

and Transportation Officials, and the American Traffic Safety Services Association. Although work zone fatalities have declined nationally by over 30 percent since 1996, 720 people lost their lives in 2008 alone. We can do better.

National Work Zone Awareness Week encourages drivers to pay close attention to their surroundings such as putting down their mobile phones and other devices while proceeding through work zones. With increased awareness, we can continue aiming to make our roads safer for both workers and drivers, but also work toward further decreasing the number of work zone fatalities. According to research from the Illinois Institute of Technology, highway work zone fatalities have actually increased from 2007 to 2008 for both highway workers and vehicle travelers. Its research also shows that Illinois highway worker fatalities have actually stayed consistent over the last 15 years. We need to urge the American people to continue striving to reduce this fatality rate. This is an ambitious goal, but with 7,000 work zone crashes per year in my home State, 29 leading to death, National Work Zone Awareness Week is something we should all support.

In addition, as a Member serving on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Education and Labor Committee, I would also like to recognize my two committee chairmen, Representatives JIM OBERSTAR and GEORGE MILLER, for their constant vigilance on making workplace safety a top priority of each respective Committee. Madam Speaker, we should all be reminded that driving safely doesn't stop just because you slow down through a highway construction zone, but rather it encompasses all factors that allow motorists to pay close attention to the road while also allowing road workers to improve our infrastructure. These workers should not have to worry about whether or not they're going to make it through the day unscathed.

Again, I would like to offer my recognition for National Work Zone Awareness Week. I thank the Speaker and urge all of my colleagues to join in recognizing this important campaign.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIRGINIA SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation.

The foundation was formed in 1990 when actors Tim and Daphne Reid formed the Tim Reid Scholarship Foundation. It has since helped many at-risk high school students in Hampton Roads, Virginia go to college.

Education has always been society's great equalizer, and a college education is necessary today to ensure that youth reach their highest potential. The Foundation's mission and motto of "Universal Understanding Through Education" clearly reflects this.

Financing a college education becomes more and more difficult each year. Tim and Daphne Reid have committed themselves to making this less of an obstacle for many families in Hampton Roads, Virginia. They are devoted to the belief that talented individuals should not be denied the opportunity to cultivate their minds and have the opportunity to create a better future for themselves, their families, their community and the world.

For 20 years, Tim and Daphne have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this scholarship. One of their most successful fundraisers is the annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend. Tim and Daphne invite many of their friends to come to Hampton Roads to participate in a weekend of events. The Celebrity Weekend attracts over 5,000 people annually. Actors, musicians, comedians, and dignitaries are invited to donate their time to participate in 3 days of activities to raise funds for the Foundation. Past celebrity guests have included Will Smith, Kyla Pratt, Kelly Williams, Lark Voorhies, Percy Daggs, Marcus Paulk, Angela Bassett, Victoria Rowell, Alfonso Ribeiro, the O'Jays, Clifton Davis, Richard Roundtree, Tia and Tamera Mowry, Tatyana Ali, Blair Underwood, and many others. Next week, the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation will host its 20th Annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend in Hampton Roads, which I am sure will be another huge success.

Because of the efforts of Tim and Daphne Reid, there are currently twenty-four students attending eleven different colleges and universities with the support of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation. Many of these young people are the first in their families to obtain a college education.

I congratulate the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation on twenty successful years and, I commend Tim and Daphne Reid for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Foundation and students in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their willingness to invest in our state and our students is a model of personal and corporate responsibility that I hope many will replicate across our great nation. Under the leadership of Tim and Daphne Reid, I am sure the Foundation will have many more years of success.

JANAE TRUJILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Janae Trujillo who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Janae Trujillo is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Janae Trujillo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Janae Trujillo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth

award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAM HOUSTON

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize Sam Houston's contributions to Texas and our Nation. Sam Houston was a statesman, military leader, and politician who made remarkable contributions to Texas and our Nation. His achievements include representing both Tennessee and Texas in the U.S. Congress; defeating Mexican President Santa Anna to secure Texas' long sought independence; and being named the first President of the Republic of Texas for two terms. Additionally, he was the only person in U.S. History to have been the governor of two different states, Texas and Tennessee.

The State of Texas has recognized Sam Houston's achievements with the naming of the City of Houston. His is also remembered by a memorial museum, a U.S. Army Base, a national forest, a historical park, a university and the largest free-standing statue of an American figure.

The patriotic spirit of Sam Houston is carried by every Texan, and is especially seen in his great grandson, Sam Houston the 4th. I am proud to say this gentleman is my constituent. I have seen Sam Houston 4th every year at Texas Day of Independence celebration and feel that his vote is the best endorsement I have ever had.

Please join me in acknowledging Sam Houston's accomplishments with this resolution.

BLACK APRIL COMMEMORATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. And I am here today to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, American veterans, and our South Vietnamese allies, who fought and died in the name of freedom and democracy. For the past 14 years, I have had the privilege of representing one of the largest Vietnamese communities in the United States. I have listened to their amazing stories and worked with them to advocate for freedom and human rights in Vietnam.

During my 14 years in Congress, I have seen first-hand the passion of the Vietnamese-American community and their unwavering determination not only to succeed as a Vietnamese-American but also bring freedom to the people of Vietnam. My colleagues and I honor all those who fought for democracy and freedom in Vietnam and urge the Vietnamese-American communities to continue their fight against the continued persecution and injustice in Vietnam.

TRIBUTE TO PENNSYLVANIA
STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATIE
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HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, today I honor Pennsylvania State Representative Katie True for her long service to the people of Lancaster County and the State of Pennsylvania. After serving 8 years representing the 37th State House District and another 8 years representing the 41st State House District, Rep. True will retire after the present legislative session.

I had the distinct honor of serving four years in the Pennsylvania General Assembly with Rep. True. Throughout her career she worked across the aisle to defend life in our State. After I was elected to the House of Representatives, Rep. True took over the leadership of the Pennsylvania State House Pro-Life Caucus.

She has been a tireless advocate for children in the State of Pennsylvania. She counts her greatest accomplishment as working to improve the child welfare system so that no child slips through the cracks.

Rep. True has always made protecting women a priority during her time in public service. In between her two terms in the General Assembly, she served 2 years as the executive director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. During her time in the General Assembly, she made sure that Pennsylvania established tough anti-trafficking laws to protect women and children in our State. Also, she introduced legislation for a check-off box on state income tax forms for breast cancer research.

Rep. True is one of the most trusted legislators in our state and her colleagues in Harrisburg will miss her cooperative spirit. Her constituents will miss her servant's heart and care for her community.

Our State motto is "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence." Rep. True embodies virtue and has always defended our liberty and independence. The State of Pennsylvania is grateful for her honorable service and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

JAIDY WIDDIFIELD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jaidy Widdifield who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jaidy Widdifield is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jaidy Widdifield is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jaidy Widdifield for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF O&S TRUCK-
ING ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS
2010 INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to O&S Trucking of Springfield, Missouri, on being recognized as 2010 Innovator of the Year by Commercial Carrier Journal.

In 1981, Jim O'Neal and partner Keith Stever teamed to form Ozarks Truck Brokerage with two customers and no equipment. Two years later the pioneering pair launched the company that would become O&S Trucking. Throughout the 1990s O&S Trucking grew quickly and by 2000 had executed an employee stock ownership program to completely overhaul the company as employee owned. This approach led to more ownership from drivers and workers to give O&S Trucking a steady platform for growth and success.

Nearly twenty years later, O&S Trucking provides transportation services to customers throughout the United States and Canada, offering opportunities for owner operators, drivers, small fleet owners and outside carriers. O&S Trucking continually encourages their leaders to generate innovative and engaging opportunities for their company. For example, they created an interactive Trucker's Challenge board game to help over 350 truck owners learn the responsibility and business skills to become a better owner-operator. In 2007, O&S Trucking launched the MegaTruck program to take full advantage of capacity and create an environmentally sensitive truck to haul more freight while reducing their carbon footprint.

The MegaTruck program was created to address fuel efficiency, driver availability and sustainability concerns for both refrigerated and dry van transportation. The MegaTruck is able to maximize product weight per truck without losing revenue and, in fact, the equipment operated under the MegaTruck program averages more miles per week than regular over-the-road trucks. This approach to business is the reason O&S Trucking is one of the few trucking companies to have grown since 2000 and this success should be seen as a bright vision as Missouri looks for new ways to improve our ever changing economy.

Taken together, the Trucker's Challenge and the MegaTruck Program have made O&S Trucking the first company Commercial Carrier Journal has recognized as Innovator of the Year. In addition, Jim O'Neal, President of O&S Trucking, serves as Mayor of Missouri's third largest city, Springfield, Missouri.

To Mayor and President Jim O'Neal, Chief Executive Officer David Corsaut, Chief Operating Officer Rick Johnson and the rest of the team at O&S Trucking, I offer my congratulations on being recognized as the 2010 Innovator of Year.

DESIGNATE CAUCASUS EMIRATE
AS A FOREIGN TERRORIST OR-
GANIZATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution urging the Secretary of State to formally designate the Caucasus Emirate as a foreign terrorist organization. The Caucasus Emirate seeks to establish a Taliban style Islamic state on the sovereign territory of the Russian Federation, Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan and has declared jihad against the United States, Russia, Great Britain, and any other state fighting international terrorism. Let us stand together with Russia and take serious measures to disrupt and destroy this dangerous organization. I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

JACKIE EVANS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jackie Evans who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jackie Evans is an 8th grader at Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jackie Evans is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jackie Evans for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING BRUCE IACOBUCCI

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce Iacobucci, for his leadership and dedication to the Citizens of Bucks County and for his hard work for the United Way of Bucks County.

Mr. Iacobucci is the recent recipient of the Dr. Stanton Kelton Award given to those who show their dedication to the betterment of their community through their compassion and generosity.

Undaunted by the current economic uncertainties, Bruce Iacobucci has worked hard and has continued to be a major contributor to the goals of the United Way of Bucks County to the betterment of our community.