

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LARGO KINDERCARE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Largo KinderCare Learning Center for receiving national accreditation.

The KinderCare Learning Center has recently been granted accreditation by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs, a leading professional organization in the early education industry for children, between two months old and five years old.

Accreditation is distinct from licensing as the latter only ensures a basic threshold level of a center's ability to provide whereas accreditation enables the center to provide high quality early learning programs. Less than ten percent of programs receive accreditation in the nation, which makes this very important for Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Largo KinderCare Learning Center for the education they provide to our children. A national accredited center is very important to Pinellas and I ask that this body join me in recognizing them for their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Newark Catholic High School for winning the Division IV Ohio High School Baseball State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Newark Catholic's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Newark Catholic High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Newark Catholic Baseball Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

THE NEED FOR CONGRESS TO ACT TO END OUR COUNTRY'S GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give voice to the millions of Americans across this country who are tired of this body's leadership being held hostage by the Gun Lobby. The dilatory response by House Republicans, a response directly linked to the fact that they are so closely intertwined with the nefarious Gun Lobby, is as shameful as it is reckless.

Over 33,000 people lose their lives every year to the gun violence epidemic. What does Republican Leadership do in the face of these deaths? Nothing. That is not negligence, it is gross negligence and those who stand firmly in the way of those of us trying desperately to make this country a safer place for our children and grandchildren are increasingly culpable in the deaths that most certainly and tragically lay ahead.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans have a right to make their communities safe from the onslaught of gun violence this country witnesses year after year. They have a right to demand that felons and domestic abusers cannot buy a gun without any questions asked. They have a right to demand that dangerous loopholes allowing terrorists to buy weapons are closed. They have a right to demand that an end is put to the unbelievable number of military-style firearms flowing through their streets. And demanded they have, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, a majority of Americans support ensuring that a husband with a proven history of violent acts committed against his wife should not have access to a firearm. A majority of Americans think it is absolutely ridiculous that we do not stop felons from purchasing firearms. And a majority of Americans think it is beyond comprehensible that members of this body would stand in the way of us working to ensure that terrorists do not have access to weapons of mass murder.

Mr. Speaker, the time has well since passed when we should have enacted these common sense reforms. The time has well since passed since we ought to have taken action to protect our communities—to make those communities safer for our children and grandchild. There is bipartisan legislation in this House that will address these pressing issues and it is time for the Republican Leadership to bring this legislation to the House Floor for a vote immediately. Any further delay is a shameful dereliction of duty on the part of House Republican Leadership.

HONORING DAVID GANN OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Colonel David R. Gann, on his retirement upon more than 40 years of service with the United States Air Force, United States Army Reserve and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Since December 2004, Colonel Gann has served as Commander of the 193rd Special Operations Medical Group of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He previously served as a medic and emergency medical technician in the active Air Force and as chief warrant officer/physician assistant in the Army Reserve. Colonel Gann deployed on numerous occasions in direct medical support of Operations Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Joint Guard, Desert Thunder, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He has earned numerous awards and decorations for his service.

Colonel Gann's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. He's left an enduring legacy of service to our Nation.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend and congratulate David R. Gann upon his retirement after more than 40 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

DEL LATTA, A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I recently came across a short poem called "The Dash," and I'd like to submit the first few lines:

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning . . . to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars . . . the house . . . the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

Del Latta's dash represents a life dedicated to his fellow Ohioans and his fellow Americans.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

First as a state senator, and then later as a U.S. Congressman, Mr. Latta was a true public servant, a trait he passed on to his son, and my friend, BOB.

I offer my prayers and condolences to BOB, and to his family, and I thank his father for spending his dash in service to our state and our country.

EDINA GIRLS GOLF TEAM ARE CHAMPS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Edina High School Girls Golf Team for winning the Minnesota State High School Championship.

Not only did the Hornets win, but they won big by defeating the closest team by 36 strokes. They were led by Hannah Hankinson who shot a 149 over the two rounds and tied for second. Edina's talent did not stop there, however. Christine Portillo and Grace Kellar tied for fourth place with 150, Katie Engelking finished ninth with a score of 153 and Isabelle Ouyang got tenth with a score of 155. The combination of all of these talented players could not be beat. This is the second consecutive victory for Coach Mark Harelstad and tenth state title in team history.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important to point out that these student athletes must effectively manage their time in order to excel on the course and in the classroom. It is commendable that they are able to perform on such a high level in both areas.

Golf is a game that requires incredible patience and dedication in order to achieve success. And there is no doubt the Edina High School Girls Golf Team showed both this season. Congratulations and go Hornets.

TRIBUTE TO PINELLAS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) for continuing to help our veterans.

The PCHA was formed in 1965 as an independent agency. They provide more than eight thousand people housing and rental assistance when they are most in need. Their current focus has been on veterans, ensuring that this important section of our community receives appropriate housing through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

The PCHA has a "veteran's preference" for veterans who are on the waiting list for regular vouchers which has helped them find homes for 63 local homeless veterans in partnership with the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the PCHA for their help and efforts to ensure veterans who offered their lives in service of our country can fully enjoy the homes that they truly deserve. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts and accomplishments of the PCHA in serving homeless veterans in Pinellas County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORTHINGTON KILBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Worthington Kilbourne High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Boys Lacrosse State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Worthington Kilbourne's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Worthington Kilbourne High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Worthington Kilbourne High School Boys Lacrosse Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for votes on July 5, 2016, I would have voted the following way:

No on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 796.

No on H. Res. 796.

No on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 793.

No on H. Res. 793.

Yes on H.R. 4854.

Yes on H.R. 4855.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 372 on the Blackburn of Tennessee Amendment No. 21 to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRESIDENT J. DAVID ARNOLD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor President J. David Arnold for his service to the state of Illinois, as well as to his students and staff during his tenure as President of Eureka College.

Dr. Arnold has served as the President of Eureka College for eleven years. His dedication to the school's vision, "An intentional sequence of learning, service, and leadership," has inspired each one of his 1,676 graduating students to achieve their academic dreams.

Always eager to facilitate educational discussions, Dr. Arnold created the Reagan Forward initiative and the Ronald W. Reagan Society, which celebrates the legacy of President Ronald Reagan, a graduate of Eureka College, and encourages his vision of American opportunity. Dr. Arnold also created over thirty endowed scholarships to reward students for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

The Growth and Integrity strategic plan that Dr. Arnold established achieved record enrollment in 2010, maintained a balanced budget with consistent low tuition costs, and raised a record level of \$7.3 million in 2014, the largest amount raised in the college's history. Dr. Arnold worked in conjunction with the community to complete his \$30 million project to construct buildings on campus including Ivy Resident Hall, Christine Bonati Bollwinkle Arena, and Convocation Center for current and future students to enjoy.

As a result of Dr. Arnold's contributions to Eureka College and the community, he has been appointed Chancellor of the institution, where he will continue to develop new strategic initiatives and implement a leadership institute.

I would like to acknowledge Dr. Arnold's remarkable tenure as President of Eureka College. Dr. Arnold's commitment to educating the next generation of leaders generated some of the most successful years in Eureka College's storied history. Dr. Arnold has set an outstanding example for educators around our nation, and I am proud to represent both him and Eureka College.

TRIBUTE TO CLEARWATER AQUARIUM

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Clearwater Aquarium for their new sea turtle habitat.

Recently, the Clearwater Aquarium opened a new habitat designed for sea turtles. These animals are native to our community, but they are endangered animals and must be protected. The Clearwater Aquarium has one of the few sea turtle habitats in the world occupied solely by rescued turtles. Its residents are not able to be released back into the wild due to poor health or as a result of injuries they have sustained.

The habitat is a large, spacious area that gives the turtles plenty of room to maneuver and not be confined to one area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Clearwater Aquarium for their new exhibit that provides needed protection and a better way of life for these endangered creatures. I ask that this body join me in thanking the Clearwater Aquarium for their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP CHAPTER OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN LAND CONSERVANCY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Superior Township Chapter of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.

The Superior Township Chapter (STC) of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) has protected and preserved the natural habitats of Superior Township for the last 25 years. Starting with humble origins as a committee of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, this group of active citizens formed to protect what was deemed the "last frontier" between Ann Arbor and Detroit in order to maintain the rural character and natural ecosystems of Superior Township. Since 1991, the STC has been steadfast in its dedication to protecting this land, fostering a healthy environment, and engaging and educating the public about the need for conservation.

Started after a class lecture at Henry Ford Community College, Bill Secrest and Jack Smiley began organizing interested citizens with the goal of advancing environmental preservation. From the start of this project with the generous donation of thirty acres to establish the Springhill Nature Preserve, the STC has continued to grow and has not looked back. The STC now protects over twenty four hundred acres in our community, safeguarding this precious natural habitat and resources for future generations. Today the STC operates twelve nature preserves which are all open to the public and the new Superior Greenway Nature Trail, which is a project that leads the way in environmental maintenance, preservation, and education. The STC has implemented a long term plan for the nature preserves which will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy them. Our natural resources are invaluable and must continue to be cherished and protected. The Superior Township Chapter has worked tirelessly with local stakeholders to ensure environmental harmony and preservation in Superior Township and beyond, and for that we owe them a great deal of gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Superior Township Chapter of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. We look forward to their next twenty five years of success and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREW JORDAN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Jordan of Watkins Memorial High School for winning the Boys 3,200 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship as well as the Boys 1,600 Meter Run during the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Since 1907, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. The young student athletes who emerge victorious then have the privilege to compete against fellow champions from the states of Indiana and Michigan in the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Andrew's victories cap a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Watkins Memorial High School can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Andrew Jordan on his State and Midwestern regional championships. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 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 \$19,327,746,021,669.98. We've added \$8,700,868,972,756.90 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CALVIN FREDERICK "FRED" DAVIS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Calvin Fredrick "Fred" Davis of Tupelo, Mississippi. Mr. Davis was a committed husband and family man, a remarkable athlete and coach, and a pillar of the Tupelo community. For 52 years, he was married to Councilwoman Nettie Davis, and together they worked tirelessly to improve their beloved hometown of Tupelo.

When reflecting on Mr. Davis's life, his love of family, sports, and community immediately

come to mind. In high school and college, he was a sports hero excelling in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He received an athletic scholarship to attend Alcorn State University and later became the university's first African-American physical education teacher. As Mr. Davis continued his legacy in education and athletics, he became the first African-American coach in the Tupelo Public School District. He is affectionately referred to as "Coach Davis" among his former athletes, friends, and colleagues.

While Mr. Davis is remembered for his athletic legacy, community service, and leadership within the civil rights movement, he is equally known for the loving partnership he had with his wife, Mrs. Nettie Davis. A trailblazer herself, Mrs. Davis was the first African-American woman elected to serve on the Tupelo City Council. Together, the couple fought for a better, more unified city. As a resident of the Tupelo area, my family has directly benefited from their hard work and drive to improve our community. I am honored to have known Mr. Davis and call him a friend. As we remember his remarkable life, I want to extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Davis's family and friends.

IN HONOR OF EDDY RAE'LAURIN GATES

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise seeking to honor the life of Eddy Rae'Laurin Gates, who passed away on June 2, 2016 in Fort Hood, Texas at the age of 20.

Ms. Gates was a passionate defender of our nation, and died serving our citizens in the tragic flood at Fort Hood, Texas. A recent graduate of Triton High School in Dunn, North Carolina, Ms. Gates eagerly joined the Army in December 2015 and was excited for her assignment to Fort Hood in May. Her dedication to serving her community was apparent in her roles as Homecoming Queen, youth leader at Kingdom Impact Global Ministries, and as a frequent volunteer with the Junior ROTC drill team at Triton High. Members of the community including her family, Triton High School principal, and ROTC Major Steve Jones, serve as witnesses to the impact she made in the lives of others.

Rae'Laurin, a beloved neighbor and family friend, is survived by her parents, Marlene J. Strongs (Benjamin) and Deacon Eddie R. Gates; siblings Darryl L. Snipe, Anstrice Epps, Quinn Williams, Dominique Robinson, Traci Strongs, and Deja R. Shaw; grandparents, Eddie and Willie Faye Gates, Ernest and Jean Carter, and Joyce Strongs. A celebration of Ms. Gate's life was held in Dunn, North Carolina, at the Veterans Park on June 7, 2016, to commemorate our hometown hero.

Rae'Laurin, like so many of our military members, made the ultimate sacrifice for her country: giving her life for the safety of others. This tragic event at Fort Hood not only impacted the Gates family, but also many others across the nation, and serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by members of the military, both abroad and at home. Ms. Gates'

bright smile and devotion to this nation will surely never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO K-9 DOBIES AND OFFICER THANH "TOMMY" NGUYEN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dobies and Officer Thanh "Tommy" Nguyen for their participation in the USPCA National Detector Dog Certification and Field Trials.

The USPCA National Detector Dog Certification and Field Trials was held in Philadelphia and comprised of more than 100 police and K-9 teams throughout the United States and Canada that compete for national certification and individual awards.

The team of Dobies and Officer Nguyen received stellar marks across the board. They finished in third for the Room Search, first for the Region Team, and took home the "Top Dog" award for first place in the nation of narcotics detection.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Tarpon Springs team of Dobies and Officer Thanh "Tommy" Nguyen for receiving high honors in this national competition. It makes me proud to hear that our K-9 team is well trained and making Pinellas County safe, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing the efforts of Dobies and Officer Nguyen.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
DELBERT "DEL" LATTA

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate my former colleague, retired Congressman Delbert "Del" Latta, who passed away this past May in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Congressman Latta honorably served the people of Ohio's 5th Congressional district for thirty years, and was a pillar of the Republican Party, while making friends on both sides of the aisle. He served as close friend and advisor to Presidents Nixon and Reagan. Del was a man of strong convictions, helping him to quietly and steadily serve as a leader of his party for nearly three decades.

Before winning his seat in the House of Representatives, Del served as a member of the Ohio Senate for five years. During his early tenure in the U.S. House he served on the Rules Committee, but after 16 years his sterling reputation for honesty and integrity earned him a spot on the Judiciary Committee in 1974.

His time on the Judiciary Committee coincided with the Watergate hearings, perhaps the most challenging constitutional period of recent history. Del Latta was steadfast and resolute during this trying time, serving as a loyal defender of a President under siege. For those of us who have been through similar periods of history in this chamber, a President truly values Members of Congress who serve

as loyal defenders in public, and honest brokers in private. Del Latta was both a loyal defender, and an honest broker.

Del was eminently likeable, even if you disagreed with him on policy. He possessed a truly collaborative nature, enabling him to work with other Members to achieve landmark legislation that would shape the party's platform. In 1981 Mr. Latta shepherded passage of an economic package in the House for a new President, Ronald Reagan. He led with his amiable charm, keen wit, and resilience, all characteristics that I also see in his son, our colleague, Congressman BOB LATTA.

In 1988 the Congressman chose to end his congressional career on his own terms. At the time, he served as Dean of the Ohio Congressional delegation. Flash forward twenty years and Del's son BOB sought the same seat, Ohio's Fifth Congressional district.

Congressman Latta's passion and commitment to his country and his government deserve recognition and the utmost respect. Del was a man who served faithfully with a humble spirit that embodies the Midwest. It was my privilege to have served with him in the U.S. House at a time when there were but a handful of veteran Members. He was always respectful and of good humor.

Over the past several weeks I have thought about those weekly trips from Washington to Ohio that I would often share with Del Latta, and how often he spoke fondly about his wife Rose Mary, and his daughter Rose Ellen, and our colleague BOB. How proud he would be today of his five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

We offer them our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of our dear colleague and fellow Ohioan, Del Latta.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICK
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HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Stricklen of Lexington High School for winning the Boys 3200 Meter Run at the Division II Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Nick's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Lexington High School can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Nick Stricklen on his state championship. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5485) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Chair, this body will vote on amendments to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Included in these amendments was Amendment Number 17, which would have struck language from the underlying legislation that delays the implementation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) recently proposed rule regulating payday loans. While I will not be present to vote on the adoption of this amendment, I will vote against this measure.

It is an unfortunate reality that many people live paycheck-to-paycheck in this country. For these individuals, any unexpected bill, whether it is a car repair or a medical emergency, can wreak havoc. Short-term, small-dollar loans are essential resources for those who need just a little help overcoming these types of unexpected expenses. Likewise, just as these small-dollar, short-term loans are essential to many working-class American families, protecting consumers from unscrupulous actors is also imperative.

However, I fear that in trying to protect consumers, the CFPB's proposed rule will cut off access to short-term credit without providing a necessary alternative. By some estimates, the current proposed rule will force nearly 80 percent of payday lenders to shutter their doors. Ironically, in trying to protect consumers, the CFPB's efforts to regulate payday lenders will end up hurting consumers and their ability to access much needed sources of credit.

Mr. Chair, it is for this reason that I oppose the implementation of the CFPB's proposed rulemaking at this time and will vote against the amendment preventing the rule's delay. I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that an appropriate balance is struck: ensure working-class Americans have unencumbered access to vital short-term, small-dollar credit, while protecting consumers from unscrupulous actors in the industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to vote on the following roll call votes. On Roll Call 351, I would have voted YEA. On Roll Call 352, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 353, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 354, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 355, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 356, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 357, I would have voted Nay. On Roll Call

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EDINA
 ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Edina Ultimate Frisbee team for winning the State High School Championship.

The Hornets won 13–7 in the final round last month to win their first state championship. Their hard work and dedication helped them earn their state-wide title in one of the fastest-growing sports in the nation.

Ultimate Frisbee is first and foremost a team sport and Hornet coach Nate Wohl did an outstanding job leading this dedicated and selfless team.

Every one of the players displayed perseverance, diligence, and cooperation that will aid them both on and off the field of play. I want to recognize their commitment not only to their sport, but to being leaders in the classroom as well as in their community. They are setting a great example of what all student athletes should strive to be as young role models.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such a talented group of athletes. The coaches, parents, and fans of the Hornets team are very proud. Congratulations again to the Edina Hornets Ultimate Frisbee team.

TRIBUTE TO STACY SHELTON

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Stacy Shelton for being awarded Teacher of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Largo and Mid-Pinellas.

The Largo and Mid-Pinellas Kiwanis, the largest and oldest leadership organization service for teens, helps teach graduating members of the Largo Key Club leadership skills, helps them with service projects, and also offers college scholarship money.

Ms. Shelton was awarded Teacher of the Year on June 9th, 2016 by the Head of the Sponsored Youth Committee of the club, Dr. Regina Bennet. Ms. Shelton is a member of

the club, a faculty adviser for the Largo High School Key Club and a special education teacher at Largo High School.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Ms. Shelton for the work she does for Pinellas County students and for the Kiwanis Club. She is a valued member of Pinellas County and I ask that this body rise in recognizing her efforts.

H.J. RES. 88

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my opposition to H.J. Res. 88, a misguided attempt to prevent the implementation of the Department of Labor's Conflict of Interest rule that will safeguard Americans by making sure financial advisors are acting in the best interest of their clients. Too many people in Oregon and across our country are struggling to get by. I know the sacrifice that is involved in each and every dollar they set aside to contribute to their retirement.

The Department of Labor didn't rush this rule. They took time, listened to perspectives from the industry as well as consumer protection groups, considered thousands of comments, and made thoughtful changes to make sure the conflict of interest rule is workable. That's a good thing. Retirement products are complex, and our constituents should be able to rely on the advice of professionals and be confident that those advisors are doing what's best for the retiree.

Instead of voting to eliminate the rule, Congress should be focused on the challenges working families have balancing their responsibilities at home and in the workplace.

That is what my home state of Oregon is doing.

In January, employees in Oregon started earning sick days they can use when they get sick, or to care for a sick child or family member. They can access sick time for preventive health care, or in cases of domestic violence.

About half a million workers benefit from this law, helping make Oregon a better place to live, work, and thrive. Workers shouldn't have to choose between paying their rent or taking care of themselves or loved ones.

Stories and personal experiences demonstrate the importance of paid sick days. I would like to tell the story of Erin, who lives in Portland, Oregon. To make ends meet, Erin works 75 hours a week at two part-time jobs as a seamstress. She said, "Before the law passed, if I missed one day of work I wouldn't get paid and I couldn't afford to pay my bills. Recently, I woke up barely able to move and was in so much pain that I knew I needed help and couldn't go to work. After a few minutes of stress and panic I realized that I had paid sick days. I called in and was able to stay home to get the care I needed to recover. It's a great relief to be able to have the safety net of paid sick days. I know that I don't have to make myself even sicker and feel worse just because I will miss out on my next paycheck. I'm so grateful for sick days because I live paycheck-to-paycheck and no longer have to worry about my finances when I am sick for a day or two."

It's time our workplace practices address the needs of our workforce. Oregon took a

step toward leveling the playing field—especially for low-wage workers—to allow them to care for themselves and their families.

In Congress, we should pass the Healthy Families Act so workers across the country have the same opportunities as Oregonians like Erin. That is where Congress should be focused, not trying to dismantle important consumer protections for American's retirement savings.

Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.J. Res. 88 and will continue to support the implementation of this rule.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lexington High School for winning the Boys 4 × 800 Meter Relay at the Division II Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

For over a century, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has provided Ohio's finest student athletes with the opportunity to earn a state championship. Each year young men and women spend countless hours practicing and training in an effort to join the ranks of Ohio's elite athletes. Although many strive to earn the title of state champion, only a select few will achieve this honor.

Lexington's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement stands as a testament to their hard work. Nick Stricklen, Bailey Stach, Ryan Johnston, and Forest Volz have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Lexington High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Lexington High School's Boys Track and Field on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

RECOGNIZING WADE HENDERSON OF THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Wade Henderson for his leadership and decades-long commitment to civil and human rights. I have been privileged to know Wade for over 30 years, having worked together on immigration and refugee issues when I was a congressional aide with Congressman Joe Moakley (MA). He has always been an advocate for and champion of the most vulnerable among us, and he was a generous mentor to me on the importance of protecting and advancing human rights.

On July 19th, the Coalition on Human Needs will honor Wade for his years of extraordinary leadership, advocacy and organizing. He is a giant of the civil rights movement, mentioned—rightfully so—alongside

Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and my friend and colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS. Since 1996, Wade has led the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (later named The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights), and he has made it one of the most effective advocacy organizations for civil rights and human rights in America.

During my years in office, I have been proud to work with The Leadership Conference under Wade's leadership on many issues of mutual interest and concern. Under his tenure, The Leadership Conference has worked to secure the rights of women, communities of color, ex-offenders, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ community. He has fought tirelessly to meet the needs of low-income people, recognizing that freedom from want is a human right. He believes and fights to make sure that everyone is included in the rights and benefits of our democracy, that all have a place at the table. So much of this is now possible today because of Wade, his commitment and dedication.

As the President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Wade has been a constant source of trusted leadership, an unending recipient of our admiration, and an enduring guide on our path toward making this a more just and equal nation for all. It is my honor today to recognize Wade Henderson for his dedication and skill and to thank him for all he has done on behalf of justice and on behalf of our nation. I thank him for his service, and I wish him nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement.

IN CELEBRATION OF MAYOR
DAVID N. DINKINS 89TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 89th Birthday of Mayor David N. Dinkins. Let me congratulate my beloved Brother and partner in government and in life and colleague for his dedication and commitment to New York City and for all of his great accomplishments over the many years that I have known him. He has truly made a historic imprint on the city that we know and love today.

To speak of all his accomplishments and in recognition of his birthday on July 10, 2016, it is only right to begin with the day of his birth, on July 10, 1927, in Trenton, New Jersey. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps at 18 and served briefly in World War II. My fellow veteran was the recipient of The Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montford Point Marine in the United States Marine Corps, during World War II. After the war, he attended Howard University, graduating with a B.A. in Mathematics in 1950. David then moved to New York City and received a law degree from the Brooklyn Law School in 1956.

My esteemed colleague's political career began when he joined the Carver Club headed by J. Raymond Jones, known as the Harlem Fox. At that time, David befriended three up and coming New York politicians: Basil Paterson, Sr., Percy Sutton, and me. We later became known as the "Gang of Four" and to-

gether we were able to significantly shape the African-American presence in New York's political landscape.

Along his professional journey, he won his first electoral office, a seat in the New York State Assembly in 1965. Shortly afterwards, David was offered the position of Deputy Mayor of New York by then Mayor Abraham Beam. He then secured the position of City Clerk which he held for ten years from 1975 to 1985. On his third run for the office, my cherished colleague was elected as Manhattan's Borough President in 1985. In 1989, David ran for Mayor of New York and became the 106th Mayor of the City of New York.

My valued friend was the first African-American Mayor of New York City. He was truly a peacekeeper amid the racial tensions that erupted throughout the city, testing his ability as a municipal leader. He presided over a decrease in crime in the city, balanced the city budget by turning a \$1.8 billion dollar deficit into a \$200 million surplus and maintained racial peace after the Rodney King verdict sparked rioting in a number of cities across the nation. Under his watch, New York City had many great successes including the historic New York City Tribute to Nelson Mandela—"Safe Streets, Safe City: Cops and Kids," the revitalization of Times Square, and the historic agreement which has kept the US Open Tennis Championship in New York City. His administration created Fashion Week, Restaurant Week, and Broadway on Broadway, which are events that New Yorkers and tourists continue to enjoy. In 2015, The Municipal Building was renamed in his honor to the David N. Dinkins Municipal Building.

My highly respected colleague's accomplishments lie not only in politics but also through his educational career. David accepted a professorship at Columbia University's Center for Urban Research and Policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in 1994 after his role as Mayor. He serves on the school's advisory board and has hosted the David N. Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum for nearly 20 years. In 2003, the David N. Dinkins Professorship Chair in the Practice of Urban & Public Affairs was established at Columbia University. The David Dinkins Archives & Oral History collection was opened by Columbia University Library in December 2015 in his honor. In 2013, he released his memoir *A Mayor's Life: Governing New York's Gorgeous Mosaic*, which chronicles the life of this devoted public servant as a New Yorker who remains in love with this city.

David, my fondest comrade and greatest supporter, is also involved with many organizations and a board member of several non-profit and charitable groups. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is a founding member of the Black & Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus of New York State, the Council of Black Elected Democrats of New York State and The One Hundred Black Men. He was also vice president of the United States Conference of Mayors, and is a member-at-large of the Black Leadership Forum. David serves as Chairman Emeritus of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and the Constituency for Africa (CFA), and serves on the steering committee of the Association for a Better New York and the New York Urban League Advisory Council. He is on the board of New York City Global Partners

and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Advisory Board of the International African American Museum.

It is noteworthy that David's birthday celebration will take place at Ellen's Stardust Diner, formerly Ellen's Cafe, which was located across from City Hall for over 20 years and was a popular gathering place for many NYC mayors. Ellen's started a ritual where the Mayors would come in on their birthdays and Ellen's would donate their favorite pie to charity. In honor of this long-standing charitable tradition, Stardust Diner owner Ellen Hart-Sturm will be donating pies to David's favorite charity The Association to Benefit Children.

Mr. Speaker, with great love and admiration for my brother loyal friend and outstanding public servant, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 89th Birthday of David Dinkins, in recognition of all of his accomplishments.

MARWAN ALTAWHEEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marwan Altaweel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Marwan Altaweel is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marwan Altaweel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Marwan Altaweel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5485) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of Congressman GRAYSON's amendment number 12 to the FY 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations legislation. This pro-woman amendment would strike a long-standing and unfair policy rider from the underlying legislation that restricts abortion coverage for those insured under the Federal Employees Health Benefits

Program (FEHBP). Restricting access to this constitutionally protected right sets women working for the federal government apart as a separate class.

FEHBP provides health insurance to federal employees and their dependents. Like employees in the private sector, federal employees contribute to the cost of their health insurance through co-pays and deductibles. Unlike other employees in the private sector, however, federal employees are unable to access health plans that cover abortion.

Since 1983, Congress has adopted language through the Financial Services Appropriations bill to eliminate abortion coverage from FEHBP except in narrow circumstances when the pregnancy would endanger the woman's life or the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. I rise in support of this amendment because it is time to end this prohibition.

Every woman in the United States is entitled to access the constitutionally-protected full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion. No employer—including the federal government—should be allowed to dictate how an employee uses health care coverage or interfere in the benefits an employee chooses to access. Congress should respect the health care decisions of each federal employee and treat women with the dignity and compassion they rightly deserve.

I urge my colleagues to support this important amendment to protect the rights of federal employees and their right to access constitutionally-protected medical services. For too long, this body has interfered with the difficult decisions women should make with their families, their doctors and whomever they choose. It's time that Congress lifts this ban and all bans on abortion coverage not just in FEHBP.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN FOUNTAIN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dawn Fountain for the care and kindness she provides to victims of domestic violence.

Ms. Fountain is a founder of Purses and Love, a non-profit organization in aid of the victims of domestic violence; but first and foremost, she is also a survivor. Alongside her mother and other volunteers, she helps the victims and their children by providing them with essential items when they arrive at shelters after leaving their home. The sad reality exists that these victims often come to shelters empty-handed, as many have to flee their homes in a hurry. Ms. Fountain provides, among other things, clothing, kids' toys and medical supplies for the victims of abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Ms. Fountain for the work she does for these survivors. I thank her for her efforts and I ask that this body join me in recognizing her for all that she provides to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMILY
RICHARDS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Richards of Ohio Northern University for winning the Women's 800-Meter Run in the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The National Collegiate Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn national titles since its founding in 1906. Throughout this time, the champions of NCAA national level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in the country. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody the nation's proud history of athletic success.

Emily's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Ohio Northern University can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Emily Richards on her National Championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

2016 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, the House of Representatives hosted the reception for the 2016 Congressional Art Competition. I was honored to serve as the Republican co-chair for the competition, alongside Congresswoman KYRSTEN SINEMA of Arizona.

For the past 34 years, the Congressional Art Competition has inspired and encouraged young artists around the country. The competition was very personal to me. With my mother being an artist, I understand how important it is to give proper recognition to these talents who are making a difference in society through arts.

I was grateful to invite local artist Yvonne Kinney, from North Augusta, to Washington to speak to the students about her work and highlight the importance of giving back to your community.

The winner from the Second District was Mary Afuldish from Cardinal Newman High School in the Midlands. I look forward to seeing her winning piece, America the Beautiful, every day for the next year as it hangs in the Cannon tunnel. I am humbled to represent all of the young talent in the Second Congressional District.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and may the President by his actions never forget

September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on July 6, 2016, I was unavoidably detained and missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call No. 368.

DECODING DYSLEXIA GROUP VISITS CAPITOL HILL

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, on July 11 through 13th, 2016 youth leaders and families from Decoding Dyslexia will be hosting and participating in programs on Capitol Hill to raise awareness, encouraging our nation to #SayDyslexia. Congress extends a warm welcome.

POLICE SERGEANT TERESA DOUGHERTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Federal Heights Police Sergeant Teresa (Terry) Dougherty for her decades of service to the City of Federal Heights, Colorado. For over thirty years, Sergeant Dougherty has been active within the community and the police department serving constituents of Federal Heights.

Sergeant Dougherty started her career in 1985 in the dispatch center within the Federal Heights Police Department. From there she served in various parts of the department including service in records and code enforcement. She worked her way up to a patrol officer and detective, finally ending a stellar career at her current rank of Sergeant. The police chief of Federal Heights credits her with a rare ability to bring calmness to chaos in a variety of circumstances. Sergeant Dougherty continuously brought passion to her job and made a personal investment in the employees within the police department. Her hard work and dedication each and every day to making the community of Federal Heights a great place to live and work demonstrate her exemplary work as a police officer in Federal Heights.

I extend my deepest thanks to Sergeant Dougherty for her service to the community. Thank you for your continuous dedication to serving the people and the City of Federal Heights, Colorado.

CONGRATS TO EDINA RUGBY
CHAMPS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Edina Rugby Football Club for winning their fifth consecutive Minnesota High School State Championship.

The Hornets capped off their perfect season by defeating Minnetonka in the state finals by a score of 22–10. Tries scored by Nick Bloom, Evan Holm, and Will Hoff, combined with a suffocating defensive effort, helped carry the Edina side to victory. Theo Madison added to the scoring as well, contributing two conversion kicks and a penalty kick. It was truly a team effort and all of the Edina players should be proud of their accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, it is not often that a team can sustain success the way the Edina Rugby Football Club has over the past five seasons, but their achievement is a testament to the dedication of both Coach Mark Dalton and all of his players.

Balancing school and athletics is not an easy task and these student athletes work hard in the classroom and continually strive to improve their craft. The families, teachers, friends, and the entire community are very proud of the Edina Rugby Football Club. Way to go Hornets.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COLUMBUS
ACADEMY BOYS TRACK AND
FIELD TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Columbus Academy for winning the Boys 4 × 200 Meter Relay at the Division III Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

For over a century, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has provided Ohio's finest student athletes with the opportunity to earn a state championship. Each year young men and women spend countless hours practicing and training in an effort to join the ranks of Ohio's elite athletes. Although many strive to earn the title of state champion, only a select few will achieve this honor.

Columbus Academy's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement stands as a testament to their hard work. Logan Baker, Michael Kusi, Kevin Boyce, and Jerome Buckner have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Columbus Academy can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Columbus Academy Boys Track and Field on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER
FOGARTY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Christopher Fogarty for his service to Pinellas County as a Sunstar Paramedic.

Mr. Fogarty has recently received the 2016 Commissioner Morroni Award of Excellence in EMS at the 21st annual Appreciation Luncheon for Emergency Personnel. Mr. Fogarty has worked with Sunstar Paramedics for 11 years and has been an emergency medical technician and a paramedic since 2012.

Mr. Fogarty's recent actions won him this prestigious award when he saved the life of a Clearwater resident who went into cardiac arrest in his home. Thanks to Mr. Fogarty's decisive thinking and years of medical experience the resident's rare heart condition was quickly identified and the man's life was saved.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Christopher Fogarty's service and dedication to Pinellas County. He has saved one citizen, and I am sure he will save many more. I ask that this body join me in recognizing the actions of Mr. Fogarty for Pinellas County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote number 370 on H.R. 5485, I mistakenly recorded my vote as no when I should have voted yes.

WAYZATA BOYS TRACK AND
FIELD TEAM WIN

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata High School Boys Track and Field team on winning their second consecutive Minnesota State championship.

The Trojans defended their title led by first place finishes by Jaret Carpenter in both the sixteen-hundred meter and thirty-two-hundred meter races, and strong performances from the relay teams. Wayzata used a complete team effort to win the title and I commend them for their accomplishments.

These athletes spend countless hours practicing to reach their personal bests. They understand the value of teamwork and sportsmanship to not only become better athletes and teammates, but better students, members of the community, and future leaders.

In addition, they manage their time to excel at school, as well as fulfill and exceed family and social obligations.

Mr. Speaker, the families, teachers, friends, and our entire community are very proud of these high school champs. Congratulations to the Wayzata High School Boys Track and Field team on a job well done.

DAVID HILLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud David Hiller who is retiring as the Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Research Collaboratory after years of service to the renewable energy industry in Colorado.

The Colorado Energy Research Collaboratory is a research consortium among four leading research institutions—University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Through Mr. Hiller's leadership, the Collaboratory worked with industry partners, public agencies, and other universities and colleges to develop and advance the commercialization of renewable energy technologies, energy management systems, and energy efficiency technologies. These efforts have supported tremendous economic growth in Colorado and the nation with renewable energy industries. They educate our nation's finest energy researchers, technicians, and workforce.

Mr. Hiller started his career in 1991 as a partner at the Don, Hiller & Galleher, P.C. law firm. He served in this position for twelve years and then moved to public service. In 2005, Mr. Hiller began working for then-Senator Ken Salazar as his State Issues Counsel. In 2007, Mr. Hiller became Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Research Collaboratory and focused on advanced clean energy in biofuels, solar and wind technologies. The Collaboratory also expanded research to include energy systems integration and carbon management cutting across renewable and traditional energy technologies. Through his time at the Collaboratory, Mr. Hiller continuously brought his passion, hard work and dedication each and every day to growing the renewable energy community and we will forever be grateful.

I extend my deepest thanks to David Hiller for his service to the renewable energy community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. I thank him for his continuous dedication to serving the people and the State of Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES PREVITERA

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize James Previtera, St. Petersburg Assistant Chief of Police.

Mr. Previtera is a St. Petersburg native and recently joined the local law enforcement division. In 1983, as a senior in high school, he went on a ride-along with local law enforcement, sparking his passion for police work. Subsequently he joined the force and in 1986 he became a deputy for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department where he would serve for 11 years.

In 1997, Mr. Previtera left the Sheriff's Office and joined the U.S. Secret Service. He

was a member for eight years and protected Vice President Dick Cheney from 2003 to 2005. In 2005, he returned to St. Petersburg and joined the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office where he served as a major in charge of the Training Divisions before becoming a colonel in command for the county's jail facilities.

It was in this role within the jail facilities that Mr. Previtera observed first-hand how mental illness can induce criminal activity and how the justice system had previously neglected this reality. He started a program to transfer mentally-ill inmates from jail into treatment centers where they could be treated effectively.

In 2014, when a new police chief in St. Petersburg gave Mr. Previtera the chance to join the police department as an assistant chief in charge of the Investigative Services bureau down there, he jumped at the opportunity. It gave him the chance to finally return to his home city and make a difference where it all started.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Previtera for the work he has done for Pinellas County and for our nation. I ask that this body join me in thanking Mr. Previtera for his continued outstanding service.

DEFAZIO AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5485

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I cosponsored this amendment today because I do not support the continuation of the Selective Service System at all—for anyone—regardless of gender. This is why I have either introduced or cosponsored legislation to do away with it every year that I have been here in Congress.

The United States military has been entirely dependent on an all-volunteer force since the end of the draft in 1973. Since then we have fostered the most professional and elite fighting force in the history of this country. We should commit to keeping it that way.

Since 1973, the United States has engaged multiple operations around the world including the Gulf War and later two large-scale operations simultaneously. At the height of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom nearly 300,000 American volunteer servicemen and women deployed to support these missions. We have done all of this without enacting a draft.

Retired General Carter Ham, Chairman of the Commission on the Future of the Army, recently said that “[A] return to the draft or other model of compulsory military service will not yield the quality Army the nation requires.”

And in his testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter said, and I quote, “the . . . thing I’d like to say about the Selective Service System and the draft generally is this: We want to pick our people. We don’t want people forced to serve us.”

I agree with General Ham and with the Secretary of Defense.

This is why I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment to remove funding from this outdated system and route it instead toward payment of the national debt.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POCASSET GOLF CLUB

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Pocasset Golf Club.

In search of a place to gather, socialize and unwind during the summer months, the Club's founders purchased the Overlook House in Pocasset, Massachusetts in 1916. Initially designed as a nine-hole golf course, the founders contracted Donald Ross, widely regarded as one of the premier architects of golf courses, to outline the next nine holes. Mr. Ross' vision produced the renowned course we know today, spanning acres of Pocasset's scenic landscape.

Like so many clubs of its time, the Pocasset Golf Club was hit hard by the Great Depression. Its owners at the time made the difficult decision to sell the club in subsequent years. It was during this period that the holes along Hen Cove were converted to houses. The club persevered and, in 1951, was acquired by William Carr. Under his careful stewardship, the club began to modernize—including the construction of the clubhouse that is still in use today. The current ownership group, Pocasset Golf Club, Inc., purchased the club in 1989 and in the intervening years they upgraded the clubhouse to its current form. With over 350 members, the Club continues to provide its members with a place to recreate and relax.

The Pocasset Golf Club will remain a pillar in the community through its tireless commitment to developing the next generation of golfers. That development includes the club's junior golf program that attracts prospective players early, emphasizing the fundamentals of this life sport. The Pocasset Golf Club also offers itself as the home course for the Bourne High School golf team, where student athletes compete at the club, at no charge, against regional rivals. Finally, the membership annually supports the Massachusetts based Oiumet Scholarship Fund that provides student tuition for high school caddies to attend college.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Pocasset Golf Club on its 100th anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the Club's centennial and look forward to a future of continued prosperity.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOGAN BAKER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Logan Baker for winning the Boys 800 Meter Run in the Division III Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions

have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Logan's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Columbus Academy can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Logan Baker on his state championship. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

HONORING DR. DAVID CASH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Dave Cash, who is retiring as the Superintendent of the Santa Barbara Unified School District after 28 years of public service as an educator.

After graduating from the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) in 1979, Dr. Cash attended law school at Willamette University where he received his Juris Doctorate in 1981. In 1990, he received his Master's Degree in Education at UCSB and in 2008, his Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California (USC). He has served as an educator and administrator for several local schools in the Santa Barbara School District including Peabody Elementary School, Goleta Valley Junior High, and Dos Pueblos High School.

Dr. Cash's distinguished career as an educator and leader in the Central Coast of California is only preceded by his commitment to his students and the local Santa Barbara community. His leadership has helped generations of students successfully prepare for the future. Over the years, Dave's passion and tireless efforts have succeeded in closing achievement gaps and improving student outcomes at all grade levels.

During his tenure, Dr. Cash committed his career to addressing inequality in our education system by seeking to hire more Spanish-speaking teachers and invest in resources for English language learner students to ensure all Central Coast students have the opportunity to achieve. Furthermore, Dr. Cash's ingenuity and forward thinking mindset have earned the respect and admiration of so many in the educational field. His restorative justice initiative, aimed at reducing suspensions and keeping kids in the classroom, and initiatives to better integrate technology into the classroom are just two of his many accomplishments as Superintendent of the Santa Barbara School District, and they serve as a testament to his dedication to his students' success.

Dr. Cash's work and influence have been immeasurable and will continue to have an effect on his students and the entire Santa Barbara community for many years to come. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Cash's countless achievements and would like to express my utmost gratitude for his service to his students

and our community. I wish him nothing but continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL ROBERT
PREISS

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Colonel Robert Preiss, an American hero who has devoted his life to serving our country.

During his career spanning over 30 years, Colonel Robert Preiss has proven his ability to successfully manage organizations and deliver results to the most critical problems facing our nation. He began his military career with his enlistment in the Texas Army National Guard. Throughout his career, Colonel Preiss has worked on an array of important projects, from shaping our policies in Iraq as Deputy Chief in the National Guard Affairs Office of United States Forces-Iraq, to drafting recommendations for our Reserve Forces as part of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. Through his service, he has furthered U.S. military objectives both at home and abroad.

Colonel Preiss has been decorated with numerous commendations, including the Bronze Star. In September of 2013, he received the Distinguished Service Medal from the National Guard Association of the United States to recognize his research into the efficiency and efficacy of the National Guard and Reserve. Our nation is safer today in part due to the work and patriotism of Colonel Preiss.

Colonel Robert Preiss, thank you for your patriotism and selfless service to the United States. As you are surely aware, our nation is proud of all you have accomplished during your career. Thank you (Mahalo nui loa) for your service to our country, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BRAD KENDELL

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Brad Kendall for his tenacity and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Brad Kendall is a Pinellas County native, from Clearwater. His passion for sailing with his father at the Clearwater Yacht Club began when he was just 7 years old. However, in 2003, his life drastically changed when he lost both his legs in a horrific plane crash with his father and flight instructor.

Mr. Kendall coped with his injury by meeting with other disabled sailors and soon discovered that his disability could not stop him from pursuing his true passion of sailing. He began to sail competitively this year and has already won a world championship. This qualifies him to represent the U.S. in the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio this summer.

Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge Mr. Kendall's courage after a horrific accident and ask that this body join me in wishing Mr.

Kendell the best of luck in the games this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
MINNETONKA BOYS TENNIS TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minnetonka High School Boys Tennis team on their Minnesota State Team Championship.

The Skippers had come up just short in the previous two years, but this year they would not be denied. Although they were seeded fourth out of eight teams in the tournament, the Skippers showed grit and determination as they upset the top two teams on their way to the school's first tennis championship since 1974. They upset Rochester Century in a closely contested final, winning four matches to three.

Mr. Speaker, in a sport like tennis where success in a match is a combination of singles and doubles, it is especially noteworthy to recognize how this group of young men worked together to achieve their goal. These student athletes showed that together they were greater than the sum of their parts.

The families, teachers, friends, and the entire community are very proud of the Minnetonka High School Boys Tennis team both on the court and in the classroom. Congratulations.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON
RENEGADES RUGBY FOOTBALL
CLUB

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club. Founded in 1998, the Renegades are the first rugby club in the United States to actively recruit gay players, and are a founding member of International Gay Rugby (IGR), an association that today is comprised of over 70 gay and gay-supportive rugby clubs worldwide.

The Renegades represent Washington, D.C. in Division III and Division IV rugby. The club's Division III side is the three-time defending champions of the Mid-Atlantic Conference Central Division, having reached the national quarter/semi-finals in 2014. The club's Division IV side has also made two consecutive playoff appearances.

Over this past Memorial Day weekend, the Washington Renegades finished the 2016 Bingham Cup Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee as the most successful club overall in attendance. The Bingham Cup is the Championship of IGR, and is named for gay rugby player Mark Bingham, of the San Francisco Fog Rugby Football Club, who lost his life on September 11, 2001. Bingham, along with fellow passengers and crew of United Flight 93, is widely credited with preventing the hijackers from reaching their intended target.

Fielding three teams in three separate divisions, the Renegades A side (the Blues) reached the final four of the main competition—the Mark Bingham Cup—losing in the semifinal 15–5 to the eventual champions, the Melbourne Chargers from Melbourne, Australia. The Renegades B side (the Reds) won their division, defeating the Boston Ironsides 56–0 in the final to take the Mark Bingham Shield. The Renegades C side—affectionately called the “Silver” side due the age of some of its players—went to the finals of its competition, losing 12–10 to the Lost Souls of Dallas, Texas in the Challenger Cup Final. The Renegades are already looking forward to another season in USA Rugby competition this fall as well as to the next Bingham Cup in 2018.

The Renegades are more than just exceptional athletes; they are also exceptional citizens. They volunteer with such programs as Food and Friends, preparing hundreds of Thanksgiving meals for people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. They have held school supply drives and holiday toy drives, and have donated Nook electronic readers to schoolchildren. They have conducted rugby clinics for youth in the District of Columbia, and were featured in a series of after-school activities dedicated to having dads or father representatives participate in sports drills and related activities with their children. The Renegades have been recognized by the D.C. Mayor and D.C. Council for their athletic achievement and charitable activities, and by the U.S. Department of the Interior for their efforts in cleaning and maintaining the original Flight 93 Memorial in Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in commending the Washington Renegades and wishing them continued success in the important work they do of modeling sporting excellence and breaking down barriers on the field, and serving the community off the field. The Washington Renegades are amateurs in the truest sense of the word, for the word “amateur” derives from the Latin word for “love.” The Renegades do what they do not for money or glory, but for love—love for their teammates, love for their game, and love for the city and country they call home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ROSCOE BROWN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the life of an American hero, Dr. Roscoe Brown, who will be greatly missed by all those inspired by him. Dr. Brown flew combat missions during World War II as a member of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. As a proud sponsor of the bill that awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, our highest civilian honor, to the Tuskegee Airmen in 2007, I was humbled to meet Dr. Brown who embodied the best that our nation has to offer.

Our troops at home and abroad make the greatest sacrifices every day to defend our country. What makes the story of Dr. Brown

and the Tuskegee Airmen remarkable is their selflessness and devotion to a country despite the segregation and barriers they faced. These great men were willing to put their lives on the line for American values and freedoms even when discrimination compromised their own rights and liberties. Through their patriotism, the walls of segregation were finally removed from our Armed Forces on July 26, 1948. It is then when I enlisted in the Army and was able to follow in Dr. Brown's footsteps as a decorated soldier in the Korean War.

After the war and off the battlefield, Dr. Brown has left a lasting impact in my congressional district that continues to be felt today. His service to our nation took a new form after he settled in Riverdale, New York City. As a professor at New York University and City University of New York, Dr. Brown expanded African American study programs everywhere he taught, eventually becoming the President of Bronx Community College. A longtime member of the Boys and Girls Club of America and the Jackie Robinson Foundation, Dr. Brown worked tirelessly to improve the lives of everyone around him.

Dr. Brown left his indelible mark as a veteran, educator, community leader, and an activist, devoting his life to the betterment of his fellow man, community, and country. I join my constituents and rest of the nation as we say goodbye and pay tribute to a true American hero.

HONORING JOHN F. WOLFE

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John F. Wolfe, the former publisher of my hometown paper, the Columbus Dispatch.

John passed away on June 24, 2016. He was cherished by all as a humble leader, a generous friend and an unselfish advocate for others.

I was honored and privileged to have known him. He loved our city, our state, and our nation greatly. He was a gentle giant whose legacy includes improving the quality of life in Columbus for generations to come.

His family purchased the Dispatch in 1905, and as John wrote in his farewell letter to readers last year, the world was vastly different then. The telegraph and telephone were recent inventions, and the first radio broadcast was still a year away.

Today, it is the Wolfe family legacy that the Dispatch, the very paper I grew up reading as a kid in Columbus, stands as a trusted, leading and highly respected newspaper in our region and beyond.

When John became publisher in 1975, his devotion to transform Columbus into a vibrant and booming city never wavered.

He supported the Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Ohio State University, the Columbus Zoo, the Franklin Park Conservatory, our sports teams and much more. Without a doubt, Columbus would not be what it is today without his dedication and commitment to Central Ohioans.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, let us offer our deepest appreciation for

all John F. Wolfe did to serve his family, his readers and the people of Columbus, Ohio. He will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORNWALL BROTHERS STORE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Cornwall Brothers Store in Jefferson County, New York. The Cornwall Brothers Store is the only surviving historic waterfront building in Alexandria Bay.

Built in 1866, The Cornwall Brothers Store has served the community of Alexandria Bay in many ways. This building originally opened as a store that sold everything from dry goods to fine clothing but was forced to close during the Great Depression. Since that time, the building served first as a customs house, then a United States Coast Guard station and a United States Post Office, before officially becoming the store and museum that it is today.

The restoration of the store and the development of a museum sprang from an order to demolish the building in 1973. Knowing the significance of the Cornwall Brothers Store, a band of citizens came together to form the Alexandria Township Historical Society, a group whose first priority was to protect the Cornwall Brothers Store. After launching an intense campaign to save the building, the Alexandria Historical Society was able to save the building and have it registered in both the National Registry of Historic Places in 1975 and then the New York Registry of Historic Places in 1991. The museum now holds a variety of exhibits showcasing the lifestyles of residents of the Saint Lawrence River from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Congratulations to the Cornwall Brothers Store on the 150th anniversary of your formation. I wish this business and museum continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ALLEN BAKER

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Allen Baker for his commitment to the Rotary Club.

This past month, Dr. Baker celebrated his 70 years of perfect attendance to the Rotary Club. He first joined the Rotary Club in 1946 in Illinois and has since attended more than 3,500 meetings over his 70 years of being a member.

He has also attended 53 foreign Rotary Club meetings, the most notable of which was in Poland where the meeting was conducted in English in his honor. He joined the Belleair club in 1991 when he moved here and has since served as secretary and on the club's board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Dr. Allen Baker for his diligence and dedicated service

to the Rotary Club. He has been a faithful member, wherever his life has taken him, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing Dr. Allen Baker.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SERGEANT JOHN SAVAGE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the esteemed career of Sergeant John Savage, who served 30 years with the City of Syracuse Police Department.

Sergeant Savage was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department on June 28, 1986 and served commendably in various units within the Department until his retirement in June of 2016. Sergeant Savage served honorably as an officer from June of 1986 and earned the rank of Sergeant in June of 1995. As a result of his excellent service throughout his 30 years of service, he received 2 Divisional Commendations, 3 Bureau Commendations, 5 Departmental Commendations, 2 Unit Citations, the John Dillon Award in 2011, the Timothy Laun Award in 2016, as well as several letters of appreciation.

During my time as a federal prosecutor I had the opportunity to serve with Sergeant Savage as part of the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force. Sergeant Savage was an early leader of the Task Force and his work helped to drastically reduce the gang presence in some of our community's most violent neighborhoods.

For 30 years, Sergeant Savage served with great dignity, loyalty and devotion to our community. He has truly helped to make the City of Syracuse a better, safer place for its citizens. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a great man and I wish him the very best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 349 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4854, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, I incorrectly voted "nay" when I intended to vote "yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 357, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

CONGRATS TO MINNETONKA BOYS
GOLF CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minnetonka High School Boys Golf Team on winning the Minnesota High School State Tournament under the leadership of Coach John Coatta.

Junior Ben Sigel led the way for the Skippers, shooting five under par over two days. Sigel also won the individual state title by six strokes. Sigel was aided by Sawyer Baily and Mile McCarthy who shot 150 and 152 respectively over the two days. Minnetonka beat the nearest competitor by 13 strokes. It is Minnetonka's second championship and their first since transitioning to the AAA level.

Mr. Speaker, golf is a game of inches. It is an incredibly difficult game to master, even

more so under the weight of expectation. Such a victory could not have been obtained without tireless practice and unending dedication.

Mr. Speaker, what is especially impressive is the amount of time these student athletes dedicate to exceeding in the classroom while also participating in other extracurricular activities.

Congratulations again to Skipper Boys Golf Team on being state champs. Your parents, coaches, and community are very proud of you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, July 6th, 2016, I was not in attendance in the House during the first series of votes due to

family obligations outside of the District of Columbia. I wish to state my position on a piece of legislation that received consideration on the House floor yesterday.

The House voted on the "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis" Act. This legislation was introduced by my friend, Rep. TIM MURPHY, and I have strongly supported this bill since its introduction. The bill will make much needed reforms to the way our nation administers its mental health programs, and will authorize a number of grant programs to improve mental healthcare in our country. Tens of millions of Americans suffer from some kind of mental illness, and far too many of them suffer in silence. I believe we must take urgent action to increase our nation's capacity to treat mental illness, to defeat the stigma that is all too often attached to mental health treatment, and to get help to those who need it. This bill will be a crucial part of this effort, and were I present for its consideration on the floor, I would have enthusiastically supported it.