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The U.S. and China must continue to work together to appeal to the better angels of our collective nature and strive not just for prosperity but for freedom.

RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA'S SIXTH DISTRICT 2009 CENTURY FARM FAMILIES

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sixth District farms that have been recognized as 2009 Century Farms by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau. Being a Century Farm is no easy task. Farms must be at least 50 acres and stay in a continuous family ownership for 10 years. Since the program began in 1976, more than 8,700 Minnesota farms and families have been named a "century farm." As the family farming tradition that made America strong is encroached upon by development and urbanization, this designation becomes an even more significant accomplishment. It is my honor to recognize these farms before this Congress today.

America was founded as an agricultural nation full of hope and promise for bountiful harvests year after year. The families that tilled the first soil on Minnesota's golden plains instilled a work ethic that today's farmers still follow. Two hundred years ago it was not uncommon to have three or even four generations involved with a single farm at any given time. Between sowing and harvest, feeding livestock and maintaining equipment and buildings, farm life was a full time job for entire families. But as the times have changed, to see one family still taking care of the land and homes their parents worked on and lived in is a great joy. In fact, I can recall the time that I spent living and working on my in-laws' dairy farm in Wisconsin—a farm that my mother-in-law and brothers-in-law still call home.

I rise, Madam Speaker, to honor these families and the past generations that have made this accomplishment possible:

Corrigan family of Foley, since 1909.

Magnuson family of Foley, since 1909.

Burggraff family of Royalton, since 1898.

Bernard J. and Natalie Niewind of Eden Valley, since 1909.

Leilani Rolles of Freeport, since 1883.

Brothers Andrew and Richard Holdvogt of Melrose, since 1907.

Kenneth Schaefer family of Melrose, since 1897.

Harvey and Marilyn Lieser of Paynesville, since 1892.

James A. Moores of Monticello, since 1903.

RECOGNIZING DANIELLE MARGUERITE LYLE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Danielle Mar-

guerite Lyle for her leadership and commitment to the community that she has displayed in Prince William County.

Since the age of 5, Danielle has been involved in community activities. She has spent hundreds of hours volunteering with local organizations and other community activities. Since then, she has volunteered with numerous organizations such as the Hilda Barg Homeless Shelter, the Arc of Prince William County, senior homes, her local church and other programs. When asked, she says that she loves helping people and the community.

Danielle also knows how to take initiative and lead. She participated in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (Jr. NYLC) in April 2009, and served as President of the Future Leaders Children's Book Club. Danielle has also been recognized for her leadership and intellectual abilities through the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Program, George Mason University Young Writers summer and weekend workshop, and the University of Virginia Summer Enrichment Program.

Along with Danielle's volunteer and leadership accomplishments, she has also received many accolades. These include many semesters on her school's honor roll and winning the Martin Luther King Jr. writing contest for the 5th grade.

With all of this, she still finds time to play the violin and piano, be a member of the Creative and Performing Arts Center and participate in track and field, basketball and gymnastics.

Danielle's accomplishments would be noteworthy for any person. When her current age of 11 is factored in, these accomplishments are nothing short of remarkable.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this bright young student and applauding her commitment to volunteerism and leadership. Our communities benefit greatly from the action and dedication of citizens like Danielle.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREY DANILSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Andrey Danilson, a 13-year-old seventh-grade student from Sacred Heart School in Boone, Iowa.

Andrey recently won the Boone Lions Club "Peace Poster Contest." Each day, Sacred Heart students take time to pray, and Andrey has taken it upon himself to focus on peace. Using his passion for art to further the cause for world peace, Andrey's art advanced to the state level of competition after it won the district level.

Adopted from Russia less than four years ago and unable to speak English at the time, Andrey's success in art and dedication to important causes serve as a wonderful example of the promise of today's youth as tomorrow's leaders. I am proud to represent Andrey Danilson, his family, teachers and classmates in the United States Congress, and I know that all my colleagues join me in congratulating Andrey on his success and commending him for his devotion to peace and making a positive difference.

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT JACQUELINE ARNOLD ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the long and distinguished career of Sergeant Jacqueline F. Arnold on the occasion of her retirement from the Prichard Police Department.

Jacqueline has served the city of Prichard for four decades. She began her career in public service as a crossing guard for Ella Grant Elementary School and later served as an emergency radio dispatcher for the city. In 1977, she made history by becoming Prichard's first female police officer.

Throughout her career, Jacqueline has worked in almost every division, including a patrol officer, detective, and the supervisor of the records division.

In 1996, Jacqueline was assigned as a juvenile officer. She was both a role model to juvenile offenders and an encouraging mother figure to many young people who would otherwise not have had a positive influence in their lives. She was also an inspiration to a number of other female officers, seven of whom followed her example and joined the Prichard Police Department.

In recognition of her many remarkable accomplishments, Jacqueline has been awarded numerous departmental commendations throughout her distinguished career. Last month, Mayor Ron Davis, Prichard City Council members, and Police Chief Lawrence Battiste named Sergeant Jacqueline Davis Officer of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama. Sergeant Jacqueline F. Arnold is an outstanding example of the quality of individuals who have devoted their lives to law enforcement. On behalf of all those who have benefited from her good heart and dedicated service, permit me to extend thanks for her many efforts in making Prichard and south Alabama a better place.

On behalf of a grateful community, I wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students of Hamilton Southeastern High School for receiving Honorable Mention at the annual "We the People" Contest recently held here in Washington, D.C. The "We the People" contest is a grueling 3-day-long event where teams of students from every State of the Union and several U.S. Territories compete in a series of simulated congressional hearings to apply constitutional principles and historical facts to

contemporary situations. The event culminates with the Top Ten teams conducting their mock hearings right here on Capitol Hill in either a Senate or House hearing room.

I am proud to say that Indiana teams have made the Top Ten almost every year the competition has been held; and this year will mark Hamilton Southeastern High School's second trip to the Top Ten. I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding Hoosiers of Hamilton Southeastern High School, students and staff, for their hard work and dedication to academic excellence. And I ask my colleagues to join with me to congratulate the Hamilton Southeastern High School Team—Teacher Jill Baisinger, and students, Kellie Devore-Gogola; Adam Gauthier; Alex Gillham; Caitlin Graovac; John Holt; Alana Kane; Matthew Knafel; Jaclyn Lauer; Matthew Lymbcropoulos; Mark Mace; Samuel Morgan; Eric Ogle; Jonathan Sorg; Julia Strzeskowski; and Mitchell West—for their outstanding performance at the 2009 “We the People” contest. I look forward to next year's competition when I'm sure that Hamilton Southeastern High School will not only be back in the Top Ten but win it all.

HONORING NANCY OLMSTEAD

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nancy Olmstead for her dedication to her family and community. Mrs. Olmstead passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at her home in Madera, California after a long battle with cancer.

Nancy Olmstead was born in Des Moines, Iowa to Cecil and Ethel Olson. She worked for Sears for a number of years. In 1970 she went into the insurance business. During her twenty-five-year career in the insurance business, she was a member and past president of the Fresno Life Underwriters Association. Mrs. Olmstead was also an active member of the Madera Republican Party and the California Republican Party.

Mrs. Olmstead is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Richard and Jerry Olson. She is survived by her husband, John Olmstead; her daughter, Diana Nole of Fresno; her son, Rodney Ede of Springfield, Oregon; and granddaughter, Jennifer Nole of Fresno.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Nancy Olmstead. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and wishing the best for her family.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT. DOUGLAS A. RUSTAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize MSG Douglas A. Rustan of Ayrshire, Iowa, as a recipient of a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement during combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Free-

dom. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest award that the Department of Defense gives for bravery, heroism, and meritorious service.

Master Sergeant. Rustan earned the Bronze Star while serving at an overseas forward operating base. Master Sergeant. Rustin, a 1982 graduate of Ayrshire High School, is a senior intelligence analyst with 20 years of military service and is assigned to the 70th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, Fort Meade, Laurel, Maryland.

I commend MSG Douglas A. Rustan's courageousness and service to our great nation. His sacrifices go above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this nation. I am honored to represent Master Sergeant. Rustan in the United States Congress and I know that all of the members of this body join me in thanking him for his service to this great nation and wishing him the best in his future service.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT ERASTUS HANKS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Robert Hanks, known to his many friends as Coach Hanks or Colonel Hanks, was a Jones Mill native and became a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He was in command of the landing craft aboard the USS *Adair* and took part in the invasions Okinawa, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. He earned Bronze Stars for his service.

Following the war, Mr. Hanks returned to Alabama and began a 32 year teaching, coaching, and administration career at Mobile's University Military School (UMS). He earned Master's Degrees in Physical Education and School Administration from the University of Alabama, and while at UMS, he served as a history teacher, football and basketball coach, assistant superintendent, and superintendent.

As headmaster, Mr. Hanks supervised the transition from UMS to UMS Preparatory School. He was also a devoted member of Dauphin Way Baptist Church for 60 years where he served as Sunday School director and chairman of the deacons. His influence of integrity, honor, and self discipline shaped the lives of hundreds of individuals.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama. Mr. Robert Hanks will be deeply missed by his family—his wife of 66 years, Katherlin Hanks; his sister, Robbie McEachern; his daughter, Kathy Gault; his son, Dr. Robert Hanks; his grandchildren, Jennifer Dodge, Amy Coggin, Brian Hanks, and Dr. Meredith Gault; his great-grandchildren, Logan, Kate and Abby Dodge, and John Mark, Audrey and Julianne Coggin—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

IN TRIBUTE TO DABNEY MONTGOMERY, AN AMERICAN HERO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dabney Montgomery, a member of the ground crew of the Tuskegee Airmen, who later served as a bodyguard for Martin Luther King during the historic 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Montgomery is being honored by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 237, at an event in my district on Friday, June 5, 2009. Mr. Montgomery is a retired New York City Housing Authority housing assistant.

Mr. Montgomery was born in Selma, Alabama in 1923. He was inducted into the armed forces in 1943 and underwent basic training in Biloxi, Mississippi, followed by a course in the mechanics of army supplies at Camp Lee, Virginia. He was one of three men in his course who were selected for the Army Air Corps in Oscoda, Michigan. By the time he arrived in Michigan, the unit was already packing to ship out. He was assigned to the 1051st Company of the 96th Air Service group, in charge of making sure that the units were supplied with food and clothing.

Tuskegee Institute was awarded the U.S. Army Air Corps contract to help train America's first Black military aviators because it had already invested in the development of an airfield, had a proven civilian pilot training program and its graduates performed highest on flight aptitude exams. The project was considered an experiment because it was designed to refute a racist 1920s theory that suggested that blacks could not tolerate the sharp curves and dives that were needed to fly a fighter plane. Eleanor Roosevelt was much impressed by the pilots she met at the Tuskegee Institute in 1941, and persuaded her husband to use these talented men in combat missions. With nearly 1,000 pilots and as many as 19,000 support personnel ranging from mechanics to nurses, the Tuskegee Airmen were credited with shooting down more than 100 enemy aircraft. Their success paved the way for today's integrated armed forces.

Some members of the Tuskegee Airmen went home and lived quiet lives. Mr. Montgomery went on to become actively involved in the civil rights movement. Mr. Montgomery first met Martin Luther King, Jr. as a student in Boston where Mr. Montgomery studied. They shared the same godmother.

In 1965, Mr. Montgomery was living in New York City, working as a social service investigator for the Welfare Department. One night he saw a news broadcast of blacks being beaten and gassed in Alabama for wanting to vote. Outraged that this could happen in America, he decided to return to Selma to take part in the protests. He took a leave of absence from his job, and arrived in Selma on the bus. He didn't tell his parents or his friends that he was in town, but went directly to the Brown Chapel AME Church, the march headquarters.

Mr. Montgomery had experienced Alabama's discriminatory registration practices himself, and remembers the anger and frustration he felt at being denied the right to vote.