

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PASSING OF STANLEY COOLIDGE

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the passing of Stanley Coolidge and his fiancée, Roseann Hannah, whose lives were tragically lost on October 9, 2017 while trapped in their Northern California home as it was destroyed by the Cascade wildfire.

Coolidge, a retired attorney and father to Chico City Council member Andrew Coolidge, was born in San Francisco and spent the last 50 years in the mountains of Loma Rica, California. What began as the faint smell of a distant fire quickly turned to tragedy as the diverse trees and wilderness surrounding Andrew's childhood home were ignited by the rapidly approaching Cascade fire. With little warning, gusts of wind brought the fire sweeping down across Stan's 100 acres of land, leaving only ashes behind. As Stan and Roseann attempted a hurried evacuation, the house was engulfed by flames before they could escape. Their cars, still parked in the driveway, were also destroyed by the flames. Only a brick chimney remained of the house.

Roseann was a resident of Grass Valley, California, and both Stan and Roseann were incredibly valued members of their communities. An avid Harley Davidson enthusiast, Stan was an active member in The Americans Motorcycle Club. He often used that platform to help the club raise money for children's cancer research, as well as periodically staging puppet shows for young and sick children.

Thousands in Northern California have evacuated as their homes have been destroyed by these catastrophic fires, with many still missing and dozens confirmed dead. My thoughts and prayers are with the Coolidge and Hannah families, as well as the families of all who we've lost as a result of these fires in the West. Their loss will take a heavy toll on both of their families, as well as the many people they have impacted over the years. Stan and Roseann will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THREE TEXANS ON VETERANS DAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Veterans Day, I rise today to recognize three World War II veterans who have honorably and faithfully served their country.

Milledge A. "Mitch" Hart, III, graduate of the US Naval Academy Class of 1956, served for 5 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. His final rank was 1st Lieutenant, selected for Captain, USMC.

William "Bill" James Sloan, graduate of SMU Class of 1949, served in the U.S. Navy from October 1942 to May 1946.

Raymond Earl Sloan, graduate of SMU Class of 1949, served in the US Army from 1944 to 1946.

These gentlemen served with honor and distinction and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 ABOVE AND BEYOND BREAKFAST FIRST RE- SPONDER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEER PARK, TX

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the City of Deer Park, in Harris County, Texas.

After an overwhelming Texian victory at Battle of San Jacinto, General Sam Houston, Interim President David G. Burnet, and members of the Texas Cabinet met in present-day Deer Park and began to draft the initial treaty documents securing Texas' independence from Mexico. Because of this historic event on Deer Park soil, Deer Park holds the distinction of being the true "Birthplace of Texas."

Deer Park was founded on December 20, 1892 by Simeon Henry West, a farmer, retired legislator, and pioneer from Illinois. He named the area Deer Park after the large number of deer that roamed the coastal prairie. As settlers from the north arrived to build homes and farms, West built a hotel and post office in 1893. West granted the land for the first railroad through Deer Park for one dollar and later built a wharf on Buffalo Bayou that was later destroyed by The Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900. On October 3, 1902, West donated the right-of-way to the Houston Ship Channel to the United States of America.

In 1928 Shell Oil Company began building a new refinery. In the 1930s an independent school district was established, the population began to grow, and the town began to flourish. Deer Park voted to incorporate as a general law city on December 11, 1948. On December 6, 1960 the residents of Deer Park voted to become a home rule city. By 1960 the city's population was five thousand with a fire station, city hall, parks, independent water supply, and four major industries within the city limits. Today, Deer Park has approximately thirty-three thousand residents, a school district with fifteen campuses, numerous major industrial facilities, and several smaller light industrial companies.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the City of Deer Park. May God continue to bless Deer Park in these next 125 years.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SSG MICHAEL OLLIS POST 9587

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars' SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587 on the 70th anniversary of its founding.

On November 29, 1947, 40 veterans from the Staten Island community founded VFW

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Post 9587. After serving veterans and the community for years, they decided to move to their current location on Mill Road in 1960. In 2014, the members decided to rename the Post after a fellow veteran and friend, SSG Michael Ollis. Serving his country in Afghanistan, SSG Ollis nobly sacrificed himself to save the life of Polish soldier Lt. Karol Cierpica. To honor their lifetime member, VFW Post 9587 was renamed to "SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587" in 2014.

Since its creation, the Post has focused on serving and assisting their community on Staten Island in accordance with the VFW's national goals. Today, members who have contributed to the Post's ability to reach this milestone include both the Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary. These groups, which make up the VFW Auxiliary, have played a major role in the Post's success. I thank all of the members for their continued dedication to their community.

I would like to commend SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587 for consistently helping veterans and their families, assisting in times of community crisis and promoting community civic interests. The great work the Post's members performed in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy is altruism in its purest form. Although their building experienced water damage, they focused on the needs of the community around it by serving as a disaster relief center for anyone who needed help.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the VFW's SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587 on its 70th Anniversary. Its long success has benefited not just veterans and their families, but the surrounding community as well and for that, I am deeply thankful.

CONGRATULATING VERNON L. WISE, JR. FOR HIS RECEPTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA NEWS MEDIA ASSOCIATION'S 2017 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I am very pleased to recognize my constituent, Vernon L. Wise, Jr. of Butler County, for his reception of the Pennsylvania News Media Association's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Vernon is the former publisher and chairman of the board of the Butler Eagle. The paper's current publisher and general manager, Ron Vodenichar, nominated Vernon for this prestigious award, emphasizing the technological innovations he made as well as his commitment to the newspaper and printing company's family ownership.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes "outstanding service and accomplishment spanning a career in journalism." It could not have gone to a more fitting recipient. Vernon is a member of the third generation (out of five generations in his family) to be involved in publishing the Butler Eagle. He began his career as a carrier, and continued working at the newspaper during high school and college. After attending Princeton University and serving in the United States Army during the Korean War, he returned to the paper, becoming

president and general manager in 1968 after the death of his father, Vernon L. Wise, Sr.

In the course of his long career at the Butler Eagle, Vernon published the newspaper, chaired the board, and founded Butler Color Press, which prints advertising circulars. In addition to his extensive involvement in newspaper publishing, Vernon has held leadership positions in the Butler County Chapter of the Salvation Army and the Community Development Corporation of Butler County.

Vernon exemplifies the best qualities of a devoted newsman and an engaged citizen. He is a credit to Pennsylvania's third congressional district. I am very happy for him and Sarah, his wife of 64 years. I congratulate them and thank them for their contributions to the Butler region.

HONORING JOHN CARDINALLI

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong member of the Central Coast community, World War II veteran and member of the Office of Strategic Services, John Cardinalli. Mr. Cardinalli grew up on the Monterey Peninsula speaking Italian to a family of commercial fishermen. Drafted into the Army in 1942, he began his service to the United States at the Presidio of Monterey where he completed Army basic training. He was qualified as a Morse code expert and was sent to the Signal Corps. At Fort Bragg, he responded to a call for volunteers who were proficient in Morse code and a second language. Mr. Cardinalli responded and would find himself swearing a 65-year oath of secrecy to the Office of Strategic Services.

During his time in the OSS, he became proficient in collecting clandestine information about Axis forces. He was primarily stationed in the Netherlands, where he worked with members of the Dutch underground to ship weapons, ammunition and supplies to Allied forces. He volunteered to escort a Polish spy across the River Rhine in the cover of darkness, which was instrumental towards obtaining information about German defenses. He also participated in the Battle of the Bulge, the last German offensive on the Western Front in Belgium and Luxembourg. Mr. Cardinalli served in our intelligence community before the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency, paving the road for future intelligence analysts and operatives.

After World War II, he returned to the Monterey Peninsula and was a sardine fisherman for 25 years. He raised a family along with his wife of 70 years, Josephine. In 2008, he was allowed to tell his story of service in the OSS. Mr. Cardinalli's service to the nation as a member of the OSS became fundamental towards the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency. Current and future analysts and officers within the CIA and our nation's seventeen intelligence communities have many individuals to look up to, and John Cardinalli is certainly one of them. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending John Cardinalli for his many years of service, devotion, and contributions to our nation.

HONORING TERHI EDWARDS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a community mainstay in the north-west Bronx who has helped to promote the area both professionally and personally for three decades.

Terhi Edwards has been a resident of Riverdale since 1987. She has also been a real estate professional in the area for nearly as long. Terhi specializes in selling this wonderful neighborhood, which for those who have lived or visited there is surrounded by beauty and nature.

Currently a homeowner herself, Terhi is particularly aware of the special qualities that make Riverdale unique, and such a wonderful destination for people.

Originally from Finland, Terhi honed her customer service prowess and flair for relating to people of different cultures while traveling the world as flight attendant. As the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I do quite a bit of travel, and know just how effective it is in learning to understand and appreciate people from all walks of life.

Terhi seamlessly transitioned her customer service skill to real estate, drawing upon her love of working with the public, in addition to her passion for architecture and interior design. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Bronx Manhattan North Board of Realtors, and Westchester-Putnam Multiple Listing Service. Walk around the community and you'll find plenty of people who say they came to Riverdale because of the job Terhi did as their realtor.

This year, the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation is honoring Terhi at their annual Greenway Gala celebration, for all the work she has done in the community. She is most deserving of this wonderful recognition. Congratulations to Terhi on receiving this honor.

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

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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 Dona 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. honorees:

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 America-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 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.

PUEBLO ANIMAL SERVICES
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauren McCoy, Community Animal Response Team coordinator at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, Jeremy Colburn, Animal Care supervisor at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, and Lois Benson, Megan Miller, Jasmine Pattschull, and Kate Scheer who were Community Animal Response Team volunteers. Following Hurricane Irma, they all assisted with helping to meet animal sheltering needs in Georgia when they were travelling through the area following the devastating hurricane.

The team voluntarily flew to Georgia to assist in caring for the large number of animals the Atlanta Humane Society had taken in as a result of the hurricane. The Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region's Community Animal Response Team was specially trained to handle this type of natural disaster that affects the wellbeing of pets and livestock.

The shelter in Atlanta was opened before and during Hurricane Irma where more than 600 animals were located in the 60,000 square foot facility. The entire Third District of Colorado is incredibly proud of the work completed during a time of national crisis.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize these Colorado natives for the work they accomplished during Hurricane Irma. Their hard work and service is an example to us all and I stand with the residents of the Third District in thanking them.

DANIEL SWINTON: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

My name is Dr. Daniel Swinton and I am honored to be here today. I serve as Vice President of the Association of Title IX Ad-

ministrators (ATIXA) and am here representing over 3,500 members at schools and colleges nationwide. I am also Managing Partner of a law and consulting firm that advises thousands of K through 12 and higher education administrators, teachers, faculty and students on issues of sexual violence, consent in sexual interactions, harassment and discrimination in all its forms, as well as critical issues of mental health and well-being, behavioral intervention, and alcohol and drugs.

Over the last six years, the Department of Education has given significant time and attention to sexual violence at colleges and universities, but has largely failed to give needed time and attention to sexual violence and consent-based issues in K through 12 education. Sexual violence has been called an "epidemic" at colleges, and universities and our members indicate that such a label is both accurate and reflective of the immediate needs to prevent and address sexual violence on their campuses. If higher education is facing an "epidemic," then K through 12 is facing an even more serious, plague-like level of sexual violence, that continues largely unabated. The lack of legal and regulatory attention given to the matter is both startling and frustrating, as many of the issues involve abuse of minors and children. Further, K through 12 remains well behind higher education in educating its administrators, teachers and students about sexual violence and the many related issues of consent, substance abuse, and healthy relationships. As one member told me last week, K through 12 needs something like Clery and Section 304 of the Violence Against Women Act to ensure appropriate training, prevention, response and accountability are present.

To be fair, K through 12 administrators face a litany of demands on their time and a host of unrelated legal and regulatory requirements such that, absent a crisis, a law or a regulation, sexual violence prevention and response receives little, if any attention. The result is that K through 12 administrators largely lack the training necessary to appropriately and fairly address issues of sexual violence in their schools and districts. Further, school-based instruction of K through 12 students about consent in sexual interactions is rare, leaving the students to learn about sexual interactions, consent and the impact of alcohol and drugs from peers, the Internet and other media. Certainly, parents play a role in educating their children, but in our members' experience, few parents discuss the nuances of sex, alcohol and consent with their children prior to college. We are seeing significant issues of sexual violence at all levels of K through 12, but especially in middle and high school. Any discussion also needs to recognize the role that technology plays in increasing the number and complexity of issues our members are seeing in their schools.

Training and prevention efforts lag, policies and procedures remain inadequate, and prevention is reserved to basic training on how to report child abuse. I want to stress that the current state is not for lack of desire, but, given the nature, complexity and decentralized nature of K through 12 education, stems largely from lack of guidance, funding or grants, legal requirements and accountability.

Our members are anxious to give these critical matters time and attention, but buy-in and resources tend to follow only once Congress makes it mandatory. Thank you for your time.

HONORING CHIEF DAVID
DONZELLA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Donzella on the occasion of his retirement as Fire Chief for the city of Lighthouse Point, Florida.

Chief Donzella was born in Tarrytown, NY as the grandson of Italian immigrants. He began his fire service career after graduating in 1976 from McArthur High School in Hollywood, Florida. David was hired as a Firefighter Paramedic with the City of Pembroke Pines Fire Department and ascended through the Department to achieve the rank of Battalion Chief, later being promoted to Division Chief of Rescue Operations.

After Hurricane Andrew, David was instrumental in promoting changes to the fire service in the City of Pembroke Pines. One highlight of his career was securing the coveted ISO Class 1 rating for the Department, making it the first Department in Broward County and the 44th in the nation at the time to obtain that rating.

David retired from the Pembroke Pines Fire Department in 2004, but chose to join the Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department in 2006, where he has served as Chief since 2007.

Chief Donzella has also served as President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County and Chair of the "First There, First Care EMS Conference" which over the years has grown to be the largest EMS conference in the State of Florida. He has secured numerous grants for both fire and EMS personnel to better serve their communities.

His community service also includes involvement with the Davie Kiwanis Club, Leadership Broward, and the Pompano Beach Exchange Club. Most recently, David received the Shining Star Award from the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce in honor of his community involvement throughout the years.

I join Broward County in offering my sincere thanks and appreciation to Chief Donzella for his years of service and contributions to the South Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 BLACK AND
GOLD SCHOLARSHIP BALL
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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)
Nathaniel 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 in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Wednesday, October 11, 2017, Thursday, October 12, 2017, Monday, October 23, 2017, Tuesday, October 24, 2017, and the first vote series on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, I was unable to vote on legislative measures due to a foot injury. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

(Roll no. 558) On passage of H.R. 1858—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", had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 559) On passage of H.R. 2464—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", had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 560) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of S. 585—Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 561) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of S. 585—Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 562) On passage of H.R. 452—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", had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 563) On passage of H.R. 3243—FITARA Enhancement Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 564) On motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2810—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 565) On motion to Close Portions of the Conference on H.R. 2810—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 566) On passage of the House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2266—Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 567) On motion to recommit with instructions to S. 585—Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 568) On passage of S. 585—Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 569) On passage of H.R. 3551—C-TPAT Reauthorization Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 570) On passage of S. 504—Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 571) On approval of the Journal, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 572) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 469—the Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 and H.R. 732—the Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 573) On adoption of the combined rule providing for consideration of H.R. 469—the Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 and H.R. 732—the Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 574) On passage of H.R. 2142—International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology (INTERDICT) Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 575) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Cohen of Tennessee Part B Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 576) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Johnson of Georgia Part B Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 577) On agreeing to the amendment of Ms. Jackson Lee of Texas Part B Amendment No. 4 to H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 578) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Cicilline of Rhode Island Part B Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 579) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Conyers of Michigan Part B Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 580) On passage of H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 581) On passage of H.R. 3898—Otto Warmbier North Korea Nuclear Sanctions Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 582) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 71—establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 583) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 71—establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 584) On approval of the Journal, had I been present I would have voted yes.

HONORING LORRAINE L. PALAIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and pillar of the Yonkers community, Lorraine L. Palais, who this year is being honored by the Aquehung Women's Democratic Club at their 52nd Annual Luncheon.

Lorraine has been active in the community and the local political scene for many years. Her and her husband, Elliott, moved to Yonkers with their son in 1961 and by April 1962, she had become a member of the "William Haber Second Ward Democratic Club." Lorraine's involvement in the club was only the beginning. She was a Ward Leader for over thirty years, and still is a District Leader. She has served as Treasurer for a successful Mayoral candidate, for City Judges, County Judges as well as a New York State Supreme Court Judge. She also managed and was Treasurer of Elliott's campaigns as well as other state and county candidates.

Lorraine later joined Aquehung Women's Democratic Club when it was open to the entire City. She was the first woman to receive the Americanism Award from the Yonkers Central Committee of Veterans' Organizations, and also received the Exchange Club "One Nation Under God Award." In addition, Lorraine has received the Kiwanis International "Walter Zeller" Award, the PTA Jenkins Award and other Honors. And above all else, she is currently serving her thirty-fifth year as President of the Yonkers Police Second Precinct Community Council.

Lorraine Palais has dedicated her life to helping improve the lives of those around her, and she has been an outstanding servant of the people. I am proud to call her a friend and I too would like to congratulate her on this wonderful honor and recognition from the Aquehung Women's Democratic Club. It is well-deserved.

GARFIELD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIVISION RECOGNITION TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the employees of the Garfield County Department of Human Services for their dedication to child welfare. Their work recently garnered national recognition from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Children's Bureau.

Every year the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Children's Bureau reviews child welfare practices across the nation. The Department selected Denver, Pueblo, and Garfield Counties in Colorado for in-person reviews this year. The child welfare division is the second largest division in the Garfield County Department of Human Services; it employs 31 individuals, who each respond to and manage cases related to child abuse, neglect, and protection for at-risk adults. From January 1 through September 20, 2017, roughly 350 referrals were assigned to the division, 85 percent of which were cases related to parental substance abuse. During the in-person review, 27 of Garfield County's cases were analyzed in-depth to determine whether the child welfare division followed federal guidelines and focused on child protection, outcomes of permanency, safety and well-being.

While it is rare for any entity to be awarded a perfect score, at the conclusion of the Department's evaluation, nine of Garfield County's cases were marked in the 100 percent category. The review results are a testament to the passion and dedication that each member of the child welfare division brings to their work every day. In addition to its review findings, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also praised Garfield County for going above and beyond to engage in timely communication with families involved in cases.

Mr. Speaker, Garfield County's exemplary performance in the field of child welfare is incredibly valuable to communities in the county and our state as a whole. We are thankful for their continued efforts to improve the lives of young children and adults in the Third Congressional District. I stand with the residents of Colorado in thanking the employees of the child welfare division for their service.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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 Awards:

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.

ANNE HEDGEPEETH: TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK
FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIO-
LENCE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

On behalf of the more than 170,000 bipartisan members and supporters, over 1,000 branches, and almost 800 college and university partners of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), I want to thank you for inviting me to testify at today's roundtable on the topic of "Promoting Healthy Relationships in K-12 Education and Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence on College Campuses."

AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political. As early as 1945, AAUW was studying the impact of sex discrimination on college campuses. In 1972, we were instrumental not only in winning passage of Title IX but also in securing the subsequent regulations to aid compliance with the law. Today AAUW continues to fight for gender equity in education through research, legal case support, fellowships and grants, and advocacy.

When education environments are hostile due to sexual harassment, assault, or violence, students cannot learn and end up missing out on true educational opportunities. AAUW's own research reveals that two-thirds of college students experience sexual harassment and nearly half of students in grades 7 through 12 face sexual harassment. In addition, many studies have found that around 20 percent of women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while they are college students.

Recently, AAUW has taken a look at what information schools collect and report regarding the number of incidents experienced by students. We have concerns about the continued underreporting of sexual harassment and violence revealed in our analyses and what this tells us about the lack of progress educational institutions have made in removing barriers for survivors to come forward.

With regards to higher education, AAUW has examined the data required by the Clery Act. Our findings indicate that the annual statistics collected by colleges and universities still do not tell the full story of sexual violence on campus. Eighty-nine percent of college campuses disclosed zero reported incidences of rape in 2015. With about 11,000 campuses providing annual crime data, an overwhelming majority of campuses certified that in 2015 they did not receive a single report of rape. In addition, for 2015 about 9 percent of campuses disclosed a reported incident of domestic violence, around 10 percent disclosed a reported incident of dating violence, and about 13 percent of campuses disclosed a reported incident of stalking. So in each of these categories as well, most campuses did not disclose any reported incidents in 2015. Among the main or primary campuses of colleges and universities with enrollment of at least 250 students, 73 percent disclosed zero rape reports in 2015.

A similar trend is present in K-12 schools. Just this week AAUW released additional analysis of the 2013-14 data from the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) to get a picture of where sexual harassment in public schools is being reported. In our analysis we specifically examined public schools whose students include those enrolled in grades 7 through 12. In analyzing the CRDC data we found that nationally, 79 percent of these schools disclosed zero reported incidents of sexual harassment. The rate of reporting varied across states, from Florida and Hawaii, where 98 percent of schools reported zero incidents of sexual harassment, to Vermont, where only 46 percent of schools reported zero incidents.

Contrast that to findings from AAUW's groundbreaking study, *Crossing the Line*, which found that nearly half (48 percent) of students surveyed had experienced some form of sexual harassment in the past school year, with nearly 9 in 10 (87 percent) saying it had had a negative impact on them. The extraordinarily high number of zeros at both the K through 12 and higher education levels suggests that some students continue to feel uncomfortable coming forward to report such incidents. This should be a cause for concern for all schools. Our educational institutions must take an honest look at their processes: Do they facilitate accurate data collection, welcome reporting, and provide resources and training to support survivors? Respond fairly and promptly to incidents and prevent their recurrence? If not, reforms must be made.

PREVENTION IS CRITICAL

First and foremost it is important that schools commit to preventing sexual harassment and violence before it occurs. As the CDC recommends, a comprehensive approach to prevention focuses on several strategies that together have an impact. These strategies include, "promoting social norms that protect against violence; teaching skills to prevent SV; providing opportunities, both economic and social, to empower and support girls and women; creating protective environments; and supporting victims/survivors to lessen harms." Several evidence-based programs support this approach and can be utilized in schools.

SCHOOL RESPONSE

Schools must also work to end sexual harassment violence by implementing a prompt and fair response to incidents, as required by federal law. Doing this can help contribute to the change necessary to end sexual harassment and violence in schools. Several federal laws play an important role in shaping schools' responses to incidents.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. This includes protecting all students from sexual harassment and sexual violence regardless of who the harasser may be. And Title IX applies to all education programs, including both K-12 schools and institutions of higher education. Title IX has long required schools to evaluate their current practices, adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, and implement grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints. Under Title IX, schools are required to eliminate sexual harassment and sexual violence, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) requires colleges and universities who participate in federal financial aid

programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. Every school provides this information publicly. Thanks to updates to the Clery Act in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, schools are now required to report crime statistics (on rape, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking), update procedures following an incident of sexual violence, and provide prevention and bystander intervention training to all students and employees. These new requirements are separate and apart from the long-standing obligations that schools have under Title IX. These laws can work together to ensure that students have the information they need regarding campus safety, as well as a clear course of action when sexual violence occurs.

While Title IX remains the law of the land and students continue to have protection from sexual harassment and violence in schools, AAUW is disappointed that the Department of Education has recently withdrawn the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Violence as well as the 2014 Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence. Both were critical guidance tools schools requested to clarify their responsibilities under Title IX when responding to sexual violence. In their place, a new, less robust Questions and Answers guidance document is to be used. This is a blatant rollback from the strong and much-needed guidance that was in place. This ever-changing landscape could potentially sow confusion for schools, administrators and staff, students, parents, and communities. The new interim guidance was also issued following an open comment period where the Department of Education heard from thousands of stakeholder including more than 10,000 AAUW advocates urging the protection of Title IX. The department's willingness to ignore the overwhelming support for Title IX, its regulations, and prior guidance is proof that the agenda was not to listen and take into account input from the community but rather to move forward with a predetermined plan of action.

AAUW looks forward to weighing in as the Department of Education engages in its stated rulemaking process. In the meantime we continue to work with schools to ensure that students' civil rights are upheld. Congress also has the opportunity to continue to drive progress on the important issue of ending sexual harassment and violence in schools. AAUW urges Representatives to support legislation including, but not limited to, the Gender Equity in Education Act, the Title IX Protection Act, the Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency Act, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, and the Student Non-Discrimination Act. In addition, Congress should fund prevention education through the Rape Prevention & Education Program (RPE), administered by the CDC Injury Center, at the Senate approved levels for FY18. Increase funding for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants, administered by the Department of Education. Congress should also continue to support the Civil Rights Data Collection and Clery Act data collection so that students, parents, administrators, and community members can continue to monitor the prevalence of sexual harassment and violence in schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in today's roundtable discussion. AAUW looks forward to working with the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence on these critical issues.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. ANTOINE "FATS" DOMINIQUE DOMINO, JR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr Antoine "Fats" Dominique Domino Jr., a lifelong New Orleans musician known as a founding father of rock 'n' roll, who passed away on October 24, 2017 at the age of 89.

Mr. Domino was born on February 26, 1928, in the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans, Louisiana, the youngest of eight in a family of modest means. He earned his nickname thanks to his short, squatly stature. As a boy, he became obsessed with the piano, teaching himself to play along with songs on the radio. He practiced so much that his parents put the piano in the garage.

Mr. Domino took cues from rhythm and blues stars Louis Jordan and Charles Brown and blues singer Amos Milburn, even as he developed his own highly rhythmic style. He started out performing on the side while doing a variety of odd jobs, delivering ice to homes that didn't have refrigerators, fitting springs into bed frames, working in an auto-repair shop that a cousin owned and tending the cousin's bar next door.

Conversation of his high-spirited approach to the piano spread, and he started attracting crowds to the Hideaway Club on Desire Street, in the Upper 9th Ward. His signature piano triplets—three notes for every beat—became the basis of rock and pop songs for the next three decades. His lone gimmick involved using his immense girth to push the piano to the front of the stage—and this he did only during his encore. Visionary New Orleans bandleader, producer, songwriter, trumpeter and Imperial Records talent scout Dave Bartholomew discovered Domino at the club.

Their first collaboration, "The Fat Man," recorded in December 1949 at Cosimo Matassa's J&M studio on North Rampart Street, is arguably one of the first true rock 'n' roll records. It launched one of the most successful collaborations in rock history, as Domino and Bartholomew created a body of work for Imperial Records that moved New Orleans to the vanguard of popular music.

The dozens of Fats Domino singles included "Shake Rattle and Roll," "When the Saints Go Marching In," "Ain't That a Shame," "Blueberry Hill," and so much more.

Mr. Domino sold in excess of 60 million records in the 1950s, more than anyone except Elvis Presley, according to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's official biography. He dominated Billboard's pop and rhythm-and-blues charts from 1955 to 1963. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted him in 1986, its first year. The next year, he won a Grammy for lifetime achievement. President Bill Clinton honored him with a National Medal of Arts in 1998.

The city of New Orleans and the international community lost one of our favorite sons. Fats Domino's many musical contributions will live on through generations of musicians to come. A pioneer celebrated on the international stage, Fats Domino never outgrew his beloved New Orleans. We loved him as much as he loved us.

Mr. Domino's wife, Mrs. Rosemary Domino, died in 2008. Survivors, all of whom live in the New Orleans area, include four sons, Anatole, Andre, Antonio and Antoine III Domino; four daughters, Antoinette Smith, Anola Hartzog, Adonica Domino and Andrea Brimmer, numerous grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Antoine "Fats" Domino, a beloved father, grandfather, and a true example of New Orleans culture personified.

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 31, 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 sud-

den death in 2010 he was named Herndon Citizen of the Year in 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 storytelling 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 DR. OLIVIA SMITH-BLACKWELL AS SHE RECEIVES THE 2017 GOLDEN STETHOSCOPE AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Olivia Smith-Blackwell as she receives the Golden Stethoscope Award from the Erie County Chapter of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians at the 2017 Cheplove Dinner. As we celebrate local leaders in family medicine, Dr. Smith-Blackwell's career and accomplishments deserve recognition.

Dr. Smith-Blackwell's career demonstrates her depth and breadth in the field of medicine, including experience in public health, hospital administration, and clinical care. Her first endeavor out of medical school was to serve our community as Associate Medical Director of the Medical Assistance Program at the Erie County Department of Health, earning a promotion to Medical Director two years later. For thirteen years, Dr. Smith-Blackwell continued her public role as the Western Regional Health Director for the New York State Department of Health's Office of Public Health. She brought her skills next to Sheehan Hospital, where she was President & CEO until 2002. Dr. Smith-Blackwell then moved on to open Meadow Family Medicine in North Tonawanda, where she continues to provide primary care to patients in our community.

Her educational background is equally as varied and impressive. Dr. Smith-Blackwell received her medical degree from the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, now known as the Jacobs School of

Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She completed her residency in Family Medicine at Deaconess Hospital in Buffalo in 1979. For her undergraduate degree, she attended the University of Pennsylvania. After earning her M.D., Dr. Smith-Blackwell went on to attain a Masters of Public Health from Columbia University.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join Dr. Smith-Blackwell's husband, Roger Blackwell, her family, colleagues and friends to recognize the impressive contributions she has made in the medical field as she receives the Golden Stethoscope Award. So many in Western New York have benefited from her care, and I am grateful she chose to dedicate her life to bettering the well-being of our community.

RECOGNIZING THE MASSAC
COUNTY GIRLS GOLF TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Massac County Girls Golf team, who are the 2017 Class 1A Illinois team golf champions.

Massac County's overall score of 89 was six shots better than its nearest competitor, as the Lady Patriots were led by two top 20 finishers, with Millie Lawson placing 12th overall, and Emma Korte tying for 18th place. This championship is Massac County's fourth title in the last 12 years.

I would like to congratulate the entire Massac County Girls Golf Team on this victory, Emma Korte, Millie Lawson, Madie Coakley, Mady Blair, Lauren Coakley, and Madison Cunningham, as well as Head Coach Laurie Glass, on a superb end to a great season.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the excellence of the Massac County Girls Golf Team in winning the 2017 state golf title, and I wish the players, and their coach, all the best in the future.

JOSEPH COHN: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES KUSTER, MEEHAN, SPEIER, JOYCE, AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE,

My name is Joe Cohn, and I am the Legislative and Policy Director at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, or as we are better known, FIRE. I thank you for the opportunity to discuss this critical issue.

One of the core constitutional rights that FIRE defends is due process. Universities are both morally and legally obligated to respond to known instances of sexual misconduct. And for more than 50 years, courts have repeatedly held that the Constitution requires public universities to provide meaningful due process to accused students.

The stakes are extremely high for everybody in campus disciplinary proceedings. When a college sweeps an allegation of sexual misconduct under the rug, it has not only behaved immorally, it is in clear violation of Title IX. It is similarly unethical and unlawful when an institution punishes a student for alleged sexual misconduct without a truly fair and impartial process. We must not concede that either situation is acceptable.

The attention focused on this issue in recent years by student activists and the Department of Education has shed important light and opened the door for a much needed examination of whether institutions have been adequately addressing sexual violence.

Unfortunately, however, some of the particular strategies implemented have had a pernicious effect. We have too often seen a disregard for the rights of victims of sexual violence replaced by a disregard for the rights of the accused. Two wrongs do not make a right.

Addressing campus sexual misconduct must continue to be a priority. We believe that by working together, we can—and indeed, must—do a better job of protecting the rights of victims and accused students alike. That is why we are pleased that the Department of Education has committed itself to engaging in formal notice and comment to craft a new policy with both of those goals in mind.

So, today, I'd like to set forth a few principles that we hope will guide you and the Department of Education in your collective efforts to ensure that campuses are free from sex discrimination. First, we must not, under any circumstances, return to the days when allegations of sexual violence on campus were brushed aside and concealed. At a minimum this will require insisting that institutions have clear, accessible policies, and that they make efforts to inform the campus community of them and enforce them fairly but unequivocally when necessary.

Second, we must recognize that government actors and institutions cannot solve this problem alone. We will all need to work in partnership with each other and many committed activists, practitioners, and experts not now in this room. Today you are undertaking the necessary work of listening to a broader range of stakeholders affected by campus sexual assault. If we want our nation's colleges to employ clear, equitable, and fair procedures in which everyone can trust—and I believe we all do—we must hear from everyone affected and everyone committed to addressing these issues.

That is why FIRE is adamant that at the regulatory level, government agencies engage in formal notice and comment rule-making to hear insight from all parties.

Through this process, the Department of Education can combine institutional knowledge, professional expertise, and the experiences of students to create a workable, fair, and effective set of Title IX regulations. Crafting a policy on campus sexual assault without hearing from complainants, the accused, the institutions themselves, medical professionals, victim's rights advocates, civil rights advocates, parents, and the many law enforcement professionals who have dedicated their careers to ending sexual violence, is bound to be inadequate.

Third, our national policy must be careful to assign only those responsibilities to institutions that we are confident they can perform well. Consulting with professional experts only goes so far if the resulting policy delegates tasks that require particular expertise to those without the sufficient background, training, and tools to perform those functions properly.

Colleges and universities have a vital role to play in addressing campus sexual assault.

They cannot simply refer complainants to law enforcement and wash their hands of the problem. Likewise, we must not allow ourselves to continue under the dubious assumption that with a few hours of annual training colleges are equipped to handle these challenging investigations and adjudications. They are not well suited to adjudicating these complex cases. This gap between what we demand of institutions and what they are well-suited to perform has been one of the significant causes of the injustices—which flow in both directions—with which we are all too familiar.

The final broad principle is that the only way our solutions will be sustainable is if they are mindful of the rights of all students. No one benefits from a system that does not have the public's trust—not victims, not accused students, not institutions, and not the public.

FIRE wants every institution to know how to assist when a student calls for help in the middle of the night. We want institutions to dedicate enough resources to ensure that the well-being of victims is a top priority. We want every student to know that their case will be handled fairly.

Due process—equal justice under law—is not an abstract principle; it is the foundation of any system of justice worthy of the name, whether on campus or off. We agree with the Secretary that we must ensure that every student's case is handled with the care that we would expect if one of our loved ones were a party, regardless of which side of the table they are sitting on.

The status quo is unacceptable. It isn't working for anyone. It isn't working for victims. It isn't working for institutions of higher education. And it isn't working for accused students. We must protect students. We must make sure hearings are fair and accurate. We must help institutions get it right. And we must continue to hold them accountable when they do not.

I thank you for the opportunity to address you today, and look forward to working with you on this important mission.

RECOGNIZING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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 departed 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 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.

LWCF PARITY FOR TERRITORIES AND DC ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce the LWCF Parity for Territories and DC Act, with the support of all 6 Members of the House representing our U.S. territories and the District of Columbia as original cosponsors.

This bipartisan bill gives parity to Guam, the other territories, and DC in annual funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Current law requires the territories and DC to split—6 ways—a single state's annual LWCF allocation. Our bill fixes this disparity by providing a full, state-equivalent share of LWCF funding for each territory and DC, every year.

This additional funding is needed to improve public parks, outdoor sports fields, and community open spaces on Guam and the other territories, especially as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands rebuild from recent hurricanes.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage our colleagues to cosponsor this bipartisan legislation and support LWCF parity for the territories and DC.

HONORING THEODORE D. YOUNG COMMUNITY CENTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an organization in my community that this year is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, the Theodore D. Young Community Center.

TDYCC has helped countless individuals throughout the entire county of Westchester, strengthening individual communities in the process.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Lyndon B. Johnson's Community Action Program that eventually created the Fairview Greenburgh Community Center. Of the hundreds of Community Centers that were created as a result of that law, only few remain. Renamed the Theodore D. Young Community Center in 1999, it continues to be dedicated to the goals set in place so long ago, and remains a viable and necessary cornerstone of the Fairview community and beyond.

TDYCC has changed the lives of Greenburgh youth by providing wholesome, educational, and relevant programs, such as summer camps, dance classes, leadership workshops, advocacy outlets, and much more. TDYCC programming makes for more mature, self-sufficient, and culturally aware youth. Known as the hidden gem in Westchester County, it is a place that truly welcomes and serves all.

As Congressman representing parts of Greenburgh, I am extremely thankful for the work TDYCC has accomplished and the wonderful programming they do for my constituents. They are a tremendous organization and I want to congratulate their leadership team, employees, members and the public commissioners who support them on 50 tremendous years. Here's to 50 more just like it.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR., DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act (NGRCA). This bill is named for General Wherley, former Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, who, along with his wife, Ann, and seven others were tragically killed when Metro trains collided on the Red Line on June 22, 2009. The bill would permanently authorize funding for a program that provides grants for higher education to members of the D.C. National Guard, which is under the control of the federal, not District of Columbia, government. I renamed the bill after General Wherley because he worked tirelessly with me to get funding for the program for many years, and because of his devotion to the youth of the District and to the National Guard.

The NGRCA authorizes an education incentive program, recommended by the late Gen-

eral Wherley and his successor, Major General Errol Schwartz, to stem the troublesome loss of D.C. Guard members to other units, including National Guards in surrounding states that offer such educational benefits to their Guards. I am grateful that Congress has provided funds for the program at our request, most recently \$450,000 in fiscal year 2017. Permanently authorizing the program is necessary, however, to ensure that D.C. Guard members receive the same treatment and benefits as other National Guard members, particularly those in neighboring states that compete with the District for members and provide these higher education benefits. Today, the Guard for the nation's capital has a diminished ability to compete for regional residents if membership in the Maryland or Virginia Guards is more economically beneficial. A competitive tuition assistance program for the D.C. Guard would provide a significant and much-needed incentive to help maintain enrollment and level the field of competition. The federal government supports D.C. Guard functions and understands it should support this small benefit as well, because the appropriators have always funded the D.C. Guard program, even without authorization. However, depending on appropriations alone leaves the D.C. Guard program in a tenuous condition at odds with the tuition programs in nearby states. Because the program is not controversial, there is no reason not to permanently authorize funding for these D.C. National Guard grants.

I appreciate that the appropriators and ultimately Congress have not hesitated to fund the education benefits for the D.C. National Guard, arguing strongly for permanent authorization. These small education incentives have not only encouraged high-quality recruits, but have helped the D.C. Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence here, including the possibility of a natural disaster or terrorist attack. I am pleased to introduce the bill based on the advice of Guard personnel, who best know what is necessary.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

CANDICE JACKSON: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

Thank you Co-Chairs Joyce, Kuster, Meehan, Speier and members of the Task Force for the opportunity to join you today. I'd like to thank this Task Force for your dedication to ending sexual violence in all aspects of our society. For the last six months, I've had the honor to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. We at the Department are dedicated to the mission of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights.

Like too many of us, I bring with me to this work personal experiences surviving sexual violence. Being raped at age twenty jeopardized the trajectory of my life and nearly prevented me from graduating law school. It took years to try and shake the remnants of shame, humiliation, and pain that sexual assault inflicted. In my work at OCR, I've been deeply moved by talking and working with students and their advocates, hearing story after story of how their educations have been derailed and their lives imperiled by sexual violence. All students in our nation's schools have the right to feel safe and secure at school. All students should know that their school fosters an environment that decreases the risk that any student will suffer sexual harassment or assault. All students have a right to expect their school to respond promptly and fairly to incidents of sexual violence.

At OCR we are charged by Congress, among other things, with the critical responsibility for enforcing Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination by any school receiving federal funds. It's our duty to enforce legal requirements concerning how a school must respond to incidents of sexual violence. OCR investigates and resolves complaints over how schools respond to sexual violence, resulting in changes to schools' policies and procedures to better ensure that schools provide the "prompt and equitable" response to sexual harassment and violence that federal regulations require. Our role as an enforcement agency is crucial. We can and will continue to fulfill that role.

OCR currently has 353 sexual violence cases open with colleges and universities, and 149 cases open with K through 12 school districts. Twenty-five percent of the higher education sexual violence complaints, and twenty-eight percent of the K through 12 cases resulted from complaints filed during the current Administration. We believe this continued influx of complaints reflects an improving culture where survivors feel supported coming forward both to their schools and to OCR. At the same time, the high number of sexual violence complaints shows that too many students are not yet experiencing school-level procedures that are prompt and equitable. The Department therefore recently issued interim guidance to encourage schools to ensure their procedures are both supportive to survivors and fair to all involved parties. The Department will undergo a transparent notice-and-comment rule-making process to solicit perspectives from all stakeholders to ensure that Title IX regulations result in school procedures that best serve Title IX's critical purpose.

It is helpful that this Task Force called this Roundtable together to discuss promoting healthy relationships in K through 12 schools. One of themes I hear over and over is that by the time many young people arrive at college, their approach to interpersonal relations and their basic understanding (or lack of understanding) of what it means to respect themselves and each other has already been formed throughout their K through 12 years. Waiting to address these interpersonal issues until college is problematic.

I am grateful for the opportunity to share with you the work being done at the Office for Civil Rights, and look forward to continuing this dialogue with this Task Force.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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 JON DOUGLAS RILEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Jon Douglas Riley for his leadership and service to the people of Vallejo, California.

Mr. Riley was born at the Vallejo General Hospital on October 7, 1958. His parents, Jon Merton and Barbara Riley, raised him alongside his two sisters, Ronnette and Robin, at their house on Benson Avenue in Vallejo. His talent for recognizing and solving problems were evident in high school. As a student, he spoke in front of the Napa School Board and successfully argued for a smoking area to keep students from littering in the grass and creek. Mr. Riley graduated from Vintage High School in 1976.

From an early age, Mr. Riley dreamed of following his father and becoming a firefighter at the Vallejo Fire Department. He went

through the Solano County Fire Academy in 1977. Prior to landing his dream job at the Department in 1985, Mr. Riley worked as a full time employee for the City of Vallejo at the gas pumps and as a laborer. The City promoted him to Pipe Mechanic in 1982.

Mr. Riley led a successful career at the Vallejo Fire Department. He taught CPR training courses to health care professionals and the public for 15 years. As a member of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, he helped rewrite the Apprenticeship Standards for the department. His work contributed to the development of policies for the Department's Public Information Officer. He taught students at the National Fire Department Instructors Conference's Hands on Training classes in Indianapolis and Sacramento for five years.

Mr. Riley served as the Political Director for the Napa and Solano Counties Central Labor Council, and, at the time of his retirement, was a Vice President. He currently serves on the Solano County Civil Service Commission and Workforce Development Boards. He is the Co-Chair of Solano Counties Help in Recruiting and Retaining Employees Committee, where he coordinates job placement services.

Mr. Speaker, Jon Douglas Riley is a valuable leader and organizer in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him for his many years of service to the people of Vallejo, California.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECT OUR STUDENTS AND TAXPAYERS (POST) ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Protect Our Students and Taxpayers (POST) Act.

If enacted, this legislation would take steps towards eliminating an incentive for for-profit colleges to aggressively recruit and enroll veterans, service members and their families, who have sacrificed for this country and deserve the highest quality of education.

Current law prohibits for-profit colleges and universities from deriving more than 90 percent of their revenue from the U.S. Department of Education's federal student aid programs. The other 10 percent is required to come from sources other than the federal government. However, because of the way the law was written, veterans' and active duty service members' federal student aid does not count towards the 90 percent. Instead, it may be included among a for-profit institution's calculation of its 10 percent non-federal revenue.

As a result, for-profit colleges and universities are left with a powerful incentive to recruit veterans, service members and their families, offering them degrees that are often less valuable than those from not-for-profit institutions.

The POST Act would strengthen the definition of "federal aid" to include G.I. bill funds, Department of Defense Tuition Assistance benefits, and all other federal funding sources.

Furthermore, the POST Act would reinstate a 15 percent minimum on revenue that for-profit colleges must receive from sources other than the federal government. The re-

quirement was lowered from 15 percent to 10 percent in 1998.

The bill also takes steps towards eliminating accounting tricks used by for-profit educational institutions that inflate their declared amount of non-federal funding.

Finally, the POST Act increases the penalty for rule-breakers by causing colleges to lose eligibility to participate in federal student aid programs after one year of noncompliance with the new 85-15 rule. Currently, they do not face penalties until they have been non-compliant for two years.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and help get it passed.

HONORING MOUNT VERNON HEIGHTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr Speaker, I want to acknowledge a Mount Vernon institution that this year is celebrating its remarkable 120th Anniversary. Founded on October 7, 1896 the Mount Vernon Heights Congregational Church has served parishioners in the Mount Vernon community and beyond for well over a century. Their rich history deserves our recognition.

Though officially founded on a Thursday evening in 1896, the church's roots actually date back to 1892 when members of the community from all different denominations gathered for prayer services at the school house on Garden Avenue. Four years later, a meeting was held in the school house on Garden Avenue for the stated purpose of organizing a Congregational church in Mount Vernon Heights. Eighteen persons were present, and they voted unanimously to carry out this purpose.

From there, the Church's rich history began to bloom. In September, 1915 the corner lot of South Columbus and Beekman Avenues was purchased and by 1917 the new chapel was dedicated, which is currently Fellowship Hall. Through time, additional parcels of land were procured and new buildings were constructed.

Through the years the Mount Vernon Heights Congregational Church has been a pillar to the community. The tall white bell tower stands high as landmark to many. This church has withstood World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and other military conflicts that have affected American life. The wall plaques in the church lobby stand for its contribution of lives. This church has fostered Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops; Women Leagues, Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth Groups and Support Groups, Home Missionary Society to name a few.

Over the years there were many contributions made by the 14 different pastors that served this church, too many deeds to list. And those good deeds have always been mirrored by the congregation, which has raised money and donated countless hours to helping their community thrive. I want to congratulate them on this amazing 120th Anniversary.

HONORING FORT LAUDERDALE, OAKLAND PARK, AND WILTON MANORS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Wilton Manors, Florida for being named by the Human Rights Campaign as top cities fostering LGBTQ equality and inclusivity.

Each of these cities received an exceptional score on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's sixth annual Municipal Equality Index. Fort Lauderdale received 87 out of 100 points, Oakland Park received 99, and Wilton Manors received a perfect 100. These three cities are among just 86 nationwide with top scores from states without comprehensive nondiscrimination laws.

These cities showcase South Florida's long and meaningful history of LGBTQ civic engagement and support for equality. Each year, more and more municipalities are recognized by the Human Rights Campaign for their growing efforts to ensure LGBTQ inclusion in municipal law, policy, and services. I encourage all cities in South Florida to follow the examples set by Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Wilton Manors in making theirs a city where LGBTQ individuals thrive.

As a member of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus and as an original sponsor of the Equality Act, I am especially honored to represent these cities in the U.S. House of Representatives. Again, congratulations to Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Wilton Manors.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 FAIRFAX COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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 employers' 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 live, work, and raise a family.

AMY SANCHEZ: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

Good morning Congresspersons Kuster, Speier, Meehan and Joyce. Thank you for inviting me to participate in this important roundtable before the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence. My name is Amy Sanchez and I am the CEO of Break the Cycle, a national nonprofit that engages, educates and empowers youth to build lives and communities free from domestic and dating violence. Break the Cycle believes that everyone deserves a healthy relationship and since 1996 has worked to end dating abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and

stalking in the lives of young people ages 12 to 24 across the U.S. Thank you for holding this roundtable today to address the steps Congress can take to support the implementation of K through 12 healthy relationships and consent education, and to thank you each for being champions for ending sexual violence.

Dating abuse and sexual violence are public health epidemics with severe impacts for young victims:

One in three high school students experience either physical or sexual violence, or both, perpetrated by someone they are dating or going out with.

Nearly 30 percent of adult victims of interpersonal violence homicides from 2003 to 2014 were young women between the ages of 18 and 29. (Unfortunately this CDC study did not address girls younger than 18.)

In Texas alone, 8 young women 19 and younger were murdered by an intimate partner in 2016.

More than half of women (69.5 percent) and men (53.6 percent) who have been physically or sexually abused, or stalked by a dating partner, first experienced abuse between the ages of 11 and 24.

Among male high school students who have experienced sexual and physical abuse by a dating partner, more than 1 in 4 have seriously contemplated suicide, and almost as many have attempted suicide.

Among female high school students who have experienced sexual and physical abuse by a dating partner, nearly half have seriously contemplated suicide, and more than 1 in 4 have attempted suicide.

We also know that raising awareness early is essential to ending this epidemic because:

More than half (58 percent) of college students do not know how to help someone who is experiencing dating abuse; and

Nearly all college students (89 percent) are not confident in their ability to recognize the warning signs of dating violence.

Both intervention and prevention are keys to stopping dating abuse and sexual assault among young people. To that end, Break the Cycle's work focuses on three: 1) direct legal representation to young victims ages 12 to 24 in Washington, DC, in restraining order, Title IX, and victim witness advocacy cases; 2) supporting youth leadership on dating abuse issues in schools and communities; and 3) providing education programs to schools and other youth-serving entities on supporting young people to prevent dating abuse and sexual assault. My remaining remarks will address the third element of this work—prevention education—and how we can ensure that every K through 12 student in the U.S. has access to developmentally appropriate programming.

Break the Cycle's prevention programming takes many forms, including Healthy Relationships workshops, Resource Manuals for schoolteachers and administrators, and Real Talks. The goal is always to create a space for youth to engage in open and honest conversations about healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors in order to:

decrease the isolation that young victims so often feel;

enable young people to lead conversations about the good, the bad, and the normal in dating and relationships today;

teach young people how best to provide support to each other since we know they often do not report dating/sexual abuse to an adult;

allow young people to talk without fear of being judged or influenced by adults;

educate young people about dating abuse, including its warning signs; and

build on the lived realities of young people to develop effective engagement strategies to end dating violence and create a culture without abuse.

To prevent dating abuse and sexual violence among young people, Congress must fund primary prevention in every school. The funded approaches should meet the best practices standards set by the CDC, including that the education be: comprehensive; offered in sufficient dosage; socio-culturally relevant; evidence-based; offered by well-trained implementers; include outcome evaluations; and employ varied teaching methods.

One cannot check social media or news outlets today without reading about another sexual assault case, including on our school campuses. School districts are waking up to the fact that primary prevention programs are needed to teach young people about healthy and unhealthy relationship patterns and what consent means. Many states, including Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, and Rhode Island, are leading the way by requiring that schools include consent and healthy relationships education within their sexual education curricula.

Budget choices are policy choices, and Congress has the opportunity to support these state efforts through adequate funding. One such avenue is the \$5 million increase for Rape Prevention Education in the Senate Appropriations Bill—the Task Force should champion this increase in RPE in the House as a concrete step towards ending dating abuse and sexual assault.

I want to close with some words from the sister of a dating abuse survivor who Break the Cycle assisted. She wrote BTC: "I had not thought about the need for interventions for young people. But then when my sister needed help, you were there for her. I will never be able to thank you enough for what you did for her. She has since met an amazing man and will be getting married soon. I doubt she will tell you, but you will be there nonetheless—in the form of a safe and whole bride walking into the arms of a man who loves and respects her." Through adequate funding and mandates for healthy relationships and consent education in K through 12 schools, Congress can be instrumental in preventing dating violence and sexual assault and ensuring that love and respect are the touchstones of relationships that young people form throughout their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, Wednesday, September 27, 2017, Thursday, September 28, 2017, Monday, October 2, 2017, Tuesday, October 3, 2017, and Wednesday, October 4, 2017, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures due to a foot injury. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

(Roll no. 532) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, and H.R. 2792—Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 533) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, and H.R. 2792—Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 534) On approval of the journal, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 535) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. PASCRELL of New Jersey Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 536) On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 537) On passage of H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 538) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 539) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 540) On passage of H. Res. 311—Recognizing that for 50 years the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has worked toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 541) On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 542) On passage of H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 543) On passage of H.R. 2792—Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 544) On passage of H.R. 1547—Udall Park Land Exchange Completion Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 545) On passage of H.R. 965—Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 546) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 547) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 548) On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 549) On passage of H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 550) On passage of S. 782—PROTECT Our Children Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 551) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 552) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 553) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. GRIJALVA of Arizona Substitute Amendment No. 1 to H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 554) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. SCOTT of Virginia Substitute Amendment No. 2 to H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted no.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
GARY S. CHAHIL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated service and achievements of Mr. Gary Singh Chahil; outgoing District Director for my Fresno and Merced District offices. In the nearly two years since Gary has assumed this role, he has served as an advocate for the people of the 16th Congressional District. My staff and I will greatly miss his presence, generosity and sense of humor.

Gurjinder “Gary” Singh Chahil was born in the great state of Michigan, son of Jaswant Singh Chahil and Bhagwant Kaur Chahil. He is a proud Detroit native.

Gary attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, completing his Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering, a Masters of Business Administration and a PhD in Business Administration. He is a fiercely proud Wolverine and frequently enjoys watching Michigan football on Saturday afternoons.

Gary married the love of his life Kamaldeep “Kim” Kaur Deol, daughter of Sarbjit Singh Deol and Surinderpal Kaur Deol in 2004. They are blessed with two boys Kanvar “Kamran” and Bashan.

Gary started his career with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. He spent five years at Ford before job opportunities brought him and his family west to California. He initially settled in San Jose, before moving to the San Joaquin Valley.

I first met Gary in 2012 at an event I hosted for the Indian community. Throughout the next few years, I would frequently seek Gary’s council on matters relating to the Indian, and specifically Sikh American, communities. An interest in politics and desire to serve the Valley led Gary to accept the District Director position in my office in February 2016.

Throughout his tenure as District Director, Gary has cultivated relationships in Fresno, Madera and Merced counties and worked hard to serve the people of the district. Gary has worked on a number of high profile policy issues, including immigration, international relations, water and agriculture. One project he is particularly proud of is the creation of the exchange partnership between California State University, Fresno and the Punjab Agriculture University in India.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to note that Gary is the first Sikh District Director in the United States Congress, an achievement that speaks to the great diversity we have in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mr. Gary Singh Chahil on his successful tenure as District Director for the

16th Congressional District. My staff and I are proud to have had the opportunity to work with him over the past two years. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing his achievements and ask that you join me in wishing Gary, his wife Kim and their two boys continued success and happiness.

HONORING BILL TAUBNER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of Pelham Manor, Bill Taubner, who this year is being honored by the Pelham Civic Association at their annual Dinner Dance Gala for his dedication to the community.

A lifelong resident of Pelham Manor and a member of the Pelham Civic Association, Bill is an exemplary member of the community. He is extremely altruistic and benevolent to charities, individuals, and families in need. Bill has a reputation for being very dependable, especially when it matters most.

An Executive Vice President of Ball Chain Manufacturing, he has been a member of the Pelham Manor Planning Board, has served as Chair of the board, Director and Coach of Pelham Little League, Director and Coach of Pelham Ice Hockey, and as a Pelham Soccer Coach. Bill has also been integral in the Fundraising Committees of Siwanoy Elementary School, Pelham Middle School, and Pelham High School, demonstrating his commitment to education and improving the lives of students in the neighborhood.

The Pelham Civic Association has made a fine choice this year in honoring Bill at their annual Dinner Dance Gala. I too would like to honor, and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for all of his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 LORDS AND
LADIES FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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.

MADE IN SC

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the statewide consortium of ten South Carolina higher education institutions for receiving a \$20 million, five-year Research Infrastructure Improvement Track-1 grant from the National Science Foundation's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. This grant led to the creation of the Materials Assembly and Design in South Carolina initiative, or MADE in SC to create jobs.

These higher-education institutions are as follows: The University of South Carolina, Clemson University, The Medical University of South Carolina, Furman University, The College of Charleston, USC Beaufort, Winthrop University, South Carolina State University, Claflin University, and Florence-Darlington Technical College.

This grant encourages small business growth by providing seed funding through Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer awards to South Carolina businesses in materials-re-

lated projects. This consortium will use this grant to foster research and development in the state by focusing on advanced materials discovery and optimization efforts that are in high-demand. MADE in SC will boost the manufacturing and materials science workforce by adding new undergraduate degree programs and expanding current coursework, ultimately increasing the skilled-labor workforce.

As a proponent of creating jobs and encouraging manufacturing in the district and across South Carolina, I look forward to seeing these higher education institutions utilizing this grant to stimulating small business growth, jobs, and valuable research across South Carolina.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

HONORING JORGE L. BARÓN

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jorge L. Barón for his exemplary work on behalf of immigrant communities and to congratulate him on receiving El Centro de la Raza's 7th Annual Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Award.

Jorge has served as the Executive Director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) since 2008. NWIRP provides free or low-cost legal representation to over 10,000 immigrant and refugee families in the Pacific Northwest. With Jorge at the helm, the organization has steadily increased its size and budget and is now the largest of its kind in the region. Serving thousands of immigrants each year, Jorge and his colleagues at NWIRP believe that having access to an attorney is a fundamental human right. They strive to represent as many immigrant families as possible.

Jorge immigrated from Bogotá, Columbia when he was just thirteen years old. After graduating from Duke University, he worked in the film industry for several years until finding his passion for human rights law. He then attended Yale Law School. From his unique perspective on the immigration system, he not only understands the law, but also understands the hopes, fears, and needs that a new generation of immigrants face today.

Jorge's many accomplishments include helping to secure the return of two individuals who were turned away from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport due to President Trump's travel ban, and defending the rights of detained immigrants at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma.

The Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Award honors the legacy of Roberto Maestas by recognizing those who are dedicated to "building the beloved community" and eliminating poverty, racism, and social inequity. Jorge's work exemplifies these standards.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Jorge Barón for his vital advocacy efforts on behalf of the immigrant community. I have no doubt Jorge will continue to advance human rights in the Pacific Northwest for many years to come.

REMEMBERING PASTOR ALVIN DUPREE

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Pastor Alvin Dupree—a man who dedicated his life to the service and the betterment of our country and community.

Pastor Dupree grew up with eleven siblings in Kansas City, Missouri, where he learned the importance of family and patience. Upon his graduation from high school, Pastor Dupree selflessly joined the United States Army and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam.

After returning home from Vietnam, Pastor Dupree continued to follow the call to serve when he joined Grace Temple Church in Kansas City, Kansas. At Grace Temple Church, he served in many capacities, including adjutant, deacon, minister, and eventually Pastor. He did this all with his wife, and later Co-Pastor, Linda Dupree by his side.

Together, they served the Kansas City community faithfully for 30 years. Their compassion and service to those around them will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Alvin Dupree leaves a lasting legacy in Kansas City. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time.

HONORING ROBERT J. RUBINSTEIN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and a pillar of the Bronx community, Robert J. Rubinstein, a man who has given so selflessly to various neighborhood organizations throughout the northwest Bronx.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Bob attended P.S. 86 and the Bronx High School of Science where he met his wife, Barbara. After graduating from Bates College on the Dean's list, where he was captain of the debate team, he served his country in the Korean War for two years as a cryptographic specialist.

Upon his return, Bob went to NYU Law School and graduated in 1958. In 1959, he and his family moved to Riverdale, at the urging of his father, Max, who was the first Principal of Junior High School 141. Bob and Barbara's children Lisa, Kenneth, and Adam all attended the local public schools and Bob immediately immersed himself in Riverdale life. As a founder of the Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club, of which I myself am a member, he ran for Assembly in the First Democratic Primary ever held in the Bronx, with endorsements from Eleanor Roosevelt and Governor Herbert Lehman.

Bob served as the first President of Riverdale Senior Services, and is still an active Member of their Board. He is also a former Vice President and Board Member to the Riverdale Neighborhood House and has been an active Member of the Riverdale Kiwanis Club for 52 years, serving in various roles ranging from Lieutenant Governor, and Vice President, President Board Member.

After serving under Mayor Lindsay as general Counsel for the then Housing Development Administration, Bob opened his own law office in Riverdale, where he still practices. Bob plans to continue practicing law in Riverdale and remain an active participant in community affairs.

This year, The Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation is honoring Bob at their annual Greenway Gala. They could not have found a more deserving honoree. Congratulations to Bob on this wonderful honor.

JANE STAPLETON: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

Good morning Congresswoman Kuster and co-chairs Meehan, Speier and Joyce.

My name is Jane Stapleton and along with Dr. Sharyn Potter, I am the Director of Prevention Innovations Research Center at the University of New Hampshire. It is an honor to provide testimony on campus sexual violence and promoting healthy relationships and consent education in K through 12 schools to the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence. Prevention Innovations is made up of researchers and practitioners who work together to create, evaluate and disseminate evidence-based prevention and responses to sexual and relationship violence. We work to build practitioners' capacities to respond to survivors, prevent violence and navigate the changing landscape of federal laws and mandates. We believe that to truly end the problems of sexual and relationship violence in K through 12 schools and post-secondary education, we must understand what works in prevention and response and then implement evidence-based and research informed prevention strategies.

Together, my colleagues and I have developed, evaluated and implemented prevention strategies to engage community members as bystanders who take responsibility to create safe and respectful learning and living environments. Prevention Innovations' evidence-based prevention strategies include:

Bringing in the Bystander, an in-person prevention program with high school and adult versions

Know Your Power bystander intervention social marketing campaign

uSafeUS, a mobile app that puts trauma informed responses and evidence-based prevention strategies in the hands of survivors and their allies

Still in development: a Bystander Intervention Video Game

Increased attention to sexual and relationship violence in schools has led to exponential growth in the number of vendors offering solutions to these pervasive public health problems. Vendors sell products that guarantee compliance and prevention, oftentimes with little to no scientific evidence to suggest that they are effective. Prevention Innovations has recently published a white paper on choosing prevention products. It seems appropriate to share this guidance with the Bipartisan Task Force.

It is essential to know whether prevention products have been thoroughly evaluated

with scientific research methods. Prevention products should have stated, measurable learning objectives that can be evaluated. Ongoing evaluation and utilization of the best available evidence should also inform the product's evolution over time.

Sexual and relationship violence are nuanced issues, so it is vital that prevention efforts are developed by people with expertise. The best interventions adhere to the principles for effective prevention.

Effective prevention strategies are informed by theories that have been developed and validated through rigorous scientific scrutiny. Effective prevention products should be grounded in theories that foster change.

Prevention efforts are most effective when they use multiple modalities such as text, video, audio, case studies, interactive exercises, gaming principles, and skills practice. Products should be developmentally and culturally appropriate to your audience and well-suited to the method of dissemination.

It is critical that all efforts promote a campus culture that supports survivors. It is important to consider the impact of prevention products and programs on members of the community who are survivors and secondary survivors, and to ensure they are trauma-informed products.

The product should be informed by those for whom it was intended. A prevention strategy developed for a college student is most likely not appropriate for a high school student and definitely not for a middle school student.

Prevention efforts require sufficient dosage to be effective. Cutting down the prevention dosage could lead to inadequate or no effect or could potentially cause harm. One-time programs are tempting, and vendors may claim that they "check all the prevention boxes," but a solo packaged program or a single annual event will not change campus culture.

It is vital that prevention messages are socioculturally relevant and reflect a community's diversity. For prevention efforts to be effective, members of the community need to see situations and people like those they would regularly encounter.

While we know a lot about prevention, there is still so much we do not know, such as the impact of consent education on reducing sexual assault perpetration; and the effectiveness of on-line prevention modules, community and societal level interventions. The best way to proceed in our efforts is to continue to develop scientifically evaluated prevention strategies and implement these evidence-based and research informed prevention tools in a comprehensive plan that engages all members of the social ecology.

On behalf of Prevention Innovations Research Center, I would like to thank the Bipartisan Task Force for your careful consideration of our suggestions for the most effective elements of prevention in K through 12 and colleges. I welcome your questions and the opportunity to provide additional information.

AIR CARGO SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2017

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, thirteen years ago, the 9/11 Commission raised red flags "regarding the screening and transport of checked bags and cargo" and

called for "[m]ore attention and resources" to "be directed to reducing or mitigating the threat posed by explosives in vessels' cargo holds."

Today, the threat of a terrorist attack using air cargo is significant. In fact, in July, then-Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly identified cargo-based aviation attacks as a major concern, explaining "there are people out there, very smart people, very sophisticated people who do nothing but try to figure out how to blow up an airplane in flight. . . . [T]here is a fair amount of cargo, what we would attribute to just cargo flown on passenger airplane on space available. [Terrorists] are constantly looking for ways to do this."

That same month, Australian authorities arrested four men on charges that they plotted to detonate a bomb to bring down an Etihad Airways passenger plane on behalf of ISIS on July 15. Reportedly, "a senior ISIS commander shipped partially assembled components of a bomb on a commercial cargo plane from Turkey to Australia . . . [and] two men in Australia assembled the parts into a functional explosive device." In response to the foiled Australia attack, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a security directive requiring any air cargo from Turkey bound for the U.S. to undergo enhanced screening. The Australia plot came seven years after a terrorist plot to ship bombs hidden in printer cartridges from Yemen to the United States onboard cargo planes was thwarted.

This increase in the air cargo security risk comes at a time when the volume of goods being moved by air cargo has increased, with the volume, as of 2016 back to approximately 98.4 percent of pre-recession levels with airlines transporting 52 million metric tons of goods.

In response to this security risk, I am introducing the "Air Cargo Security Improvement Act of 2017." My legislation would direct the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to take a number of steps to enhance its responsibilities for air cargo and require the agency to aggressively move towards addressing current and future threats to air cargo. Specifically, my legislation would clarify air cargo security responsibilities at TSA, encourage further technological developments for screening air cargo, review existing air cargo programs, and require the Department of Homeland Security to make permanent the Air Cargo Advance Screening Program.

Mr. Speaker, a decade ago, I was the lead sponsor of legislation that addressed the concerns raised by the 9/11 Commission about the threat of an air cargo-based attack. The "Implementing 9/11 Recommendations Act of 2007" directed TSA to, for the first time, ensure that all cargo carried on passenger planes was screened. My bill recognizes the need to revisit that law and the stark reality that as technology has evolved so have terrorist capabilities. For instance, in 2007, it was unimaginable for terrorists to use laptops as bombs; however, in 2017, the threat of a laptop bomb was so severe that TSA considered banning laptops from airplane cabins, in response to intelligence about terrorist capabilities. The threat posed by terrorists' abilities and desires to exploit vulnerabilities cannot be understated and they have demonstrably set their targets on air cargo. We need to be timely and precise in addressing air cargo security,

as we cannot afford, nor should the American public tolerate, otherwise.

Mr. Speaker, I introduce the "Air Cargo Security Improvement Act of 2017" in the hopes that Congress will move with urgency to make Americans more secure from the threat of an air cargo-based terrorist attack and urge my colleagues to join me in working to advance this timely measure.

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 31, 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.

DETECTIVE MIGDALIA "MINDY" RAMOS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to represent one of the great public servants in the northwest Bronx who day after day works hard to keep our community safe.

Detective Migdaha Ramos, better known to all of us as Mindy, was born and raised in Manhattan. She attended Fashion Industry High School and upon graduation, worked in the retail and fashion industry. In July of 1998, Mindy started on a new path as a member of the New York Police Department. She was appointed to the 50th Precinct following her completion of the Police Academy, and has for the last 18 years honorably served the community there in different assignments.

Detective Ramos started as a Uniform Patrol Officer, answering 911 radio calls and addressing community concerns. Shortly thereafter, she was assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. For the next seven years, she would conduct investigations, arrest violent perpetrators, and assist victims in receiving appropriate services.

In 2007, Detective Ramos had the pleasure of being assigned as the Precinct Community Affairs Officer, the position she still holds to this day. Since then, she has established a great working relationship with the elected officials, business district, community board, and various other entities that serve the community. She also has a wonderful rapport with the residents of the northwest Bronx, which is why in December of 2015, she was promoted to Detective.

I have always been impressed with Detective Ramos's commitment to the neighborhood and her responsiveness to the needs of the community. I know when it comes to my office it has been a true pleasure working with her.

This year, the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation is honoring Detective Ramos at their annual Greenway Gala. They have chosen a most deserving honoree. I want to congratulate Detective Ramos on this great honor and thank her for all she has done to improve and strengthen our neighborhood.

TRIBUTE TO THE BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Bedford Public Library in Bedford, Iowa for celebrating their 100 year anniversary.

The Bedford Public Library was built in 1916 as a gift from Andrew Carnegie and is one of 101 Carnegie Libraries built in Iowa. It has come a long way since 1916, there are no longer just books housed there. It is home to five public access computers with high speed internet connections along with a number of other modern amenities. The library also contains a large genealogy collection.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent those who have made the Bedford Public Library such an integral part of the community and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them for this outstanding milestone and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

SUGAR LAND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS RAISE MONEY TO HELP BEAT BREAST CANCER

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Teams at Sugar Land Middle School for their efforts to raise money to help beat breast cancer.

The teams worked together to raise \$1,375 for the Fort Bend Junior Service League's Breast Cancer Fund, in spite of the hardships they have faced after Hurricane Harvey. These girls exemplify what it means to be a team, not just on the court, but also working together to give back to our community. The funds they raised will go toward improving quality of life, diminishing suffering and providing access to early detection and treatment for Fort Bend County breast cancer patients.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Sugar Land Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Teams. We are very proud of them and look forward to their future successes. Go Titans.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER TUG HILL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN KEN VIGUS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ken Vigus, the former Chairman of New York State's Tug Hill Commission.

Ken had a great interest in and love for the Tug Hill Region of New York. He was appointed to the Tug Hill Commission in 2002, where he worked to help local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill Region, which encompasses much of Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego counties. With a total of 14 years of service, Ken served as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Commission.

Ken's involvement in the region did not stop there. He enjoyed hunting on the Tug Hill Plateau and served as President of the Horse Shoe Hunting Club. He was also a member of the Boonville Zoning Board of Appeals and served on the Boonville Town Planning Board. Earlier in his life, Ken made important contributions to both his country and to his community by serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and then as a professional firefighter.

I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Ken's family and friends, particularly his wife, Rhonda. He was a true community leader and his legacy of service will endure in New York's 21st District.

CELEBRATION OF THE 5TH YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF NEW LEAF
FAMILY CHURCH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the New Leaf Family Church for its 5th year church anniversary. The church started its ministry in October 2012 under the leadership of Dr. Corey C. Toney, Sr. Since its beginning, the church has made a strong impact to the Dallas community.

Dr. Corey C. Toney, Sr. was born and raised in Dallas. He graduated from Justin F. Kimball High School in the Dallas Independent School District. Afterward, he decided to pursue his passion by studying auto and diesel mechanics at the Universal Technical Institute in Houston, Texas in 1989. However, he eventually changed fields by entering the ministry. On April 11, 2009, Dr. Toney received his Doctorate of Humanity from the Dallas/Fort Worth Bible Institute and Seminary, and in June of 2013, he received his Bachelor's of Arts in Divinity from Vision International University. The following year, he received his Master of Arts in Divinity from Vision International University, where he was named Salutatorian.

In 2012, Dr. Toney decided with the help of Bishop Ray Campbell's leadership that he was ready to start his own church in Dallas. Now, he is committed to his community in Dallas by serving as the Founder, Pastor and Teacher of the New Leaf Family Church. The church's commitment to its membership and the community at large is seen through its ministry and work to lift up and engage everyone in the community. I want to recognize the New Leaf Family Church for the continued success, and the hope for a bright future that they have awaiting them.

TRIBUTE TO REDFIELD LION'S
CLUB

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Redfield, Iowa Lion's Club for celebrating 60 years of service to their community.

The members of this organization have been working since 1956 to meet the Lion's objectives of empowering volunteers to better their communities, meeting humanitarian needs, encouraging peace and promoting international understanding. Their valued work within the community has been integral to the people of Redfield and I commend them for their service.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the Redfield Lion's Club for celebrating this out-

standing milestone. It is because of Iowans like them that I'm proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

BRISCOE JUNIOR HIGH HONOR
BAND SELECTED FOR MARK OF
EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Briscoe Junior High Honor Band for being selected for the Foundation for Music Education's Mark of Excellence Program.

The Mark of Excellence Project recognizes outstanding achievement in performance from high school and middle school bands, choirs and orchestras across the country. The Briscoe Junior High Honor Band was chosen as a Commended Winner. This is a wonderful honor and speaks to the talent of the band members and the school's music program.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Briscoe Junior High Honor Band. We are very proud of them and look forward to their future successes. We are excited to have them represent TX-22.

CONGRATULATING PHILIP
IMBARRATO ON RECEIVING THE
2017 VETERAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Philip Imbarrato on receiving the 2017 Veteran of the Year Award.

Philip Imbarrato has made important contributions to both his country while in the military and to his community as a veteran. In 1953, he was drafted to serve in the Korean War in the 6th Tank Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. Upon leaving Korea later that year, he was posted to Mount Fuji Army Base where he served until his discharge in January 1955. In recognition of his dedication and sacrifice, Phil received a promotion to Corporal as well as multiple medals honoring his service in Korea.

After completing his enlistment, Phil returned to school at the City College of New York where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sales and Management. Throughout his career and to the present, Phil has been a member of the Ballston Spa Lions Club, where he served as President in 1983. Phil is also one of the longest serving Docents at the New York State Military Museum, a position he has held since 2006.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I want to congratulate Phil on his well-deserved award of 2017 Veteran of the Year, and thank him for his service and dedication to both his country and community.

TRIBUTE TO BECKY PETERSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Becky Peterson for receiving the Hero of Hope Award from the Iowa American Cancer Society at this year's annual Winter Leadership Conference in Panora, Iowa.

The Hero of Hope Award is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer who exemplifies inspirational communication skills, a passion for Relay For Life and a commitment to the mission of the American Cancer Society. Becky exemplified that commitment when she went the extra mile with her efforts as event lead for the Guthrie County Relay For Life. Becky has also had her own personal battle with cancer and has now been cancer free for six years.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like Becky in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Becky for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but the best.

KAILEI MCGOWAN HELPS
HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Kailei McGowan of Richmond, TX for her dedication to helping victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Kailei and her family were forced to evacuate by boat after their apartment was flooded from Hurricane Harvey. But, that did not stop this 9 year old Girl Scout from helping other survivors at the Marshall High School Shelter where her family was staying. As soon as they arrived, Kailei put on her Girl Scout vest and started handing out canned food, water, clothes and cleaning supplies to folks in need. Like them, she too lost everything, but was determined to do as much as she could to help. Her spirit and commitment to serving others exemplify what it means to be both a Girl Scout AND a Texan. Thanks to people like Kailei we are Houston Strong.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to Kailei for her selfless dedication to serving others in their time of need. We are very proud of her and look forward to her future success.

RECOGNIZING KING BROTHER'S
DAIRY AND NATIONAL GRID

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize King Brother's Dairy in Schuylerville,

New York, and their recent partnership with National Grid.

For five generations, Kings-Ransom dairy farmers have been making a positive impact on the North Country economy with their contributions to the local agriculture market. In 2010, the farm's owners, Jan and Jeff King, decided to return to their roots by starting King Brothers Dairy, a service which provides fresh milk and other dairy products directly to the doors of nearby consumers. By providing highly sought after locally sourced food to their neighbors, the King Family has contributed greatly to the Upstate New York community, earning their dairy products the "New York State Grown and Certified Producer" certification in the process.

The innovative spirit displayed at King Brother's Dairy has also attracted the attention of National Grid, who have partnered with the farm by providing \$100,000 in energy efficiency and economic development grant funding. This investment from National Grid has assisted King Brother's Dairy in the development of their new bottling facility, while also helping to ensure that the farm can continue their leadership in the agricultural community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank National Grid and King Brother's Dairy for their important contributions to local agriculture. In addition to encouraging economic development in the North Country, their work provides an important example of the success that can be achieved by working together.

TRIBUTE TO NORA SCHATZBERG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nora Schatzberg of Pleasant Hill, Iowa for being named the 2016 Pleasant Hill Citizen of the Year at the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Citizen of the Year award celebrates a community member who has devoted their time and energy to making their community a better place. Nora has taken a leading role in promoting the arts in Pleasant Hill. She organized the first Art by the Lake event this year, which showcased local artists as well as youth in local school districts. Nora's already begun plans for next year, including receiving a grant from Bravo. She has also organized community workshops and programs to spread the word about the importance of a community having a strong commitment to the arts.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like Nora in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Nora for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

MILLER BROTHERS RAISE FUNDS FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Jacob, Zachary and Luke Miller of Pearland, TX, for their efforts to raise money for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Jacob, Zachary and Luke collected \$800 for Harvey victims by setting up a lemonade and cookie stand in their neighborhood, and are donating the proceeds to the J.J. Watt Harvey Relief Fund. The Miller boys are a shining example of the Texas spirit. They have stepped up to do whatever they can to help friends, neighbors and strangers alike in their time of need. Their selfless actions make our community Houston Strong.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to Jacob, Zachary and Luke Miller for their hard work to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We are extremely proud of them and look forward to their future accomplishments.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF WIN AND POLLY BELANGER

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Win and Polly Belanger of Willsboro, New York, for their consistent and enduring dedication to community service.

After retiring from the United States Air Force in 1990, Win Belanger moved to Willsboro, New York with his wife Polly, where they have worked for the betterment of their community by lending both their ears and their voices.

By urging individuals in Essex County to become more involved in their government and enter into public service, the Belangers have helped to encourage authentic and sincere representation. Additionally, Win has shown a steadfast commitment to the wellbeing of his peers through his work on the Willsboro Central School budget committee, the town zoning board and as a founding member and officer of the Willsboro Community Housing Assistance Task Force.

On behalf of Essex County, I would like to thank Win and Polly for their service, their patriotism and their friendship, while also wishing them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO NICCI BAKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicci Baker of Pleasant Hill, Iowa for being named the 2016 Pleasant Hill Volunteer of the Year at the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Volunteer of the Year award celebrates a chamber member who is active within the organization. Almost everywhere she goes, you will find Nicci promoting the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, and encouraging others to join. If there is a chamber event you can be sure she will be there, and she is a member who can always be counted on to do her part, from stuffing envelopes to putting up tents. Nicci understands the benefits of having strong local businesses in her community, so she doesn't hesitate to help serve food at chamber member business's open houses, as well as dishing up tacos for The Shores Senior Living Community.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like Nicci in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Nicci for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

LUKE JANIK EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Luke Janik of Katy, TX, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this rank, Luke had to earn 21 merit badges, and develop and provide leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Luke built benches for his high school tennis court. He is part of Troop 230. Luke's dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Luke for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud and confident of his continued success.

95TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the People's Missionary Baptist Church for its 95 years of service in the South Dallas community. Since its beginning, in the home of Sister Alice Coleman, the church has brought a strong impact in Dallas, as well as the nation at large. Thanks to the commitment and strong leadership of many pastors, the church a strong legacy in the Dallas community.

It was Rev. S. M. Wright, Sr. who came to lead the church in April of 1957. Rev. Wright, Sr.'s leadership reorganized the church, renaming it People's Missionary Baptist Church,

instead of solely People's Baptist Church. This call to missionary has led the church from then on, creating a legacy of community outreach, and ministry that reaches far beyond the walls of the church. During Rev. Wright, Sr.'s tenure, his preaching became renowned across the nation. At the time of his death, he was the president of the National Missionary Baptist Convention, president of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Dallas. In 1995, President George W. Bush renamed Highway 175 to S. M. Wright Freeway in his honor.

On November 17, 1993, Rev. S. M. Wright, II began leading the church with his pastoral leadership. His brother, Rev. Calvin W. M. Wright served next to him as co-pastor. Together, the two men continued Rev. Wright, Sr.'s mission by helping to improve the lives of people outside the church's walls by engaging their members in community outreach and civic matters.

Pastor S. M. Wright, II and his family created the S. M. Wright Foundation to administer the South Dallas Community, the South Dallas Education Center, the South Dallas Resource Center, the S. M. Wright Furniture Bank, the South Dallas Entrepreneurship Center, and the Financial Management and Investment Club. These organizations help those in need obtain furniture, clothing, job training, and much more. Since November 2014, Pastor S. M. Wright, II innovated the Fix-It-Up and Fill-It-Up Campaign. This campaign has worked to renovate the church through tithes and offerings to make sure that the church can continue serving its continuously growing membership. It finished renovations in March of 2016.

Mr. Speaker, the South Dallas community is a greater place, because of the presence of the People's Missionary Baptist Church and I'm proud to celebrate their 95th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIE BEVING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Christie Beving of Norwalk, Iowa for being named the 2017 Norwalk Educator of the Year at the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Educator of the Year award recognizes a local teacher who has exemplified what excellence in teaching looks like. Christie has been teaching English at the Norwalk Community School District for the past 19 years, and this year is serving as an instructional coach. She is known by students and parents alike as an educator who is student centered, and always pushing them to their full potential. Her dedication to the children of Norwalk extends beyond her classrooms though. She is also a prep teacher at St. John's Catholic Church and volunteers for NABC basketball tournaments.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent educators like Christie in the United States Con-

gress, and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Christie for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2017

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the Congress Leads by Example Act, which would subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to the federal whistleblower and anti-discrimination laws that now protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. Now more than ever, especially given ongoing reports of sexual harassment and other workplace abuses in the legislative branch, Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on the American people, American businesses, and others. Congress has already acknowledged the importance of accountability in the legislative branch when it passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA).

The CAA was an important first step in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but it did not finish the job. The CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws, but it exempted the legislative branch from important notice and training provisions, and altogether omitted important substantive and administrative protections. In its annual report for fiscal year 2016, the Office of Compliance (OOC), which was established through the CAA, identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch. OOC's recommendations include mandatory anti-discrimination and anti-retaliation training, providing whistleblowers with protection from retaliation by making the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 applicable to the legislative branch, and urging Congress to approve regulations that provide additional protections under the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. This bill takes into account the OOC report, and seeks to both apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress, Capitol Hill employees, and visitors by bringing the legislative branch in line with the legal requirements of private sector employers and the executive branch.

My bill is a necessary companion to the CAA, particularly in light of recent news reports of appalling behavior on the part of Members of Congress and staff in positions of authority in Member offices and committees. Former and current staffers spoke out on social media during the #MeToo campaign, which originated after the Harvey Weinstein sexual assault and harassment allegations, sharing horrifying stories of workplace harassment, including groping, inappropriate emails and text messages, and predatory behavior on

the part of both Members and staff. But many legislative branch employees who have been victims of workplace harassment or worse have not felt empowered to report it since they are not protected from retaliation. My bill provides general whistleblower protections, anti-retaliation measures, and makes additional Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) provisions applicable to the legislative branch, including providing subpoena authority to OOC to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. This bill requires legislative branch employers to provide their employees with notice of their rights and remedies under the CAA anti-discrimination provisions through the placement of signage in offices highlighting relevant anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. This bill also requires legislative branch offices to provide training to employees about their CAA rights and remedies. Finally, this bill bolsters the CAA's recordkeeping requirements. It extends to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws.

By passing this bill, Congress will help restore the public trust in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

LUNCHESES OF LOVE SERVES TWO MILLION LUNCHESES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lunches of Love for serving its two millionth free lunch to children of the Fort Bend County community.

Lunches of Love has been serving Fort Bend County since 2012 by providing nutritious lunches for children in need. This summer, Lunches of Love distributed their two millionth sack lunch and moved one step closer to ending childhood hunger. We are extremely proud of Lunches of Love's dedication to our children and are grateful for every volunteer who has helped them reach this milestone. Our hope is that Lunches of Love will no longer be necessary, but until that day, we thank them for providing nutrition and love for children who need it.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to Lunches of Love for serving the children of Fort Bend County and helping to eradicate childhood hunger. Thank you for serving two million lunches.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN LERDAL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Lerdal of Pleasant Hill, Iowa for being awarded the Pillar of Service Award at the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Pillar of Service Award celebrates a community member who is the model of dedication to the chamber and the community. John is the director of the Pleasant Hill Public Library and has helped lead them through numerous expansions and improvements over the years. He is an active member of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, having served as a board member and volunteer at countless chamber events over the years. John has impacted the lives of countless community members, whether it was at the Lions Club handing out hotdogs and popcorn or reading books to children at the public library where the kids know him as "Mr. John."

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like John in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating John for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING LARRY ODOM

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of retired Colonel Larry Odom. Colonel Odom will be retiring from his position on the Cedartown City Commission at the end of his term this month.

Colonel Odom grew up in Cedartown, Georgia, and attended Berry College in Rome, Georgia, graduating with a degree in Mathematics. He later received a graduate degree in Management from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Colonel Odom served in the United States Air Force for just shy of 28 years, flying in combat over Southeast Asia, and later contributing to the maintenance of the Strategic Air Command's nuclear deterrent force.

During this time he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Legion of Merit Award.

Colonel Odom established Operation Warm Heart while serving at Minot Air Force Base. Operation Warm Heart was created to serve the dependents of those deployed to Operation Desert Storm, and was later expanded into a state-wide program that is still in operation today.

After his retirement from the Air Force, Colonel Odom returned home to Cedartown, where he has worked to improve his community. In the time since he left the military, Colo-

nel Odom has served as Director of Polk County E-911 and on the Cedartown City Commission for over a decade.

His service on the Cedartown City Commission is marked by four years as commission chairman, in the period of 2008-2010 and 2016.

I am proud today to recognize Colonel Odom's time in public service and his contributions to the people of Georgia.

I'd like to close by thanking Larry for his service to his country and community.

TRIBUTE TO KYLE BISCOGLIA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kyle Biscoglia of Waukee, Iowa for winning the Class 3A, 113 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament earlier this year.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Kyle, a sophomore at Waukee High School, capped off a great season with 54 wins, 1 loss and a state championship medal. He is the first Waukee wrestler to win a state championship in this particular weight class.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Kyle and his family in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kyle on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and wrestling career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on October 25th and 26th, I was in my District due to events related to wildfires and was unable to cast my votes for Roll Call votes 582 through 590. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call Vote No. 582: NO—On Ordering the Previous Question;

Roll Call Vote No. 583: NO—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027;

Roll Call Vote No. 584: NO—On Approving the Journal;

Roll Call Vote No. 585: YES—Johnson for Georgia Part A Amendment No. 3;

Roll Call Vote No. 586: YES—McEachin for Virginia Part A Amendment No. 4;

Roll Call Vote No. 587: YES—Cartwright for Pennsylvania Part A Amendment No. 6;

Roll Call Vote No. 588: NO—Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act;

Roll Call Vote No. 589: NO—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027; and

Roll Call Vote No. 590: YES—Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act.

TRIBUTE TO CHASE SHILTZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chase Shiltz of Creston High School for winning the Class 2A, 182 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament earlier this year. This is Chase's third individual State Wrestling championship.

In addition to the championship win, Chase was also chosen as the 2017 Dan Gable Mr. Wrestler of the Year in Class 2A. Chase was quoted in the Creston News Advertiser as saying, "It shows all of the hard work paid off," Shiltz said. "I credit all of the coaches, workout partners, my parents. It's a big reward for all of them."

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning three state championships in a row has been the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Chase, but also his parents, his family, coaches and fellow teammates.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Chase demonstrates the rewards of dedication and perseverance. It is an honor representing Chase and his family in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Chase on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and in his future college football career at Northwest Missouri State University.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARVEY MICHAEL HORIKAWA

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about my friend Harvey Michael Horikawa, who passed away earlier this month. Harvey was an amazing individual and it was an honor to have known him.

Harvey was born in Chicago in 1948 and raised in the Los Angeles area. After graduating from UCLA law school in 1973, he was a founding partner in two law firms where he specialized in civil litigation, trials, and administrative law. Mr. Horikawa also worked for three years in the Civil Liabilities Section of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, during which he devoted a significant amount of time defending claims against the Los Angeles Police Department. As a result of his extensive jury trial experience, Mr. Horikawa was invited

to be a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

While engaged in his law practice, Mr. Horikawa also served as a Commissioner for the California Fair Employment & Housing Commission, having been appointed by Governor George Deukmejian to the Commission in 1984.

Mr. Horikawa continued to practice in the areas of employment, civil rights, and general litigation up until his death on October 18, 2017. His greatest joy was helping those in need and ensuring that everyone was treated with fairness and compassion under the law.

TRIBUTE TO JOEL SHAPIRO

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joel Shapiro of West Des Moines Valley High School for winning the Class 3A, 160 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament earlier this year.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state

championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Joel, but also his parents, his family, coaches and fellow teammates.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Joel demonstrates the rewards of dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Joel and his family in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Joel on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and wrestling career.