

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.

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#### 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.