Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful life and important contributions of Susannah Mushatt Jones. She is a treasured and active member of Vandalia Senior Center. We are proud that she is still part of our community. This milestone gives all of us hope that people can truly live a long prosperous life.

HONORING COLONEL CHARLES C. GIBSON

HON. TOM MARINO
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Colonel Charles C. Gibson, and congratulate him on his relocation to the United States Army Communications Electronics Command Headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, as Chief of Staff.

Currently serving as a commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot, Colonel Gibson has devoted over two decades of heroic service to our country, demonstrating his devotion to the preservation of the United States of America, and to our safety through numerous military campaigns, decorations and advancement to leadership positions.

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Colonel Charles Gibson was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps in 1986. After receiving his degree in Mathematics from Bowie State University in 1987, he began his military career as a Platoon Leader for the 122nd Main Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, Hanau, Germany, which later deployed with the 3rd Armored Division to Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990.

Upon his return, Colonel Gibson assumed the position of Maintenance Officer, Support Operations Cell and Battalion S-3, 264th Corps Support Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC, and deployed to Haiti in 1994. Subsequently, he served in several leadership positions while assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii including: Support Operations Officer, G4 Division Logistics Planner, Battalion Commander of a Striker BSB, 2nd Striker Brigade, and Assistant Chief of Staff, Logistics Division G4. While with the 25th Infantry Division, he deployed to Bosnia as the Logistics Operations Planner. He also served one year as the BDE Support Operations Officer with the 45th Corps Support Group with a deployment to Thailand.

Colonel Gibson’s awards and decorations for his service in the United States Army include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Kuwaiti Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Southwest Asia Kuwait Liberation Medal, NATO Medal and Parachutist Badge.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Charles C. Gibson, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to the protection and defense of our great nation.

RICE UNIVERSITY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rice University on its 100th birthday. For over a century it has stood as one of the premier educational institutions in the world.

Over the past 100 years, Rice University’s name has come to be synonymous with excellence. The institution consistently ranks among the top 20 national universities in the U.S. News & World Report and holds many other marks of excellence.

For example, in 2010 Rice University was ranked No. 1 worldwide in materials science research. In 2011, the Carnegie Foundation gave the university top classifications for “very high research activity” and “comprehensive doctoral program.”

While this is an amazing accomplishment, Rice’s work is more than just a statistic—it has changed the world we live in. The research performed by the university has proved groundbreaking on several fronts, most notably the discovery of “buckyballs.” The discovery launched the field of Nanotechnology which has led directly to advances many fields, including medicine, technology, energy, defense, and transportation. Nanotechnology is already playing a powerful role in the lives of Americans, from its capacity to help find cures to deadly diseases to reducing the cost and extending the lifespan of consumer products like clothes and cars.

Rice’s School of Business, Architecture, Engineering, Social Sciences, Music, Humanities, Institute of Public Policy, and the Alliance of Technology and Entrepreneurship all hold national standing.

Not only is Rice University a heavyweight contender in academic and research fields, the university also maintains a noteworthy athletic department. For 17 consecutive years, Rice has produced a NCAA conference championship team—another outstanding accomplishment.

Again, congratulations to Rice University on its 100th birthday. Rice University’s devotion to excellence and distinction in the United States and to the nation as a whole has proved the university’s success.

RICE UNIVERSITY’S CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Rice University on reaching its centennial. Since its founding a hundred years ago, Rice University has become a distinguished institution, high in the ranks of academic achievement amongst our country’s best colleges and universities. Rice’s research programs are highly regarded and it is the proud alma mater of many intellectuals who have been recognized for their accomplishments, including numerous Marshall Scholars, Rhodes Scholars, and Fulbright Scholars.

In addition to their extraordinary academic programs, Rice has made a name for itself in the area of collegiate sports. The Rice University Owls became the kings of baseball when they won the 2003 College World Series, and they have continued to stand in the ranks with the country’s best college baseball teams. Rice has also succeeded in the area of women’s athletics. Its volleyball, soccer, basketball, and tennis teams have competed in many NCAA tournaments, earning Rice a varied set of achievements.

As Rice University reaches its centennial in October, I want to give credit to its students and professors for their hard work and commitment to higher education. Their consistent dedication to academic advancement makes Rice the prestigious institution it is today.

I commend Rice University for reaching this impressive milestone, and I wish them the best of luck for the next 100 years. I look forward to seeing the big things the faculty, alumni, and current students at Rice will undoubtedly continue to accomplish.

I hope all Members will join me in congratulating Rice University for 100 years of academic excellence.
MEETINGS SCHEDULED
JULY 17
9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the next ten years in the fight against human trafficking, focusing on attacking the problem with the right tools.
SD–419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine United States vulnerabilities to money laundering, drugs, and terrorist financing, focusing on HSBC case history.
SD–106

10 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, focusing on two years later.
SR–328A

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to Congress.
SD–G50

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the status of action taken to ensure that the electric grid is protected from cyber attacks.
SD–366

2:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine if consumers are adequately protected from flammability of upholstered furniture, focusing on the effectiveness of furniture flammability standards and flame retardant chemicals.
SD–138

Intelligence
To hold a closed mark-up to consider certain intelligence matters.
SH–219

JULY 18
10 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine improving the transparency of Federal spending.
SD–342

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine improving forensic science in the criminal justice system.
SD–226

Veterans’ Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas Sherk Sowers II, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.
SR–418

2 p.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine Medicare and Medicaid coordination for dual-eligibles.
SH–219

2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the census, focusing on planning ahead for 2020.
SD–342

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcie B. Rites, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, John M. Koenig, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Michael David Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Thomas Hart Armbruster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Greta Christine Holtz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State.
SD–419

Judiciary
Privacy, Technology and the Law Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine what facial recognition technology means for privacy and civil liberties.
SD–226

3 p.m.
To hold hearings to examine the global competitiveness of the United States Aviation Industry, focusing on addressing competition issues to maintain United States leadership in the aerospace market.
SR–253

JULY 19
10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine making college affordability a priority, focusing on promising practices and strategies.
SD–430

2:15 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine climate change, focusing on impacts on treaty rights, traditional lifestyles, and tribal homelands.
SD–628

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH–219

JULY 25
10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education.
SH–216

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use.
SD–366

AUGUST 1
9 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine MP Global, focusing on accountability in the futures markets.
SR–328A