

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 9/11 FIRST RESPONDERS

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the many first responders to the September 11th terrorist attacks of 2001, as well as to recognize that this September will be the 15th anniversary of that national tragedy.

That day was a time of intense panic and immense sorrow for all Americans, with many losing friends, family, and loved ones. Yet in spite of all of this, our brave first responders from our police services, our fire fighters, and emergency medical services went above and beyond the call of duty to save the lives of their fellow citizens, so that they could go home to their families and friends.

These amazing men and women faced this terror attack with the greatest courage and conviction anyone could exhibit. The valor and fortitude which they showed is beyond expression, with many giving their lives so that their fellow Americans could live. However, many of those who endured and survived are still suffering from the ordeal, with many experiencing PTSD, depression, and physical ailments. These men and women represent the very best of our nation. We should all strive to live up to their extraordinary example.

It is important that we do whatever we can for these heroes, and as such I would like to thank the Hylton Performing Arts Center for their event entitled "Helping First Responders Find Hope, Healing and Resilience" which will be held in Manassas on September 10th, 2016. Through events like this, caring Americans are helping raise awareness to these unfortunate conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in honoring some of the bravest of our nation's heroes, and to thank them for all that they did during our country's most desperate hour. May God bless them, and all those whose lives were affected by this day.

### HONORING THE PEDROZO FAMILY

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Pedrozo Family. The Pedrozo's have deep rooted ties to public service in Merced County and are known for their tireless efforts on behalf of the community. They are being honored by Catholic Charities of Merced in appreciation of their service to the Valley.

The late Joe and Barbra Pedrozo raised their six children on the family's dairy farm.

They instilled the importance of faith and serving others in their children. Those guiding words have shaped the Pedrozo family. They have been actively involved in Our Lady of Mercy School, St. Patrick's Parish and Sacred Heart Churches, among many other local causes.

Joe is a local business owner and was a volunteer coach for Our Lady of Mercy School sports and City Leagues for 25 years. He gave classes to vocational instruction students at the Juvenile Hall for Merced County Office of Education. Diana has also been an active member of the community, having served as the Executive Director of the Merced County Farm Bureau and as a member of the Merced County California Women for Agriculture.

John and Kelly Pedrozo are parents to two sons and a daughter, 6 grandsons and one granddaughter due this fall. John is a proud graduate of Our Lady of Mercy. He has been on the Merced County Board of Supervisors for twelve years. In this role he has served as an advocate for farmers and Merced County's most underserved. John previously served on the Our Lady of Mercy School Board and the Merced Union High School District Board of Trustees. Kelly worked for Merced County Child Support Services for 30 years. Kelly and John have been supporters of 4-H, St. Patrick's Parish and OLM School.

Ted and Juanita Pedrozo have been married for 35 years, are parents to four children, grandparents to one grandson and another grandson is due in October. Ted and John have a catering business known throughout Merced County for providing food for local charitable and non-profit organizations. Juanita is a teacher and school administrator, serving in this role for 36 years. Ted and Juanita are active members of St. Patrick's Parish and supporters of Our Lady Of Mercy School and local 4-H programs.

Judy (Pedrozo) and Harry Blackburn have been married for 24 years. Judy was a teacher and currently serves as Principal at Our Lady of Mercy School. Harry has worked for a private company for 24 years and is a store manager. Judy serves on the Fresno Diocesan School Board. Judy and Harry are active members of St. Patrick and strong supporters of Our Lady of Mercy School.

Josh and Heidi Pedrozo are continuing the tradition of service in the Pedrozo Family. Josh is a teacher at Merced High School and has been a Merced City Councilman for eight years. Heidi assisted the people of the 16th district while serving as a representative in my office, as well as the office of Congressman Dennis Cardoza. Heidi is currently a teacher at El Capitan High School. Their son Owen is a student at Our Lady of Mercy and they are expecting a daughter this fall.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great contributions of the Pedrozo Family. Their contributions will have a lasting impact on the community for years to come. I congratulate the Pedrozo's for this honor and ask that you join me in wishing them continued success.

### TRIBUTE TO ANGELA CONNOLLY

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Polk County (Iowa) Supervisor Angela Connolly for being honored as a 2016 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame recipient by the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women.

Angela Connolly, a native Iowan, was born to second-generation Italian immigrants and cultivated a strong work ethic at her parents' small Italian restaurant. She attended college in Kansas, returning to Iowa and marrying her husband, Tom, raising three children and overseeing the development of the next generation with four grandchildren.

Ms. Connolly began her career in the Polk County Public Works Department, working for nearly 20 years before being elected a Polk County Supervisor in 1998. She is only one of three female Supervisors ever elected in over 150 years to the Polk County Board of Supervisors and still serves in that post today.

"Community engagement" is the key phrase for Ms. Connolly. Evidenced by her dedication to civic activities, she currently serves as Co-Chairman of The Tomorrow Plan and is Tri-Chairman for Capital Crossroads: A Vision for Greater Des Moines and Central Iowa as well as Chairman for Rebuilding Together. She aptly represents the Polk County Board of Supervisors on a long list of boards and commissions.

Ms. Connolly has played a leadership role in many significant efforts to improve the lives of area residents. She advocates for mental health issues, domestic violence victims, homeless challenges, and most visibly in recent months, the efforts to stop hunger in Polk County. She is a proponent of the Des Moines downtown revitalization efforts as well as updating the historical Polk County Courthouse complex. She never stops and works tirelessly for all Iowans.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Angela Connolly in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Angela Connolly on receiving this esteemed designation and in wishing Ms. Connolly a long and successful career.

### IN RECOGNITION OF CYRUS JONES

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cyrus Jones, head coach of Lincoln

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University's men's and women's track and field from 1974 to 2010, on his retirement.

Coach Jones led the track and field team at Lincoln to 15 NCAA Division III championships. The men's team won 11 national titles during his tenure, and the women's team won 4 NCAA championships. He also coached more than 300 All American athletes. Coach Jones has been honored as a six-time recipient of the Division III National Coach of the Year Award, the Mid East Region Track Coach of the Year, the Linback Teaching Award, the Outstanding Men of America Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the top 100 sports figures in the Philadelphia region in the last 100 years by the Philadelphia Tribune and an honorary official during the Penn Relays in 2002. In 2007 Coach Jones was inducted into the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Jones on an illustrious career at Lincoln University and wish him the best in his retirement.

SYLVIA BROCKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sylvia Brockner for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

An avid author and environmentalist, Sylvia Brockner has led the Evergreen area preservation movement for more than forty years. Her works culminate in her published book, entitled *Birds in our Evergreen World*. In 1968, Sylvia and her late husband founded the Evergreen Naturalists which has since evolved to the Evergreen Audubon and Nature Center.

Sylvia helped Jefferson County Open Space acquire 319 acres for what would become the Lair O' Bear Open Space Park in 1987, opening to the public in 1991. Sylvia also was a founding member of the Mountain Area Land Trust in 1993, which helped to preserve thousands of acres of open lands within 50 miles of Evergreen. Sylvia's long time role as an advocate for animals and plants has been influential to the community, as evidence of her being honored with the Evergreen Area Community Service Award and Evergreen Audubon Founders' Award. At age 97, Sylvia continues to pursue writing and illustration in her weekly column for the Canyon Courier.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sylvia Brockner for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

RECOGNIZING M. SMITH COFFMAN  
FOR HER INSPIRATIONAL POEM,  
GHOSTS OF THE PAST

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize M. Smith Coffman for her powerful poem and kind words of inspiration to many. While the poem is meant to move and

inspire our service members and veterans in times of need, I believe everyone should experience it. I intend for everyone to procure some good fortune and hope from her message.

GHOSTS OF THE PAST

The fog shrouded, silent vale,  
comes to life before my trail.  
Ghosts of the past, ride in the predawn mist,  
in their stirring I am by angels kissed.

Here, the plan of war was born,  
and there, soldiers' lives were torn.  
Brave warriors on snorting, restless steeds,  
our heroes against men of evil deeds.

See Lexington and Concord's men of pride.  
Rebs and Yanks who at Chickamauga died.  
See the tired, straggling wagon train,  
faces parched by sun, in battle's strain.

Indians silently move their camps,  
past sod houses lit by dim oil lamps.  
I see the brave men from the Alamo,  
as on, and on, and on they go.

Oh, ancient rocks, you saw it all,  
you saw where gallant man did fall.  
You echoed the shot, felt the glance of spear,  
the price for freedom, we hold dear.

Our troops who fell on foreign soils,  
they the victors, won the spoils.  
There were those from the sky  
and from the sea,

They gave of themselves to keep us free.  
Their souls, at last, are at home,  
no more foreign lands to roam.

All are soothed in the mist,  
as o'er their separate paths they twist.  
Their laughter softly echoes from the rills,  
and across the windswept, rugged hills.  
Mingling, they have enemies no more,  
here at home or foreign shore.

In cadence, I heard them say,  
"Let not our sons go this way.

Alas the new born cries at birth,  
but men must know of joy on earth.

Oh, that we could right the wrong,  
Oh, that we could leave but song."

Oh Lord, many of our brave, gallant men of  
pride,  
put their lives upon the line, fought and  
died.

Men with bodies and emotions torn,  
this great loss we all should mourn.  
I stand and salute you, one and all.  
You went through hell, for country's call.

Dear Lord, I pray their pain relive,  
give them strength and hope, and ease.  
They should receive the best of care,  
For Freedom's Cause They did not bend,  
they pledged their allegiance to the flag  
until the end.

"Children, Listen," the midst does sing.  
"We know not what this day or the years  
will bring.

Stand brave and strong for liberty's call.  
Your country needs you one and all.  
Give thanks for all that was and is,  
and for the heroes who lived, and live.  
Give thanks for freedom that was not lost.  
Give thanks to those who paid the cost."

The mist soon melted into the morning sun.  
THEY ARE OUR HEART'S BLOOD  
THEY ARE NOT GONE.

These brave men and women did not live or  
die in vain.

Our flag unfurled we will sustain.

IN GOD WE TRUST

AMEN

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing M. Smith Coffman for her encouraging words.

MS. THAO NHI DO RECEIVES  
PRESTIGIOUS FULBRIGHT AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thao Nhi Do of Houston, TX for receiving a Fulbright award for teaching English in Taiwan during the 2015 through 2016 academic year.

Each year the Fulbright Program grants students with the opportunity to study, research or teach English abroad in an effort to internationalize communities and campuses around the world. Fulbright scholars focus on the conditions and challenges differing regions face, as well as building valuable U.S. relationships. Thao graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2011 from Clear Brook High School and earned a full scholarship to Harvard University. As a Fulbright participant, she helped teach English in Taiwan.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ms. Thao Nhi Do for receiving this Fulbright award. Keep up the great work.

IN RECOGNITION OF DUDLEY  
BROWN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dudley Brown, a Plymouth, Massachusetts native who passed away on September 24, 2015 at the age of 88.

A man truly devoted to the service of his country, Mr. Brown spent his life working to honor America both in and out of uniform. Mr. Brown, who served from 1944 to 1947 in World War II and from 1950 to 1952 in the Korean war, was not content to sit back and rest upon his return to civilian life.

Balancing his career as a market researcher and salesman around the country for three decades, Mr. Brown sustained a lifelong passion for studying the genealogy of his family and the history of this country. As a direct descendant to William Brewster, one of the original Mayflower pilgrims and a respected religious leader within Plymouth County, Mr. Brown was a proud member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In 2014, Mr. Brown received an award for 20 years of membership with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and also acted with admirable integrity as a Private 1st Class within Boston's Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

In addition to his passion for family and American history, Mr. Brown was also an avid tennis player and enjoyed speed skating, biking and racing motorcycles as a young man. He is survived by his loving partner, three children, and four grandchildren. Known for his sense of humor and good cheer, Mr. Brown is sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Dudley Brown's many achievements on the anniversary of his passing. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his life and his service.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 479, I was unavoidably detained to cast my vote in time. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

**STEVE CAMINS****HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Steve Camins for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

Since moving to Colorado in 1970, Steve Camins has played an active role in the Jefferson County community. Steve received his bachelor's in Psychology from Colorado State University in 1968, and soon after became a certified financial planner and insurance counselor. For more than forty years, Steve has worked as an insurance agent for his self-owned and -managed company, Financial Dimensions Ltd., an Arvada business that helps Jefferson County citizens manage risk and protect assets.

Steve served on the board of the Arvada Economic Development Association for more than fifteen consecutive years, and also served on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He played an instrumental role in the formation of the Arvada Enterprise Center which joined with the West Chamber nine years ago to create the Jefferson County Business Resource Center.

Steve's determination and passion was recognized in 1996 when he was named the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year and continues to lift the Jefferson County economy to new heights.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Steve Camins for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE  
ROBBINS**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor June Robbins, a life member of the Rosie the Riveter Association for her service during World War II.

Ms. Robbins was born into poverty during the Great Depression. She married her husband, Melvin Robbins, of 65 years, on November 27, 1947. Ms. Robbins is the mother of 7 children, grandmother of 18, and great-grandmother of 8. She comes from a family of "Rosies," as her mother and aunts were also part of the Association.

During World War II, Ms. Robbins applied for a training position at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, the first and only female in her

class. There, she gained the skills necessary to work as a draftsman in the Shipyard during the War. In addition to a full time job, Ms. Robbins volunteered for the War effort through the Red Cross and the United Service Organizations (USO). As a volunteer for the USO, she was honored by the Netherlands government for her service as a Rosie in helping save the lives of the Holland people during the War.

Wesley Enhanced Living Main Line honored Ms. Robbins for her service as a Rosie the Riveter with a celebration on September 4, 2016. The celebration included a special planting of a Pink Dogwood, which is a symbol of the Riveter movement and of women who served as Rosies.

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America owes a great debt of gratitude to Ms. Robbins. It is an honor to represent her in Congress.

IN HONOR OF BRAMBLETON'S 15TH  
BIRTHDAY**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the town of Brambleton, Virginia on its 15th birthday. Established in 2001, Brambleton has grown to become a thriving community in Loudoun County full of wonderful families and extraordinary localities.

In the span of 15 years Brambleton has gone from a newly planned community to the home of almost 10,000 people. The community has received multiple awards, including the Loudoun County Environmental Preservation Award, and in 2013 was named Community of the Year by the Great American Living Awards. In addition to the six excellent schools which already serve the community, three additional schools will be added by 2020. Its many parks, trails, and pools allow for its residents to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with their friends and family. I am proud to represent such a vibrant community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing the 15th birthday of the Brambleton community and thanking the residents who bring it to life. I know the community will continue to provide a wonderful environment for families to call home for many years to come.

## TRIBUTE TO EMILY ABBAS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Emily Abbas, Chief Marketing Officer and Chief of Staff at Bankers Trust Company for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree as Meredith Emerging Woman of Influence by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic

and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Abbas has devoted her life to doing so many challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or nonprofit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Emily Abbas has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does. Ms. Abbas is charged with furthering Bankers Trust's strategic focus on customers, community and employees, and solid business relationships. In all aspects of her life Emily Abbas is an example of hard work and service who makes lowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Emily Abbas in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Emily Abbas on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Abbas a long and successful career.

## RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Red Rocks Community College on the completion of their Arvada campus expansion. This expansion triples the size and capacity of the current campus located in Arvada, Colorado. I applaud Red Rocks Community College on this \$22.5 million expansion project as it is the largest expansion project in the history of the college. This expansion will have a lasting impact on generations to come as well as result in significant economic impact for the Kipling Corridor and Ralston Road Corridor and Arvada and Wheat Ridge communities.

The Physician's Assistant Program at Red Rocks Community College is one of the first of its kind in the country. The relocation of this program to the new Arvada Campus will allow for even more students to participate in this unique program. In addition, the new campus will house all of the college's health professions programs in one place and will host more than four times the current number of faculty and staff.

I congratulate the Red Rocks team for their success on this important expansion. I applaud the school and faculty for their dedication to this project and their leadership and commitment to helping community college students blaze a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to celebrating future accomplishments of the school and its students in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF SHENANDOAH

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Shenandoah, which celebrated its 150th anniversary on August 27, 2016. Shenandoah is located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

The area that became Shenandoah was first settled in 1835 by Peter Kehley, who developed the land for farming. The settlement was maintained for two decades. After anthracite coal was discovered, the land was sold to the Philadelphia Land Company. Planning for the town began under Peter Schaeffer in 1862.

Shenandoah was officially incorporated on January 16, 1866. Situated in the Middle Western Coal Field, the area around Shenandoah contained rich deposits of anthracite. As mining got under way, the borough's population grew in response to the increased demand for labor. Shenandoah became a hub for business, attracting depots for three major railroad companies to ship coal to New York and Philadelphia. Immigrants came first from Wales, Ireland, and Germany. Later, immigrants from Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and Slovakia arrived. With each new wave of immigrants, parochial schools and places of worship arose unique to their own ethnic group. By the 1920s, Shenandoah had developed a garment industry with 15 large factories at the peak of clothing production.

Today, Shenandoah is experiencing a revitalization. People are moving into the region, some in retirement and many to raise their families. Houses are being restored, businesses are being opened. Shenandoah is now home to popular brands such as Mrs. T's Pierogies, Lee's Oriental Foods, Kowalonek's Kielbasy Shop, Lucky's, and Capitol's Kielbasy.

It is an honor to recognize Shenandoah on its sesquicentennial. I am proud to represent a community so rich in history. May the people of Shenandoah be proud of their past and look forward to a bright future as they celebrate the city's 150th anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. WILL HURD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Police Department of the City of Socorro for their selfless and dedicated service to the City of Socorro. The extraordinary efforts of the 28 uniformed officers and their civilian counterparts have helped ensure that Socorro remains a safe city for residents and businesses and for the third time in three years, led to Socorro being named one of the 50 safest cities in the State of Texas. I am proud to represent a community as closely-knit and dedicated to service and safety as Socorro, TX.

I would also like to acknowledge the extraordinary leadership of Police Chief Carlos

R. Maldonado, who has used his leadership skills and intimate knowledge of community-focused law enforcement to keep Socorro safe. Chief Maldonado's work in bringing a new training facility to Socorro, his role in ensuring upper-level training for his officers, and his influence in bringing a canine unit to Socorro have benefited the City tremendously. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the entire Socorro Police Department for their excellent work.

IN RECOGNITION OF CWO4 CHAD  
ADAMS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer Chad Adams upon his retirement from 28 years of honorable service to the United States Army, the Kentucky National Guard, the United States Coast Guard, and this great nation.

Adams currently serves as the Coast Guard Food Service Program Manager within the Office of Work-Life, Health, Safety, and Work-Life Directorate at Coast Guard Headquarters (Commandant CG-1111). In this capacity, he is responsible for providing strategic policy and support to the entire \$175M Food Service enterprise, consisting of 1,200 Food Service Specialist (FS) members and over 370 Coast Guard Dining Facilities worldwide. The Food Service Program office is the central authority responsible for the overall technical and administrative management policy, planning, and subsistence requirements to ensure service-wide mission success.

Upon graduation from Shelby County High School in May 1988, Chief Warrant Officer Adams served with the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division during Operations Just Cause (Panama) and Desert Shield/Storm as a paratrooper in the Infantry. After being released from the Army, and later the Kentucky National Guard, he enlisted into the Coast Guard in March 1994 and graduated boot camp as the basic training honor graduate for Company E-144. His first assignment was CGC WHITE PINE out of Mobile, AL where he decided to become a Subsistence Specialist (SS) after only six months aboard mess cooking. He graduated SS "A" school as an SS3 in 1995 and was assigned to the CGC MADRONA in Charleston, SC. As the duty cook, he advanced to SS2 and fleeted-up into the Jack of the Dust position, responsible for developing menus and ordering supplies to feed a crew of 50 personnel. He also took over as the Food Service Officer (FSO) when the FS1 was unable to get underway. On his last day aboard the cutter, he advanced to FS1 and reported to isolated duty at LORAN Station St. Paul Island, AK where he served as FSO and was awarded runner-up for galley of the year small ashore for the entire Coast Guard. After one year in isolation, he was selected to become a Company Commander (Drill Instructor) at Cape May, NJ. He trained over 1,500 recruits and advanced to Chief Petty Officer (E-7) during this tour. He also piloted one of the first training sessions with Coast Guard Academy cadets for swab summer in 2001, where he and another Company

Commander indoctrinated 100 academy cadets from the Class of 2003. Chief Adams transferred to TRACEN Petaluma, CA in 2002 and took over as Chief of the Watch for FS "A" School, running one of the largest galleys in the Coast Guard. He led a team of three other FSs to re-open the upper galley which had been dormant for over a decade. He was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in 2005 and transferred to ISC NOLA six weeks before Hurricane Katrina made land fall and flooded his home. In 2006, he graduated from Chief Warrant Officer professional development at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, where he was selected by his peers as the Distinguished Officer of his class. His duties included assisting the Comptroller and Logistics Branch Chief in providing support to all lower 8th Coast Guard District units. He was the D8 IMT Logistics Chief during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike and the 2008 New Orleans oil spill. He was selected to become the FS Assignment Officer in 2010, executing assignments (orders) for hundreds of FSs including the White House, DHS Secretary's Mess, Commandant and Flag Officer Special Command Aides, Instructor, and FSO positions and operational units. In 2012, he was invited to the White House to help cook for the United Kingdom State Dinner and Greek Independence Day Dinner and has assisted the White House chefs for many events since. In July 2014, he was assigned to his current position at CG-1111. In September 2016, he will assume the duties as the new Subsistence Program Manager as a civil service employee.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 480, which took place Tuesday, September 6, 2016, I am not recorded because of a scheduling conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE. I stand with my colleagues in the House in support of H.R. 3881, the Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II  
AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 10, 2016 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on August 10th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times

of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

John A. Andersen, Thomas L. Bajt, Floyd Seine, Gerald Allen Bendle, Richard T. Blaskie, Louis Bommelje, Sarkis Boyajian, Robert P. Campbell, Manuel A. Ceralde, Rudolph F. Chavez Sr., Mark L. Dames, Edward G. Dasbach, Frank J. DePaul, Charles F. Dickason Jr., Jessie B. Dodd, Ronald C. Donner, Richard C. Druse, John R. Durrbeck, William R. Elliott, William P. Erzig, Charles Felski, Harold P. Fleig, William J. Ganson, Salvador T. Garcia, Robert A. Garritano, Edward J. Gawel, Charles T. Germann, Robert A. Green, John Grzywa, Pleze Haynes, Robert M. Healy, Steve J. Horgash, James L. Hubbs, Donald T. Humphrey, Clarence A. Jannush, George Jasencak, Robert J. Jaskula, Ralph S. Jensen, Andrew E. Joseph, John J. Kanya, Michael J. Kidney Jr., Donald E. Klein, Gene R. Krohn, Donald P. Kuech, Joseph T. Lakatos, Frank Laos Jr., Tony Lara, Kenneth W. Larsen, Albert L. Lemak, Robert G. Lemke, John M. Ley, Harlan M. Lunde, Arthur R. Manson, Gerald L. Martin, Glenn J. Masek, James R. Matela, William McNutt, Robert T. McPeek, Edward F. Meier, Robert J. Moore, Joseph J. Muren, Richard E. Nelson, Carl J. Noto, Stuart L. Novy, William F. O'Brien, Daniel D. Ogilvie, Thomas P. Oker, Anthony P. Oleynichak, Charles E. Olson, Henry F. Osters, Raymond J. Paluch, Vernon Mitchell Penland, Joseph A. Pisarczyk, Myron J. Rasmussen, Ricardo E. Reyna, James W. Riordan, John B. Ritzema, Paul William Rodewald, Ramon M. Rodriguez, William L. Rogers, Paul E. Rueff, Robert M. Schiavone, Raymond G. Schmid, Roy E. Schroeder Sr., Lawrence W. Schweik, Henry C. Schwenk, John M. Sherly, Richard S. Simester, Edmond J. Sinnema, Donald David Slovin, Ronald C. Smith, Robert H. Sroka, Robert Stanbery, Creighton Styler, Bruce M. Sublette, Andrew Szocka, Myles N. Tlusty, John Torchalski, Thomas J. Vanek, Sherman Vaughn, Gerald G. Veglia, Arthur T. Vos, Daniel R. Walsh Sr., Philip Warren, Clarence W. Young, James J. Zalusky.

MEDIA DOWNPLAYS "RANSOM PAYMENT" TO IRAN

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last month the Wall Street Journal reported that the Obama administration secretly sent \$400 million in cash to Iran on the same day four American hostages detained in Tehran were released.

The president should admit that the ransom payment to the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism was bad policy and endangers the lives of Americans at home and abroad.

The spokesman for the State Department even admitted that the payment was "leverage," which sounds like he's trying to find a nice word for "ransom."

The media also has not been forthcoming. The Media Research Center found that the Big Three networks devoted ten times more coverage to Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte's alleged robbery in Brazil than to the \$400 million cash payment to Iran.

It's not a surprise why three-quarters of Americans feel the news media are biased in their reporting.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DOUGLASS SCHOOL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Douglass School, of Leesburg, Virginia, on their 75th anniversary. This is an important milestone for this wonderful school in my District. The Douglass School celebrated this anniversary in Loudoun County last month on the 13th of August, and it is my pleasure to briefly highlight the impact this school has had on my constituents.

The Douglass School has had a terrific history of success since first opening its doors in 1941. Named after Fredrick Douglass, the famous African-American anti-slavery leader, the Douglass School has stood as a pillar of education for those it serves. Before its founding, African-American families needed a place to educate their children. These parents worked tirelessly to raise the four thousand dollars necessary to purchase the land for building the school. Since the school was desegregated in 1968, it has provided high quality education to students from every race, background, and creed. Equipped with top tier teachers and staff, this school has produced countless student success stories.

Coming from a family of educators, I understand how important a strong education is to the future of our nation. It is schools like the Douglass School that will continue to help shape the United States' role in the ever-changing global economy, while also producing many of our nation's future leaders. Over the years, the faculty has shown an impressive dedication not only to its students, but to the Loudoun community as a whole. The success of this school is a tremendous accomplishment that should make past and present faculty proud.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Douglass School for 75 years of serving children and their families. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

OSCAR REISS, PH.D.

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Oscar Reiss,

Ph.D. and World War II Army veteran for his service to our country.

Dr. Reiss served in the United States Army from January 1944 to 1947. During his time he was assigned as a replacement to the 79th Infantry, 315th Division B Company, in Alsace, France, guarding the right flank during the Battle of the Bulge. His company was transported to a small town in the Netherlands, near the German border to practice crossing the Rhine in confiscated German boats. In 1945, he was wounded by shrapnel and taken to a hospital in Liege, Belgium. He was later awarded the Purple Heart for these injuries. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 2 bronze service stars), World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel WWII pin.

In 1947, after being discharged from the U.S. Army he returned to the U.S. and was accepted to the University of Chicago chemistry program, beginning his long career in medical research. Dr. Reiss received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and continued his postdoctoral fellowship with the American Heart Association's Department of Cardiology. Dr. Reiss's decades long service in environmental biochemistry and medicine culminated in 1991. During his distinguished career he served as a lecturer in various courses on environmental and dental biochemistry at the University of Colorado Medical School and taught foreign seminars, most notably in Germany, France and Bulgaria. Through his courageous service in the military and medical fields, Dr. Reiss charted the path for future generations in this country.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Dr. Reiss for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COKE HALLOWELL

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Ms. Coke Hollowell in honor of the outstanding contributions she has made to the arts community and the entire San Joaquin Valley. Coke is being honored by the Fresno Arts Council in appreciation of her tireless efforts on behalf of the Valley. Her commitment and dedication to her community deserve to be commended.

Coke's career began by teaching remedial reading for ten years at Sanger Unified School District. Later she was elected and served two terms on the State Center Community College District and continued her educational leadership by going on to serve on the State Center Foundation for seventeen years. Coke has been very active in various community organizations such as, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Fresno Arts Council, the U.C. Merced Foundation, the Downtown Fresno Coalition and Revive the San Joaquin. Coke presently serves on the boards of the Planning and Conservation League Foundation and the California Council of Land Trusts.

Coke has strong roots in San Joaquin Valley and is the founding member of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, and she has served as President of Board of Directors for twenty years. Most recently Coke was elected Chairman of the new San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust Board.

In addition to all her career accomplishments she also has numerous awards including the YWCA Business and Professional Women of the Year, the Fresno Arts Council Horizon Award, and the NSFRE Outstanding Philanthropist and Volunteer Fund Raiser. In 2002, she received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from California State University Fresno, and in 2005 she was selected by the Jefferson Awards Board to receive the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for "Outstanding Community Service Benefiting Local Communities."

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me as we honor and celebrate Coke Hallowell for her dedication to the arts, her community, and education. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Coke and witness firsthand her giving spirit and commitment to causes near to her heart. She is a true steward of the San Joaquin Valley and we are grateful for her service and the lasting impact of her efforts in the Valley.

#### TRIBUTE TO EILEEN WIXTED

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Eileen Wixted, Owner and Principal for Wixted & Company for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree as CAPTRUST Woman Business Owner of the Year by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

For 17 years, the *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Wixted has devoted her life to doing so many challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or nonprofit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Eileen Wixted has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does. She is nationally recognized as an expert in strategic communication and crisis management. For over 20 years, Ms. Wixted has actively assisted clients manage potentially brand-damaging issues and prepared them for the media, shareholder meeting and government investigations. In all aspects of her life Eileen Wixted is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Eileen Wixted in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that

I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Eileen Wixted on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing Ms. Wixted a long and successful career.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF KELLER HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL WINNING THE 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Keller High School softball team, winners of the Texas UIL state championship in the 6A conference. The Indians defeated Pearland High School on June 4th with a final score of 5–0. This is the third state championship in the school's history. Keller ISD Athletics Hall of Fame teams also took home the state championship title in both 2003 and 2005.

Bryan Poehler, head coach of the Indians, was named 2016 All-Area Softball "Coach of the Year" by the *Dallas Morning News*. All spring, Coach Poehler pushed his team to prepare for the anticipated difficult season ahead. The advancements made in practice and during the course of competition resulted in players being recognized for their achievements at both the district and state levels.

Kaylee Rodgers, senior pitcher for the Keller Indians, was awarded numerous accolades throughout the season. She was recognized as a 1st team All-American pitcher, UIL State All-Tournament pitcher, *Dallas Morning News* All-Area pitcher of the year, Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State pitcher, and was named MVP of the state game after pitching a shut-out. In addition, Kaylee's teammate, senior catcher Shelby Henderson, was chosen as a 2nd team All-American for the 2015–2016 season, 1st team for the *Dallas Morning News* All-Area Team, and was awarded UIL State All-Tournament catcher. Other accolades granted to individual players included 2nd basewoman Camryn Woodall receiving the title as a 1st team All-American for the 2015–2016 season, UIL State All-Tournament 2nd basewoman, and 1st team *Dallas Morning News* All-Area Team. Additionally, Amanda Desario was awarded UIL State All-Tournament outfielder and 1st team *Dallas Morning News* All-Area Team.

Congratulations to the Keller Indian Softball team! The Indians were able ambassadors for Keller High School and effectively advanced the athletic achievements of Keller ISD. It is my privilege to represent such an outstanding group of student athletes in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on

Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Weather across the Midwest delayed my flight to Washington, DC until after votes had been called. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5578 and H.R. 3881.

#### LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 13 YEARS OF THE CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

### HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Ann M. Muscat retired on June 25, 2016 as president and CEO of the Catalina Island Conservancy, it is important to step back and look over her successful tenure. She has served as president and CEO for more than 13 years—the second longest tenure of any previous Conservancy president.

"Ann and the Conservancy have achieved a lot," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. "I've had the great pleasure of working with Ann and her team, all of them consummate professionals who are dedicated to getting things done."

"Under Ann's leadership, the Conservancy has become a living laboratory of innovation in conservation, education and financial sustainability for nonprofit organizations," said Catalina Island Conservancy Board of Directors Chair Stephen Chazen, PhD. "The Conservancy has significantly improved the Island's ecological health, greatly increased access to Catalina's wildlands and expanded and enhanced its educational programs to better serve students living in Avalon and visitors from the mainland."

Here is a look back at how the Conservancy and its stewardship of Catalina Island have flourished since Muscat joined the organization in 2003:

During Ann's 13-year tenure, and through its Catalina Habitat Improvement and Restoration Program (CHIRP), the Conservancy staff has completed vegetation mapping of the entire Island, including non-native and invasive plant species. It has controlled and eradicated numerous invasive plant species that were eliminating native and rare biodiversity. It also expanded the native plant nursery's scope to include landscaping initiatives on the Island, along with restoration, and significantly expanded the native seed collection.

The Conservancy has been a leader in removing non-native and highly destructive animal species from the Island, leading to the re-discovery of native plants previously believed to be extinct. It also brought the Catalina Island fox back from the brink of extinction and supported the successful recovery of the bald eagle.

Its wildlife biologists have implemented innovative social (repatriation) and scientific methodologies (contraception) for managing the bison herd. They also have conducted bird and small mammal surveys, discovering nesting sea birds on cliffs and nearby rocks, and implementing protective measures for bat populations.

In addition, the Conservancy has pursued research partnerships with universities and museums from across the country, including a multi-institution collaboration that resulted in a

comprehensive look at the Island's oak woodlands.

Working with the Long Beach Unified School District, the community and philanthropic organizations, the Conservancy has greatly increased access to natural and intellectual resources over the past 13 years. It implemented extensive educational enrichment and internship programs for the local school population through the establishment of the K-12 NatureWorks workforce development and STEM education initiative.

In its continuing service to the local community, the Conservancy provided free access to the wildlands of Catalina for Island families without vehicles. It implemented a free of charge Naturalist Training Program for tour operators and local businesses, as well as Conservancy front line staff.

To ensure visitors to the Island could access the wildlands and learn about Catalina's ecosystem, the Conservancy created the 37.5 mile Trans-Catalina Trail. It also has secured funding and developed plans for further trail improvements and expansions.

It significantly expanded and improved the Jeep Eco-Tour program and developed a signage and way finding system across the Island. It added new running and biking events, an Island Ecology Travel Program and Wild Side Art Program to increase access and awareness. In addition, it increased volunteer program initiatives to include AmeriCorps, American Conservation Experience and numerous university-level spring break programs.

So that visitors and others had more information about Catalina Island and the Conservancy, it added a Nature Center in Avalon and a Mobile Nature Station that has served Avalon and Two Harbors, along with interpretive panels in the Garden and at campgrounds and trailheads. The Conservancy also expanded and revamped its outreach and marketing materials, including maps, field guides, monthly e-newsletters, videos, an extensive photo library and expanded web site.

To serve a greater good beyond Catalina's shores, the Conservancy launched a successful radio show and web site, *Isla Earth*, on environmental issues that aired for 10 years on over 320 radio stations across the country.

To provide the needed programs and ensure the organization's long-term financial health, the Conservancy has focused on raising revenues and creating a sustainable business model that will ensure the Island will continue to be restored and protected for future generations.

In the past 13 years, the Conservancy has increased its operating budget nearly three times through an increase in philanthropic giving and mission-based earned income. It has significantly expanded its donor base and created a reserve fund to address deferred maintenance projects across its 42,000 acres. Projects have included improvements at Airport in the Sky, across its road and bridge system, a new pier, replacement and expansion of its vehicle fleet and upgrades to its numerous buildings.

The Conservancy also revamped its organizational structure, adding new departments and expanding existing functions while providing professional development and training for all staff. The Conservancy's staff has doubled in size and moved to a more customer service/community orientation. The Conservancy also expanded and updated employee

housing, adding 14 new units, to support recruitment and retention of staff.

The Board of Directors and the Conservancy's staff have worked together to develop a strategic vision for the organization's future, called IMAGINE CATALINA. They worked with nationally recognized sustainability architect William McDonough and landscape architect Thomas Woltz to develop a long-term strategic vision.

It imagines an Island that represents California as it can be, demonstrating how nature and humans can thrive together. It envisions Catalina and the Conservancy serving as models for science-based conservation, for training tomorrow's stewards of the natural world, for connecting people to nature and for creating sustainable finances and operations.

To implement IMAGINE CATALINA, the Board and staff launched the Conservancy's first-ever capital campaign, and they are more than three-fourths of the way to fully funding the first phase. They celebrated the groundbreaking for the campaign's flagship project, the Trailhead Visitor Center, on June 24, 2016. Another groundbreaking is scheduled on October 14, 2016 for the next major project, improvement and expansion of Catalina's trail system, and planning is well underway for a major ecological restoration effort on the Island's West End.

"Ann and her team's excellent stewardship work at the Catalina Island Conservancy is leading edge and has served as a model for many other land trusts," said California Council of Land Trusts Executive Director Darla Guenzler.

Ann has also been a leader beyond Catalina. She was a founding Board member of the California Council of Land Trusts and served as its Chair of the Board. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Southern California Open Space Council and an Advisory Board member of University of Southern California's Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies.

#### FORT HUNTER LIGGETT

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to my colleagues' attention the seventy-fifth anniversary of Fort Hunter Liggett, California. On December 12, 1940, the War Department purchased 266,950 acres of land between the Salinas River and the Pacific Ocean from William Randolph Hearst, in anticipation of the need to prepare U.S. troops for combat in Europe in 1940. On January 10, 1941, the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation was established and combat troops immediately began training. It is ideally located to provide excellent training opportunities to all U.S. Armed Forces and allied nations.

From its inception, Fort Hunter Liggett has provided a realistic training environment for large-scale military exercises for U.S. Armed Forces. It is the largest installation in the Army Reserve, with more than 165,000 acres of unencroached mountains, valleys, rivers, plains, and forests, providing ideal maneuver areas to meet today's training requirements. Fort Hunter Liggett is one of only a few instal-

lations that have a 360-degree live-fire capability for small arms. Its state-of-the-art ranges, training areas, and facilities support year-round joint, multi-component, and interagency training.

In its early history, the installation had five airstrips that were used during WWII to transport troops, supplies and the wounded. William Randolph Hearst's Milpitas Ranch House, commonly referred to as "The Hacienda", was used as the post headquarters. The Army has maintained and preserved the building designed by renowned California architect Julia Morgan, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the historic building is a hotel and enjoyed by the public as a tourist attraction.

During the 1970s, Fort Hunter Liggett was the home of the Combat Development and Experimentation Center which provided critical testing and fielding of new weapons and warfare techniques, such as the Cobra Attack Helicopter and M16 Assault Rifle. The 4th and 7th Infantry Divisions used the installation as their primary training grounds, as well as Army Reserve and National Guard units.

Today, Fort Hunter Liggett primarily serves as a world class training platform for Army Reserve combat support and combat service support training and large-scale exercises. Fort Hunter Liggett is funded by the U.S. Army Reserve and falls under the command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

Fort Hunter Liggett is also a leader in meeting the Department of Defense 2020 Net Zero Initiative. The Energy Conservation Investment Program established Fort Hunter Liggett as a prototype since it will be the first installation to achieve Net Zero goals. As one of nine pilot installations chosen by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, the Garrison has installed solar panels and energy storage systems, upgraded the waste water treatment plant, demolished Korean War-era buildings to conserve energy consumption, and ensured that all new construction meets the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards. In addition, Fort Hunter Liggett has partnered with the County of Monterey to field a waste-to-energy gasification plant.

Since 1941, countless numbers of troops have come through Fort Hunter Liggett to train for their deployments to support WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and today's war on global terrorism. The Fort Hunter Liggett military and civilian workforce proudly serves all branches of the Armed Forces, as well as allied forces. I commend the Installation for all its role in enabling unit, Soldier, and family readiness.

Mr. Speaker, for seventy five years, Fort Hunter Liggett has been an essential training platform for the U.S. Armed Forces, contributing to the security of our nation and strengthening international partnerships that build peace. In times of global unrest both past and present, Fort Hunter Liggett has demonstrated its capacity to ensure the readiness of its troops to defend the American ideals and freedom. I end with the refrain from the Army's Official Song, "First to fight for the right, And to build the Nation's might, And the Army goes rolling along."

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of September as National Preparedness Month. I commend the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), first responders and all community organizations, local government agencies, our military partners, and advocates who work to raise awareness and stress the importance of emergency preparedness in our community.

The National Preparedness Month theme for 2016 is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today." National Preparedness Month serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. Guam joins the national campaign throughout the month of September to stress the importance of planning and preparing for natural, man-made and technological disasters. National Preparedness Month gets everyone in the community involved to build a safer, more prepared island community.

I call upon our community to do our part to ensure that we are prepared for any emergency that may occur. Family members may not all be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to work in our individual families to create a plan. National Preparedness Month also encourages businesses, schools and communities to take the steps to prepare.

Additionally, I commend the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense along with our island's numerous community partners, organizations and agencies that have come together to actively promote, educate, and provide resources for our people through various programs and initiatives. Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense carries out the mission of coordinating and facilitating all Government of Guam, military and Federal liaison response agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I join Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and all local government agencies, our military partners, organizations and advocates in recognizing survivors on Guam and commending those who assist in building a stronger, safer and more prepared island community.

HONORING ALABAMA MUSIC  
LEGEND JEFF COOK

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Alabama country music legend Jeff Cook in honor of his birthday and the music festival named in his honor in Guntersville, Alabama.

Cook is a lifetime resident of the Fourth Congressional District. He was born and raised in DeKalb County in Fort Payne. It was in Fort Payne that he formed a band with his cousins Randy Owen and Teddy Gentry. The three young men would first call themselves Wild Country, and then in 1977 they changed the group's name to Alabama.

During the next four decades their group, Alabama, would become one of the best-selling music groups in history. Fans of Alabama have bought more than 75 million albums and singles. They were named the 1980s Entertainers of the Decade.

Then, in 2004, Jeff formed the Allstar Good Time Band. Jeff plays backup to his wife, Lisa, who also sings. Jeff and Lisa spend a great deal of their time in Guntersville, Alabama, which is in the heart of the Fourth Congressional District. It is where, each year, Jeff is honored for his birthday with the Jeff Cook Days.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama, I commend, recognize and honor Jeff for his accomplishments and the work he has done and for being a positive image for Alabama, and for his dedication to his home state. Also, I want to take this opportunity to wish him a very happy birthday and many more.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES M.  
LALLY

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James M. Lally for his dedicated service to the medical community in the Inland Empire and across the United States.

Dr. Lally is the President and Chief Medical Officer at the Chino Valley Medical Center in California's 35th district where he leads by example and works tirelessly every single day to give back to his community. In my district alone, he oversees the sports medicine programs of four local high schools in the Chino Valley Unified School District; is a member of the YMCA Board of Directors; serves as medical director for clinics in Chino and Montclair; and serves on the Board of Trustees for Chino Valley Medical Center and Montclair Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Lally is also committed to educating the next generation of physicians, serving as a clinical professor of family medicine at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pomona, California, and at Touro University California, College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Vallejo.

However, Mr. Speaker, his generous character and service reaches far beyond my district and the state of California. Dr. Lally is a past President of the American Osteopathic Association and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Association. Dr. Lally also serves as the team physician as well as the President of the USA Shooting Team. He is the Chairman of the Medical Committee of the International Shooting Sports Federation and a member of the International Olympic Medical Committee.

Today, Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. James M. Lally for yet another lifetime

achievement. He is being honored as the Physician of the Year by the American Osteopathic Foundation. This accolade is designated to an individual whose extraordinary accomplishments and service bring a sense of pride to the profession and whose actions promote the science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

For his many contributions to my community, and to the greater national healthcare community, I would like to recognize Dr. James M. Lally here on the House floor today.

HONORING COACH STAN SLABY

**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Coach Stan Slaby, of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his career of service and community engagement.

Coach Slaby was a beloved educator at Admiral Farragut Academy for 39 years at its northern campus in Pine Beach, New Jersey. He was born in 1924 to Polish immigrants and enlisted in the United States Navy almost immediately after graduating high school. He received the Navy & Marine Corps medal for saving a drowning marine in the sea at Normandy on June 9th of 1944 and continued on to receive four more service medals before being honorably discharged in April of 1946.

After resuming his education and receiving his BA in History with a Minor in Physical Education, Coach Slaby was hired by Admiral Farragut Academy where he taught history and eventually became the full-time Athletic Director. Coach Slaby coached many great teams and outstanding student-athletes, won coaching awards, and was admired by his peers. He is remembered fondly for his teachings and legacy of discipline, self-reliance, and respect that his coaching philosophy was centered upon.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had Coach Stan Slaby as a selfless and dedicated member of their community, whose coaching legacy and vivacious spirit will never be forgotten. It is with a heavy heart that I commemorate his honorable service to our nation, as well as his coaching career and life, before the United States House of Representatives.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS  
OF AUGUST FLOODS IN  
LOUISIANA

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart in the aftermath of a trying and challenging time felt throughout Louisiana, where 13 of our own lost their lives as a result of the recent flooding.

The rain started falling on August 10th and continued for weeks. Water rose up to rooftops, families lost most of their possessions,

schools were damaged, and as the water has continued to recede, the extent of devastation is still being realized. It was most definitely a flood of historic proportions.

Louisiana is known for its *joie de vivre*: we work together, we play, fish and hunt together, and this event showed just how strong that community spirit shines throughout our state. We came together to volunteer at shelters, dispatch our own “Cajun Navy” in rescue efforts, lend hands to gut flood-stained homes, and donate millions of dollars to post storm relief efforts.

It has been said before, and remains true, Louisianans are resilient. We have persevered before and we will again.

Unfortunately, this tragic event resulted in the death of 13 individuals—two deaths in Livingston Parish, two in St. Helena, five in East Baton Rouge, three in Tangipahoa and one in Rapides Parish.

As our community begins to recover from this devastation, I simply ask my colleagues to stand with me, my colleagues from our Louisiana delegation, and with the State of Louisiana for a moment of silence in remembrance of those we lost.

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JESSICA NOFFSINGER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Noffsinger, teacher at the STEM Magnet Lab School in Northglenn, CO, for her 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. Jessica has been an active teacher at the STEM Magnet Lab School and has played an integral role in ensuring her students are prepared with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are vital to their future success.

Jessica's dedication to teaching and commitment to her students serves as a role model for other teachers and is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessica Noffsinger for her PAEMST Award and for representing the great State of Colorado on a national level. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOUDOUN COUNTY DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Loudoun County Division of Procurement (LCDP) which has received the

Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute.

The Loudoun County Division of Procurement has worked tirelessly to achieve this award consecutively for the past 18 years. Loudoun County is one of only nine government agencies in Virginia and one of only 48 counties in the United States and Canada to receive this important award. By skillfully acquiring all goods and services, including professional services and construction for Loudoun County Government operations, the LCDP has continued to exude excellence. This has helped many businesses throughout Loudoun to receive the tools they need to advance and prosper.

This accolade exemplifies the great levels of service which the division provides to its citizens. The LCDP has succeeded in its mission to provide resources and strengthen the economic stability of the Loudoun County area and has successfully created an environment which conveys expertise and excellence. I am certain that it has the resources and the backing to continue this trend and live up to its reputation.

Mr. Speaker, this is an institution which helps the American people to thrive and to live out their aspirations within Loudoun. It embodies accomplishing the American dream by giving our citizens a chance to let their ideas grow. I would ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Loudoun County Division of Procurement. I wish this institution continued success in the future.

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TRIBUTE TO BARB AND LANNY WALKER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Barb and Lanny Walker of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 4, 1966 at Henderson Christian Church in Henderson, Iowa.

Barb and Lanny's lifelong commitment to each other, their children and grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

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

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RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWEST CITIZENS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this

time to congratulate twenty-five individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on Friday, September 16, 2016. This memorable occasion, presided over by Judge Philip Simon, will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On September 16, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Jolly Rameshchandra Joshi, Placido Agustin Lopez Garcia, Gun Margaret Porter, Mei Han, Huong Ngoc Kha, Albino Akon Ibrahim Akon, Sergio Alaniz, Rozeta Bajmakoska, Anjin Balleza Carter, Patty Ann Veronica Cornwall, Morten Ring Eskildsen, Shylaja Balakrishnan, Balakrishnan Rajagopala Iyer, Jihwan Jeff Jeong, Vania Nshuti Kagabo, Elizabeth Lopez de Martinez, Pedro Martin Marin, Celia Martinez de Campos, Patricia Navarrete-Arceo, Yejee Oh, Pamellah Akinyi Otieno Owilli, Ericka Alejandra Sanchez, Oretha Fannie Smith, Abel Soto, and Shuhui Grace Yang.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on September 16, 2016. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

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HONORING ELIZABETH MARY BURKO

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, rise today in memory of Elizabeth “Liz” Mary Burko who gave nearly thirty years of service to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and whose career was recently commemorated by a bridge dedication in her name in Bodega Bay, California.

Liz died tragically on Saturday, August 22, 2015 in Duncan Mills, California, cutting short a career dedicated to our state's public lands. Liz began her career as a volunteer interpreter at Año Nuevo State Reserve and serving as a Park Aide. For half of her career, she worked as a ranger in several state parks including Lake Perris State Recreation Area and parks in the Santa Cruz District. Her strong leadership and deep commitment to parks was apparent. She was promoted to Supervising Ranger at Big Basin Redwoods State Park and then to Sector Superintendent in the North Coast Redwoods District. In 2007, she was promoted again to District Superintendent of the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District.

As a leader, Liz was a mentor, helping to enhance her team's professional development. She had a deep commitment to protecting public lands and sharing nature with the public, and she was dedicated to the mission of the California State Parks: providing for the health, inspiration, and education of Californians while protecting the state's natural and cultural resources and creating opportunities for high-quality recreation. She held this mission to heart and executed her duties with professionalism and respect. Her advocacy to keep parks open during state budget cuts is a testament to her passion and commitment.

Liz fostered strong working relationships with nonprofits like LandPaths for assistance with management of the Willow Creek Addition to the Sonoma Coast State Park. She saw the great value in leveraging community resources for the benefit of parks and its users.

She will be forever missed for her integrity, generosity, sense of humor, unmatched work ethic, and warm smile. Her love and devotion to parks will continue on in the many lives she has touched, the policies she has influenced while serving at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and now the bridge dedication in her honor at the Bodega Bay Coastal Prairie that will be enjoyed by many visitors for years to come.

It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to Liz today for her enduring legacy and express our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

HONORING FLAT WORLD SUPPLY CHAIN ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a business in my district, Flat World Supply Chain, LLC. It is celebrating their 10th anniversary on September 16, 2016. In 2006, this business was founded by St. Charles County residents, Jeff Rothermich and Kirk Ferrell. Two employees and one client made up the first Flat World Supply Chain office that was located in St. Peters, Missouri. Today, there are sixty-three employees at the current office location in O'Fallon, Missouri. It has several hundred clients throughout the United States in addition to many international clients. Currently, Flat World Holdings includes four operating companies; Flat World Supply Chain, Prologue Technology, Ram International, and Ram Custom Crating.

Flat World Supply Chain provides solutions that are delivered through proprietary software that is customizable to each client's needs. The software has the ability to integrate with almost any Enterprise Resource Planning or operating system. Prologue Technology was founded by Rothermich and Ferrell in 2008; this service provides a custom technology tool that typically involves logistics and improving business processes through various technologies. In 2011, Flat World Hospitality was created to expand their logistical services to the hotel and hospitality industry. The year 2013 was an exciting year for Flat World Supply Chain as it moved to their current office location in O'Fallon, Missouri. In 2015, Flat World Supply Chain purchased Ram International, a St. Louis based international freight forwarder and U.S. Customs House Brokers that was founded in 1982, and Ram Custom Crating, a custom crating company that specializes in building wooden crates for export of any size for transport around the world. In January of 2016, Flat World Supply Chain, Ram International, Prologue Technology, and Ram Custom Crating formed Flat World Holdings as their operating company. The Flat World Supply Chain office expanded in July 2016 to welcome Ram International freight forwarding and U.S. Customs House Brokerage staff into the expanded office.

Flat World Supply has been recognized on numerous occasions, starting in 2014 with being named the "Fastest Growing" privately held company in St. Louis by the St. Louis Business Journal. In 2014 and 2015, it was recognized by Inc. Magazine as one of the "Fastest Growing" companies in the United States. Small Business Monthly recognized Flat World Supply Chain as "Leader in Technology" in 2015.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Flat World Supply Chain on their 10th anniversary. The services it provides and commitment it has to its clients is what sets Flat World Supply Chain apart in this field. Best of luck in the future to the owners of Flat World Supply Chain, Jeff Rothermich and Kirk Ferrell.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 479 and 480.

I strongly support the passage of H.R. 5578, the Survivors' Bill of Rights Act of 2016, which takes an important and much-needed step in ensuring that survivors of sexual assault will have access to the administration of a rape kit as well as rights to have that kit preserved, to be informed of the results, and to be notified of intended disposal of that kit. Although the rape kit backlog still overwhelms forensic labs throughout the country, this bill takes concrete steps to empower survivors to be informed of and make decisions regarding key evidence.

MR. LOGAN PATE WINS TEXAS JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richmond native Logan Pate for winning the 90th Texas Junior State Championship.

After ending two rounds in a three-way tie for first place during the local golf tournament, Logan beat two brothers in the sudden-death playoff hole. Getting par in that last hole put him over the edge past the competing brothers, securing this impressive win. Logan is a recent graduate from William B. Travis High School and is no stranger to placing first, having won the 2016 UIL Region 3-6A individual title. He will continue his promising golf career at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Logan Pate for winning the 90th Texas Junior State Championship. Thank you for bringing this prestigious honor to Richmond. I wish him success on the links in his impressive golf career.

CONGRATULATING YEOMAN CHIEF NATHANIEL L. ROUNDY ON 22 YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE IN THE U.S. NAVY

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Yeoman Chief Nathaniel L. Roundy, who is retiring from the Navy after 22 years of honorable service. This career U.S. Navy Flag Writer is from Mystic, Connecticut, and the son of a U.S. Naval Academy graduate. Chief Roundy graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall and joined the U.S. Navy in 1994, attending Recruit Training Command Great Lakes followed by Yeoman training in Meridian, Mississippi.

Chief Roundy has served onboard two aircraft carriers, USS *Independence* (CV 62) and USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), both forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. While serving on these ships, he earned designation as both an Enlisted Surface Warfare and Enlisted Aviation Warfare specialist and served in multiple positions including Air Department Leading Yeoman and Executive Officer's Yeoman. He also earned the distinction of being the only Third Class Petty Officer and non-Damage Control rating Sailor to qualify and serve as an aircraft carrier repair locker investigator.

After brief service with the Navy's Pacific Board of Inspection and Survey in San Diego, California, Chief Roundy attended Yeoman Class 'C' Flag Writer School in Millington, Tennessee, and served as the Flag Writer to Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas in Apra Harbor, Guam. Remaining in the South Pacific, Chief Roundy then served Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, the Department of Defense Representative to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau. He transferred

with Rear Admiral Dunne to Monterey, California, and continued his service as Admiral Dunne's Flag Writer at Naval Postgraduate School. Following Rear Admiral Dunne's retirement, Chief Roundy joined the staff of Rear Admiral William D. French, Commander, Navy Region Northwest in Silverdale, Washington. He returned to Guam when Rear Admiral French assumed command of Navy Region Marianas and followed Rear Admiral French to San Diego at Navy Region Southwest and subsequently during Vice Admiral French's command of Navy Installations Command in Washington, D.C. He currently serves as Flag Writer to Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, Commander, Navy Installations Command at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

During his illustrious career, Chief Roundy was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, six Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and numerous unit, campaign, and service awards.

Not only has Chief Roundy's career greatly benefitted the Navy, his exemplary service during his three assignments in Guam greatly enhanced the Navy's relationship with the people and leadership of Guam. He was awarded the Ancient Order of the Chamorro from the Governor of Guam in 2009. Additionally, two of his four children were born on Guam, making it a place that he will forever remember and cherish his time spent there.

On behalf of the people of Guam and a grateful nation, I commend Yeoman Chief Nathaniel L. Roundy and his family for their extraordinary service and sacrifice to the U.S. Navy and our country. I extend a sincere with deepest gratitude (*un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'ase*) and I wish him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD AND THE OFFICERS' AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S TEAM PLAYER AWARD

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member ROBERT BRADY and I stand today to recognize the outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives and congratulate those who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award and Officers' and Inspector General's Team Player Award.

The House's most important asset is its extraordinary and dedicated employees, whose work, which is often behind the scenes, is essential to keeping the operations and services of the House running efficiently and effectively. The employees we acknowledge today are

commended for their hard work, commitment, professionalism, teamwork, support of House Members and their staffs and constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees possess a wide range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of the institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to a more effective and proficiently operating House support structure. These dedicated employees have accomplished many great things in a wide range of activities, and the House of Representatives, its Members, staff, and the American public is better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the individuals named below for 25 years of dedicated service to the House. Collectively, this group has provided 450 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Bernard E. Beidel, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Sherleen V. Boyle, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Thomas E. Coyne III, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Troy N. Derrington, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;

Peggy Fields, Office of the Clerk;

John A. Forgiore, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Anthony W. Griffith, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;

Michelle Jones, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Christopher W. Martin, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Lisbeth McBride-Chambers, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

James P. Muncy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Patricia A. Rouse, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

David P. Russell, Office of the Clerk;

Barbara A. Smith, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;

Clayton V. Williams, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

De'Shun Wimberly, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Nei F. Wu, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

James A. Yerge, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

We also recognize and congratulate the House employees receiving the Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to an employee from each House Officer organization and the Office of Inspector General. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty for their organization throughout the last year. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this prestigious award.

Kathleen M. Johnson, Office of the Clerk;

Lisbeth McBride-Chambers, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Debessa M. Moore, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;

Alexander S. Stewart, Jr., Office of Inspector General.

And finally, we recognize and congratulate several House employees being presented the Team Player Award. This award recognizes the value the House Officers and Inspector

General place on working collaboratively across House organizations to strengthen and protect the U.S. House of Representatives. These awardees have demonstrated a collaborative attitude, commitment to achieving team objectives, respect and support of their teammates, and dedication to the betterment of House operations. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this distinguished award.

Toinetta A. Bridgeforth, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Curt Coughlin, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;

Robin Reeder, Office of the Clerk;

Susan E. Simpson, Office of Inspector General.

On behalf of the entire House community, I offer our congratulations and once again acknowledge and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officers, the Inspector General, and collaboratively across these organizations. Their long hours, hard work, diverse skills, and team spirit are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to the House set an example for their colleagues and other employees who will follow in their footsteps. I celebrate our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and the Nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

JENNY SIMPSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jenny Simpson for her Bronze Medal finish in the 1500 meter race at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Jenny is the first American woman to win an Olympic Medal in this event.

Jenny is a native of Florida and was an eight-time state high school champion. She attended the University of Colorado, Boulder and represented the Buffs winning four NCAA titles and set five NCAA records. After graduation, she continued her success where she took gold in the 2011 World Championships and a silver medal in the 2013 World Championships. She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympic Games. In addition to her elite performances, I had the pleasure of working with Jenny while she interned for my office in 2009 and have enjoyed watching her success ever since.

The dedication demonstrated by Jenny Simpson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. Jenny is a role model for other runners and athletes to strive to make the most of their education and develop a strong work ethic.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jenny Simpson for her Bronze Medal finish at the Rio Olympic Games and for proudly representing the great State of Colorado and the University of Colorado Buffaloes. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING MRS. ARLENE TAYLOR  
FOR HER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO THE MISSOURI STATE GOV-  
ERNMENT

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mrs. Arlene Taylor who retired on Thursday, September 1, 2016 after thirty-eight years with various departments within the Missouri State Government. Mrs. Taylor most recently worked as a Personnel Officer for the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/Human Resources. Previously, she worked for the Missouri Department of Social Services and the Missouri Department of Corrections. For thirty-two of the thirty-eight years, Mrs. Taylor has enjoyed working in the human resources field. Throughout her time working in human resources, Mrs. Taylor has served many employees. Some of her responsibilities have included career counseling, assisting employees preparing for retirement, explaining benefits, and helping employees with disability retirement.

Mrs. Taylor grew up in Linn, Missouri and has called Jefferson City, Missouri home for the last thirty-four years. Throughout her lifetime, Mrs. Taylor has been a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph, Missouri Farm Bureau, and the Daughters of Isabella. She has also been involved with the Jefferson City Apartment Association and Women's Auxiliary Officer. Mrs. Taylor enjoys participating in various craft classes in her spare time. She also loves to travel with her husband, Joe.

With this retirement, Mrs. Taylor will now be able to spend more time with her husband of thirty-three years, Joe. She'll also treasure more moments with her daughter, Kathryn Taylor; son, Brian Taylor and daughter-in-law, Dawn Taylor.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Mrs. Arlene Taylor on her retirement. The commitment she has shown to the State of Missouri and to the employees she has helped throughout her human resources career is a commendable accomplishment.

HONORING JOE & JULIE MARCHINI

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe and Julie Marchini. The Marchini's are being honored by Catholic Charities of Merced in appreciation of their years of dedicated service to the community. Both Joe and Julie have contributed countless hours to causes that are close to their hearts in order to make their community a better place.

Joe Marchini was born on December 9, 1938 in Merced, California to Florindo and Elisa Marchini. Joe has lived in Merced County most of his life. A natural love of being outdoors led Joe to begin working on his father's farm from a young age. At 20 years old he was invited to become a partner in his father's

business, the Giampaoli-Marchini Company. Upon founding his own company with his brother Richard, Joe became the original radicchio grower in the United States.

Julie Marchini was born on September 14, 1942 in Modesto, California to Jim and Mary Louise Thompson. Her family moved to Merced when she was ten years old. The family is a staple in the community, as business owners in the area, including Merced area fixture Helen and Louise Dress Shop.

Joe and Julie were married 56 years ago and purchased a ranch in Le Grand where they raised their three children. They are parents to Lisa, Jeff and Fania. Joe and Julie are proud grandparents to ten, and come this winter, great-grandparents to six.

It has always been important to Joe and Julie to have balance between work, family, charity and church. They have been active in organizations, such as the Le Grand volunteer firefighters, Italian Catholic federation and the California Tomato Board. Joe has spent many hours cooking BBQ for fundraisers, events, and people in need.

Julie has volunteered time to Hinds Hospice, Our Lady of Lourdes religious education program, and school activities her family has participated in.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Marchini Family for their commitment to serving Merced County. The community is grateful for their service and the impact they have made in the Valley. I congratulate the Marchini family for this honor and ask that you join me in wishing them continued success.

CONGRATULATING KELLE LYN  
SCOTT ON RECEIVING A PRESI-  
DENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCEL-  
LENCE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kelle Lyn Scott on being selected for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This special honor is one shared with a select group of other teachers throughout the United States. Ms. Scott has earned this award through imparting her passion and commitment to learning with all of her students.

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes teachers who have demonstrated excellence in giving students the tools they need to succeed in becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Because of this achievement, Ms. Scott will receive a signed citation from President Obama, a \$10,000 award from NSF, and the opportunity to attend an awards ceremony in Washington D.C.

Ms. Scott's hard work, perseverance, and academic excellence are exemplified in her receipt of this honor. Coming from a family of educators, I understand how important a strong education is to the future of our country. We need to encourage more teachers like Ms. Scott who work hard and dedicate their lives to educating our children.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to highlight the importance of this award and what it represents for Ms. Scott and our district. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Scott on receiving a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO VIOLA AND MYRON  
ROKER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Viola and Myron Roker of Glenwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 2, 1946 in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Viola and Myron's lifelong commitment to each other, their seven children, 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, and may they continue to love and cherish one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Viola and Myron on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF KAYLA  
MUELLER AND CELEBRATING  
THE OPENING OF THE KAYLA  
MUELLER PLAYGROUND

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join The Kiwanis Club of Prescott in honoring the memory of a constituent in my district who I believe is the personification of a compassionate American citizen. On February 6, 2015, Kayla Mueller of Prescott, AZ was killed by her ISIS captors in Syria. A visage of what it means to be a selfless human-being, Kayla's life was taken too short at the young age of 26.

In such tragic times it can often be difficult to find the light of hope for a better tomorrow. Kayla Mueller embodied this every day in her service and sacrifice to those less fortunate, especially to the children of the world.

Arizona is blessed to have been home to such a compassionate citizen as Kayla. It is easy to see that her spirit has touched not only the hearts of those in her community and state but across this great nation. And with the opening of this new playground, that spirit will continue to impact lives for the better.

I extend my sincere admiration and thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Prescott for their diligent efforts on this playground and for their engagement in the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, I want to once again express my

sincerest condolences. While your daughter may no longer be with us, her loving spirit will live eternally.

HONORING PROFESSOR CAROL ROBERTSON FOR RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Professor Carol Robertson. She has been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is a prestigious award that will be presented in Washington, DC at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. In addition to Professor Robertson having the opportunity to attend various recognition events and development activities, she will also receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. A citation from President Obama will be presented as well. Professor Robertson is one of only one hundred and eight teachers to receive this award for the 2014–2015 school year.

Professor Robertson is receiving this award for her work at Fulton High School where she was a science teacher for twenty-eight years. She retired from Fulton High School following the 2015–2016 school year. Professor Robertson also taught as an adjunct professor at Central Methodist University from 2007 through 2014 and Missouri State University from 2014 through 2016. She started teaching as an adjunct professor at Westminster College this school year.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established by Congress in 1983. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government specifically for educators that teach mathematics and science. Since the establishment of the program, over 4,600 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to their students and school districts.

Professor Robertson has had a lifelong interest in science and is passionate about teaching the next generation the importance of engaging in the study of science. Throughout her teaching career, she has seen some of her students obtain a Ph.D. which affirms the dedication with which she teaches. She has utilized partnerships with researchers to enhance the experience of her students. Through those partnerships, students have been able to explore Golden Retriever Muscular Dystrophy, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, Arabidopsis, or maize. This research allowed her students to have real-life applications. Professor Robertson received her B.S. in Science Education and a M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Professor Robertson on her achievement and this honor of receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER RECORD AND CLARION OWNER ROGER MOON

### HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late editor and publisher of Record and Clarion, Roger Moon. As the son of Paul and Velma, the husband of Patricia and the father of Tracy, Renee and Shane, Roger made many contributions to Gladwin County and the great state of Michigan.

Roger began his career in news when he was twelve years old, working at the Record and Clarion, sweeping and taking out the trash. He completed his degree in Journalism at Michigan State University in 1960. After Roger graduated he returned to Gladwin and began working, yet again, for Record and Clarion. He became the head of the newspaper in 1972 when his father retired. After twenty-one years as the head of the Record, Roger sold the newspaper and retired in 1993.

Roger was more than the editor of the newspaper. Roger also served the community by working as a firefighter for thirty-three years, rising to the rank of assistant chief. He was an active member of the Gladwin Rotary Club and was honored by the organization for his generous donations of time and resources.

Roger loved to hunt and fish, as well as golf. He enjoyed sharing Michigan's outdoor heritage with his children and grandchildren, driving his boat and teaching them to waterski. He was also a Hall of Fame bowler.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Roger Moon for his lifetime of work to the people of Gladwin County.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. T. BERRY BRAZELTON

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Thomas Berry Brazelton. Throughout his 98 years, Dr. Brazelton has been celebrated as a critically acclaimed leader in pediatric medicine and a change-maker in the lives of countless Massachusetts families.

Although Dr. Brazelton was born in Waco, Texas, the Bay State has been lucky to claim him as its own since 1945, when he completed his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. In the decades since, Dr. Brazelton became a pioneering expert in neonatal behavior, authoring more than 200 journal articles and textbook chapters on the subject. Any parent might recognize his name from one of his thirty books on child development and parenting.

However, his primary contribution to the medical community is the Brazelton Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale. The scale itself is a metric to highlight behavioral differences among newborns within the first months of their lives. His methods drew the parallel between differing parental methods and infant

behavioral development in the first four months of a child's life. These discoveries led to his recognition as a tireless advocate for paternal and medical leave, bringing him from the halls of Congress to interviews with Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres to advance that cause. His work earned him a Presidential Citation from President Obama in February of 2013. Today, Dr. Brazelton remains an active member of the pediatric medicine community. He has become a fixture at the Baby Center in Hyannis, helping the underprivileged parents of Cape Cod provide for their children.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, not simply for his dedicated service to the communities of Massachusetts, but for the work he has done for families across the globe.

IN HONOR OF BONNIE EDMONDSON, UNITED STATES TRACK AND FIELD COACH

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Bonnie Edmondson of Coventry, Connecticut, an exceptional athlete and public servant, for being chosen as a coach for Team USA's track and field team at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Bonnie has a long and dedicated track and field career. During her time at Eastern Connecticut State University in 1987, she threw discus and hammer, earning the title of All-American. Thanks to her talent and commitment, Bonnie ranked tenth in the world and fifth in the nation in hammer throw between 1990 and 1996 and won national championships for her skills in both 1990 and 1991. Later, Bonnie dedicated her career to coaching at all levels of the sport. Most notably, she held positions as an assistant coach in the 1998 World Junior Championship and as a coach for the Team USA throwing events in 2012 and 2014 during the IAAF World Indoor Championships. Most recently, she served as a mentor to the 2015 NESCAC hammer throw champion, Lily Talesnick. Currently, Bonnie is a track and field coach at Trinity College, while also working at the Connecticut Department of Education, overseeing a comprehensive school health education program aimed at motivating children to lead healthier lifestyles.

During her years as a thrower, Bonnie's scores in the 1992 Olympic trials would have qualified her for the Games if there had been a women's division in her sport. However, it wasn't until 1995 that the International Olympic Committee established the Women and Sport Advocacy group which works to implement gender equality policies in all Olympic competitions. In 2000, women's hammer throw was included in the Olympics for the first time. Instead of succumbing to disappointment and defeat, Bonnie contributed to the evolution of the sport, and of the Games, by helping to introduce women's events in the hammer throw. Her talent and passion for the sport makes her an incredible coach, and she has served as a wonderful representative of the United States, and of Connecticut, this August in Rio de Janeiro. Bonnie is more than deserving of this opportunity, and her debut at the games is long overdue.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bonnie and the U.S. track and field team for a terrific performance in the Summer Games. Bonnie and her team have not only brought pride to the State of Connecticut, but to the entire nation.

ELDON LAIDIG

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eldon Laidig for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

Known for his passion for education and community service, Eldon has been a pillar of the Jefferson County community for more than fifty years. Before becoming a financial planner, Eldon spent 42 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves and 27 years working for Jefferson County Public Schools, 25 of which were spent as a middle school principal.

In 1990, Eldon started Personal Benefit Services Wealth Management, which has been recognized by 5280 Magazine and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. Eldon's involvement in the Arvada community is unparalleled. He was named the Arvada Sentinel's Man of the Year, has served as club president of the Arvada Council for the Arts and Humanities and Arvada Rotary Club and Friendship Force of Greater Denver, as well as vice president of the Arvada Historical Society. In his five decades in the Jefferson County area, Eldon has worked tirelessly to improve the City of Arvada through community service.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eldon Laidig for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

TRIBUTE TO RUBY AND DON  
GODFREY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ruby and Don Godfrey of Emerson, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 2, 1946 at Henderson Christian Church in Henderson, Iowa.

Ruby and Don's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, Richard and Darrell, and their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories, may their commitment grow even stronger, and may they continue to love and cherish one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERSILIA  
MARIA ANTONIA VERONICA  
GHIRLANDA MONETT BALCAEN

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge one of my constituents, Ersilia Balcaen, who will be turning 105 this upcoming September the 17th. Mrs. Balcaen's life has been a truly American story in that despite coming from far away, she made the United States her home. Facing some of the most uncertain times in American history, she not only endured, but flourished.

Ersilia was born in the small comune of Sesta Godano in Italy. She was only five years old when she made the dangerous journey to America with her family. She quickly proved her tenaciousness in her work ethic before she had even grown up through helping her family look after their animals and grow crops, and even held several jobs while studying in high school. She later moved to San Francisco and began work for an insurance company where she inspirationally fought to keep her job despite her recent marriage and did so successfully, only finally being let go after seven months of pregnancy.

Ersilia's tireless aspirations did not end there. She eventually showed her aptitude by doing a test for the civil service and was soon hired by the U.S. Army as a stenographer with the Army's Overseas Supply Division at Presidio, California. During her time in service to her nation, she was part of the first evacuations from Pearl Harbor while attempting to bring back the wounded from the attacks. Her career eventually took her back to California where she helped many veterans and civil servants find work following the end to the war. She was heavily praised for her selfless efforts in caring for all those who worked for her. Despite some levels of discrimination she received, she endured and persisted, leading a highly notable career which she retired from in 1972, after 31 years. Her public service did not end upon retirement. Mrs. Balcaen continued to serve her community through her involvement in local charities.

Mr. Speaker, this is a woman of extreme courage and fortitude, whose tireless efforts in spite of discrimination and difficulties, serves as an inspiration to all. She has spent nearly her entire life in service to others and her selflessness should be acknowledged for all to witness. I would ask my fellow members to stand with me and applaud Mrs. Balcaen and wish her well.

BEAUTY BEHIND BARS

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a wonderful event that 94 FM the Fish hosted called Beauty Behind Bars. This event took place on July 30th of this year at the Vanderbilt Student Life Center. It was an excellent opportunity for women in the community to be transformed, inspired, and empowered.

Beauty Behind Bars is an organization designed to help women and girls break away from mental incarceration and self-imprisonment of low self-esteem, doubt, depression, suicide, and dream killing. They also teach the importance of forgiveness, accountability, and the significance of loving self from the inside out. They educate the community by providing seminars and conferences.

I commend Beauty Behind Bars and 94 FM the Fish for their willingness to host a free training workshop that will continue to influence and change women for the rest of their lives. They have set an excellent example of what it means to "set the captives free." My hope is that they will continue to bring freedom to women of all ages and for generations to come.

MR. SHAYAK SENGUPTA RECEIVES  
PRESTIGIOUS FULBRIGHT AWARD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Shayak Sengupta of Sugar Land, TX for receiving a Fulbright award for his energy research in India during the 2015 through 2016 academic year.

Each year the Fulbright Program grants students with the opportunity to study, research or teach English abroad in an effort to internationalize communities and campuses around the world. Fulbright scholars focus on the conditions and challenges differing regions face, as well as building valuable U.S. relationships. Shayak graduated from Hightower High School and attended Rice University. Under the Fulbright program, he studied the effectiveness and cost of air pollution control technologies in Indian coal power plants.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Mr. Shayak Sengupta for receiving this Fulbright award. Keep up the great work.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FRESNO  
POLICE CHIEF JERRY DYER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Jerry Dyer of Fresno, California. Chief Dyer is being honored by the Fresno Police Department in appreciation of his 15 years of service as Police Chief. The Fresno community is fortunate to have someone who has devoted his career to serving as an advocate for our city.

Chief Dyer attended California State University, Fresno where he would receive his Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. He would go on to obtain a Master's Degree in Management from California Polytechnic University at Pomona and graduate from the California Command College for law enforcement leaders. He began his service with the Fresno Police Department in 1979.

Chief Dyer has been committed to community policing since becoming the Chief of Police on August 1, 2001. He has made it a priority of the Department to build strong relationships with the community, and instill trust between the officers and the people they serve. These efforts have even been recognized nationally for their effectiveness. Under Chief Dyer, the Department's block parties, forums and numerous community events have helped build trust between the residents and the officers.

Under his leadership, the Fresno Police Department has been in the forefront of implementing the reforms proposed by President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. By employing new technologies, Chief Dyer has made the Fresno Police Department more effective than ever before.

During his time as the Chief of Police, Dyer and the Department have been acknowledged on many occasions for their achievements. In 2005, Chief Dyer was awarded the Excellence in Public Service Award, which is sponsored by The Fresno Bee, The Fresno Business Council, and the Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno. That same year, the Department would become nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; something only fourteen other agencies in the state have achieved. The Department was also granted the prestigious California Highway Patrol Commissioner's Award for its traffic safety efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Jerry Dyer in celebration of this great achievement. It has been a pleasure to work with Chief Dyer in serving the community we both love. We are lucky to have someone who has put in a great effort to make the Fresno Police Department one of the state's top law enforcement agencies. I ask that you join me in wishing Chief Dyer continued success.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on September 6, 2016, I was away from the Capitol and was unable to vote on any legislative measures on this date.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5578, the Survivors' Bill of Rights Act, Roll Call Vote Number 479, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3881, the Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act, Roll Call Vote Number 480, had I been present I would have voted yes.

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DAWN BAUER

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dawn Bauer, a teacher at the Carson Elementary School in

Denver, CO, for her 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. Dawn has been an active teacher at the Carson Elementary School and now in the College and Career Readiness Office at Denver Public Schools has played an integral role in ensuring her students are prepared with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are vital to their future success.

Dawn's dedication to teaching and commitment to her students serve as a role model for other teachers and is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dawn Bauer for her PAEMST Award and for representing the great State of Colorado on a national level. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF PETER CHOU VANG

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Chou Vang who passed away May 4, 2016. He was 82. Vang Chou was a respected leader in the Hmong American community, whose contributions spanned decades.

Vang Chou was born on April 5, 1938 in the Phac Lac village of Laos to Xia Chong Vang and Xay Lo. Vang Chou completed primary education and went on to receive his Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Complementaires (French High School Diploma). From an early age he was known as a benevolent man, providing for many members of his extended family. Vang Chou made the decision not to pursue his education further, due to his family's financial hardship and in order to help his mother provide for his seven half siblings. At the age of 20 he became a national police officer in Laos.

1961 was an eventful year for Vang Chou. He began his service as a first Air Guide officer for the CIA and married his wife May Yang. Vang Chou's intricate knowledge of the terrain led to his service as a guide for aerial missions during the Vietnam War. His flying career included 116 aerial missions. In 1968, he was wounded in battle, leaving him partially paralyzed in his right arm. Vang Chou then became the commander of the joint operation center at Long Tien Air Base. He quickly earned the respect of his Hmong, Thai and American counterparts.

Following the end of the war, Vang Chou and his family arrived in the United States as refugees in 1976. The family relocated to Santa Ana, California before eventually settling in Merced County. He initially found work as a machinist, before joining the program to assist newly arrived refugees with resettlement. He was one of the founding members of

Merced Lao Family Community, Inc.—an organization that was founded to serve the Southeast Asian immigrant community. He was instrumental in founding similar organizations in California and the Western United States. According to historian Noah Vang, he was a significant member of the community and played a role in building the strong and thriving Hmong community we know today.

Vang Chou is survived by his wife, May Yang Vang; their children, Maly, Wayne, Maykou, Bee and Mayko; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me on this day in a moment of silence in memory of the life and service of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Chou Vang. He will be remembered as a hardworking man, who went above and beyond in the service of his community. His leadership and dedication to the Hmong community will be missed.

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#### IN HONOR OF LOUDOUN COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE TOM HORNE

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Tom Horne, a 2016 honoree at the Loudoun Laurels Gala. Judge Horne exemplifies the very best of the traditions of public service, stewardship, and personal contributions to the life and history of Loudoun County. His dedication to a high standard of conduct allowed him to remain honest and loyal while making a positive impact in the legal community.

Mr. Horne graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania in 1965, and went on to attend the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. He served as a Commonwealth's Attorney for three years before taking the bench in 1982. Chief Judge Thomas D. Horne retired after over 21 years, having served longer than any other judge in the Loudoun County Circuit.

In addition to his long and distinguished legacy as a judge, Judge Horne was a driving force in education as well. He established the 20th Judicial Circuit's Law Camp, a landmark educational experience of young people considering a career in the law. The Law Camp gives students interested in the legal sphere an opportunity to interact with professionals in both a classroom lecture and moot court setting.

Judge Horne is a keen preservationist and has diligently protected and served Loudoun County's historic courthouse building in Leesburg. He is also a member of the Board of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Judge Thomas Horne for the outstanding services he provided to the United States throughout his long-lasting career. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO NORMA AND JACK  
POPE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Norma and Jack Pope of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married May 26, 1956 at St. John Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Norma and Jack's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Scott and Julie, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Norma and Jack on this momentous occasion.

MINNESOTA MOURNS FOR JACOB  
WETTERLING

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on October 22, 1989 a heinous, evil crime was committed against a young boy. For nearly twenty-seven years that unsolved crime devastated a family, terrorized a community, and has haunted the people of Minnesota.

The young boy was eleven-year-old Jacob Wetterling of St. Joseph, MN and this week we finally learned the truth. Jacob was abducted and murdered by a sexual predator who is presently facing federal child pornography charges.

For twenty-seven years the disappearance and uncertainty of Jacob's whereabouts unleashed a mix of emotions—grief, anger, sadness, but always there was hope. Jacob's mother and father—Patty and Jerry Wetterling—never gave up hope. They inspired hope and compassion from the unimaginable pain of losing their son. Patty's advocacy on behalf of missing and exploited children has made her a national expert and a leading national voice for laws and policies that keep children safe. Not only has she dedicated her life to bringing Jacob home, but she has made protecting families and children her mission. Patty is a woman with incredible courage, strength, and determination whom I admire and respect.

In 1989, Jacob's disappearance transfixed Minnesota. My own household was no different. My son was Jacob's age and my daughter a few years younger. We all wanted to see Jacob come home. I feared for my children's safety. Parents were afraid and so were children all across Minnesota.

It is with much sadness and grief that we now know that Jacob was murdered soon after he was abducted. His remains have been

found. The truth has been revealed. And, the Wetterling family can bring their son home and mourn for him with all the love, dignity and respect that Jacob deserves.

May Jacob now rest in peace and may the prayers of all Minnesotans give the Wetterling family comfort during this difficult and sad time. And, this October 22nd, as I have every year since his disappearance, I leave a light on to remember Jacob and all the children who are still missing.

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OUT-  
COMES FOR FOSTER YOUTH ACT  
OF 2016

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleagues Mr. REICHERT, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. REED, I am proud to introduce today the Improving Employment Outcomes for Foster Youth Act, which provides federal tax incentives to private sector employers that hire youth transitioning from the foster care system to independence.

The outcomes for transition age foster youth in this coup are heartbreaking: half are unemployed at age 24; half will spend time in a homeless shelter; and 70 percent will be reliant on government assistance after emancipating from foster care. The federal government has both an economic and moral interest in improving outcomes for these youth.

In 2008, we passed the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, which recognized the challenges faced by youth transitioning out of foster care and enables them to continue to receive supports and services until they turn 21. In passing that bill our goal was not to extend dependency on the foster care system, but rather to use the additional time spent in extended foster care to help them become independent. While extended foster care is providing a critical lifeline for thousands of youth across the country, more needs to be done to help these youth connect with career opportunities and attain self-sufficiency.

A key strategy will be engaging the private sector in this effort. There is a developing partnership in California between the nonprofit iFoster, public child welfare agencies, community-based organizations, and the grocery industry to create an employment pipeline for foster youth that is already demonstrating great success in preparing foster youth for competitive work, and supporting them on the job to ensure retention and promotion. The Improving Employment Outcomes for Foster Youth Act will make transition age foster youth categorically eligible for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), an existing federal credit that provides incentives to businesses to hire employees from certain populations with specific employment challenges. In doing so, this bill will help encourage other sectors to follow the grocery industry's lead in hiring and investing in our nation's foster youth and starting them on a successful career path.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this important legislation.

HONORING OLYMPIC GOLD  
MEDALIST KELSI WORRELL

**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Olympic gold medalist Kelsi Worrell, of the Third Congressional District, in her recent accomplishments at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio, and to commend her for her outstanding dedication to the sport of swimming.

Kelsi, who is a resident of Westampton, worked diligently to help the United States Women's Swim Team win a gold medal in the women's 4x100m medley relay. In addition to her great accomplishment at the Summer Olympic Games, Kelsi has continued to be a role model for so many young children with aspirations of greatness. Her hard work and determination has instilled a great sense of pride within the local communities of South Jersey. Her achievements exhibit the great pride with which Kelsi represents herself and the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have Olympic gold medalist Kelsi Worrell as a member of their community, who has shown a desire to represent her nation with great honor and has worked continuously to do so to the best of her ability. I am honored to recognize her accomplishment and dedication to her sport, before the United States House of Representatives.

DAN PIKE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dan Pike for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

An active Colorado conservationist, Dan began advocating for the environment in 1976 when he opened an office for the Nature Conservancy and drafted the first ever Colorado conservation easement. Since then, Dan has continued to defend the environment as a founding member of both the Mountain Area Land Trust in Evergreen and Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy and as retired president of Colorado Open Lands. Under Dan's leadership, Colorado Open Lands has made vast contributions to the protection of open space, preserving five thousand acres of Jefferson County land overall.

Dan's civic achievements include Vice Chair of the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts, Chair and Founder of the Mountain Area Land Trust, and a legislative member of the Colorado Conservation Easement Tax Credit Task Force. In 2015, Dan received the Friend of Open Space Award from the Palmer Land Trust for his recent efforts to protect southern Colorado. Recently, Dan has been working on the Jeffco Vision 2020 plan as well as coaching youth sports.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dan Pike for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

IN HONOR OF MARGARET MORTON

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Margaret Morton, a 2016 honoree at the Loudoun Laurels Gala. Ms. Morton exemplifies the very best of the traditions of public service, stewardship, and personal contributions to the life and history of Loudoun County. Her dedication to a high standard of conduct allowed her to remain honest and loyal while making a positive impact in the journalistic community.

Margaret Morton is a graduate of Edinburgh University in Scotland. She left her home in Britain to come to America in 1966. Twenty-six years later she entered the world of journalism when she joined the staff of Leesburg Today. Last year, she became a founding member of the writing staff of Loudoun Now, recently judged to be Loudoun County's best new business.

Ms. Morton has nearly a quarter century of experience, granting her the skills and style to serve Loudoun. Her writing illustrates both her intelligence and her deep understanding of the community she loves, and is similarly reflected in her meritorious career. Currently, Ms. Morton is the Dean of the Loudoun County Press Corps.

Serving on Loudoun County's first Historic Review Board, Ms. Morton is an active preservationist. She is an avid supporter of numerous community charitable activities, for which we readily commend her.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Margaret Morton for the outstanding services she provided to our great Commonwealth throughout her long-lasting career. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO PATTY AND JIM  
COWNIE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Patty and Jim Cownie for being awarded the 2016 Robert D. Ray Pillar of Character Award, presented by the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University. They were presented with the honor during the annual Ray Center's Iowa Character Awards in Altoona, Iowa.

Each year, a selection committee of 50 members selects recipients who have exemplified a life filled with volunteerism and sacrifice. The Cownies embody each of those qualities. Ever since the Ray Center opened its doors as Character Counts back in 1997, Patty and Jim Cownie have given their time and resources to make sure it was a total success.

Patty Cownie has always displayed a commitment to volunteerism throughout her life. From 1999 to 2014 she served on the Drake University Board of Trustees and now dedicates her time and expertise to the Iowa Board of Regents. She has also contributed

her time to organizations such as the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation, Meals from the Heartland and Bravo! Greater Des Moines.

Recognized as one of the top businessmen in the State of Iowa, Jim Cownie has still found time to dedicate himself to causes and organizations of which he cares. Along with his wife, Patty, Jim has sacrificed his time and given his expertise to many charitable organizations throughout the state and continues to utilize his own resources to improve the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Patty and Jim Cownie for receiving this esteemed designation. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

HONORING ALICIA DICOCHEA

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alicia Dicochea. Alicia is known throughout Merced County for her dedication and service to her community. She is retiring this year after serving as one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Health Centers since 1971. Alicia has gone above and beyond in the effort to make her community a better place, volunteering her time in health care, education and church.

Alicia was born in Cutler, California. She is the youngest of five siblings, born to parents who immigrated to the Central Valley from Mexico in the 1920s. From an early age she learned the meaning of hard work, working in the fields with her siblings in order to help support the family.

In 1947 Alicia married Jesus Dicochea. The young family, along with their children moved to Los Banos in 1965 in order to pursue work opportunities, where they have lived ever since.

Alicia's involvement with Golden Valley Health Centers began when it was just a single clinic for farm workers. Today the medical center has 25 clinics and serves Merced and Stanislaus counties. Alicia has been an advocate for health care for the Valley's underserved since the beginnings of her involvement with Golden Valley.

Alicia has also been an advocate in education. She made the decision to play an active role in her children's school from the day the first of her ten children began school. She was selected to be a part of a group of parents and UC Davis students to assess the needs of the community in order to properly use funding available to local students and families. She was involved in Merced College's Los Banos campus from its beginnings. She taught Spanish and advised on the curriculum for English as a Second Language students.

Her strong faith has led to a natural involvement with her church. Alicia served as a delegate for the Guadalupanas Society in Los Banos and served as secretary for District 7, which includes Los Banos, Dos Palos, and Atwater.

Alicia's service to her community knows no limits. She has served on the Los Banos Planning Commission and as a member of the National Board of National Association of Farmworkers Organization. During the holiday season, she participates in initiatives to feed the homeless.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Alicia Dicochea. Her forty-five years of service on the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Health Centers, in addition to the wonderful work she has done in the community, should be commended. Los Banos will be forever grateful for the impact she has made in the community.

REMEMBERING LESLIE WITT  
REICHENBACH**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of an important and respected member of the Chicago community, Ms. Leslie Witt Reichenbach.

For nearly 40 years, she woke up generations of Chicago's WXRT listeners on weekend mornings. A native Chicagoan, she earned a bachelor's degree in communications and environmental science from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Shortly after, she began her radio career as a disc jockey at a progressive rock station in Massachusetts. With her growing enthusiasm for radio, she returned to Chicago to work at WXRT 93.1 FM in 1977. Leslie was also a news reporter for WBEZ, Chicago's Public Radio station in the 1980s, while still DJ'ing on weekend mornings at WXRT.

Leslie, often referred to as "the overnight angel," was known for her kind smile and her ability to connect with others. Her sense of wonder was the source of her ability to communicate about the music with conviction. Leslie's dedication helped mentor many new D.J.'s who preceded her radio shift.

Sadly, Leslie passed away on July 17th, 2016 at age 63 in Riverwoods, Illinois after her battle with ovarian cancer.

Leslie bravely fought her illness by listening to new albums, attending concerts, and practicing ballet. Leslie's top priority was always her family, and the love and support they provided her was the most important thing in her life. Leslie is survived by her husband, Chuck Reichenbach and their adult children Kay and Kurt.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless the Reichenbach family and the memory of a woman who was truly loved by her friends, her community, and her family.

IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT  
KENNETH D. JUMPER, SR.**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina is paying positive tribute to the service of American Patriot Kenneth D.

Jumper, Sr., of Cayce, South Carolina. I especially appreciate his dedicated model of military service in the National Guard. He was an inspiration to me when we served together in the 218th Mechanized Infantry Brigade as he lived up to the highest standards of service by being the most patriotic, competent, and capable of citizens.

A thoughtful obituary was published in The State newspaper on August 27, 2016:

CAYCE.—Kenneth D. Jumper, 89, of Cayce, South Carolina passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, August 25, 2016. He was born in Swansea, South Carolina to the late Dewey and Myrtis Smith Jumper.

Kenneth retired from the State Highway Department and The SC Army National Guard as a Staff Sergeant. He was a member of Cayce First Baptist Church for over 60 years. He served several terms on the Cayce City Council. Kenneth coached Little League baseball for many years in Cayce and spent many days helping his neighbors. He will be long remembered for his Godly character, his acts of kindness and Christian faith. He will be missed by all.

Kenneth is survived by his sons, Kenneth D. (Sally) Jumper, Jr. of West Columbia, Keith (Emily) Jumper of Lexington, Karl Jumper of Cayce and Kim (Kimberley) Jumper of Lexington; his brothers, Conley (Joanne) Jumper of Pacolet and Coy (Esca) Jumper of Swansea; his sister, Orene Carter of Cayce; and his daughter-in-law, Lisa Jumper of Swansea. He also leaves behind his 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Verna B. Jumper and his son, Kelvin M. Jumper.

The family will receive friends at Thompson Funeral Home of Lexington on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at The Harvest, 4865 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Southland Memorial Gardens.

The funeral services were lovingly conducted by his son, Pastor Kenneth D. Jumper, Jr.

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BETTY MILLER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Betty Miller for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

When Betty Miller moved in 1959, Jefferson County gained a selfless public servant who had a significant impact on the community until her death in January of 2012. Betty began her involvement by volunteering with both the local League of Women Voters and PTA, and later turned her attention to resolving school finance and county zoning issues until her election to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1964. In that role, she helped establish the City of Lakewood, and served on the first Lakewood City Council from 1965 to 1975.

The Lakewood Sentinel recognized Betty's hard work and awarded her Outstanding Woman of 1972 and the Jeffco Board of Realtors named her Citizen of the Year in 1977. Betty continued her commitment to Jefferson

County as Director of Colorado Local Affairs under Governor Dick Lamm and as Chief Administrator for Senator Tim Wirth, where she famously helped shut down Rocky Flats. Betty was named the Leo Riethmayer Outstanding Public Administrator in 1980 and recognized for her "outstanding achievement and distinguished service" as Regional Administrator of HUD under President Jimmy Carter. In 1992, Betty was elected Jefferson County Commissioner, where she helped inspire and lead Jeffco's first long-term planning efforts that helped make our community what it is today.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Betty Miller's family for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

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IN HONOR OF THE LADIES BOARD  
OF INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Ms. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital, which is commemorating over a century of nursing in the Leesburg emergency room. I would like to personally commend these unselfish women who inspire others through their dedication and generosity in service to their neighbors, friends, and strangers. These commendable citizens embody the very best of this nation's values through their service to our community and exemplary performance in healthcare practice.

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital has been "the heart and soul" of the hospital since 1912, when it was formed simultaneously with Loudoun's first healthcare center. Ever since, it has been raising money to support the hospital in renovations and supplies, and has been consistently rated in the top one percent of patient satisfaction in the nation. Even more recently, the board gifted one million dollars toward the renovation at the Leesburg campus, which was completed three years ago and continues to make important strides for the betterment of our Commonwealth. This is a clear testament to the outstanding work which is conducted by these exemplary individuals every day and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Ladies Board. I wish them good luck and hope that they continue to better the future of Loudoun's exceptional healthcare.

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TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT JARED  
KAUFMAN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jared Kaufman of Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Jared is a member of Boy Scout Troop 550 in Council Bluffs.

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

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Jared's Eagle Project involved community service at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs. Jared led a team of scouts who collected donations and built carts to hold entertainment supplies such as books, magazines, and puzzles for the patients confined to the hospital. The work ethic Jared has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Jared Kaufman and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jared and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

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HONORING MS. KATHERINE  
SCHACK FOR RECEIVING THE  
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN MATHEMATICS  
AND SCIENCE TEACHING

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Ms. Katherine Schack. She has been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is a prestigious award that will be presented in Washington, DC at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. In addition to Ms. Schack having the opportunity to attend various recognition events and development activities, she will also receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. A citation from President Obama will be presented as well. Ms. Schack is one of only one hundred and eight teachers to receive this award for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ms. Schack is receiving this award for her work at Lakeview Elementary where she taught 2nd Grade. During her twelve years as an educator, she has taught first and second grade in the Wentzville School District at Lakeview Elementary School. In 2014, Ms. Schack became the first K-8 Mathematics Coach/Content Lead in her district.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established by Congress in 1983. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government specifically for educators that teach mathematics and science. Since the establishment of the program, over 4,600 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to their students and school districts.

Ms. Schack has been involved in local district level committees throughout the years, including: Mathematics Curriculum Writing Team, Assessment Writing Team, and Curriculum Review Committee. During her years in the classroom setting, she served as a Singapore Math trainer which required serving the district's ten elementary schools. Most recently, this past year Ms. Schack took the lead in establishing and implementing the district's New Teacher Math Curriculum Training and Beyond Math In Focus Training. Currently as the K–8 Mathematics Coach/Content Lead, she works closely with teachers to increase student engagement, allow for problem solving within and beyond the classroom, and aid in creating a structure of learning in the classroom.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Ms. Schack on her achievement and this honor of receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RUBY  
WILSON

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ruby Wilson, a legendary Memphis Blues singer who was known as the “Queen of Beale Street” and was beloved not only by the city of Memphis but by fans all over the world. Ruby Wilson was born in 1948 in Fort Worth, Texas before making Memphis, Tennessee her home in 1972. Over time, Ruby became one of the greatest ambassadors for Memphis and Blues music alike.

Ruby's passion for singing began early as a child in Texas singing in her church choir, which was directed by her mother. Through the choir, Ruby performed with notable gospel singers Rosetta Tharpe, The Blind Boys of Alabama and Reverend James Cleveland. At age 15, Ruby accepted renowned gospel singer Shirley Caesar's invitation to sing backup during a summer tour.

During this same time in her youth, Ruby learned her love of the Blues from her father, who was an associate of famed guitarist and blues singer Freddie King. It was time spent with her father listening to Muddy Waters and other Blues musicians on the radio that influenced her future music career. This included listening to Memphis Blues legend B.B. King, whom she met in Texas at age 14. They formed a friendship that lasted his lifetime. It was then that B.B. King named Ruby his goddaughter, six years before she would sing with him for the first time.

By 1972, Ruby had lived and worked in Chicago singing gospel and directing church choirs, and had returned to Texas to sing jazz. She was touring by then and had, on occasions, performed in Memphis, where she met Stax Records songwriter, recording artist and producer Isaac Hayes, who suggested she move there. After relocating to Memphis, Ruby taught kindergarten for eight years while building her music career on the nightclub stages of Beale Street and surrounding venues, including Club Handy, Rum Boogie Café, Club Royale, Mallard's, Alfred's, Silky 'O Sullivan's, The Blues Room, In The Alley on Beale,

Neil's, Bosco's, 50/50 Tower, The Spot, The Other Place, Beale Street Blues Club, Elvis Presley's (on Beale), and the New Daisy and Old Daisy Theaters. Ruby was also a regular performer at B.B. King's Blues Club and its upstairs restaurant, Itta Bena.

Ruby enjoyed new experiences and performing in new venues across the globe. Throughout her career, Ruby performed in Asia, Europe and New Zealand for audiences that included British and Monégasque royalty. She also performed for U.S. President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, and she was a featured performer at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival in 2008, 2011 and 2012. In addition to touring, Ruby Wilson recorded 10 albums and worked alongside Ray Charles, the Four Tops, Willie Nelson, Isaac Hayes, Al Green's Full Gospel Tabernacle Choir in Memphis and countless others. She also appeared in over 10 major films, including *The Firm* (1993), *The Client* (1994), *The People vs. Larry Flynt* (1996), *Black Snake Moan* (2006), and *Delta Rising: A Blues Documentary* (2008).

Ruby was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. She earned the title “Queen of Beale Street” in 1992 and has received the “Authentic Beale Street Musician Award,” the “Memphis Sound Award for Best Entertainer,” the “Blues Ball Award: Special Achievement,” the “Willie Mitchell Jus Blues Award,” and the “W.C. Handy Heritage Awards: Lifetime Achievement.” Ruby also received the St. Jude Children's Hospital “Supporter Award,” the “Networking for Memphis Community Service Award,” and the “Arc of the Mid-South Community Leader Award.” She has been inducted into the African American Hall of Fame, the Afro-American Walk of Fame at Lemoyne Owen College in Memphis and has a brass note in her honor on the Beale Street Walk of Fame. Ruby Wilson received accolades from critics and fans throughout her career and she will always be remembered for her great voice and warm personality.

For the city of Memphis, Ruby Wilson was more than just the Queen of Beale Street. She possessed a voice that was sought after by businesses and politicians for television commercials and radio ads because hers was a credible voice of endorsement. She recorded for small local businesses and I am forever grateful for the ads that she recorded for me and the support that she gave me. I am also thankful for the opportunity to have watched her perform many times in Memphis, including at her last benefit performance at B.B. King's Blues Club on July 31st, less than two weeks before her passing. As always, she was beautiful and smiling while performing to a packed house as was befitting of her life, achievements, contributions and memory.

Ruby Wilson's passing places her on the same level, if not higher, as many Memphis legendary geniuses that we've recently lost, including Elvis Presley's guitarist Scott Moore, Stax Records and American Sound Studio producer Chip Moman, The Memphis Horns saxophone and trumpet players Andrew Love and Wayne Jackson, and Maurice White, founder of the multi-Grammy Award winning music group Earth, Wind and Fire.

Ruby Wilson passed away on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 68 years of age. She is survived by her daughters Shallisa Alexander and Stacey Ragston, her sons Keith and Kenneth Moseley, and 12 grandchildren and five great-

grandchildren. Ruby Wilson had a unique and incredible voice that Memphis, Beale Street, the entire music community and all of her fans around the world will miss. Hers was a life well-lived.

COMMEMORATING THE BEGINNING  
OF WORLD WAR II

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the date was September 1, 1939. It was a date that would change the world forever. Nazi Germany, under Adolf Hitler, invaded Poland by air, land, and sea, igniting the Second World War and throwing the world into turmoil. Hitler used what is known as the “blitzkrieg strategy” to occupy Poland. He attacked the country by air to destroy its infrastructure; meanwhile, he directed a massive land and sea invasion to take the nation. Poland's troops and military were unequipped to effectively fight the Germans, so consequently Poland quickly fell under the control of Germany and the Soviet Union. Hitler had hoped that Britain and France would tolerate the invasion like they had when Hitler invaded Sudetenland and Czechoslovakia. However, the invasion of Poland was one invasion too many, and it significantly altered the course of history, launching the allied and axis powers into a full scale world war.

Germany initially intended to invade Poland on August 26, not September 1. Hitler had signed a nonaggression pact with the Soviet Union on August 23 to ensure that the USSR would not come to Poland's aid, and within the treaty, Hitler and Stalin agreed to divide Poland between them once conquered. However, Hitler made a last minute decision to postpone the attack because, on August 25, Britain signed the Polish-British Common Defense Pact, guaranteeing Poland military support if invaded. Hitler utilized false propaganda throughout the next few days in an attempt to justify Germany's impending invasion of Poland and to prevent Britain from coming to its aid. Hitler secretly attacked small installations inside Germany and framed it on Poland, attempting to pose as the victim instead of the aggressor. The propaganda failed, though, and both Britain and France entered the conflict when Germany overtook Poland.

The breakout of WWII, however, cannot be attributed to any single event, but rather an accumulation of issues that climaxed in a destructive standoff between the Axis powers (Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Bulgaria) and the Allies (The United States, Great Britain, France and—later—the Soviet Union). The world had been anticipating war for a long time preceding Adolf Hitler's invasion of Poland. The global balance was unstable after World War I (initially and ironically considered “the War to End All Wars”) and international tensions remained high. Germany especially was dealing with significant instability and neglect as a consequence of the First World War, and this national crisis led to the election of Adolf Hitler. Hitler's invasion on this day 77 years ago provoked Britain and France to declare war against the malicious power on September 3,

1939, leading to a long and bloody international conflict.

For nearly two years, America attempted to remain out of the military conflict, calling itself a neutral power. However, on several occasions before entering the war, American military vessels (including USS *Reuben James* and USS *Kearny*) and British civilian vessel SS *Athenia* were attacked by German submarines, resulting in American military and civilian casualties. The breaking point for the United States eventually occurred during the morning hours of December 7, 1941. It was a date that would live in infamy, as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt announced. Hundreds of Japanese fighter planes soared over Pearl Harbor, the American naval base near Honolulu, Hawaii, destroying a significant portion of our nation's Pacific Fleet and taking thousands of American lives with it. This unforgivable attack against the United States provoked Roosevelt and Congress to declare war on Japan on December 8, 1941. Subsequently, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, and America joined the Allied Powers' fight against the Axis. In the end, we notably contributed to the extinguishment of Nazi Germany and the defeat of its allies.

World War II transformed the globe as the deadliest war in history. Over the course of the war, more than 72 million people lost their lives, leaving nations and families from all around the globe in deep despair. Out of the 690 million people who fought in WWII, 16.1 million were Americans; of those 16.1 million courageous soldiers, nearly 292,000 sacrificed their most precious possessions—their lives—for the greater good of our nation and our world. The United States was left in grieving. Wives cried for their fallen husbands, sisters for their brothers, and mothers for their sons. These heroes honorably gave everything to fight one of the vilest brands of evil the world has ever seen. Thanks to our brave military and committed allies who fought in World War II, the world is a better place.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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### HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on September 6, 2016, on Roll Call Number 479 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5578, Survivors' Bill of Rights Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5578.

On September 6, 2016, on Roll Call Number 480 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3881, Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3881.

#### THE GROWING CRISIS IN SOUTH SUDAN

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on April 27 of this year, the subcommittee I chair held a hearing on South Sudan's prospects for peace. An accord that appeared to finally end the civil war that broke out in December 2013 was reluctantly signed by both the Government of South Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement—In Opposition in August 2015. Perhaps too much was read into the signing of that agreement and not enough into the continuing criticism of the accords by both sides.

Peace was never fully established in South Sudan as a result of the August 2015 agreement. In fact, fighting spread to areas that had not previously seen armed conflict. An estimated 50,000 South Sudanese have been killed since December 2013, more than 2.5 million have been displaced, and 4.8 million face severe hunger. According to the UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan, or UNMISS, "gross violations of human rights and serious violations of humanitarian law have occurred on a massive scale."

South Sudanese women have long reported cases of sexual assault by armed forces throughout the country—sometimes in sight of UNMISS bases. This past July, between 80–100 armed soldiers broke into the Terrain apartment compound, which houses aid workers and international organization staff, and for several hours, they sexually assaulted women, beat residents, murdered one South Sudanese journalist and looted the facility.

UNMISS did not respond to the desperate calls for help from residents, even though their own personnel lived in the Terrain compound, and UNMISS officials say the various components of UNMISS didn't respond to orders to mobilize from within the organization.

UN peacekeepers were minutes away but refused to intervene despite being asked and having a robust legal mandate to do so. A contingent of the South Sudanese military ultimately rescued the victims from other rampaging troops. The investigation by the South Sudanese government is scheduled to be completed within days, and there must be consequences for those found guilty. The rapidly deteriorating security and the increasingly dire humanitarian situation led me to undertake an emergency mission to South Sudan two weeks ago along with Staff Director Greg Simpkins.

I have known Salva Kiir since he became First Vice President in the Government of the Republic of Sudan in 2005—as a matter of fact I met him in Khartoum only weeks after he assumed that office—and I hoped my visit might convey to him the outrage over the murder, rape, sexual assault, attack on aid workers, and the precarious situation his government faces. South Sudan is at a tipping point. The United Nations will likely take up a measure to impose an international arms embargo on South Sudan this month. The International Monetary Fund has strongly recommended a mechanism for financial transparency and meets next month, likely expecting a response from South Sudan. Meanwhile the House and

Senate both have measures that contain an arms embargo and other sanctions.

In Juba, we met with President Kiir, his Defense Minister Kuol Manyang Juuk and the top members of the general staff, including Chief of General Staff Paul Malong, considered by many to be a major power behind the scenes. I emphasized to them that the widespread rape and sexual exploitation and abuse by soldiers must stop now, and that perpetrators of these despicable crimes must be prosecuted. In response, both President Kiir and Defense Minister Jook agreed to produce a 'zero tolerance' presidential decree against rape and sexual exploitation and abuse by all armed forces. Such a decree not only informs perpetrators that they will be punished for their actions, but it places the government on the line to enforce such a decree.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has previously described the South Sudan government's efforts to hold perpetrators of abuses accountable as "few and inadequate." That must change.

President Kiir also gave us a copy of a presidential order forming a commission to investigate the incident at the Terrain compound. The result of that investigation is due any day now. There are four military officers and one civilian in custody for looting the Terrain compound, but no one has been arrested for the sexual assaults, beatings or the public murder of the South Sudanese journalist.

One of the victims of sexual assault at Terrain is from my congressional district. After relaying horrible details of the sexual assault by two soldiers, she gave us the name of the soldier who "rescued" her and who might be able to provide information that could be used to find and prosecute those who attacked her at the Terrain compound.

There are about 20,000 humanitarian aid workers in South Sudan—2,000 of whom are from the United States and other foreign countries. If there is not greater security for these humanitarian personnel and supplies, vital assistance will diminish at the time it is needed most.

The exploitation of children as child soldiers must stop as well. According to UNICEF, 16,000 child soldiers have been recruited by all sides since civil war began in December 2013. Moreover, this year's US State Department Trafficking in Persons Report gave South Sudan a failing grade—Tier 3—in part because of child soldiers.

South Sudan faces the possibility of a UN arms embargo and other sanctions. A new 4,000 Regional Protection Force—designed to augment the over 13,000 UN uniformed peacekeepers—has already been approved by the UN Security Council.

There is yet time for South Sudan to make its pivot to peace and good governance by faithfully implementing the comprehensive peace accord—including and especially the establishment of a Hybrid Court—signed one year ago but time is running out.

The governments of the three guarantors of South Sudan's peace—the United States, the United Kingdom and Norway—all have expressed their disgust with the South Sudan government and its armed opposition for not adhering to the August 2015 peace agreement and providing to the extent it can for the security and well-being of its own people. However, expressions of disdain are not enough.

This hearing I convened on South Sudan today was not only intended to examine culpability for the current situation, but also to try to find solutions that will safeguard the future of one of the world's newest nations and its citizens. As a guarantor of the peace, we can and should do no less.

TRIBUTE TO TYPHANIE AND NICK MAHLSTADT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Typhanie and Nick Mahlstadt of Indianola, Iowa as honorees of the 2016 Angels in Adoption Award.

Each year, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) selects individuals, families or organizations who demonstrate a commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes. Many have come away from this experience with a renewed commitment to serve the needs of the millions of children who are waiting for a loving family to call their own.

I am proud that you are being welcomed into a select group of distinguished leaders who CCAI recognizes as 2016 Angels in Adoption honorees. Your tireless dedication to children sets you apart as a shining example in Indianola, across Iowa and throughout the United States, earning you well-deserved recognition as extraordinary individuals and quite worthy of this award.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Typhanie and Nick Mahlstadt in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Mahlstadt family as they receive this honor and wish them nothing but the best in their lives and the lives of children everywhere.

IN RECOGNITION OF INOVA LOUDOUN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT EXPANSION

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Inova Loudoun's brick breaking ceremony for the emergency department expansion, taking place on September 7th, 2016. Since 1912, Inova Loudoun's healthcare professionals have worked to provide their patients with the best care and treatments to continue saving lives. Not only does Inova Loudoun provide a crucial service for its community, but the hospital uses state-of-the-art technology to give their doctors the tools they need to treat their patients. This is an important milestone for this wonderful hospital.

One of the foundations of modern society is the ability of all people to have access to quality emergency care. The mission of Inova Loudoun, providing top-notch medical services, has given residents in Virginia peace of mind, knowing that some of the country's best

medical care is right around the corner. Through its stellar work, Inova Loudoun has proven that it ranks among the best hospitals in the country.

Over the years, this hospital has bettered the lives of countless Americans, not only through its emergency services, but also through its mobile health screenings and education initiatives. Its outstanding work has earned it many accolades and awards. Inova Loudoun has continued to provide a valuable service to communities and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Inova Loudoun on its brick breaking ceremony of the emergency department expansion. I wish this hospital all the best for its promising future.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 12

5 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the failed coup in Turkey and the future of United States-Turkish cooperation.

SVC-217

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine encryption and cyber matters; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Business meeting to consider H.R. 2647, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands.

SR-328A

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Brexit, focusing on United States interests in the United Kingdom and Europe.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on reviewing the recommendations of the Technical Mapping Advisory Council's 2015 Annual Report.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Better Online Ticket Sales Act of 2016".

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 14

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts

To hold hearings to examine protecting Internet freedom, focusing on the implications of ending United States oversight of the Internet.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance

To hold hearings to examine terror financing risks of America's \$400 million cash payment to Iran.

SD-538

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine North Atlantic Treaty Organization expansion, focusing on the accession of Montenegro.

SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2636, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to require mandatory approval of applications for land to be taken into trust if the land is wholly within a reservation, S. 3216, to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation", S. 3222, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and an original bill entitled, "The Hualapai Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2016".

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine the future of nuclear power.

SD-138

Committee on the Budget

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office.

SD-608

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the future of the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on examining the Commission on Care report and the VA's response.

SR-418

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine maximizing Social Security benefits.

SD-562

SEPTEMBER 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the state of health insurance markets.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the Federal response and resources for Louisiana flood victims.

SR-428A

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine reviewing the civil nuclear agreement with Norway.

SD-419