

secure funding to rebuild the music program. He found resistance and opposition, as the project required time and resources that few were inclined to provide. In response, he used the media as a tool to shed light on the issue, which resulted in him securing the necessary support and resources for the project.

Today, Southwest Middle School has a thriving music program which offers multiple courses from different genres such as three mariachi music classes, one steel drum band class and one marching percussion/African drum ensemble class. The program is designed to connect students with their heritage through education, practice, and the promotion of arts and music. The school will be adding a band class for the 2017–18 school year. Presently, Southwest Middle School has one of the most multicultural and diversified music programs in the entire nation.

Southwest Middle School proves their commitment to the continuous social and emotional growth of their students by enabling youth to develop their talents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I was in North Carolina attending to District related business. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 263, and YEA on Roll Call No. 264.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS J. KINSMAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Kinsman, a Vietnam veteran and Medal of Honor recipient.

Kinsman was born in Gainesville, Georgia and enlisted as a private first class in 1967. In February of 1968, his company came under attack during a reconnaissance in-force mission, and it was there that Kinsman performed the ultimate act of selflessness: He spared the lives of his comrades by throwing himself on top of a grenade.

President Nixon described Kinsman's selflessness best when he awarded him the Medal of Honor for "his indomitable courage, complete disregard for his personal safety and profound concern for his fellow soldiers."

Mr. Speaker, I believe selflessness and service are connected. We cannot fully serve our neighbors if we are not willing to sacrifice our own comfort, resources, and even well-being. Thomas Kinsman humbled himself in order to protect his fellow servicemen.

As Americans, we are indebted to servant heroes like Kinsman, for it is men and women like him that instruct us in what it means to defend the life and liberty of our fellow citizens. It is my hope that his legacy will live on as an example of what it truly means to serve others and our country.

I thank Mr. Kinsman.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALAMO MEXICAN KITCHEN

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago our nation observed National Small Business Week and recognized the positive impact that entrepreneurs and small businesses have on our local economies and our communities. In that spirit, I wish to bring to the attention of the House one small business located in my hometown of Rockledge, Florida, called Alamo Mexican Kitchen.

Alamo Mexican Kitchen just recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary, a true milestone for any small business. Established in 1967 by Irene and Alberto Enriquez, the Alamo has become a staple on Florida's Space Coast and favorite restaurant for many local patrons. In the mid-1960's, the Enriquez family moved to Florida from El Paso, Texas, with the Apollo program. A short time later, like many small business owners, they took a risk, opened Alamo Mexican Kitchen, and with it they brought an entirely new flavor to our area—Mexican food.

Before the Alamo, you couldn't find Mexican food anywhere in our area. In fact, when my own family moved from Southern California to Florida in 1956 with the space program, very few residents were familiar with Mexican food. My mother used to have our relatives send her tortilla shells so we could enjoy our weekly taco dinners. It wasn't until 1967, when Alamo opened, that we could enjoy real Mexican food in a local restaurant. Since then, Katie and I have been faithful patrons of the Alamo, owned by the same family for 50 years.

Today, five generations of the Enriquez family have worked at the Alamo, and many past Alamo employees have gone on to open their own successful Mexican restaurants—a true testament to the Alamo's success. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Alamo Mexican Kitchen, its employees, and the Enriquez family on celebrating 50 years of serving fine Mexican cuisine.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE SIXTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 33 Fredericksburg, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Army after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities, and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selflessness and courageous decision to serve

their country as members of the United States Army:

Allison-Cook, Amanda; Bagley, Broderick; Beckham, Elijah; Barrino, Starr; Buelna Tapia, Cesar; Buffum, Jonathan; Dean, Davon; Elliott, Nicole; Harte, Brett; Jefferson, Kalie; Kelly, Joseph; Kuske, John; Lawrence, Skyley; McCallister, Mark; McHugh, Sean; McNabb, George; Moffo, Landry; Moore, Ronando; Morgan, Alexis; Phillips, Austin; Robey, Garrett; Roungrat, Jirayut; Russell, Robert; Saeed, Faisal; Scarborough, Ian; Slaughter, Darryl; Smith, Cordell; Sollowin, Michael; Tapsoba, Moussa; Van Doren, Nicole; Vacher, Andrew; Vasquez, Nicholas; Warren, Matthew.

These students will be honored by the Greater Fredericksburg Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their 6th Annual Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM FOR ITS PRESERVATION OF THE CITY'S HISTORY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lincoln Park Historical Society and Museum for its efforts to preserve and document the history of the City of Lincoln Park. The Lincoln Park Historical Museum provides an important venue for residents to learn about the city's history and development.

Founded in 1955 and located in a former Depression-era Post Office, the Lincoln Park Historical Society and Museum host exhibits and events that document the history of Lincoln Park and southeast Michigan. Pasi museum exhibits have featured historical Presidential and Congressional campaign memorabilia from national, state and local candidates, as well as displays of advertisements for old Lincoln Park businesses from the city's history. Additionally, the Museum also profiled prominent Lincoln Park natives, including Bill Simpson, an illustrator for Disney and The Simpson TV show, and Preston Tucker, a local automobile designer and entrepreneur. The organization also hosts authors, historians and other experts in public forums to provide additional historical background to its exhibits.

The Lincoln Park Historical Society and Museum not only plays a key role in documenting historically significant people and events, but also provides critical resources and education that helps Lincoln Park residents place their city's history and the role it has played in the growth and development of southeast Michigan in its proper context. The organization's sponsorship of local experts and rare artifacts, as well as its production and distribution of an educational newsletter, underscore its commitment to preserving the city's history. It is heartening to see the Lincoln Park community continue to support the incredible work that is

being done by the Lincoln Park Historical Society, and I am confident that they will build on this success in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Lincoln Park Historical Society and Museum for their historical preservation efforts. The group provides cultural enrichment for Lincoln Park and its residents through its hosting of events and exhibits.

CONGRATULATING RODOLFO JOSÉ CÁRDENAS

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rodolfo José Cárdenas on his award-winning broadcasting excellence.

Rodolfo Cárdenas is the host of the daily morning radio show, 'Hablemos Hoy,' and recently received the Colorado Broadcaster Association's 2016 'Excellence Award' for his continued leadership in providing a show that has become a center piece of the Colorado Hispanic radio market. Hablemos Hoy also took home the top prize for being the 'Best Morning Show' in the Hispanic market. This is the second time that Hablemos Hoy has won this prestigious award.

I am grateful to have been a guest on Hablemos Hoy on a number of occasions and know that Mr. Cárdenas has a strong work ethic, dynamic hosting capabilities and the ability to bring together the Spanish speaking community across our state. Rodolfo Cárdenas' commitment to educate and inform those within our community about local and national issues further demonstrates his importance to the Hispanic community in the State of Colorado.

Again, I would like to congratulate Rodolfo Cárdenas and the entire staff of 'Hablemos Hoy' for their continued excellence and for receiving these prestigious awards. They serve as recognition for Rodolfo Cárdenas' unwavering commitment to quality broadcasting and to the Hispanic community.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODIE RUCKER-HUGHES

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career of Waudier "Woodie" Rucker-Hughes, a tireless worker for civil rights and a pillar of the community in the Inland Empire of California.

Woodie was born in Washington, DC, and came to California in 1969 to begin a career in teaching at John W. North High School in Riverside. She later became the Dean of Students, an assistant principal and Manager of Child Welfare and Attendance for the Riverside Unified School District. In those roles, she helped young people to make the most of their education and their lives.

Woodie has spent her life building a strong community through her leadership in the NAACP, and her involvement with non-profit

organizations and commissions. The people of Riverside live in a city made better by the work of Woodie Rucker-Hughes.

This week, Woodie is retiring from the Riverside Unified School District. She has earned the thanks of a grateful community and the admiration of all that know her.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CLINTON HAVRAN AND MRS. DEBORAH ORR

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bus accident that took the lives of four people in Biloxi, Mississippi, on March 7, 2017.

Tragically, a tour bus from Austin, Texas found itself lodged on train tracks in Biloxi, and was subsequently struck by an oncoming train. Although passengers started to disembark from the bus, several could not make it off in time.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I stand to honor the lives of two of those individuals who were taken from us in the accident: Mr. Clinton Havran of Sealy, Texas, and Mrs. Deborah Orr of Bastrop, Texas. Clinton and Deborah were both pillars in our community.

Clinton served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1963, and subsequently had a long and distinguished career as a professional truck driver with Central Freight Lines and Steinhauser's of Texas. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Annie Mae Havran, his children, and his grandchildren.

Deborah, or Debbie as her friends knew her, was known for her spirit and kindness. Debbie was a Jill-of-all-trades, and held jobs as a nursing assistant and assembly worker, among others. She actively volunteered in her community—with several organizations that work with needy children and as the Activities Director at the Bastrop Senior Center. Debbie is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Tim Orr, as well as her children, grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

I join their family, their friends, and the people of Bastrop and Sealy in rejoicing the lasting impression Clinton and Debbie left on us all. As our community grieves and continues to come together in this time of sorrow, I ask that we honor their memory by working together to ensure accidents like this do not happen in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House offer their love and support for Clinton, Deborah, and their loved ones.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GARY PRUDEN, WORLDWIDE CHAIRMAN, MEDICAL DEVICES, JOHNSON & JOHNSON

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of New Jersey's most distinguished community and business leaders, Gary Pruden. Gary has dedicated the last thir-

ty-three years of his life as a leader at Johnson & Johnson, creating a healthy, innovative world for patients everywhere.

Gary joined Johnson & Johnson in 1984 to serve in sales and marketing for Janssen Pharmaceuticals. He led Janssen commercial efforts in Canada and after returning to the US in 2006, Gary joined the Ethicon franchise located in Somerville, New Jersey as Worldwide President of Ethicon Products. Gary's leadership and commitment to improving standards of care for patients helped to develop not only exceptional life-saving products but also better hospital conditions, education for surgeons and healthcare professionals'. He also supported many community and charitable programs to improve healthcare and patients' lives globally.

As Johnson & Johnson's medical device footprint grew around the world, Gary's portfolio also continued to expand and he soon become the global Company Group Chairman in 2012 and the Worldwide Chairman of Medical Devices and a member of the Johnson & Johnson Management and Executive Committees respectively in 2015 and 2016.

Gary has also become involved in the federal advocacy and legislative policy-making process with local, state and federal law makers. He has committed himself to advocating for sound, science-based public policy. He has been successful because of his commitment to building bi-cameral, bi-partisan relationships that support access to medical innovation and improve the U.S. healthcare system. Gary's leadership at national trade associations, community organizations and with elected and appointed government officials has made a lasting positive effect on patient care.

Of all the professional accolades Gary has received during his impressive career, however, I believe he is most proud of his devotion to his family as a committed husband and father. Gary's wife Georgeane and their two children Kyle and Chelsea are his highest priorities.

I wish Gary well in his personal and professional endeavors as he retires from Johnson & Johnson. I thank him for his exceptional service to our community.

HONORING FATHER KEVIN WATERS, S.J.

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2017

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Father Kevin Waters of Gonzaga University.

Father Waters joined the Society of Jesus in 1951, and has gone on to serve the students of Gonzaga University as a chaplain, professor, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Additionally, Father Waters served as the chaplain of the DeSmet Residence Hall for the last 34 years. During his time as chaplain, Father Waters united the young men who lived in that dormitory with religious services, spiritual and personal guidance, and community building within the context of the Jesuit mission.

Among the unique services that Father Waters has provided to the residents of DeSmet over the years, it was his weekly