

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. CRAIG J. ROLISH
OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Craig J. Rolish of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He is an Airforce veteran who served in Vietnam as an enlisted airman, and is a 2002 recipient of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award.

In 1993, Craig was involved in the founding of the Veteran Community Initiatives (VCI). For the past 23 years, Mr. Rolish has been instrumental in the growth and credibility of the VCI's efforts to enhance the lives and well-being of veterans and their families.

As the Vice President-Treasurer, and original Board Member, Mr. Rolish has been long involved in ensuring VCI assists in meeting the social and economic needs of the disabled, disadvantaged, physically and mentally challenged, unemployed and underemployed, and current and previously incarcerated.

Craig's dedication to veterans and their families for more than 20 years has created a lasting legacy at VCI.

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania values its veterans, and it is my great pleasure to honor the man who has spent more than two decades building an organization that provides assistance to those who have served in our armed military and their families.

HONORING JAMES CARMICHAEL

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and a great American, James "Jim" Carmichael, of Wooster, Ohio. Our nation, the state of Ohio, and his beloved Wayne County lost a friend, a father, a husband, and a dedicated public servant on July 13, 2016.

God, country, and family were Jim's guiding stars. He was a man of incredible faith, integrity, and love. Jim served in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1959 to 1964, and from 1971 to 1979, he was the mayor of Shreve, Ohio. During this time he was president of the Wayne County Mayors Association and president of the Shreve Friends of the Library. Jim was also a member of the Shreve Police and Fire Departments. He continued his public service as a member of the Wayne County Board of Elections from 1980 to 1999, and served as the board's chairman from 1989 to 1999; Jim also served as chairman of the Wayne County Republican Party from 1981 to 2000.

In 2001, Jim was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, an office he held until

2009. During his time in the legislature, he held a number of positions including Assistant Majority Whip, Majority Whip, and Assistant Majority Floor Leader. He also led as the Chairman of the House State Government Committee and Chairman of the Ohio House and Senate Cancer Caucus. After his tenure in the Ohio House of Representatives, Jim was elected Commissioner for Wayne County from 2009 until this year. Jim loved his community. He served as a Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts' Citizen in the Nation merit badge. He was also very proud to be a longtime fan of Tri-Way-Shreve School and sports, and loved to cheer on the home team.

Jim is survived by his wife Carolyn, his daughters Keely and Debbie, grandchildren Matt, Lindsay, Jamie, Garrett, Grace, and Gavin; great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Gage, and Evelyn, and his sisters, Ruth Flinner and Jane Carmichael.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to a reliable friend, a thoughtful lawmaker, and very simply, a good man.

KINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kingwood Girls' Rugby Club 2015–2016 team for going undefeated in the regular season, making it to the state finals, and participating in the 2016 High School Division at the Penn Mutual Rugby Championship in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their achievement is a testament to the dedication of head coach, Josh Dill, and assistant coach, Nick Carline, and the player's work ethic. Balancing school and athletics is not an easy task and these student athletes work hard in the classroom and continually strive to improve their craft. The families, teachers, friends, and the entire community are very proud of the Kingwood Girls' Rugby team. It is with great pleasure to recognize the members of the 2015–2016 Kingwood Girls' Rugby team:

Amber Balow
Mckenzie Borchers
Isabelle Haro
Ella Hurley
Avery Lobusch
Delanna Martin
Bryanna Matschiner
Monica Reescano
Katie Rozum
Deja Steinbrecher
Sierra Titus
Jennifer Villanueva
Taylor Welch
Tori Wilson
Nick Carline (assistant coach)
Josh Dill (head coach)
And that's just the way it is.

GOLD STAR FAMILIES VOICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4511, the Gold Star Families Voices Act, to commemorate the missing voices of American veterans who died as a result of their wartime service or were missing in action. In 2000, Congress created the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress to turn the memories of our veterans into history and to memorialize the lives of the heroes whose selfless sacrifice has contributed—and continues to contribute—to our collective understanding of who we are as Americans.

After hearing of this remarkable project, my staff and I have sat down with over a dozen veterans from the 10th District of Georgia in order to properly document their brave service. These dedicated men and women in uniform and their equally dedicated families shared their experiences, always with their patriotism, commitment, and sacrifice at the forefront.

Once again, I am awed by the inspirational people of the 10th District of Georgia, and I am honored to represent such heroic veterans in Congress. With the passage of H.R. 4511, we, as a Nation, commemorate the sacrifice of these families through the stories they share, aptly expanding and enhancing the collection of the Veterans History Project.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACEDONIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Macedonian-American community in honor of their homeland's 25th Independence Day. The people of the Republic of Macedonia voted on September 8, 1991, to officially gain independence from the former Yugoslavia. By voting for independence, the people decided that it was time for their country to forge its own democratic path and to begin a new era in their history. This 25th anniversary of their independence provides us all an opportunity to recognize the Macedonian-American community's significant contributions within the United States.

But first, I would like to ask for a moment of silence for the 24 victims of devastating floods that affected Macedonia's capital Skopje (Scop-yay) last month, which left hundreds injured and thousands displaced. Our own government provided over \$50,000 in aid to help these flood victims and repair schools in time for the start of the school year.

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Since 2001, Macedonia has been one of the staunchest allies of the United States in the War on Terror. Macedonia was the fourth and fifth largest contributor of troops, per capita, in the mission in Afghanistan. Macedonian troops guarded American troops at the compound in Kabul. And, Macedonia welcomed 50,000 and 400,000 refugees during the wars in Bosnia and Kosovo, respectively. For a country of little over two million, Macedonia has done its fair share and deserves to be in NATO. On that note, I ask that you join me, and 35 colleagues, in cosponsoring H. Res. 56 in support of Macedonia's NATO accession as soon as possible.

With American support, Macedonia has become a model of stability in a region known for ethnic strife and tension. Up until earlier this year, Macedonia was struck with the unprecedented refugee crisis facing Europe, as hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees fled war-torn countries in the Middle East and North Africa. In one year, an estimated one million migrants traveled through Macedonia, and the country's institutions organized an orderly response to the influx of people, including organizing daily trains to ferry migrants from the southern to the northern border. If the partnership between the United States and Macedonia is to remain strong, the country needs our continued support.

I also use this opportunity to urge Macedonia's leaders to continue strengthening their institutions and reforming its democracy and rule of law, especially following the slated December 11, 2016 elections, which will prove a true test of its democracy.

As a way to recognize and strengthen this strategic U.S.-Macedonia partnership, I started the first Congressional Caucus on Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans. This Caucus is a bipartisan group of members of Congress dedicated to maintaining and strengthening a positive and mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and the Republic of Macedonia, as well as advocating for the concerns and interests of the Macedonian-American community in the United States.

Michigan's 10th District has one of the largest populations of Macedonian-Americans in the Nation. I would like to acknowledge their contributions to our District and our State, and I look forward to continuing that relationship as we deal with the problems facing our great Nation.

Again, congratulations to all of Macedonian heritage for their achievements as we commemorate this important 25th anniversary of Macedonia's independence.

Long Live Macedonia (Da Zivee Makedonija)

Long Live the United States (Da Zivee Amerika)

“TURN THE PAGE” LITERACY
INITIATIVE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every summer youth without access to books lose academic skills, while those who are reading continue to make progress in developing their proficiency. Studies show that summer learning

loss is a significant cause of the achievement gap between lower- and higher-income youth. Students from low-income households learn at the same rate as their peers while school is in session, but while middle- and upper-income students show slight gains in their reading performance after the summer months, lower income students experience a two-month loss in reading achievement.

It is what teachers refer to as the “summer slide” or “summer setback.” This loss is cumulative: while teachers spend 4 to 6 weeks re-teaching material to the students who have fallen behind over the summer, other students are progressing with their skills. The result? By the end of the sixth grade, children who lose reading skills during the summer are on average 2 years behind their peers. Even more startling is the conclusion of University of Nevada research, which has shown that students without access to books are less likely to complete their basic education.

The simple fact is that there are fewer opportunities for daily summer reading when both parents are away at work. Without access to books, our kids fall behind.

My daughter teaches English at Baylor University. She has dedicated her life to edifying the young people of this country by instilling in them a love for reading, and for the intellectual tradition it gives them access to. This love needs to start early, and the inheritance of that tradition should be accessible to all Americans. That is why I am proud of the efforts of KHOU and Star Furniture, who are rolling out a new community effort to increase the literacy rate in Houston. They are soliciting donations for the non-profit group “Books Between Kids,” which provides at-risk children with books that they can keep in their home. We need more programs like this in our country.

IN HONOR OF JAN BLACK

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the remarkable personal and professional achievements of Dr. Jan Black, a great educator, selfless activist, and dear personal friend. Jan is at the same time a model American and a global citizen. Over the years she has devoted countless hours to local political campaigns for offices ranging from the President and Congress to city council and school board. Equally, she has been a tireless advocate and traveled around the world on behalf of international education and human rights.

Jan has taught for many years at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. She earned her BA in Art and Spanish from the University of Tennessee. She earned her MA in Latin American Studies and PhD in International Studies at the American University School of International Service in Washington DC.

Jan's international experience includes Senior Associate Membership at St. Antony's College, Oxford University; Fulbright, Mellon and other grants and Fellowships in South America, the Caribbean, and India; on-site or short-term teaching and honorary faculty positions in several Latin American countries, and extensive overseas lecturing and research. She was

also a Peace Corps Volunteer in Chile and a faculty member with the University of Pittsburgh's Semester-at-Sea program.

Jan was a research professor in the Division of Public Administration, University of New Mexico, and editor and research administrator in American University's Foreign Area Studies Division. She has also served on some two dozen international editorial and non-governmental organization boards and has published numerous articles and books, including most recently a 2009 book titled “The Politics of Human Rights Protection.”

In 2011, Jan was elected to the Board of Directors of Amnesty International USA, she is a member of the Advisory Boards of the International Political Science Association's Committee on Civil-Military Affairs; the Global Studies Program of California State University, San Jose; and the PhD Fellowship Program of the U.S. Inter-American Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in recognizing Dr. Jan Black for her remarkable personal and professional achievements. The world is a better place because of her efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY
OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the city of Miami Springs on the occasion of its 90th birthday.

Miami Springs was founded in 1926 by aviation pioneer Glenn H. Curtiss. Since that time, Miami Springs has grown to be home to 14,000 Floridians who prize the town for its small-town feel and civic amenities.

Miami Springs has been distinguished with several awards. In recognition of the historic nature of the town and numerous buildings and memorials that illustrate Florida history, the city was designated a “Preserve America Community” by former First Lady Laura Bush in 2008. Today, visitors and residents can tour over twenty historic sites. Additionally, Miami Springs has been certified as a Tree City USA since 1993.

For 90 years, Miami Springs has profited from and contributed to the community surrounding Miami International Airport. The city is a vibrant part of South Florida, and continues to be a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and open a business. I am proud to have collaborated with the thriving City of Miami Springs, and look forward to partnering with its leaders for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the City of Miami Springs on this auspicious milestone, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this exceptional city.

CONSTITUTION WEEK 2016

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

Whereas, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

Now, therefore, I, TOM RICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Representative of the Seventh District of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2016 to be Constitution Week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

HONORING EAGLE SCOUT REECE
O'CONNOR

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Reece O'Connor, an exceptional and accomplished young man from the Sixth District of Illinois. Reece is a senior at Hinsdale Central High School and has not only earned the rank of Eagle Scout but has earned every single merit badge the Boy Scouts of America have to offer.

This achievement represents many years of diligence and personal determination in support of the ideals of scouting. What makes this achievement even more impressive is the fact that Reece did not join Boy Scouts until the 7th grade.

Even with the late start, Reece made it his goal to "catch up" to the rest of his scout mates—and ultimately he surpassed his goal. While the Scouts only offer 136 merit badges, he currently has 138 badges. The Boy Scouts frequently add new badges and retire old ones for special occasions; for example Reece earned several badges that were only offered during the Scouts' 100th anniversary. According to a spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America Reece's success is "an extremely rare achievement."

Reece's Eagle Scout project was also an impressive accomplishment. In 2013, the summer before he started high school, he organized a shoe drive and collected more than 1,000 pairs of shoes. These shoes were sent to people in Oklahoma displaced by tornadoes, and to refugees in Nicaragua and Rwanda. Reece is a testament to the Boy Scouts organization and all that it stands for.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Reece for his remarkable achievements.

11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT IN THE CITY OF BULVERDE,
TEXAS ON OCTOBER 4, 2016

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in order to make our neighborhoods safer. The City of Bulverde, which is located in the 21st Congressional District in Texas, facilitates National Night Out as a unique opportunity to join with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts.

Congratulations to the City of Bulverde as it marks its 11th consecutive year participating in this important event with the Bulverde Police Department. Each year, community participation has increased. In 2015, Bulverde placed 2nd in Texas in the National Night Out Awards Program and 14th in the U.S. in their population category.

Thanks go to the citizens of Bulverde as they join the Bulverde Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the Annual National Night Out on October 4, 2016. These efforts keep our communities, and our citizens, more safe and secure.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FIRE
CHIEF SPENCER CHAUVIN

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of St. John the Baptist Fire Chief Spencer Chauvin. Chief Chauvin lost his life on August 28th after being struck by a charter bus while responding to a car accident.

From the time he was a teenager, Chauvin knew that he wanted to serve his community by following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather who both served as firefighters. At the age of 14, Chauvin became a volunteer firefighter with the St. John the Baptist Parish Westside Volunteer Fire Department.

He continued to show his dedication to service by working as an EMT for Acadian Ambulance then later receiving his Associate's Degree in Fire Science. In 2004, Chauvin joined the St. John the Baptist Fire Department full-time where he then became District Chief.

After 40 years of service, Chief Chauvin leaves behind a legacy that will resonate for years to come. My deepest condolences and prayers are with Chief Chauvin's family, his fellow firefighters, and especially his two young children.

FL INVENTOR HALL OF FAME 2016

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the seven inventors who have been recognized as the 2016 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. These inventors were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making a significant impact for the citizens of Florida and the United States on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 by Paul R. Sanberg, Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development, and Judy Genshaft, President, at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756 and adopted on April 30, 2014. Its mission is to encourage individuals of all ages and backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation by commending the incredible scientific work that has been or is being accomplished in Florida and by its citizens.

Nominations to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are open to all Florida inventors who are or who were residents of Florida and whose connection to the state has informed their inventive work. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society as a whole, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2016 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are: William Dalton, Tampa physician, founder and CEO of M2Gen at Moffitt Cancer Center, for his revolutionary developments in personalized cancer treatment; Yogi Goswami, Distinguished Professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa, for his pioneering contributions and technology development in solar energy and indoor air quality; Alan Marshall, professor and chief scientist at Florida State University in Tallahassee, who invented the Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) mass spectrometry, used to analyze complex structures; Nicholas Muzyczka, microbiologist at University of Florida in Gainesville, whose ground breaking research in adeno-associated virus has led to numerous breakthroughs in gene therapy; Jacqueline Quinn, environmental engineer at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, who invented multiple, globally-impacting environmental cleanup technologies, including NASA's most licensed and recognized technology for groundwater remediation, Emulsified Zero Valent Iron (EZVI); Andrew Schally, Nobel Laureate, Distinguished Professor at University of Miami School of Medicine, and Distinguished Medical Research Scientist and Chief of the Endocrine, Polypeptide and Cancer Institute at the Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center, for his discovery of hypothalamic hormones and subsequent applications of their analogues to treatment of cancer and other diseases; and MJ Soileau, professor

at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, for his innovative research in the advancement of high energy laser optics used by the Department of Defense and leading the development of UCF's internationally recognized Center for Research & Education in Optics & Lasers (CREOL).

These contributions made to society through innovation and invention are significant and life changing. I commend these individuals for the work they have done to benefit the world. In contemplating the work of these inventors, future generations can strive to emulate these honorees and their dedication to innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call Number 479, yes.

Roll Call Number 480, yes.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, please allow me to take a moment to congratulate the Home Instead Senior Care in Manassas, Virginia who are celebrating their 10th anniversary this October. Opened by Jack and Jacqueline St. Clair in 2006, Home Instead provides quality care to nearly 600 senior citizens throughout our great Commonwealth.

Home Instead caregivers seek to build quality relationships with the clients they serve, giving a personal touch to home care. The company operations are all derived from their mission "to enhance the lives of again adults and their families". This mission is evident as their care allows seniors to remain at home with family where they are comfortable and happy. Home Instead Senior Care in Manassas is a company run with compassion and a focus on providing excellent care for their clients. As local residents themselves, Jack and Jacqueline St. Clair pride themselves on providing friendly and responsive service to their neighbors and have dedicated themselves to making their community a better place to live for seniors and their families.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our most sincere appreciation to a company that has given so much to their neighbors. Jack, Jacqueline, and the staff at Home Instead Senior Care in Manassas serve as an example to all. On behalf of Virginia's 10th Congressional District I wish them continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIO TACHIAS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tenure and accomplishments of a community leader, an elected official, and an advocate for higher education in Arizona, Mr. Tio Tachias.

Mr. Tachias has proudly served the state of Arizona for over 40 years through his work as a Coconino County Supervisor, a member of the Arizona Board of Regents and a board member for countless community and educational organizations.

He developed personal and political relationships with Arizona Governors Castro, Babbitt, Mofford and Napolitano and is widely regarded as the best person to identify, register and turnout new voters on the Navajo Nation. His work contributed to countless electoral victories and he has helped thousands of new voters exercise their right to vote on Election Day.

Mr. Tachias has also served as a mentor for the next generation of Latino and Native American youth in Arizona. He has been involved in organizations such as the Boy's and Girl's Club of Flagstaff, the Phoenix Boys Choir and Northern Arizona Crisis Nursery.

Arizona is lucky to have Tio as part of our community and I know that even in retirement he will continue to contribute to our state in countless ways.

CITY OF BRONSON'S
SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the City of Bronson's Sesquicentennial celebration.

The city of Bronson—located in the heart of Branch County—was first incorporated as a village in 1866 under the name Bronson's Prairie. Named for Jabez B. Bronson, who was the first settler to the area and later the first village postmaster, Bronson was officially chartered as a city in 1934.

Known as the "Gladiolus Capital of the United States," Bronson grows the finest gladiolus flowers along with other diverse agricultural commodities on over 300 local farms. The city is also home to a strong industrial base, with a mixture of precision metal machining, tool and die, and automotive assembly, among numerous other manufacturing shops.

With its many lakes and trails, farmer's markets, and concerts in the park, Bronson is busy with countless activities for all. Its yearly Polish Festival attracts visitors from throughout the region, featuring Polish food, vendors, crafters, and a parade.

A gem of the community—the Bronson Public Library—remains as one of the few remaining Carnegie Libraries still in its original unaltered configuration.

It is truly an honor to commemorate this exciting celebration for the people of Bronson—where family, friends, and neighbors proudly come together to make the community a special place to call home. Congratulations to the citizens of Bronson as they celebrate 150 years.

THANKING TINA HANONU FOR HER
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
HOUSE

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and thank Ms. Tina Hanonu, who, after 31 years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives, retired August 5, 2016.

Tina began her career in 1984 serving as an advisor and consultant to Representative Connie Morella and went on to become a senior systems administrator for Representative Sherwood Boehlert. Recognizing her technical know-how and proven ability to provide seamless customer solutions in the IT field, Ms. Hanonu was hired by the House's Chief Administrative Officer as a systems administrator for House Information Resources. During her tenure with House Information Resources, Ms. Hanonu was promoted multiple times and took on several important roles, including the Director of Technology Support, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and then finally the Senior Advisor for the Transition to the 115th Congress.

Having worked in various capacities on the Hill, Tina developed a comprehensive understanding of the House's complex IT needs and worked tirelessly to serve the House community. Tina's colleagues at the CAO and the countless congressional offices she worked with over the course of her three-decade career, not only praised her many skills, but also her upbeat attitude, positive approach to every problem and strong work ethic that cultivated strong relationships between Member offices and administrative House organizations.

Ms. Hanonu's supervisor, Chief Information Officer Catherine Szpindor, praised Tina's "deep commitment to the House and genuine love for the role she played in supporting the Member, Committee, and Leadership offices and CAO offices over her 31 year tenure."

Tina once said that despite her many years working on the Hill, she would get "goosebumps every day" when she saw the Capitol Dome. The privilege of working here at the Capitol was not lost on Ms. Hanonu and it showed every day. Mr. Speaker, I think it's clear that those who worked with Ms. Hanonu considered it a privilege to call her a colleague and a friend.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I personally congratulate Tina on her retirement, and thank her for her outstanding dedication and contributions to this institution.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS
INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to applaud the work of Texas Instruments Incorporated and to recognize the important contributions they have made to accelerate U.S. innovation and increase access to high-quality science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in my home state of Texas.

Texas Instruments was founded in 1951, when Cecil H. Green, J. Erik Jonsson, Eugene McDermott, and Patrick E. Haggerty reorganized Geophysical Service Incorporated after the company had produced the world's first commercial silicon transistor. They evolved the business from a company primarily serving the oil and gas industry to a semiconductor manufacturer. As an organization fundamentally built by engineers and scientists, research and development has always been a top priority. Sincere in their desire to invest in innovation and education in their own community, the founders helped establish the University of Texas at Dallas in 1969 with the vision of creating a local science, technology, and research institution.

Over the years, the leadership of Texas Instruments has not lost the vision of the founders. They have continued a commitment to improving STEM education in Texas and creating high-skilled jobs across the nation by investing in the surrounding community and schools and by maintaining manufacturing facilities within the United States.

In early August 2016, Texas Instruments and the Texas Instruments Foundation announced a commitment of \$5.4 million to the advancement of STEM education in public schools, with an emphasis on creating opportunities for girls and minorities. The majority of this contribution will be distributed to North Texas schools, including \$1.7 million for Southern Methodist University to train a large new cadre of middle school science teachers. An additional \$2 million will support the professional development of math and science teachers as well as teacher training for Advanced Placement courses through the proven National Math and Science Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, Texas Instrument's generous 2016 contribution to STEM education is testament to their unwavering 65-year commitment to the Dallas area and to our nation. Their philanthropic history represents the best of what can be accomplished in partnership between companies and their local communities. I am proud to honor Texas Instruments today, and I look forward to all they will continue to do in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE RIALTO UNI-
FIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rialto Unified School District

(USD) on their 125th anniversary. For 125 years, the Rialto USD has taken part in educating our children and fostering the bright leaders of tomorrow.

Rialto USD services a diverse population of approximately 25,500 students, with more than 2,700 district employees. Presently, the District has three comprehensive high schools, one adult education school, one continuation high school, 5 middle schools, 19 elementary schools, and 20 preschools. Not only is the Rialto USD the largest employer of the City, but they are always looking for ways to give back to their community. They embrace a vision of providing an education that prepares all students for their future. They pursue a mission to provide high levels of instruction for all students and to inspire every student to set goals and maximize their potential.

In 2010, Rialto USD inaugurated the 'Cesar Chavez/Dolores Huerta Center for Education,' a new professional development center and location for community events.

Under the leadership of Dr. Cuahtémoc Avila, the District's first Latino school chief, Rialto USD has received several awards including state academic, athletic, and fine arts awards. In 2015, Dollahan and Myers Elementary Schools in Rialto were honored as the California 'Gold Ribbon Schools' which recognizes outstanding educational programs and practices.

For their many contributions to the greater community of Rialto, I would like to recognize the Rialto Unified School District for their 125 years of service to the 35th District.

HONORING DR. JUAN QUINTANA,
DNP, MHS, CRNA, PRESIDENT OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
NURSE ANESTHETISTS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Juan Quintana, DNP, MHS, CRNA. Dr. Quintana will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) whose headquarters are located in my district. I am proud that Dr. Quintana was elected as 2015–2016 president, and I want to congratulate him on his year of leadership of this prestigious national organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting where anesthesia is delivered, including the Veteran Health Administration, Department of Defense, hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals.

The president of Sleepy Anesthesia, an anesthesia practice founded in 1999, Dr. Quintana has been practicing anesthesia since 1997. Graduating with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Texas Christian Univer-

sity in 2009, Dr. Quintana is a leader in the area of education and evaluation of cost-effectiveness and efficiency. A highly sought-after lecturer, he has been invited to speak at hospitals and numerous anesthesia meetings on the state and national levels about the business of anesthesia, cost effectiveness of best anesthesia practice models, cost effectiveness of anesthesia professionals, and anesthesia billing and compliance.

In 2010, Dr. Quintana became the first CRNA to serve on the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Council (MEDCAC), an independent body that provides the Medicare agency guidance and expert advice on the science and technology affecting healthcare delivery.

Dr. Quintana, is also an educator, ex-officio faculty to the Texas Christian University (TCU) Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and adjunct faculty to TCU's Nurse Anesthesia Program, both in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Quintana resides in Winnsboro, Texas.

During his AANA Presidency, Dr. Quintana has been a prominent advocate before federal agencies and with members of Congress for nurse anesthetists and the patients they serve so well. He has worked tirelessly to improve veterans' access to care through recognition of CRNAs and other advanced practice registered nurses as Full Practice Authority Providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system, ensure proper implementation of the provider non-discrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act, and obtain appropriate recognition of the full scope of CRNA practice including pain management and related services in the Medicare system.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Quintana today on a job well done. His service to the AANA, our veterans, and patients is deeply appreciated, and his commitment to guaranteeing access to high quality health care nationwide is commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his notable career and outstanding achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LIMITING
INHUMANE FEDERAL TRAPPING
(LIFT) FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to severely restrict the use of inhumane body-gripping traps on certain public lands and by certain public officials. Countless dogs, cats, and wild animals are injured and killed each year in body-gripping traps such as leg and foothold, Conibear, and snare traps. These traps are used by federal agencies, state and local governments, private entities, and individual trappers to catch creatures for their fur, keep animals away from livestock and crops, and even for recreational purposes. Unfortunately, body-gripping traps subject captured animals to intense pain—sometimes for hours or even days—before they may eventually die from dehydration, injuries, predation, or when a trapper eventually finds them. Furthermore, these traps are non-selective in their victims, and

may capture and even kill non-target species such as pets and other companion animals, particularly if set in popular areas. There are many effective non-lethal methods that can be deployed in place of these cruel traps.

Wildlife Services, a federal agency notorious for its secrecy and use of inhumane animal management techniques, is responsible for the death or capture of thousands of animals per year in cruel body-gripping traps, often used as a first resort. Wildlife Services also advises and enters into contracts and cooperative agreements with state and local governments, as well as with private entities, to kill animals using these traps. Other federal agencies, too, use body-gripping traps to control animal species—too often without attempting more humane, effective, and non-lethal control options first. This bill will severely limit Wildlife Services' and other agencies' ability to deploy or counsel others to deploy cruel body-gripping traps, increasing transparency for this agency and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are prioritized for nonlethal methods of control.

Although trapping is regulated at the state level, federal land management agencies have oversight of where and when trapping occurs on federal land. Unfortunately, federal agencies have limited data showing where traps are deployed on public lands, thereby prolonging the suffering of trapped animals and leaving the public to learn about traps only when pets and humans are injured. The bill tackles this issue as well, making sure that federal agencies in the Departments of Agriculture and Interior do a better job of regulating trapping by non-federal entities on public lands, thereby limiting cruelty and protecting public safety.

In Oregon and across the country, there have been too many concerning examples of wild animals suffering and pets falling victim to these traps. This bill complements efforts by other colleagues in the House and Senate to crack down on the use of body-gripping traps, in light of the growing public acknowledgement that we should not and cannot continue to endorse the widespread use of these inhumane devices.

BIG BEAR CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Big Bear City Community Services District (BBCCSD) 50th anniversary. BBCCSD hosted a special ceremony on Monday, August 1, 2016 during their regularly scheduled board meeting to mark this special occasion.

BBCCSD was formed in 1966 to provide water, solid waste, and sewer services to residents of Big Bear City and East Valley.

As the representative of Big Bear City in the U.S. House of Representatives, I'd like to congratulate BBCCSD Board President Paul Terry, Board Vice President John Green, Board Member Karyn Oxandaboure, Board Member Larry Walsh, and Board Member Al Ziegler. In addition, I'd like to recognize past and current BBCCSD employees for their con-

tributions to the residents of Big Bear City and surrounding communities.

CAPE LOOKOUT LIFE SAVING STATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, commencing first in 1848, the United States Life Saving Service was a federal government agency that grew out of private and local humanitarian efforts to create and man rescue stations along the coast. These outposts were often remote. The men stationed there took great pride in their deep commitment to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners and passengers, often against overwhelming odds. In 1874, life saving stations were added along the coast of Maine, Cape Cod, and the famed Outer Banks of North Carolina. In 1878, this network of stations was formally organized as a separate agency of the United States Department of the Treasury. In 1915, the Service formally merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the United States Coast Guard. These lonely, isolated outposts were always manned by the bravest of men who knew no fear, and who were dedicated to their sworn duty of rescuing seamen in distress. Their motto was "to always go, but not always return". Even now, many stories are told about the daring rescues by such men, some admittedly embellished a bit for literary interest. Proudly beat the hearts today of all who can call themselves their descendants.

One of the most notable of these rescues occurred on a cold, blustery winter's night in February of 1905. The three-masted schooner, *Sarah D. J. Rawson*, was two days out of Georgetown, South Carolina and bound for New York with a full cargo of lumber. While running under reefed sails in a heavy winter squall on February 8, she ran up hard aground on Cape Lookout Shoals at approximately 5:00 PM. Managing as best he could under extreme conditions, the captain gave orders to take in all canvas and prepare for the worst. While the brave crew performed its work, a Norwegian seaman—Jacob Hansen—was swept overboard to his death, his body given up to the shoals. The violent onslaughts of the treacherous waves continually broke over the ship eventually carrying away her spars, deckhouses, running rigging, and life boat, her cargo of lumber likewise being scattered like match sticks among the unforgiving seas. Positioning themselves among the highest points of her masts, the crewmen did the best they could to preserve their lives while hoping and praying throughout the night that help would soon arrive, but no doubt fearful of a bad ending to their ordeal.

The following morning broke with a thick mantle of fog enshrouding the sea. While scanning the ocean at approximately noon of the 9th, the duty watchman of the Cape Lookout life saving crew who was posted atop the watch tower spotted the uppermost mast heads of the *Rawson* through the fog bank. Realizing the ship was in dire distress, he immediately called forth his fellow life savers from their barracks. Though many had high fevers and suffering from the flu, all leapt into

action according to their rigorous training and hastened to the shore with their mule drawn wagon and such other equipment as they knew would be required. The surf boat was then launched through breaking seas, and with all hands aboard, they began to row the nine mile journey through the shoal waters to the stricken ship. Arriving on the scene about 4 PM, the life savers found themselves seriously surrounded and endangered by floating wreckage and lumber being cast about in the waves. As night was setting in, orders were given to stand away a bit and wait for more favorable sea conditions. With anchor set, these crewmen spent the entire night in the freezing cold huddled together in their little boat, awaiting the morning hour when seas would subside and be more in their favor for a rescue attempt. Throughout the night, the surf men suffered greatly from exposure, fatigue, and hunger, but none failed or faltered to perform their sworn duty as life savers.

At about 1 PM of the 10th, and with their hopes encouraged and renewed, the life savers were able to commence a rescue attempt due to better conditions of wind and tide, and so they approached the *Rawson* close enough to lay in amongst the nearby wave troughs and cast over their "heaving line" to the deck of the ship. With the first attempt successful, the first fortunate seaman tied the rope around his waist, jumped into the sea, and was pulled to the safety of the life boat. His companions followed his example, and one by one in turn, all hands were rescued in like fashion. Once all were brought aboard, the life savers began the long, exhausting pull back to the shore, now loaded with the weight of fourteen men—eight life savers and the six rescued seamen. The savers gave up their oil skins and wrapped those and other garments about the huddled, suffering seamen so they could better endure the perils of the freezing weather.

The crew of the *Rawson* had been forty-eight hours without food or water. The life savers had spent twenty-eight hours in their cramped, open boat being cast about in the treacherous seas without food or sufficient warmth, uncertain whether a successful rescue could even be achieved, given the perilous conditions. Upon their return to the shore, the *Rawson* seamen were given food and shelter at the station and eventually returned to their families and employers through intermediary assistance. The fate of the *Sarah D. J. Rawson* and her crew would never have been known but for the unflinching heroism of the crew of the Cape Lookout Life Saving Station. Each member was subsequently awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal for extreme and selfless service in this famous rescue. All had admirably performed their sworn duty in the face of incredible obstacles and in the highest traditions of the Life Saving Service. A more complete report of the *Rawson* rescue appears at: <http://www.coastalguide.com/helmsman/rawsonrescue.shtml>.

The names of the members who were attached to the Cape Lookout Station and participated in this rescue are: William H. Gaskill (the "Keeper"), Kilby Guthrie, Walter M. Yeomans, Tyre Moore, James W. Fulcher, John E. Kirkman, Calupt T. Jarvis, and Joseph L. Lewis, some of the bravest "Tar Heel" sons ever hatched out of Carteret County homes. During World War II, the U.S. Government made a request of these men to return their gold medals to support the war effort. The

medals have never been returned to the men or their families.

I thank the United States Coast Guard for agreeing to provide replicas of these medals to the surviving families of the members of the Cape Lookout life saving crew. These brave men will be honored in perpetuity by the display of these replica medals in the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum in Harkers Island, North Carolina for their brave efforts they gave during the rescue of the *Sarah D. J. Rawson*.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUDOUN COUNTY'S 2016 FUTURE LEADERS

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the eight Loudoun County students selected by the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation to be a part of the 2016 Future Leaders Program. I would like to personally commemorate Gabby Lewis, Ryan Wells, Maria Fernando Peña, Matthew Eberhart, Oriella Meija, Jasmine Lu, Devin MacGoy, and Madison Ojeda, each of whom has proven to be both outstanding students and remarkable people. They truly embody the very best of this nation's values through their continued hard work and commitment to excellence in education.

Loudoun County has continually provided a top notch learning environment with numerous opportunities and programs above and beyond its expectations, which has cultivated many young leaders like the ones I am recognizing today. These future leaders have developed amiable qualities similar to those of our nation's leaders. This recognition is a clear testament to the outstanding works these exemplary individuals exhibit and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group of students, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their remarkable example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them and I wish them the best of luck and continued success in their futures.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATER BROS. 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Inland Empire based supermarket chain Stater Bros. on their 80th year anniversary and their commitment to provide value, quality, and friendly service to families all across Southern California.

On August 17, 1936, the first Stater Bros. store was opened in the San Bernardino County by two World War II veteran brothers, Cleo & Leo Stater. The company has become the largest privately owned chain of supermarket stores in Southern California and is the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County.

Stater Bros. currently operates 168 supermarkets with approximately 18,000 members

working as part of the Stater Bros. family. As a company that was founded by veterans, nearly 2,000 employees have served or continue to serve in multiple branches of our armed forces. Stater Bros. advances the legacy of its founders by continuing to give back to the communities it serves.

Stater Bros. is among the top 100 privately owned businesses in the country and it is a valued and valuable member of the community. They have provided funding to countless local organizations benefitting hunger relief, children's well-being, education, health care, and help for our nation's veterans. This includes support for organizations such as Feeding America, Toys for Tots, the Children's Fund, and the 'Believe Walk' to fight cancer.

Their generosity has garnered Stater Bros. several honors and recognitions such as the Donor of the Year award from Feeding America's Riverside/San Bernardino chapter for leading efforts to donate over 3 million pounds of food to local food charities each year. Stater Bros. also received the Best Emissions Rate award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for helping remove nearly 40 million pounds of waste from landfills each year through their Green Waste Composting Program.

Because they go above and beyond to serve their community, I would like to recognize and congratulate Stater Bros. on their 80th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call Number 481, No; Roll Call Number 482, No.

IN RECOGNITION OF BURR GRAY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable service of Burr Gray to our community. Burr has served as the President of the Cabin John Citizens Association in Cabin John, Maryland for 20 years. He was elected to lead the Association in 1997 and has served the Cabin John community with vision and distinction ever since.

Burr is an exemplar of what it means to be engaged in a community. In 1997, at the beginning of his first term, Burr encouraged members of the Cabin John community to become volunteers, to be active in its Citizens Association, and to participate in the first Cabin John Stream Cleanup. Thanks to Burr's leadership, the Cabin John Stream Cleanup is now a community tradition that keeps this waterway to the Potomac River and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay, clean. Burr also encouraged community members to support Friends of Cabin John Creek, a coalition of neighborhood community organizations working to curb stormwater runoff.

Burr brought the community's love for the Potomac River to a new level when he began the Cabin John Regatta in 1999. This annual canoe trip has increased respect for the River within the community and allows members of the community to enjoy the natural beauty of Cabin John.

Burr's other endeavors are numerous and include an annual community blood drive, plans for a playground at the Clara Barton Community Center, and formation of Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center. The list goes on and on.

In 2008, Burr spearheaded the neighborhood effort to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of Captain John Smith's voyage on the Potomac River in 1608. This event brought the community together and led the Citizens Association to publish Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place.

Burr has served on the Boards of the Potomac Conservancy and Glen Echo Park. He also spearheaded efforts to preserve Gibson Grove, a cemetery for freed slaves. These efforts led to the restoration of the area and a historical panel to highlight the significance of the site.

Over the last two decades, Burr has put the needs of the Cabin John community first and has personified Cabin John's traditions of service and leadership. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Burr Gray for his 20 years of creative and visionary service to the community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,478,308,415,366.69. We've added \$8,851,431,366,453.61 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING BURNHAM JOHN "BUD" PHILBROOK'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Burnham John "Bud" Philbrook as he celebrates his 70th birthday. As Bud commemorates this milestone with his wife Michele and their family, I would like to call to attention some of the remarkable work that Bud has done in his 70 years.

As newlyweds, Bud and Michele embarked on a honeymoon they would later describe as a "blending of Disney World and the real world". From Florida, Bud and Michele traveled to Guatemala to volunteer in the rural village of Conacaste. This experience stayed

with Bud and Michele and changed the course of their lives.

This tireless couple went on to found Saint Paul-based Global Volunteers. This non-profit sends as many as 2,500 volunteers each year to 100 communities in 20 countries around the world. Bud and Michele understood that for programs like theirs to work, change had to come from within the developing communities. By building local partnerships, Global Volunteers has made strides in agriculture, education, and public health care, impacting thousands of lives.

Before Bud co-founded Global Volunteers, he was already acting as a community leader in Minnesota. Bud worked on the campaigns of Senators Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern. After law school, Bud represented the people of Minnesota in the State Legislature, where he served on the education, agriculture, and financial institutions committees. Later, he became the Assistant Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

In 2009, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack appointed Bud as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS). In this role, Bud coordinated the international elements of the FFAS mission. Keeping with his past international development work, at the USDA Bud was also able to provide food aid as well as technical assistance to foreign countries in times of need.

In his 70 years, Bud has come to exemplify the term "global citizen". From his leadership at home in Minnesota to the countless lives Bud and Michele have improved around the world, Bud represents the positive change a person can make in the world. Here is to a happy birthday for Bud, and for many more years of family, health, and happiness.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CREATION OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial of the creation of the United States International Trade Commission. As Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the committee that oversees the Commission, I want to congratulate the Commission on this anniversary and the Commission's staff who do important work.

Congress has tasked the Commission with a number of important roles, including administering U.S. trade remedies laws in a neutral and objective fashion, maintaining the harmonized tariff schedule, and determining whether foreign goods violate U.S. intellectual property laws or are otherwise unfairly traded.

Congress has also called upon the Commission to independently investigate and analyze a wide range of issues related to international economics. The Commission's role in this regard is highlighted by the lack of detailed analysis on many international economic issues that impact the lives of American workers and families. The impact of U.S. trade agreements is not a hypothetical issue, and we cannot

simply assume that the benefits of trade will outweigh its costs or that those who benefit will compensate those who lose. We need new models and new thinking regarding how we analyze the impact of international trade, and it is important that the Commission be a leader in that regard.

I look forward to working with the Commission, as it begins its second century of work, to ensure that the analysis of international trade addresses 21st century economic issues.

MR. GEORGE PIRO

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to Mr. George Piro, who passed away on July 23, 2016, at the age of 95.

George's story is unlike any other. When he answered his country's call to duty and enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1942 during World War II, he could have never envisioned the trials and tribulations that would await him just a year later. In September 1943, on his ninth combat mission, George was forced to parachute from a B-24 Liberator after it was shot down in the mountains about 80 miles east of Rome. When they made landfall, they were unfortunately taken by the local police and found themselves continually on the move from one POW camp to the next until they arrived at Stalag Luft 1, where they would spend the remainder of the war as prisoners.

George and his fellow service members were finally liberated on April 30, 1945, the same year he returned to Bellport, NY. In 1946, he married Madeleine Myers, whom he had met prior to enlisting, and started working at the local post office. In addition to all he managed to accomplish as a service member and in his personal life; he was also a charter member of the VFW in East Patchogue, NY. George is survived by his brother, daughter, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank George for his years of dedication and service to our country and community. What he had to endure as a POW cannot be summarized in a few words; however it is important we honor these types of individuals as best we can. It is my hope that many will follow in his footsteps and give back to our country as graciously as he did. People like him are a rare breed and they help make not only our country, but our world a much safer and better place.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF THE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS AT GLEANING FOR THE WORLD, INC.

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to recognize the service and

dedication of the members and volunteers at Gleaning for the World, Inc.

Gleaning for the World is a non-profit, humanitarian aid organization that provides life-saving supplies and equipment to those in need at home and abroad. From its beginnings in the basement of its founder, Reverend Ronald Davidson, the organization expanded to an ever-growing facility in Concord, Virginia and now serves more than 55 countries. Gleaning for the World currently utilizes over 2,100 local volunteers and expects that number to increase to over 4,000 with the recent addition of its new Volunteer Center.

The organization prides itself on operating innovatively and efficiently. Forbes Magazine recognized Gleaning for the World four of the last five years as "The Most Efficient Large Charity in America." Rather than serving as a stand-alone charity, it partners with churches and other charitable organizations to coordinate and maximize the strengths of all for the common good. Over the course of 17 years, Gleaning for the World saved over 35 acres of landfill space by repurposing products for humanitarian purposes. For every dollar donated, it places \$103 worth of supplies domestically and \$212 worth of supplies internationally.

Gleaning for the World serves as a first responder non-profit for emergencies in the United States and provides water and other critical supplies within hours of natural disasters at home. Recently, the organization served as a critical resource in its own backyard following devastating tornado damage in Appomattox County. Gleaning for the World continues that role to this day as a long-term relief coordinator for Appomattox County.

I ask the Members of this House of Representatives to join with me in thanking Gleaning for the World, Reverend Ronald Davidson, and all of its members and volunteers, for its unwavering, dedicated service at home and abroad.

IN TRIBUTE TO RICHARD MASLOWSKI

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Maslowski who has served as the City of Glendale, Wisconsin's City Administrator since 1980. After 36 years of exemplary service to the City of Glendale, he retired effective on August 31, 2016. Richard Maslowski may well be the longest-serving city administrator in the State of Wisconsin and is a native of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He held similar positions in West Bend and Butler prior to assuming the Glendale City Administrator position.

Richard Maslowski has been a transformative figure for the City of Glendale, Wisconsin. He leaves behind a city that has undergone major positive changes due in large part to his broad influence and great leadership. When Richard Maslowski started working as Glendale's City Administrator, the community's most visible properties were Bayshore Mall and Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co.'s massive grain elevator. More than three decades later, the mall has been redeveloped as the mixed-use Bayshore Town Center, while a business park has replaced the grain elevator.

Under Mr. Maslowski's direction, Glendale created its first tax incremental financing (TIF) district in 1981, for a hotel project; eight more districts followed during his tenure. The nine commercial developments developed during Mr. Maslowski's tenure utilizing the city's TIF district authority include: hotels, business parks, apartments and the conversion of Bayshore Mall into Bayshore Town Center being the largest TIF project.

Mr. Maslowski always found a way to move the project forward. I was proud to work with Richard Maslowski to obtain a federal grant to help finance an off-ramp from I-43 to Bayshore's main parking structure on N. Port Washington Road. At the time, I obtained the funds I did not represent Glendale in Congress but had previously represented Glendale in Wisconsin's State Senate. I knew the area well and knew what it represented for the future of the City of Glendale and for this development, Bayshore Town Center, which opened in 2006.

Mr. Maslowski has been an innovator, he was among the first to utilize TIFs for environmental cleanup costs. In 1992, Glendale used a TIF for environmental cleanup costs, an unusual tactic then but is now commonplace, to convert a closed hotel, built on the site of a former dump, into a new Hotel complex. Glendale also became perhaps the first city in Wisconsin where the developer/company paid the costs upfront for environmental cleanup. The company later received property tax rebates to compensate it for the environmental cleanup costs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. Richard Maslowski. He leaves big shoes to fill and a rich legacy of innovation, creativity, growth and sustainability for the City of Glendale. Mr. Maslowski has many skill sets and is always professional. However, I believe perhaps his strongest ability is bringing the right people together at critical times to complete a project and ultimately recreate a city. He is a true trailblazer. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from his dedicated service. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to Mr. Richard Maslowski.

HONORING NASA'S LAUNCH OF
THE OSIRIS-REX

HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of NASA's launch of the spacecraft OSIRIS-REx to the asteroid Bennu. I am extremely proud that Tucson is once again a key player in a critical NASA mission, as it was with the Mars Phoenix Lander mission a few years ago, and many others throughout our Nation's history.

In a seven-year roundtrip mission, OSIRIS-REx will journey to an asteroid that NASA has classified as "potentially hazardous" to Earth to complete a survey and return with the largest sample of extra-terrestrial material since the Apollo lunar missions. This program will yield insights into asteroid composition and how asteroids move in space. The most unique aspect of the OSIRIS-REx mission is

the large and pristine sample that will be brought back to Earth, which will allow scientists to research the origins of our universe and galaxy and help us answer some of the most profound and fundamental questions that have intrigued mankind since our beginnings. We will be able to examine the composition of the asteroid using instruments and techniques that are far more advanced than those in space, including the potential for resources that could be mined from asteroids.

The OSIRIS REX mission is funded by NASA and its science is led by the University of Arizona (UA). I would like to congratulate Dr. Dante Lauretta of the UA Lunar and Planetary Laboratory for his leadership as principal investigator and, along with his team, for bringing this exciting mission to the launch stage. I understand that Dante has been working on this concept for the last 15 years, and I greatly look forward to celebrating even more milestones with his team as the mission progresses.

This mission is the latest in a long list of achievements by scientists at the University of Arizona in my home district. In fact, UA scientists have collaborated in every single American mission to the Moon and Mars since 1964, including serving as the lead on the Phoenix Mars Mission. I look forward to announcing the next big milestone in Aug. of 2018, when the spacecraft will rendezvous with the asteroid called "Bennu" to begin surveying it before taking a sample and returning to Earth by 2023. In the meantime, the University of Arizona will house mission control, as it did for the Phoenix Mars mission, continuing to involve undergraduate and graduate students in the research, which will help cultivate the next generation of STEM leaders—many of whom will be from my home state of Arizona.

I wish the OSIRIS REX team the best of luck in their historic mission and congratulate them in their profound success.

HONORING HELEN LANDERS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Representative HASTINGS, and Representative FRANKEL, rise today to honor the life and legacy of Helen Landers, who passed away on September 4, 2016. We commend Mrs. Landers' decades of service to Broward County and offer our sincerest condolences to her loved ones on her passing.

Helen Landers served as Broward County Historian for over twenty years until her retirement at the age of 90. With her knowledge of the region and passion for history, she educated South Floridians young and old about our rich heritage. Through her participation in historical events like Pioneer Days, she fostered a love of learning about the past.

Helen Landers also dedicated much of her life to helping women empower women. She was a member of the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame, a founding member of the Broward County Women's History Coalition, Chair of the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women 1989, and served on the

National Board of Directors of the American Association of University Women. She advocated remarkably for women's rights and passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Through her archival work and community service, Helen Landers preserved the stories of how South Florida came to be the home we know and love today. Her many contributions to our community will never be forgotten. It is with gratitude that we remember her life of service in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING MARION ASHEN
LUSARDI

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marion Ashen Lusardi, or Midge as she is known to many. Midge is a longtime Michigan resident and a community treasure.

Midge is the wife of Dr. Bob Lusardi, whom she married in 1970, and the proud mom of Matthew and Gregory. She graduated from St. Mary's College in Indiana with a Bachelor of Arts in 1973 and received her Master's degree in Library Science from Wayne State University in 1991. She worked tirelessly as a Librarian at the Troy Public Library for several years before becoming the Director of the Chesterfield Township Library, where she has served for the past 20 years.

Throughout her time at the Chesterfield Township library, she secured over \$1.2 million in awards and grants, which have provided innumerable resources to our local community. She is also the recipient of several awards, including the State Librarian's Citation of Excellence Awards from the Library of Michigan. She also chaired the Michigan Library Association's Public Policy Committee in 2002.

In addition to her service at the library, she has been a member of many community organizations that have all been proud to have her input and positivity. She has promoted a love of reading and learning throughout the 10th District of Michigan, and, although she is retiring from her current post at the Chesterfield Township Library, I have no doubt that she will continue to serve our community in countless ways.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we can all agree that providing our children and our communities with invaluable educational resources is a noble pursuit, and Midge has been a diligent example of this. I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Midge for her contributions to the 10th District of the great State of Michigan, our children, and the future of this country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call Number 483, no; Roll

Call Number 484, no; Roll Call Number 485, no; Roll Call Number 486, no; Roll Call Number 487, yes; Roll Call Number 488, yes.

HONORING MAJ. RAYMOND
WINDMILLER

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maj. Raymond Windmiller on his retirement from the United States Army.

Ray enlisted in the Army in 1989. After completing Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training and Airborne School, he was stationed with the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC. Ray has served our nation honorably over his long and distinguished career spanning numerous assignments here and abroad, most notably two deployments to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. A decorated combat veteran and infantryman, Ray has earned dozens of awards, including a Bronze Star.

I was fortunate to have Ray on my staff as an Army Congressional Fellow in 2012. His hands-on field and training experience and in-depth knowledge of national security affairs assisted me greatly in my role as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Ray has dedicated himself to the United States Army every day for 27

years. I want to thank Ray, his wife, Amy, and their children, Hailey and Alex; they have served our community and made many sacrifices for our country. Ray represents the very best of our Armed Forces, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 481 on the motion on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 843, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5063, the Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted no on the motion on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 843.

On September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 482 on agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 843, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5063, the Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted no on agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 843.

On September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 483 on agreeing to the Amendment, Conyers of Michigan Amendment No. 1, offered to H.R. 5063, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on agreeing to the

Amendment, Conyers of Michigan Amendment No. 1.

On September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 484 on agreeing to the Amendment, Cicilline of Rhode Island Amendment No. 2, offered to H.R. 5063, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on agreeing to the Amendment, Cicilline of Rhode Island Amendment No. 2.

On September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 485 on agreeing to the Amendment, Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment No. 4, offered to H.R. 5063, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on agreeing to the Amendment, Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment No. 4.

On September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 486 on agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Amendment No. 5, offered to H.R. 5063, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted no on agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Amendment No. 5.

On September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 487 on the motion to recommit with instructions, H.R. 5063, Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on the motion to recommit with instructions.

On September 7, 2016, on Roll Call No. 488 on passage of H.R. 5063, Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted no on passage of H.R. 5063.