lifetime of success in Northeast Ohio and to offer my best wishes on his retirement. As an Akron, Ohio native, Dick has left a legacy in Northeast Ohio with his passionate involvement as a meteorologist, animal activist, and sports enthusiast.

Dick's weather career started early during his service with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. Initially assigned to the Severe Storm Forecast Center at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, his military career soon brought him to the Pacific Islands to an assignment with the Atomic Energy Commission for the first full-yield hydrogen bomb test. After his discharge from the military, Dick began working for the National Weather Service, while simultaneously attending Kent State University and later graduating with a bachelor's of fine arts.

Dick's news career began in 1961 working as an on-air meteorologist at Cleveland's KYW–TV. While at KYW, Dick made meteorological history when flying with the United States Navy Hurricane Hunter on the first low-level, nighttime penetration of a hurricane. In 1966, Dick became chief meteorologist at WJW–TV, Fox 8 Cleveland, where he spent the remainder of his career. During his tenure at Fox 8, Dick captivated his viewership, being named ''Ohio's Best Meteorologist'' and being voted as ''Best Weatherperso''.

Directly aligned with his career was his passion for animals, which would be clearly highlighted during his segments on air. Demonstrating his compassion for animals even for the smallest of creatures, Dick is well known for his annual ''Woollybear Festival''; drawing more than 100,000 people each year, it is Ohio's largest single day festival. Among the years of animal advocacy, Dick persistently promoted programs for dog & cat care and adoption. As a huge milestone for animal rights and as a culmination of his tireless work, in June of 2016, House Bill 60 of the Ohio Assembly was passed. Otherwise known as ''Goddard's Law'', House Bill 60 sets to protect animal abuse in increasing the severity of penalties as a 5th degree felony.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me, along with the thousands in Northeast Ohio in paying homage to the man more commonly known as the weather man whose passion for meteorology could be paralleled only to his love for animals.

HONORING THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Haverford Township Police Department on its 100th anniversary of serving and protecting families in Delaware County.

Since 1916, the Haverford Township Police Department has provided critical protection for the residents it serves. The force has grown from a chief and nine officers to the now sixty-nine officers and eighty civilian personnel Chief John Francis Viola leads today.

While the force has grown immensely in the last hundred years, its commitment to public safety has remained constant.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful to the fine officers of the Haverford Township Police Department, and I wish them another 100 years of success in serving the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. on September 20, 2016 because I was attending a memorial service and I missed votes in the House. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 670, the Special Needs Trust Fairness and Medicaid Improvement Act, H.R. 5785, a bill to amendment title 5, United States Code, to provide for an annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, and H.R. 5690, the GAO Access and Oversight Act.

H.R. 670 makes an important update to Medicaid to allow individuals with disabilities to set up their own special-needs trusts that are not counted as part of their assets when determining Medicaid eligibility. This will allow individuals to access Medicaid services without having to go through a lengthy process and get a court order to set up a special-needs trust. I support this update to make it easier for individuals to access critical medical services.

H.R. 5785 makes it easier for retired federal air traffic controllers to train the next generation of this important workforce. Under current law, retired air traffic controllers cannot earn more than $15,720 annually as instructors and still receive their Federal Employees' Retirement System retirement benefits. This bill waives the salary cap for former air traffic controllers so they can be instructors without compromising their retirement benefits. I am pleased that the House passed this important update so that the next generation of controllers can be trained by qualified and experienced instructors.

H.R. 5690 makes it easier for the Government Accountability Office to access certain federal records regarding individuals' employment status for the purposes of determining eligibility for assistance programs such as the National Directory of New Hires, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Earned Income Tax Credit. This bill clarifies current law so that GAO can access this information from Health and Human Services, which oversees the database. If I had been present, I would have supported the bill.

HONORING COLUMBIA HEIGHTS' ALL-AMERICA CITY DESIGNATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the City of Columbia Heights for its designation as a 2016 All-America City by the National Civic League. Since its incorporation in 1921, Columbia Heights has demonstrated sincere dedication to creating a safe, livable, and inclusive community.

Columbia Heights' community vitality is a direct result of investing in youth and putting children first. The City has shown great leadership through collaborative efforts such as: Big Brothers and Big Sisters; recreation and education outreach programs; and a strong City, Police Department, and School District partnership. This year, to ensure no child goes hungry in the summer months, Columbia Heights entered into a partnership with Loaves and Fishes to serve a healthy, complete lunch free of charge to local children five days a week.

In 2008 under the leadership of Police Chief Scott Nadeau, the Columbia Heights Police Department implemented a policing philosophy focused on community partnership. Through work with the Columbia Heights school district, the police force drastically reduced criminal activity over a seven-year period and has taken youth arrests from 230 per year to 90 per year. This work earned the city the International Association of Chiefs of Police Award for Community Policing in 2012, and the L. Anthony Sutlin Civic Imagination Award in 2015 from the Department of Justice for collaboration between law enforcement and community members.

The City of Columbia Heights also recently completed construction on a beautiful 22,000 square foot library. In 2014, city residents passed a referendum to raise funds to build a library the city could call its own. Now, Columbia Heights has a tremendous community asset and gathering place that it can be proud of for years to come.

Columbia Heights has actively engaged its new immigrant communities, from working to build a community park in the Circle Terrace neighborhood, to hosting Iftar dinners in the police building to bring the community together.

Columbia Heights stands as a Minnesotan beacon of inclusion and progress. I wish the city of Columbia Heights all the best in its future endeavors of successful community engagement, and congratulate the city on this well-deserved honor.

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the National Day of Taiwan, which will take place on October 10, 2016. I extend my warmest congratulations to the people of Taiwan on this special occasion.

Taiwan has transformed into a beacon of democracy and economic opportunity in East Asia. In January of this year, the country elected its first female president, Tsai Ing-wen, in a landmark election. This important moment reflects the incredible progress Taiwan has made to become a free and open democracy. In addition to Taiwan's democratic progress, the country has grown into a major economic power. They are one of the United States' largest trading partners and a major export market for Wisconsin products. Many American companies have benefitted from close economic cooperation with their Taiwanese counterparts.