

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TOM WILSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Tom Wilson as he retires as executive director of the Canal Alliance after 24 years of service. Under Mr. Wilson's leadership, the Canal Alliance has added numerous programs and services, added more than 30 employees, and has maintained four county contracts and 400 active volunteers a year. He has expanded the organization's budget from \$350,000 to \$3.8 million today, helping to reach more residents in need.

Mr. Wilson has been instrumental in developing an organization that touches the lives of more than 3,500 people per year with educational, vocational, and legal services, as well as family support. The Canal Alliance helps to provide supplemental food distribution to 400 families every week and English as a second language instruction to 1,200 adults per year. After Immigration and Custom Enforcement officers conducted raids in the community, the Canal Alliance began talks with the Marin County Human Rights Commission, city and county officials, and ICE—conversations that ultimately helped stop the immigration raids.

As a result of the cutting-edge work done by Canal Alliance, the organization has been honored with the 2013 North Bay Leadership Council Award for empowering the Latino Community, the Heart of Marin Award for Achievement in Nonprofit Excellence, the Marin Community Foundation's Beryl Buck Achievement Award for Promoting Diversity and Inclusiveness, the Tipping Point Community Award, the U.S. Mayors' End Hunger Award, among others.

In addition to these recognitions, Tom Wilson has been awarded both the Benjamin Dreyfus Civil Liberties Award by the ACLU, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award by the Marin County Human Rights Commission.

Tom Wilson's legacy is one of dedicated service to the children and families of San Rafael. Please join me in congratulating him on his retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for his long and exceptional career and outstanding contributions to the Canal Alliance.

HONORING ZANE GREEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zane Green. Zane is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy

Scouts of America, Troop 412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zane has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zane has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zane contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zane Green for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING BRENDA FREEMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brenda Freeman, an individual who has been instrumental in shaping young hearts and minds as a member of the Yonkers public school system for nearly three decades.

A graduate of Yonkers Public Schools, Brenda earned her degree from Westchester Community College and has held the position of School Aide and School Number 16 since 1988. In addition to helping students in the Copy Room, Brenda has been instrumental in organizing many school fundraisers, including the Pasta for Pennies event which benefited the Leukemia Foundation and the American heart association Relay for Life. She also spearheaded the P.T.A. membership drive for her local CSEA union, for which she also served as Building Rep. Brenda also created and organized a Multicultural Food Week event for the entire School Number 16 staff, and has served as School social Committee Coordinator.

School Principal Cynthia Eisner has said of Brenda, "She is the Miss Congeniality of School 16 welcoming new staff. She facilitates our SMART Program, picking up the students for the senior citizens that volunteer in our building each week. Ms. Freeman is a well-respected member of the CSEA union and counsels her members wisely. She approaches problems with confidentiality and has a wonderful way of arranging consensus between parties. Ms. Freeman is a dependable reliable, humble person. She finds gratitude in a job done well and does everything with a pleasant attitude."

This year, the Exchange Club of Club of Yonkers is honoring Brenda as their 2016 Civil Service Employee of the Year. She is most deserving of this wonderful recognition. Congratulations to Brenda on receiving this great honor.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY IN INDIANA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross in celebration of its 100th anniversary. This dynamic humanitarian organization has made significant contributions to the state of Indiana, to the nation, and around the world. It is my privilege to honor the American Red Cross as it celebrates 100 years of excellence in Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for their exceptional service and dedication to our Hoosier community.

Inspired by the Swiss Red Cross Network, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross on May 21, 1881, in Washington, DC. The Red Cross received its first congressional charter in 1900 and the second in 1905. Shortly thereafter, the American Red Cross opened their Indiana Chapter in 1916. They have delivered aid in disaster relief, helped feed hungry children, and provided care for the sick. They provide care, shelter, service to veterans, and access to lifesaving blood. Through its strong network of volunteers, donors and partners, the American Red Cross has made a lasting impact in the lives of Hoosiers in their time of greatest need. Over 500,000 volunteers work across America, and more than 3,500 volunteers work to help their fellow Hoosiers in the face of disaster here at home. In 2015 alone the Indiana Red Cross helped 1,300 families through the aftermath of home fires. The Red Cross currently serves 6.3 million Hoosiers across 87 counties in Indiana.

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Born out of the desire to help without discrimination those wounded on the battlefield, the American Red Cross carries on its legacy by working to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it is found, both nationally and internationally. All people receive the care, shelter, and hope they need in the face of a disaster. Since 2006, the Red Cross and FEMA have worked together to help government agencies and community organizations plan, coordinate and provide feeding, sheltering and family reunification services for people affected by disasters.

Volunteers carry out 90 percent of the humanitarian work done by the Red Cross. Hoosiers and Americans across the country have the opportunity to translate their care and concern for people down the street, across the country and around the world through the American Red Cross. They not only give back to the community, but it also gives the community the ability to give back to the world.

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On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross on the celebration of its centennial anniversary. I am proud that our Hoosier state is home to an exemplary organization such as this one. I wish the Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross all the best as it embarks on its next 100 years of excellence in Indiana.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
PROFESSOR ANITA HILL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give homage to the career and undertakings of Professor Anita Hill; a woman who has been at the center of American political discourse for over 25 years. Professor Hill's Senate testimony against Justice Clarence Thomas in 1991 shed light on important issues and generated significant legal change for sexual harassment protections for women and men in the workplace. For these reasons, it is both fitting and appropriate that Professor Hill is the 10th recipient of the Alice and Clifford Spendlove Prize in Social Justice, Diplomacy, and Tolerance; one of U.C. Merced's highest honors.

Professor Hill's early career was one marked by excellence. After obtaining her Bachelor's degree with honors in Psychology from Oklahoma State University, she moved on to receive her Juris Doctor degree from Yale in 1980. By 1983, Professor Hill had already served in major roles under the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). By 1986, she had executed faculty positions at Oral Roberts University and became the first tenured African American Professor at the University of Oklahoma.

Professor Hill rose to national prominence after her Senate hearing regarding the misconduct of Justice Clarence Thomas during their time working together at the Department of Education and the EEOC. Professor Hill's statements facilitated a nationwide discussion about the common experiences of women in the work place, which has empowered countless women to speak out against the injustices they have faced throughout the course of their careers. The subsequent tripling of the amount of women in the Senate, and the 60 percent increase in the number of female Representatives in the House that followed in the next election cycle are often attributed to the Senate hearings.

Professor Hill has become one of the most recognizable national voices on issues of race and gender equality. Professor Hill has been featured on numerous high profile television shows such as 60 Minutes, Meet the Press, and more recently was depicted by Kerry Washington in an HBO movie about her life and the hardships she endured during the Senate hearings. She has published a number of academic articles with profound content, and has written two books which have won national acclaim. In 2015, Professor Hill was appointed to serve as a Private University Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's Studies at Brandeis University.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Professor Anita Hill and the legacy she established in our country. The United States has seen a great deal of strife and conflict, but figures like Professor Hill ingrain an unshakable feeling of strength and hope for the people of this nation. As Professor Hill continues to advocate for noble causes, we hope that she can remain a stalwart figure in discourse on social justice and equality.

HONORING KRISTOPHER EVANS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kristopher Evans. Kristopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kristopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kristopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kristopher has become an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kristopher has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kristopher built six large bat houses for Immacolata Manor in Liberty, Missouri, to control mosquitoes and other pests.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kristopher Evans for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING REVEREND FATHER
JON E. MAGOULIAS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Reverend Father Jon E. Magoulas from Modesto, California, for his thirty years of service to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation.

Father Jon has followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps by obtaining his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy of Religion and Masters of Divinity from the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

In addition to being recognized as a Scholar for his depth of knowledge of the Orthodox Christian Faith, Father Jon has also written extensively on his faith. "The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom" (2004) translated a compilation of the most celebrated liturgy of the Orthodox from Greek to English. His work is used by at least seventy-nine Greek Orthodox Parishes.

In 2010, Father Jon published his second book, "The Priest as a Liturgist: A Handbook

of Rubrics," which serves as a manual for priests in fulfilling their duties in celebrating the liturgies of the church. This book was written for and at the request of the ordained clergy of the Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. In addition, the book has been requested by over 350 priests across the world.

In his thirty years of ministry as Parish Priest, Father Jon has impacted the community by conducting over 500 baptisms, 200 weddings, and 300 funerals. He has encouraged philanthropic giving not just for the ministries of the Church, but also for local charities such as Modesto Gospel Mission, Sierra Vista Home, and Habitat for Humanity.

Father Jon is married to his beloved wife, Presvytera Georgia Magoulas, and together they have three daughters, Stamatia, Maria and Anastasia, and a son named Efstratios Jon.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Father Jon E. Magoulas for his 30 years of service and outstanding contributions to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and the community.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
REGARDING H.R. 5160

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD two letters concerning Committee jurisdiction regarding H.R. 5160.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 27, 2016.

Hon. CANDICE S. MILLER,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MILLER: I write concerning H.R. 5160, a bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art. This legislation includes matters that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In order to expedite Floor consideration of H.R. 5160, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will forgo action on this bill. However, this is conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill does not prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation that fall within the Committee's Rule X jurisdiction. I request you urge the Speaker to name members of the Committee to any conference committee named to consider such provisions.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the committee report on H.R. 5160 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. I appreciate the Committee on House Administration working with me to address my concerns.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2016.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SHUSTER: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5160. As you know, the bill was introduced on April 29, 2016, and referred solely to the Committee on House Administration. The bill would amend section 6301(2) of title 40 of the United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art. On May 17, 2016 the Committee on House Administration reported H.R. 5160 favorably out of Committee by voice vote.

The Committee on House Administration recognizes that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has a jurisdictional interest in H.R. 5160 under Rule X of the House Rules. The Committee appreciates the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure forgoing action on H.R. 5160 in order to expedite the bill. It is the understanding of the Committee on House Administration that forgoing action on H.R. 5160 will not prejudice the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with respect to appointment of conferees or any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill that fall under your Committee's Rule X jurisdiction.

A copy of this letter and your initial letter will be included in the Congressional Record during consideration on the House floor.

Sincerely,

CANDICE S. MILLER,
Chairman.

HONORING GINA ELIZABETH
LAWSON, DO

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to congratulate Gina Elizabeth Lawson, DO, for being named the 2016 Catholic Doctor of the Year by the Mission Doctors Association.

The Mission Doctors Association chose Dr. Lawson out of more than 1,000 nominations in recognition of her efforts in responding to Christ's call to "Heal the Sick." Dr. Lawson serves as the Medical Director of the St. Luke's Transfer Team and the Medical Director of the Women's Center of St. Luke's Northland Hospital, where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister and brings Communion to the hospital. Dr. Lawson also participated in a short-term mission to the mountain villages in Jamaica to care for the poor and overlooked.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Gina Elizabeth Lawson, DO, for her accomplishments and her service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on

Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 588 and 589.

HONORING LUISA DECICCO, PHD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader in our community, Luisa DeCicco, PhD, whose humanitarian work is being recognized by The Pelham Civic Association at their Annual Dinner Dance Gala. Luisa is one of three honorees for "Persons of the Year" on November 4, 2016 in my district.

Luisa is the Director of Human Resources at DeCicco & Sons Food Markets and is the founder of the Pelham Business Club. She is also the founder and manager of the unique, free Pelham Business Club Facebook community. With over 850 current members, the community provides residents, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in Pelham free access to information and free opportunities to advertise their businesses' and organizations' events.

As head of the Business Club, Luisa works in coordination with the Town of Pelham and Villages of Pelham and Pelham Manor engendering a strong working relationship with all entities. She created and spearheads the town-wide free Easter Bunny Boulevard, Pelham Block Party, Candy Cane Lane events, and three Town Meetings with Town Supervisor and Mayors to inspire a strong community spirit and commitment for businesses and residents, with the theme: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

DeCiccicos is also an active corporate sponsor of the "Hungry Kidzz" programs and events throughout the year, providing food to children in need throughout tristate area. In addition, they are an active corporate partner with "County Harvest," replenishing food pantries and soup kitchens throughout Westchester County. In Pelham, Luisa is also an active supporter of school PTAs and fundraising events. She married John DeCicco Jr. and together they have two wonderful children.

It is an honor to present Luisa DeCicco with a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Congratulations to all honorees of the evening.

HONORING GERALD S. CLARK, SR.
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join friends, family, and colleagues in celebration of my good friend, Gerald S. Clark, Sr., as he marks his retirement as Executive Director of the Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association—an organization that he founded and has led for the last fifty years.

A visionary business leader for as long as most of us can remember, Gerry has left an

indelible mark on Greater New Haven and particularly the minority business community. Born in Tuskegee, Alabama on New Year's Day of 1929, Gerry joined the U.S. Army in 1950 following his graduation from Hampton University. He served our nation with distinction during his two years of active service and twenty-eight years of service in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

His graduate studies brought him to New York University and he soon settled in New Haven, Connecticut with his late wife, Yvonne. He opened the Gerald S. Clark Insurance Agency in 1965 and spearheaded the development of Dixwell Plaza as well as serving as a founding member of the Dixwell Merchants Association. Gerry quickly became a driving force in Greater New Haven's business community. He has served as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Tennis Foundation of Connecticut Board of Directors, Science Park Development Corporation, Chapel Square of New Haven, the Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Corporation, the Airport Commission, the City-Wide School Building Committee, the New Haven Scholarship Fund, the Greater New Haven NAACP, and the Technology Investment Fund. Indeed there is no part of our City that has not been impacted by his dedicated efforts.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to the Greater New Haven community has been the establishment of the Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association. An organization dedicated to helping improve small and minority businesses and professions within Connecticut, to assisting in the development of new enterprises among minority businesses inside and around the community, enhancing the cultural and spiritual values of the community through communications and economic cooperation, and to promoting the development of business and economic resources in the minority community. For more than fifty years, Gerry has led this organization and helped to ensure that its members have had access to services that have enabled their businesses to flourish. Small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy and one of the keys to creating new jobs. In today's challenging economic climate, organizations like the Greater New Haven Business & Professional Association are more important than ever—fostering the entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners in our community.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to Gerry for his many years of friendship. There are few who have dedicated more of themselves to the New Haven community and its residents than Gerry Clark. His unique vision and leadership have made this organization the success it is today and his good work has helped to shape the very character of our City. I am honored to stand today to join his children, Gerald, Tanya, and William, his seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren as well as the many friends, colleagues, and community leaders who have gathered today in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to Gerald Clark, Sr. for his invaluable contributions to our community as well as my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness as he enjoys his retirement.

HONORING MORGAN ATKINSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Morgan Atkinson. Morgan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Morgan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Morgan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Morgan contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Morgan Atkinson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID
LUIS**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of David Luis, former battalion chief for the Ripon Consolidated Fire Department. He passed away on November 24, 2016, surrounded by loved ones.

Over 26 years, David dedicated himself to the Ripon Consolidated Fire Department. He advanced from firefighter to captain to battalion chief. He had a passion for helping people, which was reflected not only in his professional career, but also in his personal life.

When David was not working, you could find him coaching youth football or helping FFA members with their projects. He also served as a member of the Ripon High School Ag Advisory Board. His selfless service has left an impact on multiple generations.

An inspiration to his family, friends and community, David brought out the best in people. His life embodied simple principles of authenticity, kindness, loyalty, humility, hard work, integrity, and above all else, service. Our community will greatly miss David's presence, but his legacy will live on.

David leaves behind his wife Clarice, three children, Josh, Kaleigh, and Courtney, as well as his father, brother, sister, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Dave Luis and thanking him for his many years of outstanding and heroic service to the Ripon community. God bless him always.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2016 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2016 recipients of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations—NECO, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The Medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from diverse ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage and culture. We honor these outstanding individuals because the important work they do today, creates a better world for all of us tomorrow. 2016 marks NECO's 30th anniversary. This momentous occasion was celebrated with a patriotic ceremony on Ellis Island and a re-commitment by the leaders of the organization to their mission of honoring diversity, fostering tolerance and promoting religious and racial unity across America.

Since the Medals' founding, more than 2,500 American citizens have received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, including six American Presidents, United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders. This Medal is not about material success, nor is it about the politics of immigration; it is about the people who have committed themselves to this nation, embraced the opportunities America has to offer, and most importantly, who have used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in our country and in the lives of its people.

Citizens of the United States hail from every nation known to man. The iconic metaphor of this nation as a veritable melting pot of cultures continues to ring true, and it is this diversity that adds to the unique richness of American life. It is the key to why America is the most innovative, progressive and forward thinking country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our forebearers to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This award serves to remind us all that with hard work and perseverance anyone can still achieve the American dream. In addition, by honoring these remarkable Americans, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as to promote unity and a sense of common purpose in our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO and in congratulating all of the 2016 recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. I also include in the RECORD the names of this year's recipients.

2016 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Mustafa K. Abadan FAIA, Bahram Akradi, Dr. Fariba Etemadi-Nejad Alamdari, George C. Albano, Mark O. Asperilla, MD, Edward Avedisian, George A. Bannayan, MD, Dr. Rekha Bhandari, David C. Bohnett, VADM Raquel Cruz Bono, MD, Stephen Briganti, Rinaldo S. Brutoco, Barbara Peterson Burwell, John Campion, Ms. Teresa Carlson, Commissioner Patrick Carroll, Stephen J. Cassidy, Gen. Martin E. Dempsey (Ret.), Wendy Diamond, General Ann Dunwoody, Kamran Elahian, Reverend Kail C. Ellis, SA, PhD, Bill Evans, Tamsen Fadal, Hamed Faridi, PhD.

Omid Farokhzad, M.D., VADM James Gordon Foggo, Paul G. Gaffney II VADM (Ret.), Garo S. Garibian, MD, Augie Garrido, FBI Special Agent Stephen Gaudin, Colonel Peter T. Green III, Timothy Haahs, PE, AIA, Leroy Hood, M.D., Ph.D., Appo K. Jabarian, Hon. Richard A. Jones, Brigadier General Paul J. Kennedy, Mehmood Khan, MD, Prerna Mona Khanna, MD, MPH, FACP, FACPM, FACOEM, Gissou R. Kian, George Spiros Kleris, MD, PhD, Vrej Kolandjian, Jerry Kyser, Joshua Laird, Padma Lakshmi, Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, Mr. Hyung Ro Lee, Dr. Deborah Lieberman, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Asad M. Madni, PhD, DSc(H), ScD(H), DEng(H).

The Hon. Rosario Marin-Former US Treasurer, Eileen C. McDonnell, Captain Thomas S. Morkan, Robert Muzikowski, Alexander Navab, Dr. Chrysostomos L. Nikias, Ronald K. Noble, Thomas J. O'Donnell, Dr. Tony Orlando, Andrew F. Ortiz, JD, MPA, Carl Peterson, Charles Pinajian, Shervin Pishevar, Vincent F. Pitta, Esq., Lori Pollock, Jean Lenti Ponsetto, Issam Raad, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA, Daniel Ritchie, Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis, M.A. Ed, DHL, Peter Salovey, Ph.D., Akkaraju V.N. Sarma, MD, PhD, FAAFP, Michael H. Saudino, Sr, Edward H. Schauder, Esq., Major General Errol Schwartz.

Andrew Sieja, Major General John K. Singlaub (Ret.), Dr. Massih Tayebi, I. Lorraine Thomas, Edward Tom, Alice (Ali) Torre, Commissioner Benjamin Tucker, Mike Utley, Emmanuel E. Velivasakis, PE, FASCE, Jeanette Sarkisian Wagner, John C. Wobensmith, Doreen Wohl, Ambassador R. James Woolsey, Arthur William Zeckendorf.

INTERNATIONAL ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Anthony von Mandl, Bedriska v. Mandl, Bill S. Hansson, PhD.

HONORING THOMAS BEALE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas Beale. Thomas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Thomas earned the rank of Warrior of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Thomas has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Thomas built a patio and fire pit for an

outdoor worship and recreation area at Dearborn Christian Church in Dearborn, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Thomas Beale for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 589 on H.R. 4757, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH WALLACE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Elizabeth Wallace. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and wife. Elizabeth passed away peacefully on October 19th, 2016.

Elizabeth was born in Harbin, China on March 16th, 1944. At age 11 she emigrated with her mother, Edith, from China to Brazil, where she remained through high school. Elizabeth then traveled to California, where she met her future husband Joel "Bud" Wallace in San Francisco. They married in 1966 and moved to Merced, their home for the next 50 years. Although the Wallaces resided in Merced, Elizabeth identified herself as a "Citizen of the World", continuing to travel to many countries and fostering a lifetime passion for travel.

Between her travels Elizabeth was active in the Merced community. She played an important role in establishing the University of California, Merced. UC Merced's Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Hall and Elizabeth's Garden, named in recognition of her, are used and appreciated by students each and every day. She volunteered regularly at the historic Courthouse Merced and was active in bringing St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox church to Merced. She and Bud built Red Rock Winery, where she spent time in the tasting room.

Elizabeth is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Joel "Bud" Wallace; her daughter and son-in-law, Lillian and Mark Dutra; and her son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Lisa Wallace. She has three grandchildren, Allison Dutra, Michael Dutra, and Vladimir Wallace; and her dog, Tippy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Elizabeth Wallace's memory. Her love of family and commitment to her community serve as an example to all citizens, not just of our nation but also of our world.

HONORING WILL CAVANAGH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader in our community, Will Cavanagh, whose humanitarian work is being recognized by The Pelham Civic Association at their Annual Dinner Dance Gala. Will is one of three honorees for "Persons of the Year" on November 4, 2016 in my district.

Will is a student advocate and visionary with over two decades of volunteer service to the Pelham School District, including four consecutive terms—12 years—on the Pelham Board of Education, where he served as Vice-President of the Board. Will actively participated in the implementation and improvement of educational programming in the district, which included giving students more access to Advanced Placement/Honors classes; expanding course offerings and building the Science Research program; and developing the Bridge Academy Program.

Will also supported the Pelham School District's work on scope and sequence of subject matter for all grades, which has been instrumental to programmatic improvements, particularly in light of Common Core standards.

Will chaired the District Committee that oversaw development of the School District's Five-Year Strategic Plan (2006–2011) and headed up the District's Turf Field Committee leading to the installation of the Pelham's turf field. Will also served as the Pelham Rec Soccer Commissioner for eight years during a period of great expansion. In addition, he is a member of the Pelham Civic Association and long-time volunteer in the community.

It is an honor to present Will Cavanagh with a Congressional Record. Congratulations to all honorees of the evening.

HONORING DAVID GARCIA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Garcia. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, David has become an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. David has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. David coordinated with the Liberty Parks and Recreation department and planted 83 native Missouri plants at the Rush Creek Parkway roundabout near Liberty Hospital in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Garcia for his accomplish-

ments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING GALE MCCOY FOR 33 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a remarkable civil servant, Gale McCoy. This year Gale is retiring from the U.S. Department of State after 33 years of service. I want to take this moment to highlight the career of this lifelong public servant.

Over the years, Ms. McCoy has served in several capacities. In 2007, she became the director of the Special Issuance Agency, which is charged with the task of processing diplomatic and official passport applications for the Department of Defense, the White House, and Congress. In 2011, Gale McCoy opened the Atlanta Passport Agency, which serves as the central hub for citizens across southeast. In 2016, the Agency issued over 38,000 passports. Under the leadership of Director McCoy the Atlanta Passport Agency has streamlined operations and put customer service at the forefront of their mission. Mr. Speaker, as a result of the hard work of Director McCoy and her staff, families are able to visit loved ones overseas, local business are able to grow internationally, and diplomatic work can continue without any impediments to travel.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of Georgia, I would like to thank Gale McCoy for the foundation she created that will ensure the Atlanta Passport Agency will continue serving the people of the Southeast. I would like to wish Gale and her family many more years of health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted:

YEA on Roll Call No. 588

YEA on Roll Call No. 589

CONGRATULATIONS DR. JOHN JUNGSMANN ON BEING NAMED AS MISSOURI'S TOP SUPER- INTENDENT DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John Jungsmann, superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, who has been named as Missouri's top superintendent and later this year will be a candidate for the nation's top superintendent.

Dr. Jungmann was recognized by the Missouri Association of School Administrators for his efforts in moving Springfield Public Schools forward and understanding and addressing opportunity gaps for all students. In addition to these accomplishments, Dr. Jungmann challenged the community to think of ways to improve teaching and learning. He created innovative programs which included flexible schedules and the growth of summer learning, and initiated a three year plan that would grant laptops and tablets to every student, grades 3–12.

Dr. Jungmann is truly dedicated to improving the lives of our youth and has shown a passion for education that is worthy of deep admiration. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Dr. Jungmann the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

HONORING LPL FINANCIAL ON
THEIR NEW CAMPUS IN FORT
MILL, SC

HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize LPL Financial and celebrate the grand opening of their new campus in my district in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

I have had the privilege to work with employees of LPL Financial through my service on the House Financial Services Committee. LPL Financial is the largest independent broker-dealer in the United States, with more than 14,000 financial advisors and approximately \$500 billion in assets. Through their advisors, LPL Financial helps my constituents and those across the country save to meet their financial goals, such as retirement or college, through investments in stocks, bonds, mutual funds and insurance.

Today, LPL Financial is celebrating the grand opening of their new campus in my district. I am sorry that I am not able to be at the ceremony in Fort Mill, but I have visited the new location and it is indeed impressive. It is a state of the art facility and incorporates sustainable design strategies to have minimal environmental impact. The campus will provide its employees with access to nature trails and proximity to retail shopping and restaurants. Onsite they included a health clinic and gym. I know that with this campus, LPL Financial has made a significant commitment to work-life balance and quality for its employees.

The new campus hosts more than 1,400 current LPL Financial employees, and the company has shared that this Fort Mill location will be the center for its continued growth and long-term expansion.

I am honored that LPL Financial selected my district and our state, and I am excited about the numerous opportunities this relocation will bring to South Carolina in the form of jobs and economic growth. I warmly welcome LPL Financial and all of its employees to South Carolina and wish them every success at this new location.

IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL CECIL GLENN FOSTER

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lt. Col. Cecil G. Foster, the 23rd Jet Ace pilot of the Korean War and a veteran of the Vietnam War. Lt. Col. Foster, a Midland, Michigan native, passed away at the age of 90 in July of 2016.

Lt. Col Foster was born on August 30, 1925. Upon completing high school he immediately enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Program. In 1945, he achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant and became the Air Corps' 23rd Ace pilot when he shot down nine enemy aircraft during the Korean War.

In May of 2015, Lt. Col. Foster received the Congressional Gold Medal for his service to our nation. He also earned more than 65 military decorations during his 32 years of service with the United States Air Force. Lt. Col. Foster will be buried today at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Second District of Michigan, we remember, honor, and thank Lt. Col. Foster for his service to Michigan and to our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL
FLORIDA

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 40th anniversary of Lighthouse Central Florida. Lighthouse Central Florida has been serving individuals with visual impairment since 1976. Lighthouse Central Florida is dedicated to their mission to chart a course for living, learning and earning with vision loss.

Envisioning a community that engages and embraces environments accessible to all persons, Lighthouse is the only private non-profit offering services to people with visual impairment in the tri-county area. Lighthouse Central Florida has provided education, independent life skills and job training and placement to more than 100,000 people with visual impairment. The training programs are designed to help individuals who have recently lost part or all of their vision gain the skills needed to perform daily tasks and maintain employment.

Over the past 40 years, Lighthouse Central Florida has enriched the lives of individuals by providing them with the opportunity to gain greater independence and quality of life, and enjoy and benefit from participation in their communities. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I applaud the efforts of those involved and the investments they are making in the lives of individuals with vision loss to provide them with job training, work experience and other tools necessary to lead independent, successful lives. I wish Lighthouse Central Florida many more years of quality service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB
OF MICHIGAN CITY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members of the Rotary Club of Michigan City, Indiana, as they celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the Rotary Club of Michigan City will be hosting an anniversary banquet on December 1, 2016, at the Barker Mansion in Michigan City.

On October 19, 1916, the Rotary Club was founded with goal of promoting civic development and public welfare. The original sixty-five members helped to develop a successful community in Michigan City. The club was officially chartered by Rotary International on December 1, 1916. Throughout the years, the Rotary Club motto of "service above self" has been the cornerstone of the organization's successes. Among its many extraordinary accomplishments, the Rotary Club has been a leader in the movement to establish the Indiana Dunes State Park, and it assisted with the formation of a local Chamber of Commerce, the City Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Michigan City Historical Society. The organization's charitable endeavors include extensive fund-raising and support for the Boy Scouts of America, the Salvation Army, local law enforcement, the Rotary Polio Plus, a program that aids in bringing vaccinations to third world countries, and ShelterBox, which supplies immediate relief to disaster survivors. In 1990, the Michigan City Club Foundation was established. This outstanding foundation was created to support charitable programs involved in enhancing educational efforts. It has helped provide financial assistance for high school student scholarships, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, high school robotics programs, and various after-school programs.

The Rotary Club of Michigan City has been successful due to the unwavering dedication of its leadership and members. Northwest Indiana is not only grateful, but proud to have the organization's support for the past 100 years. For their significant contributions to their community and beyond, the members and leaders of the Michigan City Rotary Club are truly an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Michigan City on its 100th anniversary. For their remarkable dedication, commitment, and compassion shown through their service to the community of Northwest Indiana, the membership, past and present, is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING ADAM CERNER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valuable civic engagement of one of our community members, Adam

Cwerner, who is also being recognized by the Northeast Jewish Center at their Annual Gala Dinner Dance. Adam is one of two honorees on November 4, 2016.

Adam was born in Brooklyn to Betty and Jacob Cwerner. Along with his sister Gil, he spent many of his formative years in Brooklyn. Adam was a member of East New York Jewish Center which was located across the street from where his family lived.

After moving to Massapequa, Long Island, the family joined the Farmingdale Jewish Center. Adam went on to attend Stony Brook University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics. He continued his education at the State University of New York at Albany where he attained a Masters in Business Administration.

A position at an architectural firm in Westchester led to a move northward, and Adam settled in at Richard Meier & Partners Architects, where he has worked for almost thirty years as the firm's Controller.

After trying out five different synagogues when he moved to Yonkers, Adam decided to attend and eventually join the Northeast Jewish Center, and he hasn't looked back. Adam was soon recruited by Marge Wise, then President of NEJC, for a seat on the Board of Trustees. He continued to serve on the Board for almost a decade, when the then Chairman of the Board suggested he take over the position. To this day, Adam still serves his congregants in that capacity.

Adam has meant so much to the Northeast Jewish Center community, and has been instrumental in the Center's growth and success. He is most deserving of this great recognition, and it is an honor to present him with a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Thank you again for all of your service to Yonkers.

IN HONOR OF J. TYLER WHITE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Justin Tyler White of Lexington, Kentucky who is stepping down as my District Director to take on a new role as the President of the Kentucky Coal Association. Tyler served our nation proudly as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank him for his service and patriotism.

After eight years of service, Mr. White returned to Kentucky. He had great passion for his fellow veterans and was determined to improve the services provided by the Veterans Administration. He came to work in the Sixth Congressional District office, serving as a field representative and then as District Director. In his work in the district office, Mr. White continued to advocate for veterans. He organized a Veterans Coalition that meets regularly and has grown tremendously. He led the way on many successful programs and projects directed at improving the lives of America's veterans.

The leadership skills that Tyler learned in the Marine Corps carried over into private life. He built a strong team in the district office and served as a motivating and inspiring leader. He tirelessly served the people of the Sixth

Congressional District. He leaves a lasting legacy as a servant leader.

I am honored to call Tyler White a loyal and trusted friend. I wish him all the best as he leaves to take on a new opportunity. Thank you to Tyler White for his friendship, his tireless work on behalf of the people of the Sixth District, and his outstanding service to our country.

HONORING THE REVEREND DR.
BOISE KIMBER ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the congregation of the First Calvary Baptist Church and the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered this evening in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Reverend Dr. Boise Kimber as he marks his 30th Pastoral Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this outstanding member of our community.

Over the course of the last thirty years, Reverend Kimber's commitment to service through religious leadership has been unwavering. Under his direction, the First Calvary Baptist Church and its congregation have flourished, and as the former President of the Greater New Haven Clergy Association he brought spiritual growth to the entire community. In addition to his work in New Haven, Dr. Kimber is past immediate president of the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention, an alliance of approximately eighty churches across the state, where he launched the Christian Leadership School, an accredited four-year Christian Education degree program. He has long been an active member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. serving as an Administrative Assistant for ten years and as the Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors for the past five years. Reverend Kimber also serves as a staff member for the Institute of Church Administration and Management at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Reverend Kimber has not only been a dedicated religious leader, but a strong voice for social justice, here in Connecticut and across the country. From housing development, police brutality and profiling, to workers' rights and other social issues, Reverend Kimber has stood against discrimination and injustice in its many forms. He is consultant to the office of Multicultural Affairs and the Multicultural Center at Southern Connecticut State University, a Fire Commissioner for the City of New Haven, a Director for Aids Interfaith Network, Inc., an advisor to local labor unions, and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is also the Director of the National Action Network, Inc., the Conference of National Black Churches, and Executive Director of the Social Justice Initiative.

Above and beyond his work in the church and on behalf of social justice issues, community leadership has always been a driving force for Reverend Kimber. His work to improve the quality of life for New Haven residents led him to political involvement. By en-

couraging citizens to participate and ensuring local concerns are heard by political leaders, Reverend Kimber has given voice to many who may not have otherwise been heard.

Tonight, as he marks his 30th pastoral anniversary, Reverend Kimber can be sure that his good work has touched the lives of many. As a spiritual guide, he has nourished the souls of many—often providing much needed comfort in the hardest of personal trials. Religious leader, community activist, mentor, and friend, the Reverend Dr. Boise Kimber has and continues to be an invaluable member of our community—striving to enrich the lives of others and inspiring a new generation to service. I am so pleased to join his wife, Shevalle, his children LaShawn, Sherine, Shevalle and Savion, and his congregation in celebrating this remarkable milestone.

CELEBRATING THE 12TH ANNUAL
NORTHWEST INDIANA INNOVATION
INDUCTION CEREMONY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I congratulate Ivy Tech Community College and its regional partners who recently celebrated their 12th Annual Northwest Indiana Innovation Induction Ceremony. At the ceremony, which reflects the "Spirit of Innovation" in Indiana, eighteen individuals and twenty-one teams were inducted as members of the 2016-2017 Class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Of these individuals, several members were inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals are Jon Groth, Chancellor Thomas Keon, Ph.D., Elizabeth Lynn, Ph.D., Sandra Chimon-Peszek Rogers, Ph.D., Mayor Joseph Stahura, and Barbara Eason-Watkins. Also honored were the recipients of the Society's team awards, Urschel Laboratories, Inc., which received the Accelerating Greatness Award, and the Grand Calumet River Partners in Restoration, which was honored with the Chanute Prize for Team Innovation. For their truly remarkable contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and their unwavering commitment to cultivate a culture of innovation, these honorees were inducted at Horseshoe Casino, Hammond, on October 20, 2016.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Northwest with the goal of highlighting and encouraging innovative individuals and groups within the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a culture of innovation in Northwest Indiana. The Northwest Region is led by Dr. Thomas G. Coley, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College, Northwest and North Central Regions. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

The fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their innovative leadership throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond. Jon Groth is the area director/principal of Porter County Career and Technical Education. Among his many accomplishments, Jon led the repurposing of a historic 1912 Grand Trunk Rail Depot, turning it into a 21st

century classroom. He also initiated the first student-built energy alternative project in Indiana on a school roof. Chancellor Thomas Keon, Ph.D., led the unification of two college campuses into a single university, Purdue University Northwest, which is one of the first innovative educational mergers in Indiana. The merger creates more choices for students, promotes regional identity, and contributes to economic development in Northwest Indiana. Elizabeth Lynn, Ph.D., is the director and founder of Valparaiso University's Center for Civic Reflection (CCR). A truly innovative learning center, the CCR is nationally recognized and applies the use of humanities and civic conversations within communities in America. The center has trained more than 7,000 facilitators and led more than 20,000 people in public, community, and workplace dialogues. Sandra Chimon-Peszek Rogers, Ph.D., is the director of Calumet College of Saint Joseph's Biophysical Chemistry Department and a researcher of Alzheimer's disease. She developed an innovative curriculum combining lecture and hands-on learning that is especially helpful for struggling students. This award winning program has thrived and is a source of pride for the college. Mayor Joseph Stahura, of Whiting, Indiana, led the city's transformation into a flourishing 21st century destination. He has put life back into the community by re-establishing and beautifying the Whiting lakefront, revitalizing the downtown area, and bringing the National Mascot Hall of Fame to Whiting, to name just a few of his major accomplishments. Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins is the Superintendent of Michigan City Area Schools. Under her leadership, the school system has flourished due to the collaboration of the community and county. Among her achievements, she launched the first NIPSCO Energy Academy in Indiana, the first STEM public elementary school, and the first construction technology program in Indiana.

Urschel Laboratories received the Greatness Award for Team Innovation, presented to Rick Urschel, President, for the company's inspiration to create future innovation. Urschel is now owned by its employees and recently completed a new \$100 million, 350,000 square foot manufacturing facility and headquarters.

The Chanute Prize for Team Innovation was presented to the Grand Calumet River Partners in Restoration. Collaborating with eight companies and working with regulatory agencies, the clean-up and transformation of the Grand Calumet River has been astounding, with more than 80 percent of the river being revitalized over the past decade.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these noteworthy, inspiring innovators. The contributions each has made to society here in Northwest Indiana and worldwide are immeasurable and lifelong. For their truly brilliant innovative ideas, projects, and leadership, these recipients are worthy of the highest commendation.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ON THEIR NEW FACILITY

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an organization in my district, Centers for Children and Families, on the opening of their new facility.

Since 1957, Centers has helped strengthen individuals and families throughout West Texas by providing counseling for those who would otherwise be unable to afford these services. In addition to counseling services, Centers also provides assistance with life management skills, parenting classes, post-adoption support, and programs that help children have safe and positive supervised parental visits.

As a prior Chairman of the Board for Centers, I have been fortunate enough to see firsthand the great work that this organization does for the Permian Basin community. With the opening of their new facility, Centers will have quality space to carry on their long-standing legacy of helping people get through the difficult times they may be facing. I wish them best of luck in their future endeavors.

UNITED STATES GREEN BERET JAMES "JIMMY" MORIARTY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 4, 2016, a military base in Jafr, Jordan was attacked. A hail of gunfire suddenly rang out while three American soldiers were returning to base. The reason for the shots fired is still publicly unknown. Three Green Berets from the 5th Special Forces Group were killed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

One of these heroic men was Staff Sergeant James "Jimmy" Moriarty (27). SSgt. Moriarty was a Texas native, one of Houston's own. He was scheduled to come home to spend the holiday season with his family. His chair was empty at the Thanksgiving table this year. His voice was missing from the conversation. But he will not be forgotten.

Jimmy was unquestionably one of the best. Growing up in Houston, he earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Texas and spoke fluent Arabic. As part of the 5th Special Forces Group, based out of Fort Campbell, Ky., he was more than three months into his third tour in Jordan.

Upon graduation from the University of Texas, Jimmy made the choice to serve his nation in the United States Army. Jimmy was a proud member of the United States Army Special Forces. He was a special breed, one of the few who met the requirements to be among the highest ranked military professionals in the United States, the Green Berets.

During his service, he earned the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service

Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon and an Army Service Ribbon.

The brave men of the Green Beret are our nation's warriors. They take on the toughest missions that our nation faces. They are the absolute best that America has. These men are the forces who deter enemies who seek to harm the United States. They respond to terrorist activities to keep the United States safe. Proudly wearing silver wings on their chests they are without question America's finest.

Mr. Speaker, in the words of Marcus Luttrell, "In times of uncertainty there is a special breed of warrior ready to answer our Nation's call; a common man with uncommon desire to succeed. Forged by adversity, he stands alongside America's finest special operations forces to serve his country and the American people, and to protect their way of life." Jimmy Moriarty was one of these men.

Jimmy's father, U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, James R. Moriarty wrote, "This is a young man who loved serving in the Army, was where he wanted to be, doing what he wanted to do." Moriarty was loved by his two sisters who incessantly saw to it that their younger brother would be a well rounded young man. It is without a doubt that this distinguished soldier will be missed by his family, friends, and community.

We grieve the loss of this American warrior, but we celebrate and honor his life and his service. We are fortunate to have a Green Beret like Moriarty standing in support of our country. We are fortunate that a man like Jimmy served our great nation. He stood for the best of those American ideals and values exemplified in Special Forces. He is a son of liberty. He epitomizes everything that America stands for. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

At noon on December 5, 2016 taps will be played for the last time as Staff Sergeant James Moriarty is surrounded by his family and friends and will be buried in Arlington National cemetery next to thousands of other warriors who died for America.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote #588 on H.R. 5422, To ensure funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CHARLES OGLETREE JR.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements and contributions that Professor Charles Ogletree Jr. has made to the County of Merced. Professor Ogletree has positively impacted the lives of many people in Merced and throughout the nation. His

efforts to transform the educational experience of underprivileged youth in Merced have created new pathways of opportunity for students.

Professor Ogletree has used his career experience as a Professor of Law at Harvard to give back to his hometown. Born in Merced, California, Professor Ogletree attended public schools and earned admission to Stanford University. He earned his Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Political Science. Upon receiving his Master's degree, Professor Ogletree earned his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. To list the publications authored, awards received, and lives changed by Professor Ogletree would present a task comparable to the writing of a small novel. Professor Ogletree's passion to promote equality of law under the constitution is a theme that has persisted throughout his entire career.

From 2002 to 2007, Professor Ogletree established a scholarship program with \$50,000 in Merced. The scholarship offered low income youth a chance to work in recreation programs over the summer for up to 100 hours, making \$7.00 an hour. Professor Ogletree has extended numerous scholarships to high schools in Merced County, including Golden Valley High School, Merced High School, and El Capitan High School. The tens of thousands of dollars he has offered to students in memory of fellow educators, family members, and friends, have substantially altered future education for Merced students around the country. To this day, the Charles Ogletree Family Scholarships are still offered to high school students in Merced.

As a Professor of Law and Founder and Executive Director of the Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Professor Ogletree will continue to promote the cause of equality. His unfailing willingness to give back to the people of Merced reminds us that his career is not one that has forgotten its humble roots.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in wishing Professor Ogletree continued success in his remarkable career as an academic and advocate for equality and justice. His life is a reminder of the success that follows an insatiable thirst for knowledge, and the charity that can come in its wake.

HONORING BERNICE SPRECKMAN

HON. ELIOT L. EMGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an amazing public servant and an even better friend, former Westchester County Legislator Bernice Spreckman, who recently resigned after serving for 20 years as the Representative for the county's 14th District.

A longtime resident of Yonkers, Bernice was first elected in 1995 to the 14th district's legislative seat where she proudly represented and passionately advocated for the hard-working taxpayers of Yonkers and parts of Mount Vernon. Prior to becoming a county legislator, she served in several posts in Yonkers City government, including three terms as 2nd ward Council Member, Council Member-at-large, Vice Mayor and Chair of the City Council's Committees on Rules and Real Estate; she was also elected the first female President

of the New York State Councilman's Association.

As County Legislator, Bernice was a tireless advocate for senior citizens, working to expand the epic program; organized an annual lobby day in Albany; worked in a bi-partisan manor to pass universal design legislation to benefit senior citizens and the disabled community; co-hosted an annual legislative speakout; and worked with State representatives to enact new "independent living" legislation to help protect seniors from being wrongfully displaced.

But for all of her great accomplishments, Bernice's greatest joy in life was always family. She has enjoyed the love and support of her wonderful family; her late husband Harry, who was her constant companion and champion supporter; her devoted sons Alan, and his wife Jill, Rory, Howie, and his wife Dana; she is the loving grandmother to Andrew, Evan, Jake, Jaclyn, Brian, Craig, Mason, Jackson and Julianna.

Though we never sat on the same side of the aisle, I always knew I could count on Bernice when it came to working together on behalf of our shared constituents. She was a tremendous force for good in the community, and I want to congratulate her on a remarkable career.

HONORING JOHN MONTY "JACK" ALLEN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of John Monty "Jack" Allen, who passed away on September 11, 2016. Jack was a wonderful friend and beloved member of our community whose passing is deeply felt. I have known Jack for all his life, and he will be greatly missed.

John Monty "Jack" Allen was born in 1946, the eldest of two children. Although an avid traveler, Jack lived his entire life in San Jose, California. Jack's family, the Aiello, settled in Santa Clara Valley in Delight, Contadina Canning Company. Jack's father, Pete, owned a furniture store in Downtown San Jose for more than 50 years, was one of the founders of the Century Club, and was a mentor to me. His uncle, Jack, owned Paolo's Restaurant, a popular destination for local celebrities, including Joe DiMaggio and many elected officials. In fact, my husband, John, proposed to me at Paolo's.

Jack attended Trace Elementary, Hoover Junior High, and Lincoln High Schools, all within walking distance of his family home. He was indoctrinated into local politics from a very young age through his parents' involvement with the Democratic Party, and he volunteered for Democratic candidates and causes throughout his life.

Jack graduated from San Jose State University and became a Certified Public Accountant, a role that he held for the last forty years of his life. At any time, he served more than 400 clients, from small businesses to family members to corporations and trusts. He was known by all as a generous, efficient, and dedicated accountant, as evidenced by the loyalty of his clients.

Jack married Janice Paul in 1974, and they settled in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose in 1976, raising three boys—all of whom attended local schools and shared Jack's passion for politics and history.

Jack was a curious and well-traveled soul, having crisscrossed Europe on a number of occasions, not to mention extensive domestic travels that took him to nearly all 50 states. His wife, Janice, was his favorite travel companion, even after their divorce. (Indeed, they had trips in the works at the time of his sudden passing.)

Jack was also dedicated to serving others and volunteered his time as treasurer and board member for local clubs and charities, from the San Jose Library Foundation to the Democratic Century Club and many more. He could always be counted on to be there for a friend—or a total stranger—in need and would never hesitate to help those who could not help themselves.

For all of this, Jack never sought fanfare, nor acclaim. His reward was the action itself and the knowledge that he made his corner of the world a little brighter for having been there.

He is survived by sons Peter, Chris, and Danny; their mother, Janice; sister, Judy; nieces Corinne and Tina; cousins Carolyn, Jenny, and John; dog, Cooper; and countless friends.

Mr. Speaker, our San Jose community mourns the passing of Jack Allen, but we are grateful for his life, his generosity, and his contributions.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEITH ORR AND MARTIN CONTRERAS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keith Orr and Martin Contreras, two Ann Arbor LGBTQ businessmen and activists, on the date of UNIFIED—HIV Health and Beyond's 13th Annual Wine Cellar fundraiser. Mr. Orr and Mr. Contreras are successful business owners who have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and provide resources to the LGBTQ community in southeast Michigan.

Mr. Contreras and Mr. Orr have played a crucial role in building the LGBTQ community through their business and philanthropic initiatives. In 1995, they founded /aut/Bar, a gay bar and restaurant that today serves as a key pillar of the LGBTQ community in the Ann Arbor area. The couple also runs Common Language Books, an LGBTQ bookstore that also hosts authors, forums and serves as a social center for the gay community. Additionally, Mr. Contreras and Mr. Orr have been involved in many charitable causes, including UNIFIED—HIV Health and Beyond, which provides care, prevention and outreach services to individuals affected by HIV in southeast Michigan. Their sponsorship and support has been critical to the growth and development of UNIFIED and has allowed the organization to provide better care throughout the region.

Mr. Contreras and Mr. Orr's involvement in the LGBTQ and greater Ann Arbor area has helped make the city a great place to live and

work. Their businesses not only effectively serve the gay community, but they also contribute to the multicultural and welcoming environment that has been critical to the growth and development of Ann Arbor. It is my hope that Mr. Contreras and Mr. Orr will remain active in promoting the values of tolerance and respect. Their leadership has effectively served the city's residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Keith Orr and Martin Contreras for their success in business and impactful leadership in the community. Their success and activism are worthy of commendation, and it is my hope that they continue to play a leading role in the Ann Arbor community in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING SOKA GAKKAI
INTERNATIONAL

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Soka Gakkai International (SGI), the Buddhist association of more than 12 million people, on celebrating 86 years since its founding.

On November 18, 1930, Tsunesaburo Makiguchi and Josei Toda founded the Soka Gakkai in Tokyo, Japan to spread the Buddhist ideals of equality, respect for all life and the connection of self and the environment. Makiguchi served as the first president of The Soka Gakkai and was succeeded by Toda as the second Soka Gakkai president. With the desire to further spread Buddhist philosophy across the world, Daisaku Ikeda founded Soka Gakkai International while he served as the third president of Soka Gakkai.

Today, Ikeda and the other founding presidents' work is evident in the 12 million individuals in 192 countries and territories who share the same beliefs and mission the founders established years ago. Most notably, the American branch of Soka Gakkai International is the largest and most diverse Buddhist community in the United States with 350,000 members organized in more than 500 chapters nationwide. In combination with its 100 centers, the members all actively engage in the promotion of sustainable living, human rights, and peace.

November the 18th has come to symbolize a day when each SGI member strengthens their own determination and sense of responsibility to be ambassadors of goodwill in the communities they serve. In the DFW Metroplex, members of Soka Gakkai International provide enormous contributions to the community they serve where their members are making individual contributions for peace and freedom.

I honor Soka Gakkai International's 86th anniversary celebration and for their lifetime commitment to peace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SWI INDUSTRIAL
SOLUTIONS FOR BEING
AWARDED THE FOUNDER AWARD
DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate SWI Industrial Solutions, an outstanding non-profit that provides more than 200 individuals with disabilities meaningful and dignified work, while expanding the work forces of other manufacturers. SWI Industrial Solutions was recognized by the Missouri Association of Manufacturers (MAM) and given the Founders Award for their 50 years of business in the Springfield community.

The Founder's award honors MAM founder, the late Jack T. Gentry, and is presented to select MAM member companies that preserve the manufacturing tradition and promote and advance manufacturing in Missouri.

In these 50 years, SWI Industrial Solutions has directly impacted the local economy in a positive way and has given countless individuals the confidence and training on how to be a good employee, and how to succeed at their jobs.

It is my honor to recognize SWI Industrial Solutions for this great achievement and wish its workers a joyous and well-earned celebration of their success. By creating jobs, delivering top-class products, and exhibiting exemplary work ethic for 50 years, SWI Industrial Solutions have made southwest Missouri a better place to live. It makes me proud to serve them, and all of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District.

HONORING CAREGIVERS OUT-
REACH MINISTRY EMPOWER-
MENT INC. 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Caregivers Outreach Ministry Empowerment Inc. (C.O.M.E.) a remarkable organization in New York City that for 10 years has empowered family caregivers with accessible resources and knowledge to make comfortable choices and decisions that will have a positive impact upon the quality of life for themselves and their loved ones.

A family caregiver, sometimes called an informal caregiver is an unpaid individual—a spouse, partner, family member, friend co-worker or neighbor—assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks. In New York City, 1.25 million family caregivers provide over one billion hours of unpaid care to elderly loved ones. Nationally, there are approximately 1.3 to 1.4 million-child caregivers who are between the ages of 8 and 18 providing care to a family member. Youth caregivers are often called a "hidden population," because they suffer from a systemic lack of support from their schools and communities.

Since its founding in 2006 by Diane Leona Cooper, C.O.M.E. has worked to educate,

equip and empower community leaders with the tools to develop and implement the C.O.M.E. Outreach Support Model. The group has collaborated with a wide array of elected officials and organizations to advocate for family caregivers, and the work they have done in the community has been nothing short of remarkable.

As C.O.M.E. celebrates its 10th anniversary, I want to take the opportunity to thank their leadership team and staff for all of the good works they have done. It is wonderful to know I have such an amazing partner fighting for families in the community.

HONORING CHRIS GEORGE, RECIPIENT OF THE 2016 WILLARD M. MCCRAE COMMUNITY DIVERSITY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to join family, friends, and colleagues in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Chris George, Executive Director of Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS), as he is honored by Liberty Bank with their 2016 Willard M. McCrae Community Diversity Award.

Named in honor of Willard McCrae, past chairman of the Liberty Bank Board of Directors and founding member of the Liberty Bank Foundation Board of Directors, this annual award honors an individual who has made an "outstanding and ongoing contribution to the cause of promoting and celebrating diversity in the communities served by Liberty Bank." I can think of no one more deserving of such a recognition than Chris George.

Chris has dedicated a lifetime to promoting human rights, social justice and equal access to all. He began his career as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Sultanate of Oman and later worked with Quakers in Lebanese villages and refugee camps. He worked with Save the Children, primarily in the West Bank/Gaza Strip, was the director of the Middle East division of Human Rights Watch, and he directed the legislative strengthening project for the Palestinian Parliament during his tenure with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

He continued that unique dedication here in Connecticut through his work at IRIS and it is that good work that has earned him this very special honor. As the Executive Director, it has been through Chris' leadership that IRIS has grown into one of the most respected, vibrant refugee resettlement programs in Connecticut. Welcoming refugees from Somali, Iraq, Congo, Sudan, Cuba, and Columbia, IRIS has helped many families navigate the many difficulties associated with resettling in a new community, country, and culture.

From the time of its founding, our nation has welcomed those from other shores, particularly those whose own home countries have become too dangerous for them to stay. Whether boarding the Mayflower to escape religious persecution or fleeing from the many countries that are today caught in the midst of civil war, America has long been a safe haven for many. Chris has long championed the contributions refugees make to our communities

and our country. Encouraging faith communities and other groups to co-sponsor refugee families, he has worked to bring together Connecticut's diverse residents to support refugee resettlement and has advocated vigorously for the U.S. government to allow more refugees into the country. Most recently, when that increase was approved, IRIS and its community partners stepped up to welcome four hundred and sixty to our state. Under Chris' leadership, IRIS has not only built relationships and better understanding between Americans and the refugees, but between the different local organizations.

Throughout his professional life, Chris George has demonstrated a compassion and commitment that is second to none. He embodies the spirit in which the Willard McCrae Community Diversity Award was created and I am honored to join all of those gathered this evening in extending my sincere congratulations to him as he is bestowed with this very special recognition. Chris—many thanks for your service and best wishes for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE CAREER OF
JOHN PEDROZO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Mr. John Pedrozo. John has been a life-long advocate and community leader for the people of the San Joaquin Valley and has passed on his committed spirit of service to others. His awareness of the unique issues that face Merced County, and the solutions he has offered in response, have proven to be valuable assets in the development of our Valley.

John's community ties to Merced are diverse and long-standing. After graduating from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School in Merced, John moved on to graduate from Merced High School and Merced College soon after. John married his wife Kelly in 1979, and in her found someone who shared his commitment to improving the lives of others. Together John and Kelly raised three wonderful children: Kacie, Josh, and Anthony. They have followed John's example through both professional, and faith based engagements by assisting countless residents of the San Joaquin Valley throughout their careers.

John has served Merced County in multiple capacities, ranging from leadership roles in the Future Farmers of America during his youth, to his service on the Merced County Board of Supervisors. John was a member of the Merced Union High School District Board of Trustees before assuming his 12 year tenure on the Board of Supervisors. He has also served on the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority for a number of years, some as chairman, which has enabled him to be a guiding voice on the direction of transportation projects in the San Joaquin Valley.

During his time on the Board of Supervisors, John was a tireless proponent for enhancing educational opportunities for the youth in his district. His commitment to expanding access to youth programs for the children of Merced has been instrumental in improving the state

of education countywide. John's steadfast support of law enforcement has also helped make Merced County a safer place, and will not be forgotten.

As John moves forward in his life, there is no doubt that he will continue to find ways to help make Merced County a better area for all of its residents. His dedication to his family, friends, and constituents have provided a better future for the people of Merced County, and I am confident that his service will gain him further recognition as a man of honor and selflessness in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John Pedrozo for his contributions to Merced County. John's service and commitment to improving Merced County has laid the foundation for others to contribute as he has.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE
OF KENNETH L. SCHROEDER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a pioneer in Silicon Valley, Kenneth L. Schroeder, who died on October 26, 2016 at his home in Los Altos Hills, California, at the age of 70, due to complications of ALS.

Ken Schroeder was born in Illinois, earned a BSEE from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He received numerous academic honors, including membership in Tau Beta Pi and was selected as one of the "125 People of Impact" at UW. His first job after Wharton was at Hewlett-Packard. He then joined Spectra Physics where he became General Manager of the Construction Laser Division. In 1979, Ken joined KLA Instruments as Vice President of Manufacturing, and became President and COO in 1991.

Under Ken's leadership, the company made great strides. Semiconductor test equipment became a multibillion dollar market, and KLA-Tencor was named one of the "Best Managed Companies" by Forbes Magazine. Electronic Business Magazine rated KLA-Tencor one of the best run semiconductor equipment companies in the world, and the company received accolades for its employee training programs. San Jose Magazine ranked KLA-Tencor as "one of the best places to work" in Silicon Valley. VLSI Research named Ken Schroeder "Most Valuable Executive" and elected him to its Hall of Fame. During his time as CEO of KLA-Tencor, sales doubled and retained earnings tripled.

Ken leaves his beloved wife, Fran Codispoli, his son Christian, his daughter-in-law Sarah and grandson Erik; his daughter Margaux and his son-in-law Brian. He also leaves his sister Nancy, his brother Robert, many loving family members and countless friends.

Ken Schroeder was a national treasure. He was a giant of a man, tremendously effective in business, big of heart, huge in his generosity and tall in stature. I consider it a great privilege to have known him and called him my friend, and he will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most

sincere condolences to the love of Ken's life, Fran, and to the entire Schroeder family.

HONORING JERRY CLUPPER AS HE
IS AWARDED THE 2016 AMERICAN
MANUFACTURING HALL OF
FAME LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven Manufacturers Association and the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered as Jerry Clupper, Executive Director of the Association, is honored with the 2016 American Manufacturing Hall of Fame Leadership Award. For more than two decades, Jerry has played an integral role in advancing manufacturing, as an industry and a career path and this award is a reflection of all of his good work.

Owner of Process Services, LLC and Executive Director of the New Haven Manufacturing Association for the last fifteen years, there are few who devoted as much time and energy to advocating for manufacturing in our state. Manufacturing has grown in so many ways yet too many hold tight to the stereotypical images of grimy factory floors and worker faces stained with grease and dirt. No one has worked harder to change that image than Jerry. He has spent countless hours meeting with his fellow manufacturers, collaborating with high school and college educators, and advocating for changes in the halls of Connecticut's General Assembly. From workforce development to investment in manufacturing, Jerry has and continues to be a catalyst for change—strengthening relationships between the community and the industry and inspiring a new generation of manufacturers.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to extend a personal note of thanks to Jerry. Over the years, he has helped myself and my staff on a variety of projects. He has joined me at local technical high schools to look at ways Congress can support skills training that better prepares students for local manufacturing jobs. We have visited community colleges where he has helped to develop curriculums for advanced manufacturing degrees that help those graduates meet the changing needs of our manufacturing industry. And it was under his leadership that the New Haven Manufacturing Association and I developed the concept and legislation for the Manufacturing Reinvestment Act. He has been an invaluable resource and what began as a working collaborative has grown into a cherished friendship.

Jerry Clupper has been a leader in Connecticut's manufacturing industry in every sense of the word. His vision, dedication, and advocacy have renewed the spirit of an industry that has a long and proud Connecticut history. There is no one more deserving of being honored with the 2016 American Manufacturing Hall of Fame Leadership Award. I am honored to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Jerry on this very special and prestigious recognition.

HONORING EMPRESS AMBULANCE SERVICES

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great companies in my district, Empress Ambulance, which has provided outstanding emergency medical service to the City of Yonkers for over three decades.

In 1985, when Dan and Lenore Minerva acquired Empress Ambulance it was their mission, that since has been handed down to their sons Michael, Daniel and Matthew, that patient care and compassion would be the cornerstone on which the company would be built.

As the landscape in the healthcare industry changed for hospitals over the years, so too has it changed dramatically in the pre-hospital seam: These days an EMS company needs to have trained professionals and state of the art equipment to manage a medical emergency on the street or in someone's home. Empress has accepted this challenge and today they are the preeminent provider of pre-hospital care and ambulance transportation services in our region. With over 90 vehicles and more than 400 highly trained and compassionate employees, Empress is answering the call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In recent years, Empress has seen unprecedented growth in the region. In addition to Yonkers, Empress Ambulance is currently the emergency medical services provider for the cities of New Rochelle, White Plains, Mount Vernon and Pelham. Additionally, the company provides advanced life support services in Yorktown and basic life support supplemental staff in Hawthorne, Mohegan Lake and Peekskill. They have also recently been named the provider of choice to operate four 911 advanced life support ambulances by Montefiore Medical Center for the Fire Department of New York 911 System.

This year, St. Joseph's Medical Center is honoring Empress Ambulance Service for the remarkable contributions the company has made to both the Center and the community as a whole. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate the entire Empress team, and thank them for all their incredible work in our area.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRY S. TRUMAN FOR RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS HONOR OF BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harry S. Truman Elementary School for receiving the prestigious honor of being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

Harry S. Truman was one of 329 schools nationwide to be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School.

This national award recognizes schools that practice exemplary teaching and learning. For

34 years, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has been rewarding excellence in students and faculty and to date fewer than 8,500 schools have been granted this honor.

Harry S. Truman Elementary was granted this award in large part due to their high academic performance on standardized tests. This is a distinguished award that recognizes the academic success of a school.

I am honored to recognize Harry S. Truman Elementary School for their hard work and dedication in educating our future leaders of Missouri. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District I ask all of my colleagues to join me to congratulate Harry S. Truman Elementary School.

HONORING MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in celebration of its 60th Anniversary and its six-decade history of service to the community of Fort Worth, Texas.

Founded in 1956, Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church began through its commitment to fellowship. Since its founding, Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church has committed its efforts to establishing a safe environment for all those seeking spiritual guidance and the desire to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and ministry. For six decades, Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church's ministry team has inspired and positively changed the lives of people throughout Fort Worth.

For the past twenty years, Bishop B.C. McPherson II has led Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church's membership and its affiliate company Sininian Development Inc. (SDI), a community development organization. Together, they have invigorated the Southside communities of Fort Worth through crime reduction and affordable housing. Bishop McPherson has ensured throughout his tenure that every member can still receive a personal word with him even as the Church has grown its congregation.

Mount Sinai not only offers fellowship for those seeking spiritual guidance at the church in Fort Worth, but also extends its services through its Real Alive Word, R.A.W., online classes. These classes offer spiritual seekers with biblical foundations, syntax, culture and much more. Both traditional and non-traditional religious avenues have contributed to an increase in the number of new hopeful leaders in the DFW Metroplex.

I honor Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church's 60th Anniversary celebration and its dedication to the spiritual development of Fort Worth community.

CONGRATULATING ROBYN STUART ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE GRAPEVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Senior Officer Robyn Stuart on her well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department, in the city of Grapevine, Texas, after twenty-two years of dedicated service.

Stuart's esteemed career began with the Brownfield Police Department in 1993 where she served with distinction until joining the Fort Worth Marshal's Office in 1995 as a Deputy Marshal.

In 1996 she began her service in Grapevine, where she honorably served her community with the highest degree of professionalism for more than two decades. Throughout her tenure with the department, Stuart received seven commendation letters recognizing her outstanding service and dedication to the City of Grapevine.

Over her twenty-two year career, Stuart has completed more than 1,580 hours of training and has achieved the certification of Master Peace Officer. Additionally, she has served as a member of the Grapevine Police Department SWAT team, specializing as a hostage negotiator; a National Academy of Professional Driving (NAPD) instructor; and as a member of the Grapevine Police Department Critical Incident Stress Management/Peer Support Team.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the tireless efforts Senior Officer Robyn Stuart has contributed to the safety and security of the City of Grapevine. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Robyn Stuart and her many years of service.

HONORING MICHAEL MINERVA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, those who dedicate their lives to serving others professionally are a true asset to the community. For 28 years, Michael Minerva has been an asset to Westchester, through his amazing work with Empress Ambulance Service and our friends at St. Joseph's Medical Center.

Mike got his start in Yonkers working for American Ambulette, the company his parents, Dan and Lenore started in 1976. It was during this time that Mike was first introduced to the leadership and mission at St. Joseph's Medical Center.

In 1985, his family bought Empress Ambulance Service. For the next twenty years, Mike was fortunate to work side by side with the biggest driving force of his professional career, his mentor, business partner and "Mom" Lenore Minerva.

In 2008 Mike was promoted to President of Empress and has worked tirelessly to continue to grow the business and provide the highest

level of pre-hospital care in the State. Under his guidance, Empress has been recognized as the leader in the ambulance industry with over 400 EMS professionals on staff and a fleet of over 90 vehicles. Mike was asked to serve on the Saint Joseph's Medical Center's Board of Directors in 2005, and his extensive knowledge of the healthcare industry, especially in the field of emergency services has been a tremendous asset to Saint Joseph's Medical Center for the many years he has served as a member of its Board of Trustees.

Mike also finds many ways to give back to the community that has afforded him so much. In addition to volunteering his time to Saint Joseph's Medical Center's Board of Trustees, where he is part of the Executive Committee, he is also on the Board of the Yonkers Police Athletic League and the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce.

But Mike's great love is always family. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Bobbi, for over 27 years. Together they have raised five wonderful and accomplished children. Danielle, the head athletic trainer for Mercy College, Hayle, a full-time performer for Disney World FL, Michael, a recent college graduate who now works at Empress, and Jack and Lyndsey, a junior and sophomore respectively at Pleasantville High School.

This year, St. Joseph's Medical Center is honoring Mike at their annual Autumn in New York Ball. He is incredible deserving of this great honor. Congratulations to Mike and his family.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I do support many of the measures in the 21st Century Cures Act. It will increase choice, access, and quality in health care for all Americans by accelerating the discovery and development of new treatments for patients. The bill ensures our nation's standing as the biomedical innovation capital of the world. It provides funding at the National Institutes for Health to support cancer research and make progress in prevention, screening, treatment, and care.

The 21st Century Cures act will establish a data collection system to track the incidence and prevalence of neurological conditions, which includes MS. This new data system could one day lead to a cure for debilitating diseases, which have aspects we currently do not understand.

I wish this bill contained the "Right-to-Try," which would give my constituents Matt Bellina and Frank Mongiello, both diagnosed with ALS, access to experimental and clinical stage treatments to improve their quality of life.

But this bill does emphasize rare disease research and provides funding which will have a meaningful impact on those afflicted with rare diseases like ALS, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and mitochondrial disease. As a member of the Mitochondrial Disease Caucus and Rare Disease Caucus, I know this bill will have a big impact for those like Liz Kennerley, who has been a passionate advocate for all those suffering from mitochondrial disease and other rare diseases.

By establishing new review pathways at the FDA, 21st Century Cures will advance new drug therapies for patients with rare, serious, or life-threatening disease. It gives my young constituents living with Duchenne's, like Jake Wesley, a chance to live a longer, better life.

The 21st Century Cures helps individuals and families in mental health crisis. It will serve to increase access to trained professionals, improves communications between doctors and families while ensuring that federal funds are applied to programs that work, supporting organizations in Bucks County like the Lenape Valley Foundation and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Enhancing crisis response, promoting early intervention, and integrating mental health, substance use and primary care will go a long way in helping the one in five individuals who have a mental health condition so they can live well and thrive.

The bill will grant funds to states to supplement opioid abuse prevention and treatment activities, such as improving prescription drug monitoring programs.

Mr. Speaker, while this bill accelerates the development of life-saving devices and therapies, the 21st Century Cures Act fails to protect patients against dangerous medical devices. For the past two years, I've sought medical device reform in Congress. I sought to raise awareness and advance legislation that protected patients and altered FDA processes and procedures to allow for maximum innovation and maximum safety. Congress ignored the victims affected by faulty, dangerous medical devices and what is more disappointing we were denied a hearing.

I support the measures in the 21st Century Cures Act, but I am concerned that it fails to provide adequate medical device protections for patients. There are two amendments missing to the 21st Century Cures Act: the Medical Device Guardians Act and Ariel Grace's Law.

CONGRATULATIONS RICK ZIEGENFUSS FOR RECEIVING THE 2016 MISSOURIAN AWARD DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rick Ziegenfuss, for receiving the 2016 Missourian Award. Rick is the city administrator for Hollister, Missouri. The Missourian Award recognizes native Missourians for their outstanding accomplishments in business, civic, arts or politics.

It is important that we strive to better the community we live in and it is apparent that Mr. Ziegenfuss from Missouri's 7th Congressional District has continually done that.

The Missourian Award, created by local Springfield business and community leader Ralph Slavens and his late wife Corrine, is a prestigious award that acknowledges the most accomplished citizens of Missouri and to receive the award one must have been born in the state of Missouri.

I am proud of the initiative that Mr. Ziegenfuss has taken to make the great state of Missouri the best it can be. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this tremendous honor.

HONORING RICHARD H. GREIF, MD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished member of the community whose work at St. Joseph's Medical Center has been of great service to countless Westchester residents, Dr. Richard H. Greif.

Dr. Greif was born in New York City and grew up in Morristown, New Jersey. After high school, he attended Cornell University, majoring in biology. He then went on to medical school at New York Medical College where he was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha—the Medical Honor Society—and graduated in 1975. After medical school he completed an Internal Medical Residency at Metropolitan Hospital and a Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship at St. Vincent's Medical Center in New York City.

Dr. Greif joined the Saint Joseph's Medical Staff in 1981. He is currently President of the Medical Board and has been serving as the Co-Director of Cardiology since 2013. He has been a member of the Saint Joseph's Medical Board and Chairman of the Quality and Performance Improvement Committee for over 30 years. He has been an Assistant Professor at New York Medical College since 1981; Adjunct Professor at Manhattan College since the late 1980's and is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Greif has supervised the Medical Center's Family Medicine Resident ICU and Cardiology rotations since 1981 and precepted New York Medical College students from 1983 to 2015. In the field of research he was the co-investigator in the landmark multi-center TIMI 2B trial testing thrombolytic therapy for acute myocardial infarction. He has been listed many times among "Best Doctors in Westchester" by Westchester Magazine and recognized by Castle Connolly as a "Top Doctor" in the New York Metro Area from 2006 to 2016.

Of course, Dr. Greif's true passion is his family. He resides in Westchester with his wife Victoria. They have three children; Arel, Dylan and Shana. Arel works in New York City in the media industry, Dylan is a graphic designer working and living in Brooklyn and Shana is a second year Internal Medicine Resident in Los Angeles. All three children did volunteer work at Saint Joseph's.

This year, St. Joseph's Medical Center is honoring Dr. Richard Greif at their annual Autumn in New York Ball. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate him on this wonderful honor, and thank him for all of his amazing work in the community. He is most deserving of this incredible recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN J. AREIAS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of John J. Areias, who recently passed away this week at age 96. Mr. Areias was an exceptional father, grandfather, husband, dairyman, and

friend, whose depth of commitment to improving the San Joaquin Valley can be matched only by his depth of commitment to those he loved.

Born on April 21st, 1921 to Jesse Areias and Genevieve Silva Areias, John J. Areias was a first generation Portuguese-American from Volta, California. His family moved from Portugal's Azore Islands to California to begin a dairy, and to support a family. John's father put \$10 down on 640 acres of land in western Merced County, where John spent much of his youth learning how to be a dairyman alongside his eight siblings. He was the valedictorian of Volta elementary, and moved on to graduate from Los Banos high school in 1940.

John had an insatiable hunger for community involvement, which began with his high school's student government, and the Future Farmers of America. His leadership position in the FFA granted him many opportunities early on, one of which called on him to present cattle at the California State Fair. This is also where he would meet the love of his life, Mary, whom he married shortly thereafter. John and his brother Jesse then moved on to begin their own dairy, which quickly became the first grade A dairy in the Los Banos Dairy-men's Association. Eventually their dairy became one of the biggest and most successful in California, but they never lost sight of the role family should play in their business. John's children played the same part that he did when he was younger, lending a hand in day to day dairy operations to support the family business.

John was also very politically connected with Central California Democratic circles. He served as Chairman of the Merced County Democratic Central Committee and had been a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960, where John F. Kennedy earned the nomination of his party as candidate for President of the United States. John was also a devout Catholic, serving as the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his four children, Marcia, Lucia, Kathleen, and Rusty, all of whom left John immensely proud of their success. He is also succeeded by his five grandchildren, Eva, Nina, Bianca, Alexis, and Austin.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate John Areias Sr.'s life for his outstanding character as an entrepreneur, public servant, family man, and friend. His life is a testament to the power of the American dream, and the joy that can accompany it. He was a powerful role model for the people of the Central Valley, and will be deeply missed by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him. I join John's family in honoring his life, and love for our community.

HONORING THE CONNECTICUT
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER ON
THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with my sincere thanks and appreciation that I rise today to join the many who have gathered to

mark the 50th Anniversary of the Connecticut Mental Health Center—a remarkable milestone for this exceptional institution.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Community Mental Health Act, a pioneering piece of legislation that sought to transform the way in which we, as a society, approached mental health treatment. It was from this legislation that the Connecticut Mental Health Center, a unique partnership between the State of Connecticut and Yale University, was inspired and conceived. Opening its doors in 1966, CMHC has been an invaluable resource to our community for half a century, not only as a service provider but as a leader in research, education, and community.

Each year, more than five thousand of our most vulnerable citizens count on the Center for comprehensive clinical, addiction, and rehabilitative services. For fifty years, the Connecticut Mental Health Center has been transforming the lives of those with mental illness and addiction issues by providing a safe space where they can find the services they need to live, work, learn, and participate fully in their community.

Their outreach programs for the homeless, those who are at serious risk for mental illness, or involved with the criminal justice system have helped to ensure that those most at risk are able to find the care they need. CMHC's community education programs have helped community leaders better understand mental illness and addiction and their professional education programs have trained hundreds in Psychiatry, Neuropharmacology, Psychology, Psychiatric Nursing, as well as Pastoral and Social Work. In addition, CMHC is a national leader in cutting-edge research and innovation.

CMHC's mission statement concludes with a message to which they have strived for fifty years: "Continued success means transforming our systems of care to be suitable to the new environment, while preserving our fundamental commitment to excellent culturally sensitive, clinical, rehabilitative, and preventative services, linked to nationally recognized research and educational programs." It is their dedication to continually ensuring that the care they are providing is meeting the changing needs of their clients and community that has been their greatest gift.

I have had the privilege to work with the Connecticut Mental Health Center on a variety of issues over my tenure in Congress and have always been in awe of the outstanding work that they do. Today, as administrators, staff, supporters, and community leaders gather to mark this golden milestone, I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Connecticut Mental Health Center on their 50th Anniversary. I have no doubt that they will continue their invaluable work for many more years to come.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL E. SCHICKLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul E. Schickler, President of DuPont Pioneer, ahead of his retirement on January 1, 2017. Paul began his ten-

ure with Pioneer as an accountant back in 1974. His 42 years of dedicated service has produced enduring success, and with his leadership, the company has experienced some of its most prosperous and successful years of operation.

Paul joined Pioneer after receiving an undergraduate degree from Drake University. He displayed a tireless work ethic as he pursued his MBA while working full-time at Pioneer. It was apparent from the start that he was destined for excellence within the company. Throughout his years at Pioneer, Paul has served in a number of roles, including: Controller; Vice President of Human Resources, Learning and Development, Communications and Real Estate Management; Vice President, Director, Latin America Operations, later expanding to include Mexico and Africa; Vice President, International Operations; Agriculture and Nutrition Business Development Director; and finally, in 2007, DuPont Vice President and the 11th President of Pioneer.

Paul's commitment to global agriculture and the fight against world hunger goes even beyond his work at Pioneer. He and his wife Claudia have used their own personal success to benefit the World Food Prize, donating resources to expand the foundation's Global Youth Institute to every Iowa high school. For the last several years Paul has shared his vision for global agriculture with the delegation of youth in attendance of the World Food Prize Week.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Paul on his upcoming retirement. He will now be able to spend his well-deserved time off sharing his love of golfing and skiing with his daughters, their husbands, and six grandchildren. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Paul's accomplishments and service and in wishing him and his family nothing but the best.

CHARITY DOES NOT COME FROM
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the best, most effective charity does not come from government agencies, which mainly help those who work for the agencies. The best, kindest charity comes from one individual helping another. I often tell young people to try to pull themselves away from their very addictive screens (computer, iPads, television) and go out and help a live human being. Their lives will mean more if they do. That is why I was so impressed by Bob Hunt's column in the November 25 Knoxville News-Sentinel by the work started by Christine Maentz, and carried on now by her, her husband Scott, and others helping feed Knoxville's homeless. I would like to call this column to the attention of my colleagues and other readers.

DROPS OF CHARITY BETTER THAN DROUGHT

(By Bob Hunt)

"In the first centuries of Christianity, the hungry were fed at a personal sacrifice, the naked were clothed at a personal sacrifice, the homeless were sheltered at a personal

sacrifice. And because the poor were fed, clothed and sheltered at a personal sacrifice, the pagans used to say about the Christians 'See how they love each other.'

"In our own day the poor are no longer fed, clothed and sheltered at a personal sacrifice, but at the expense of the taxpayers. And because the poor are no longer fed, clothed and sheltered, the pagans say about the Christians 'See how they pass the buck.'"—Feeding the Poor at a Sacrifice, by Peter Maurin (1877-1949)

Peter Maurin was a Catholic philosopher in the tradition of Christian personalism. He, along with Dorothy Day, founded the Catholic Worker movement, which today is represented by over 200 houses of hospitality that offer food, clothing and shelter to the poor. Not willing to wait for the government or church to organize official relief efforts, Maurin believed that it was the personal responsibility of Christians to commit themselves to serving those in need by way of personal sacrifice through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Maurin pointed to St. Francis of Assisi as the inspiration for Christian personalism. Today, another Francis is inspiring many with his message that the Church is a field hospital for the wounded, and that Christians must leave the confines of the church building and, "go outside and look for people where they live, where they suffer, and where they hope."

Christine Maentz saw a need last December. She was concerned that the poor who often gather under the bridge at Broadway and Magnolia would have nothing to eat on Christmas. She convinced her husband, Scott, to make dozens of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with her and take them downtown. They passed them out to the homeless under the bridge while a rainstorm poured down around them. Christine and Scott have been back every month since, now bringing bunches of friends with them along with items of clothing and hygiene packs, in what they call their Bridge Ministry. It's an example of Christian personalism. The Maentz' didn't ask permission from their pastor or the City Council. The money spent in the effort was their own. They saw the need, took personal responsibility and made a personal sacrifice to meet it. Will it solve all the problems of the homeless? No. Will it feed every hungry person in the city? No. But, it's a drop.

A journalist once asked Mother Teresa, "Mother, all that you do here amounts to nothing more than a drop in the bucket. Why do you bother?" Mother replied, "It's a drop." The question to ask, I think, isn't, "Why bother?" The question to ask is, "Where are all the other drops? Why isn't that bucket full yet? Where's your drop? Where's mine?"

Christine and Scott Maentz, and the others who now join them, offer their drops. They would like to eventually expand the Bridge Ministry to every Saturday. But, that will require more people willing to offer their drops. There are other needs in the city waiting to be filled, waiting for others to offer their drops. The bucket is very large. But, each drop is one more drop toward filling that bucket. Perhaps another rainstorm can be started. It all begins with one person taking personal responsibility and making a personal sacrifice. So, what's your Saturday look like?

HONORING CRAIG RAPPOPORT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of our community, Craig Rappoport, who is also being recognized by the Northeast Jewish Center at their Annual Gala Dinner Dance.

Craig was born in the Bronx in 1966 to Herman and Shirley Rappoport. The family quickly moved to Yonkers and he has lived at his house on Minerva Drive since he was a year old. Craig attended Westchester Day School and attended high school at Mesivta Ohr Torah. He majored in both accounting and economics at Queens College and graduated Magna Cum laude with an award for highest grade point average in economics. He worked for the CPA firm Miller Ellin & Co. located in Manhattan until 1995.

Craig and his family joined Midchester Jewish Center when Craig was a youngster, and they quickly became active members. Craig later joined and was very active in the newly formed Yonkers Orthodox Minyan in 1989.

In 2005, Craig came to Northeast Jewish Center and continued his active involvement. He first served as finance committee chair and then Vice President, in addition to a 2 year stint as housing committee chair. Craig then became Treasurer of the Men's Club and then Treasurer of the Synagogue. He is still instrumental in the synagogue's finances today and helps run the office. He maintains the synagogue's mailing list of members and nonmembers and updates the yahrtzeit lists, and he helps chair the Book of Remembrance and New Years' Greetings fundraisers.

Craig is also very active in other aspects of the synagogue's operations. He helps prepare for the high holidays by selling seats, helping to set up for the services, ushering at the services, and he even buys the wine and grape juice for the weekly kiddush and davens pesukei d'zimrah on Shabbat mornings.

It is no surprise why Craig has been selected as one of two honorees this year by the Center, as he has made so many tremendous contributions to its community. It is an honor to present Craig Rappoport with a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I wish to congratulate him on receiving this wonderful recognition. He is certainly most deserving of this great honor.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SERGEANT JIM PACHECO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and achievements of Sergeant Jim Pacheco in honor of his retirement from the Merced County Sheriff's Department. Jim Pacheco's wide ranging engagements in law enforcement have provided the Merced Sheriff's Department with a well-rounded law enforcement officer that will be deeply missed by those who had the pleasure to serve by his side.

Sergeant Pacheco has served for the Merced Sheriff's Department for nearly 30

years. He was first hired as a reserve deputy sheriff in 1987, and was sworn in as a deputy sheriff only two years later in 1989. He then served for 14 years until he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2003. During the progression of his career, Sergeant Pacheco had a wide sampling of the many duties performed by the Merced Sheriff's Department. From the Sheriff's Dive Team, to numerous narcotics task forces, and as a SWAT negotiator, Jim Pacheco has served in many capacities to ensure public safety.

In 1999, Sergeant Pacheco was recognized with the Officer of the Year award. His colleagues overwhelmingly recall his willingness to rise above the call of duty to serve his community well beyond the normal scope of expectations. Jim Pacheco's heroism has been resoundingly felt and heard by the people of Merced County, and we hope that his retirement can bring him the solace and relaxation that he has so rightly earned.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sergeant Jim Pacheco's career in the Merced Sheriff's Department over the course of the last 30 years. The retirement of distinguished officers like Sergeant Pacheco leave a tangibly positive mark on law enforcement agencies that can be seen and felt by communities in both the immediate, and future. We honor Jim Pacheco's commitment to the County of Merced, and hope that future law enforcement agents can take reference from such a fine officer's career.

H. CON. RES. 165

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the House of Representatives passed unanimously H. Con. Res. 165, a resolution reaffirming the longstanding United States policy in support of a bilaterally-negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and our continued opposition to United Nations Security Council resolutions imposing a solution to the conflict.

To be clear, though only the parties themselves can agree to end the conflict, the United States has engaged in efforts to create better conditions for peace, beyond bilateral negotiations. The United Nations Security Council has also played a useful role in acknowledging harmful actions, rhetoric or policies of both parties to the conflict. The December 2000 parameters under President Bill Clinton, the 2002 Road Map under President George W. Bush and the United Nations Security Council non-binding resolutions 242 and 338 all provided suggestions for bridging differences between the parties, without imposing a solution to the conflict.

There is a nuanced role for the international community to play in fostering the context for peace and enabling the parties to directly negotiate a two-state solution. We should not lose sight of this critical objective.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all

meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED DECEMBER 6

- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine defeating the Iranian threat network, focusing on options for countering Iranian proxies.
SD-419
- Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism
To hold hearings to examine whether additional firewalls are needed to protect Congressional oversight staff from retaliatory criminal referrals.
SD-226

DECEMBER 7

- 10 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights
To hold hearings to examine the competitive impact of the AT&T-Time Warner transaction.
SD-226
- 2:15 p.m.
Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's Land

Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, four years later.
SD-628

- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security
To hold hearings to examine assessing the security of our critical surface transportation infrastructure.
SR-253

DECEMBER 8

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development
To hold hearings to examine State Department and United States Agency for International Development management challenges and opportunities for the next administration.
SD-419