

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY—KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize A.T. Still University—Kirksville College of Medicine on their 125th Anniversary. Since 1892, this fine institution of higher learning has been producing quality graduates who greatly enrich our society with the knowledge and values that have been instilled in them.

Founded in 1892 in Kirksville, Missouri by Andrew Taylor Still, ATSU—KCOM is the birthplace of osteopathic medicine. Originally known as the American School of Osteopathic Medicine, ATSU was the first school of osteopathy in the world. The first Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, or DO's, graduated from ATSU—KCOM in 1894 and over 18,000 graduates later, they have practiced in every state and around the world in a variety of medical specialties. While staying true to their osteopathic principles, students at ATSU receive the most comprehensive medical education while training on state of the art equipment. With a focus on rural healthcare, ATSU is a vitally important medical training institution, now more than ever.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the rich 125 year history of A.T. Still University—Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. This elite school has impacted the world with the osteopathic physicians and health professionals it has produced. I commend ATSU President Craig M. Phelps, DO, ATSU—KCOM Dean Margaret Wilson, DO, and the faculty, staff, students and alumni as the school continues to train and produce highly qualified professionals to serve in the medical field for generations to come. I am extremely honored to represent this fine institution in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET) SAMUEL MILTON SELBY ROLLINSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a respected public servant, outstanding citizen, and hero to his community, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Samuel Milton Selby Rollinson. Sadly, Lt. Col. Rollinson passed away on Friday, September 22, 2017. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Fort Benning Infantry Chapel at 2:00 p.m.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Samuel was born to Sam and Ruth Rollinson, as the

fourth of five sons. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, in 1982, he was commissioned as a ranger and later promoted to an infantry lieutenant, where he received his Airborne badge.

Following his retirement from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, Samuel served as a government civilian by becoming Fort Benning's first Protocol Officer. He then served as the Civilian Deputy Chief of Staff, and ultimately, the Deputy TRADOC Capability Manager for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team. His co-workers and fellow servicemen cherished his seasoned wisdom and passion for reveling in the beauties of life.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." Although his passing was tragic and before his time, Lt. Col. Rollinson proved to us all what it truly meant to be a hero. He left this world doing what he loved most—serving the people of Fort Benning and Columbus, Georgia. His impression on this earth extends beyond himself to the very wellbeing of his community, and for that he will be remembered for time to come.

For his outstanding selflessness to the Columbus community, he was awarded the Rotary Club Mary Reed Award. Beyond this achievement and the respect held for him by servicemen and civilians, he was an honorable human being who loved deeply and, in return, was deeply loved.

Lt. Col. Rollinson is survived by his mother, Ruth; wife of 32 years, Sarah; children, Sam, Michelle, and Zack; daughter-in-law, Katherine; brothers, Jon Martin, Matt and Jim; and a host of friends and those whose lives he has impacted.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, the nearly 730,000 people in Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, and all Americans, in extending our sincerest appreciation to Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Milton Selby Rollinson, for his dedicated service to our nation and to his community. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Lieutenant Colonel Rollinson's family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, October 10th through October 12th, I was absent due to activities in my District related to wildfires and was unable to cast my vote for Roll Calls 558 through 568. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call No. 558 YES—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office;

Roll Call No. 559 YES—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 New Chardon Street Lobby in Boston, Massachusetts, as the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office;

Roll Call No. 560 NAY—On Ordering the Previous Question;

Roll Call No. 561 NAY—Providing for consideration of S. 585, the Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017; providing for proceedings during the period from October 16, 2017, through October 20, 2017; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules;

Roll Call No. 562 YES—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office;

Roll Call No. 563 YES—FITARA Enhancement Act of 2017;

Roll Call No. 564 YES—On Motion to Instruct Conferees;

Roll Call No. 565 YES—On Closing Portions of the Conference;

Roll Call No. 566 YES—Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2266, with an amendment;

Roll Call No. 567 YES—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; and

Roll Call No. 568 YES—Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 569, 570, and 571 on Monday, October 23, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 569 and 570, and Nay on Roll Call vote 571.

HONORING CAMERON GARRETT BRIZENDINE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron Garrett Brizendine. Cameron 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 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron 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, Cameron has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cameron refurbished signs at the entrance and in the parking lot of Our Lady of Mercy in Liberty, Missouri.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 FAIRFAX COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Volunteer Fairfax and express my sincere appreciation to recipients of the 25th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Established more than 40 years ago, Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of thousands of volunteers with the needs of local non-profit organizations. The success of this model and its impact on delivery of needed services is beyond question; Volunteer Fairfax has been rated as one of the most effective community service organizations in the nation.

Last year alone, over 15,000 individuals volunteered directly through Volunteer Fairfax; an additional 1,700 employees volunteered through their employer's BusinessLink program and the value of volunteer services provided exceeded \$4.5 million.

Each year, Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations to receive special recognition. It is my great pleasure to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2017 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards honorees:

Community Champions:
 Braddock District: David Curtis
 Dranesville District: Penny Halpern
 Hunter Mill District: Raul and Maria Garza-Chapa
 Lee District: Michel Margosis
 Mason District: Gail Coleman
 Mount Vernon District: Whitney Minnich
 Providence District: Friends of Oakton Library
 Springfield District: John Pellegrin
 Sully District: Karrie Delaney
 At-Large: John K. Wood
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over: Gary Pan
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under: Kate Walter
 Adult Volunteer Group: Friends of Huntley Meadows
 Corporate Volunteer Program: Deloitte LLP
 Fairfax County Volunteer: Karla Jamir
 Fairfax County Volunteer Program: CERT
 Family Volunteer: Young Family
 Integrate Individual: Carolina Calderon
 Lifetime Achievement: Marie Monsen

Rising Star: Shannon Dart
 RSVP Northern Virginia: Denise Mackey-Smith

Senior Volunteer: Bard Jackson
 Volunteer Program: Wolf Trap First Time Campers Program

Youth Volunteer: Emma Houston
 Youth Volunteer Group: Stony Brook Jr. Volunteers

In addition, Benchmark Honors will be awarded in four different categories to commend those who have contributed 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service. I congratulate the recipients of the 2017 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards and thank them and the thousands of other local volunteers for their incredible contributions to our community. Their selfless dedication is worthy of our highest praise and is one of the main reasons that our community is often ranked as one of the best places in the country to work, and raise a family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, due to extenuating circumstances, my flight did not arrive on time and I was unable to make votes on October 23, 2017.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 569, YEA on Roll Call No. 570, and YEA on Roll Call No. 571.

HONORING ISAAC DAVID CONNER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Isaac David Conner. Isaac 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 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Isaac has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Isaac 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, Isaac has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 569, YEA on Roll Call No. 570, and NAY on Roll Call No. 571.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 LORDS AND LADIES FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a truly exceptional group of men and women who are being recognized as the 2017 Lords and Ladies Fairfax. Every year, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other exceptional contributions to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, approximately 600 individuals have earned the honor of being named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by his or her representative on the Board of Supervisors.

This year, the recipients of the Lord and Lady Fairfax awards will be recognized at the celebration of the 275th anniversary of Fairfax County. We are especially honored to welcome Lord Nicholas Fairfax, 14th Lord Fairfax of Cameron and his wife Lady Annabel Fairfax who have traveled from the United Kingdom to join in this celebration. Lord Nicholas shares a common lineage with Lord Thomas Fairfax, 6th Lord Fairfax of Cameron after whom Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax are named and who lived much of his life in Virginia.

The Lord and Lady Fairfax awards recognize those individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments of the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and are worthy of our praise and sincere appreciation.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2017 Lords and Ladies Fairfax:

At-Large: Lady Jane Miscavage and Lord John J. "Jeff" Lisanick
 Braddock District: Lady Mary Drake Cortina and Lord Kevin Morse
 Dranesville District: Lady Sally Horn and Lord Gary George Pan
 Hunter Mill District: Lady Therese Martin and Lord Jerry Poje
 Lee District: Lady Michelle Duell and Lord Richard J. Knapp
 Mason District: Lady Rose Chu and Lord Daniel H. Aminoff
 Mount Vernon District: Lady Mattie Lewis Palmore and Lord Dale S. Rumberger
 Providence District: Lady Sue Kovach Shuman and Lord Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner
 Springfield District: Lady Nancy-jo Manney and Lord Michael W. Thompson, Jr.

Sully District: Lady Trudy Harsh and Lord Michael R. Frey

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the 2017 Lords and Ladies Fairfax and in expressing our gratitude to these men and women who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of our community. Their efforts provide immeasurable benefits to Fairfax County and its residents, and are truly worthy of our highest praise.

HONORING MASON THOMAS LEWIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mason Thomas Lewis. Mason 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 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mason has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mason 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, Mason has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Mason rebuilt and stained a bridge at Immacolata Manor in Liberty, Missouri.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote yesterday on the passage of H.R. 3551, the C-TPAT Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Roll Call No. 569), I would have voted "aye." This legislation would reauthorize a program at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that encourages cargo importers, carriers, and other entities involved in international trade to cooperate with CBP to strengthen global supply chain security.

Had I been present for the vote on the passage of S. 504, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Cards Act of 2017 (Roll Call No. 570), I would have voted "aye." This bill would permanently authorize CBP's ability to issue travel cards that provide U.S. business leaders and government officials with short-term entry to APEC countries.

Had I been present for the vote on approving the Journal (Roll Call No. 571), I also would have voted "aye."

CELEBRATING THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF REV. JONATHAN L. WEAVER AS PASTOR OF THE GREATER MT. NEBO AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rev. Jonathan Leslie Weaver on his thirtieth pastoral anniversary with the Greater Mt. Nebo African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bowie, Maryland. Throughout the past three decades, Rev. Weaver has been ministering to a growing community of worshippers in Bowie and the greater Washington metro area. I've been honored to know him, to call him a friend, and to work closely with him to strengthen our communities in Maryland's Fifth District.

Since 1988, Rev. Weaver has overseen both the expansion of his church and a plethora of charitable endeavors through more than fifty ministries serving its members and the wider community. These have included programs to prevent domestic violence, to empower families through economic literacy, and to combat hunger. Under his guidance, Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church members have participated in Christmas in April, Tools for School, and other social service projects. Rev. Weaver has also carried his ministry across the ocean, visiting Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Benin to engage in mission projects there for more than a quarter century.

As National President of the Collective Empowerment Group, Rev. Weaver has helped build a network of churches across seven states and the District of Columbia that host financial literacy seminars, educational programs, health care screenings, and homeownership clinics. The Collective Empowerment Group also partners with banks and local businesses to facilitate wider access to economic opportunities for those living in their communities. I have participated in a number of Collective Empowerment Group programs, and I can attest to the wonderful work the organization performs to help families reach for the American Dream.

Rev. Weaver holds degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri; St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland; and Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. When he arrived at Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E., the church had 100 members; today, he has overseen its growth to more than 1,600 members. It is a testament to his vision, his inspiration, and his faith. Rev. Weaver also has overseen the construction of the community's present church building as well as its Christian Academy school and Family Life and Wellness Intergenerational Center assisted-living facility.

I hope all my colleagues will join me in congratulating Rev. Weaver and his wife, Pamela Lynn Weaver—who have two daughters and four grandchildren—on reaching this milestone. I thank them both for their work and spiritual guidance to so many in Maryland's Fifth District and for their friendship over the years.

HONORING LUCIANO VARELA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Luciano "Lucky" Varela, a hard-working New Mexican who fought for New Mexico families in the state Legislature. Luciano represented Santa Fe in the New Mexico House of Representatives from 1987 to 2016.

Rep. Varela was known for his expertise in government finance and his unwavering support for the employees who deliver services to New Mexicans. He always treated constituents with the utmost dignity and worked for New Mexico families.

Prior to serving in the New Mexico House of Representatives, he was the Director of the State Personnel Office, Chairman of the Board of the Public Employee's Retirement Association, and served on the House Appropriations Committee, in addition to the Legislative Finance Committee.

Rep. Varela was an advocate for fair wages and policies to support low-income families in New Mexico. In 1998, he sponsored legislation to expand the low-income comprehensive tax rebate.

Years later, in 2007, he sponsored a bill for public employee salary increases, which would increase the salaries of public employees including police officers, teachers, and higher education employees.

I will always remember Lucky as someone who was tough and transparent, but always fair. New Mexicans know that he worked hard to provide support for working families. He devoted his career to public service, for which, we are all grateful.

HONORING ZACHARY SCOTT LINARD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Scott Linard. Zachary 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 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary 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, Zachary has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

RECOGNIZING ROBERT Q. KREIDER

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize President Robert Kreider and his over 20 years of dedication to Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health. President Kreider has been a successful and honorable servant for Devereux in a variety of capacities since joining the company in the mid 90's; first as a consultant and eventually rising to become its President and Chief Executive Officer in 2004. Over this time, Mr. Kreider has worked selflessly to expand the business in a manner consistent with its mission—changing lives by unlocking and nurturing human potential for people living with emotional, behavioral or cognitive differences.

Under his leadership, Devereux survived the most serious economic recession since the Great Depression, experienced \$310 million growth in annual revenue, and has increasingly become a nationally influential company. The work its employees do impact the lives of countless individuals across the United States and I commend President Kreider for positioning the company in a place where they can do the most good.

Mr. Kreider has always been dedicated to both the field and to the employees who advance it. He even facilitates the learning of others through lectures he presents at health care institutes like the National Health Lawyers Association and the Leonard Davis Institute of the University of Pennsylvania.

The United States remains a hot bed for innovation and progress through the hard work and dedication of individuals like Robert Kreider. I thank him for his years of service and wish him well in his next endeavor.

RECOGNIZING THE AWARD RECIPIENTS OF THE 2017 CENTREVILLE IMMIGRATION FORUM ANNUAL DINNER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Centreville Immigration Forum on the occasion of its 3rd Annual Dinner. The theme of this year's gala is "Celebrating Our Global Community" and will recognize the rich diversity of cultures in Northern Virginia.

Northern Virginia is blessed by its diversity. In Fairfax County, nearly 1 in 4 residents is foreign born. More than 100 languages are spoken in our schools, and we are home to more minority-owned technology firms than anywhere else in the nation. Our variety of cultures and heritages do not divide us; they make us stronger.

Three exceptional individuals will be honored during this gala who have gone above and beyond in ensuring that everyone, regardless of their country of origin, has full access to the benefits and opportunities this community and our nation provide. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the following 2017 Annual Dinner honorees:

Ms. Diana Katz—Ms. Katz is a co-founder of the Giving Circle of Hope which provides grants to area non-profits with budgets below \$2 million. She also co-founded NoVIE, a member driven, CEO-level forum that brings together ideas, knowledge and support to benefit the health and viability of social good organizations. She was the driving force behind the NV Rides program that provides transportation for the elderly, and has recently co-founded the Latino Engagement and Achievement Fund under the umbrella of the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia. The Latino Engagement and Achievement Fund will be awarding its first grant this year.

Mr. Mukit Hossain (posthumously)—Mr. Hossain was a telecommunications executive in northern Virginia who became a grass-roots activist following the September 11 terrorist attacks. He was instrumental in encouraging fellow Muslims to become more politically engaged through his role as president of the Virginia Muslim Political Action Committee. In 2006, he joined with Jewish leaders to push successfully for a Virginia state law that made it illegal to falsely label kosher and halal foods. He started Food Source, an organization to feed the homeless in Fairfax, and used his organizing skills on behalf of undocumented workers—particularly as immigration became a defining political issue in Prince William and Loudoun counties. Prior to his sudden death in 2010 he was named Herndon Citizen of the Year and recognized for his community efforts in a joint resolution from the Virginia General Assembly.

Mr. Kofi Dennis—A Master Teaching Artist with Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning through Arts since 1998, Mr. Dennis has shared his skills in drumming and story-telling with children and adults of all ages. He provides Arts integrated classroom residencies and professional development workshops in music and creative drama for early childhood educators locally, nationally and internationally. He has also brought drumming and story-telling to juveniles and prisoners in area jails. This past summer, he was part of a team of Wolf Trap master teaching artists and administrators who spent three weeks in Singapore. In collaboration with the National Arts Council and Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA), this team led programs to train, facilitate workshops, and conduct STEM residencies in arts integration for teachers, administrators and artists.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of these individuals are noteworthy not only because they are rooted in an appreciation for our region's cultural and ethnic diversity, but also because they help to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation in our community. I congratulate them on their awards and ask my colleagues to join me in commending them for their service to the Northern Virginia region.

HONORING JEREMIAH JOSEPH MORGAN, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeremiah Joseph Morgan, Jr. Jeremiah 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.

Jeremiah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeremiah 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, Jeremiah has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jeremiah built a maintenance shed that houses lawn-care and other equipment that will be used to help maintain the grounds of the Eight Witches Monument in Liberty, Missouri.

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

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF RONALD A. RUSSO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Ronald A. Russo, a dedicated father, husband, brother, and grandpa who passed away on Friday, October 20, 2017.

Ron was born on June 16, 1953, in Youngstown, Ohio to Rocco and Anna (Sikusha) Russo. He graduated from Chaney High School in 1971 and worked for the Youngstown Fire Department for the past 37 years. He was currently serving as Battalion Chief. Prior to becoming a chief, he spent the majority of his career on Squad 33. Ron earned several lifesaving valor and crew awards during his career, and he was always willing to help anyone in need. He was a member of I.A.F.F., O.A.P.F.F., and Y.P.F.F. Local No. 312. He especially enjoyed working with his father and former Youngstown Fire Chief Rocco Russo, and his twin brother, retired Youngstown Fire Department Battalion Chief Rich Russo.

Outside of work, Ron spent a great deal of time watching his son coach hockey. As soon as Ron found out he was going to be a grandfather, he put a swimming pool in his backyard. He had devoted the last eight years of his life to his grandchildren. Everything from family vacations, crabbing on the beach, teaching them to cook, and that every animal says "moo." He also enjoyed cooking and hosting family gatherings with his loving wife Joann. Their home was always open to everyone. The family motto was "La Familia E'Tutto," family is everything.

He will always be remembered lovingly by his wife, the former Joann Booher, whom he married Dec. 31, 2004; four children, Rocco Russo (Melissa Singleton), Margaret (Michael) DeNiro, Marie (Jared) Rupert, and Melissa Russo; two stepchildren, Tristan (Kolt) Codner, and Justine (Corey) Keller; twin brother, Richard (Janet) Russo; brother Robert (Debbie) Russo; seven grandchildren, Gavin and Logan Rupert, Dominic, Carmen, Julianna DeNiro, Gianna Russo, and Andrew Codner; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ron's life will be celebrated on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Rossi Brothers and Lellio Funeral Home in Boardman, Ohio, followed by a funeral service at the Poland United Methodist Church, where he was a member. Ron will be greatly missed both by the community and his family. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT T. SCOTT
OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGIATE
INSTITUTE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mr. Robert T. Scott of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. Throughout his 47 year career at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Mr. Scott has served in numerous roles. He joined the faculty as a Religion and History Teacher in 1971, served as Vice Principal for Student Affairs for twenty years before becoming Principal, and—since 2004—has been the school's first lay President.

In each role, Mr. Scott's countless contributions and genuine care for the St. Joe's community impacted thousands of young men and their families. He is present every day, all day, and is simply an institution who has personally guided our school's mission for decades. His tireless fundraising efforts remain focused on student financial aid to ensure that a St. Joe's education is affordable and accessible.

Since the beginning of his tenure, Mr. Scott has lived the Lasallian Mission in the footsteps of the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. John Baptist de La Salle. He has completed the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies, the Lasallian Leadership Institute, and held numerous leadership positions throughout the Christian Brothers network in the United States. As a testament to his life of service, he became an Affiliated Member of the Brothers in June 2001—the order's high honor.

In 2009, his leadership of the school's capital campaign, entitled *Pride in our Past . . . Faith in our Future*, generated more than \$13 million to construct a state-of-the-art Science Facility, a modern Athletic Complex, and a new residence for the Christian Brothers. After an overwhelming response to the campaign, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the athletic complex in Mr. Scott's honor.

With his constant support and encouragement, notable innovations in both curriculum and physical space have taken place. Recently, the library was converted into a digital learning space and course offerings in the STEM fields continue to increase. Currently, an acquired building adjacent to campus is being converted into an Innovation Center.

His greatest influence, however, has been on the young men who passed through the halls. During the last four decades, St. Joe's students' lives have been deeply influenced, shaped, and cared for by Mr. Scott.

After attending Catholic grammar and high school in Western New York, Mr. Scott received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. He began graduate studies in Hebrew and the Old Testament at the University of Dayton before serving for two years in United States

Army. He finished his Master's Degree in Religious Studies at Canisius College in 1975.

Today, Mr. Scott serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse and the Elmwood Franklin School in Buffalo. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. St. Mary Academy, Holy Angels Academy, and the Nativity Miguel School.

Mr. Scott has been married to his wife, Michelle, for 49 years. He is the proud parent of Jason and Tracy, and grandparent of Tracy's children, Noah and Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, I honor and recognize Mr. Scott for his selfless service to the young men of St. Joe's and the community of Western New York.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 LITERACY
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA—
PRINCE WILLIAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Incorporated, and their 26 years of service to the adult learners residing in the Greater Prince William Area.

Founded in June 1991, by beloved librarian, Dana M. Swanson, Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. is one of 1200 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations affiliated with ProLiteracy America, a nationwide organization dedicated to empowering, educating, and connecting adults through the establishment of a safer, stronger, and sustainable society.

Since its inception, Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. has served over 8500 adults and positively impacted the social and economic wellbeing of 35,000 family members. Last year, the organization served over 700 adult learners with the assistance of more than 220 trained volunteer tutors. Community volunteers are trained to become tutors and are matched based on the needs of adults seeking to improve their literacy or English language skills. Provided services include small and large classroom tutoring, one-on-one tutoring, pre-GED and GED classes, basic literacy for English speakers and English as a second language learners, conversation classes, Naturalization test preparation, and job readiness training.

Each year, the dedicated staff reviews the progress of each student and asks tutors and students to provide feedback. This year, 93 percent of students have met a personal development goal. Feedback generally aligns with the organization's mission statement to teach adults the life-changing skills of reading, writing and speaking English that will enable them to confidently participate and prosper in society. I have the distinct pleasure of including in the RECORD the 2017 Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR: NORIS QUINTANILLA

Born and raised in El Salvador, Noris has lived in the United States of America for the past 17 years and is a U.S. citizen. In 2012, Noris obtained her GED certificate and sought the assistance of Literacy Volunteers of Amer-

ica—Prince William to further her education and transition into a career in office administration. Today, Noris volunteers at Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. where she never misses the opportunity to learn something new. Her commitment to instruction and volunteerism has helped Noris hone her language skills, build her confidence, and inspire her peers.

TUTOR OF THE YEAR: AMY FEINBERG

Amy has volunteered with Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. for the past six years where she has tutored in both classroom and individual settings. Over the past year, Amy has taught more than 100 students and provided more than 250 volunteer hours to the program. Amy inspires students with her kindness, patience, and compassion. As an active community volunteer, Amy takes great pride in helping others to succeed and in her role in building a stronger, more vibrant community.

TUTOR OF THE YEAR: ALISON PREVOST

Alison has served as a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. for the past 4 years. She has provided classroom tutoring to more than 100 students and has donated over 300 volunteer hours to adult literacy over the past year. Alison takes great pride in helping adults improve their literacy skills and become self-sufficient and active members of the community through Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. and other community-based organizations.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: PATTI J. BEATTIE

For the past 15 years, Patti has shared her time and service with Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. and its adult learners through multiple capacities as a volunteer tutor, dedicated member of the Board of Directors, tutor trainer, employee, and literacy advocate. In honor of her tireless efforts to our community, the Volunteer of the Year Award has been renamed in her honor. Patti is an active community volunteer, serving in multiple service organizations donating hundreds of hours each year to serve our local community. It is my honor to recognize Patti as the inaugural recipient of the Patti J. Beattie Volunteer of the Year Award recipient.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2017 Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Incorporated honorees and in thanking all students, tutors, volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff for their dedication, generosity, and commitment to adult literacy and its lasting impact on the Greater Prince William Area.

HONORING LUKE ANDREW MOYES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Luke Andrew Moyes. Luke 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 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

many years Luke 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, Luke has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. IRMA MITCHELL WORKS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere congratulations to Golden Soror Irma Mitchell Works of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for fifty years of service to this great sisterhood. A reception will be held in her honor on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus, Georgia.

A native of Pittsview, Alabama, Irma Jean Mitchell was born to the late Jessie and Bertha Williams, as the thirteenth of fourteen children. She was a product of the Russell County School System and graduated from Glenville High School. After graduation, she attended Alabama A&M College (University), where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Vocational Home Economics. It was here that she discovered her calling to become a member of one of the finest reflections of womanhood, and on April 22, 1967, she was initiated into the Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She also received masters degrees from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, and an Educational Specialist Certificate in Administration and Supervision from Troy State University.

Mrs. Works has been a member of Benevolent Grove Missionary Baptist Church for fifty-nine years and currently serves as a Sunday School teacher, an adult choir member, a mentor for women of all ages, and a sponsor for the church's mini clothing bank.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Irma has continued her service within the sorority and throughout the community by joining Gamma Tau Omega Chapter and serving on committees such as: AKA Connections, Fundraising, Budget, the Pink and Green Breakfast, and serving two-terms as the founding Vice President of SISTERS, Incorporated's Board of Directors, which is the foundation of Gamma Tau Omega Chapter. She also transitioned to the Advisory Board and is presently serving a second term on the Board of Directors. She has received numerous awards and commendations from Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated including 2000 Woman of Achievement; Women Helping Women; Outstanding Services to Youth; Finer Womanhood; Outstanding Community Service and Distinguished Woman; she also received recognition from the Muscogee Rotary Club; Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity;

Network for Professionals and Executives; National Education Association; Muscogee Education Association and Georgia Association of Educational Leaders among others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Mrs. Irma Mitchell Works, as she is honored for her fifty years of dedicated service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and her community.

HONORING LAWRENCE BACA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lawrence Baca, a local artist in Santa Fe, for his outstanding work. Lawrence is well known for his beautiful silver creations and his award winning jewelry. He pulls from historic and cultural roots when making the jewelry.

Born and raised in Santa Fe, Lawrence is inspired by the strong Native American and Hispanic cultures that run deep in our state. He celebrates long-lasting traditions and keeps history alive by creating jewelry that uses metals and stones that were once used by our ancestors in New Mexico.

Collectors and fans from all over the world travel to the Spanish Market in Santa Fe to buy jewelry from Lawrence and other local artists. In 2015, he was awarded the Master's Award for Lifetime Achievement at the Spanish Market and Museum of Spanish Colonial Art.

The Spanish Colonial art features authentic artistic traditions which can be traced back over 400 years. Skilled artists, like Lawrence, create breathtaking expressions of a living tradition, and many of them count their art as their only source of income.

My hope is that Lawrence will continue to use his talent to honor the Spanish and Native American history in New Mexico, and will inspire future artists to do the same.

HONORING JAMES STUBBERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Stubbers. James 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 10, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James 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, James has become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-o-Say. James has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. James designed, and co-ordinated the construction of two computer ta-

bles and a white board for the Valley Park Elementary School in Leawood, Kansas.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to make votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 569, YEA on Roll Call No. 570, and YEA on Roll Call No. 571.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Fairfax County Health Department. Through a century of continuous service the department has distinguished itself as a national leader and a model public health department working to protect, promote and improve the quality of life for all its residents.

The origins of the Fairfax County Health Department can be traced back to April 1917, when the county launched a campaign for better health in the very same week that the United States would enter World War I. When the first public health physician and his successor were sent off to war, it left only one public health nurse to provide services for the entire county. Shortly after war's end the staff consisted of a full time health officer, one full time sanitation officer, one full time nurse and a part-time clerk, with funding provided by the Virginia State Health Department, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the County Chapter of the Red Cross, the Tuberculosis Association, and donations from private citizens.

In the early years, the Health Department was primarily concerned with the spread of infectious diseases like diphtheria, smallpox, tuberculosis and typhoid fever. With better sanitation, education, and immunization practices, many of these threats began to wane and the department's services began to expand to accommodate the county's growing population.

With more facilities and staff, the department was able to offer maternal and child health clinics, home health care, speech and hearing, dental, and school health services. At the same time, a systematic program of environmental health was developed to include sewage disposal, protection of water supplies, fly and mosquito control, and general cleanliness of dwellings, tourist places and food establishments.

Due to its long history of financial and leadership support for public health, in 1995 Fairfax County sought and was granted the authority to operate its own health department by

an act of the Virginia General Assembly. Since that change in legislative authority more than 20 years ago, the Fairfax County Health Department has become more efficient, effective, and responsive.

Throughout its history, the Health Department has been a leader in the prevention and control of communicable diseases. During the polio epidemic of the 1950s, Fairfax County participated in the Salk vaccine trials and became the first county in the United States to provide polio vaccine to its grade school children. In 1960s, it was the first department in the nation to participate in a mass measles vaccination trial program. And in 1989, when there was an outbreak of Ebola virus in monkeys at a laboratory in Reston, Virginia—an event dramatized in Richard Preston's book "The Hot Zone"—Fairfax County Health Department was once again on the front lines of an emerging disease threat.

While the emphasis on communicable disease control and prevention has not changed, the Health Department has dedicated more of its resources to population-based health services that address disparities within its increasingly diverse community. The Health Department's Adult Day Health Care, Community Health Care Network, Skin Deep Tattoo Removal Program, HIV case management program, and Homeless Health Care program have been a model for other departments in Virginia and around the country. Research on newer and better methods of onsite sewage disposal have often originated in Fairfax County. The department's laboratory is the largest local public health laboratory in the Commonwealth, performing more than 200,000 scientific tests annually.

Since the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001, the Health Department has assumed a first responder role with significant responsibility for a wide range of disaster planning and response activities. In response to lessons learned from the anthrax crisis, the Health Department organized a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit, a cadre of trained volunteers, to augment surge capacity during public health emergencies. In the years since, the Health Department has activated its Incident Management Team and the MRC in response to natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes, H1N1 influenza pandemic, Ebola virus, Zika virus and other outbreak investigations.

The Fairfax County Health Department has achieved and sustained a well-earned reputation for excellence due in part to the dedication and compassion of its well-trained workforce, the quality and innovation of its programs and services, and the commitment of its leadership to continuous quality improvement. That commitment was demonstrated again in 2016 when the department achieved national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Fairfax County Health Department for a century of protecting, promoting and improving the health and quality of life for all in Fairfax County. Their selfless efforts, made on behalf of all citizens of our community are truly worthy of our highest praise.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PEDRO RAMÍREZ DAVIS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you on this day to recognize Mr. Pedro Ramirez Davis for his dedication to organized labor and the progressive political community in Tucson, Arizona and Pima County. Regrettably, he passed away on October 9, 2017 after dedicating over forty years of service to his fellow man. He was a life-long member of the Laborers' International Union Local No. 479 and the Teamsters local in Tucson.

Pedro R. Davis exemplified the highest ideals of the labor movement. He worked ardently to further the common goals of the working man to earn better wages, safer working conditions, the right to collective bargaining and the ability to call for a strike when the circumstances warranted it. He fought for benefits and financial aid for workers who were injured or retired.

Pedro understood the importance of union organizing as a way of empowering people and changing lives. He understood the need to be proactive in advocating policies and legislation to bring about necessary change. He was a true supporter of the Democratic Party because he believed it championed the interest of the working class. He supported local leaders and candidates he believed advocated for the struggles of the lower and middle classes. He worked tirelessly for those candidates, going door-to-door, encouraging folks to join the cause, putting up signs, collecting signatures, attending rallies and pitching in wherever help was needed.

Pedro was born in Nogales, Sonora Mexico in 1928. His parents struggled hard to support their family of twelve children. At an early age, Pedro learned the value of hard work when he had to do his part to help provide for his younger siblings. He would often share stories of his family all huddled around a single kerosene burner and a wood-burning stove trying to keep out the chill of the frigid winters in their hillside Nogales home. In his household, there were times when there was not enough food, blankets and warm beds.

His father's work often took him away from home and that would leave Pedro and his brother Samuel to step up, as the men of the house, to provide for the family in their fathers absence. This, no doubt, contributed to Pedro's kind and generous nature throughout his life. On one occasion, a fine gentleman wrote a letter to the editor about a Good Samaritan, who carried him across a flooded street refused to provide his name and rejected any monetary compensation for the rescue. The Good Samaritan was Pedro.

At the age of 18, along with his peers, Pedro was drafted into military service. After completing his duty, like his father and grandfather before him, he worked as a carpenter. He moved to California to work for some time and upon his return to Nogales he met Enedina Luque. He fell in love with Enedina, and married her soon thereafter. They moved to Tucson in 1950 and Pedro began working in construction.

Throughout the years, his construction job led him to work on many of the major indus-

trial projects that transformed Tucson including the missile silos and copper mines in the surrounding the area. He joined Tucson's Local No. 479 of the International Laborers' Union and the local Teamsters' Union in their formative years and remained actively involved in their collective bargaining efforts throughout his working life.

He took part in strikes against unfair labor practices when it became necessary, which was always a difficult thing, since he was unable to collect a wage for his family during those walkouts. Enedina always supported his decisions because they both saw it as a way for construction workers to obtain decent wages, health benefits, safe working conditions and retirement pensions. Pedro stood firm and worked extremely hard to make change possible for labor workers. His efforts were recognized by the leaders he worked to get elected which includes successful candidates such as: President Bill Clinton, Congressman Ed Pastor and myself, among others. Pedro would often receive invitations to dinners and other special events, to the surprise of many, including his family. Those were proud moments for him, indeed.

Pedro and Enedina raised six children and he always impressed upon them the value of an education. He felt that an education was the best job security anyone could hope to have. Even though he only had a sixth-grade education himself, Pedro was a learned man, always reading newspapers and magazines in both English and Spanish. He could engage in informed discussions on current events around the world. He knew about world leaders as well as his local representatives and had a profound interest in politics at home and abroad. Pedro and Enedina voted without fail as soon as they became naturalized United States citizens. He also instilled in his children and grandchildren the importance of registering to vote and engaged them in discussions on the important issues of the day.

In the early 80's, Pedro was asked to assist in the remodeling of an office building that had been made available to a candidate as the campaign headquarters. He was so inspired by the candidate that soon afterwards, he was out collecting signatures and walking door-to-door registering people to vote. He campaigned tirelessly for human rights and for candidates he respected. Pedro's car was always full of campaign signs and handouts. He eagerly shared his campaign experiences with his family. Pedro loved his country of origin, but he was proud to be an American. He loved and respected what this country stood for and wanted to make it better for the present and future generations.

When Enedina passed away in 2007, Pedro seemed to have lost a skip in his step. He found comfort by staying active in the political sphere and through his love for guitar. He was a self-taught guitarist and amassed a collection of Mexican classic songbooks. After retiring from construction, Pedro kept himself busy working as a school crossing guard for the Tucson Unified School District, which is a job that he took very seriously. The safety of the schoolchildren made him happy and he always had a supply of Jolly Ranchers to pass out to them. One of his greatest joys came when he received a large bundle of handmade birthday cards from the kids at Safford Primary School. The students at the school made him feel proud and happy.

After retiring as a crossing guard, Pedro could dedicate more time to his first love, the guitar. He would travel across town to meet with his friends in the guitar group. Together, they would polish their versions of the classic Mexican love ballads, even as he modestly repeated that he was not learning anything new.

I close by saying that Pedro Ramirez Davis was a hard-working and decent man from very humble origins. Pedro, like so many immigrants, came to this country to work hard and build upon the character and values of our nation. He did so with pride and purpose. He lived a life worthy of recognition, honor and respect. His lifetime of involvement on behalf of the working people and the less fortunate in his community has not gone unnoticed. Pedro Ramirez Davis will be sorely missed.

HONORING TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Truman State University on their 150th Anniversary. Since 1867, this fine institution of higher learning has been producing quality graduates who greatly enrich our society with the knowledge and values that have been instilled in them.

Founded on September 2, 1867, in Kirksville, Missouri, by Joseph Baldwin, the school was originally known as the North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College and existed to train teachers to serve in public schools. It received several name and mission changes over the years and today, it is known as Truman State University. Building on a tradition of academic excellence, Truman State became the state's only public liberal arts and sciences university in 1985 at the direction of the Missouri Legislature. The recipient of multiple national accolades, the school continues to successfully embody their mission of providing affordable education to exemplary students. Highly selective in the students they accept, Truman State University boasts both the highest retention rate of freshman to sophomore students among public universities in Missouri and the highest public university graduation rate in the state.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the rich 150 year history of Truman State University. This elite public, liberal arts university in rural Northeast Missouri has educated generations of students who have made an exemplary impact both at home and abroad. I commend President Dr. Sue Thomas and the faculty and staff—past, present and future—for their commitment to providing the next generation with a quality education. I am extremely honored to represent this fine institution in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARNOLD PARK

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Army veteran, community

leader, and my constituent, Arnold Park of Streator, Illinois.

Mr. Park served his country for two years in Germany before returning home to Streator to run the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Agency for the next thirty-five years. In this capacity, he was a trusted community member and able to provide peace of mind to thousands of my constituents. He also served his community as a member and President of the Streator School Board and as a council officer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

His dedication to his community and his neighbors continued throughout his life, with Mr. Park most recently dedicating his time and efforts to the Ramp Builders for St. Paul, an organization he founded which constructs and installs wheelchair ramps to help individuals with handicaps and senior citizens access their homes. The Ramp Builders have built hundreds of ramps since 1987 and it now serves people in nearby communities such as Ottawa, Marseilles, and Seneca.

Without question, Arnold Park positively impacted not only his family and loved ones, but also the entire Streator community. His commitment to his profession, his family, his community, and his faith should serve as an example to all of us.

Sadly, Mr. Park passed away on October 9, 2017. I offer my condolences to his widow, children, and grandchildren. Each of them should know how grateful his community and his country are for all he achieved during his life. It is truly an honor to represent an area of Illinois in which people like Arnold Park are making a difference in others' lives each and every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE OF THE BAY ORAL SURGERY & IMPLANT CENTER AND ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS-BAYCARE CLINIC

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteer service of the Bay Oral Surgery & Implant Center and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons-BayCare Clinic. Since September 2014, these two groups have taken turns each week volunteering their professional services at the N.E.W. Community Clinic, a federally qualified health center in northeastern Wisconsin.

Over the last three years, these groups have provided expert care on a volunteer basis to over 1,200 patients and completed more than 3,300 surgical procedures. The patients these oral surgeons continue to serve are among the most vulnerable members of society, including those who are disabled, in wheelchairs, are cognitively delayed, have Alzheimer's or other severe forms of mental illness.

Without this volunteer service at the N.E.W. Community Clinic, many of these patients would not have access to the necessary oral procedures they need and deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the humanitarian work of the Bay Oral Surgery & Implant

Center and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons-BayCare Clinic, and thank them for their ongoing commitment to serving those in need across northeastern Wisconsin.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY'S HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

HON. DAVE BRAT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. BRAT. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the centennial of Chesterfield County's historic courthouse. This building is a point of pride for the county of Chesterfield and is an official Historic Landmark for Chesterfield and the commonwealth of Virginia.

The Chesterfield Courthouse sits where the original 1749 colonial courthouse once stood. It took only a mere eight months to build the 1917 Courthouse and began hearing cases shortly after construction. The bell from the 1749 Colonial courthouse has been carefully preserved and is the oldest historic artifact in Chesterfield County. It currently stands on display at the Chesterfield County Museum. The bell is, in fact, three years older than the great Liberty Bell.

The Courthouse is more than a well-preserved Landmark, it is a symbol of our great history. When it was built in 1917, it was one of the first preservation struggles in our nation. It was the place where WWI draftees camped out as they waited to ship out to training camps. It has and will continue to represent the critical third branch of government where it still hears cases to this day, 100 years later.

A centennial anniversary is a great accomplishment and is worth recognition and appreciation. It is necessary for our culture and history to be preserved and remembered; whether that be in the abstract of our ideals and principles, or in the physical; such as the Chesterfield Courthouse. Behind the physical buildings is where our principles and values lie. For this reason, I want to recognize the 100 year anniversary of the historic courthouse in Chesterfield, Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN T. FARINELLA

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me as I pay tribute to the recipient of the 2017 New Jersey Principal of the Year Award, Mr. John T. Farinella of Rahway High School.

Mr. Farinella is a lifelong South Plainfield resident and a graduate of South Plainfield High School. After high school, he went on to earn a dual bachelor's degree in economics and mathematics from Pennsylvania State University. He later received his Master's in Education Administration and Supervision from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey, followed by his Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University's School of Law. Mr. Farinella has worked in the New Jersey public school system for more than 20 years, and he has

served the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA) as a member of its Council, Legislative Committee, and Constitution Review Committee.

During his time as Principal of Rahway High School, Mr. Farinella has coordinated two key programs that have dramatically helped the students of Rahway High School: the Freshman Transition Program and the Rutgers Future Scholars Program. The Freshman Transition Program provides a support system for Rahway High School's incoming freshmen as they acclimate to the differences between middle school and high school. It helps them begin to plan their lives beyond high school. The Rutgers Future Scholars program recognizes and mentors eighth grade students whose parents have not graduated from college. Fifteen students who perform to the satisfaction of Rahway High School and the Rutgers Future Scholars Program are invited each year, free of charge, to attend Rutgers University.

Mr. Farinella and his staff have dedicated much of their time and effort over the past six years to creating a more comprehensive and complete learning environment for the children of Rahway High School. Through his work at Rahway High School, Mr. Farinella has shown students the value of a college degree and created a college-going mentality throughout his school. Mr. Farinella has shown passion through his leadership and vision for Rahway High School. The Tenth District of New Jersey is proud and honored to have Mr. John T. Farinella investing in the futures of the students of Rahway High School.

RECOGNIZING BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN P. BULLARD FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, we rise to recognize the distinguished military service and retirement of Brigadier General Steven P. Bullard of the United States Air Force and the Kentucky Air National Guard. General Bullard was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force and earned his wings as a navigator in the C-130 Hercules aircraft in 1985. Since that time, General Bullard quickly rose to vital leadership positions including: Chief of Staff of the Kentucky Air National Guard; Deputy Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Kentucky National Guard; and a member of the Joint Air Component Coordination Element (JACCE) staff for the Commander, 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Over his many years of service, General Bullard worked hard to establish meaningful and trustworthy relationships with Members of Congress to effectively communicate the policies and concerns of the Kentucky Adjutant Generals Office. Through his leadership, General Bullard helped improve the lives of U.S. service members and strengthened the national security of the United States of America. We honor his military service and sacrifice that have led to the betterment of our nation.

HONORING 1 OCTOBER FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the on-call and off-duty first responders whose training, instincts, and valor saved lives and prevented further tragedy on October 1st in Las Vegas.

Southern Nevada's police, firefighters, and medical professionals rushed into gunfire, suppressed an active shooter, and prepared the community for its recovery. As bullets rained down and innocent victims lay in need of assistance, crews from Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Clark County entered a situation without hesitation, despite knowing few details about the scope of the attack. Off-duty officials who attended the concert went from enjoying a night of music to selflessly acting under fire.

Amid the report of firearms, the whiz of bullets, and the screams of horror, first responders risked their lives to shield the helpless, provide medical assistance, and secure an area that was the target of an unspeakable event.

Their service did not stop after the shooting. Many went home for a few minutes to change their blood-soaked clothes and hug their family members. Then they returned to a grieving community. Not all of Las Vegas' heroes were lucky enough to go back to their families. Some, like Las Vegas Metro Police Officer Charles Hartfield, lost their lives. Others left the scene with gunshot wounds and various injuries. They were all Nevada's Guardian Angels that night. Those heroes and their family members cannot be thanked enough for their service and sacrifices.

Likewise, our ambulance services, American Medical Response and Community Ambulance, not only assisted the injured on the scene but rapidly transported hundreds to local hospitals. Our two trauma centers, designed to accommodate a fraction of the patients they received in the hours after the shooting, were able to treat a nonstop flow of victims. Our charities immediately set up blood drives and other donation centers to meet the needs of victims. On their own accord, good Samaritans opened their car doors to fleeing concertgoers, turned their belts into tourniquets, and imparted countless acts of kindness in the hours and days following the tragedy.

Through it all we were guided by the leadership of LVMPD Sheriff Joe Lombardo, LVMPD Undersheriff Kevin McMahon, Clark County Fire Chief Greg Cassell, University Medical Center CEO Mason VanHouweling, Sunrise Hospital CEO Todd Sklamberg, and Special Agent Aaron Rouse of the Las Vegas FBI.

These were among the first Nevadans to take action on October 1st. They have had sleepless nights, skipped meals, and borne the weight of the world on their shoulders. Thanks to their guidance and sacrifice, the community has been able to mourn and recuperate in peace. On behalf of Nevada's First Congressional District, I want to thank these leaders and all the local heroes who jeopardized their own lives to make sure that so many in Southern Nevada would be able to face a new day.

They made Las Vegas Strong.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded because I was absent due to travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 569, YEA on Roll Call No. 570, and NAY on Roll Call No. 571.

RECOGNIZING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF EMERALD COAST CRIME STOPPERS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the twentieth anniversary of the Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers. This organization is celebrating 20 years of partnering with the community and local law enforcement.

Twenty years ago, a small group of community leaders and citizens attended and formed the nonprofit organization known as Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers.

Launched in 1997, the concept has developed into a combination of efforts by local media, businesses, civic and social clubs, law enforcement agencies, and the public. Donations of airtime, newspaper space, and reward monies have established Crime Stoppers as an effective tool to fight crime in our area. Crime Stoppers provides a method for local law enforcement to receive information on crimes. These efforts increase tips, which in turn increase arrests in our community.

A unique quality of this organization is that it is not a branch of any law enforcement agency or local government, but is run by community members who graciously volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all who have served in any capacity with this very successful organization. The work that has been done by this group has proved to be invaluable to our communities.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers on their 20th Anniversary.

HONORING DONOVAN SMITH

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Donovan Smith, who is a young entrepreneur and philanthropist, who has made a positive impact in our community through his soap making business.

Donovan came to New Mexico in 2011 with his mother, Ms. Casey Smith, after falling upon hard times. Ms. Smith, a Navy veteran,

had lost her job, and was unable to find employment due to health problems. They were able to find a place to stay at the Henderson House in Albuquerque, which provides shelter for female veterans. After overcoming this experience, Donovan has dedicated himself to helping others.

In 2014, Donovan was able to learn soap-making from his mother as a part of his math and science education. At the age of 11 he started his bath product business at a local market held every weekend. He soon began selling online specialty soaps made from ingredients such as goat's milk and aloe vera. He generously donated a portion of his profits to help fight homelessness.

Donovan has also donated thousands of bars of soap to St. Martin's Hospitality Center, where the soap can be distributed to people in need. In light of his philanthropic work, TV personality Mike Rowe reached out to Donovan as part of his Facebook show, "Returning the Favor," and set him up with a storefront in Downtown Albuquerque to continue his business and charitable work.

In addition to his work to fight homelessness, Donovan has been a vocal advocate against child abuse in New Mexico. He received the McDonald's 365Black Community Choice Award, as well as the Good Samaritan Award by the City of Albuquerque.

Donovan's story is inspiring and proves that with determination, amazing things can be achieved. I look forward to seeing Donovan's success grow as well as his continued efforts to make a difference in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the annual Best of Braddock Awards. These awards are the result of collaboration between the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Supervisor and are presented to individuals and organizations whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of Braddock District. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community and tonight's event proves that Braddock District is one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia. That is due in no small part to the actions of those honored here this evening. I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees and commend them for their efforts on behalf of others and in making our community one of the best places in the country in which to live, work and raise a family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2017 Best of Braddock Award.

Katie Pope—This Annandale High School student has an impressive record of community service to a number of civic, church and charitable organizations.

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)—This organization takes responsibility for supporting all of the numerous upkeep activities necessary to maintain a 493 acre park.

Meghan Walker—The organizer and manager of all of the FLAP activities in support of the Park.

Kiley Foster—This energetic first grader (one of the youngest Honorees ever) has started on an exemplary path of community service through her contributions to her church, charitable organizations, and other service groups such as "Girls on the Run."

Irene Merrill—Nominated by the Briarwood Court Condo Association, Irene has continuously improved and produced the Association newsletter for over 10 years.

Jeremiah Bethea—This All-Conference, All-Regional, and All-State pole vault competitor also finds time outside of athletics to earn service awards from his neighborhood, write for the student newspaper, participate in student Government, and qualify for Math and Social Studies Honor Societies.

Suzanne Metz—This physical education teacher is the organizer of "Walk to School" and "Bike to School" days. She has also been instrumental working with the PTA to establish a summer camp.

Norene Gerstner—This avid gardener has served the Braddock District for 21 years as a volunteer working in and around the Kings Park Library. She has been a leader in conceptualizing and implementing the unique garden surrounding the library along with her "Gardening Friends of Kings Park Library" Group.

Morton Berger—The first posthumous honoree, he volunteered thousands of hours with VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) to memorialize through photograph numerous police activities for the Fairfax County Police Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2017 Best of Braddock honorees for their tremendous contributions to Fairfax County and Northern Virginia. I also wish to extend special recognition to George Klein, the chair of the Braddock District Council, for his work in organizing this event and for his tireless efforts on behalf of others in our community.

INTRODUCING RESOLUTION ON COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN ON OCTOBER 15, 2017

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, the world celebrated International Day of Rural Women and the invaluable contribution of women farmers.

To do our part in expressing solidarity, I rise to introduce this Resolution to commemorate this every important day.

According to the U.N., rural women make up over one-quarter of the total population and represent 43 percent of the agricultural workforce. They play a critical role in agricultural production, food security and economic stability.

Women serve as the bedrock of society. They feed the world's families. They feed our

neighbors, and our countrymen. They are important role models for younger generations. Unfortunately, despite this, they still face many societal and economic limitations both here and abroad.

This Resolution shines a light on women farmers and empowers them to succeed as entrepreneurs. It calls on the people of the U.S. and the world to recognize their critical contribution and to recommit to reducing these barriers and limitations.

I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING QUARRIER COOK

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Quarrier "Q" B. Cook who represented the best of our great state of New Mexico. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, a loyal friend to many, a philanthropist, and a dedicated advocate for the rights of women, and the environment.

Q was born in Wheeling, West Virginia to Nancy Fulton and Thomas Moffat Bloch on April 7, 1935. She graduated from the Wheeling Country Day School, the Ethel Walker School, and Vassar College where she earned a degree in political science that served her well through years of political activism. Q gained a passion for activism by observing her parents, who were involved in civic and public service.

Q began her philanthropic career as a board member of the Santa Fe Community Foundation. Not long after, she founded Santa Fe Style, a southwestern home furnishings boutique in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Q helped to run the business for 11 years as store purchaser.

During her time in Santa Fe, Q worked to support nonprofit groups, and cultural organizations, including the Santa Fe Community Foundation and the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival. Q joined the board of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival in 1987 and served as board president from 2002 to 2005.

Among their many successes, Q and her husband, Philip Cook, were granted the Santa Fe Community Foundation's Philanthropic Leadership Award in 2016.

Q married the love of her life, Philip Cook, in Santa Fe on March 11, 1991. They recently celebrated 25 years together, marked with joy and travel among family and friends.

On May 4, 2017, Q passed away at age 82. She was surrounded by family at her home in Santa Fe after a yearlong struggle with breast cancer. She was survived by her husband, Philip, and three children, Thomas McKittrick Jones, Nancy Jones Carter, and Clarke Fitzgerald Jones, as well as her seven grandchildren.

Q was truly a fighter of justice and we will all miss her dearly. I treasure all of the wonderful contributions she has made to our state. Her memory and legacy is a blessing to us all.

THE BICENTENNIAL BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 200th anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. The message from the Baha'i faith has been that of justice, unity, and peace. I am proud to join my Baha'i constituents in Kansas and those around the world to recognize the occasion of the Bicentennial Birth Anniversary of the Baha'i faith.

The Baha'i Faith first arrived in the U.S. over 120 years ago and now the Baha'is live not only in my state of Kansas, but in every state of our union. Wherever they may live, Baha'is champion the principles of their faith and strive to build a better world by being good citizens, serving their communities, as well as working side by side with others to promote the common good.

Our world would do well to follow the example of Baha'u'llah, as he was known for his charity, service to others, and known as a father to the poor. I am grateful for this opportunity to wish the entire Baha'i community the very best as they continue to be an example of common respect and service to their fellow man.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2017 recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Woman in Sales Leadership Award presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. IES conducts a variety of workshops and programs designed to provide the knowledge and tools necessary to advance the careers and growth of those who attend. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations throughout the United States who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

Awards are presented in categories including Excellence in Sales Innovation, Excellence in Sales Training, Excellence in Sales Management, Excellence in Customer Partnering, and Excellence in Strategic Alliances. In addition, Lifetime Achievement Awards are bestowed to a select few who have demonstrated continued success and have made significant contributions in their fields.

The recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Awards is Mr. Paul Smith, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Public Sector for Red Hat, North America. In this capacity, Mr. Smith manages the Red Hat portfolio

across the entire federal government, as well as the state and local marketplaces as it relates to education. Prior to joining Red Hat, Mr. Smith enjoyed successful careers at VERITAS, Netscape Communication and Oracle.

The recipient of the inaugural Woman in Sales Leadership Award is Ms. Mary Beth Cockerham, Vice-President of Sales for Deltek. In this capacity, Ms. Cockerham manages all sales personnel related to Deltek's GovWinIQ program, which provides business intelligence to companies that are pursuing public sector sales. Prior to joining Deltek, Ms. Cockerham spent 20 years with Sun Microsystems in a variety of data-related sales roles.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Paul Smith and Mary Beth Cockerham for their innovative and effective leadership and in congratulating them on receiving the 2017 IES Lifetime Achievement Award and Woman in Sales Leadership Award.

EXTENDING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge Congress to address the imminent financial crisis that is facing our nation's community health centers.

Last week, when I was back home in my district, I had the opportunity to visit the Institute for Family Health Center for Counseling in the Bronx. This is just one of New York's 29 Federally Qualified Health Centers operated by the Institute for Family Health, which is committed to improving access to high-quality, patient-centered primary health care targeted to the needs of medically underserved communities. The Center for Counseling highlights the importance of integrated behavioral health as part of the primary care continuum for all Americans, regardless of where they live.

My visit was a reminder of the important role community health centers play in our nation's health care system. They are driven by a commitment to reduce health disparities and assure every American has access to high-quality health care. Congress must not stand in the way of this vital role.

However, this Republican-led Congress has championed partisan gridlock that threatens the vitality of our community and teaching health centers. As of today, we have watched 24 days go by since federal funding for the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Community Health Center Fund expired at the end of September. These federal health programs have steadfast bipartisan support, yet the majority's partisan approach is holding up the essential federal funding these centers rely on.

Within a package to extend federal funding for community and teaching health centers as well as the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Republicans proposed several problematic offsets that would ultimately set our health care system back. For example, certain changes to Medicaid would inhibit access to pediatric providers, and cuts to the ACA's Public Health and Prevention Fund

would undermine the value of preventive services delivered at community health centers. Furthermore, the package would lead to higher premiums for certain seniors receiving Medicare benefits and shorter grace periods for individuals who receive their health coverage through the individual market. In other words, this package would slash benefits and protections for one group of beneficiaries to extend services for another.

Democrats will not stand for any packages that would rob Peter to pay Paul. I urge my Republican colleagues to drop this partisan exercise and work with us on a compromise to extend these long-standing, successful, bipartisan federal health programs. The job of our nation's 10,400 community health centers is much too important to bear the brunt of needless political games.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL HAYES ON HIS RETIREMENT AS MANAGING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MILITARY AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud that Maryland is home to some of the finest military installations in the country, where our nation's most dedicated service-members and civilian defense employees work to keep our country safe. Over the last eighteen years, they and their families and the communities that support our installations have had an outstanding advocate in Brigadier General Michael Hayes USMC (Ret.). Since August, 1999, after his retirement from a distinguished career as a decorated Marine Corps officer, Mike has led the State of Maryland's Office of Military and Federal Affairs as its first Director.

Under Mike's leadership, the Office of Military and Federal Affairs and the Maryland Military Installation Council have overseen efforts to bring community, academic, and military—as well as federal, state, and local—resources together to promote regional development and economic growth. I've had the pleasure of working closely with him over the years to ensure that Fifth District military installations—Patuxent River, Webster Field, and Indian Head—can continue to grow, serve our national defense, and bring jobs and opportunities to surrounding communities. Mike has played a pivotal role in these efforts, which have earned him accolades, including being named one of two national 'Public Officials of the Year' by the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) in 2007 and becoming a member of the ADC Board of Directors in 2011.

Mike's service to the State of Maryland caps a long career as a Marine officer. He served on active duty during the Vietnam War, commanding artillery batteries during two tours. Later, he went on to command Marine units based in the United States, Japan, and Panama before serving as Chief of Staff to the II Marine Expeditionary Force during Operation Desert Storm. Following his return home, Mike served as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Facilities and Services at the Marine Corps

headquarters before his retirement from thirty-three years of commissioned service in 1999.

A native of Wisconsin, Mike obtained his B.S. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, and he holds degrees as well from the Naval War College and the National War College. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in thanking Mike for his long career of service to our nation and to the State of Maryland. I wish him and his wife Barbara, as well as their two children and three grandchildren, all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 BLACK AND GOLD SCHOLARSHIP BALL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Joyce-Gillespie-Harrington Charitable and Educational Foundation and the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on the occasion of their 37th annual Black and Gold Scholarship Ball.

Since 1980, these two organizations have made tremendous contributions to promoting academic opportunities for youth in Northern Virginia and in the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan region.

The programs offered by the foundation are vital to the success of our students. This year's Black and Gold Scholarship Ball will support scholarships for ten college-bound high school students. During the last nineteen years, one-hundred students have received scholarships awarded by the foundation and have attended some of the top colleges and universities in the country. With the typical college graduate's debt averaging about \$30,000, the foundation's continued support of these students is absolutely crucial.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2017 scholarship winners:

Jordyn Bingham (Westfield HS)
Ibrahim Eltahir (Falls Church HS)
Nathanial Herbert (Dominion HS)
Morgan Hobson (Fairfax HS)
Kevin Lacey (Rock Ridge HS)
Andrew Lewis (Riverside HS)
Nicole Monlyn (Rock Ridge HS)
Justin Shelby (South Lakes HS)
Elijah Williamson (Herndon HS)
Mathewos Yiheyis (Hayfield SS)

Mr. Speaker, these students represent our country's next generation of gifted leaders who will have great impact on our society and future. I thank the Joyce-Gillespie-Harrington Charitable and Education Foundation and the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their dedicated commitment to fostering success in our youth and commend all of the scholarship winners for their academic excellence. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these talented students and wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF OFFICER JUSTIN A. LEO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Officer Justin A. Leo, 31, of Girard, who passed away on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, following an injury sustained in the line of duty. Officer Leo, a five-year-veteran of the Girard Police Department, was responding to a domestic dispute call when he was fatally ambushed by the suspect, who was then shot and killed by Leo's partner.

Justin was born January 9, 1986, in Youngstown, Ohio, to David and Patricia (Carson) Leo. He was a 2004 graduate of Girard High School and had attended the University of Toledo and Youngstown State University before graduating from the YSU Police Academy in June 2009. Justin worked for the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department and the Vienna Police Department prior to his appointment to the Girard Police Department on July 6, 2012.

Justin was a member of the Girard High School State Champion Cross Country Team in 2000, the Girard F.O.P. Lodge No. 52, the Girard Alumni Association, and St. Rose Church. Outside of work, Justin loved golfing with his dad and his old friends from the senior tees. He also umpired for the Girard baseball leagues and coached in the 4-6 youth basketball league.

Justin will always be remembered by his parents of Girard; his aunt, Denise Mitchell of Girard; his great-uncle, John (Mimi) Baglier of Canfield; great-aunts, Edith Paz of Sun City Center, Florida and Josephine Berezo, of Parkland, Florida and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jennie Ellen Leo and John and Lila Carson and his uncle, Donald Leo.

Public calling hours will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the gymnasium. A funeral mass will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2:00 p.m. at Girard High School gymnasium, officiated by the Rev. Msgr. John Zuraw. Justin will be laid to rest at Tod Homestead Cemetery, following a private committal service.

My heart breaks for Officer Leo's family and friends in this tragedy. They have not only my thoughts and prayers, but the prayers of a community grateful for his selfless service. I extend my deepest condolences.

IN RECOGNITION OF MISS PHENIX CITY 2018—STELLA KONTOS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize Miss Phenix City 2018, Stella Kontos.

Stella is a junior at Auburn University majoring in Chemical Engineering and minoring in

Business. She is vice president of the College of Engineering and on the university's Dean's List. Stella is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Cardinal Key, Lambda Sigma Honors Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Seven years ago, Stella founded her personal platform S.T.A.G.E. (Science, Technology, And Girls in Engineering). Stella works to increase female student participation in Engineering. She's the student liaison to the "100 Women Strong" organization and has spent 1,200 hours speaking to over 5,000 students in 25 different classrooms and conference settings.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Miss Phenix City 2018, Stella Kontos.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 ABOVE AND BEYOND BREAKFAST FIRST RESPONDER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of individuals in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and to their community and are being recognized by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at their annual Above and Beyond Breakfast.

This event recognizes first responders in the Greater Springfield area who better their community by quietly volunteering personal time, energy, and financial support to fill a need outside of their day-to-day duties. In addition to honoring first responders, a portion of the proceeds raised at the Above and Beyond Breakfast are donated to charitable organizations designated by the honorees.

This year, three members of the public safety community are being honored by the Chamber. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals.

Private First Class Tom Black, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, for his work with seniors, Camp Sunshine and World Vision

Private First Class Anthony Capizzi, Fairfax County Police Department, for his work with the Boy Scouts of America

Mr. John "JJ" Jackson, Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department, for his faithful operation of Canteen 422, Fire Station 12

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2017 Above and Beyond Breakfast first responder award recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Police Department and the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens and in thanking them for their dedication to the safety and protection of our residents, businesses, and properties.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. TITUS Mr. Speaker, I was absent October 2, 2017 through October 10, 2017 due to the horrific 1 October tragedy that occurred in my district. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 544—H.R. 1547—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA

Roll no. 545—H.R. 965—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA

Roll no. 546—H. Res. 548—On ordering the previous question: NAY

Roll no. 547—H. Res. 548—On agreeing to the resolution: NAY

Roll no. 548—H.R. 36—On motion to recommit with instructions: YEA

Roll no. 549—H.R. 36—On passage: NAY

Roll no. 550—S. 782—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA

Roll no. 551—H. Res. 553—On ordering the previous question: NAY

Roll no. 552—H. Res. 553—On agreeing to the resolution: NAY

Roll no. 553—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: YEA

Roll no. 554—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: YEA

Roll no. 555—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: NAY

Roll no. 556—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: YEA

Roll no. 557—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the resolution: NAY

Roll no. 55—H.R. 1858—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA

Roll no. 559—H.R. 2464—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY'S NEWPORT NEWS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 80th anniversary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Newport News Alumnae Chapter.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students attending Howard University. These women all saw education and community service as the key to pushing forward the cause of civil rights and progress for the African American community, and that mission remains strong to this day. Today, Delta Sigma Theta has grown to an organization with over 250,000 members and over 940 local chapters operating all over the United States and the world.

The Newport News Alumnae Chapter was originally chartered in 1937 as the Beta Kappa Chapter. It was then changed to the Gamma Iota Sigma Chapter in 1947 before officially becoming the Newport News Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1960. The

Chapter was dutifully led in these early years by Charter members Marian Palmer Capps, Clara Pannell, Ethel Pannell, Sallie Watkins Roberts, Dorothy Roles Watkins, Olivia Williamson, and Christine Jefferson Haynes.

The women of the Newport News Alumnae Chapter are committed to the same honored tradition of community service that has driven all of Delta Sigma Theta's members since its inception. Delta Sigma Theta's sisterhood has always been guided by the sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic Development, Education Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. It is with these principles in mind that the Newport News Alumnae Chapter established the programs that continue to serve their local community to this day.

Delta Sigma Theta's unwavering commitment to serving the needs of African Americans has been truly reflected through the good work pursued by the Newport News Alumnae Chapter over the years. The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy provides young girls between 11 and 14 years old with the opportunity to pursue their interests in math, science, and technology. The Delta GEMS program offers college and career planning to at-risk teenage girls who may otherwise not understand the opportunities available to them. The EMBODI program addresses the challenges facing African-American boys by providing middle and high schoolers with counseling and support in subject areas such as fostering healthy relationships, fiscal management, physical and mental health, self-efficacy, and more. These programs provide an invaluable service to the youth of Newport News.

Mr. Speaker, as the Newport News Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrates this exciting milestone, its members can feel affirmed that these past 80 years of fellowship and outreach have left the Newport News community stronger and more united than it otherwise would have been. I would like to congratulate Chapter President Joyce Melvin-Jones and all of the members of the Newport News sisterhood on this special occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a momentous anniversary. This year marks the 275th anniversary of Fairfax County, which I am proud to represent in this chamber and which I represented prior to my election to this body for 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman.

In 1737, Lord Thomas Fairfax of Cameron took possession of a piece of land that included all of what is now Loudoun, Arlington and Fairfax Counties in addition to the cities of Falls Church, Fairfax and Alexandria. At the time, all of this land was part of Prince William County. Installing his cousin William as the managing agent for that land, Lord Fairfax de-

parted back to England to cement his claim. In 1742, William arranged for that piece of land to be officially designated as Fairfax County.

This new county was home to many Americans who would have an impact on our country, most notably future President George Washington. In addition, Fairfax was home to the man who many credit with the creation of the Bill of Rights, George Mason. Working with a member of Virginia's congressional district (and future President himself) James Madison, Mason argued for the creation of amendments to the newly-created U.S. Constitution to protect individual freedoms. Indeed, Mason was one of only three delegates to the Constitutional Convention to refuse to sign the new document because of his concerns that the federal government would be abusive of its authority absent a document like the Bill of Rights.

Fairfax County also played a role in another pivotal time on our Nation's history, the Civil War. The courthouse in Fairfax City served as a headquarters for the U.S. Army and the remains of several forts can still be found throughout the county today. The founder of the Red Cross, Clara Barton, treated wounded soldiers at St. Mary's Church in Fairfax Station, an experience that would eventually lead her to found that organization. While the County was largely spared from major battles (with the exception of the Battle of Ox Hill in 1862), raids and skirmishes between Union and Confederate forces were frequent and portions of the County changed hands several times over the course of the war.

Mr. Speaker, the history of Fairfax County is intimately intertwined with the history of the United States. Although the founders of this County could not have known the future that awaited their holdings, I suspect the evolution from a rural farming community to today's suburban community of over 1 million would please them greatly. Fairfax County has consistently been rated among the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. Indeed, it stands as an example of a community that consistently sees beyond the years. I was proud to serve it on the Board of Supervisors and have been proud to represent it in this body. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fairfax County on this important anniversary.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative VEASEY, and our colleague Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, for joining me at the Center for African American Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington last Thursday evening. It was a wonderful experience for me and President Vistasp Karbhari, Dr. Jason Skelton and my longtime friend Dr. Marvin Delaney were perfect hosts.

Earlier this month, Sergeant La David T. Johnson died a hero's death in a distant land on a mission few Americans know about or understand.

This weekend, his grieving family, including his pregnant wife, took him to his final resting

place in Florida. Sgt. Johnson's tragic death leaves this young family fatherless.

Mr. Speaker, in his Second Inaugural address, President Abraham Lincoln called on our nation to endeavor "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan. . . ."

Unfortunately, rather than comfort Sgt. Johnson's grieving family, the current occupant of the White House has chosen to use them as his latest prop in his constant effort to sow discord and division in this country.

The President and White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, who happens to be a Four-Star General, have insulted and smeared an honorable public servant who happens to be a Five-Star Congresswoman, and in effect called her and her grieving widowed constituent liars.

Congresswoman FREDERICA S. WILSON has been a champion for the people of South Florida for decades. It is no mystery—and it was not political—that she was accompanying Mrs. Johnson and her family to receive her husband's remains. She had mentored Sgt. Johnson throughout his childhood.

Mr. Speaker, I have participated in several of Congresswoman WILSON's 500 Role Models events and have spoken for one of their graduations. I often wear a red tie to this floor helping her highlight their efforts. And her passionate work on behalf of those kidnapped girls of Boko Haram is unmatched.

As the husband of a five-star African American woman for more than 56 years and the father of three African American daughters who are working hard to earn their stars each and every day, I feel compelled to respond to General Kelly and completely debunk his concocted misrepresentation.

Mr. Speaker, we can have political differences here in Washington, D.C. That comes with the territory. But people need to have the common decency and basic humanity to refrain from exacerbating the pain of those already suffering so much.

I was taught from childhood that silence gives consent. I want the White House to know this, I and the members of the Congressional Black caucus will not be silent or silenced.

TRIBUTE TO TAMMY SMITH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tammy Smith as the 2017 Taco John's International Manager of the Year.

Tammy's leadership has helped the team at the Creston Taco John's achieve record-setting sales levels by providing great service and a friendly smile. Tammy was quoted in the Creston News Advertiser as saying "It isn't just me. It's everybody in this store that makes something like that happen. You have to be doing everything right. There's no way I could come in and do it myself."

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Tammy in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great State of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United

States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her for earning this outstanding award and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA SHOWALTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marcia Showalter, from the Mount Ayr Medical Clinic in Mount Ayr, Iowa. Marcia was awarded the 2017 DAISY Award at a ceremony earlier this year.

This award was created to express the public's profound gratitude to nurses for the work they do on a daily basis. Through Marcia's skilled and compassionate care she delivers an outstanding service to her patients and their families. Gordon Winkler, CEO of Ringgold County Hospital, stated, "Marcia epitomizes the exceptional people who provide exceptional care at the clinic and the hospital."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Marcia for receiving this award and for providing excellent patient care to her fellow Iowans. I am proud to represent her and all the members of the Mount Ayr Medical Clinic in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Marcia on this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO JOKAYE AND RONNIE SHIELDS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate JoKaye and Ronnie Shields on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple married on September 22, 1957 and resides in Mount Ayr, Iowa.

JoKaye and Ronnie's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend JoKaye and Ronnie on their 60 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN AND JAMES SAVILLE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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

and James Saville on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple married on August 19, 1967 and resides in Mount Ayr, Iowa.

Marilyn and James' lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Marilyn and James on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT HUNTER BECKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Hunter Becker of Urbandale, Iowa for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately two percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Hunter raised \$1,750 and led 31 volunteers in 70 hours of service to prepare the Timberline Soccer Complex in Waukee for the season, including preparing the goals and building or refurbishing six picnic tables. The work ethic Hunter has shown not only in his Eagle Scout Project but through his many accomplishments during his scouting career speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Hunter and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS AND BILL JAY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lois and Bill Jay on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple resides in Creston, Iowa.

Lois and Bill's lifelong commitment to each other and their children and grandchildren truly embodies Iowa's values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Lois and Bill on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO BERT AND EDDIE
EHM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bert and Eddie Ehm on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple resides on a farm outside of Arispe, Iowa.

Bert and Eddie's lifelong commitment to each other, their three children and four grandchildren truly embodies Iowa's values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Bert and Eddie on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO ZOLA AND BRUCE
WESTPHAL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Zola and Bruce Westphal on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on September 12, 1947, and resides in Greenfield, Iowa.

Zola and Bruce's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th wedding anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Zola and Bruce on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY KEMERY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Beverly Thornton Kemery, of Bedford, Iowa for being awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Bedford Area Chamber.

Beverly has been a lifelong resident of Bedford and has raised a family of four sons, 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She held offices with the Bedford Lioness Club, has been a sponsor for the Young Mothers at

Heart, and was a Sunday school teacher. Beverly is also a member of the Red Hat Society and the Bedford Northside Apartments.

Mr. Speaker, Beverly's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her, and constituents like her, in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Beverly for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO NANCI TRIBOLET

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nanci Tribolet, of Bedford, Iowa for being named the 2017 Iowa Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc. American Mothers Inc. is celebrating its 82nd year of nationally honoring motherhood.

Nanci was selected because she excels in her role as a mother and a community leader. In 1971, she married her high school sweetheart and they were blessed with three children and five grandchildren. Nanci's love of children has been the foundation of her career in childcare. Over the course of her 45 year career, she has worked with more than 150 children in her community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Nanci in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Nanci for earning this outstanding award and in wishing her nothing but continued success.