

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF PINE CASTLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the 110th anniversary of Pine Castle United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida, and commend their strong heritage of service within Orange County, Florida.

On July 30, 1900, a group of women in the community organized a church community that housed the Methodist, Baptist, and Missionary Alliance congregations under one roof. In December 1906, nineteen congregation members laid the foundation for what would become Pine Castle United Methodist Church. Pine Castle United Methodist Church has served as a beacon of hope in our local community. Many lives have been impacted through the church's ministry, and I am honored to recognize their long history of dedication and service.

This is a momentous year for Pine Castle United Methodist Church, and they deserve to be commended for their 110 years of service to our community. It is my pleasure to join Pastor Scott George and the congregation at Pine Castle United Methodist Church in celebrating this historical milestone. I would like to thank them for their many years of faithful ministry to our community and their dedication to Christian leadership. May God continue to bless their church and ministry throughout future generations.

HONORING FATHER LAWRENCE W. "BILL" CARMODY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Father Lawrence W. "Bill" Carmody, beloved priest of the Colorado Springs Diocese and tireless warrior for the unborn. He passed away on February 23, at the age of 58 after a long battle with cancer.

A Colorado native ordained in 1990, Father Carmody faithfully served the Colorado Springs area for more than 25 years. In 1995 he was named the pastor of Corpus Christi Parish. Later, Father Carmody led the movement to found St. Dominic Catholic Church in Security, where he also served as pastor. St. Dominic's is the largest Catholic church in the Colorado Springs area.

Father Carmody was also a devoted leader of the pro-life movement. He led the Diocese's Respect Life Office, dedicated to the promotion of a greater understanding of the Church's teachings to respect life in all its

phases. For over a decade, Father Carmody lovingly celebrated mass every week outside a local abortion clinic. In 1994, he introduced the Project Rachel program in Colorado Springs. The Project Rachel program is dedicated to helping those suffering after an abortion. Father Carmody called his work with the Project Rachel program as the "most profound experience I have as a priest—watching people heal from what they believe is an unforgiveable sin and find God's forgiveness."

Father Carmody was truly a great man who spent his time on earth defending life and lovingly ministering to those our Heavenly Father entrusted to his care. He touched the lives of many while living out his calling to serve the Colorado Springs community. I pray that his legacy continue to be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come.

HONORING PORTER EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Porter Early College High School on their victory in the Texas 5A Boys Soccer State Championship game which was played last Saturday in Georgetown. The win marks the second time the Porter Cowboys have won the state-wide soccer championship, earning the first title in 2006.

After a long season marked by hard work and dedication by students, parents, coaches, teachers, support staff and administrators, the team clinched the state championship defeating Frisco Wakeland 10-9 in penalty kicks to secure the 3-2 victory. It is my great pleasure to honor the team members:

- Alexis Anzures
- Alexis Armendariz
- Daniel Briseño
- Robert Briseño
- Caleb Castillo
- Anthony Cuellar
- Marco Don Juan
- Omar Estrada
- Harambe Garcia
- Oscar Garcia
- Jaime Gomez
- Luis Lara
- Esteban Mata
- Jose Nava
- Jose Pardillo
- Jerry Perez
- Agustin Pizano
- Josue Reyna
- Luis Reyna
- Mario Rios
- Diego Rivera
- Uriel Sepulveda
- Angel Silva
- Enrique Soto—Captain
- Fernando Trigo

Ricky Vidal
Managers: Franco Gonzalez and Haziel Treviño

Coaches: Jose Espitia, Eddie Buentello, Adrian Navarro and Antonio Serrano
Video: Maria Esteves

Porter Early College High School, located in the heart of Southmost neighborhood, is an important community institution. Countless teachers, police officers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, doctors and engineers are Porter alumni, and the school bears the name of a woman who made important contributions to the City of Brownsville. Gladys Porter, daughter of philanthropist Earl C. Sams, who was the first president of the J.C. Penney retail chain, was devoted to South Texas. Ms. Porter was a well-known civic leader in Brownsville and was the driving force behind the Gladys Porter Zoo, which today attracts thousands of visitors annually to the Rio Grande Valley.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the families of these young men. Parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members make great sacrifices to support student athletes during the competitive season and all year long. Porter parents have spent years driving to practices, washing uniforms, cleaning cleats, cheering from the sidelines, and generally making sure these student athletes have everything they need to succeed both on and off the field.

The coaches, teachers, and administrators deserve recognition for all they do to provide students with a high quality education that balances academic and athletic achievement. Teachers and coaches serve as role models, providing critical motivation and support for these young athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in congratulating the Porter Cowboys boy's soccer team for their victory in the Texas 5A State Championship. Each of them, their parents, teachers, coaches and support staff make the Rio Grande Valley proud, and I wish them success in all their future endeavors.

HONORING JACOB DEAN BEESON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Dean Beeson. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1417, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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his Eagle Scout project. Jacob built two cello and two bass racks for the Liberty North High School Orchestra.

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

RECOGNIZING HOPEY'S DAY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge Hopey's Day in New York City, which is on April 22, 2016. Hopey's Day was initiated by the Hopey's Heart Foundation, which works to raise awareness of sudden cardiac arrest, particularly among student athletes, and helps to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at schools and at community and recreational centers.

The driving force behind Hopey's Day has been WNBA New York Liberty center Tina Charles, who founded the Hopey's Heart Foundation in honor of her late aunt, Maureen "Hopey" Vaz. As an athlete, Tina recognized that too many promising young athletes lose their lives to sudden cardiac arrest on basketball courts and sports fields before they can attain the same dreams she achieved. Under Tina's leadership, the Hopey's Heart Foundation has provided over 200 AEDs to schools around the U.S. and in other parts of the world.

To mark Hopey's Day, the Hopey's Heart Foundation, along with Safe Kids Worldwide, will be holding sports safety clinics at New York City schools, including P.S. 127 in Queens and in P.S. 55 in the Bronx. These clinics will help kids, parents, and coaches understand how they can prevent risks encountered in sports, like sudden cardiac arrest, as well as teach about proper hydration and concussions. Notably, attendees will learn emergency response and how to use an AED.

These clinics also mark the beginning of the Hopey's Heart Foundation Build UP NYC program to expand its work across New York City, and I look forward to seeing more schools have the opportunity to present these experiences to their students.

I am so proud of the work that Hopey's Heart Foundation, Safe Kids NYC and Safe Kids Queens have done, as well as of the tremendous leadership shown by Tina Charles, a native of East Elmhurst, Queens, where one of the Hopey's Day clinics will take place. Tina has committed herself to giving back to her home community and elsewhere in so many ways.

I thank the Hopey's Heart Foundation and Tina Charles for their commitment to protect the hearts of so many children playing sports.

TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE IBBOTSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Mar-

jorie Ibbotson on the occasion of her 100th birthday on April 22, 2016.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Ms. Ibbotson's life. We have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Ms. Ibbotson has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Ms. Ibbotson in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marjorie Ibbotson on reaching this incredible milestone, wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING MORNINGSTAR MISSION AS AN OUTSTANDING HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY AND GLEN MARCUM AS AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL IN HUMAN SERVICES

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize MorningStar Mission as the recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Agency in Human Services Award and Glen Marcum as the recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Individual in Human Services Award.

Established in 1909 because of the great need to feed and house homeless men, MorningStar Mission now serves men, women, and families with children—providing critical services ranging from meals, to transitional housing, to permanent supportive housing for homeless veterans and a 72-bed facility to allow families to remain intact. For its many contributions to our community, MorningStar Mission is to be commended.

Also deserving of commendation is Glen Marcum, who has been an active member of our community for over 25 years. In addition to serving as President of the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners, Glen has been involved in numerous activities in our area's education and nonprofit community, including his current position as a Regional Board Member for the American Cancer Society.

I would also like to recognize the Community Service Council of Will County for its commitment to our community and for identifying and honoring leaders in the Human Services sector annually since 1972.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating MorningStar Mission and Glen Marcum, and in thanking them for the service they have given to our community.

HONORING LOGAN JAMES PALMER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Logan James Palmer. Logan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Logan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Logan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Logan led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and became a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Logan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Logan constructed a duck house at Shiloh Springs Golf Course outside of Platte City, Missouri, to provide shelter for an endangered species of duck.

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

TRIBUTE TO MARTY McVEY

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Florida and myself, I rise to offer a tribute to Marty McVey for his continued public service, including his 4 year tenure at the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD).

We would like to congratulate Marty on his many successful years as a mentor and beacon of the community. An accomplished entrepreneur and public servant, Marty has served as a voice for people around the world. His strong leadership is demonstrated in a variety of selfless accomplishments. He has been a major supporter of charitable organizations that include Halo House Foundation, Human Rights Watch and the World Affairs Council. Marty is a lifetime member of the NAACP, a National Advisory Board Member of the Tahirih Justice Center, a committee member of the Bush-Clinton Ike Coastal Recovery Fund, and former Chairman for the Haitian Reconstruction Task Force, and the BIFAD Budget Committee.

In 2011, he was honored to be appointed by President Barack Obama to travel worldwide as a Director of the United States Agency for International Development's Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). Marty's work at USAID is a perfect example of Mr. McVey's life as a problem solver in which he seeks to provide solutions to conflict.

Over the years, Marty has lent his voice and leadership to the many issues concerning the community of Houston, Texas. He actively promoted the economic development and sustainability of the City of Houston, and served as an Executive Committee Member and former Chair of the Political Engagement Committee of the Greater Houston Partnership.

Today we pay tribute to Marty McVey, a public servant, entrepreneur, humanitarian, and friend.

Congratulations to Marty McVey for his many years of service to the citizens of Houston, Texas and women, children, and small businesses throughout the world.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS—GABRIEL AGU

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gabriel Agu from Richmond, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology leaders.

Gabriel attends Strake Jesuit College Prep School and is one of 13 high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This program was designed for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school, as well as to support their aspirations of working in a science or technology field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 29th through July 1st. Gabriel was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to his dedication to his academic success and goals of pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Gabriel and all of his hard work, and know he will make Richmond proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Gabriel for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

HONORING MICHAEL FLETCHER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

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

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Michael led his troop as Den Chief and as the Patrol Leader. Michael also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Michael collected donated materials from area businesses and led a team to construct 25 dog beds that were donated to three local animal shelters in Smithville, Liberty and Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

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

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN LIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kevin Lin of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being selected to receive the 2016 Horatio Alger Association National Scholarship. Kevin Lin is a student at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Kevin and other selected students for the scholarship earned a point grade average of 5.76 with an outstanding ACT score. Kevin will receive a scholarship that will help him benefit from a variety of resources such as college preparation, counseling, and mentoring programs. Sarah Steinmetz, the Talented and Gifted Strategist at Abraham Lincoln High School said, "Kevin is an exceptional young man who is a leader and works extremely hard. His resume is incredible for a 16-year-old."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Kevin on his recognition from the Horatio Alger Foundation. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kevin Lin and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DAVIS-SEAMON POST 812 OF EL PASO, TEXAS

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Davis-Seamon Post 812 as an exceptional veteran service organization in my district of El Paso, Texas. Post 812 is named in honor of First Lieutenant Hart Davis and First Lieutenant Alexander Rives Seamon, both of whom were killed while serving our country during World War I. The Davis-Seamon Post was founded in 1921 and is the largest Veterans Service Organization in El Paso, with 835 members dedicated to serving veterans, active duty service members, reservists, their families as well as others in the El Paso community.

As part of its commitment to serving El Paso veterans after they have transitioned out of the military, the Davis-Seamon Post enlists the help of a service officer that advises veterans on their eligibility for VA benefits. This relationship ensures that our community's veterans receive updates on changes within the VA as well as timely access to the benefits they have earned and deserve. Members of the Post have also organized numerous welcome back and farewell dinners for soldiers and their families, feeding more than 140,000 people since 2001. The Davis-Seamon Post has also taken great pride in preparing and serving Thanksgiving Day meals for service members and their families returning home from Afghanistan.

In the spirit of helping others and creating a community of inclusivity within El Paso, the Davis-Seamon Post regularly donates its space to other local veteran service organizations and has partnered with different community groups to address the issue of veteran homelessness in El Paso. The Davis-Seamon Post also furthers its ties to the community by encouraging its membership to invite guests to its events so they may become familiar with its mission and service to veterans and members of the military.

I am proud to know that a veterans service organization like the VFW Davis-Seamon Post 812 exists in El Paso. Their support and care for our veterans is longstanding and their efforts will help in continuing to make El Paso and our region a better place to live.

HONORING FRANK GUSTAV REINSCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Frank Gustav Reinsch. Frank is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Frank has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Frank has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Frank led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Frank has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Frank installed a flag pole and laid a textured patio around the pole at Platte Ridge Park, north of Platte City, Missouri.

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

HONORING BERINGER VINEYARDS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Beringer Vineyards, which today celebrates its first annual Founders Day ceremony, commemorating the vineyard's founding in 1876 and 140 years of continuous operation. The success of Beringer is of particular importance to me, as I worked as a maintenance supervisor at Beringer after returning from serving in Vietnam.

Since the winery began operations in 1876 under founders Frederick and Jacob Beringer, it has not missed a harvest or wine vintage, making Beringer California's longest continually operating winery. In another contribution to the history of St. Helena, the founding brothers planted the now-famous tunnel of elm trees along Main Street shortly after Beringer Vineyard's founding. Beringer Vineyards became the first California winery to offer visitors tours in 1934 after the repeal of Prohibition, contributing to the influx of visitors to Napa Valley. The winery was named a State Historical Landmark in 1967, and the Rhine House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

During its long history, Beringer has earned numerous accolades among wine professionals. It is the only winery to win the 'Wine of the Year' from Wine Spectator for both a red and a white wine, the 1986 Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and the 1994 Private Reserve Chardonnay. Indeed, Beringer has had more placements on the Wine Spectator's Top 100 list than any other winery in the world. In a further testament to the winery's longevity and quality, from 1988 to March 2016, Beringer earned 450 90 plus scores in premiere wine scoring publications.

Mr. Speaker, Beringer Vineyards has been a resolute leader of the California wine industry for 140 years. It is truly a Napa Valley institution, and its success has brought acclaim to Napa Valley growers and winemakers. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Beringer Vineyards here today.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY McDERMOTT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emily McDermott of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the coveted Iowa Future Farmers of America Degree. The prestigious award is the highest award presented by the Iowa FFA Association. Emily is a member of the Atlantic FFA Chapter.

Emily said that winning this award is a great achievement because her father also won the award. She said, "I did something that my Dad did. I lived up to it." Emily said one of the things she enjoys most about being a member of the local FFA Chapter is the people she meets. They are so "enthusiastic and just fun to be around." Emily plans to pursue a career in agriculture. She has been an active mem-

ber in the Atlantic FFA Chapter, exhibited livestock, and participated in numerous activities and contests as a member of her local FFA Chapter.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Emily for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can help you reach your goals. It is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments and in wishing her nothing but continued success in her future endeavors in agriculture.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, brave Americans from every walk of life have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Many of those military personnel are parents whose children make significant sacrifices, too. The average child in a military family will move six to nine times during a school career, three times more frequently than non-military families.

During deployments, military children face separation and loss, and they face the joys and the challenges of reunification when deployments end. If a parent suffers an injury, the military child must also adapt to the new reality of that parent's limitations. Some military-connected children end up in the foster care system, bringing with them particular needs and circumstances. And if a parent is killed, the child's life is changed forever.

In recognition of this, April has been designated as the Month of the Military Child. According to the Department of Defense, 1.88 million children have parents in the active duty or reserve branches of the military, and many more children have parents who are veterans. Los Angeles is home to the highest population of military veterans in California.

On Sunday, April 17, Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative—Families & Children Working Group will hold their 3rd annual celebration of this occasion at the Los Angeles Public Library. Organized under the auspices of the USC Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans and Military Families in my district, their work offers an opportunity for us to applaud these children's strength and resilience, and to honor their unique contributions and sacrifices.

I salute military children and all of the parents, family members, friends, professionals and organizations who support them.

HONORING BRETT CHRISTIAN MASON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brett Christian Mason. Brett is a very special young man who

has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brett has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and become a Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow. Brett has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Brett constructed two benches for a sitting area in the foyer at Gracemor Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

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

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS—ARYAN SINGH

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aryan Singh from Katy, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

Aryan is one of eight high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, a program for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school and supported to continually strive toward their aspirations of working in the medical field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 25th through the 27th. Aryan was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress because of his dedication to his academic success and goals of pursuing a medical science. We are proud of Aryan and all of his hard work, and know he will make Katy proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Aryan for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Keep up the great work.

THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE U.S.-MEXICO AND U.S.-CANADA BORDER

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about a topic very near and dear to my heart: My home of Deep South Texas.

I was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, a region situated along the U.S.-Mexico border in the southernmost tip of Texas, which encompasses Willacy, Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr Counties. Rich in history and culture and built on enduring family bonds. The Rio Grande Valley is home to more than 1.3 million residents.

For nearly twenty years, I have had the honor and privilege of representing the fifteenth congressional district of Texas, a dynamic and unique district that stretches from Guadalupe County, southeast from San Antonio all the way down to Deep South Texas along the border with Mexico.

I feel extremely fortunate to call a border community my home. As the proud son of Ed Couch, Texas, I am surprised by news reports that depict the border as violent and "in crisis." Unlike the fear mongers who wish to scapegoat all our problems on immigrants, when I talk about the border, I know what I am talking about.

First, our border communities are some of the safest in our nation, providing great quality of life with the low crime rates. In fact, state and federal crime data show that border cities are safer than many larger U.S. cities, with violent crime rates remaining the same or dropping in the last five years.

Moreover, the idea that undocumented immigrants are more likely to commit crimes is simply false. A Texas Tribune analysis of incarceration and immigration records found there is little evidence that undocumented immigrants commit crime at higher rates than the general population and they appear to be underrepresented in Texas prisons. As a matter of fact, the U.S.-Mexico border has never been more secure in the history of the United States. In the past ten years, border security funding has tripled and we have doubled the size of the Border Patrol from about 10,000 agents to approximately 20,000 today.

Second, our border is not being overrun. We are seeing record low apprehensions at our southern border. Today, a majority of those apprehensions are immigrants from Central America who fear violence in their home countries and their only hope is to seek refuge in the United States. Our great nation is made up of immigrants, many of whom landed on our shores tired, poor and in huddled-masses, yearning to be free. We should not close our borders and turn back on them now. That is not who we are.

This brings to mind a quote from the first Mexican-American federal district Judge Reynaldo Garza who was appointed by President Kennedy in 1961 and sat on the bench in Brownsville, Texas in the Rio Grande Valley. When swearing in new citizens, Judge Garza used to say:

"I do not worry that people want to come to the United States, I would worry if people did not want to come because then it would mean we would no longer be the country of freedom and opportunity that we are."

As a son of immigrants and as former chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I am proud to represent my district along the U.S.-Mexico border with a large population of immigrants, who contribute to the vibrancy of our national economy, job growth and rich culture.

Indeed, the stories of our immigrant neighbors, friends, and colleagues are very real, enriching the overall narrative of what it means to be an American. They are Americans and part of our national fabric.

I invite all my fellow Americans to come down to the U.S.-Mexico border region to experience firsthand the rich culture and wonderful people who make up our border communities and my home of Deep South Texas.

HONORING CLAYTON BRESHEARS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clayton Breshears. Clayton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Clayton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Clayton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Clayton led his troop as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Clayton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Clayton painted a precise outline of the United States on the Lewis and Clark Elementary School playground in Liberty, Missouri, giving teachers at the school another tool to teach their students basic geography.

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

CELEBRATING LILLIE RUTH BARLOW LINDSEY ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Lillie Ruth Barlow Lindsey. She will be celebrating her 80th Birthday on May 26, 2016.

Lillie was born in Bay Springs, Mississippi on May 26, 1936. At age 10, Lillie's family moved to Laurel, Mississippi, where she remained until she married A.C. Lindsey in August of 1951. After they married, A.C. and Lillie moved to Kansas City, Missouri. They remained in Kansas City until 2006, when they moved to Wentzville, Missouri. A.C. and Lillie had eight children. From those eight children, they have 30 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Lillie and A.C. were married for 63 years, until A.C.'s passing on January 14, 2014. In her retirement, Lillie focused on caring for her husband, A.C., throughout his battle with Alzheimer's disease. Lillie has always been a dedicated wife and mother. When her last child began junior high school, Lillie began working at Halls in Kansas City, Missouri where she worked until her retirement. Lillie

enjoys sewing and has been an active member of her church throughout her life, during her time in Kansas City and currently in Wentzville, Missouri.

I ask you to join me in celebrating Lillie Ruth Barlow Lindsey on her 80th Birthday.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE TANIMURA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a great American, George Tanimura, who passed away on April 15, three months short of his 101st birthday. I offer my deepest condolences to George's wife of 72 years, Masaye, and to George's close-knit family: his son Glenn and his daughter Leslie, and their spouses; his grandchildren Chris, Erin, Ryan and Kelly and their spouses, and to his great grandchildren Makenzie, Jaklyn, and Karter, and to his siblings.

George lived a remarkable life that spanned the Great Depression, WWII, and the rise of the modern information economy. In that time, George confronted prejudice, helped to rebuild a dislocated Japanese-American community in the Salinas Valley, nurtured a large extended family, and fostered the development of the modern fresh produce industry. George was a farmer's farmer. As one of the founders of the Tanimura & Antle, he helped build one of the nation's largest private lettuce producers. So while you may have never heard of George Tanimura, I can guarantee that every Member of this House has eaten something that George and his family have grown. He has planted and nurtured a legacy that will produce a crop for generations to come.

George was born in San Juan Bautista on July 2, 1915. His parents had emigrated from Japan to build a better life in the United States. While attending grammar school in Castroville, George thinned iceberg lettuce on his father's small farm. After his mother died, George, the eldest of 12 siblings, had to leave high school to farm with his father. Then when George was just 16, his father died leaving George with the responsibility for the family and their farm. In the midst of the depression, George became the patriarch of his large family. Under his leadership, the Tanimura children began their own prosperous farming operations.

However, just as they were recovering, the U.S. entry into WWII turned the Tanimuras' lives upside down. In 1942, they found themselves imprisoned by our government along with other Americans of Japanese descent in remote internment camps across the desert West. And even though the Tanimuras lost everything, two of his brothers fought with the U.S. Army in Europe. For George, his time in the camp offered him another opportunity to find fortune in the midst of adversity. He met Masaye Yamauchi and they were married on September 21, 1944.

When George, Masaye, and their family returned to the Salinas Valley, they resumed lettuce farming. In the late 1950s, the Tanimuras began to grow exclusively for Bud Antle, another legendary Salinas Valley grower. Bud, and his son Bob, had been working closely with the Tanimura family for many years. Finally, in 1982, George and Bob combined over

30 years of mutual friendship, respect, and experience to create Tanimura & Antle. The new company combined the Antle's shipping and marketing savvy with the Tanimura's growing expertise. That combination has helped T&A grow into one of the world's premier fresh produce companies. And it forms the basis of T&A's continued success.

Throughout his life, George was extremely active in countless community efforts, giving his leadership, commitment and wealth to making the Salinas Valley a better place for all farm families to live. Even though he was a living legend in the farming community and widely respected by all who knew him, it was his deep sense of humility that kept him from claiming any recognition other than his simple refrain, "it doesn't matter, I'm just a farmer."

While George Tanimura thought of himself as a humble farmer, his hard work and integrity created one of the pillars of the American agricultural economy. The Buddha said, "in the end only three things matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gratefully you let go of things not meant for you." In the end, George Tanimura will be remembered for his love for his family, how he lived his life and his willingness to encourage and support others in the fresh produce industry. It is a legacy for all of us to remember in these turbulent times.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the National Collegiate Honors Council and their commitment to collegiate honors education. Since their inception, the National Collegiate Honors Council has been dedicated to excellence in education in diverse subject and curriculum areas. They serve over 800 colleges and universities and over 325,000 students across the country.

I also want to recognize the Kingsborough Community College, in Southern Brooklyn, for their outstanding dedication to academic enrichment and achievement. Kingsborough Community College serves about 14,000 full and part-time students each year in a wide array of liberal arts and career education courses. Kingsborough Community College provides its students with a high level of education through its associate degree programs that prepare students to transfer to senior colleges or enter directly into a professional career.

Kingsborough Community College offers qualifying students the opportunity to challenge themselves in the Honors Program with rigorous coursework, the ability to study with other gifted students and benefit from increased contact with top faculty.

Characterized by smaller classes, individual research projects, internships, study-travel opportunities and community service, Kingsborough Community College Honors program enhances their students' global awareness and cultivates America's future leaders.

Having produced notable alumni that include Sid Rosenberg, the accomplished sports radio

personality, Jeff Koinange, Emmy award winning journalist and Andrew Weyman, Director of shows such as the Big Bang Theory and The King of Queens, Kingsborough Community College continues to educate the global leaders of tomorrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARK RANGERS AT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the state and federal park rangers who have served Yosemite National Park over the last 150 years. Specifically, I rise to honor Mr. Galen Clark, the first appointed "guardian" (park ranger) of Yosemite in 1866.

As the first ranger, Mr. Clark served 22 years while dedicating his life to protect and administer the nation's first great outdoors natural park at Yosemite. Since then, the park has served over 185 million visitors.

Set aside by President Abraham Lincoln in 1864 with the express intent "to be held for public use, resort, and recreation for all time," the Yosemite Valley is a national treasure that belongs to the American people in perpetuity.

President Lincoln made this land available to the public by understanding and respecting the government's role "of the people, by the people, and for the people," describing the philosophy behind the dedication of Yosemite.

Today, the National Park Service administers more than 400 national parks throughout the United States by partnering with communities to preserve historical landmarks and create outdoor recreational places.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation manages 280 parks, preserving some of the finest resources found in California.

Ranger Clark served honorably as Yosemite's first park ranger, creating a prestigious fraternal order for those who have followed in his footsteps, embodying Thomas Jefferson's words: "When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property."

Recognition of Mr. Clark's appointment as the first park ranger is a momentous event, offering an opportunity to reflect, highlight, and honor the history and contribution of park staff over the last 150 years.

Mr. Speaker, Ranger Clark and all other park rangers who have committed their lives to the preservation of Yosemite National Park as a place of "public use, resort, and recreation for all time" deserve to be remembered for their service and dedication for ensuring public access and enjoyment of this extraordinary national treasure.

RECOGNIZING HONOR FLIGHT SYRACUSE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Honor Flight Syracuse. Honor Flight

Syracuse is a private, not-for-profit organization and is one of more than 130 regional hubs of the National Honor Flight Network. Honor Flight Syracuse became an official hub in the Honor Flight Network in May of 2012.

Honor Flight Syracuse's mission is to honor America's veterans by transporting them to Washington, D.C. to visit the national memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. The goal of Honor Flight Syracuse is to help every single war veteran in the greater Syracuse area, willing and capable, to obtain a flight to visit their memorial at no cost to them.

Since May of 2012, Honor Flight Syracuse has completed six missions to Washington, D.C., with a seventh mission scheduled for this month. Honor Flight Syracuse gives top priority to America's most senior-citizen heroes—veterans of World War II and any war veteran with a terminal illness.

Thanks to Honor Flight Syracuse's dedicated leadership team, board members and volunteers, hundreds of Veterans from the greater Syracuse area, Northern New York State, and the Mohawk Valley have been able to travel to Washington, D.C. and visit the memorials that honor their service and sacrifice.

I am honored to recognize such an incredible organization dedicated to helping veterans in our community. I want to pay tribute to all who have made Honor Flight Syracuse such a remarkable program and to thank all of the veterans who have participated in Honor Flight Syracuse for their sacrifice and dedication to our country.

CONGRATULATING KATHRYN SZYMANSKI ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathryn Szymanski, who is retiring from the Rock Island Arsenal on April 28th. Currently, she serves as Chief Counsel for the U.S. Army Sustainment Command and the Joint Munitions Command. For decades, Ms. Szymanski has served honorably in different levels of government and public service.

Ms. Szymanski began her career in public service at the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, where she was a procurement attorney, general law attorney, and procurement fraud advisor. Later in her career at the U.S. Army Materiel Command Headquarters, she served as counsel and continued to protect our armed forces from fraud. Before coming to the Rock Island Arsenal, Ms. Szymanski served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Infrastructure Analysis at the Army Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Ms. Szymanski also has a demonstrated history of going above and beyond her daily responsibilities. Earlier this year, she was named the U.S. Army Sustainment Command 2015 Equal Employment Opportunity Champion of the Year for her commitment to promoting equality, inclusion, and access for women and minorities.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Ms. Szymanski for her commitment not only to

public service, but also for working to open doors for women, for minorities, and for those who may be underserved or underrepresented.

I congratulate her again on her well-earned retirement and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS IN
MINNESOTA'S SIXTH

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the four businesses that received MetroNorth Chamber's 2015 Excellence in Business Awards last month.

Stepping Stone's Emergency Housing in Anoka received the not-for-profit award, Essentially Massage in Blaine received the 2015 micro-business of the year award, Schaaaf Floral in Fridley received the small business award, and Walters Recycling and Refuse in Blaine received the general business award.

Opening and running a business is not an easy task, but it is definitely a worthwhile venture. One of the reasons Minnesota is so incredible is because of these types of award winning businesses. Not only do they bring commerce, jobs, and a great product or service to their area; but they also add a unique touch to the community.

I thank each and every one of the owners of these businesses for everything they contribute to our community, and I wish them nothing but success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF
SCRANTON

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Scranton, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary on April 23, 2016. Scranton has a long history of significant contributions to the economic, civic, and social development of our nation. The city was the center of America's anthracite coal industry, a major transport hub during the golden era of railroads, and home to the first electric streetcar.

In 1778, Isaac Tripp settled the village of Slocum Hollow in the Lackawanna Valley. With the founding of the Lackawanna Steel Company by Seldon and George Scranton in the 1840s, the small agrarian community rapidly transformed into a multicultural, industrial center responsible for producing T-rails, which were used to construct railroads all across the country. In February 1856, Scranton was officially established as a borough. On April 23, 1866, Scranton was incorporated as a city of 35,000 people and was merged with the neighboring communities of Hyde Park and Providence. When Lackawanna County was formed in 1878, Scranton was named as the county seat.

Today, Scranton is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania, with more than 75,000 citizens residing in the "Electric City." Many of the city's attractions, such as the Steamtown National Historic Site, Everhart Museum, and the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, commemorate Scranton's history as an industrial and cultural center. Scranton is home to a thriving, welcoming, diverse community committed to celebrating the ethnic heritage on which the city was built. It hosts one of the nation's largest St. Patrick's Day parades and La Festa Italiana. A hub for higher education, Scranton is also home to five colleges and universities: Marywood University, The University of Scranton, The Commonwealth Medical College, Lackawanna College, and Johnson College.

It is an honor to recognize Scranton on its sesquicentennial celebration. I am proud to represent a city so rich in history with so bright a future. May the citizens of Scranton honor their past with pride and look forward with confidence to great things as they celebrate the city's 150th anniversary.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE
SCIENTISTS AND TECH-
NOLOGISTS—CHANDLER GARRI-
SON

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chandler Garrison from Pearland, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology leaders.

Chandler attends Glenda Dawson High School and is one of 13 high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This program was designed for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school, as well as to support their aspirations of working in a science or technology field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 29th through July 1st. Chandler was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to her dedication to her academic success and goals of pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Chandler and all of her hard work, and know she will make Pearland proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Chandler for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

RECOGNIZING THE FREEPORT
HIGH SCHOOL PRETZELS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Freeport High School in Freeport, Il-

linois, for their unique and historic mascot known as the "Pretzels."

Freeport has been known as "The Pretzel City" for over a hundred years, and Freeport High School's mascot helps reflect this tradition. The city's namesake serves as a reminder of its unique cultural heritage, in which early German immigrants brought over their love of pretzels to establish bakeries that helped introduce this staple into the United States. As the mother of three sons who were educated by our public schools, I am proud of the students of Freeport High School for their school spirit and continued enthusiasm in promoting this iconic mascot.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again recognize the Freeport "Pretzels" for the important role their mascot has played in defining this region over the years.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
BEACH CITY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Beach City, in Chambers County, Texas.

Located between Trinity Bay and San Jacinto River, Beach City sits about eight miles southeast of Baytown, in western Chambers County. Through the 1800s this area was host to a number of bayside settlements and camps, and many scenes from the struggle for Texas independence.

In March 1836, following the fall of the Alamo and massacre at Goliad, Gen. Sam Houston ordered a retreat known as The Runaway Scrape. On the way to join up with the fleeing Texian Army, the famed Twin Sisters cannons passed through present-day Beach City, just in time to provide Gen. Houston with the firepower necessary to defeat the Mexican Army, and secure Texas' independence at the Battle of San Jacinto.

By the 1960s, facing possible annexation by nearby Baytown, Beach City residents overwhelmingly voted to incorporate. On April 11, 1966, Beach City's nearly 500 permanent residents officially incorporated. Newly established, Beach City had its first election on May 21, 1966, where the people chose Eloice Jordan to serve as their first mayor. Billy Combs currently serves as the 11th mayor of Beach City, a position he has held since 2010.

It is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Beach City. May God bless Beach City even more richly in these next 50 years.

H.R. 4482, THE "SOUTHWEST BOR-
DER SECURITY THREAT ASSES-
SMENT ACT OF 2016"

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office regarding H.R. 4482.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
U.S. CONGRESS,
Washington, DC, April 20, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4482, the Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4482—*Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016*

H.R. 4482 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to conduct an analysis of potential threats and security gaps along the southwest border of the United States. The bill also would require DHS, not later than June 30, 2017, to issue a strategic plan to protect U.S. borders. Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that conducting analysis and preparing the strategic plan as required by H.R. 4482 would cost about \$1 million in 2017; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4482 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4482 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

CONGRATULATING THE WHITESIDE COUNTY AIRPORT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Whiteside County Airport in Rock Falls, IL, which has been recognized as the "2016 Illinois General Aviation Airport of the Year" by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

This award recognizes the Whiteside County Airport for excellence based on a variety of criteria, including their service to the local community, safety record, and coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The airport and its staff have hosted numerous community events in recent years, including Boy Scout Camporees and several "Last Time" celebrations for historic aircraft. I applaud the efforts of Airport Manager Michael Dowell, along with the entire staff, for their commitment to excellence for the airport and its facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate the Whiteside County Airport and its staff for this remarkable achievement and I thank them for their service to our community.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR
EDUCATORS

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate three educators from Minnesota's Sixth District who have been selected as finalists in the 2016 Teacher of the Year Program for our great state. There are currently eleven finalists that have been chosen from the 115 original Teacher of the Year candidates.

The finalists are Julie Beaver, a math teacher at Zimmerman Middle/High School, Joe Lawrence, a language arts teacher at Delano High School, and Erin Rehnblom, a teacher at Otsego Elementary School.

A good teacher opens doors, inspires curiosity and positively affects a child's life forever. They provide students with all tools necessary for them to reach the highest levels of success. That is why I am so grateful that there are awards like Minnesota Teacher of the Year, which guarantees that these individuals hard work does not go unnoticed.

Our children are this nation's future, and I thank Julie, Joe, and Erin for helping to ensure a bright one.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. The bill would make a minor change to the authorities of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), placing these entities in the same position as their federal counterparts for more effective management and operation.

The bill would give the D.C. Courts and PDS the same authority federal agencies and federal courts already have to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts, to their employees. The fiscal year 2016 omnibus bill already gives D.C. Courts buyout authority—but my bill would make this authorization permanent, and would extend it to PDS in addition to the courts. Buyouts would allow the D.C. Courts and PDS to respond to their future administrative and budget needs, and would provide the flexibility to extend buyout offers to their employees.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only where statutorily authorized. While federal agencies and federal courts have the statutory authority to offer buyouts, PDS and the D.C. Courts have not been expressly permitted to permanently provide them to their employees. PDS and the D.C. Courts seek the same buyout authority in order to manage their

workforce as budget conditions and needs change.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MYERS AND PILLAR TECHNOLOGY GROUP

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Bob Myers, CEO of Pillar Technology Group for its innovative vision while creating Des Moines, Iowa's newest technology office space, aptly called "The Forge". The Ohio-based technology firm works with large companies to develop unique software for autonomous vehicles and "The Internet of Things."

Pillar Technology Group prides itself for being in direct competition to many of California's Silicon Valley firms, stating that Des Moines, Iowa lends itself to a venue which "constantly pushes us." Pillar Technology Group has other "Forge" locations in Michigan and Ohio. Des Moines was selected, said CEO Myers, because it is close to several universities, has a good talent pool and is increasingly innovative. Calling Des Moines, Iowa "the Silicon Prairie," Myers revealed they have hired at least 30 employees in Iowa to join their current staff of 200 nationwide.

Bouyed by a loan from the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board in 2015, Pillar Technology Group established its foothold in central Iowa. Myers explained that "The Forge" is a philosophy, not a place. Upon entering their doors, said Myers, there is an aura of "no constraints." Nothing is impossible. That's the Iowa way. With hard work, determination, innovation and an open mind, anything can be accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Pillar Technology Group and CEO Bob Myers for locating its innovative vision in Iowa. I am proud to represent the Pillar Technology Group and its employees in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the firm and wishing Pillar Technology Group's "The Forge" nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEN CHRISTY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Ken Christy, who was tragically taken from us on March 26, 2016. Ken was a dear friend and will be greatly missed by all those in the Aurora community who were touched by his years of service as a union and community leader.

Mr. Christy was the local Aurora Township Clerk and served as President of the Illinois State Association of Letter Carriers for 25 years. As a letter carrier himself, Ken understood the challenges his union members faced

and sought to be a voice for the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service.

Ken was elected to the Illinois Hall of Fame for Letter Carriers in 2012 and was a recipient of the Kane County Democrat Harry S. Truman Award. His engagement with his community is one to be honored and admired.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Ken Christy's tireless efforts fighting for middle class workers and my thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JACOB GANN

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Mr. Jacob Gann, a senior at Cherokee High School, in Georgia's 11th District, for his efforts to understand the legislative process, and for his interest in issues that affect the American people. He crafted his very own bill—to clarify and improve our immigration process. Young people who are devoted to understanding the issues are our nation's future leaders.

I would like to recognize Jacob for his hard work and perseverance over the last year to learn about our government's bill-making process. Immigration reform is one of the battles of our time, and Jacob's diligence to understand the issue and the process will serve him well wherever he goes. Congratulations, Jacob.

HONORING BUENO FOODS

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 65th anniversary of Bueno Foods, a local company that has become synonymous with our traditional and cherished New Mexican dishes.

In 1946, several brothers from the Baca family returned from serving in World War II and they scraped together enough money to buy a small neighborhood grocery store called the Ace Food Store. The small business was successful, until the larger chain grocery stores moved into the area. The Baca brothers wanted to compete and knew they must find innovative ways to keep the business profitable.

They added a carry-out component using their mother's delicious home cooked New Mexican food and began manufacturing corn and flour tortillas on a pie crust roller and making tamales and posole for sale. Then they had an idea. Everyone was getting a freezer and Birds Eye frozen vegetables were very popular. They decided to roast green chile over an open flame in the early fall and freeze it so that people could have chile year-round.

There was no equipment to flame-roast green chile on a commercial scale, and the brothers had to design and build equipment, and implement the process for large scale production. Bueno Foods was founded in 1951.

For over 65 years, Bueno Foods has grown from a small neighborhood grocery store into one of the Southwest's premier producers of New Mexican and Mexican foods, serving restaurants and retail customers throughout the United States. It is still owned and operated by the Baca family, with Jacqueline "Jackie" Baca serving as President since 1986.

Bueno Foods symbolizes the spirit and determination of true entrepreneurs who turned their idea into a thriving business that preserves and promotes our heritage. I would like to congratulate the Baca family and their employees for 65 years of supplying quality products, providing excellent customer service and creating opportunities to give back to the community.

THE VISIT OF ZAMBIAN VICE PRESIDENT INONGE WINA

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to welcome the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, the Honorable Inonge Mutukwa Wina, to my Los Angeles district for a visit. Vice President Wina is the highest ranking woman in Zambian government history, and she brings a delegation of officials to the U.S. with the assistance of Robert Sichinga, Jr., Honorary Consul for Zambia in Los Angeles.

A major purpose of Vice President Wina's visit is to raise awareness of the tremendous opportunities for economic investment in her home country. Some of the fastest-growing economies in the world are in Africa. In particular, Mrs. Wina comes to promote the Jubilee Women's Integrated Highway Markets Program as a support for entrepreneurship that will begin to build wealth among rural families.

The Jubilee Women's Integrated Highway Markets Program is a three year program to transform makeshift markets along Zambian highways into thriving economic engines, run cooperatively by the women who make up the majority of businesses found in these locations. It aims to create modern, integrated economic hubs, one in each of Zambia's ten provinces. The markets would offer not only sturdy structures, plumbing and solar power, but would also offer literacy and skills training, banking and other services, and child care facilities.

Women play an essential role in lifting families out of poverty and promoting a nation's fortunes. Studies show that investing in women's businesses correlates closely with better-fed children who stay longer in school, and women tend to reinvest profits in expanding their business, thereby building wealth for the longer term.

I wish Vice President Wina and all of those traveling with her a pleasant, rewarding and successful trip, and I look forward to partnering with her in the future.

CONGRATULATING DAN BEBBER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Dan Bebbber, a friend of the Rock Island, Illinois community and a dedicated public servant to veterans from all across our state.

Dan is a U.S. Navy veteran, retiring from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs after more than 22 years of service. As a Veterans' Service Officer, Dan provided support to thousands of veterans seeking compensation from the VA over the course of his career.

In addition to his work in the Department, Dan is an active member of the community and has spent much of his time assisting veterans in other ways, such as serving as a volunteer for VA Stand Downs and our local veterans' resource fair.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Bebbber once again for his outstanding service to our nation and his dedicated service to our veterans and our community. I congratulate him on a well-earned retirement and wish his family nothing but the very best going forward.

TRIBUTE TO RUBY AND BRUCE BENTLEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ruby and Bruce Bentley of Macedonia, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on March 19, 2016.

The Bentleys are known for their commitment to their family and community. Their marriage blessed them with five children and many grandchildren. The community of Macedonia knows the Bentleys as a close-knit family, living their faith and committed to one another. The entire generation of this union lives within seven miles of each other, calling the Bruce and Ruby homestead, "Bentley East." This marriage is a union of dedication to a strong work ethic with their cattle-feeding business, recognized as Producers of the Year in 2006 and Cattleman's Association Brand Wall operation in 2011.

But even working with their 2,000 head of cattle for the past 50 years, the Bentleys are dedicated to volunteerism. Bruce is involved in his grandchildren's school activities, having served on the Carson-Macedonia School Board and active in the Riverside Pride and Booster clubs. Ruby has served on the Pottawattamie County Tourism Committee, Macedonia Development Committee, other civic activities and boards, and was even named Iowan for A Day at the Iowa State Fair.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce and Ruby's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives

will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,221,832,717,891.35. We've added \$8,594,955,668,978.27 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THOMAS "TOMMY"
BAKER JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to honor the life of Thomas "Tommy" Baker Jr., who passed away on April 15, 2016.

Tommy was born on October 3, 1956 in Radford, Virginia. He graduated from Radford College and the Washington and Lee School of Law. He served as the town attorney in Dublin, Virginia, and ran his own law practice there for many years. Additionally, Tommy served in the General Assembly from 1990 to 2000.

Dublin Mayor Benny Skeens, a friend of Tommy's since both were in high school, told the Roanoke Times, "[Tommy] had probably one of the brightest minds, as far as municipal law goes, of anyone I've known. . . . He taught me so much."

Mayor Skeens also said, "Anything that's happened in the town of Dublin in the past 20 years, Tommy had his hand in it."

I went to law school with Tommy, and also served in the Virginia House of Delegates with him. Tommy's son Jefferson told the Roanoke Times that his father's love of Pulaski County and of public service transcended party politics. I would agree.

Additionally, Tommy was a fun-loving practical joker, and he kept the entire House entertained. As Mayor Skeens said, Tommy ". . . was one of those people, when he walked in the room, the atmosphere changed. . . . He brightened people up."

I am saddened by Tommy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Tommy's parents, his son Jefferson, and the rest of his family.

TRIBUTE TO OLGA BRUNO DE
MUNOZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Olga

Bruno de Munoz of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the celebration of her 100th birthday on March 21, 2016.

Ms. Munoz attended high school in Guayama, Puerto Rico and graduated with a secretarial degree, later moving on to work for the Puerto Rican government. Ms. Munoz and her late husband, Bartolome M. Munoz, were the parents of two daughters, Olga and Margie, and she has seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two great-great granddaughters. Ms. Munoz enjoys reading and shopping and says her favorite foods are Puerto Rican and Chinese. While living in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Olga was an active volunteer with the Presbyterian Hospital and loved to design dresses for her daughters.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Ms. Munoz's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Ms. Munoz has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I am honored and pleased to congratulate Olga Bruno de Munoz on her 100th birthday. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ms. Munoz on reaching this incredible milestone, and I wish her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

CELEBRATING AMBER ECKSTEIN

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise Amber Eckstein, who has been selected as the 2015–2016 ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign state exemplar in Minnesota.

In order to receive this prestigious honor, an individual must prove their strong effort towards college and career readiness, and Amber certainly embodies these requirements.

Education is the key that opens all of life's doors. In the United States today, a college degree has become more necessary than ever before, with the majority of jobs requiring some sort of post-secondary education. That is why it is imperative that students across the nation strive to achieve academic success and earn a higher education.

I would like to commend Amber for working so hard to earn a better future; her impressive efforts make her a leader among her generation and lead me to believe that she is a young woman who we will see great things from. I would also like to commend the ACT organization for working to promote higher education among our nation's students.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MARY ANN WASIL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to take a moment to pay tribute to an incredible woman who I consider one of my personal heroes, Mary Ann Wasil who lost a brilliant battle with breast cancer late last week. Mary Ann possessed a tenacious spirit, an unyielding faith, a heart full of love, and an infectious smile—she was one-of-a-kind and will be deeply missed by all of those fortunate enough to have known and worked with her.

For one whose life was cut so short, Mary Ann had an extraordinary story. She was a police officer, an actor, a development officer for her church and its elementary school, the founder of a non-profit organization, a health activist, and, most importantly and above all others, a mother of three. She gave 110 percent to everything that she did, every project she undertook, and every battle she fought.

Breast cancer was what took Mary Ann from us, but it is also what one of her lasting legacies was born from. Battling to remission after her first diagnosis with Stage II breast cancer in 2004, Mary Ann took her experience and turned it into, not only a teachable moment, but a successful and much needed breast health initiative, the Get in Touch Foundation. Mary Ann discovered the initial lump in her breast while doing a self-breast examination and her cancer was only diagnosed correctly and quickly because she was so familiar with her body and her breasts. Even with some doctors telling her not to worry, to wait, Mary Ann pushed on because she knew it was more than a simple fluctuation.

As Mary Ann waged her war with breast cancer, she looked into the eyes of her two young daughters and knew she wanted to do something to make sure that they, as well as young girls everywhere, were armed with all of the information and tools they would need to be strong and smart in breast health. Thus, the Get in Touch Foundation was born. The Get In Touch Girls Program and Daisy Wheel teaches girls to "get in touch" with their bodies through self-examination. Developed by board members and members of the medical community, including focus-groups of girls ages 8 through 18, the interactive Daisy Wheel teaches the importance of and how to do a breast self-examination. The Daisy Wheel is given to girls in grades 9 through 12 when health educators discuss hygiene and the girls' changing bodies. The program has been implemented in more than twenty-six countries across the globe and the Daisy Wheel has been downloaded in more than eighty countries. The impact of this program is as extraordinary as its founder.

In 2010 Mary Ann won a contract from Balboa Press to publish her memoir, *A Diary of Healing: My Intense and Meaningful Life with Cancer*. Throughout its pages you can hear Mary Ann's laughter, feel her outrage, and you will often find yourself crying with her, experiencing the twists and turns of her journey. Mary Ann battled back to remission several times over the last decade, always grateful for the additional time she had with family and

friends. And though she lost this last battle, her story will continue to be an inspiration.

My heart goes out to her children, Betsy, Mary, and Eddy. Just thirteen, twelve, and ten at the time of their mother's diagnosis, they were forced to grow-up remarkably quickly but always in the warmth of Mary Ann's smile and secure in the knowledge of her love for them. I know that, in each their own way, they will carry-on Mary Ann's legacy of love, courage, education, and hope.

Over the years, I developed a deep friendship with Mary Ann and I consider myself so fortunate to have known her. She was, quite simply, an extraordinary human being. Activist, author, mentor, friend, and mother—Mary Ann Wasil was a woman whose time with us, though short, left an indelible mark on all our lives. Though we will all miss her tenacity, dedication, and, of course, her smile, family and friends will gather in their brightest, most vividly colored clothes, wearing their fanciest shows and celebrate the life of Mary Ann Wasil and the many gifts she brought to all of our lives. As Mary Ann would say—Hope Lives.

TRIBUTE TO LEONE DIERENFIELD
PETTY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Leone Dierenfield Petty for celebrating her 100th birthday on April 12, 2016.

Mrs. Petty was born on a small farm south of Wall Lake, Iowa along with her twin sister, Leola. Life was off to a slow start, weighing in at 2½ pounds at birth. She tells the story that she was so tiny, a coffee cup would fit over her head. But she survived and prospered in the Iowa countryside. She was later joined by several brothers and sisters. She went on to raise a family of six, which now includes a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All of them attest to her wonderful meals as a farm wife, noting that there is nothing much better than her homemade bread.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Mrs. Petty's life. We have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mrs. Petty has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mrs. Petty in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday with family and friends. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mrs. Petty on reaching this incredible milestone, wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEHE-
MLIAH COMMUNITY REINVEST-
MENT FUND

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nehemiah Community Reinvestment Fund as it celebrates the milestone of renovating over 500 properties. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great organization for its contributions to the Sacramento region.

The Nehemiah Community Reinvestment Fund (NCRF) is a nonprofit and federally-certified community development financial institution (CDFI). NCRF provides capital and technical assistance to organizations working to revitalize low-income neighborhoods and provide housing, services, and jobs to underserved people throughout the United States. Through creative, flexible financing and investments, NCRF makes capital available to community- and faith-based nonprofits, as well as mission-based for-profit organizations, that otherwise might be unable to obtain needed capital. NCRF was founded by Nehemiah Corporation of America, which provided the start-up capital that enabled NCRF to begin making loans and investments. In addition to its community development loan fund, NCRF also developed the Nehemiah Sacramento Valley Fund, a triple bottom-line, real estate equity fund, to bring market-rate capital into low-income neighborhoods in the six county Sacramento region.

In 2010, NCRF launched the Neighborhood Restoration Program in response to the foreclosure crisis. The mission of this program is to advance community revitalization by providing homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families. Building on Nehemiah's long history of encouraging and facilitating responsible homeownership, Nehemiah acquires properties located in communities that are affordable to low- and moderate-income homebuyers. Once acquired, each house is renovated to exceed Federal Housing Administration lending standards, and marketed for sale exclusively to first time homebuyers and low- to moderate-income households.

In 2012, Nehemiah created Roofs for Troops to benefit the men and women who serve and have served our country. Through Roofs for Troops, financial institutions donate foreclosed properties to NCRF. Properties are renovated to exceed Veterans Administration lending standards and are marketed for sale exclusively to veterans and active duty military. A percentage of properties NCRF receives and renovates are donated 100 percent mortgage free to deserving veteran and active duty military families. In total, the Nehemiah Community Reinvestment Fund has created 500 affordable homeownership opportunities through its Neighborhood Restoration and Roofs for Troops Programs.

Mr. Speaker, as community members gather to celebrate this significant milestone for the Nehemiah Community Reinvestment Fund, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Fund for its contributions and commitment to the Sacramento region.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
ULMSCHNEIDER

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen Maryland firefighter and recognize his colleague who is recovering from severe injuries. As the funeral and interment of this esteemed firefighter occurred yesterday, I want to remember the legacy he leaves behind.

Prince George's County firefighter and paramedic (FF/Medic) John Ernest Ulmschneider was responding to a "check on welfare" call that took a turn for the worse. Known as "Skillet," this brave firefighter died tragically in the line of duty on Friday, April 15, as a result of a shooting in Temple Hills, Maryland.

Line-of-duty deaths are always difficult to bear. A firefighter or another first responder leaves their home, their station, or their vehicle to do their job of public service, and their loved one, coworker, or partner expects to see them return. My heart breaks for John's loved ones and for the tight-knit community that is the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department.

The details of FF/Medic Ulmschneider's death are heartbreaking. He, fellow firefighter Kevin Swain of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, and other first responders arrived at a residence after a relative had contacted them worried about the health of a family member. They knocked on the door a few times and announced themselves without receiving a response. With the concern of a potential health emergency in mind, they tried to enter the home by breaking down the door.

It was a fateful decision. As the firefighters entered the home, the person inside fired a weapon, hitting FF/Medic Ulmschneider and FF Swain. Both firefighters were severely injured, FF/Medic Ulmschneider fatally, despite the rapid and capable care they received. On behalf of the citizens of Maryland's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to recognize the paramedics and the doctors and nurses for their compassionate care and treatment of these firefighters.

I would like to remember the legacy FF/Medic Ulmschneider leaves behind. He was born in Baltimore and graduated from Surrattsville High School in Clinton, Maryland in 1997. Friends called him "Skillet" because his head was as tough as a cast iron skillet.

FF/Medic Ulmschneider had been a member of the Prince George's County Fire Department for 13 years. He was married to Dawn and a proud and doting father to Abigail. One colleague of his remembers him as a particularly caring person who went the extra mile and on calls would make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those patients who had low-blood sugar or were simply panicked. Another coworker recalled that FF/Medic Ulmschneider had two speeds, "fast and faster."

Mr. Speaker, I want to send my appreciation to these individual firefighters and all their colleagues for their relentless dedication to public service. Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department and firefighters across this country are committed every day to keep our communities safe by putting their own lives at risk

during times of our greatest need. They each have made the ultimate contribution to our communities—the contribution of personal sacrifice to ensure our safety and well-being. These men and women rightfully are our heroes.

As a dedicated firefighter, husband, father, and human being, Firefighter and Paramedic John Ulmschneider deserves all of the honor and praise this Chamber can bestow upon him. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District and this House, I extend my sincerest gratitude and condolences to his wife Dawn and daughter Abigail; Cheryl Ulmschneider, his mother; his entire family; friends; Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor; the entire Department; and the Prince George's County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics Association International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1619.

TRIBUTE TO CANDY HEYER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Candy Heyer of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being recognized by the Horatio Alger Foundation to receive the 2016 State-Level Award for Iowa. Candy is a student at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Candy was selected for this award for her commitment in continuing her education and for serving her community. Candy maintained an "A" grade and scored at one of the highest levels on her ACT test. Candy will receive substantial funds to use towards her college tuition costs. Sarah Steinmetz, the Talented and Gifted Strategist at Abraham Lincoln High School said, "Candy is a young lady who strives 110 percent to go above and beyond what is expected of her and is deserving of this award."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Candy for being selected to receive this award. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Candy and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PORT OF BENTON RESTRICTION RELEASE ACT OF 2016

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Port of Benton Restriction Release Act of 2016. This legislation will lift the conveyance restrictions on a 71.5 acre parcel of land that was deeded to the Port of Benton (Port) in 1996 by the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD). The Port acquired this parcel of land as part of an effort to transfer excess and unneeded land from the "Former 3000 Area" of the Hanford nuclear reservation, located in

the Tri-Cities region of Central Washington, back to the local communities. Recently, the Port has explored economic development opportunities on this parcel, however the existing conveyance restrictions have inhibited their ability to develop the land for the economic benefit of the Tri-Cities region.

In recent years, there has been an increase in economic activity near this property, including over \$70 million in investments, the creation of the Manhattan Project National Historic Park in 2014, and the transfer of 1,641 acres of Hanford land back to the local communities for further economic and industrial development. The Port of Benton has targeted uses for this land that include clean energy manufacturing, bio products, solar array, and industrial operations, which could yield investments of \$1 billion for the local communities and the creation of 1,500 jobs for the region.

However, the conveyance restrictions on this property have inhibited the Port's ability to attract private and small businesses to make investments in the Former Hanford 3000 Area. These restrictions require that all sub-leases over five years on the property be submitted to MARAD for approval. Additionally, the Port is required to submit annual reports to MARAD for the parcel.

This important legislation will release all remaining federal deed restrictions on the 71.5 acre property, which will allow the Port of Benton and the surrounding communities to continue their hard work to create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and retain a skilled workforce in the area, and this parcel of land is a critical component of this effort. For these reasons I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense legislation, which will have a positive and lasting impact on the economic viability and competitiveness of the Tri-Cities region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted No on Recorded Vote No. 162.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD CLOTHING AND SPORTING GOODS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods of Shenandoah, Iowa. Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods has been serving customers for over 65 years since it was founded in 1951 by Jim and Gladys Howard.

Darlene and Dennis Howard are the second generation owners of Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods. Darlene and Dennis purchased the store from Dennis' parents in 1976, later joined by their son, Derek, to operate the business each day. The store handles

a variety of items, such as athletic shoes, tuxedos, ties, baseball bats, uniforms, and trophies. Dennis travels a 60-mile radius as he serves the public and local schools, assisting with their clothing and sporting needs. Darlene said, "You never know, anything can happen. Regardless, it's been a great business. We've both enjoyed it over the past four decades."

Mr. Speaker, I commend Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods and their staff for their 65 years of dedicated service to Shenandoah and southwest Iowa. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Howards for surpassing this incredible milestone and in wishing them and their family nothing but continued success.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, the first and fundamental purpose of government is to provide for the common defense.

Of the 17 powers granted to the Congress under Article One, Section Eight of the Constitution, 6 of them deal exclusively with the national defense.

Providing for our national defense is the only mandatory function of our government.

It follows, then, that we must take this responsibility very seriously.

And I do.

As a senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am working to ensure that we reverse the troop cuts made by this Administration, and to provide the necessary materials and equipment we need to respond to the threats we face.

Whether this Administration admits it or not, there are many that seek the "death of America."

We must recognize that we are at war with terrorists—they are constantly devising means and methods to injure our citizens, whether they are home or abroad.

As Iran, China, and Russia continue to provoke—and even detain—our armed forces. We must show that we will not be disrespected, mistreated, or intimidated.

The best offense is a good defense and I will continue to ensure that we have both.

TRIBUTE TO JULIA C. "JUDY" RUNNEBOHM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of my good friend Julia C. "Judy" Runnebohm of Shelbyville, Indiana.

Born on September 27, 1936, to Thomas and Nell "Morris" Jenkins, Judy lived a long, full life dedicated to her family and her community.

As the Good Book says in Acts 20:35, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." And, Judy truly lived this scripture throughout her life. Everyone who knew her, knew of her love

for Shelbyville and her desire to serve. Judy was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, where she was an energetic contributor in the St. Vincent Altar Society. She served on the Board of Directors of SCUFFY, Shelby County Welfare, and Girls, Inc., and also served as secretary of the Shelby County Republican Central Committee. In her “spare time” she volunteered many late afternoons calling shut-ins for the Major Hospital Foundation.

Her philanthropic spirit and volunteerism didn't go unnoticed. In 2013, Governor Mike Pence awarded her a Distinguished Hoosier Award, which is one of the highest honors given by the State of Indiana. Judy also received two awards from the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, including Citizen of the Year in 2000 and the Athena Award in 2014.

Judy Runnebohm was also my friend. And, there is no better friend than Judy. She will always be remembered as loyal, honest and a

fierce advocate for those she believed in. I will never forget her support and belief in me.

Judy will certainly be missed by her family and her community. I will always be grateful for the encouragement and support that Judy and her husband Nick have given me throughout my career. And, I know the city of Shelbyville and the State of Indiana will always be grateful for their dedication.

Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of Judy Runnebohm. My thoughts and prayers go out to Judy's family, and may God comfort those she left behind with His peace and strength.

TRIBUTE TO ADLENA MCLAIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Adlena

McLain of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being recognized by the Horatio Alger Foundation to receive the 2016 Regional AKSARBEN Award for Iowa. Adlena is a student at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Adlena was selected for this award for her commitment in continuing her education and for serving her community. She maintained excellent grades and scored at the top level on her ACT test. She will receive substantial funds to use towards her college tuition costs. Sarah Steinmetz, the Talented and Gifted Strategist at Abraham Lincoln High School said, “Adlena gives so much and goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She really deserves this award.”

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Adlena for being selected to receive this award. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Adlena. We wish her nothing but continued success in her education endeavors.