Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR of Ohio, for anchoring this Special Order and rise to remember and mourn the millions of souls lost in the Holocaust, the worst instance of man’s inhumanity to man in human history.

Nearly 72 years have passed since the end of World War II but for those who survived, and the descendants and relatives of those who perished, the Holocaust is not ancient history but a reminder of the evil that can be unleashed when humans give into their worst instincts and appetites.

The Holocaust’s magnitude of destruction numbered more than 12 million deaths, including 6 million Jews and 1.5 million children (more than 2/3 of European Jewry), and the ramifications of prejudice, racism and stereotyping on a society.

A haunting quote in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum refers to the story of Cain and Abel:

The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground (Genesis 4:11).”

The Holocaust forces us to confront uncomfortable questions such as the responsibilities of citizenship and the consequences of indifference and inaction, and the importance of education and awareness.

The Holocaust is a testament to the fragility of democracy.

We must resolve to resist prejudice and intolerance in any form.

It fills me with grief to know that the leaders of nations can destroy their own, as did the Nazi regime. Yet I hope that we can continue to strengthen the means by which we can pursue justice.

And I am saddened, outraged, and embarrassed that the current President of the United States could think it appropriate to issue a statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day that fails to make any mention of the defining crime of the 20th Century, the murder of 6 million persons for no reason other than they were Jews.

But the vast majority of Americans remember and are united in this prayer and promise: Never Again.

Thank you, Congresswoman KAPTUR, for holding this important special order.

I include in the RECORD the following statement from the President regarding International Holocaust Remembrance Day:

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
[For Immediate Release—January 27, 2017]

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

It is with a heavy heart and somber mind that we remember an event for the victims, survivors, heroes of the Holocaust. It is impossible to fully fathom the depravity and horror inflicted on innocent people by Nazi terror.

Yet, we know that in the darkest hours of humanity, light shines the brightest. As we remember those who died, we are deeply grateful to those who risked their lives to save the innocent.

In the name of the perished, I pledge to do everything in my power throughout my Presidency, and my life, to ensure that the forces of evil never again defeat the powers of good. Together, we will make love and tolerance prevalent throughout the world.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF MRS. NANNETTE “NAN” ANTONELLI CRAVEN OF RICHMOND, VA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of Mrs. Nanette “Nan” Antonelli Craven of Richmond, VA on February 5, 2017. She is survived by her children, Tony Craven (Angelia), Debbie Craven Bragg (Sidney), David Craven (Kay), and Chris Craven (Heather); twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Nan was known as a welcoming person to all who met her and a fiercely loving figure to all her friends and family.

She was an active member of her community, volunteering at Benedictine High School and serving as coordinator for the Night Out Against Crime at Regency Woods. She was also a longtime member of St. Paul’s and St. Benedict’s Church and was a current member of St. Mary’s Parish. Nan’s friendship, love, and sweet presence blessed all those who knew and loved her. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

CELEBRATING MASON DIXON HOMESCHOOLERS ASSOCIATION’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Mason Dixon Homeschoolers Association (MDHSA) on its 30th year of service to families in Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Mason Dixon Homeschoolers Association was founded in 1986 by two families in Franklin County, Pennsylvania who wanted to homeschool their children. Martin and Mary Hudzinski, along with Barbara and Michael Sniders, were surprised to find out that families all over Pennsylvania were being denied the right to home-educate their children. They began organizing with other families who wanted to see the law changed as opposed to leaving the state to educate their children elsewhere, as some families had done. Soon, the MDHSA had seven families, and its members along with other homeschoolers in Pennsylvania worked for the passage of Act 169, signed by the governor in 1988, which allowed parents and guardians the choice of homeschooling their children.

Today, the MDHSA’s membership has grown to support nearly 200 families. In 1997 they were authorized by the PA Department of Education to issue high school diplomas, and their first graduate was in 1998. Today, the MDHSA issues around 200 diplomas each year. In addition to providing their member families learning materials, they also provide their students with monthly assemblies for guest speakers to attend, classes taught by other homeschooling parents or outside experts in a particular field, field trips for its members, and even a yearly high school prom. Their graduates have become physicians, public school teachers, human rights workers, welders, and more.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to congratulate the MDHSA on three decades of history and service to the Central Pennsylvania community, and to thank all who have helped this organization continue its success.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAUXEMONT COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool celebrating its 75th Anniversary on March 18, 2017, at its Diamond Jubilee. Tauxemont, a National Accredited preschool located in the Fort Hunt corridor of Alexandria, Virginia, has been teaching preschool and kindergarten children a love of learning since 1942. The Tauxemont learning experience encourages parents to participate with their children during this major step away from home. At Tauxemont, the faculty is involved with their children both during school and at special events. Family involvement is what makes a child’s experience at Tauxemont unique.

Tauxemont’s primary purpose is to provide an environment for a child to grow emotionally, developmentally, physically, socially, and intellectually.

Tauxemont, therefore, allows them to: discover that school is a happy place, that learning is fun and rewarding and that teachers are understanding and stimulating human beings; learn how to work and play successfully with other children; learn to develop their own skills, talents, and interests, and to expand each of these to the fullest extent; develop a sense of personal worth and an understanding of the needs and rights of others; and to develop a sense of excitement and interest in
Tauxemont prepares children for formal schooling and ready to learn anything. The secret behind Tauxemont's success for over 60 years is parent involvement. Parents participate in all aspects of the school, contributing to the success of children.

HONORING RETIRING WESTERN SPRINGS CHIEF OF POLICE PAMELA CHURCH

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Western Springs Chief of Police Pamela Church, who is retiring after 33 years of service in law enforcement.

Chief Church started out as a physical education teacher in the Decatur School District. After seven years in education, she decided to switch careers and become a police officer in 1983. She started as a patrol officer for the Downers Grove Police Department where she developed an award-winning community-oriented policing program. Chief Church spent more than 20 years serving and protecting the Downers Grove community and rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief.

In November 2005, Chief Church was hired as Chief of Police for the Western Springs Police Department. Upon becoming Chief, she became one of seven female police chiefs in the State of Illinois. Chief Church honorably protected the Western Springs community for over a decade.

In addition, Chief Church has been recognized by a variety of organizations for her exemplary efforts as Police Chief. In 2010, Church became the 50th president and first female president of the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association, an honorable testament to her work outside of Western Springs and her dedication to law enforcement. She was also given the Illinois State Bar Association Law Enforcement Award in 2009, among countless other awards honoring her commitment to her community. Thanks to her work as Chief, she has made Western Springs a better and safer community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief of Police Pamela Church for all she has done in her years of service to her community and to congratulate her on her retirement. Her contributions have made an important impact in Western Springs and she will surely be missed.

HONORING SARAH O’DONNELL
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sarah O’Donnell, founder and Executive Director of the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County, who is retiring after 21 years of service.

Sara O’Donnell grew up in rural central California, where she worked in the agricultural fields as a teenager and suffered the effects of exposure to pesticides. In 1990, after surviving a personal battle with breast cancer, Ms. O’Donnell set about establishing a resource to help individuals diagnosed with cancer. Five years later, in 1995, she and the founding board of directors opened the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County.

Over the following twenty years, the Cancer Resource Center has grown to serve more than 360 people annually. And, under Ms. O’Donnell’s leadership, the Center has received grants and funding from the California Endowment, Avon Foundation, and hundreds of local community members.

Ms. O’Donnell’s work has not only positively impacted the lives of countless individuals across Mendocino County, but she has shared her research and publications to provide assistance to underserved rural patients across the nation. Her volunteer service extends beyond the Cancer Resource Center. She is an advisory board member for Mendocino County Public Health and Mendocino County Health Insurance for All; she is on the board of directors for the Mendocino Coast Clinics; and she is an associate member of the Alliance for Rural Community Health.

Sara O’Donnell’s legacy is one of dedicated service to rural health care and cancer prevention, and it is appropriate to express to her our deep appreciation for her long and exceptional career and her outstanding volunteer service, and to wish her well on her retirement.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. GREG FARMER

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Mr. Greg Farmer, President and CEO of Colonial Farm Credit of Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Greg Farmer has been involved in agriculture for almost his entire life. From his education at the University of Maryland School of Agriculture to his first job in the poultry industry to his career at financial cooperative Farm Credit, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of farmers and their rural communities.

Mr. Farmer’s lasting legacy and greatest impact has been his work at Colonial Farm Credit. He began his career as a loan officer in Farmville, Virginia working with poultry, tobacco, dairy, and cattle farmers during agriculture’s difficult times in the 1980s. His efforts kept a lot of farmers in the field and working.

These early experiences shaped his determination that the best way for Farm Credit to serve the community was to maintain strong credit standards in order to have the ability to be a steady resource for farmers in both good and bad times.

As Chief Credit Officer, he laid the groundwork to mold Colonial Farm Credit into the cooperative it is today. Respected and admired for his ability to understand credit policy and apply it correctly, he set the standard by which loan officers make and underwrite loans today.

This straightforward approach served him well when he was chosen by the board of directors to be President and CEO in 2000. Since that time, the cooperative has grown in loan volume, become a standard in the industry for its excellent performance, and has become the lender of choice for farmers and foresters in eastern Virginia and southern Maryland.

In addition to leading a $665 million lending institution employing 76 people, Greg has also found time to be an integral part of the community. He serves on both the board of Agriculture in the Classroom and as a consultant to the Colonial Agricultural Educational Foundation. He is a participant in many agricultural events and has been an active voice on Capitol Hill meeting Members of Congress as an advocate for the interests of the rural and agricultural communities.

Mr. Farmer is widely known as a man of great integrity, intelligence, and common sense and can be relied on to analyze problems and give a reasoned and researched response. He is also a great representative not only for Farm Credit, but for cooperatives and agriculture in general.

Greg loves telling the cooperative story and also bragging about hard working farmers and their vital role in America. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Mr. Farmer on his distinguished career and I wish him all the best in this next chapter of life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARIZONA

HON. ANDY BIGGS
OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, this week, my home state of Arizona turned 105 years old. The Grand Canyon State is an incredible state in which to raise a family and earn a living.

There is so much to love about Arizona. We have over 300 days of sunshine; we enjoy the cool pines of Flagstaff and the rustic and historic towns of Prescott, Show Low, and Tombstone, which give perspective into Arizona’s first days as a state; and we greatly benefit from the agriculture city Yuma.

Arizona’s lakes, mountains, and skies provide countless activities throughout the year for natives and visitors alike. Arizona also enthusiastically hosts 15 Major League Baseball teams for Spring Training, Super Bowls, College Football playoff games, and the Waste Management Open, which many call the Greatest Show on Grass.

Most of all, I love the people of Arizona. Arizonans are diverse, patriotic, and fiercely independent. They bring so much talent and potential to our communities. I am deeply honored to serve my constituents in Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Sun Lakes, and Queen Creek.

After a long week in Washington, I cannot wait to step off the plane into the fresh, free air of Arizona. It is the greatest state in the union, and I will always be proud to call Arizona my home.

Happy Birthday, State 48.
Mr. Babin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tim Albrecht for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 680 past business leaders and growing.

Tim is known for his solid reputation, strong work ethic and positive attitude. After years of honing his craft on numerous political campaigns, and four years serving as Communications Director to Governor Terry Branstad, Tim set out on his own in 2016 to establish Albrecht Public Relations. Additionally, Tim is a partner and co-founder of the bipartisan polling firm RABA Research. Tim lives in West Des Moines with his wife Jojie, 31-year-old son Davis, and baby daughter Avery.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Tim an Albrecht alumus and I thank him for his selfless service to this great nation.

A TRIBUTE TO TIM ALBRECHT

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Tim in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tim on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER JILL SILVA

HON. JEFF DENHAM
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. Denham. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Stanislaus County Chief Probation Officer, Jill Silva, who has announced her retirement after more than 27 years of service.

Chief Silva graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1986 with a Degree in Social Work. After graduation, she began her career as a Probation Aid with Fresno County Probation Department, served as a Mental Health Worker with Kings View Behavioral Health Systems, and then came to work with Stanislaus County in Adult Protective Services.

In April of 1989, Chief Silva started her career with Stanislaus County Probation Department as a Deputy Probation Officer assigned to the Juvenile Intake and Investigation Unit. She also worked with the Adult Supervision and the Juvenile Supervision Unit.

In 1996, she was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer III, as well as continuing to work with the Juvenile Intake Unit. She was then promoted to Supervising Probation Officer in 1999 and was assigned to the Juvenile Division’s Community Partnerships Unit.

Chief Silva’s excellent work ethic in public service was noticed as she continued to receive multiple promotions. In 2001, she was promoted to Manager III and then received another promotion in November of 2002 to Chief Deputy Probation Officer. In June 2007, she transferred to the Institutional Services Division and her position was reclassified as the Assistant Chief Probation in 2009.

Throughout her career, Chief Silva has served on various committees, including the Stanislaus County Children’s Council, Stanislaus County Child Abuse Prevention Council, and the Stanislaus County Methamphetamine Task Force. She is also a member of the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association (CPPCA), California Association of Probation Services Administrators (CAPSA), California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA), and the Stanislaus County Peace Officers Association.

Chief Silva assumed the role of Acting Chief Probation Officer in December 2011, and on May 5, 2012, she was appointed Chief Probation Officer of the Stanislaus County Probation Department.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to Stanislaus County by Chief Jill Silva as we wish her continued success in her retirement.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. Higgins of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five exceptional members of the senior class at Buffalo State College, Nico McLean, Jordan Glover, Leon Moise, Jordan Chateau and Lovell Smith. During their collegiate careers, these young men have proven to be talented and dedicated scholars and athletes. Their achievements on and off the court are worthy of praise and I congratulate them on the completion of their undergraduate degrees.

As members of the Buffalo State men’s basketball team, these students are known as leaders among their peers and teammates. I commend these young men for their dedication to academics and athletics and congratulate them as their college careers come to a close.

Buffalo native and graduate from Amherst High School, Nico Mclean plays Guard for Buffalo State. The senior currently majors in Computer Information’s Systems.

Jordan Glover, a Buffalo native and graduate of St. Josephs Collegiate Institute majors in Communications. The senior plays Guard for Buffalo State and leads the team in steals.

Leon Moise, a Brooklyn native and graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School plays Forward for Buffalo State. The senior is currently studying Biology.

Bayside, New York native and graduate of Lowell High School, senior Jordan Chateau plays either Forward or Center for Buffalo State. Outside of basketball, he is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Lovell Smith, a senior Guard from Buffalo, New York, leads the team in games started. A graduate of McKinley High School, Smith is studying electrical engineering.

Balancing the responsibilities demanded of student athletes is a true challenge, and each of these students handled the test with dignity and grace. As an alumus of Buffalo State, I will be proud to call them fellow alumni.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing my colleagues to join me in recognizing these extraordinary Buffalo State Bengals and in congratulating them as they obtain their undergraduate degrees. Their dedication and drive will propel them to success, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF ROBERT LUKENBAUGH

HON. BRIAN BABIN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. Babin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a great man for his military service, Robert Lukenbaugh. Mr. Lukenbaugh is a 92-year-old veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. After graduating high school in 1943, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

After basic training in San Diego, he shipped out to the Pacific Theatre on a transport ship stopping at Pearl Harbor before heading to Midway. He later returned to the Naval Hospital at Pearl Harbor to receive treatment for a broken leg. He left active duty in the Marines in 1946, but remained in the Reserves. He married his wife, the former Mary Etta that same year. In 1950, he was called back into the Marines to train troops going to Korea at Camp Pendleton. Mr. Lukenbaugh was honorably discharged in 1951 from the Marines and moved back to Oklahoma with his wife.

Mr. Lukenbaugh worked for Union Equity Cooperative Exchange for 50 years, 15 of which were in Oklahoma. In 1965, he and his wife moved to Deer Park, Texas where he continued working for Union Equity Cooperative Exchange for 35 more years. After retiring, the couple remained in Deer Park where they attend Deer Park United Methodist Church.

It is a tremendous honor to represent Mr. Lukenbaugh in the U.S. Congress and I thank him for his selfless military service to this great nation.
HONORING SHERIFF JAMES L. KNIGHT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my longtime friend and constituent, Sheriff James L. Knight as he retires at the end of February after serving 20 years as the top law enforcement officer for Edgecombe County, North Carolina and more than 33 years in law enforcement. Sheriff Knight is the first African American to serve in this position in Edgecombe County.

James L. Knight was born on July 19, 1959 in the Town of Macclesfield and is the youngest of nine children born to Annie Mae and Willie W. Knight. He attended Living Hope Elementary School in Macclesfield and South Edgecombe High School in Pinetops where he graduated in 1977.

After graduation, Mr. Knight enlisted in the United States Army and served as part of the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was a model soldier and was awarded the Parachute Badge, Expert Badge M-16, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and two letters of commendation. He was Honorably Discharged in 1980 having earned the rank of Specialist E-4.

Sheriff Knight began his law enforcement career with the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office in July 1984 as a Detention Officer. He rose through the ranks serving first as Deputy Sheriff and later as Detective, where he remained until he was appointed Sheriff of Edgecombe County by the Edgecombe County Democratic Party Executive Committee in 1997, when then-Sheriff Phil Ellis resigned from the position. Sheriff Knight has faithfully served the people of Edgecombe County as Sheriff for the last 20 years and has been re-elected to this office every four years since being appointed.

Sheriff Knight manages more than 100 employees, including over fifty certified officers. Under Sheriff Knight’s direction, these officers cover over 526 square miles and are charged with protecting nearly 60,000 Edgecombe County residents.

A dedicated public servant, Sheriff Knight implemented the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program within Edgecombe County Schools. D.A.R.E. is an officer-led series of classroom lessons that teach children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. There is no doubt that Sheriff Knight had a profound and positive impact on an entire generation of young people. His positive influence continues today.

Sheriff Knight has always been known as a true public servant who is always eager and willing to serve. His long held goal has been to provide effective and efficient law enforcement service while building strong and trusting relationships with the citizens. He has certainly achieved that goal and so much more.

Sheriff Knight’s dedication to and impact in Edgecombe County is seen far beyond the walls of the Sheriff’s Department. He has been a strong catalyst in improving and positively impacting the lives of Edgecombe County citizens. In recognition of his selfless work, Sheriff Knight has received numerous awards including the Citizen of the Year, James B. Hunt, Jr. Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Volunteer Services, and a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Law Enforcement.

Sheriff Knight has served and continues to serve on several boards including the United Way, Boy Scouts of America, Governor’s Crime Commission, National Sheriffs’ Association, North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, and North Carolina Sheriffs’ Association where he served as the President of the executive committee. He even proudly represented his community as an Olympic Torch Bearer in the lead up to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

At every step along his storied life, Sheriff James L. Knight has been accompanied by his wife, the former Margaret Sharpe. The two were married on August 1, 1982. Together, they have two children, James Jr. and Jamina, and one grandson Jayden. They attend Ander- son Chapel Baptist Church in Macclesfield where Sheriff Knight serves in the Board of Deacons.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff James L. Knight has dedicated his entire adult life to public service. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedication and selflessness displayed by Sheriff Knight over more than 30 years first as a soldier, then as a Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Detective, and finally as Sheriff of Edgecombe County. While Sheriff Knight is deserving of far greater accolades from a grateful public, my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for Sheriff Knight’s hard work and sacrifice.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM SCALES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate William Scales for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 680 past business leaders and individuals.

William is a member attorney at Whitfield & Eddy Law Firm in Des Moines, tirelessly advocating for his clients and passionate about making Des Moines a better community. Outside of his law practice, William is an Associate Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America, and has been active with the Greater Des Moines Partnership’s Youth Leadership Initiative and several other community-centered organizations. William served in the U.S. Army as an Air Defense Officer from 2004–2008, and this year will be retiring in the love of his life, Erica.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like William in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating William on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their efforts in recognizing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

IN HONOR OF HENRY L. “HANK” AARON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to rise today to recognize a legendary baseball player, great philanthropist, and outstanding citizen, Henry L. “Hank” Aaron. Hank and his wife, Billye, will be honored by the Mobile Area Mardi Gras Association (MAMGA) in Mobile, Alabama on February 26–27, 2017.

Henry Louis Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama, on February 5, 1934, the third of eight children born to Herbert and Estella Aaron. Hank was interested in sports from an early age. Although he worked several jobs to help the family, he spent a lot of time playing baseball at a neighborhood park. He transferred to the Allen Institute in Mobile his junior year of high school to participate in the school’s organized baseball program.

After graduating from high school, Hank began to make a name for himself playing with local amateur and semi-pro teams, including the Pritchett Athletics and the Mobile Black Bears. In 1951, Hank was signed as a shortstop for the Indianapolis Clowns, which was part of the professional Negro American League. In 1952, the Braves purchased his contract and he was assigned to Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Hank batted .336 and won the minor Northern League’s Rookie of the Year Award. He was then assigned to the Braves’ Jacksonville, Florida team in the South Atlantic (Sally) League. Despite enduring racial insults from fans and fellow players alike, Hank batted .362, with 22 homers and 125 runs batted in. He was named the league’s Most Valuable Player in 1953.

In 1954, Hank began to play for the Braves’ major league team. After the 1965 season, the Braves moved to Atlanta, where on April 8, 1974, Hank hit his 715th career home run, breaking Babe Ruth’s 39-year-old Major League record. By the time he retired in 1976, Hank had raised his all-time homer output to 755. But although Hank had retired from baseball, baseball had not retired from him. He became Vice President and Director of Player Development for the Braves, scouting new team prospects and overseeing the coaching of minor leaguers, before becoming Senior Vice President for the team. Due to his efforts, the Braves became one of the strongest teams in the National League.

While many people know of Hank Aaron because of his accomplishments in baseball, it is...
writes the form of an apology to my grandson, and the next generation of Americans. “Hamilton” reminded me of the combination of leadership and compromise demonstrated by the Founders. And the Chicago Cubs showed us that, against the odds of history, if you improve competitiveness, you can compete and win. (And let the record show that our local St. Louis Cardinals fans—can appreciate that feat!)

Fortunately, what was the most disappointing election process in my history is behind us. My words are not aimed at one party or the other as I am equally frustrated by both sides. Our leaders spend too much time trying to defeat the opposing party instead of focusing on making sure that America competes and wins.

At 59 years old, my generation inherited the most competitive country in the world, and that competitiveness led to the highest standard of living in the world. We seem to have overlooked the direct correlation between a country’s competitiveness and the standard of living of its citizens.

The Cubs championship team stands as a first class example of how changing the way you compete results. If you want to improve your competitiveness, you adapt. New leadership made great choices that complemented wily veterans, ending more than a century of losing.

In 1995, Hank and Billye established the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation to give young people with limited opportunities a chance to pursue their dreams. While Hank

A TRIBUTE TO LARRY ANDERSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Larry Anderson for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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Larry is a Business Development Officer with Central Bank. He is co-founder of the non-profit organization, Art for Ankeny, dedicated to installing public art across Ankeny. In addition, Larry serves on multiple boards for Ankeny area chamber of commerce and community leadership. Larry has been recognized for his exemplary dedication to the welfare of the Ankeny community with awards from Ankeny Young Professionals, the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce, and by being named a finalist for the Young Professional of the Year Impact Award.

Mr. Speaker, he is a profound honor to represent leaders like Larry in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to make a difference for both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Larry on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING NEW JERSEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE TOMMY JAMES

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Cedar Grove resident and recent New Jersey Hall of Fame inductee, Tommy James. Mr. James is a pop-rock musician, singer, songwriter, record producer and is one of the fifteen new inductees to the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

America in the 1960s was a time of significant cultural and musical development. From Tommy James to the Beatles, Bob Dylan,
I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which would provide access to designated lactation rooms for guests to federally owned or leased buildings.

OPPOSITION TO H.J. RES. 43 AND H.J. RES. 69

HON. KAREN BASS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, in order to attend a previously scheduled event I had to return to California; however, if I had been present today, I would have continued to voice my strenuous objects to the use of the Congressional Review Act to invalidate a seemingly endless number of agency rules. Today, I would express my opposition to and voted against H.J. Res. 43 and H.J. Res. 69. Use of the Congressional Review Act in the month of February to strip regulations, thereby barring their return in substantially the same form as in some instances negated years of work on the part of agency officials, stakeholders, advocates, and the public. H.J. Res. 43 represents another vehicle to prevent families from having legitimate access in every state to the Title X program, which has been in effect for over 40 years.

Title X of the Public Health Services Act is the only dedicated source of federal funding for family planning. It provides grants to both nonprofit and public entities that, in turn, provide a wide range of both preventative and family planning services. These clinics have provided service to over 4 million men, women, and children. The services include preconception health services, contraceptive care as well as breast and cervical cancer screenings and prevention. H.J. Res. 43 would prevent the implementation of a final rule by the Department of Health and Human Services that would have ensured that these patients continued to have access to all qualified Title X providers.

At a time when there has been a call to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which will result in 20 million Americans losing insurance, and negatively impact the benefits currently received by those with insurance and no viable replacement option being put forward. Our efforts should be spent addressing this issue. Instead, we are voting on a measure that will only serve to decrease access to health services that impact the long term health needs of families.

As for H.J. Res. 69, it represents yet another effort to use the Congressional Review Act to strike down agency rules that stakeholders, advocates, and agencies to address an issue. The promulgation of the rule by the Fish and Wildlife Services addresses Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures. In effect the rule is designed to eliminate agency regulations that impact the long term health needs of families.

For these reasons and more, I would have opposed H.J. Res. 43 and H.J. Res. 69.

HONORING HAL D. PAYNE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate and honor Mr. Hal D. Payne who is retiring from Buffalo State College after 27 years of service. He will be missed by all at Buffalo State and his years of work will not be forgotten, nor will his tireless commitment to broadening and enhancing the educational opportunities of Western New York.

Mr. Payne joined Buffalo State College in 1990 when he began to work as the assistant Vice President of Student Affairs. After a year he was promoted to Vice President. Under Mr. Payne’s leadership, Buffalo State College has upgraded many of the facilities such as the Frank C. Moore Apartment Complex, the Student Apartment Complex, Cassety Halls, and the Towers as well as the renovation of Houston Gymnasium.

In the summer of 2000, Mr. Payne completed the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ Millennium Leadership Initiative, this program provides leadership development and allows individuals the change to develop skills and build an advanced network. This program has aided Mr. Payne’s work of advancing Buffalo State’s connections within and outside of the state of New York.

Before coming to Buffalo State, Mr. Payne served as Senior Associate for the Council for opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C. and as the Chief of Staff to U.S. Representative Louis Stokes of Ohio. He currently acts as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, expanding his range of work to support education across America. His commitment to his work was recognized in 2010 by Governor David A. Paterson to the New York State Council on the Arts. Hal Payne’s education at Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, and at the Institution for Educational Management at Harvard University, has edified his knowledge and passion for advancing education.

Mr. Payne is the recipient of numerous awards which attest to the fact that his work has not gone unappreciated or unnoticed. Hal Payne earned the Oberlin Medal, which is the highest individual honor that is awarded by Oberlin College. In addition to the Oberlin Medal, Mr. Payne received the Walter O. Mason Jr. Award from the Council for Opportunity in Education. This national award is presented to those who exhibit distinguished service and leadership.

Outside of his work at Buffalo State College, Mr. Hal Payne has done a great deal of work for the greater Buffalo area. He currently participates in many organizations including the Buffalo Club, the leadership Buffalo Class of 1995, and is an active member of the Board of Arts Services Initiative of Western New York. His passionate work within Western New York will be remembered for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me the chance to honor and recognize the legacy of Hal D. Payne’s years of invaluable work. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Payne on an accomplished career and to commend him for his 27 years of committed work at Buffalo State College.
HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE WILLIAMS

HON. JIM COSTA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Joe Williams, who passed away on February 6, 2017 at the age of 79. Joe was a loving husband, father and grandfather, who dedicated much of his life to public service. He was a leader in the community, eventually becoming the first African-American elected to the Fresno City Council in 1977. Joe was a friend to many, a mentor, and trailblazer. His presence in the community will truly be missed.

Joe Williams was born on May 8, 1937 in Biloxi, Mississippi to Brooke Lee Starks and Charlie Williams. At the age of nine, his parents, along with Joe, his brother George, and his sister, Audrey, moved to Fresno, California. He attended Edison High School and enlisted in the United States Army upon graduation in 1956. After his service, Joe enrolled in Fresno City College. He would go on to earn a scholarship to play football at Fresno State, where he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Welfare.

After graduating, Joe began his career with the Fresno County Welfare Department. In 1966, he went to work for the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC), as the Director of the Fresno County Head Start Commission, where he would go on to work for 26 years. After two years, Joe was named Executive Director of Fresno EOC. He was the longest-tenured Executive Director, serving in that role from 1968 until 2005 and serving as board president. During his tenure, Fresno EOC expanded its budget from $1.8 million to $37 million, with 35 programs to provide services to 130,000 low income families annually. With the help of over 670 staff members, Fresno EOC was able to implement many programs including Palm Village family homeless shelter, open the first rural health clinic in Fresno County, and start a Meals on Wheels program for seniors. A sanctuary program for homeless youth was also established and named in his honor upon Joe’s retirement. A Wheels program for seniors. A sanctuary program for homeless youth was also established and named in his honor upon Joe’s retirement.

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For all of her admirable contributions, I am deeply grateful to Ms. Brown for her service to our community and all those whom she has touched. Her legacy will endure and her memory will remain with us forever.

A TRIBUTE TO AZURE CHRISTENSEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Azure Christensen for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the Homecoming Committee. Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field.

The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 680 past business leaders and growing. Azure is the Foundation Executive Director for HCI Care Services and Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa. In her 15-year career in non-profit development, she has helped raise over $50 million for organizations in Central Iowa. The many causes she has worked hard to benefit include: creating opportunities for young children with cancer so that they can lead normal lives during difficult treatments, ensuring women have access to affordable healthcare, and providing easy access to quality higher education. Azure lives in Johnston with her husband, Zach, and their two young boys, Maddox and Grady.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Azure in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Azure on receiving this esteemed designation, thank you at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANDREA BROWN AS THE 2016–2017 OKALOOSA COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Andrea Brown as the 2016–2017 Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year. For 18 years, Ms. Brown has served the Okaloosa County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the Nation. It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. Brown has exceptionally performed her teaching duties, while also striving to be an active and supportive member of her team at Baker School.

Most recently, Ms. Brown has served as a Title One Remediation Teacher for both math and reading. Through her work, she has helped countless students improve their reading and writing skills. The effects of her guidance and instruction will continue to have a profoundly positive impact on her students for many years.

Her support and outreach extends beyond the classroom as well, through her service on the Homecoming Committee, involvement with the Aspire after school program, and with Okaloosa Online. Ms. Brown has displayed remarkable compassion and devotion by spending time outside the classroom helping others. I commend her for her steadfast willingness to serve those that matter most, the students and youth of our Nation.

For all of her admirable contributions, I am truly proud to have Ms. Brown as a constituent in Florida’s First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and I am privileged to recognize Ms.
Andrea Brown for her accomplishments and her commitment to excellence in the Okaloosa County School District. I thank her for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES “DEEDELE” WALKER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles “Deedle” Walker who will be turning 90 years old on March 4, 2017. Deedle Walker was born in East Tennesse in 1927.

He helped operate his older brother’s gas station when the United States was at war during WWll.

He once entered a free throw contest shooting under-handed and managed to finish second after sinking 24 out of 25 free throws.

After graduating from Carter High School, he was offered a basketball/football scholarship at the University of Alabama. Unfortunately, he became ill from spinal meningitis and did not go there. However, he was lucky to later attend Carson-Newman College.

He hitchhiked to college daily to attend class and starred in basketball and baseball under the tutelage of legendary Coach Frosty Holt. He also signed a minor league contact with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

More importantly he met his future wife, Martha Dale Kitts, of Knoxville, Tennessee while at Carson-Newman.

While attending a friend’s wedding, in which Martha was a bridesmaid, in Washington, D.C., Martha and Deedle became engaged. They were married later that day at the Capitol Hill Baptist Church on August 5, 1950.

Martha Walker later taught English and was the librarian at Carter High School where Deedle attended. Deedle enjoyed a 40-year career with the telephone company Southern Bell and its successors, and he was also a longtime basketball referee in the Knoxville area.

Deedle is an early riser and a hard-working man. In fact, he still greets anyone who sleeps past 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning with “Good afternoon.”

Martha and Deedle had five children: Mark, Laura, Christopher (died in infancy), Joel and Don. They now have eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren, with another one on the way.

I hope everyone will join me on March 4th in wishing Deedle Walker a Happy 90th Birthday.

CELEBRATING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF RAYMOND HOLUB

HON. BRIAN BABIN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a great man for his military service, Mr. Raymond Holub. Mr. Holub is a 92 year old veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. Born in Pleak, Texas, Mr. Holub spent his teenage years working with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Mr. Holub bravely volunteered to become a Paratrooper and served in the 17th and 82nd Airborne Divisions during World War II from 1943 to 1946. His ship was involved in an incident at sea and hundreds of lives were lost. After overcoming the dangers of the Atlantic, he and his fellow soldiers reached Germany.

Upon reaching Essen and Berlin, Holub was reassigned to General Dwight D. Eisenhower’s Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force, as an Honor Guard. Mr. Holub left the Army in 1946, only to reenlist and serve his country a second time, in the Korean War from 1950 to 1951. He received the Bronze Star for his military service.

He has been a resident of Liberty, Texas for 56 years. Mr. Holub remains an active member of the American Legion Post 658 in Crosby, Texas and VFW Post 912 in Baytown, Texas.

It is a tremendous honor to represent Mr. Holub in the U.S. Congress and I thank him for his selfless military service to this great nation.

A TRIBUTE TO TRINA FLACK

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Trina Flack for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers.

Each year, forty up-and-coming community business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 680 past winners.

Trina is a National Sales Manager at the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, where she is responsible for attracting meetings and events to the Des Moines area. She finds herself busy outside of work with her involvement in many city, planning, cultural and leadership organizations. An Iowa State alumna and avid Cyclone football and basketball fan, Trina lives in Ankeny with her husband Adam, their three children, Natalie, Tyler, and Emma.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to thank her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa.

And I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Trina on receiving this esteemed recognition at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, due to traffic delay surrounding a Vice President Motorcade, I missed two votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 95 and Yea on Roll Call No. 96.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HAL MOORE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most courageous and distinctive military leaders of our time, Lieutenant General Harold “Hal” G. Moore, the commander at the Battle of la Drang in the Vietnam War in 1965. Sadly, LTG Moore passed away on Friday, February 10, 2017. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017 at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Auburn, Alabama, followed by a memorial service and interment at Fort Benning in Georgia.

Hal Moore was born in Bardstown, Kentucky on February 13, 1922. He began his military career in 1945 upon graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry. His first tactical assignment was with the 187th Glider Infantry Regiment in Sapporo, Japan. After being reassigned, he made more than 130 test jumps with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he also jumped-tested experimental parachutes. LTG Moore went on to serve in the Korean War as a regimental operations officer. In 1964, he was stationed at Fort Benning and commanded the newly formed air mobile 11th Air Assault Division.

As a lieutenant colonel during the Vietnam War, Moore was commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment during the first major battle between the United States and the North Vietnamese forces in November 1965, the Battle of la Drang. Arriving with about 450 soldiers at Landing Zone X-Ray, a field near the Drang River in South Vietnam situated six miles from the Cambodian border, LTG Moore quickly realized he and his men were vastly outnumbered. Nevertheless, he vowed: “I’ll always be the first person on the battlefield, my boots will be the first booted on it, and I’ll be the last person off. I’ll never leave a body.”

During the battle, American forces were able to gain the upper hand and lead the U.S. to a triumphant victory.

Alongside award-winning journalist Joe Galloway, who was in la Drang as a war correspondent, LTG Moore documented his experiences during the battle in the highly acclaimed 1992 book, We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young. The book received such recognition that it was made into the film, We Were Soldiers. The proceeds from the book helped establish the la Drang Scholarship Fund, which aimed to help the children...
Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to have an outstanding group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in the community and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 680 past business leaders and growing.

Michael is the CEO of Adventureland Resort in Altoona, Iowa. He has played a key role in constructing the new Monster roller coaster and bringing the popular Jolly Holiday Lights event to Adventureland, where it has received record attendance. Michael also helped to develop and launch Spectator’s Sports Bar and Grill in Altoona, and has been given the Tiendrick Honor Award for his contributions to the Mentor Iowa program in 2016. Michael and his wife, Kim, have two children, Jack and Emery.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Michael in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Michael on receiving this esteemed recognition, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. LARRY PISTORESI, JR.
HON. JIM COSTA OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Mr. Larry Pistoresi, Jr., one of Chowchilla’s finest residents and an exceptional leader of his community. Throughout his life, Mr. Pistoresi, Jr. strived to support and enrich the people of Chowchilla. His selflessness and devotion to family, church, and community have undoubtedly left the world a better place.

Larry Pistoresi, Jr. was born and raised in Chowchilla, and raised as a 4th generation native of Chowchilla, in Madera County. In his youth, Mr. Pistoresi was an active and accomplished athlete, hav- ing played on both the football and golf teams at Chowchilla Union High School until his graduation in 1959. Mr. Pistoresi attended college at Santa Clara University and The University of Washington and later served in the United States Army after dedicating himself to his college ROTC program. Mr. Pistoresi was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1967, where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Mr. Pistoresi returned to Chowchilla after his discharge and worked at Pistoresi Chevrolet Oldsmobile with his father, Larry Pistoris, Sr., grandfather, Pete, and uncle, Monte, as a car salesman. Something of a sales maverick, he consistently proved that nothing was too big or small to make a favorable deal for his clients. Mr. Pistoresi then set his sights on real estate development, and proceeded to undertake a transformative plan for the Chowchilla area by devoting more than ten years of his life to plan the construction of the Greenhills Estates neighborhood, which nearly doubled the Chowchilla city limit. He also led the effort to establish the Pheasant Run Golf Course, which provides an excellent communal space for the many people seeking new recreational outlets.

Beyond his professional commitments, Mr. Pistoresi was involved in a host of public service engagements, including sitting on the Chowchilla Elementary School Board, serving multiple terms as a Chowchilla City Councilman, and served as Mayor of Chowchilla from 1975 through 76.

Larry Pistoresi, Jr. joins his father, Larry Pistoresi, Sr., and his mother, Betty Pistori, and is survived by his stepmother Velma Pistoresi, stepbrothers Jerry and Kent Danieli, his wife of 47 years Linda Pistoresi, his daughter Laura Pistoresi, his son Daniel Pistoresi and wife Frances and son Bradley Pistoresi. He also leaves behind his loving grandchildren Samuel, Jackson, Noah, Stella and Micah, and countless friends and colleagues. His patriotism, altruism, and infectious personality will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Mr. Larry Pistoresi, Jr., illustrious and decorated role model for the people of Chowchilla, and an exemplary family man and friend. His life personifies the anecdote that sometimes a small pond needs a big fish to grow wider.

HONORING VELMA JEAN TIDWELL CONDIT
HON. JEFF DENHAM OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the passing of Velma Jean Tidwell Condit. A beloved community member, Mrs. Condit dedicated her life to serving others.

After moving to Ceres from Oklahoma with her husband in 1967, she served the ministry with love and devotion. She spent her Sunday mornings teaching Sunday school, was a loyal member of the Women’s Fellowship, and throughout her life supported her husband, Pastor Adrian Condit, as they served the Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

With a medical career spanning more than three decades, Mrs. Condit provided patients with compassion and care as a nurse at the Ceres Memorial Hospital and Scenic General in Modesto. She was equally as devoted to her work as she was to her community.

Although she is widely known for her service, she is also beloved by her family for her fried chicken and birthday pies. Mrs. Condit’s greatest joy was cooking for and spending time with her family. Even after being diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 2014, and soon after developing dementia, she continued to be a loving wife and mother and will be deeply missed. I offer my sincerest condolences to Pastor Adrian Condit, their children, and family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Velma Jean Condit as we recognize her tremendous contributions and honor her incredible life.
PET SAFETY AND PROTECTION ACT

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I introduced legislation to put an end to an industry that’s taken cruelly and illegally to a whole new level.

Animal dealers who operate under a USDA Class B license have been guilty of gross violations of the Animal Welfare Act’s minimum standards for the decent treatment of animals. Class B dealers have routinely kept dogs in overcrowded cages, fed them rotten food and food contaminated with feces, ignored problems like frozen drinking water, failed to provide veterinary care for dogs with serious untreated injuries and diseases, and left live dogs without food up with the carcasses of dead dogs. And if that’s not enough to turn your stomach, Class B dealers have beaten, strangled, and shot dogs.

Now, all that would be bad enough, but this story gets even worse. There are two kinds of dealers who sell dogs to research facilities. Class A dealers raise the dogs they sell to researchers, and they are strictly regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Class B dealers, on the other hand, acquire the dogs they sell from so-called random sources. What this means is that Class B dealers buy animals, often with no questions asked, from an unregulated network of suppliers.

Thanks to the work of animal rights groups and undercover investigators, we know that Class B dealers have treated dogs that were family pets: pets that have in many cases been stolen or adopted under false pretenses. Class B dealers often acquire lost pets from local pounds or shelters and it’s clear that they do so for at least a year and who are doing work in research.

With that in mind, Congressman CHRIS SMITH and I have introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives that we believe would ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally. This legislation, the Pet Safety and Protection Act, would effectively prohibit the use of animals purchased from Class B dealers by scientific and biomedical research institutions.

Specifically, the Pet Safety and Protection Act would require research facilities to obtain dogs and cats from only five sources: Class A dealers, law-abiding publicly owned and operated pounds or shelters, properly licensed research facilities, federal research facilities, or people who have owned the dogs or cats in question for at least a year and who are doing work in research.

This legislation would effectively ensure that lost or stolen pets would no longer be slipped into the supply chain for research animals.

Ending the trade in random source dogs won’t halt or harm much-needed research. Most researchers have stopped using animals from Class B dealers, and researchers will still be able to procure purpose-bred research animals from a number of more reliable, more humane, and more reputable sources. But, it will still ensure that beloved pets doesn’t end up in a Class B dealer’s hands.

The Animal Welfare Institute and the Humane Society strongly support this legislation. In fact, the Animal Welfare Institute and the Humane Society have been actively engaged in trying to end this abuse for years, and they know more about this problem than anyone else. I’m grateful to them for their efforts to raise public awareness about this problem, and to enact legislation to end it.

Class B dealers across this country violate the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act every day and cause needless suffering for thousands of dogs and cats, many of which were once beloved family pets. Class B dealers starve, beat, and kill these animals, and they deserve to be shut down.

I urge my colleagues to join me in enacting the Pet Safety and Protection Act so we can put an end to this unnecessary and abhorrent practice.

A TRIBUTE TO DYLAN MULLENIX

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dylan Mullenix for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under the age of 40 are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 660 past business leaders and growing.

Dylan serves as the Assistant Director for the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. With his leadership, the organization has developed The Tomorrow Plan, a long-range plan for the sustainable development of the Greater Des Moines Area. In addition, Dylan was instrumental in the creation of the Greater Des Moines Water Trails and Greenways Plan. He also serves on other local regional planning organizations. Outside of work, Dylan enjoys following University of Iowa athletics and spending time with his wife, Erin, and son, Jack.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Dylan in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Dylan on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.
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since March 8th. Dozens of the Damas de Blanco were arrested before Obama’s arrival over the weekend. Their “crime” is to demand the freedoms and rights that are not just for Cubans but rather fundamental American values. If the harassment and persecution of these reformers continues, President Obama should let the Cuban regime know that he will reactivate some of these tools if necessary. Without even aleet frozen, not if significantly rolled back.

On the economic front, the U.S. private sector cannot be the successor to the Soviet Union and Chavez’s Venezuela in propping up the Cuban regime. The Helms-Burton Act will continue to remain the law of the land, and we must use the pressure to force the Cuban regime that Congress is unlikely to change that without a significant relaxation of the political and economic fetters the Cuban regime places on its people.

Furthermore, President Obama should make it clear that it is not acceptable for the Cuban government to serve as a pass-through middleman who receives investments in dollars or euros, and pays workers in Cuban Pesos that represent a fraction of the value of worker labor. If U.S. firms do invest in Cuba, they must be allowed to pay their workers directly—in dollars.

Additionally, if further investments are made in Cuba, they should be contingent on and if data connections between the U.S. mainland and Cuba are bolstered, the U.S. government should insist that the Cuban people receive access to a free, open version of the Internet. Improved telecommunication needs to be contingent on ensuring that Cubans can join the global digital commons and communicate freely. Furthermore, with U.S.-Cuba increased data traffic on the horizon, the Obama Administration should make it absolutely clear that Cuba must be able to serve as an export post for Russian and Chinese signals intelligence and cyber espionage aimed at the United States.

While we still believe that the Cuban regime has demonstrated far too little in the United States. With the flow of migrants out of Central America, Mexico also finds itself seeking to address structural shortfalls that made cartels and insurgencies viable.

In our overview of the region, we also looked at how Latin American nations are, themselves, emphasizing the importance of the rule of law and reforms to governance that improve not only security, but also economic performance and political freedoms. In this sense, while US assistance can provide financial and technical support, it is also incumbent upon the US to work with its other hemispheric partners to stabilize these countries.

Again, Colombia’s experience and success in this area makes it a potential exporter of security expertise and assistance to the region. Reforms and economic structures implemented throughout the region, particularly among the nations of the Pacific Alliance, are also tools that can better integrate Central American economies into the regional economy. This combination of improved security and economic opportunity can starve the flames of gangs and corrupt politicians of their fuel.

Around the region, the growth of a vocal middle class has also increased the pressure on corrupt political elites in Latin America that have demanded more of their political class. Like other nations in the region, the assistance the Central American countries receive from the US and other regional partners should also address the need for improved civil society and the independent institutions that foster good governance and the rule of law.

Finally, in confronting the human cost of those fleeing Central America for opportunity elsewhere, we must remember that other nations our partners in addressing this challenge. The vast majority of those crossing our southern border come from these Central American countries, not Mexicans or other nations. There are now net migrants out of the United States. With the flow of migrants out of Central America, Mexico also finds itself seeking to better secure its southern borders. Solving this problem—and ensuring that young children do not fall victim to gangs of human traffickers—will require cooperation, not confrontation with Mexico.

The $750 million appropriated to help Central America is a positive first step, but to maximize the return on this investment, it will be necessary to take a regional approach to stabilizing those countries.

ARGENTINA’S FORK IN THE ROAD: CHOOSING BETWEEN COMPETING LATIN AMERICAN NARRATIVES

(By Francis Rooney and Max Angerholzer III)

When the Argentine people go to the polls in October, they will make a decision about whether to reject the protectionism and populism that are the hallmark of current President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner’s government or to chart another path. Latin American success stories that point towards a more hopeful path, to include the examples set by more conservative governments like those in Colombia and Mexico. There are also several countries that are both geographically and ideologically closer to home than Argentina. As the presidential elections approach, well: consider the Chile of President Michelle Bachelet and former President Ricardo Lagos; the candidate Tabaré Vázquez and former President José “Pepe” Mujica; and, notably, Peru and the transformation launched there by former President Alan García.

Regardless of which role models and regional examples are chosen, there are now two clear and divergent narratives competing for the future of Argentina. The first encompasses those those nations that have embraced elements of free-markets, economic diversification and integration into the global economy. The second narrative is one of corruption, cronyism and populism, and the nations who have chosen this path have found themselves increasingly isolated from international commerce and unable to adequately care for their own citizens. Venezuela under Hugo Chavez blazed this trail, and in many ways Argentina and Brazil followed it down a dead end. The involvement ofyne have met the democratic revival underway throughout much of the region, and their governments are faced with growing public protests over the need for economic mismanagement, corruption, and the erosion of democratic institutions.

In the case of Argentina, “Kirchnerism”—which combines aspects of populism, nationalism, and protectionism—guided the country’s development during the late 1990s and early 2000s. This ideology shaped the social and economic institutions of Argentina, leading to the nationalization of the country’s largest oil company Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales (YPF), the denial of democratic reforms by the Kirchner’s rejection of closer economic ties with the European Union; and Argentina’s embrace of the protectionist trade bloc Mercosur. The populist economic policies implemented by the administration have also included freezing utility rates and attempting to combat inflation by doctoring official figures. As the Argentine economy slowed, inflation and debt have continued to rise, further revealing the shortcomings of this development.

As Christina Kirchner’s second term mercifully comes to an end, presidential candidates Daniel Scioli, Sergio Massa, and Macri are running on a different path. For Scioli and Massa, that means distancing themselves from “Kirchirism. Scioli has stated that he would break with populism and protectionism. Massa led Kirchner’s FPV Party last year and is running as a candidate for the government’s Front Coalition. The only non-Populist candidate, Macri, runs on a more pro-market platform and calls for realignment with the West.

Ultimately, whoever wins the election will have to break the government’s habit of excessive social spending, and confront entrenched unions resistant to change. LikeWe refer to potential Vice President Gabriela Michetti or vice President Villanini and many governors and legislators who share the Kirchner ideology may work against free market reforms. Change will have to come at some gradual pace, and the new free market economics are to truly take root in Argentina. The United States can help by reaching out to Argentina’s next president, enabling him with bilateral trade agreements and resources aimed at promoting free markets, democracy, and the rule of law. The United States should also be made to more closely integrate the country into international trade.
and financing institutions. U.S. think tanks that nurture democratic and free market reforms should also do their part. The next Argentinean president will need all the help we can muster to reveal the country of the Kirchner brand of cronyism and statism.

The United States has similarly offered assistance to Colombia and Panama as they implement economic, legal, and security reforms. Greater security and stronger democratic institutions in those countries have led to increased foreign investment, making their economies more globally competitive. As noted, Argentina can also look hopefully at the example of Peru, which has similarly transitioned from a starting point similar to Argentina’s into one that embraces free trade, foreign investment and closer engagement with the United States.

Ultimately change will have to begin at home with the choice of the Argentinean people in the upcoming election. If the next president decides to break with the past and steer the country out of the dead end of Kirchnerism and Peronist socialism, and towards free markets and more transparent governance, then the United States should be waiting with an outstretched hand.

**A VISION FOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

Consider a region with growing economic and geopolitical importance, home to several of our neighbors and trading partners with significant migration into and remittances in and out of the U.S., and presenting security challenges vital to our interests. One would think that such a region would be at the top of the list of our foreign policy priorities.

In reality, this region exists in the Western Hemisphere. Our attention to the Western Hemisphere has been sporadic and episodic since the 1980’s and early-1990’s. As we moved away from our Cold War-era attention to the region, we have missed promising institutional steps with efforts at greater regional integration. However, we failed to follow these initial efforts with needed follow-on measures and consistent policy, due to divisive and distracting issues of domestic politics at home and a focus on the Middle East and South Asia, propelled by the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. We have been forced to react to events, many of which are dictated by nations openly hostile to the United States.

Whatever the outcome of November 6th might be, the victor has the opportunity, and the responsibility, to build a vision for the reshaping and revitalizing our relationship with the Western Hemisphere. For the increasingly busy post-campaign transition staffs of President Obama and Governor Romney, it is not too soon to begin laying the groundwork for such a vision.

In a recent exercise we conducted regarding our Western Hemisphere policies and a way forward, key items for a new administration’s agenda towards the region. An agenda based around an understanding of the need for greater economic ties, a joint approach to security challenges, and shared political and cultural values can be a vision that shows the region that America is not only a power in the region but also a partner.

Through NAFTA and various preceding organizations like the IADB, the United States was once a key driver in the economic integration of the region. There were subsequent free trade agreements with Chile, Colombia, Panama, Peru, and CAPTA-DR with the countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic. While these trade pacts have opened opportunities for American businesses throughout the region, we had some promising initial steps with efforts at greater regional integration. Beyond these economic and security concerns, the vacuum created by the lack of consistent U.S. attention requires a shift in our political approach to the hemisphere.

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In an era where crime and terrorism have undergone the same globalization as economies and cultures, the security challenges of the Western Hemisphere are not the concern of one nation. Building on the success of Plan Colombia, we can continue the fight against narcotics and drug cartels and their resulting pressures of crime and corruption.

Also, as narcotics move from Latin America through Africa into Europe, these issues are no longer solely an American concern. Our traditional security partners in Europe also have a role in the Western Hemisphere through shared interests and their historical and cultural footprint.

While it is often an issue that divides the Western Hemisphere, it must also be understood that the oppression, intellectual bankruptcy, and the aging regimes of one nation present a security risk to all of the Americas.

Beyond these economic and security concerns, the vacuum created by the lack of consistent U.S. attention requires a shift in our political approach to the hemisphere. The OAS, long the main multilateral institution for the hemisphere, is now on life support. While it would be destructive to the organization for the U.S. to cut off its support for the OAS, the next President must also build a close multilateral relationship with the leaders of the region. While it is true that many question the utility of the regional organization, the President can set forth a U.S. vision for the Western Hemisphere through a summit with the Presidents of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay, and the Prime Minister of Canada.

Such a vision can revitalize our policies and partnerships with the Western Hemisphere. No longer can we take this region for granted. Opportunities presented by the unexpected, and inspired those around them.

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state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jill on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.