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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

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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 PITTSBURGH,
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