

RETIREMENT OF LT. GENERAL  
JEFFREY TALLEY

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Army Reserve, I congratulate our chief, Lt. General Jeffrey Talley, on his retirement and thank him for 34 years of service to our country.

Lt. General Talley truly exemplifies the Reserve motto, *Twice the Citizen*. After 30 years of military service, he returned to active duty in 2012 to lead the U.S. Army Reserve, a nod to his unparalleled leadership.

Since his return in 2012, Lt. General Talley has led the Army Reserve through one of the most battle-tested and operational times in its history. His vast knowledge and experience has positively shaped the Reserve into a strong, fighting force ready to answer their country's call.

Lt. General Talley will be greatly missed and long remembered. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUMNER  
LODGE NUMBER 5

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize one of Springfield, Massachusetts' most well-known institutions, the Grand Sumner Lodge Number 5 of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The Grand Sumner Lodge was founded on June 24, 1866 by eleven Master Masons living in Springfield, who felt it was time for the city's African-American community to host a fraternal organization. The Master Masons chose to name their lodge after Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts. Senator Sumner dedicated his life to serving his country as a member of the United States Senate from 1851 until his death in 1874. He was a long time champion of the abolitionist and civil rights movements. In fact, he was beaten on the floor of the United States Senate for the cause of equality in 1856. The members of Grand Sumner Lodge Number 5 have dedicated themselves to following the example set by their illustrious namesake. The Lodge has been at the forefront of the battle for civil rights in this country. They have broken down many barriers, including in 1955 when the members of the Lodge became the first African-American fraternal organization to erect their own meeting hall in Massachusetts.

Sumner Lodge has been a force for good in the Springfield community for 150 years and has shown no signs of slowing down. The group currently donates time and money to causes that include the Martin Luther King Day Center, American Cancer Society, CDC Rehabilitation Springfield, and Jane Doe, Inc. Sumner Lodge provides positive role models for the young men of Springfield to ensure that they do not fall victim to substance abuse. The Lodge also seeks to educate young men on

the horrific consequences of sexual assault and domestic violence, so that they learn healthy respect for the women in their lives. Additionally, they serve all of the youth of Springfield by toiling to construct safe areas for after school recreation activities. Organizations such as the Sumner Lodge are vital pillars of the American community and must be commended for their tireless dedication to service. I have full confidence that they will continue to do phenomenal work for the next 150 years.

Mr. Speaker, as Springfield celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Grand Sumner Lodge, let us all acknowledge the outstanding work that this group has done on behalf of the people of Springfield, and let us all wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN PHILIPS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

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

Lauren Philips 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 Lauren Philips as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Lauren is a student at Marian High School in Omaha, Nebraska. She was nominated by school officials and the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Lauren Philips 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 her accomplishments. Lauren Philips will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF GENERAL MILLS

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of General Mills, a company that helped build the state of Minnesota and feed our nation. With humble roots beginning in 1866 on the banks of the Mississippi River near St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis, General Mills has grown into one of the largest food companies in the world, employing thousands of Minnesotans, and other workers throughout the world. The Gen-

eral Mills story goes hand-in-hand with our state history and the growth of our nation.

After serving as a general in President Lincoln's Army, Cadwallader Washburn moved to Minnesota where he saw the potential of the largest waterfall on the Mississippi River to power a major flour mill. It was here that the company now known internationally as General Mills was born when Washburn built the "B Mill"—the largest mill west of Buffalo, New York, towering 6 stories above the frontier and bountiful wheat fields. Tragedy rocked the city when an explosion destroyed Washburn's "A Mill", killing the entire 14 man night crew. During the rebuilding process, Washburn pioneered new safety measures that he shared with competitors, so that they may avoid such a tragedy themselves.

On the opposite side of the river, and using the last of his money that remained from a previous failed business venture, Charles Pillsbury established his own mill. Pillsbury and General Mills would become strong competitors, that years later merged into a single great company.

During the depths of the Great Depression, another visionary leader at General Mills ushered in a new era of prosperity for the company. Under the leadership of James Ford Bell, General Mills created blockbuster products like Cheerios, Kix cereal, and Bisquick, which achieved his goal of delivering innovations that were embraced by American consumers. It was also during this time that Americans met a remarkable woman and began sending thousands of letters seeking her advice on wholesome cooking. Because of her meteoric rise and enduring popularity, it's still a surprise to many she isn't a real person, but another invention from the creative minds at General Mills: Betty Crocker.

WWII brought a new era to General Mills and focused the pioneering spirit of the company toward the cause of freedom. Engineers who once worked on packaging and manufacturing were now producing the most cutting edge war time technologies, including the "jitterbug" torpedo. This sophisticated advance in naval warfare contributed greatly to the Allied victory at sea. These innovations also had the unintended effect of creating a cottage-industry of well-respected Minnesota precision engineering and technology firms.

Today, General Mills continues to make major contributions to the greater good. Through the General Mills Foundation, important work on sustainability, food security, and protecting our natural resources is demonstrating the best of corporate leadership and responsibility to the communities it serves. In 2014 alone, all charitable giving from General Mills totaled \$150 million; nearly \$30 million in grants came directly from the General Mills Foundation.

From its modest beginnings to its global reach today, General Mills has shaped the way that Americans and people the world over interact with food. These innovations have become some of the most iconic brands in the world. From innovating new products, to developing wartime technologies, and the historic merger with Pillsbury, General Mills has always been a source of pride for the State of Minnesota and the nation. Here is to another groundbreaking 150 years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JASON  
BENJAMIN JOSAPHAT BÉBÉ

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Jason Benjamin Josaphat Bébé, a 2014 graduate of Skyline High School in Mesa, Arizona. Jason was the oldest son of Myrlande Bébé and Jackson Josaphat and a beloved nephew, brother, and friend.

On Sunday, June 12, 2016, Jason's life was cut tragically short in a hateful act of terror at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida that claimed his life and 48 others. He was just 19 years old. We join all Americans in grieving this senseless loss.

At Skyline High School, Jason was a popular and active student, involved in both the hip-hop dance club and the spirit squad. Friends and classmates described him as a goofball, full of energy and optimism, and with a contagious and persistent smile that could light up a room. He was computer savvy, had a passion for physical fitness, and took a great interest in photography.

Jason was a bright and talented student that strived to help others succeed academically. After graduating from Skyline, he enrolled at Southern Technical College in Florida. He graduated from their business office specialist program just two weeks before his death. Jason had enrolled at Valencia College to continue his education by studying computer science.

Friends, family, former classmates, and hundreds of community members gathered on Wednesday in Mesa to celebrate Jason's life. In the years he spent in Arizona, it is clear he made a positive impact on so many. We were fortunate to have him for the short time that we did.

Mr. Speaker, Jason deserved a long, fulfilling life with the richness of experience that the rest of us hope for for ourselves and for our children. We stand together with Jason's family and friends in solemn remembrance.

RECOGNIZING MS. KYLA MARTIN AS A 2016 RECIPIENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Ms. Kyla Martin of Paxinos, Pennsylvania as a recipient of the 2016 Congressional Gold Medal Award. She is a 2013 graduate of Shamokin Area High School in my district, and now attends Wilson College where she majors in equine journalism with a minor in communications. Kyla has made a real difference in my district through her volunteer work, and I am confident that she will continue to be a role model for the next generation of leaders in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Congressional Gold Medal Award is presented, regardless of ability or circumstance, to any young person between the

ages of 14 and 24. This award is the highest honor that Congress presents to outstanding young individuals and requires participants to set goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition. Kyla showed great perseverance in meeting these criteria and continues to affect the lives of constituents in my district through her extensive charitable work.

Kyla completed several hundred volunteer hours to meet the voluntary public service requirement. Through the charity that she co-founded, Angels at Work, Kyla has organized several food and clothing drives to help provide basic necessities to those most in need in northeastern Pennsylvania. She is a coach for her local equestrian vaulting team and used this experience to complete her volunteer work, personal development, and physical fitness requirements. Kyla spent countless hours outside of practice working on her own vaulting skills, and competed nationally at the highest level of any vaulter from Pennsylvania at the time. For the expedition portion of the award, she camped for several nights at a local campground where she was able to familiarize herself with native plant and animal life. These experiences speak directly to Kyla's character and I am confident that she will carry these skills with her as she continues to grow both personally and professionally.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Kyla Martin for receiving the 2016 Congressional Gold Medal Award. Kyla has consistently demonstrated the devotion necessary to achieve her goals, and countless lives in my district have been impacted by her actions throughout this journey. On behalf of my congressional district, I wish to congratulate Kyla and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING MARK AND JOANNA  
BURNS FOR THEIR 50TH WED-  
DING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Ms. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark and Joanna Burns of Mishawaka, Indiana for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Having married in 1966, Mark and Joanna now celebrate the very special occasion of their golden anniversary. Fifty years of marriage is a marvelous accomplishment and speaks volumes about the love and compassion that they share with one another, and their tremendous foundation of faith.

It is obvious to all who spend time with them that they cultivated a truly beautiful life together. Their lasting commitment not only to one another, but also to their family is a shining example of devotion and faithfulness in our very own Hoosier community. As public school teachers, they touched the lives of thousands of students. As youth leaders in their church, they impacted mine as well. They embody the very values of what it means to be husband and wife.

On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate them on their anniversary and celebrate in this milestone. In addition, I would like to ex-

tend my sincerest congratulations to Mark, Joanna, and their entire family. It is my hope that their love continues to grow stronger with each passing year.

HONORING MARK ARNCE ON BEING  
ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL  
ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCI-  
ENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS  
AS A DELEGATE TO THE CON-  
GRESS OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS  
AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Arnce, of Joplin, Missouri, who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Scientists and Technology Leaders.

The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be scientists, engineers and technologists, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place in the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues and exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the fields of science and technology.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. It is an incredibly selective opportunity, and those students who qualify for selection have done so because of their hard work and diligence to their studies, not to mention their impressive intellect.

Mr. Speaker, Mark Arnce, who attends Carl Junction High School, has shown that he excels in his studies, and has demonstrated a passion for a career in science. He will soon be representing Missouri at this conference, and I have the utmost confidence that he will do an excellent job. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for this achievement and wish him luck in all his future endeavors.

LADY EAGLES SOFTBALL TEAM  
ARE STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Eagles softball team of Fort Bend Christian Academy in Sugar Land, Texas for winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) 4A state championship.

The Lady Eagles won their fifth state championship in program history, all occurring in the past 10 years. The team from Fort Bend