fit" for this award because of her involvement in various community and civic organizations in the community.

I applaud and congratulate Christina Bateman for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of a community. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Christina Bateman for her many accomplishments and for her service to Iowa as well as to the Atlantic community. I wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
DOMENIKA LYNCH

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Domenika Lynch for her ten years of service as the executive director of the University of Southern California's (USC) Latino Alumni Association (LAA), and also to congratulate her on becoming the next president and CEO of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) in Washington, DC.

Ms. Lynch has dedicated years of her personal and professional life to serving Latinos and the greater Los Angeles community. In addition to her work for the LAA, Domenika has been a part of the USC Neighborhood Outreach Grants Committee, has been named a Los Angeles Community Hero by Telemundo, has received an Educational Leadership Award from Saber es Poder, and has served on a variety of scholarship and advocacy boards.

A Trojan alumna herself, Domenika has been a thoughtful and successful leader of one of the strongest Latino alumni associations in the country. During her time guiding the LAA, it has continued to invest in student scholarship and mentorship support, while effectively engaging alumni, building campus and community partnerships, and securing philanthropic support.

Under her tenure, the LAA, its Board of Directors, its Corporate Advisory Council, and its alumni volunteers have raised over \$15 million towards scholarships and other key university initiatives. Today, the LAA is stronger than ever. Its endowment has more than tripled, and its donor base is growing. This type of en-

agement creates an environment for students to thrive, and encourages these students to remain committed to their USC community long after they have left campus.

I am confident that Ms. Lynch will be equally successful in leading CHCI, which has been a trailblazer in developing the next generation of Latino leaders in our nation's capital. As our country writes another chapter in its history, Domenika's guidance will ensure that CHCI continues to increase opportunities for young Latinos, and keeps encouraging greater diversity and equity in the ranks of America's future leaders.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Domenika Lynch for her outstanding record of leadership and service, and in wishing her the very best as she begins the newest chapter of her career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, with it being Primary Day back in South Carolina, I returned home to vote but unfortunately did not make it back in time for the first vote series in the House yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call 299, "aye" on roll call 300, and "yea" on roll call 301.

CONGRATULATING THE BULL RUN
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ON
ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

Established on May 9, 1991, the Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) was founded to promote a better understanding of the Civil War and preserve the historic sites associated with the War's most important moments. Through lectures, research, field trips and active participation in the stewardship of Civil War sites, the group has made a lasting contribution to the preservation of Civil War history.

In order to promote a passion for history in the next generation, the BRCWRT awards annual scholarships to students who have researched and written about the War's remaining untold stories and mysteries. The BRCWRT also offers a variety of programs featuring knowledgeable, respected Civil War historians, academics, writers, and lecturers to educate enthusiasts and the general public. I have been proud to be a partner in the promotion and preservation of our region's rich Civil War history during my time in Congress and as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The Civil War was a fateful moment in our nation's history. The War pitted brother against brother and threatened to tear apart the fabric of our young republic. Preservation of historic battlefields, homes, and other

monuments ensures that we will never forget the sacrifices and pain the Civil War inflicted upon our nation, and, hopefully, through remembrance and understanding we heed the lessons of our past.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and in commending the organization for its efforts to preserve Civil War history.

RECOGNIZING DAVID
CHRISTOPHER MEYER

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Christopher Meyer of Boy Scouts of America Troop 261. On July 2nd of this year, David will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout for his outstanding accomplishments.

Throughout his time in scouting, David has grown to be a leader of other young men and is dedicated to the service of others. He graduated Big Horn National Youth Leadership training, served as a crew leader on an 85 mile backpacking trek at Philmont Scout Ranch, has been elected to the Order of the Arrow, and is currently serving as his troop's Senior Patrol Leader.

For his Eagle project David worked with Drifter's Hearts of Hope, a nonprofit institute that rescues horses selected for slaughter and uses them for therapy with disabled children. After rescuing a mare named Cabo, David and his team designed and built a shelter for her. Cabo was then designed to David's childhood friend, who has been battling a life threatening illness. David received the Eagle Project of the Year Award for the Pioneer Trails District for his project, being one of 8 young men recognized by the Optimist Club out of nearly 500 Eagle Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize David Christopher Meyer for his many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO GEETIKA KANAPARTI

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Geetika Kanaparti of West Des Moines, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Geetika is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Geetika is an exceptional student, high-achieving in academics and all-around service. This Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who will seek to become physicians or enter the medical research field. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders honors, inspires and motivates high school students like Geetika as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Geetika Kanaparti is a student from West Des Moines, Iowa and was nominated by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Geetika makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize Geetika today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Geetika Kanaparti's accomplishments. Geetika will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE RICHARD CHILDRRESS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend and my friend Richard Childress upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Mr. Childress began his racing career at the age of seventeen when he bought his first race car for \$20. He may not have known it then, but this was the very beginning of what would become one of the most legendary careers in the history of motorsports. As a driver, Richard Childress enjoyed success including six top-five finishes and 76 top 10's. In 1981, he retired from driving to focus on leading Richard Childress Racing which he had founded nine years earlier.

Through the years Richard Childress established his team as the preeminent force in NASCAR. In 1984, "The Intimidator" Dale Earnhardt returned to Richard Childress Racing to create one of the most successful partnerships ever. Winning six championships together, the pair solidified their place in the record books. In total, Childress has won 11 championships making him second on the all-time list for owners. Mr. Childress' contributions to racing are truly immeasurable and now he will be remembered forever as a member of the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Childress has also made a great impact on the community by serving others outside of racing. In 2008, the Childress family launched the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma in coordination with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Through their work, the Childress Institute has led the way in the pioneering prevention and treatment techniques for severe injuries in children. Mr. Childress and the Childress Institute have been instrumental in raising national awareness of this issue including the launch of the Congressional Pediatric Trauma Caucus.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Childress is extremely deserving of this honor for his many contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Richard Childress, his wife Judy, and their entire family on Richard's induction to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO JEREMY TINTER AND NICHOLAS EBERHARDT

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Jeremy Tinter and Nicholas Eberhardt who received the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life Award. The National Award recognizes those professionals with outstanding service and dedication.

Mr. Tinter is a paramedic and a clinical services coordinator. He oversees employee orientation and acts as the field training officer at Sunstar Paramedics. He has overhauled the orientation process to increase the capstone testing rates and onboard new paramedics more efficiently.

Mr. Eberhardt is an emergency medical technician who has shown great leadership skills by mentoring new employees and providing excellent patient care. He was also a part of the team that started the Paramedics Plus' operation in South Dakota. He has previously received the Sunstar Paramedics' Care Plus award.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize these two exceptional individuals for the hard work and care they provide to Pinellas County. They give their time to help members of our community in life threatening incidents. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts.

HONORING COMMUNITY PROJECTS, INC.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Projects, Inc., which is celebrating its 75th year supporting community organizations in Napa, California.

Community Projects, Inc. has operated as a nonprofit, nonsectarian woman's volunteer organization since its founding in 1941. Formerly called the Napa Chapter of the British War Relief, its original members sewed and prepared "Bundles for Britain," which provided clothing to families in the United Kingdom during World War II.

The organization changed its name to Community Projects, Inc. after the war ended, shifting its focus from aiding families affected by conflict abroad to supporting local schools, clubs, and social services with proceeds raised from thrift shop sales. Community Projects, Inc. eventually moved to a larger facility on Franklin Street, which was expanded in 1980 to accommodate the organization's progress.

Since its incorporation, Community Projects, Inc. has raised over \$11 million for philanthropic causes in our Napa community. Local organizations that received major grants in 2015 include Girls on the Run, the Napa Food Bank, and the Pathway Home. Community Projects, Inc. also provided more than \$100,000 in donations to local schools and student scholarships. Volunteer members of Community Projects, Inc. make the organization's work possible, and they collectively con-

tributed 44,020 hours during 2015, including countless hours to make two major annual events possible, "Puttin on the Glitz" and "Treasures of Christmas Past."

Mr. Speaker, Community Projects, Inc. is an exemplary organization that makes a meaningful impact in our community. And thanks to its unrivaled dedication to charitable giving, Community Projects, Inc. will continue to benefit Napa County for generations. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Community Projects, Inc. here today.

TRIBUTE TO KAYLA MAYHEW

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kayla Mayhew of Glenwood, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Kayla is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Kayla is an exceptional student, high-achieving in academics and all-around service. This Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who will seek to become physicians or enter the medical research field. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders honors, inspires and motivates high school students like Kayla Mayhew as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Kayla Mayhew is a student at Glenwood Senior High School in Glenwood, Iowa. She was nominated by school officials and The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Kayla makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize Kayla Mayhew today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. Kayla Mayhew will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN READ BRUNELLI

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on June 2, 2016, Robin Read Brunelli passed away after a prolonged struggle with heart failure. Robin was President and CEO of the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) from 1992 to 2012 and made an extraordinary impact on women in politics.

Robin was born in Shenandoah, Iowa, on March 7, 1943. She attended the University of New Mexico where she was a big reader of the works of William Shakespeare. For the twenty-two years she lived in Albuquerque, she was a realtor, a much loved high school teacher, and the host of a cooking and recipe show called "Kitchen Klatter."

For the two decades she was at the NFWL, Robin helped transform the organization. The NFWL has served as a forum for elected women nationwide to be empowered. The organization includes all women elected at the city, county, and state levels.

From 1985 to 1992, Robin served as a Presidential appointee serving the Governors of the Federal Reserve Board. Robin helped improve the effectiveness of training at the Fed's banking school. Robin continued to serve the community by serving on the boards of numerous nonprofits and corporations. Her most proud work was for the National Women's History Museum.

Robin was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, Scientist, and lived a devout life.

Robin is survived by her loving husband and two daughters. She leaves behind an amazing legacy of service to her community and will remain a model for young women to exemplify. Her memory and achievements will never be forgotten.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 21

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet
To hold an oversight hearing to examine FirstNet, focusing on an update on the status of the Public Safety Broadband Network.
SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, David C. Nye, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho, and Kathleen Marie Sweet, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.
SD-226

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

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the ideology of ISIS.
SD-342

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

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne Hall, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Lawrence Robert Silverman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, both of the Department of State.
SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security
To hold hearings to examine small business retirement pooling, focusing on examining open multiple employer plans.
SH-216

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher E. O'Connor, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Congressional and Legislative Affairs.
SR-418

JUNE 22

10 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine renewing communities and providing opportunities through innovative solutions to poverty.
SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Drug Enforcement Administration.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold closed hearings to examine security assistance, focusing on cutting through a tangled web of authorities.
SVC-217

2:15 p.m.
Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine accessing Department of Agriculture rural development programs in native communities.
SD-628

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
To hold hearings to examine pathways towards compliance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 2882, to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards,
SD-538

and S. 2072, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which the Administrator shall defer the designation of an area as a non-attainment area for purposes of the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard if the area achieves and maintains certain standards under a voluntary early action compact plan.
SD-406

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the progress and challenges in modernizing information technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs.
SR-418

JUNE 23

10 a.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Wildfire Budgeting, Response and Forest Management Act of 2016".
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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
To hold hearings to examine customer service and billing practices in the cable and satellite television industry.
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JUNE 28

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the status of the the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service's efforts to implement amendments to land use plans and specific management plans regarding sage grouse conservation, and those agencies' coordination activities with affected states.
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JUNE 30

10 a.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine small business survival amidst flood insurance rate increases.
SR-428A

JULY 13

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

JULY 14

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine evaluating the financial risks of China.
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