

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SAN LUIS REY INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1296, a bill to amend the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, approves and ratifies a settlement agreement entered into among the United States; five Bands of Mission Indians in northern San Diego County; the City of Escondido, California; and the Vista Irrigation District. The settlement agreement was contemplated by the 1988 San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, in which Congress, seeking to end decades of litigation, created a \$30 million trust fund to be provided to the Bands with interest upon execution of a settlement. That amount was appropriated for the trust fund in 1989.

The parties' settlement agreement requires ratification and approval by Congress in order to be effective, hence the introduction of H.R. 1296. After the House Natural Resources Committee reported H.R. 1296, the Congressional Budget Office concluded that the bill would increase net direct federal spending by \$18 million over the 2017 through 2026 period. After further discussions, the bill was amended in a way that CBO concluded would eliminate the \$18 million spending effect. Specifically, the amended H.R. 1296 provides that the money in the trust fund—rather than becoming fully available to the Bands immediately upon the settlement taking effect as the 1988 Act provided—would be made available at the rate of \$3.7 million per year, with the Bands having the option to withdraw less than that amount. The House passed H.R. 1296 with this amendment on September 22, 2016.

The only change regarding the trust fund that H.R. 1296 as amended makes to the 1988 Act is to change the rate at which the money in the trust fund is made available to the Bands. The full amount of the fund that Congress appropriated in 1989, including the interest that has been and will continue to be earned on that money, is unchanged. And crucially, the agreement to limit the annual allocations to no more than \$3.7 million does not affect the Bands' right to eventually receive all of the money in the trust fund once the settlement takes effect.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SAM E. CURL

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and salute the life of Dr.

Samuel "Sam" E. Curl, who passed away August 2, 2016.

Sam grew up near Tolar, Texas, where he graduated from high school in 1955. After earning a junior college diploma at Tarleton State University in 1957, he continued on to Sam Houston State University where he received his bachelor's degree. Then he earned a master's degree in Animal Genetics from the University of Missouri and a Ph.D. in Animal Physiology from Texas A&M University. He earned the rank of Captain through his service in the United States Army.

After his service, Dr. Curl was a Special Assistant to the President and then President of Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, and authored or co-authored three books and 95 scientific technical publications. Dr. Curl then moved to Texas Tech University, my alma mater, where he served a total 31 years, including three years as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Before that, he was Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources from 1979 to 1997. He moved to Oklahoma State University in 1997 to head their College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, as well as being the Director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. After retiring from working full time in 2004, Dr. Curl worked as a part-time consultant.

For all of his amazing accomplishments as a professional and an academic, I knew Sam as a loving father and grandfather who delighted in spending time with his family. He was an active member of Acton United Methodist Church. His passions for fishing, traveling, sports, and musical theatre were well known to his friends and family. I know that his wife, Mary, and his children Jane, Julia, Karen, and stepchildren Ryan and Shelly will miss him dearly, as will his grandchildren Rachel, Robert, Greyson, Avery, Robert, and Daisy.

Those who knew him, myself included, are better for having known Dr. Sam Curl, and I ask my colleagues to join me in this tribute to his wonderful life. He will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 22, 2016, and I missed votes in the House. If I had been present, I would have voted against the motion ordering the previous question on H. Res. 879 (the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5931, Prohibiting Future Ransom Payments to Iran Act), against the rule (H. Res. 879), and against final passage of the Empowering Employees through Stock Ownership Act (H.R. 5719). I would have supported H.R. 5320, Social Security Must Avert Identity Loss

(MAIL) Act, H.R. 5946, the United States Appreciation for Olympians and Paralympians Act, H.R. 2285, the Preventing Trafficking in Cultural Property Act, and H.R. 5523, Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act.

I would have voted against ordering the previous question on the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5931 so that H.R. 4479, the Families of Flint Act, could have been made in order. I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 4479, which would provide \$765 million to improve water infrastructure and provide resources to the residents of Flint, Michigan. I was disappointed that the House moved the previous question and blocked H.R. 4479 from coming to the House floor.

I would have opposed H. Res. 879, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5931, because the rule limited amendments and did not provide for an open floor debate.

I would have opposed final passage of H.R. 5719, the Empowering Employees through Stock Ownership Act, because the bill did not include a critical amendment offered by Rep. CROWLEY that would have provided an offset to the \$1 billion in lost revenue created by the policy. Although I support efforts to promote employee ownership and reward employee's commitment to their companies, I was disappointed that the bill did not include Rep. CROWLEY's amendment.

H.R. 5320, the Social Security MAIL Act, provides an important privacy protection to anyone receiving Social Security documents through the mail. The bill restricts the Social Security Administration from sending documents that include an individual's complete Social Security number through the mail unless completely necessary. This common-sense policy will protect Americans from having their sensitive personal information compromised, and I would have supported this bill.

H.R. 5946, the United States Appreciation for Olympians and Paralympians Act, updates a provision of the federal tax code that requires Olympians and Paralympians to declare their prize winnings and medals as income for tax purposes. Although I would have preferred that this provision had been part of a comprehensive tax reform package, I would have supported this bill.

H.R. 2285, the Prevent Trafficking in Cultural Property Act, would bolster the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to protect against illegal trafficking of cultural property. The bill requires CPB and ICE to create a coordinated plan to update procedures and directive, and to train personnel in relevant laws and best practices for intercepting trafficked property. I support this bill and other efforts to ensure trafficked artifacts are not brought into the United States.

H.R. 5523, the Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act, would prohibit the IRS from engaging in civil asset forfeiture of more than \$10,000 without probable cause. Unfortunately, in recent years there have been many instances of small businesses having their money seized without probable cause, and

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they have struggled to recoup their losses. This bill provides important protections to individuals and small businesses, and I support its passage.

CONGRATULATING ASU-SEARCY
ON 50 YEARS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Arkansas State University-Beebe's Searcy Campus on its 50th anniversary.

Formerly Foothills Vocational Technical School, the Searcy campus opened in 1966 with 17 employees.

Dedicated in 1967 by Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, the focus of the campus was to provide its students with a skilled trade that would prepare them to enter the workforce upon graduation.

In 2003, Foothills Technical Institute merged with ASU-Beebe, forming its second technical campus.

Today, the Searcy campus serves both traditional and non-traditional students earning their GEDs, technical certificates, or associate degrees, providing many students with the skills, education, and training necessary to obtain employment and start a career.

I would like to extend my congratulations to ASU-Beebe's Searcy campus and wish it much continued success for generations to come.

THE MEDIGAP CONSUMER
PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, Medigap plans currently provide supplemental coverage to approximately 11 million Medicare beneficiaries. However, many of the laws governing the Medigap market have remained largely unchanged since 1990. In particular, consumer protections are inadequate, leaving many beneficiaries subject to discriminatory practices by issuers, lacking sufficient information about their plan options, and often enrolled in lower quality coverage.

That is why, today, I am introducing the Medigap Consumer Protection Act. This important legislation will make a number of reforms to the Medigap market that will strengthen the health security of millions of Americans and significantly improve the beneficiary experience.

Most importantly, this bill ends discriminatory treatment of Medicare beneficiaries by extending guaranteed issue rights to the entire Medigap-eligible population.

Currently, federal law provides limited guaranteed issue rights to Medicare beneficiaries. As a result, issuers in many states are permitted to deny consumers access to Medigap policies based on preexisting conditions. This creates substantial barriers to coverage, particularly for individuals who qualify for Medicare due to disability or End-Stage Renal Dis-

ease. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, only 2 percent of beneficiaries who are under 65 and living with a disability are enrolled in a Medigap policy, and 21 percent have no supplemental coverage at all.

The Medigap Consumer Protection Act closes the holes in federal law that permit discriminatory treatment of consumers by extending guaranteed issue rights to the entire Medicare population, including beneficiaries who qualify for Medicare due to disability or End-Stage Renal Disease.

It also will protect a number of other populations, including beneficiaries who have enrolled in Medicare Advantage for more than one year and wish to switch back to traditional Medicare; dual eligibles who either lose their Medicaid coverage or who are only Medicaid-eligible with a Share of Cost; and individuals enrolled in COBRA coverage who wish to switch into Medicare.

The bill also makes a number of reforms that will strengthen access to quality plans and improve the beneficiary experience.

It calls on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to review loss ratio standards for Medigap plans and submit recommendations to the Secretary to update federal standards.

It reforms how issuers price their products by calling on the NAIC to update its Model Regulations to prohibit pricing discrimination based on age, and by requiring Medigap issuers to set premiums by county.

It requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the Medicare Plan Finder website to increase consumer access to information regarding their coverage options through Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage, and Part D. The public will be afforded opportunities to comment on and improve the presentation of this information.

It restores access to the most popular Medigap plan options, which under current law are scheduled to be eliminated for beneficiaries who become eligible for Medicare beginning in 2020 or later.

Finally, it provides consumers with additional information about potential conflicts of interest by requiring issuers to disclose payments made to brokers, agents, and other third parties selling Medigap policies. These disclosures will be available to consumers through the Open Payments Database maintained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Mr. Speaker, Medicare beneficiaries deserve access to high-quality Medigap coverage. The reforms made by the Medigap Consumer Protection Act will correct many of the problems that continue to exist in the market, including discrimination by issuers and a lack of information available to consumers. These reforms are long overdue, and I urge my colleagues to move to enact this bill without delay.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LA PORTE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize La Porte Independent School District,

which celebrates its 100th Anniversary on October 1, 2016.

In 1916, only 19 years after the first classroom opened in La Porte, the Independent School District was established to provide quality education to students from Lomax to Morgan's Point. These first students had the privilege of choosing both the District's mascot and colors—the bulldog, and the orange and white that the students of La Porte rally around to this day.

Over 7,000 students from across La Porte began their school year within the Independent School District just weeks ago, and will continue a proud legacy of learning and achievement that has stood for 100 years.

It is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of La Porte ISD, and their enduring commitment to every student's success. Go Bulldogs.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD GEIGER
FOR HIS LIFELONG SERVICE
AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Richard Geiger, a champion for the environment. Mr. Geiger is widely recognized as one of the most committed advocates for the protection and stewardship of our natural resources in the Puget Sound region.

A graduate of Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA, Rich began his career by serving our country in the 82nd Airborne Division as an air defense officer. After serving for 13 years, during which time he was stationed in North Korea and Germany, he continued that commitment to service by dedicating his civilian career to protecting the environment.

First working for Mason County Public Works, and then for the last 15 years as a district officer at the Mason Conservation District, Rich helped to develop a wide range of small- and large-scale efforts to protect natural resources. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment during his tenure with the Conservation District was the leadership he provided on the development and implementation of the Skokomish River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Project, a critical and comprehensive effort to restore the river and surrounding waters in Puget Sound that encompassed more than 50 different individual restoration projects.

Mr. Speaker, Richard was not only an environmental advocate and steward, he was also a leader in the community. He excelled at fostering collaboration and consensus among diverse community stakeholders, including private landowners, businesses, Native American Tribes, and local, state, and federal agencies, to achieve common goals.

Richard's lifetime of service, stewardship, care, and leadership all contributed to a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant community in Puget Sound. The contributions of Mr. Geiger embody the values that make our community and our country a great place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I stand on the House floor today to honor the life of Mr. Geiger and to extend my condolences to those who he is survived by. Our lives are enhanced by having known him, and he will truly be missed.

HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, in my District—North Carolina's 12th Congressional District—many people in my community struggle to consistently put food on the table.

According to Feeding America, Mecklenburg County has over 165,000 individuals that are considered food insecure, including over 49,000 children.

Overall, the 12th district ranks 11th in the nation and 2nd in the state for the most food insecure congressional districts.

Over the past year, the single biggest food insecurity issue that constituents share with my office is that SNAP benefits are not enough to help seniors and families in need put food on the table through the end of the month.

For this reason, in May of this year, I introduced H.R. 5215, the Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2016.

This legislation strengthens the SNAP program for seniors, families, and individuals looking for work.

This legislation has been endorsed by Feeding American, FRAC, Mazon, and the National Council on Aging.

As we observe Hunger Action Month, I would encourage all members to cosponsor this important piece of legislation to help those that are hungry in their community put food on the table each month.

RECOGNIZING THE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS MARCHING BAND AND THE SOPHISTICATED LADIES MAJORETTES FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of the Tennessee State University (TSU) Aristocrat of Bands marching band and the Sophisticated Ladies majorettes for their performance at the White House reception for the grand opening ceremony of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. TSU has an over 100-year-long history as a historically black university and, as the first historically black university band to appear on national television and the first to march in an Inaugural Parade for President John F. Kennedy, it was fitting for the Aristocrat of Bands to perform in Washington, DC during this historic event in our nation's history.

The TSU Aristocrat of Bands began in 1946 as a 100-piece ensemble. Since that time, the band has become world-renowned for its performances across the country. During the late 1940s, the marching band performed twice in

Washington, DC in the Washington Classic, a national competition for top historical black colleges and universities. Under the direction of Frank T. Greer, the marching band became the first historically black university band to appear on television when it performed during the half-time show of a Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Rams football game. The band went on to perform during nine half-time shows between 1956 and 1978, including the New York Giants vs. the Chicago Bears National Championship in 1963 at Wrigley Field.

Between 1979 and 2014, the band was directed by Edward L. Graves—a former Aristocrat under Director Greer who marched during the 1961 inauguration of President Kennedy. Under his tutelage, the band continued to perform for half-time shows, had a spot in the 1981 CBS television movie *The Concrete Cowboy*, recorded for television ads and traveled abroad to perform in Tokyo, Japan. In 1993, the Aristocrat of Bands returned to Washington, DC to march in President Bill Clinton's Inaugural Parade.

The Aristocrat of Bands performed several songs for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture opening reception, including *No Problems* by Chance the Rapper, *Signed Sealed Delivered I'm Yours* by Stevie Wonder, *Gin and Juice* by Snoop Dogg and TSU's fight song, *I'm So Proud*. The Aristocrat of Bands and the Sophisticated Ladies represented TSU well and, like TSU students who are proud of their school and marching band, I was proud to watch the band perform on the South Lawn of the White House. I congratulate Director Dr. Reginald McDonald, the men and women of the Aristocrat of Bands, and the Sophisticated Ladies for being selected for this honor and putting on a performance worthy of the school's legacy.

TRIBUTE TO BP AGENT MANUEL
"MANNY" ALVAREZ

HON. MARTHA MCSALLY

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Border Patrol Agent Manuel "Manny" Alvarez.

Agent Alvarez entered duty as a member of the Border Patrol Academy Class of 557 on July 17, 2003. He was a dedicated agent who strove to be his best each time he put on the uniform.

Agent Alvarez dutifully served our country in the Border Patrol for 13 years. During that time he became well known for his commitment to excellence, warm personality, and humble demeanor. He was a man who looked out for his fellow agents and did what was necessary to ensure the optimal performance of his team. He was always willing to take time to teach or train newer agents or share what he had learned.

On August 11, 2016 Agent Alvarez was killed while on duty on the Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation just south of Sells, Arizona. Even after over a decade of service, Manny's love and drive for his work was as strong as the day he entered the Border Patrol.

Agent Alvarez was only 37 at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Jeanine, and

four children, Analysis, Yaslyne, Julian, and Gabriel, and was deeply committed to his family. He also was an avid runner and had a natural talent for drawing.

There's no doubt that such a tragic loss is felt across our entire community and by the Border Patrol Agency to which he gave so much. On behalf of Southern Arizonans, I thank Agent Alvarez for his service to keep our country and communities safe, and I offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends on the loss of one of our community's finest.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Saint Paul, Minnesota's Central High School on its 150th anniversary. Dedicated faculty and staff of Central have been educating and inspiring generations of Minnesota's future leaders since it was founded in 1866 as the first public high school in our state. As the largest public high school in Minnesota, Central is well-known not only for its rich history and traditions, but also for its commitment to academic excellence, diversity and inclusion.

Saint Paul Central High School was established in response to student-driven demand for a high school in Minnesota, to allow students to continue their education beyond elementary school. Since then, this commitment to students has remained a core part of Central's mission and identity. The first graduating class of Saint Paul Central High School consisted of two students who each received a hand-printed sheepskin diploma in 1870. As the years went on, the school began to grow, moving to a new space in 1872 and again in 1883. In 1912, it moved to a new location, where it stands today, and adopted the Minuteman as its mascot in recognition of its address on Lexington Avenue.

Throughout the years, many students who walked the halls of Central High School would go on to inspire, connect, and change our community and world. It has been the alma mater to the likes of Amelia Earhart, the first woman to pilot a trans-Atlantic flight, Charles M. Schulz, the creator of the beloved Peanuts gang, and Jawed Karim, co-creator of YouTube.

Today's Central High School students are no less impressive. Recent graduates have gone on to earn Rhodes Scholarships and win Olympic medals. Students come from racially and socioeconomically diverse backgrounds, and are supported by a dedicated community of teachers, parents, and friends. Their hard work, innovative thinking, and close community relationships lead to success, with the vast majority of students going on to attend college. By offering both International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement courses in addition to a plethora of extracurricular activities, it is little wonder that Central has earned rankings on "Best High School" lists and Blue Ribbon awards from the U.S. Department of Education. As a result, it has become widely recognized as a model for quality public education.

The story of Central High School is not limited to Saint Paul or to Minnesota. It embodies the spirit of our nation, one rich in historical tradition and a commitment to progress. It is the story of inspiring teachers and passionate students, blazing new trails and breaking down barriers. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise to honor 150 years of excellence in public education in Minnesota, and to the next 150 years of high quality education at Saint Paul Central High School.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND DENNY
ZIMMERMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Helen and Denny Zimmerman of Anita, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 14, 1966 at Prescott Methodist Church in Prescott, Iowa.

Helen and Denny's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, and grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them nothing but the very best.

HONORING DAN COHEN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Cohen for his service as a member of the Congressional Award Board of Directors.

The United States Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement, and service in young people. It began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The original bill was sponsored by the late Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and the late Congressman James Howard of New Jersey. Originally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, the legislation (Public Law 96-114) established the Congressional Award as a public-private partnership, which receives all funding from the private sector. Every president since, both Democratic and Republican, have signed legislation to continue the program.

The Congressional Award Board of Directors is comprised of 48 members and supports the work of the foundation by providing mission-based leadership and strategic governance. Every member of the Board serves as a volunteer to help make the program a national opportunity available in every congressional district.

During this past year, over 40,000 participants from all 50 states were actively working toward earning a Congressional Award and 5,000 new participants enrolled in the program. Since its inception, over 7 million hours of service have been contributed to communities nationwide.

The example set by Dan is one we all should strive for. His willingness to serve his community and our nation's young people sets him apart as an outstanding individual, and I have been honored to serve alongside of him as Leader PELOSI's congressional appointee to the Board. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in thanking Dan for his service and wishing him nothing but continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF PREPARE ALL
KIDS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to reintroduce the Prepare All Kids Act—important legislation to strengthen the availability of high-quality prekindergarten for families across the country.

In my home city of New York, we have more children enrolled in full-day pre-K than 49 states as part of our effort to guarantee universal pre-K for all families. But across the country too few families have access to good prekindergarten programs that will help their children enter elementary school ready to learn and succeed.

That is why I have introduced the Prepare All Kids Act along with Senator BOB CASEY. This bill would authorize a Prekindergarten Incentive Fund to award grants to states that establish, expand, or enhance full-day pre-K programs. These grants will help states launch or expand high-quality programs that are proven to help children excel in school and help working families succeed.

I am proud of President Obama's commitment to these goals, by expanding Head Start and Early Head Start, and making early childhood education a priority. Congress must build on these efforts by passing legislation to ensure that all children benefit from high-quality prekindergarten.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR DANIEL
SIMMONS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations to Pastor Daniel Simmons, leader of my church home, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Pastor Simmons will be celebrating 25 years of outstanding ministry to Mount Zion Baptist Church on Sunday, October 9, 2016.

A native of Cairo, Georgia, Daniel Simmons was born to the late Mrs. Pinkie Norwood Simmons and the late Reverend Perry Simmons,

Sr. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Albany State College, now University, in 1977. He went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in Counseling from the University of Georgia in 1985 and a Doctorate of Ministry from Bethany Theological Seminary in Dothan, Alabama in 1991. Pastor Simmons worked as a Rehabilitation Counselor with the Georgia Department of Rehabilitation Services for seventeen years. He also worked as a Community Development Specialist.

Pastor Simmons began preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in June 1984. He pastored Mountain Grove Baptist Church in Dawson, Georgia and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Shingler, Georgia. In 1991, the Lord called him to lead Mount Zion Baptist Church. In his 25 years of leadership, Mount Zion has expanded its Ministry services, increased its membership tremendously to the point where a second worship service was added, and moved into its new state-of-the-art facility on 109 acres of land at 901 South Westover Boulevard in 2010.

But most importantly, Pastor Simmons has led Mount Zion Baptist Church to become a pillar in the community, known for ministering to those in need. Pastor Simmons welcomes anyone and everyone into the church and its members make it their duty to ensure that every soul is taken care of and prayed over. With a congregation of over 3,000 members and 54 ministries, including radio, television, and live-streaming, Mount Zion is truly "reaching the world for Christ through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and missions."

Mount Zion Baptist Church is celebrating another happy occasion—its 151st anniversary. The church was founded in 1865, the same year that the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery was passed by Congress and ratified by the States. Nearly a century later, many of the rallies during the Albany phase of the Civil Rights Movement were held at Mount Zion. To commemorate those struggles, the church donated the building to the Albany Civil Rights Museum which is currently housed there. Mount Zion has seen many ups and downs but God's will and our members' perseverance have shaped it into the expansive and successful place of worship it is today.

Jeremiah 3:15 says, "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Pastor Daniel Simmons is one such shepherd and a man of integrity who exudes the genuine principles and values of Christian discipleship. Over the 20 years I have been a member of the church, I am proud to call Mount Zion my church home and Pastor Daniel Simmons my pastor. As an ordained Deacon and Trustee, I have personally witnessed the unshakeable faith Pastor Simmons has for the Lord and the profound exegesis he conveys in his sermons. My wife, Vivian, and I are grateful that we can always count on Pastor Simmons' wise counsel and sage advice.

Pastor Simmons has achieved many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife and First Lady of the Church, Diane Davis Simmons, and his two children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in thanking Pastor Daniel

Simmons for 25 outstanding years of service to Mount Zion Baptist Church and a lifetime of service in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

RECOGNITION OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Calvary Baptist Church of Republic, Missouri, for the celebration of their 50th anniversary on October 28, 2016.

Calvary Baptist has been an integral part of Republic, Missouri, since 1966. From very humble beginnings in an old schoolhouse to the large modern facilities, Calvary has been involved in enriching and aiding the people of Republic. Over the decades the small group that started Calvary Baptist has now grown to over 1,700 people that comprise the membership of Calvary Baptist Church.

Over the years, hundreds of men, women, and children have placed their faith in Christ through ministries of Calvary Baptist Church. For 50 years, Calvary has been a leader in the church community by reaching out to those in need physically and spiritually and by providing food, finances, and counseling as well as caring for the hurting, grieving, and lonely.

Calvary Baptist has been very involved in sharing the good news of Jesus with many in other countries as well. Every year several groups travel from Republic to other states and foreign countries to perform work-related projects on facilities, orphanages, and rehabilitation centers and to conduct Bible programs for children, teenagers and medical and sports camps.

Mr. Speaker, Calvary Baptist deserves this body's utmost respect for its desire to be an integral part of the Republic community and providing an outlet for so many to help others. I encourage my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending to the church our deepest appreciation for their efforts which have contributed so greatly to the people of southwest Missouri, other states, and around the world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LASKER 'LAS' BELL

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one of Arkansas' greats in the entertainment industry, Lasker 'Las' Bell, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 88.

Las moved to Camden, Arkansas in search of work, and after an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army was hired to host El Dorados KJWH radio's first soul music radio show.

Moving to television, he pitched his American Bandstand-like show the Las Bell Variety Show that became part of the weekly lineup on KTVE. At the time, Las was the only Black

television host between Memphis and Dallas, and became the first Black interviewer for Channel 10 News in Arkansas.

Las was also involved in the community, serving on the executive board for the Arkansas Council on Human Relations in Ouachita County. He was also appointed to the Human Resources Commission by Governor David Pryor, and reappointed under Governor Frank White.

Las left a lasting impact on our state and will be greatly missed by all of Arkansas.

I extend my respect, affection and prayers to his family and loved ones.

IN HONOR OF THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of our Nation's farmers and the Farm Credit System as we mark its 100th anniversary.

Since Congress established the Federal Farm Loan Act in 1916, many farmers and producers have relied on the Farm Credit System for access to capital and financial opportunity.

With this incredible program comes more freedom, opportunity, and prosperity for the agriculture community across our nation. It's a critical piece of our duty to help ensure we can keep farmers on their farms.

Back home in North Carolina, we know how important it is to have a prosperous and productive agriculture industry. We respect and admire the men and women who toil our lands and work incredibly hard to provide food and products we depend on in our daily lives. The Farm Credit System is a vital part of this chain, and it ensures we can continue supporting the prosperity of agriculture producers of all sizes and types.

Across North Carolina, more than 14,800 farmers and producers rely on the Farm Credit System to borrow the capital they need to make their businesses successful and provide food and fiber to our communities. Many of these people are young and just starting out in the agriculture industry or are on small farms.

As we commemorate a century of service, we say thank you to our farmers and producers for their hard work to ensure our agriculture community remains strong, both now and for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to watching the Farm Credit System continue to serve our rural and agriculture communities for the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO MS. GRACE VANDERWAAL

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Ms. Grace Vanderwaal, an inspiring young woman and this year's winner of America's Got Talent.

Grace is a 12-year-old singer-songwriter from Suffern, New York, who started writing music at the age of three when she would make up songs with her wireless microphone. She was introduced to ukulele music by a family friend, and then decided to use her birthday money from her 11th birthday to buy her own ukulele. A true musical prodigy, Grace mastered the ukulele within a year, now owning five ukuleles, as well as a piano and a saxophone.

Grace began performing at local establishments for small audiences, but had never played before a large crowd until this past summer. She shared her amazing talents with the world when she auditioned for Season 11 of America's Got Talent and played her original song, "I Don't Know My Name," a song about finding who you are and where you fit in, while playing the ukulele. Grace impressed the judges so much she was sent straight to the "Live Shows." Grace continued astonishing audiences, performing original pieces as she advanced in each round of the show, and on September 14, was crowned the first prize winner, taking home a \$1 million prize, a Las Vegas show date, and a record contract. Before the Las Vegas show, Grace will return home to Suffern for a Saturday, October 1 parade and celebration with her family, neighbors, and schoolmates.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my extremely talented constituent, Ms. Grace Vanderwaal, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTY SMITH

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Betty Smith, who passed away on April 24, 2016.

Betty spent most of her life in Knightsen, California preserving the rich farming culture of East Contra Costa County.

She began contributing to her community at a young age. While attending Liberty High School, she co-wrote the lyrics to the school's anthem, which is still used by the Liberty Lions today. After high school, she studied at University of the Pacific in Stockton, and worked at Fiberboard in Antioch.

Betty continued her service by teaching preschool for many years and participating in the Knightsen Garden Club and 4-H Club.

Betty and her husband, William R. Smith, continued the family farm started by her parents. As a multi-generation family farm in Knightsen, Smith Family Farm is known for many varieties of stone fruits, tomatoes, zucchinis, apples and cruciferous greens. Each year, the Farm holds a Tomato Festival and Pumpkin Harvest Festival to celebrate the fresh crops of East Contra Costa County.

Over the last 25 years, Betty greeted visitors from near and far when they arrived at Smith Family Farm to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables during the U-pick season. She engaged the visiting children with her barn show and taught them about farming, nature and local history using songs, stories, and

music. Betty was the matriarch and heart of Smith Family Farm.

Betty showed devotion to her community through many years of service to the children and families that came to the farm. Her love of the arts, dedication to education, and commitment to others is an inspiration for our community.

It is for these reasons that I ask my Colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Betty Smith and her lifetime of service.

CELEBRATING THE DAYTON
RURITAN CLUB'S 75 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, fellowship, good will, and community service. These are the characteristics that Ruritan National clubs across the nation strive to achieve, and the principles that the Dayton Ruritan Club has embodied for the past 75 years.

Chartered on September 30, 1941, the Dayton Ruritan Club is celebrating 75 years of service to the Dayton, Virginia, community. In rural areas across the country, neighbors look out for one another and help each other in good times and bad. Those principles are why the Dayton club came about—to help provide a hand up for friends and neighbors in need. A group of citizens saw a need in the community and worked to raise money and provide volunteer labor to help address those needs. Now, 75 years later, these men and women play an ever important role, having contributed over \$700,000 and 180,000 volunteer hours to their community.

In Dayton, Ruritan National Club Number 126 carries on this rich tradition of serving others and keeping it local. Every penny they raise through numerous fundraising events each year, including a bluegrass concert, pancake breakfast, and sandwich sales, goes towards projects to improve the place where they live. Whether it is providing dictionaries to every fifth grade student in Rockingham County or donating teddy bears for first responders to give to children, the projects have made a lasting impact on the community. Members are also actively working to mold the next generation of leaders by forming a Ruri-Teen Chapter at Turner Ashby High School and Wilbur Pence Middle School.

While much has changed around them over the years, the Dayton Ruritan Club remains committed to the community they call home. Seventy-five years of service is a remarkable achievement, and I applaud the members of the Dayton Ruritan Club for their devotion to service. On October 13, members and friends will come together to celebrate their accomplishments and this milestone at the 75th Anniversary Banquet. I wish them many more years of success as they serve the Town of Dayton.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA AND SCOTT
SHOOK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brenda Shook and the late Scott Shook, of Guthrie Center, Iowa, for being selected as Guthrie County's 2016 inductees into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

Scott was an active leader for the Guthrie County 4-H program. He was known for his unwavering guidance during the 4-H Extension Office summer programs and was instrumental in the success of Farm Safety Days. For three years, he was a leader with the SESS Sport Group. An avid hunter, Scott believed children should respect wildlife, gun safety, and all the wonders of the great outdoors. Guiding members through livestock projects, his passion for the world of agriculture was the legacy he passed on.

Brenda grew up in 4-H and was an active member from elementary school through her high school years. She led the U.S. Sunshine 4-H group and was co-leader of the Trailblazers. Brenda served on the 4-H Youth Committee, spending countless hours educating the community about agriculture while helping children prepare exhibits for static judging and livestock projects.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Scott and Brenda's efforts exemplify the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Shook family for their outstanding achievements.

RECOGNIZING STAX MUSIC ACADEMY FOR ITS PERFORMANCE AT THE "FREEDOM SOUNDS: A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION" FESTIVAL FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the young men and women of the Stax Music Academy (SMA) in Memphis, Tennessee for their outstanding performance on the main stage at the "Freedom Sounds: A Community Celebration" festival on the National Mall for the grand opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Students from SMA have performed around the world and it was fitting for the school to be invited to perform in Washington, DC for this historic event in our nation's history.

The Stax Music Academy began in 2000 at Stafford Elementary School as a Soulsville Foundation after school and summer music learning center. SMA is now located next to Stax Museum where the historic Stax Records was founded. Under Presidents and CEOs of

the Foundation, including Memphian and celebrated jazz saxophonist, Kirk Whalum, SMA developed a program that has served more than 4,000 students in the studies of vocals, instruments, music writing, music theory and music production. SMA students have performed for and alongside world-renowned artists, including Isaac Hayes, Mavis Staples, Stevie Wonder, Brandford Marsalis, Ben Cauley of the Bar-Kays and many more. Additionally, SMA students have opened for BB King at his annual BB King Homecoming Festival and Concert, performed at the Levitt Shell in Memphis's Overton Park opening for Booker T. Jones and sang backup for Faith Hill during the 2008 Freedom Awards Dinner and Ceremony hosted by the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

Stax Music Academy students have also traveled the country and world sharing their talents for all to hear. Audiences have included Oprah Winfrey and President Bill Clinton as well as the U.S. Ambassador to Australia during performances in Australia and the U.S. Ambassador to Germany during the grand opening of the "Memphis Exhibition Berlin" in Berlin, Germany. SMA students have traveled to Porretta Terme, Italy for the Porretta Soul Festival in Rufus Thomas Park, performed at The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC for a July 4th performance and participated in the Smithsonian Institute's Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in 2011. In addition to excelling in the performing arts, since 2008, every SMA senior has been accepted to a college or university.

I was very happy for Stax Music Academy when I learned that its students were scheduled to perform in Washington, DC for the opening festivities of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The students performed several legendary songs by Stax recording artists, including "I've Been Loving You Too Long" by Otis Redding and "Walking the Dog" by Rufus Thomas, and covered songs by Stax artists Sam and Dave and the Staple Singers as well as songs by Prince and Queen. The performers represented Stax Music Academy, the city of Memphis and Memphis's musical legacy well, and I am proud of this latest milestone in the Academy's storied history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on September 21, 2016, I returned home to Milwaukee to address the medical emergency of my son and, as a result, missed all votes on September 21 and 22, 2016.

Had I been present to vote, I would have voted the following way on the bills considered by the House for those days that I missed.

September 21, 2016.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule. I would have voted NO.

H. Res. 875. I would have voted NO.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule. I would have voted NO.

H. Res. 876. I would have voted NO.

H.R. 3957. I would have voted YES.

H.R. 5659. I would have voted YES.

H.R. 5713. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5613. I would have voted YES.
 Cicilline Amendment. I would have voted YES.
 DelBene Amendment. I would have voted YES.
 Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 3438. I would have voted YES.
 Final Passage of H.R. 3438. I would have voted NO.
 Final Passage of H.R. 5461. I would have voted NO.
 H.R. 5859. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 6007. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5977. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 6014. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5147. I would have voted YES.
 September 21, 2016.
 Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule. I would have voted NO.
 H. Res. 879. I would have voted NO.
 Passage of H.R. 5719. I would have voted NO.
 H.R. 5320. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5946. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 2285. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5523. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5625. I would have voted YES.
 House Amendment to S. 1550. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 4419. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5963. I would have voted YES.
 Engel Amendment. I would have voted YES.
 Final Passage of H.R. 5931. I would have voted NO.
 H.R. 5037. I would have voted YES.
 H.R. 5798. I would have voted YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF LESLEY
 CHILLER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Lesley Chiller, who passed away Saturday, August 27, 2016, at the age of 40 as a result of complications from lupus.

Lesley was born July 30, 1976, in Boston and raised in Sharon, Massachusetts. She graduated from Sharon High School where she excelled in English and writing. Following a year at the University of New Hampshire, Lesley earned a BA in Economics from the University of Massachusetts-Boston and a Certificate in Graphic Design from Pima College.

An avid reader and music lover, Lesley enjoyed art, history, food anthropology, and politics where her deep passion for social justice was apparent. Family and friends knew Lesley to be wise and kind, but also armed with an unending sense of humor that was both intelligent and dry, even during the most trying times of her 10-year battle with lupus.

Mr. Speaker, I co-founded the Congressional Lupus Caucus because we have a responsibility to fight back against this cruel and debilitating illness. Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can force your immune system to destroy healthy tissue, which often leads to terrible pain that can manifest itself throughout the body. I ask that my colleagues join me in the fight against lupus by joining the Congressional Lupus Caucus, and further by

helping us boost federal funding to fight this disease through the National Institutes of Health and other means. We owe that not only to the memory of Lesley Chiller but also the 1.5 million Americans suffering with this affliction every day.

**TWO MILLION AMERICANS ALIVE
 TODAY BECAUSE OF THE HYDE
 AMENDMENT**

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, Friday September 30 marks 40 years since the life-saving Hyde Amendment was first enacted. This annual appropriations amendment stops taxpayer dollars from being used to fund most abortions and abortion coverage through government programs like Medicaid.

Thanks to new analysis by the Charlotte Lozier Institute we now know that as many as 2 million children—some obviously much older now—are alive today because of the Hyde amendment.

Prior to enactment of Hyde, the Medicaid program paid for about 300,000 abortions annually. Research, including by the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, has long shown that stopping taxpayer funded abortion reduces the abortion rate. In an analysis released just this week, the Charlotte Lozier Institute estimates that the Hyde amendment saves as many as 60,000 lives each year.

I remember the day several years ago when my friend and author of the amendment, Henry Hyde of Illinois, first learned that about one million children were alive because of his amendment. He was overcome with joy knowing that a million mothers were spared the agony of post abortion pain, a million children were alive and well, growing up, going to school, playing sports, dating, marrying and having kids of their own. Today that number is estimated at two million—all because abortion subsidies have been prohibited by law.

Since the first bitter and protracted battles over this policy, the Hyde amendment has generally, if begrudgingly, been accepted as the status quo. President Bill Clinton—who supported partial-birth abortion—and President Barack Obama—who pledged to veto a bill protecting children born alive after abortion, both consistently signed the Hyde amendment into law.

Yet Hillary Clinton represents a new era of pro-abortion extremism.

Not only does she fall in party line with her opposition to the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, the ban on sex selection abortion, and the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, she will have an abortion litmus-test for every judge and justice. And in a new assault on innocent human life, she has vowed to decimate the Hyde Amendment and fund abortion on demand using taxpayer dollars.

In 1980 the Hyde amendment narrowly overcame a constitutional challenge in a 5–4 Supreme Court decision. If Hillary Clinton appoints just one justice, the Hyde amendment will be nullified.

Hillary Clinton is outside of the mainstream. Today, more Americans support the sanctity of

life and oppose taxpayer funding for abortions than ever.

An ever-growing majority in America believes that our government should not fund abortion. A July 2016 Marist poll found that nearly two-thirds of Americans oppose taxpayer funding for abortion—including 45% of those who identify as “pro-choice.”

The Hyde Amendment is not extreme. Hillary Clinton is.

Hillary Clinton is so extreme and outside the mainstream that when MSNBC’s Chuck Todd asked her in an April 3rd interview: “When, and if, does an unborn child have constitutional rights?” Hillary Clinton fired back: “unborn persons don’t have constitutional rights . . .” Clinton acknowledges that unborn children are persons, but denies them their right to life and wants taxpayers to pay for their destruction.

When Hillary Clinton was awarded the Margaret Sanger award by Planned Parenthood in 2009, she said she was “in awe” of Margaret Sanger, the infamous founder of Planned Parenthood. Shockingly its American affiliate alone claims responsibility for the death of over seven million babies.

In her 2009 speech Clinton also said she admired Sanger for her vision and that Sanger’s work here in the United States and across the globe was not done. “Not done” means more abortions, paid for by the taxpayer, and an end to conscience rights for those who don’t agree.

If we lose the Hyde Amendment our country will be carrying out Sanger’s eugenic legacy—incinivating the destruction of the poor and vulnerable by paying for their death.

There are nearly 60 million Americans missing from 43 years of legal abortion. 60 million lives with potential that have been snuffed out by state-sanctioned killing.

Let’s be clear. Hillary Clinton poses an existential threat to the welfare and wellbeing of unborn children and their mothers in the United States and around the world.

Rather than expand the culture of death and shred the Hyde amendment—as Hillary Clinton promises—women and men of conscience have a duty to protect the weakest and most vulnerable from the violence of abortion.

REMEMBERING RODNEY ELLIS,
 CHAMPION OF EDUCATION

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and memory of Rodney Ellis of Mocksville, North Carolina, for his work as a committed teacher and an advocate for educational opportunity and success for all students. Mr. Ellis passed away prematurely on September 10, 2016 at the age of 49. On behalf of my family and staff, I wish to extend our sympathy and good wishes to his family.

Mr. Ellis was raised by a single mother in Mocksville, North Carolina and Cleveland, Ohio. He returned to North Carolina to attend Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), graduating with a degree in teaching. While at WSSU, he met his wife Lisa, with whom he raised five children.

Mr. Ellis began his involvement with the North Carolina Association of Educators

(NCAE) as a student at WSSU, serving as president of the campus affiliate of the organization. He later served as president of the Forsyth County chapter. In 2008, Mr. Ellis became vice president of NCAE, and in 2012 he was elected President.

As an advocate and a leader, Rodney Ellis was energetic and effective, reflecting a passion for ensuring access to education for all students. He defended public investments in our schools at a time when they were under threat, first from the Great Recession and then from hostile political leadership.

Mr. Ellis stepped down from the NCAE presidency in July after serving the maximum two two-year terms. He returned to Winston-Salem to spend more time with his family and teach middle school language arts to students of low-income families. He continued to be a committed educator of students of all socioeconomic backgrounds until the very end of his life.

Rodney Ellis leaves a legacy of dedication and commitment that saw North Carolina education through tough times. Both in the classroom and in statewide leadership, his work will benefit thousands of students for generations to come.

D.C. STATEHOOD

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, D.C. statehood has just crossed another historic threshold. For the first time, the District of Columbia Republican Party now supports D.C. statehood, making D.C. statehood a bipartisan effort. Moreover, the upcoming "Statehood Yes" vote to put D.C. residents on the record on statehood is being led by a Republican resident, George Vradenburg, a retired AOL executive and philanthropist. D.C. Republicans have consistently supported equality for our citizens, including the bipartisan bill for a House vote and the recent budget autonomy referendum. It is now clear that D.C. statehood, including my bill, the New Columbia Admission Act, enjoys the support of D.C. residents, regardless of party.

On November 8 this year, D.C. residents will vote not only for a Member of Congress and Members of the D.C. Council, they will vote on whether they desire to become the 51st state, and, if so, on the constitution for the new state.

Making the District of Columbia our nation's 51st state would overcome the longest denial of democracy by our country to any of its citizens. Surely, 215 years of second-class status for the American citizens who live in the nation's capital can no longer be tolerated, especially today, when D.C. residents pay the highest federal taxes per capita in the United States.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE WALTERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julie Wal-

ters of Villisca, Iowa, for being selected as a 2016 Women Impacting the Land award recipient.

The Women Impacting the Land award showcases Iowa women for their contributions to managing farmland and livestock. While serving as the Page County Clerk of Court for the last 31 years, Julie has also worked on her family's cattle farm with her husband Dave. She attributes some of her extensive knowledge of cattle farming to courses she participated in over the years, like Annie's Project and Women Managing Cattle. Julie is constantly fine-tuning her family's cattle operation and making changes to improve their farm's productivity.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Julie for her hard work and dedication in improving and managing her family's farm. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Julie for her achievements and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING JEANETTE JAMES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Jeanette James, Professional Staffer for the House Armed Services Committee, on being awarded The Military Coalition's 2016 Freedom Award for her outstanding service and significant contributions to the military and veterans' community.

On September 22, 2016, The Military Coalition, an association of 32 military, veterans, and uniformed services organizations, recognized her for over a decade of dedicated work with the House Committee on Armed Services. During her tenure with the committee, she has been a crucial part of crafting important legislation and an exceptional asset for the Military Personnel subcommittee now chaired by Congressman JOE HECK of Nevada. She was previously recognized as a Freedom Award recipient in 2012.

I am grateful for her admirable service and dedication to the committee and our servicemembers and military families. She has maintained the high standards of her predecessor, the late John Chapla.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a bipartisan resolution which recognizes the opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) on Saturday, September 24, 2016. I am so proud that over 110 of my colleagues

from both sides of the aisle have joined me as original cosponsors.

This weekend will mark an historic moment in our Nation's history. Hundreds of thousands of people will convene in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall to celebrate and welcome this historic institution which is dedicated to documenting African American life, history, art, and culture. Many people in this body, across the nation, and around the world shall celebrate this great day.

Tonight, I applaud Dr. Lonnie Bunch, III, the Founding Director, Kinshasha Holman Conwill, the Deputy Director, Cheryl Johnson, Chief of Staff, and the hundreds and thousands of people who worked so hard to make this dream a reality. For over 10 years, they have toiled day in and day out to prepare for the opening and operation of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

I know that the leadership and staff of the Museum have labored tirelessly for years and years—designing the building, raising funds, envisioning the exhibits, collecting artifacts, conducting research, and meeting with the many people across this country and around the world who are so excited about this historic moment. Mr. Speaker, I thank each and every one of them for their hard work, determination, and dedication to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Mr. Speaker, the National Museum of African American History and Culture took over 100 years to evolve from a dream to a reality in the Nation's Capitol on the National Mall. The most recent congressional effort began with the late former Congressman Thomas "Mickey" Leland from Texas who revitalized the legislation in 1985. I was proud to continue his work and fought for 15 years for the bill to pass the House and Senate before finally being signed into law by President George W. Bush.

It was a long, hard, labor of love, and there were so many wonderful Members on both sides of the aisle and the dome, who helped accomplish this mission, which spanned generations, decades, and movements. In 1993, the late Senator Paul Martin Simon from Illinois introduced a companion to the House legislation. Beginning in 2001, former Senator Sam Brownback from Kansas, former Senator Max Cleland from Georgia, and former Senator Chris Dodd from Connecticut joined the House coalition which included Representatives William "Bill" Clay from Missouri, J.C. Watts, Jr. from Oklahoma, and Jack Kingston from Georgia who helped take this bipartisan, bicameral effort across the finish line.

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not also thank some of the former congressional staff who worked for so many years to pass the legislation which authorized the Museum—Tammy Boyd in my office; Kerri Watson with former Rep. J.C. Watts; LaRochelle Young with former Sen. Sam Brownback; and Donni Turner with former Sen. Max Cleland. They refused to give up; they refused to give in, and we thank them for their hard work and service.

On the eve of this long-awaited day, I join with more than 110 of my colleagues in congratulating Smithsonian Institution's family, the countless staff, and many volunteers of the National Museum of African American History and Culture on their persistence, their determination, and—very, very soon—on their success.

Tonight, we should all be proud, and each and every one of us must take the necessary

hours, days, weeks, and months to visit, learn, explore, and reflect on the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture and all that it signifies and entails.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good day; it is a great day.

HONORING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF SAINT PAUL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Junior League of Saint Paul (JLSP) as the organization marks 100 years of dedicated community service to the people of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Since 1917, the Junior League of Saint Paul has been an all-female volunteer organization committed to the work of its founder, Elizabeth Ames Jackson. For the past century, JLSP has forged coalitions and leveraged the talents and passions of volunteers to address our community's greatest challenges.

After working on behalf of the Red Cross and supporting the war effort in the 1920's, JLSP found a cause of their own to champion. Realizing that there was a need in the community for women to have a place to recover peacefully from surgery, they created a Convalescent Home for Women and Girls. This allowed women to have a place out of the hospital where they might regain their strength before returning to the stresses of work and family.

In 1933, the JLSP was approached by the Children's Hospital to create a needy-bed fund for children whose families could not afford medical care. The JLSP eagerly stepped in and started a city wide push for funds to support the hospital. Their success culminated in the creation of the Children's Hospital Association, which in later years has gone on to fund hospital initiatives and start-up programs. The Children's Hospital Association is still providing for the healthcare needs of children in the Saint Paul area to this day in part because of the work of the JLSP.

Understanding that there were other challenges to address in the community, the JLSP shifted their focus to the development of recreational spaces for Saint Paul's youth. They partnered with the Neighborhood House and the Community Chest, which later became the United Way, to start Saint Paul Community Services. With the help of \$12,000 of seed money from the JLSP, Saint Paul Community Services, now known as Keystone Community Services, is still in operation today.

In the 1980's as Saint Paul welcomed an influx of Hmong refugees, the women of the Saint Paul Junior League saw a way that they may help their new neighbors. The JLSP saw the beauty and opportunity represented in the story cloths made by Hmong women. By helping to market these beautiful cloths for sale in the community, JLSP assisted in empowering their new neighbors to earn money and improve their English.

In the 1990's the JLSP pivoted to the issue of domestic violence and started the Minnesota chapter of Silent Witness; an organization that helped to bring awareness and honor the memory of women killed as a result of

abuse. In the new century, members of JLSP worked with Women's Advocates in Saint Paul, the nation's first battered women's shelter. They helped to make the shelter more physically comfortable, inviting, and safe for women who were seeking refuge.

Over the course of a century, the JLSP has taken on daunting challenges in Saint Paul to create solutions to lift up those disadvantaged and struggling members of our community. Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the Junior League of Saint Paul on its 100th anniversary—and for the next century of service to the community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
WILDERNESS MONTH

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of September as National Wilderness Month.

This month we marked the 52nd anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964, which created our National Wilderness Preservation System and established the procedure for designating federal lands as wilderness by Congress.

Earlier this year, Congress was blessed with a visit from Pope Francis, who took his papal name from St. Francis of Assisi, the protector of the proper joyful balance in care for the earth. In his encyclical, the Holy Father notes St. Francis's request that "part of the friary garden was always left untouched," just like America's extraordinary wilderness.

Arkansas is home to 12 of these unique wilderness areas, including the Flatside Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest. In March, I was joined by Arkansas Rep. Rick Beck, members of the Boy Scouts, the Ozark Society, the Sierra Club, and representatives from the U.S. Forest Service on a six mile hike through Flatside, enjoying the serene beauty of this area left wild.

During National Wilderness Month, we recognize these wilderness areas in our great country and the need to preserve them for future generations of Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS.
DOROTHY HYATT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional community leader and outstanding citizen, Mrs. Dorothy Hyatt, on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of Girls, Inc. of Columbus, Georgia.

A Columbus native, Dorothy Hyatt starting going to Girls, Inc. at an early age and continued her attendance throughout high school. Her mother worked many hours to support Dorothy and her four siblings so Dorothy would spend much of her time at Girls, Inc. where she would do arts and crafts, learn how

to cook and sew, and play in the swimming pool. Her peers and mentors at Girls, Inc. encouraged her to attend college after her graduation from Jordan High School in 1972. She received a scholarship from Girls, Inc. and earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Rehabilitation from Troy State University in 1976 and a Master's in Criminal Justice from the same university in 1980.

Girls, Inc. had been such an integral part of her childhood and teenage years that it came as no surprise when Mrs. Hyatt returned to Girls, Inc. to work as Center Director of the Garrard Center in Columbus in 1976. In 1981, Mrs. Hyatt became the Executive Director of Girls, Inc. of Columbus and has served in this capacity ever since. There was no better candidate to run the organization than Mrs. Hyatt. Having been on the receiving side of the program, she knew the impact it could have on a young girl and the decisions she made during the most formative years of her life. Girls, Inc. can be the difference between a bright, successful future and a life of drugs, crime, or poverty. Mrs. Hyatt's understanding of the organization's mission on a personal level has helped to keep Girls, Inc. effective in mentoring girls and shaping them into strong, independent women.

In addition to her leadership of Girls, Inc., Mrs. Hyatt has proven to be an exceptional member of her community. She has served on the Columbus South Task Force and the Columbus Coalition of Children and Youth. She served as a board member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and the St. Francis Hospital Advisory Committee for Women's Health. In 1996, Ms. Hyatt served as President of the United Way Directors Association. She is a 1993 graduate of Leadership Columbus and a 1998 graduate of Leadership Georgia.

Ms. Hyatt has been recognized numerous times for her professional and community work. She is a recipient of the Girls, Inc. Southern Regional Professional of the Year Award; the Judge Aaron Cohn Community Service Award; the Keith Bissel Volunteer Award from the Kiwanis Club; the Gracious Lady Award, the Leadership Georgia Foundation Award, and the Governor Honors Award, among many others.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Not only has Mrs. Hyatt made her living at Girls, Inc. by mentoring and uplifting girls beyond their circumstances, but she has also made her life by giving back to the great city of Columbus in so many ways. We are all very grateful for her tireless advocacy in making our community stronger. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise are unparalleled, but her heart for helping others utilizing these qualities has made her life's work truly special.

Mrs. Hyatt has accomplished much in her life but none of it would be possible without the love and support of her husband, Phil; her children, Emilee and Wynn; and her grandson, Harrison.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mrs. Dorothy Hyatt upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career spanning four decades with Girls, Inc. of Columbus.

HONORING JON WOOD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jon Wood for his service as a member of the Congressional Award Board of Directors.

The United States Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement, and service in young people. It began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The original bill was sponsored by the late Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and the late Congressman James Howard of New Jersey. Originally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, the legislation (Public Law 96-114) established the Congressional Award as a public-private partnership, which receives all funding from the private sector. Every president since, both Democratic and Republican, have signed legislation to continue the program.

The Congressional Award Board of Directors is comprised of 48 members and supports the work of the foundation by providing mission-based leadership and strategic governance. Every member of the Board serves as a volunteer to help make the program a national opportunity available in every congressional district.

During this past year, over 40,000 participants from all 50 states were actively working toward earning a Congressional Award and 5,000 new participants enrolled in the program. Since its inception, over 7 million hours of service have been contributed to communities nationwide.

The example set by Jon is one we all should strive for. His willingness to serve his community and our nation's young people sets him apart as an outstanding individual, and I have been honored to serve alongside of him as Leader PELOSI's congressional appointee to the Board. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in thanking Jon for his service and wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO KURTZ HARDWARE
COMPANY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kurtz Hardware Company for their 150th year of business in the Des Moines metropolitan area.

L.H. Kurtz, a German immigrant, founded Kurtz Hardware Company in 1866, starting what is now one of the oldest companies in the community. At first selling hardware and tin items, the store evolved through the years, adding plumbing and heating products, and later sporting goods and houseware sections. A roof collapse in 1998, along with the competition of newer and larger hardware stores opening in the area, led current fifth generation owner Bob Kurtz to refocus the business to concentrate on commercial contracting. The

Des Moines Register, in an article featuring the business, asked why Kurtz Hardware Company has lasted so long and endured such difficult times as the Great Depression, World War II, the farm crisis of the 1980s, and the rise of the big box stores. Bob Kurtz answered with a laugh, "It's just the old stubborn German in us, I guess."

As a testament to the longevity of Kurtz Hardware Company, the Des Moines Register noted that the company supplied materials for the Equitable Building, Des Moines' first skyscraper of the time, built back in 1924. Today, they are providing doors and hardware for that same Equitable Building as it is currently being renovated into residential living.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Kurtz Hardware Company in the United States Congress and I'm proud to recognize them for their 150 years of service to the Des Moines area. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kurtz Hardware Company of Des Moines and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

HONORING SPECIALIST RICHARD
ALLEN CABLE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise to remember United States Army Specialist Richard "Dickie" Allen Cable for his bravery and willingness to fight for his country. Specialist Cable was killed in action while defending his comrades during Operation Billings in Vietnam on June 14, 1967. It is my honor to sponsor H.R. 4887, a bill that would name the Post Office in Shelby, Indiana, after Specialist Cable, a hero who gave up his life in service of the nation he loved.

A resident of Shelby, Dickie graduated from Lowell High School in 1965 and is remembered by friends as an exceptional member of the community. Dickie was an outstanding athlete who loved softball, basketball, and track and field. His friends recall that Dickie was always captain and everyone always wanted to be on his team. Dickie was adopted and an only child. Following the death of his father Fred, when Dickie was only nine, he took on a variety of jobs to help support his mother, Grace, including working as a pin setter at the local bowling alley. After high school, Dickie got a job at Inland Steel in East Chicago, Indiana.

In 1966, Dickie was drafted into the United States Army and served as a rifleman assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division, where he demonstrated bravery and courage. Specialist Cable and his team were on a mission when he spotted several Viet Cong in the jungle. He shouted a warning to his comrades and fired on the Viet Cong. Ignoring the heavy return fire, he engaged the enemy until his comrades reached cover. As he moved to rejoin his team, he spotted an enemy machine-gun team setting up. Realizing his fellow soldiers would be subject to vicious crossfire, Specialist Cable began a running assault toward the enemy position. Although he was

wounded several times, he overran the position and killed the insurgents before he fell. He was only 20 years old. For his courage and sacrifice, Dickie was posthumously honored by the military with the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. In addition, Dickie was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal with Palm, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar.

Dickie was survived by his mother, Grace, and a close-knit community of neighbors and friends in Shelby, who continue to honor his memory today. I would like to thank Mr. Richard Boetler, who first approached my office about dedicating the Shelby Post Office to Dickie's memory and organized a petition to advocate for this legislation with over 700 signatures from former and current Shelby residents. Additionally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the entire Indiana delegation for joining me in this effort. Finally, I would like to thank the local elected officials in Shelby for their advocacy, including Indiana State Senator Rick Niemeyer, Indiana State Representative Michael Aylesworth, Cedar Creek Township Trustee Alice Dahl, Lake County Councilman Eldon Strong, and Lake County Commissioner Gerry Scheub.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army Specialist Richard Allen Cable. Specialist Cable sacrificed his life in service to his country, and his death was a great loss to our Nation. Nearly 50 years after his passing, Specialist Cable remains a hero in the eyes of his loved ones and his Nation. Let us take this opportunity to honor the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID K. RAMEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives is, in my opinion, the greatest legislative body in the history of the world. A large portion of the credit for that is due to the thousands of staff members who dedicate the better part of their adult lives to working within the halls of this democratic institution. For the past 24 years, I have been incredibly fortunate to have benefitted from the talented services of David Kirk Ramey.

Dave's tenure in the House dates back to before I was elected (when the Cold War existed and the Internet didn't), when he worked for my good friend and mentor, former Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-CA). Dave served Rep. Lewis from February 1985 through December 1992 as a Foreign Policy and Defense Analyst in the House Republican Conference, Policy Committee, and Research Committee. Months after being hired by Lewis, Dave welcomed to the Research Committee staff his good friend Flint Lewis (no relation to the Congressman). Alongside Jack Pitney, Guy Hicks, Kelly Cook Marcavage, Brenda Benjamin Reese, Todd Hauptli, Jim O'Malley, Frank

Gregorsky, Paul Ritacco, Lee Raudonis, Ed Slevin and others, Dave served for eight years in the House Republican Leadership.

According to former Staff Director Bob Okun, who hired Dave and under whom Dave worked during most of those years, Dave “. . . distinguished himself as a top notch researcher and writer on Capitol Hill in the 1980s which served him so well through his thirty plus years on the Hill.” Dave wrote for the 1988 Republican Platform Committee which was co-chaired by Rep. Lewis. Congressman Lewis told me that he has “. . . always been very proud of the quality of our personal staff. One of the greatest among them has been David Ramey. To our knowledge, the only mistake Dave ever made was to leave our staff and to go and work for my buddy KEN CALVERT.”

After I was first elected in November of 1992, Dave was one of the first staff members I brought on board as my Legislative Director. My first Chief of Staff, Ed Slevin, said “Without a doubt, Dave is one of the best and the brightest. He was a great renaissance man for the Congressman.” In 1997, Dave became my Chief of Staff when Ed left the Hill. Throughout his time in my office, Dave has demonstrated a tremendous gift for analyzing policies and finding solutions to complex legislative challenges. Many things have changed over Dave’s 32 years in the House, but his sense of punctuality and neatness were always a constant.

He has also mentored a great number of staff members and interns who have served in my office, sharing with them the tremendous knowledge he possesses about our government, Capitol Hill, history and life in general. I believe it’s fair to say nobody who spent time working in our office left without bearing the imprint of Dave’s wonderful leadership. Some of the staff’s favorite Daveisms include: “Ounce for ounce, testosterone is more dangerous than plutonium,” “If you want one thing, ask for two,” “cc’s are free,” “What gets scheduled, gets done,” “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds,” “Don’t go to law school,” and the all-time favorite, “The six most important words in the English language are: ‘I am sorry. I was wrong.’”

In addition to working in my office, Dave has served as the CRAP Master, the head of the California Republican Administrative Personnel group (CRAPs), as well as Co-Chairman of the bipartisan California State Society. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1984 with a B.A. in International Relations and in 2010 received his Master of Arts with Highest Distinction from the Naval War College in National Security and Strategic Studies. When Dave steps down on October 31st to become a principal at Kadash and Associates, it will mark the departure of the last staff member in my office who has served me since I was sworn into office in 1993. (The amount of file space that we will reclaim is practically unfathomable.) Dave’s immeasurable contributions to my office, the constituents I have represented in Riverside and Orange Counties, and to our country are something for which we should all be very grateful. Personally, I have and will continue to value my friendship with Dave and wish him and his wife Jenny, their daughter Maddie and son Ben the very best and brightest future.

DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of September as Dystonia Awareness Month.

Currently, it is estimated that at least 300,000 individuals in North America suffer from dystonia, making it more common than Huntington’s, muscular dystrophy, and ALS. Dystonia may be inherited or caused by specific factors such as trauma, certain medications, and additional medical conditions. For most people with dystonia, the cause remains unknown and there is currently no cure.

Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder that causes muscles to contract and spasm involuntarily. It affects men, women, and children. Dystonia can be generalized, affecting all major muscle groups, and resulting in twisting, repetitive movements and abnormal postures. It can also be focal, affecting a specific part of the body such as legs, arms, hands, neck, face, mouth, eyelids, or vocal cords. Dystonia is not usually fatal, but it is a chronic disorder producing symptoms that vary in degrees of frequency, intensity, disability, and pain depending on the type of dystonia. The inability to predict or control the movements of the legs, arms, hands, neck, shoulders, face, eyelids, jaw, tongue, and/or vocal cords has a profound impact on an individual’s life. Medical literature associates the onset of dystonia with traumatic injury, particularly traumatic head/brain injuries. Our men and women in uniform face a disproportionate risk of developing dystonia as a result of an injury sustained during their military service.

The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, which works to raise awareness of dystonia is a nationwide organization that serves the community. Beyond awareness, the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation provides the dystonia community with support, education, advocacy, and the promotion of research into the causes of and care of dystonia. I have long known the Farber family and have seen their contributions and passion for the support of dystonia related research and awareness.

I call on my colleagues to recognize the goals and ideals of Dystonia Awareness Month by supporting federal activities that improve lives of patients impacted by dystonia including research programs at the National Institutes of Health.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY WAY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Mr. Jerry Way as the Director of Public Works for the City of Sacramento. As his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his many professional accomplishments, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this exceptional individual whose 36 years of service have greatly benefited the City of Sacramento.

A graduate from California State University, Sacramento, Jerry began his career in Public

Works in 1980. As the City Traffic Engineer and Streets Manager, Jerry led projects that greatly improved the infrastructure of the State Capital. He was appointed Sacramento’s Director of Public Works in 2006. He managed over 400 employees and a \$100 million capital improvement budget, overseeing projects that greatly enhanced public safety, raised the quality of life of my constituents, and promoted environmental sustainability. His oversight also included the operations and maintenance of more than 3,000 road lane miles, 40,000 streetlights, and 10,000 parking spaces.

Jerry is well known throughout Sacramento for his ability to get things done in City Hall. In recent years, he took on some of the region’s largest and most important projects, including the new downtown arena, the Downtown Sacramento Streetcar, and the Delta Shores and Railyards developments. His steady leadership, his sense of humor, and his perspective over the last decade have been instrumental in changing Sacramento for the better.

Because of his dedication to serving the public, Jerry was named as one of the Top 10 Public Works Leaders in North America by the American Public Works Association. Jerry served on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Tree Foundation and for the River District; he also promoted environmental awareness in the Sacramento community through his many sustainability projects. Jerry’s extraordinary commitment to raising the quality of life for the citizens of Sacramento has helped make the state capital a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Jerry Way as he celebrates his years of dedication to the City of Sacramento. I am sad to see him leave public service; my constituents will miss his commitment to improving their city. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Jerry’s outstanding career and wishing him the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY’S BODY SHOP

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Johnny’s Body Shop of Essex, Iowa, for celebrating their 50th year in business. Johnny’s Body Shop was founded by the late Johnny and Eileen Resh in 1966.

Johnny’s Body Shop is currently owned by Hazel and Delaine Resh. They represent the third generation of Resh family ownership. Delaine spends most of his day doing the required insurance and written estimates for customers, and notes how dramatically the auto industry has changed over the years. Delaine and Hazel often state their gratefulness to the residents of Essex for supporting their family-run business for over a half century.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Hazel and Delaine Resh for their years of dedicated and devoted service to Essex and the surrounding area. The staff at Johnny’s Body Shop make a difference by helping and serving others every day. It is with great honor that I recognize them today and I am proud to represent them

in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this outstanding milestone and in wishing them and their entire family nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 557, and Yea on Roll Call No. 558.

“CHASSEURS VOLONTAIRES”

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of several hundred “Chasseurs Volontaires,” or volunteer soldiers from Haiti who courageously fought for our independence during the Battle of Savannah in 1779.

The “Corps de Chasseurs-Volontaires de Saint-Domingue” was organized in the French colony of Saint-Domingue, now Haiti, to support French troops on their way to fight in the American Revolution. They later joined forces with American colonists and French troops to take part in the campaign to drive the British out of Savannah, Georgia.

During the siege that lasted for more than two weeks and ultimately ended in defeat, the Chasseurs Volontaires fought alongside their American and French counterparts and many bravely laid down their lives. As the siege ended and American forces retreated, it was the Chasseurs Volontaires who fought off British counterattacks, thus ensuring the safe evacuation of our troops from the area.

The Chasseurs Volontaires were the largest individual unit to serve during the Siege of Savannah, making up almost a third of the French force that fought in the battle. Their valiant efforts saved many American lives and contributed to our overall victory and independence. Upon their return to Haiti, the Chasseurs Volontaires played an important role in their own war for independence.

Mr. Speaker, we owe the Chasseurs Volontaires a great deal of respect. I join the many Haitian-Americans in my Congressional district in thanking the Chasseurs Volontaires for their courage and sacrifice, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing these unsung heroes.

CONGRESS SALUTES THE ARMY'S
65TH INFANTRY REGIMENT “THE
BORINQUENEERS”

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 22, 2016, veteran soldiers of the Army's

65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers, will be recognized with replica Congressional Gold Medals in a ceremony organized by local businesses and by the Borinqueneer Congressional Gold Medal National Committee. Residents, families and military veterans will gather in Orlando, Florida to honor these American heroes.

Created by Congress in 1898 as an all-Puerto Rican military unit, the 65th Infantry Regiment was called upon to serve in World War I, World War II, and especially the Korean War, where they became known as “the Borinqueneers”.

During the darkest days of the Korean War, the 65th Infantry Regiment fought some of the fiercest battles under some of the harshest conditions; and they did so as the military's last segregated unit—a true testimony to their character.

It was at the now-famous Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, one of the greatest strategic withdrawals in modern military history, that the 65th Infantry Regiment fearlessly provided cover for the 1st Marine Division. The Borinqueneers are also recorded to be the last in U.S. Army history to conduct a battalion-sized bayonet charge.

For their extraordinary service in the Korean War, the Regiment earned a Medal of Honor, 9 Distinguished Service Crosses, approximately 250 Silver Stars, over 600 Bronze Stars, and more than 2,700 Purple Hearts. The Borinqueneers now join the ranks of the most intrepid American warriors who have received the Congressional Gold Medal.

Awarding the 65th Infantry Regiment with the Congressional Gold Medal is an opportunity for our nation to honor the sacrifices, and recognize the prejudices and injustices endured by these American heroes. It is fitting we celebrate our beloved Borinqueneers on the heels of Hispanic Heritage month.

The freedom we all enjoy today exists because of their courage, and their service to our nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting their service and their commitment to the cause of liberty and freedom.

HONORING PAUL KELLY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Kelly for his service as a member of the Congressional Award Board of Directors.

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TRIBUTE TO LOGAN KINYON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Logan Kinyon of Orient, Iowa, on being crowned the 2017 Miss Rodeo Iowa.

Logan is the daughter of Jamie and Lori Kinyon of Orient, Iowa. She graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri in December 2015 with a degree in Agriculture Business. During her years of participating in rodeo, Logan has competed in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, break-away roping and cutting. She became involved in rodeo pageants in 2012 and was crowned Miss Rodeo Lenox. Logan will now go on to compete at the 2017 Miss Rodeo America pageant in Las Vegas.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Logan for the hard work and determination she has displayed in earning this recognition. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Logan on this outstanding achievement and in wishing her best of luck at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in December.

TRIBUTE TO SAM KENNEDY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor former Tennessee Press Association president, judge, district attorney, newspaper editor, and publisher Sam Kennedy. He has become the 16th inductee into the State Open Government Hall of Fame. He will be the first Tennessean who has received this recognition.

Sam Kennedy is from Maury County, Tennessee. He worked as the General Sessions Judge and District Attorney for the 14th Judicial District. He was also elected as the Maury

County Executive in 1992. Sam served as a member of the Tennessee State School Board and the Law Revision Commission.

The main focus of Sam Kennedy's career is journalism. Kennedy was the editor and publisher of the Columbia Daily Herald and a leader in the Tennessee Press Association. He served as the president and chaired its Government Affairs Committee for 30 years. He also served as a director for the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

Sam Kennedy has shaped much of what journalism is today. He has been an advocate for the First Amendment and took the lead to help pass the Tennessee Sunshine law. This law passed in 1974. It requires meetings of state, city and county government bodies to be open to the public and that any such governmental body must give adequate notice before the meeting. Through his influence, he fought to keep government as transparent as possible.

The Open Government Hall of Fame is a joint initiative of the National Freedom of Information Coalition (NFOIC) and the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). Inductees are recognized for their "long and steady effort to preserve and protect the free flow of information about state and local government that is vital to the public in a democracy.

Sam Kennedy has made an extraordinary impact in the state of Tennessee. His life's work and legacy will continue to benefit those who serve in government and journalism. I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sam Kennedy.

IN RECOGNITION OF DON LEWIS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Don Lewis of Pleasanton on recently receiving one of the 2016 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards. Through his renowned musical ability, innovative spirit, and enthusiasm for teaching, Don has brought joy to the people of the Bay Area and beyond.

Don began playing the piano as a high school student in Dayton, Ohio. As a student at the Tuskegee Institute, he sang with the Tuskegee Chorus and performed at freedom rallies led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Don became a pioneer in music technology by inventing the Live Electronic Orchestra, a synthesizer system that influenced the development of synthesizers and sounds modules for decades to come. He has performed at concerts worldwide and worked with many musical greats, such as the Newport Jazz Festival, Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson, and the Beach Boys.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Don is a passionate teacher and an involved member of our community. For nearly thirty years, his "Say Yes to Music!" school assemblies have motivated thousands of children across the United States and Canada to pursue their creative interests. He has engaged with Bay Area students at all levels to encourage their musical and artistic pursuits, organizing events where they can learn from each other and showcase their talents to the

public. Don also actively participates in service projects as a member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Don's career is truly a testament to the power of music to inspire and bring joy to others. This week, Alameda County honors his outstanding achievements and contributions to our community. I want to congratulate Don on this tremendous honor.

UNTOUCHABLE NO MORE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as a former prosecutor and county Judge, I am very concerned by the press conference held on July 15th the Director of the FBI, James Comey. The press conference was carried live on many news channels, and Director Comey spoke in great detail (over 2,300 words), regarding procedures in her use of a personal email server while working as Secretary of State.

During this press conference, Director Comey stated: "Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case."

Not only did this press conference likely violate FBI procedure, such a public accounting of alleged misdeeds while not recommending charges made it nearly impossible for the Department of Justice to do their job in this case. The FBI is an investigating agency, not a prosecuting agency or a judge and jury. Such a public determination of a case is unprecedented and highly prejudicial. The FBI should investigate and research the facts; determining whether or not those facts constitute a crime is not their job.

It appears that Comey's statement was a violation of internal DOJ procedures. Per DOJ regulations, in federal cases, the prosecutor's decision to bring criminal charges is governed by the United States Attorney's Manual. USAM 9-27.000, titled "Principles of Federal Prosecution" contains the DOJ's written guidance to prosecutors about decisions to initiate or decline prosecution. Specifically, 9-27.220(A) instructs prosecutors to file criminal charges in all cases where there is a violation of federal law and the evidence is sufficient to obtain a conviction, unless one of three grounds exist:

Lack of a substantial federal interest;

The defendant is subject to prosecution in another jurisdiction; or

The existence of adequate non-criminal alternatives to prosecution.

It is not clear from the Comey statement which of these exceptions he thinks applies in this case. Regardless, the determination of whether or not to pursue charges in the case does not reside with an investigative agency like the FBI. By publicly making this statement, Director Comey made it practically impossible for DOJ to fully fulfill their duties under 27.220(A).

There is no provision or practice that permits the FBI (or any other federal law enforcement agency) to make recommendations to the prosecution in such a public manner. This

statement violated practice and procedure and further shows that this investigation was flawed from the beginning. Secretary Clinton received different treatment than any rank and file employee at the State Department would have received in such an instance. A rank and file employee would have, at the very least, lost their security clearance had they engaged in conduct similar to that of Secretary Clinton.

In the FBI "Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines" section 1-2, a number of policies and procedures are laid out for how the FBI should behave and conduct criminal investigations. Specifically, section 1-2 (1) states: "The FBI is charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States and collective evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest". In addition, section 1-2 (3) states: "Results of investigations are furnished to United States Attorneys and/or Department of Justice."

There is not a section in this manual that permits or directs the FBI to publicly state that the facts they investigated were not sufficient to warrant prosecution; in fact the manual clearly indicates that these facts should be turned over to either a US Attorney or the DOJ when there is sufficient evidence that a crime occurred. Director Conley stated that "there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information". Despite this finding, Director Comey appears to have veered from FBI procedures to make a public statement that no prosecution was warranted. It is unclear what legal standard was used to make this determination and appears to be far outside what is permitted under the policies and practice of the FBI. There was a time when the FBI was known as "The Untouchables" because they were above politics; those days are over.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING OFFICERS ANGEL PADILLA AND PETER HAMMER OF THE LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Officers Angel Padilla and Peter Hammer of the Linden Police Department in Linden, New Jersey for their role in the apprehension of the New Jersey-New York bombing suspect.

Just days after we observed the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, multiple bombs were planted in New York City and in Seaside Park and Elizabeth, New Jersey.

On Monday, September 19, 2016, local law enforcement in my district apprehended the bombing suspect, Ahmad Khan Rahami, but not before a shootout injured two brave police officers, Angel Padilla and Peter Hammer.

That day, Padilla and Hammer were among officers who responded to a call of a man sleeping in the entrance of a tavern in Linden.

As he approached Rahami, whom he recognized as the bombing suspect, Padilla was shot in the torso. Fortunately, Padilla was wearing his bulletproof vest when he was struck.

During the shootout, Hammer, a 22-year veteran of the department, was hit in the head by bullet shrapnel.

Thankfully, both officers are expected to make full recoveries.

It is undeniable that Officers Padilla and Hammer, as well as the other officers involved in the apprehension of Rahami, are heroes.

They pursued the suspect not knowing whether he was armed or worse, putting themselves in harm's way to protect their community. Thanks to their outstanding work, Rahami was apprehended, our community was kept safe, and no lives were lost.

On behalf of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, I extend Officers Padilla and Hammer my deepest appreciation for their service and courage. I am honored to have such dedicated and selfless police officers serving in my district.

HONORING CHIEF OF STAFF,
JACQUELINE ELLIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a truly dedicated public servant and a great friend, Jacqueline Ellis.

I was heartbroken to learn of her recent passing. Jacqui was a trusted and devoted staffer to Congressmen AL GREEN, Congressman Major Owens, and the late Senator Howell Heflin. She was a longtime advocate and mentor for people of color, especially African American women, working on Capitol Hill.

The entire Capitol Hill family will miss her dearly, but we will treasure our fond memories that were created with her over her 30 years of selfless public service. I know my Chief of Staff also viewed Jacqui as a mentor and my entire staff will dearly miss her. We will remember the many gifts that Jacqui possessed, and we will miss her commitment to social justice, her gentle spirit, and her humbleness. Jacqui was a role model to many on Capitol Hill and a fierce advocate for people from all walks of life.

I extend my sincere condolences to Jacqui's family, loved ones, her colleagues in Congressman GREEN's office, and to all those who served with her over the years. She will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO MAIN STREET DANCE
STUDIOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa business, Main Street Dance Studios of Panora, Guthrie Center, Stuart and Nevada, Iowa, as they celebrate their 25th year in business.

Kristi Vance, owner of Main Street Dance Studios, began dancing at the age of seven. For the past 25 years, Kristi has been imparting her knowledge to many young students. The Main Street Dance Studios teach a range

of dance classes including ballet, hip hop, acrobatics, and contemporary dance.

Mr. Speaker, over the last 25 years Main Street Dance Studios has left an indelible mark on the dance and youth communities of Iowa. I commend Kristi Vance and all the employees at the Main Street Dance Studios for a job well done. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring this company for their commitment to the arts in the state of Iowa and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today the U.S. House Representatives voted on an override of the President's veto of S. 2040. This bill narrows the scope of sovereign immunity by allowing U.S. Courts to hear cases against a foreign state involving injury, death and damages as a result of a tort. Very recently my husband's law firm has undertaken legal representation of a client who seeks to recover from a foreign state the value of claims previously paid. I believe that Rule III in conjunction with Rule XIII, clause 2, leads me to abstain from the vote on this subject to avoid even the impression of a conflict and to adhere to both the spirit and letter of the Rules.

IN RECOGNITION OF
PARALYMPIAN A.J. DIGBY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ostego High School graduate and Tontogany, Ohio, native A.J. Digby for his impressive performance at this summer's Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At the young age of 18 years old, A.J. held his own, placing fourth in the 400-meter race and fifth in the 200-meter race. Both of his times in these events were personal bests.

A.J. has not let any obstacle prevent him from reaching new track and field heights. Born without fibula bones in both calves due to a congenital order, A.J. began competing in sprinting competitions at the age of 14 with running blades.

His performance in Brazil has been an inspiration to the community as well, with over 50 family and friends gathering at Ostego High School recently to celebrate his accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, to finish as well as A.J. Digby did at the Paralympics, it takes hard work, dedication, and a commitment to improving each and every day. I commend A.J. for his perseverance, and I speak for many when I say I'm excited to see what he will accomplish in the future. Congratulations, Paralympian A.J. Digby, on a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CADET
BRANDON T. JACKSON

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I recognize the life of my constituent, West Point Cadet Brandon T. Jackson, a brilliant young man who tragically passed away on September 11, 2016, in an automobile accident in Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

Brandon was born on April 17, 1996 in Flushing, Queens. He was a proud "A" student graduate of Holy Cross High School in Flushing and was an exceptional member of the U.S. Military Academy Prep School Class of 2015.

This bright young man was a proud member of West Point's Military Class of 2019, E Company, Second Regiment. His mother, Morna Davis, a veteran of the Iraq War, a member of the U.S. Army Reserves and a New York City Police Department Detective, inspired Cadet Jackson to commit his life to service to our country.

Brandon loved Army football from a young age and, beginning in his freshman year, earned a spot as a starting member of the Army football team in the position of corner back. Brandon excelled in his role as a defensive lineman, attained impressive stats, and played a key role in the team's victory over Rice University on Saturday, September 10.

Brandon was equally driven academically and was an exemplary student as a Management major in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. He was a member of West Point's Cultural Affairs Club and, in his free time, enjoyed playing chess and basketball.

Brandon is fondly remembered by all who knew him for his warm smile, engaging manner and quiet grace. He loved to help others, was a mentor to younger players and treasured his family, especially his mother. His short life was one of achievement and excellence and this proud member of the Long Gray Line exemplified the watch words of West Point—Duty, Honor, Country.

There is no way to measure our loss of this incredible young man with such great promise who was dedicated to a life of service to our great nation and its citizens. I offer my deepest condolences to his family.

HONORING PATRICK McLAIN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patrick McLain for his service as a member of the Congressional Award Board of Directors.

The United States Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement, and service in young people. It began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The original bill was sponsored by the late Senator Malcolm Wallop of

Wyoming and the late Congressman James Howard of New Jersey. Originally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, the legislation (Public Law 96–114) established the Congressional Award as a public-private partnership, which receives all funding from the private sector. Every president since, both Democratic and Republican, have signed legislation to continue the program.

The Congressional Award Board of Directors is comprised of 48 members and supports the work of the foundation by providing mission-based leadership and strategic governance. Every member of the Board serves as a volunteer to help make the program a national opportunity available in every congressional district.

During this past year, over 40,000 participants from all 50 states were actively working toward earning a Congressional Award and 5,000 new participants enrolled in the program. Since its inception, over 7 million hours of service have been contributed to communities nationwide.

The example set by Patrick is one we all should strive for. His willingness to serve his community and our nation's young people sets him apart as an outstanding individual, and I have been honored to serve alongside of him as Leader PELOSI's congressional appointee to the Board. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in thanking Patrick for his service and wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT
OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 42 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Russell Carter, Army; Carolyn Clark, Army; Robert Kakuska, Army; Henry Kreminski, Army; Milford McDougal, Army; William Osteen, Army; Carl Propes, Army; Richard Reeve, Army; Arthur Schlenther, Army; Carl Smith, Army; Richard Sowell, Army; Frank Spiegel, Army; Alvin Tesky, Army; Edward Usselman, Army; Walter McNeill, Army Air Corps; Gordon Sodorff, Army Air Corps; Shirley Wilson, Army Air Corps; Clarence Read, Army Air Forces; Walter Seaman, Army Air Forces; William Thompson, Army Air Forces; Robert Turkisher, Army Air Forces; Robert Lortie, Coast Guard; Nancy Songer, Coast Guard; Frank Gibson, Marine Corps; Owen Anson, Navy; Ellsworth Bell, Navy; Jack Clevinger, Navy; Leroy Colvin, Navy; Kenneth Harding, Navy; David Henthorne, Navy; Robert Jackson, Navy; Hugh Keavney, Navy; William Krager, Navy; Willis Marshall, Navy; William Miller, Navy; Melvin Probst, Navy; Margaret Ross, Navy; Leonard Tischler, Navy; Donald Quinn, Navy; Forrest Hall, Navy Reserve; Santo Regalbutto, Navy Reserve; and Patsy Seaman, Women's Army Corps.

These 42 heroes join the estimated 20,000 to 25,000 veterans who will travel to Washington, D.C. from their home states in 2016, adding to the over 150,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS AND BILL
MATHENY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lois and Bill Matheny of Des Moines, Iowa, on their 50th wedding anniversary, celebrated on September 3, 2016.

Lois and Bill's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them nothing but the very best.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF
FLIGHT RESEARCH AT NASA
ARMSTRONG

HON. STEPHEN KNIGHT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. KNIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the 70th anniversary of NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center, which was founded on September 30, 1946.

In 1946 a group of officials from NASA's predecessor organization, the NACA, set up an operations base for our nation's effort in the race to achieve supersonic manned flight. A year later, on October 14, 1947, Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first pilot to break the sound barrier in the experimental Bell X-1 aircraft. This achievement, one of many incredible "firsts" in our history, inaugurated a national legacy of excellence in aerospace that defines American power today.

More X-planes followed the X-1, each building on our understanding of flight and projecting U.S. power further into air and space. Twenty years after Yeager, my father, Pete Knight, flew the X-15 at Mach 6.7. Even today that flight holds the world record for aircraft speed. What we learned from the X-programs

was critical to our journey to the moon and paved the way for the Space Shuttle.

Today NASA Armstrong continues to play an important role in the advancement of American aeronautics. It is pursuing a new generation of X-planes that will validate technology for faster, cleaner, quieter, and safer air travel over the next ten years. These bold programs are not only an exciting next step for our nation's legacy in aviation pioneering, but a necessary one, to renew our technological and competitive edge in aviation for the 21st Century.

I congratulate the men and women of NASA Armstrong on their outstanding achievements over the past 70 years. Their unflinching pursuit of useful knowledge in atmospheric flight and airborne science is essential to the American scientific enterprise, as well as our engagement with international science community, the competitiveness of our private sector air and space companies, and our military's edge over potential adversaries. On behalf of the 25th Congressional District of California, I would again like to thank the NASA Armstrong team for all they do for our country.

CELEBRATING KEVIN CLINE AND
HIS NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN TEACHING HISTORY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate educator Kevin Cline of Frankton Junior Senior High School, the winner of the 2016 National History Teacher of the Year Award given by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. It is well-deserved.

Kevin teaches United States History, American Government, World History, and several AP history courses at Frankton Junior Senior High School located in the town of Frankton in Madison County, Indiana. When asked why he loves teaching history he said "it's got the best heroes and the best villains". That quote shows the fun he brings to his role. I have been honored to be able to speak with Kevin and his students not only in his classroom but also in the Indiana State House where students had the opportunity to learn about the law making process at the state level. These students even had the chance to present their bill ideas to state legislators. I have seen firsthand his passion for teaching, history, and his students. Despite the hard work he has put in to achieve this honor, Kevin says that winning this award does not match the privilege he has of getting to work with his students every day. His dedication to his students and his innovation in the classroom are a gift to his students and our Hoosier community.

Kevin is also an innovator by integrating technology into the classroom. He believes technology is the best way to connect classroom content to individual students. I would like to share one of many examples of him going above and beyond in his job and incorporating innovation. Kevin worked with Indiana University's Center on Congress to develop the app "Freedom Summer." The app teaches students the relationship between the Civil

Rights Movement and the passage of civil rights legislation in Congress in a game-based, interactive learning environment. Continuing to innovate and make history relevant to today's students will ensure our next generation can prepare for our future challenges by learning from the past. Kevin continually engages with my office to educate his students which inspires his students to become more active citizens of the United States.

In 2013, I had the honor of meeting with Kevin in D.C. to congratulate him on his 2012 American Civic Education Teacher Award. I am proud once again to congratulate Kevin on his 2016 National History Teacher of the Year award. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Kevin for his contributions to our schools, history education, and most importantly to our students. As the daughter, sister and mom of teachers, I know the difficult, yet rewarding, job he has. The very best teachers have a deep passion for their subject matter, devoting themselves to not only sharing wisdom but igniting enthusiasm and excitement in their pupils. In a time when there is concern for declining civic engagement Kevin Cline is guiding the next generation of Indiana students to be knowledgeable, passionate, and engaged members of their community and the United States. Congratulations Kevin, your award is well-deserved.

HONORING UPROSE ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to UPROSE, a pillar of social justice organizing in New York City and Brooklyn's oldest Puerto Rican/Latino community based organization. This year, UPROSE will celebrate five decades of fighting for progress and advancing the rights of New York's working families and people of color.

UPROSE was founded during the civil rights movement and has made significant strides over the last five decades. The organization has helped prevent polluting power plants from being located in lower income neighborhoods. It has impacted transportation policy, improving transit options for hardworking Brooklyn communities. The organization has made fighting climate change a centerpiece of its agenda. Indeed, it has sent three young people of color to Antarctica and one to the North Pole on scientific expeditions, to observe these environmental issues firsthand.

Likewise, UPROSE has been at the forefront of ensuring that our local industrial sector continues to blossom, while providing good paying, union jobs for local residents in the community.

Centered near Brooklyn's Sunset Park, UPROSE has always stood for this neighborhood's diversity. With a thriving immigrant population and more affordable housing than many parts of Brooklyn, Sunset Park attracts new waves of working people every year. UPROSE has stood with them for generations, empowering these New Yorkers to improve and strengthen the neighborhood, borough and City that they call home.

Mr. Speaker, after five decades UPROSE remains an anchor in our community, fighting for justice and improving our community locally. I would ask all my colleagues to join me on their fifty years of progress and wish them the best for many more years of achievement and success.

HONORING THE SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA PROGRAM AND THE INAUGURAL SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA DAY IN DALLAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Safe Communities America program and the inaugural Safe Communities America Day, which will take place in Dallas on October 5th. Safe Communities America is a program of the National Safety Council which recognizes communities that prioritize safety and take deliberate steps to improve the health and safety of its citizens. I am proud to say that the first Safe Communities Day will be celebrated in Dallas, which was the first U.S. city—and first urban city worldwide—to be accredited as an International Safe Community. In fact, the City of Dallas has proudly retained its accreditation since 1996.

The City of Dallas and its local partners have worked tremendously hard to improve the safety and security of our communities in Texas. For over 20 years, the City of Dallas has been implementing Operation Installation, a residential fire safety program. The Injury Prevention Center of Greater Dallas has teamed up with the Dallas Fire Rescue Department to go door-to-door, installing smoke alarms at homes in neighborhoods most impacted by fire-related deaths, resulting in a 74 percent decrease in fire deaths. Since its inception, this partnership has installed more than 30,000 smoke alarms, covering 42,000 residents.

More recently, Dallas Safe Communities has implemented PHOTOVOICE, a project that teaches middle school students how to use a camera and photographs to improve pedestrian safety in the Vickery Meadow area. Students are getting involved in their communities by taking photographs of broken sidewalks, absent sidewalks, damaged pedestrian signals and share their "story" with city officials to advocate for improved safety.

Our neighboring City of Fort Worth has also been an accredited Safe Community since 2013. A variety of services are being offered around the city in order to have a comprehensive approach to fall prevention, including free home safety evaluations to seniors via the local fire department, education to first-responders on home safety hazard recognition, Matter of Balance classes, an evidence based-approach to falls prevention, offered to older adults through multiple community partners, STEADI (fall screening and intervention) training for local physicians and medication management via pharmacists and Meals on Wheels. With one of the fastest growing elder populations in Texas, the Ft. Worth coalition is committed to keeping older adults injury free.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, in conjunction with local organizations, are taking the lead to promote safety within our communities. I would also like to reiterate my support for the Safe Communities America program, which has proven to be a tremendous initiative led by the National Safety Council. This program has helped to create safer environments in our neighborhoods while engaging local citizens and encouraging individuals of all ages to become active members of their communities.

COMMEMORATING MRS. FRANCISCA MARTINEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Gold Star Mother and Laredoan Mrs. Francisca Martinez.

Mrs. Martinez was born September 3, 1911, in Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to parents Jesus Jasso and Francisca Trevino Jasso. She immigrated to the United States when she was fourteen years old. Her family settled in Laredo, Texas, and she soon became a United States citizen. Mrs. Martinez later met Enrique Martinez who would become her husband in 1929.

Francisca was a proud mother of eight children, Estanislado, Guadalupe, Petra, Maria Antonietta, Enrique, Jesus, Antonio, and Maria Aurora. Five of her sons served in the United States Army. Her oldest son, Estanislado Martinez, was wounded in the Korean War and her second eldest, Sgt. First Class Guadalupe Martinez, a Green Beret, was killed in action during the Vietnam War. It is because of her son's brave service and sacrifice that she became a member of the American Gold Star Mothers Organization.

Francisca was affectionately called "Panchita" by those close to her, who remember her passion and commitment to serving the community. She instilled a sense of service and charity in all her children. Francisca spent her life caring for others, continuing to volunteer at the local food bank on a weekly basis even into her later years.

Mrs. Martinez is survived by her sons, Jesus and Antonio Martinez; her daughters, Petra Hill and Maria Aurora Gutierrez; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and countless friends. Her legacy will live on in Laredo and she will be remembered for the countless lives that she touched in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the life of Francisca "Panchita" Martinez.

IN HONOR OF JACQUELINE A. ELLIS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, Jacqueline A. Ellis. Sadly,

Jacqui passed away last week. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 30, 2016 at Reid Temple A.M.E. Church in Glenn Dale, Maryland. The homegoing service will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama.

Jacqueline A. Ellis came into this world on October 22, 1957 in Mobile, Alabama. Growing up during the tumultuous times of the Civil Rights Movement, Jacqui spent her life and career working to advance the interests of African Americans and women. Jacqui worked on Capitol Hill for nearly three decades, and her list of accomplishments and successes reflects her dedication to public service and the citizens she served.

Jacqui attended Jarvis Christian College from 1976 to 1980. Later on in life, Jacqui was inducted into the Jarvis Christian College's Pioneers Hall of Fame. This honor highlighted her contributions to the school, and the positive recognition her career and successes brought to Jarvis Christian College. Her contributions to generations of students did not end there, however, as she also was a guest lecturer at the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University as well as a Co-Chair of the Bethune-DuBois Institute, Inc. Leadership Forum. The Bethune-DuBois Institute, named after two prominent African American educators, Mary McLeod Bethune and Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, strives to advance the interests and opportunities of African Americans through education and leadership development.

Jacqui was a former National Board Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a civil rights group founded in response to the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955. The SCLC is now a national organization focused on fighting for human rights around the world. The SCLC honored Jacqui with the Ella Baker Award. Ella Baker was one of the most important leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, as well as a founding member of the SCLC.

In addition, Jacqui was a National Board Member for the National Congress of Black Women; a founding member of the Organization of African-American Administrative Assistants and Chiefs of Staff; Chair of the Legislative Issues and Public Affairs Committee for the Links, Inc.; and Social Action Commissioner for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Jacqui spent 28 years working on Capitol Hill, where she had a smile or a word of advice for any Member, staffer, or visitor who needed it. On the Hill, she worked for former Congressman Major Owens of New York and former Senator Howell Heflin of Alabama, and she served as the Chief of Staff for Congressman AL GREEN of Texas. Having worked in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, Jacqui was lauded by many past and present elected officials for her institutional knowledge and her selfless dedication to public service.

In recognition of her altruistic spirit, Jacqui was awarded the Congressional Black Associates' Robert H. Ogle Trailblazer's Award for her mentorship and support of African-American staffers and Mobile, Alabama's NAACP Redeemer of the Dream Leadership Award.

Throughout her life, Jacqui always dedicated herself to causes that made a difference

in the lives of others. George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are so grateful that Jacqueline Ellis gave her time and talents to serving on Capitol Hill. She touched the lives of so many in the halls of Congress, including my own. She was a dear friend of longstanding to me and my family. Truly, Capitol Hill shined a little brighter because of Jacqueline Ellis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife Vivian in extending our deepest condolences to Jacqueline Ellis's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO ERNIE SMITH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ernie Smith of Red Oak, Iowa, for being named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest active pilot in the world.

Ernie has been a licensed pilot since September 15, 1942. For the past 74 years, local friends have known that, if you cannot find Ernie nearby, he is probably up in the sky. In January 2016, Red Oak Airport Manager Kevin McGrew and other community leaders nominated him for the distinction of "oldest active pilot in the world." Later this spring, they videotaped a flight to authenticate his activity in the air. The official pronouncement from the Oiliness Book of World Records came recently, confirming that Ernie Smith, 98, is officially "the oldest active pilot in the world," soaring beyond the previous record by five years.

Ernie told Omaha, Nebraska-based KMTV-TV last December why he likes to fly: "I say, well, I don't know how to tell you, but you come out some morning before daylight and go out and watch that sun come up over the horizon and you'll have your answer." Ernie still flies in a rented plane, usually two times a week. He even braved foggy weather conditions to celebrate his 98th birthday in the sky last December.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of Iowans like Ernie that I'm proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN IN ROCKLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Clarkstown in Rockland

County, New York, as it celebrates its 225th anniversary year. I am honored to represent this community with its richly diverse population, beautiful and thriving business districts, lovely homes and lush parks.

Clarkstown was created by an act of the New York State Legislature on March 18, 1791, during George Washington's first term as President. It was part of Orange County and then of Rockland County, which was created seven years later.

At Clarkstown's founding, the population had less than 2,000 residents. As New York built its early parkways and the Tappan Zee Bridge, the population grew rapidly and continues to grow. According to the United States Census, the town population now stands at more than 87,000. Its 41 square miles encompass the hamlets of Bardonia, Central Nyack, Congers, New City, Valley Cottage, West Nyack, Upper Nyack and portions of the Villages of Nyack and Spring Valley.

The town, like the county, was settled by farmers, and grew as businesses opened to serve the community. During the 19th century, ice was harvested from the pristine waters of Rockland Lake, now a park, and floated down the Hudson River to barges that would supply New York City. At the same time, local quarries provided material for new construction in the city.

Today, more than half of working residents are employed within the county. Most of Clarkstown's commercially zoned land exists along the town's state roadways, and within the town's hamlet centers. Residents also work at nearby pharmaceutical and tech companies that are moving into the area.

Clarkstown's residents included Jacob Vanderbilt, whose property is now the site of Germonds Park, a recreational facility owned by the town. Other resident families whose holdings remain important to the town include the Cropseys, whose farm dates back to 1893. The family retired and sold the land to Clarkstown in 2006 through Rockland County's Open Space Program. Rockland Farm Alliance then signed a lease to maintain the land, thus establishing the thriving Cropsey Community Farm.

The county and the town have long been a refuge for artists. Adolph Zukor, who was key to the burgeoning motion picture industry, bought property in New City on what is now called Zukor Road. The painter and muralist Henry Varnum Poor, the playwright Maxwell Anderson, and the composer Kurt Weill and his wife, the actor Lotte Lenya, lived on South Mountain Road in New City. While the attraction was the bucolic nature of the county and its considerable distance from New York City, actors and other artists are now attracted not only because the county and its homesteads are beautiful, but because of its proximity to New York City, now a short ride on roadways, trains and bridges.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the Town of Clarkstown on this special anniversary as its residents celebrate its distinguished past and look ahead to a strong future.

97TH ANNIVERSARY OF AFGHANISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Afghanistan, I rise to congratulate and extend best wishes to the people and Government of Afghanistan on the 97th anniversary of their independence.

It was 97 years ago, on August 19, 1919, that King Amanullah Khan declared Afghanistan's independence from the British Empire.

Afghanistan has faced many challenges for almost a century since its independence but through the perseverance and resilience of its people and their leaders, Afghanistan has forged strong relationships with the international community and with its neighbors.

In celebrating the 97th anniversary of Afghanistan's National Independence Day, I say to the people of Afghanistan that you have a friend and partner in the United States as you work to build a better future for your children and grandchildren.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
WILLIAM GARTH, SR.

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Mr. William Garth, Sr. is the Chairman of the Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group Inc., Garthco, Inc. and founder/chairman of the QBG Foundation as well as chairman of the Chatham Business Association. Mr. Garth is the guiding force behind what is known as the largest Black-owned ABC audited newspaper in America. There is no other respected audit better than ABC.

Having started with the Chicago Citizen Newspaper in 1969 as an advertising sales representative under the leadership of former Congressman Gus Savage, Garth purchased the Chatham Citizen, Southend Citizen and Chicago Weekend in 1980. He later added the South Suburban and the Hyde Park editions, and founded Garthco Publications, which also published PUSH Magazine, a bi-monthly national publication for the Operation PUSH organization. With Chicago's population being nearly 50 percent Black, the Chicago Citizen Newspaper has effectively reached this market with its total circulation of 121,000 and weekly readership of over 400,000. The circulation areas cover Chicago's South and West sides as well as the South Suburbs.

As a tribute to his business acumen, Garth became the first Black person to be elected President of the Illinois Press Association (IPA). The IPA is the state's largest newspaper association and the office trade organization for Illinois' weekly and daily newspapers. Garth is the second Black person in the nation elected president of a statewide press association. He currently sits on the Board of the Government Affairs Committee, of the Illinois Press Association and has served as a board member for more than 15

years. In addition, he was elected a stockholder in the Cook County South Suburban Publishers Association and in 2009, was elected to become Chairman of the Cook County Publishers Association for 2010. His business savvy and knowledge in the publishing industry allowed him to also serve as a board member of the Midwest Black Publishers Association.

In December 1998, Garth received the honor of being appointed to Governor-elect George Ryan's Transition Team and was later appointed to the Board of Directors for the Illinois Inauguration 1998, Inc. In 1995, Garth founded the Quentis Bernard Garth Foundation, the benevolent arm of the Chicago Citizen Newspaper, in memory of his youngest son Quentis B. Garth, and is currently the chairman. The QBG Foundation provides scholarships to disenfranchised, inner city youths in the Chicagoland area. To date, the foundation has helped over 50 students and has disbursed over \$1.5 million in scholarship awards.

As chairman of the Chatham Business Association, Garth leads the organization in creating opportunities, inroads and programs to benefit and ensure the prosperity, economic strength and excellence of all businesses in the Chatham area and its surrounding communities.

A dedicated activist and leader in the business community, Garth maintains memberships and positions with several business organizations. He is the former president of the Midwest Region III of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Region III Advertising Representative with the NNPA, Transition Team for IDOT—Dan Ryan Project, board member of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, a life-time member of the NAACP and a member of the Chatham Lions Club. Garth has been the recipient of numerous local and national awards and honors; one of such honors bestowed upon him was to carry the torch in Chicago during the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on September 20, 2016, I was away from the Capitol and was unable to vote on any legislative measures on this date.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 670, the Special Needs Trust Fairness and Medicaid Improvement Act, Roll Call Vote Number 521, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5785, Roll Call Vote Number 522, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5690, the GAO Access and Oversight Act, Roll Call Vote Number 523, had I been present I would have voted yes.

COMMITTEE DEPARTURE OF
CAROLINE LYNCH

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS and myself, I rise in recognition of the Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, Caroline Lynch, to bid her farewell as she leaves the House Judiciary Committee.

Effective House staff is indispensable. And such a description is certainly fitting for Caroline. Every action she takes as Chief Counsel proves her unwavering commitment to conservative principles and to the rule of law.

But after 15 years working on Capitol Hill, Caroline has decided to move back to her home state of Arizona to be close to her family, and to pursue the next steps in her career. Needless to say, we are very sad to see her go.

After graduating from law school at Arizona State University, Caroline came to Washington, D.C., to work for Congressman John Shadegg from Arizona. She served both in his personal office and for him as Chief Counsel of the House Republican Policy Committee.

In 2006 Caroline began as a Counsel on the Judiciary Committee's Crime Subcommittee, and it was quickly apparent that she had found her calling.

In 2008 Caroline became Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee. At the Committee, Caroline has had an enormous impact on the reform of our criminal and national security laws. In fact, few people in Washington have done as much to promote the safety of our communities.

Caroline has overseen the drafting, negotiation, and passage of critical legislation regarding the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, and the most sweeping set of reforms to government surveillance practices in nearly 40 years—the USA Freedom Act, among many other priority legislative initiatives.

Aside from that, she manages a Subcommittee staff that works on some of the most important topics in the country—from oversight of many of the federal law enforcement agencies, to issues such as criminal justice reform, child exploitation, cybersecurity, human trafficking and encryption.

Anyone who has met Caroline knows she is an immensely intelligent, hardworking, loyal and discerning Chief Counsel. And of course, those people she has negotiated with have found her to be a skillful and formidable but fair advocate.

Evidence of her dedication and influence as Chief Counsel can be seen by what some of her colleagues and former bosses have to say about her.

Former Judiciary Committee Chairman LAMAR SMITH says, "Caroline is a good person and a very knowledgeable attorney. As chief counsel of the Crime Subcommittee, she has been a dedicated, conscientious, and hardworking public servant. She has had a major influence on crime legislation and on keeping Americans safe and secure. Her wonderful attitude, legal expertise, and commitment to good government will be missed greatly."

Judiciary Committee Chief of Staff and General Counsel Shelley Husband says, "When I

first met Caroline, I was immediately struck by her intelligence, unparalleled grasp of criminal law, leadership ability and confidence, all attributes that I admire. Since that time, I have come to know Caroline's other virtues. In addition to being a brilliant lawyer, Caroline is immensely loyal, compassionate, honest and fair. And for that, she has earned my respect and affection. I am grateful every day that we are on the same side and if I'm going to be in the trenches on any issue, I want Caroline Lynch beside me."

And Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel Branden Ritchie says, "Caroline's expertise in criminal and national security laws and her ability to achieve legislative victories are apparent to all who work with her. She is also—without question—a natural leader. But what I have come to admire and respect most about Caroline is that she truly cares for and nurtures those she leads, she is loyal to those she serves, and she is a truth teller who is dedicated to doing what is right."

Former Judiciary Committee Staff Director Joseph Gibson says, "Caroline is an outstanding lawyer who knows her stuff and works tirelessly to get the policy right. She will be greatly missed."

And another Former Judiciary Committee Staff Director Richard Hertling says, "Few staffers are indispensable and irreplaceable, but Caroline comes as close as any I know. She reflects the very best among us. She knows both the law and the facts, and she takes the time to understand the real-world effects of everything she does. The country is better off for her service."

George Fishman, Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, says "Caroline cares so much about the job she is doing—keeping the American people safe and preserving our Constitutional liberties. Through her tireless work, Caroline's imprint is all over our nation's criminal statutes. She is the quintessential congressional staffer—dedicated, caring, knowledgeable, a fierce advocate for her Member or Committee and yet respected by all."

And Paul Taylor, Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice says, "Caroline is so dynamic, I've often thought there was both a Crime Subcommittee and a Caroline Subcommittee."

Daniel Flores, Chief Counsel of the Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Subcommittee says, "Caroline created a brighter world for all of her colleagues on Committee, and a safer world for all Americans."

And Joe Keeley, Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Courts Intellectual Property and the Internet, says "The Judiciary Committee needs staff who understand the big picture and have an attention to detail while balancing numerous interests and priorities. Since Caroline so exceeded these requirements, her departure will leave very big shoes to fill. She will be missed by all."

Andrea Loving, Deputy Chief Counsel of the Immigration Subcommittee, says, "Caroline's vast knowledge of criminal and national security law and policy commands a respect like none other I have seen on Capitol Hill. Her departure is truly a loss for America."

Even Caroline's colleagues on the other side of the aisle recognize her expertise and are sad to see her leave Capitol Hill.

Perry Apfelbaum, the Committee's Minority Staff Director and Chief Counsel says, "I and

our staff have very much enjoyed working with Caroline over the years. She has always been a great partner in accomplishing important work for our country. We will miss her and wish her the best."

Bobby Vassar, former Democrat Chief Counsel of the Crime Subcommittee says "As a Chief Counsel for almost 20 years, I had the opportunity to work with several Republican Chief Crime Counsels. Caroline was the best 'enemy' I ever had. We often had diametrically opposed views to represent on some of the most controversial and contentious issues in the Congress, but were able to do so in a spirit of mutual respect that allowed us to disagree, vehemently at times, without being disagreeable."

And Minority Oversight Counsel Aaron Hiller says, "In any project that involves protecting the country, its people, or the prerogatives of this Committee, there is no one—and I mean no one—whom I would rather have on my team than Caroline Lynch. We will miss her very much."

Joe Graupensperger, Minority Chief Counsel for Crime and Criminal Justice, says, "The Crime staff on both sides of the aisle have worked together closely over the years to achieve many bipartisan successes, and Caroline was critical to each one of them. We have appreciated Caroline's openness and collegiality with her Democratic counterparts. She is a great lawyer, a strong advocate for making our nation safer, and will always be a valued friend."

Of course, Caroline's team at the Subcommittee know her to be a determined leader and a steadfast friend.

Bobby Parmiter says, "Caroline is the definition of a 'foxhole' person—exceptionally talented, dedicated, and tough. It is no exaggeration to say the American people are safer today than they would be had she not been doing this job over the past decade."

Chris Grieco says, "A tireless and dogged lawyer who has undoubtedly made the country a safer and more secure place because of her unparalleled knowledge of law enforcement and national security issues and her unwavering commitment to getting it right regardless of politics."

Ryan Breitenbach says, "Caroline is a dedicated public servant and Hill survivor, and one of the best bosses anyone can ask for. She is smart and nice, which in my opinion is the hopeful combination of any leader. Her love of her family draws her home, but not before she had given all she could to crafting our country's criminal and national security laws."

And Jason Cervenak says, "I met Caroline on her very first day working on the Judiciary Committee. In walked this petite red head with a smile from ear to ear and an infectious laugh. I immediately thought 'she's going to get eaten alive.' Well, I think we all know I couldn't have been more wrong."

We have appreciated Caroline's deep knowledge of criminal laws, the strength of her convictions, and her courage to speak the truth in a place where it is rarely convenient to do so.

We will miss Caroline immensely. We wish her well in her new endeavors and we thank her for her years of dedicated service to this Committee, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the American people.

HONORING LAUREL CALL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laurel Call for her service as a member of the Congressional Award Board of Directors.

The United States Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement, and service in young people. It began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The original bill was sponsored by the late Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and the late Congressman James Howard of New Jersey. Originally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, the legislation (Public Law 96-114) established the Congressional Award as a public-private partnership, which receives all funding from the private sector. Every president since, both Democratic and Republican, have signed legislation to continue the program.

The Congressional Award Board of Directors is comprised of 48 members and supports the work of the foundation by providing mission-based leadership and strategic governance. Every member of the Board serves as a volunteer to help make the program a national opportunity available in every congressional district.

During this past year, over 40,000 participants from all 50 states were actively working toward earning a Congressional Award and 5,000 new participants enrolled in the program. Since its inception, over 7 million hours of service have been contributed to communities nationwide.

The example set by Laurel is one we all should strive for. Her willingness to serve her community and our nation's young people sets her apart as an outstanding individual, and I have been honored to serve alongside of her as Leader PELOSI's congressional appointee to the Board. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in thanking Laurel for her service and wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORIAM—HON. CAROLYN S. ALLEN, 1937–2016

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Arizona State Senator Carolyn Allen. Carolyn was born in Missouri but quickly grew to love Arizona in the warmer winter months with her husband, Jack. Carolyn became active in our community and was soon serving on local boards and commissions in the arts and in politics.

Prior to her first election to the AZ House of Representatives in 1994, she was Development Director of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and the Scottsdale Cultural Council. She served as Executive Director (and later President of the Board) of the Scottsdale Arts Center Association.

While serving 8 years in the AZ House, she was House Majority Leader as well as Chairman of the Health Committee and sponsored

major legislation in mental health care, air quality and civil rights issues. She was later elected to the Arizona State Senate and there too, she chaired multiple committees. She often said she was most proud of passing legislation protecting the McDowell Mountain Preserve and her courageous “no” vote on controversial immigration legislation in 2010.

I had the honor of serving with Carolyn in the Legislature and I always admired her tenacity, honesty and integrity. She was the kind of public servant I aspire to be.

While serving in the Legislature, she also served numerous community organizations through board membership and volunteerism. There are too many to list them all, but Carolyn’s passions benefitted medical research, women’s health, environmental conservation, and prison reform.

Carolyn lived a brightly colored and productive life and gave so much to her community through thousands of volunteer hours for causes she championed. Despite suffering from crippling rheumatoid arthritis for more than 40 years, she soldiered on without complaint and set the bar very high for those who will follow. Her many friends will not forget her vibrant personality and determination. I miss my friend Carolyn Allen, but I am grateful that we were friends.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2016 VAN METER
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Van Meter High School Softball team for winning the Iowa Girls State Class 2A Softball Tournament on July 22, 2016.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Van Meter High School Softball team:

Players: Trinity Bottenfield, Bre Parkins, Meagan Blomgren, Dion Shirley, Clair Lauterbach, Olivia Prouty, Julia Rhoades, Shelby Tipling, Gwen Boston, Haley Forret, Abby Archer, Bailey Richards, Anna Tipling, Casey Jamison, Emma Durlinger, Lizzy Lyon, Hannah Mason, Paige Wyant, Bailey Harding, and Mackenzie Blomgren, and

Coaches: James Flaws, Josh Flaws, and Hillary Pennington.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the entire team for competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

IN HONOR OF LYDIA DE LA VIÑA
DE FOLEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal

congratulations and best wishes to a great friend and outstanding citizen, Mrs. Lydia de La Viña de Foley. Lydia has served The Congressional Club for over four decades. She will be retiring on September 30, 2016.

Born and raised in La Paz, Bolivia, Lydia came to the United States as a student at Georgetown University in 1964. In 1967, she married John R. Foley III, whose father, John R. Foley II, had served the Sixth District of Maryland in the 86th Congress. As daughter-in-law of a former Member of Congress, Lydia became a member of The Congressional Club, and more recently a Lifetime Member. In 1992, she became a U.S. citizen.

The Congressional Club was founded in 1908 as a Federally-chartered club for spouses of sitting or former Members of Congress, Supreme Court Justices, and Members of the President’s Cabinet. Associate membership is open to active members’ adult children or spouses of adult children. Mrs. Foley has been an integral part of the bipartisan Club for over one-third of its existence.

Mrs. Foley’s first project at the Club was illustrating its Bicentennial Cookbook in 1975. She performed secretarial duties part-time and by 1977 became the full-time Secretary to the Club President. After many years, as her responsibilities expanded, Mrs. Foley was promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Club President and in 2010, she became the Executive Director of the Congressional Club, a position that reflected her assumption of a dual role as Clubhouse Manager.

Club Presidents serve for two years, alternating between Democratic and Republican Members. Mrs. Foley has served 20 of them. My wife, Vivian Creighton Bishop, served as President of the Congressional Club from 2007 to 2008 and was Chair of the First Lady’s Luncheon in honor of First Lady Michelle Obama on May 12, 2016. In addition to the many demands of running the Club and the Clubhouse day in and day out, Mrs. Foley has played a vital role organizing the annual First Lady’s Luncheon, as well as Diplomatic Luncheons, Chili Cook-offs, weekly Club luncheon programs, and other events too numerous to mention.

A familiar face at the Club, Mrs. Foley has been lauded by Members of Congress and their spouses as well as Presidents and First Ladies for her institutional knowledge, attention to detail, and welcoming nature. We are all so grateful that Mrs. Foley has given her time and talents to making The Congressional Club a place where the spouses of Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle, and their families, can gather to offer support and enjoy each other’s company.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Lydia de La Viña de Foley upon the occasion of her retirement from a career spanning forty-one years at the Congressional Club.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS
OF MICHELE COATES

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Michele Coates of

Loudoun County, Virginia, for her heroic actions on September 23rd, 2016. Michele has been driving school buses in Loudoun County for the past 14 years and recently demonstrated her commitment to the safety of her students.

During her usual route to Harmony Middle School in Hamilton, Virginia, Michele was confronted by a situation she never thought she would have to face. While driving on Berlin Turnpike, Michele and her students noticed an unusual odor circulating the bus cabin. After safely pulling the bus over to the side of the road, Michele put the lives of her students above that of her own and ensured that all 32 students evacuated the bus safely. When emergency personnel arrived at the scene, they immediately determined that the bus was suffering from a smoke and gas leak.

It was at this point that Michele realized that she did not feel well and was subsequently taken to the emergency room at Cornwall Inova for smoke inhalation. Even while she was in the ambulance, Michele’s main concern was the safety of her students. In all, seventeen students were taken to Cornwall Inova to receive treatment for their exposure to the toxic fumes. Had Michele not been so quick thinking and selfless, that day could have ended much worse.

Mr. Speaker, Michele Coates does not ask for recognition. She claims that her actions were not heroic, rather her duty. This is why I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Michele for her actions, which without a doubt saved the lives of those 32 schoolchildren on that bus. I applaud her for her willingness to endanger herself in order to protect her students. I wish her all the best in her recovery, as well as her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CASS COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Cass County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Friday, October 7, 2016.

The county lies in the northeastern part of Indiana’s Fourth Congressional District. Cass County was established in 1838, and it was named for General Lewis Cass, the 2nd Territorial Governor of Michigan. Home to the Wabash River, for many years Cass County was a canal town. In 1855, however, the first locomotive made its way through the county seat of Logansport creating a permanent relationship between the town and trains. By the 1920s, over 225 trains passed through the county each day, and over 3,000 persons in the area were employed by the railroad.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana’s past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county include the Logansport Children’s Choir, Logan’s Landing, Civic Players of Logansport, Logansport Rose Society,

Cass County Arts Alliance, State Theatre Preservation Society Corporation, Cass County 4-H Association, Cass County Historical Society, William Pace Lodge, Cass County Dentzel Carousel, and the Trinity Episcopal Church. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Cass County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

WATER RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5303) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes:

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Chair, I am proud today to vote for the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016, which reauthorizes water infrastructure projects nationwide. I am heartened that after several months of inaction, Republican leaders included aid in this bill to the citizens of Flint, Michigan, who have been afflicted by devastating environmental health risks.

As an Angelena, I am also pleased that this WRDA authorizes an equal cost-share between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration project. I fought alongside my colleagues Congressman XAVIER BECERRA and Congressman ADAM SCHIFF to include this cost-share agreement in the final bill. With this cost-share, the city and the Corps become true partners in the LA River revitalization project to restore park space and wetlands, build new public spaces, create recreational opportunities, improve public health, strengthen the regional economy, and bolster civic pride. This WRDA is an important step in our efforts to make Los Angeles a greener and more vibrant place to live.

IN HONOR OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE RESTON HOSPITAL
CENTER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 30th anniversary of the Reston Hospital Center. Established in 1986, the Reston Hospital Center has worked tirelessly to provide outstanding medical care to patients throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The hard work done by the men and women of Reston Hospital Center has helped to make high quality healthcare available to many of my constituents and ensure the good health of communities in both Loudoun and Fairfax

counties. The Center's commitment to the community can be seen through their health screenings, blood drives, education programs, wellness events, and their financial assistance to thousands of people who struggle with their medical bills. Their close collaboration with the constituents of Virginia's 10th Congressional District is crucial to keeping our community healthy and strong.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Reston Hospital Center and thanking them for the hard work they do to help keep the men and women of the region safe and healthy. I know Reston Hospital Center will continue to provide excellent healthcare, and I wish them all the best.

TRIBUTE TO BENTON COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Benton County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

The county sits on the northwest part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District, and Fowler serves as the county seat. Benton County was established on February 18, 1840, and named for Thomas A. Benton, a U.S. Senator from Missouri. Though the land is fertile and agriculture is vital to the county economically, Benton County is also known for housing one of the largest windfarms in the United States. Its most famous resident may be Dan Patch, a Hoosier born horse legend who has held the title of "World's Champion Harness Horse" for over one-hundred years.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county include the Benton County Economic Development Department, Otterbein Public Library, Benton County's Bicentennial Committee, Benton Central Junior-Senior High School, Benton County Public Library, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, and the Benton County 4-H Council. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Benton County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

TOM BERTOLINO

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine who was recently

awarded one of the highest honors in his industry.

Tom Bertolino, vice president of NorCal Kenworth, a multistore commercial truck dealer in Anderson, California which is located in my Congressional district, was named the 2016 Truck Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers (ATD), Heavy Duty Trucking magazine and Procede Software.

Mr. Bertolino received this highest honor out of a select group of commercial truck dealers from around the country during the 53rd annual ATD Convention & Expo in Las Vegas in April. All of the nominees were selected by state, metro and national truck dealer association leaders. A panel of professors from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business analyzed the nominees' dealership performances, industry leadership and civic contributions and made their final selection.

Mr. Bertolino entered the dealer industry seventeen years ago when he left Kenworth Truck Company to pursue a dream to own a Kenworth dealership in Northern California. Tom and his business partner Mr. Harry Mamizuka have grown NorCal Kenworth into four locations—Anderson, San Leandro, Morgan Hill and Sacramento. As the largest Kenworth dealer organization in Northern California, NorCal Kenworth employs nearly 200 people and carries an extensive inventory of new and used trucks that feature the latest engineering and technological advancements. NorCal PacLease includes full-service lease, finance lease, contract maintenance, and short and long term truck rentals.

In his capacity as the 2016 Truck Dealer of the Year, Mr. Bertolino will serve as an Honorary Member of the ATD Board of Line Representatives and will serve as a national spokesman on industry issues impacting commercial truck dealers.

On behalf of all of my colleagues in the California Congressional delegation, please allow me to congratulate Tom Bertolino from NorCal Kenworth on this distinguished award as the 2016 Truck Dealer of the Year. This award demonstrates that Tom and his team are a proven example of the best in the truck retail industry and are providing exceptional service to my constituents.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
TIM BRISTOL OF THE
BERRYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Sergeant Tim Bristol of the Berryville Police Department. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Sergeant Bristol deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Sergeant Bristol began working for the Berryville police department in December of 2007. He previously worked for the Glasford Police Department in Illinois. Tim is the sergeant for the department as well as a field

training officer, general instructor, and speed measurement instructor.

As the sergeant, Tim routinely makes sure that the department is running efficiently and that all officers are current on their required training. Maintaining and reviewing training records for compliance is a huge task in and of itself, yet Tim still finds the time to accomplish so much more and plans for the future of the department. Tim is a well-respected supervisor, promotes a professional image of the department, and is a confident leader.

During the past year Tim has spent countless hours in his role as a field training officer preparing new recruits and experienced officers new to the department for patrol in the community of Berryville. He takes this responsibility seriously and always looks for ways to improve the way training is delivered to those new to the career or department.

Tim is the right-hand man of the Chief of Police who could not ask for a better person to fill that role. It is abundantly clear to the Chief that Tim is wholly invested in making the Berryville Police Department an example of professionalism and dedication to community service. The Chief often wonders if his mind is ever focused on anything else aside from moving the department forward, which is a testament to his loyalty and dedication. He is truly a deserving recipient and a stellar example of a professional law enforcement officer.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sergeant Tim Bristol of the Berryville Police Department for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO CLINTON COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Clinton County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 6, 2016.

The County sits on the eastern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1830 and named for DeWitt Clinton, the seventh Governor of New York State and architect of the Erie Canal. The county seat is located in Frankfort, famous for the Frankfort Hot Dog Festival. Clinton County is the birthplace of Lieutenant General James F. Record, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross three times for his gallantry during the Vietnam War.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and Frankfort Main Street. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Clinton County

for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

COMMEMORATING NICHOLE
FOLKMAN, FINALIST OF THE IL-
LINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDU-
CATION 2017 TEACHER OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Nichole Folkman, a 2017 Illinois State Board of Education Teacher of the Year finalist.

Mrs. Folkman teaches English at Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District 21 in Hartsburg, Illinois. Having taught high-schoolers for over a decade, Mrs. Folkman's passion for teaching, her students, and their success, makes her a most deserving top ten finalist out of a field of 250 nominees.

As a high school student, Mrs. Folkman recognized her desire to teach. Upon graduating from Milliken University, she began her career as an English teacher, focusing on how to effectively educate her students in the intricacies of the English language, journalism, and speech. Her approach in the classroom continues to engage and excite her students about the values of education within the language arts. Most importantly, because of Mrs. Folkman's ability to connect and inspire pupils within the classroom, Hartsburg-Emden students consistently look to her as a role model as they focus on their own futures.

It is an honor to represent teachers like Mrs. Folkman, who passionately invest their time teaching the children of our schools. Her devotion to teaching has positively impacted not only her students, but also her colleagues and our community. I wish her the best of luck at the Those Who Excel banquet on October 22nd, where the highest teaching award in the state, the Illinois Teacher of the Year, will be presented.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY
MATT WATSON OF THE WIN-
CHESTER CITY SHERIFF'S OF-
FICE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Deputy Matt Watson of the Winchester City Sheriff's Office. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Deputy Watson deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Deputy Watson has been an auxiliary deputy with the Winchester City Sheriff's Office for two years. Although this is a relatively short time in his 16 year career, Deputy Watson has contributed an abundance of knowledge and talent to the office.

Deputy Watson has excelled in tactical training and has started his own business, tactical operations consulting (TOC). Deputy Watson has been instructing law enforcement, military and state department employees prior to their deployment into hostile areas in the world.

Even though Matt Watson keeps a very busy schedule, he has continued to volunteer his time here at the city sheriff's office. Deputy Watson approached the Sheriff about taking the existing emergency response team implemented there to provide knowledge and training to help create the first ever Special Response Team (SRT) in the city sheriff's office. The team is a part-time law enforcement special operations team that is designed to respond in a tactical manner to incidents in support of, or outside the capabilities of, the Winchester City Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Watson not only provides training for the SRT but for the entire staff. Being able to have someone like Matt who is certified as a tactical medic, defensive tactics and firearm instructor as part of this team is greatly beneficial. Again, I would like to point out that this is all on a volunteer basis.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Deputy Matt Watson of the Winchester City Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO WHITE COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute White County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 7, 2016.

The County sits on the northern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1834 and named for Isaac White of Equality, Illinois who died at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. The county seat is located in Monticello, and is known as a tourist destination because it is home to the Indiana Beach amusement park and Lakes Shafer and Freeman.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the 16 Legacy Projects throughout the county are: City of Monticello, Wolcott Community Summer Festival Committee, White County Historical Society, Tom Fletcher, White County Commissioners. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize White County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM AND
THE BDS MOVEMENT**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the troubling rise of anti-Semitism and to call for action against the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement—a hateful weapon intended to delegitimize Israel and the Jewish community.

According to Pew Research Center, instances of anti-Semitism are at a 7-year high. It is getting worse everywhere, particularly in the Middle East, but also in Europe and even in the United States.

That's why I've cosponsored the Combating BDS Act of 2016 (H.R. 4514). This legislation clarifies that state and local governments have the authority to pass and enforce laws that prohibit public funding to institutions that engage in the odious BDS campaign, the purpose of which is to apply double standards that delegitimize and demonize Israel.

Thankfully, many states have responded to the BDS campaign by enacting legislation that denies public support to any organization engaged in the campaign—just last month my home state of New Jersey became the 11th state to enact such a law.

The boycott campaign against Israel is a complete discredit to its organizers—the government of Israel has by far the best record for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and general humanity toward both its own citizens and its neighbors' citizens, including the Palestinians—of any country in the Middle East. This despite the fact that some of its neighboring governments support or harbor terrorists whose goal is the genocidal annihilation of Israel.

Congress must not only commend Israel's record, and applaud those state and local governments that seek to withdraw public funding from the BDS campaign, we must also support and sustain the state and local initiatives.

Combating BDS Act does exactly that. I encourage my colleagues to support it and also encourage my colleagues to read the Simon Wiesenthal Center's report, "Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Against Israel: An Anti-Semitic, Anti-Peace Poison Pill," which details the disgusting anti-Semitic record of the BDS movement, particularly making use of Natan Sharansky's "3Ds test for anti-Semitism.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
JASON M. HOUGH OF THE
CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Sergeant Jason M. Hough of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Sergeant Hough deserves

the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Sergeant Hough joined the Clarke County Sheriff's Office in June 2012. As a field deputy, he was always a top producer in the office. In June 2015 Jason assumed supervisory duties when he was promoted to sergeant. He has accepted the additional responsibilities and responded well to the additional duties.

On March 4, 2016, Sergeant Jason M. Hough responded to a house in the town of Berryville for a report of a possible overdose. When Sergeant Hough arrived on the scene, he found an unconscious male lying on a bed. Jason checked to see if the male was breathing and if he had a pulse. He discovered that although the male had a good pulse, he was not breathing. Sergeant Hough began to perform mouth to mouth resuscitation. Medics arrived shortly thereafter and provided Sergeant Hough with a bag valve mask so he could continue to provide respirations to the victim. The victim did breathe on his own several times, but quit after a few breaths. According to witnesses on the scene, the victim had overdosed on heroin.

The medics administered three rounds of Narcan though an IV. The victim regained consciousness and became very aggressive, screaming over and over. Sergeant Hough had to restrain the victim so that he could continue to receive medical care. The victim was taken to the ambulance. The victim had calmed down by this time, which allowed Sergeant Hough to tell him what had happened and that he was being taken to the hospital for overdosing. Without the actions of Sergeant Hough, the victim could have died.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sergeant Jason M. Hough of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO CARROLL COUNTY,
INDIANA**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Carroll County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 6, 2016.

The County sits on the eastern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1828 and named for Charles Carroll, who was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. The county seat is located in Delphi, home of the Wabash and Erie Canal. Built through the county in 1840 and operating until the early 1870s the Wabash and Erie Canal is among the county's most significant historical legacies.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the 32 Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Flora Depot Com-

mittee (Flora Community Club/Flora Main Street), Delphi Public Library, Flora-Monroe Township Public Library, Camden-Jackson Township Public Library, Town of Flora, Heartland Heritage, Inc., Carroll County Historical Society, Carroll County Museum, William Henry Harrison Sons of the American Revolution, Town of Camden, Promoting Wildcat Valley, Camden Women's Literary Club, Flora Mainstreet, Carroll County Veteran's Remembrance, VFW, Carroll County Wabash at Erie Canal, Inc., University of Indianapolis; Department of Anthropology, Delphi Opera House, Inc, Burlington American Legion Post 414, Wabash and Erie Canal Association Canal Park, Carroll County Wabash and Erie Canal and Old Settlers Association. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Carroll County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, WELDON, NORTH CARO-
LINA**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church, located in my congressional district in Weldon, North Carolina.

First Baptist Church takes pride in being one of the first Black Baptist churches in North Carolina. Founded in 1866, a year after the U.S. Congress passed the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery, Reverend Joseph Baysmore and several faith leaders devoted to spreading the word of God organized the Church. In the Church's early days, Reverend Baysmore and his small congregation gathered to worship under a bush arbor, which was later replaced by a wooden structure lacking ceilings and heat.

Mr. Speaker, much of First Baptist Church's growth over the years can be attributed to its dedicated leadership and congregation. In 1909, the Church moved into its current site under the leadership of Reverend John W. Faulk, Sr. During this time, the Church went from offering only second and fourth Sunday service to offering services every Sunday.

Even early on, the Church was active in civic engagement and served as the first meeting site for the Halifax County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the early 1940s. In the 1990s, the Church added a radio ministry to broadcast the Sunday morning worship on the local radio station.

Since 2002, First Baptist Church has been pastored by Reverend Quientrell L. Burrell, II. Under Rev. Burrell's leadership, the Church continues to prosper and serve its community. First Baptist Church has expanded its service to the community through health seminars, single parent clinics, and healthy relationship sessions. Today, First Baptist Church remains a pillar of the Weldon community and in the state of North Carolina.

With the theme "Rooted in Faith, Racing Toward the Future," this 150th anniversary observes the labor and sacrifices made over 150 years as well as the Church's promise for the future. Through its outstanding leadership and a devoted congregation, I am confident that First Baptist will continue to withstand the test of time for generations to come.

By the grace of God, First Baptist Church has survived the test of time with its strong faith and belief and it is still going strong today. Over the years, the Church has realized many notable accomplishments including significant growth in membership and ministry and continued outreach in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the rich legacy of First Baptist Church in Weldon, North Carolina and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Rev. Burrell, the congregation, and the residents of Weldon on this historic milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER ANDREW SPECKSGOOR OF THE WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Officer Andrew Specksgoor of the Winchester Police Department. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Officer Specksgoor deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Officer Specksgoor is a member of the Community Response Team (CRT). One of his duties as part of the CRT is interacting with the kids who have been assigned to the CRT from the courts and schools. All these children have had significant trouble in school and with the police. As you can imagine, they are often very difficult and challenging to deal with. Despite these challenges, plus his many other duties, Officer Specksgoor deals with these kids and families in a very professional manner.

It has been noted that Andrew Specksgoor interacts with not only the children but also with their families to try to keep these kids out of future trouble. This is a job that many employees would shy away from, but Officer Specksgoor tackles this job with enthusiasm and professionalism. His supervisor has noted that he excels in mentoring these young people. He holds them accountable for good behavior while interacting with them each day in a positive fashion. This interaction includes taking kids on field trips and involving them in community service projects.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Officer Andrew Specksgoor of the Winchester Police Department for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO BOONE COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Boone County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

The county sits on the Eastern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1830 and named for Daniel Boone, the famous American frontiersman. The county seat is located in Lebanon, the largest city in Boone County. The Lebanon Courthouse is known for having the second largest stained glass dome in Indiana.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the 17 Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Boone County Senior Services, Inc., Zionsville Parks and Recreation Department, Zion Nature Center, CIRPCA, City of Zionsville, Boone County Indiana Bicentennial Time Capsule Committee, Lebanon Fire Department, Whitestown Parks Department, Sugar Plain Friends Church, Friends of the Zion Nature Center, Friends of the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library, Mid States Living History Association, Whitestown Parks, Boone County Historical Society, Temple Sisterhood of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Edible Indy, Animalia, Inc., SullivanMunce Cultural Center, Indiana Gourd Society, Inc., and the Milledgeville United Methodist Church. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Boone County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN AND ALICE VILMEK

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin and Alice Vilmeck, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 24th.

Martin and Alice met when she was a babysitter for his younger brother and have been married since September 24th, 1966. They have two children, their son Marty and their daughter Dawn, as well as four grandchildren.

Martin is a retired Bridgeview firefighter, but he continues to serve his community as the Village's Emergency Management Agency Director and through his work for the Illinois State Fair. In 2014, he was the recipient of the O.D. Troutman Emergency Management Co-

ordinator of the Year Award. Alice is a member of the Library Board of Trustees of Bridgeview, and she holds her school district's record for the longest streak without missing a single day of work.

They are known throughout their neighborhood and beyond for the elaborate decorations they put up in their yard for holidays, including Christmas, Easter, and Halloween. Their displays have been featured in many newspapers and magazines. In his spare time Martin enjoys driving antique cars and has a 1946 fire truck that he drives in parades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martin and Alice Vilmeck on their 50th wedding anniversary, and thank them for their decades of contributions to their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY TYLER A. RENNER OF THE
FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Deputy Tyler A. Renner of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Deputy Renner deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

On August 14, 2015 Craig Dehaven became a victim of a burglary at his residence. Deputy Renner responded and processed the scene recovering latent prints and additional evidence that was located directly below a window that was entered during the incident. Deputy Renner collected the evidence and it was sent to the forensic lab for further processing. Results were received back from the lab on May 24, 2016 and a DNA match was found. The recovered evidence contained a DNA profile that matched a specific subject. On May 26, 2016 investigators were able to interview the subject and they obtained a full confession along with the location of the stolen items during this incident. The items were recovered and returned to the rightful owner, thanks to the diligent and thorough work performed by Deputy Renner. Had he not done this, the victim would not have had closure in this burglary. In addition several other incidents involved would also not have been cleared.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Deputy Tyler A. Renner of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Warren County, Indiana

as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

The county sits on the western part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1827 and named for Dr. Joseph Warren, who was killed in 1775 at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The county seat is located in Williamsport, home to Williamsport Falls, the highest free-falling waterfall in the state. The county's farmland is recognized as being among the most productive in Indiana.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the eleven Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Seeger High School Music Department, Warren County Historical Society, Warren County Master Gardeners, Illiana Antique Power Association, NICHES Land Trust, Wabash River Strings, and the Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Warren County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHAEFFER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church. Since it was built in 1885, the church has served as a place of worship, as well as a location for community activities and other gatherings.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church and appreciate the rich history of the building. Since its founding so many decades ago, the church has grown into a place for the New River Valley African American community to worship and celebrate their history and heritage, as well as host events such as the Annual Memorial for Martin Luther King Junior.

The Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church is a brick building, described as Victorian Gothic style. The church is characterized by a tall tower in the southeast corner and its gable roof. Along with the Hill School and the Primary Annex, the buildings make up the Old Christiansburg Industrial Institute. In 2001, the complex was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The church was founded by Captain Charles S. Schaeffer, from Pennsylvania. After the War Between the States, he was assigned to Southwest Virginia to work for the Freedmen's Bureau. He worked to assist the African American community economically, and also worked to assist the community spiritually. He strived to provide education, technical skills, and knowledge of Christianity. He set up, organized, and managed several African Amer-

ican churches, which led to the baptism of hundreds. It is said that Captain Schaeffer was respected for practicing as he preached, and for truly living out the ideals he spoke of.

According to the records of the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, the building was completed and dedicated as a "temple built unto the LORD on the mountaintop" on October 4, 1885. At the dedication service, Captain Schaeffer gave the trustees of the church a deed to the property.

I am proud to honor this historical site in Christiansburg, Virginia, and recognize all those who have found faith, comfort, and friendships as part of the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church community since it was founded 150 years ago.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT JAY PERRY OF THE NORTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Supervisory Special Agent Jay Perry of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Special Agent Perry deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Special Agent Perry is the coordinator of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force and serves in many capacities as such. Special Agent Perry oversees the operations of the drug task force offices in Winchester, Front Royal, Shenandoah County and Page County. Special Agent Perry provides outstanding leadership to the local task force agents as well as to the communities we represent.

Special Agent Perry has been instrumental in helping to establish the new drug courts and in getting recent legislation passed to assist law enforcement in combating drug issues. Special Agent Perry works closely with community groups such as "The Road to Recovery", "The Heroin Coalition" and other community based groups to establish trusting and working relationships with not only the drug task force but with all law enforcement entities in the communities. Special Agent Perry, although extremely busy in his capacity as the task force coordinator, can still be found on the scene of drug arrests, search warrants and other investigations lending a hand and often guidance in these cases.

During the 2015/2016 year, Special Agent Perry has been responsible for building and maintaining a system to monitor drug overdoses and fatalities in the communities. This information has proven to be valuable to many local groups to include law enforcement, community groups, medical professionals and recovery groups. Special Agent Perry maintains a close working relationship with each drug task force team leader to assure that this information is updated regularly and shared within the partnerships that have been created

to combat the current heroin epidemic we are battling.

Special Agent Perry has been actively involved with and continues to fight to have the region designated as a High Intensity Drug Area (HIDTA) in order for the local law enforcement partners to receive funding and support, which will allow us to continue to fight this current drug epidemic that we are experiencing in the communities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Supervisory Special Agent Jay Perry of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Montgomery County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

The County sits in the central part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1822 and named for Richard Montgomery, an American Revolutionary War general killed in 1775 at the Battle of Quebec. The county seat is located in Crawfordsville, where Henry S. Lane resided. Mr. Lane, a former Senator, was an early leader of the Republican Party and influential in the nomination of Abraham Lincoln. The county is also known for being the residence of Lew Wallace, author of the popular nineteenth-century novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*. While richly steeped in history, Montgomery County is home to my alma mater, Wabash College, and holds a special place in my heart.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the twenty three Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Crawfordsville Parks and Recreation Department, Montgomery County Historical Society, Westchester Public Library, DNR Division of Nature Preserves, Lew Wallace Study & Museum, DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs, American Legion Byron Cox Post 72, Crossroad of America, Boy Scouts of America, Amy Westphal, Jerald M. Jascoviak, and the Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Montgomery County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER H.R. 1197, THE ACCELERATING THE END OF BREAST CANCER ACT

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 1197, the Accelerating the End of Breast Cancer Act. This legislation, which has over 270 bipartisan cosponsors, would establish the Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer with the goal of leveraging existing investments in cancer research and making true progress in curing breast cancer.

This year 40,450 women and 440 men will die of breast cancer in the United States. Despite government and private sector investments, we have not made adequate progress on improving breast cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality rates. The chance of a woman developing breast cancer in her lifetime has increased from 1 in 11 in 1975 to 1 in 8 today.

If enacted, H.R. 1197 would allow us to harness the full potential of existing research in order to end breast cancer. We must take advantage of this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women suffering from this disease. I strongly urge this chamber to take up H.R. 1197 and pass it before the end of this session.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER
THOMAS EAGAN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Officer Thomas Eagan of the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Officer Eagan deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Officer Eagan has been employed with the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center since October 2013. In his short time with the facility, he has proven to be an extraordinary employee who delivers outstanding performance. His attention to detail and level of integrity is unprecedented.

Officer Eagan was nominated for and received the Lifesaving Award for his heroic actions on September 9, 2015. While working overtime, he was the first to respond and to begin lifesaving tactics on an inmate who attempted to commit suicide. His steadfast personality and training led to the extension of life for the inmate. He has proven to be an extraordinary employee who delivers exemplary performance in all that he does. He also has a sense of humility that keeps him grounded and humble.

For all that he contributes to the facility his dedication does not go unnoticed. Officer

Eagan received employee of the quarter in the summer quarter of July, August and September and was nominated for employee of the year for the facility. He is experienced in his field and still desires more. He constantly pursues extra training when afforded and has recently become a member of the crisis intervention training team. He is always looking and asking to assist with everything and strives to continuously advance his thirst for knowledge.

His professional demeanor and positive attitude are infectious to all those around him. He is a pillar in the eyes of other officers and is a true depiction of what each officer should aspire to become. His level of dedication and camaraderie are unrivaled. It is his selflessness and hardworking outlook in all things he does that has earned him the respect of his peers.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Officer Thomas Eagan of the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Howard County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 5, 2016.

The County sits on the northern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1844 and named for General Tilghman Howard in 1846, who was a U.S. Representative. The county seat is located in Kokomo. A significant number of technical and engineering innovations were developed in Kokomo; as a result, Kokomo became known as the "City of Firsts." Howard County was originally named Richardville for Jean Baptiste Richardville, who was a chief of the Miami.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county are: City of Kokomo, Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, Studebaker National Museum, Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, Kokomo Automotive Museum, Kokomo Civic Theatre, Inc. and Howard-Miami Heritage Society. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Howard County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

KEITH ROMINGER LARRABEE

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an extraordinary milestone of a Sacramento Valley native and Chico resident, Keith Rominger Larrabee, as he celebrates his 50th birthday on September 30, 2016.

Keith currently serves on the California Pecan Growers Association board. He runs a thriving agricultural operation, and has served on various agricultural boards over the years, including as President of the Prune Bargaining Association, a member of the California Dried Plum Board, President of the Butte Creek Cajun Company, served on the Board of Levee District Three, been a member of the Butte City Volunteer Fire Department, and as a member of the Rotary Club of Chico.

Keith is also owner and partner of Larrabee Farms in Butte City, where he works alongside two of his brothers growing rice, pecans, walnuts and various row crops. Farming has been a part of Keith's entire life, being born in Chico and raised on a family farm his great-grandfather originally started in 1918. When asked why he was a farmer, Keith stated, "Growing up on a farm brought great joy and pleasure. While I thought about other professions, I always envisioned myself being a farmer."

Keith has been a leader in the development, research and promotion of the California dried plum and pecan industries. He's provided research opportunities, been a featured speaker at conferences, and promoted the benefits of dried plums and pecans to others. He's also a strong believer in the agricultural economy and started and has been a part of many agricultural based companies. Keith strongly believes in the benefits of small business in America.

A fourth generation Californian, Keith and his wife, Kim, are the proud parents of their two children—Olivia and Ryan. When he's not working, Keith enjoys spending time with his family and traveling California and the world. As a proud father and husband, his family is a strong pillar of his life and he's loved very much by his family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Keith on his special day, September 30, 2016, by wishing him a Happy 50th Birthday. May he continue to live a long and blessed life.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER
ANDREW SHERMAN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Officer Andrew Sherman of the Mount Weather Police Department. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Officer Sherman deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Officer Sherman routinely performs above and beyond his duties as a police officer by undertaking additional duties and tasks for improving the skills of his fellow police officers and the department as a whole. Officer Sherman, without hesitation, took on the responsibility of serving as the lead instructor for the department's protective service operations, which is required for the officers to be sworn in as special deputy, U.S. marshals. Additionally, Officer Sherman serves as one of the department's active shooter and non-lethal training instructors. He consistently develops creative and challenging training scenarios for improving the officers' skills in responding to and mitigating the impacts of an active shooter incident. He also was an instrumental part of the working group that created the Mount Weather emergency services division's tactical emergency casualty care policy, which dramatically improved the joint training and response of the Mount Weather police and fire departments during active shooter incidents.

Recently Officer Sherman assisted with improving the department's security mission in the areas of aircraft security screens and random security measures as part of the department's security posture levels. His proposal for changing the positioning of officers during aircraft arrivals led to more efficient and effective security screening operations, and his recommended security measures will improve the overall force protection of the facility.

Officer Sherman has continually shown himself as a professional police officer displaying the highest degree of competence, esprit de corps, and dedication to the mission of Mount Weather. The Mount Weather police department can think of no finer police officer more deserving of recognition than Officer Andrew Sherman.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Officer Andrew Sherman of the Mount Weather Police Department for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO FOUNTAIN COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Fountain County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. I am honored to be one of the county's torch bearers as the torch journeys across our great state of Indiana.

The county sits on the western part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1826 and named for Major James

Fontaine, who was killed during the Northwest Indian War in 1790. The county seat is located in Covington, birthplace of John Myers, who served as a U.S. Representative for nearly 30 years. The county is known for the Wabash River defining the northern and western borders.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the eleven Legacy Projects throughout the county are: City of Attica, NICHES Land Trust, City of Covington, Town Council of the Town of Newton, Fountain County Art Council, Inc., Fountain County Landmarks, Inc., The Fountain Trust Company, Wallace Homecoming Committee, Illiana Antique Power Association, and the Covington-Veedersberg Public Library. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Fountain County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.