

I am honored to represent the City of Pasadena, with its rich cultural heritage and world-renowned institutions. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the residents of Pasadena on its 125th anniversary.

FRIDAY THE 13TH BRINGS GOOD
LUCK FOR GREENSBORO COL-
LEGE GOLF CHAMPIONS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that everyone is familiar with the famous Sunday back nine "fireworks" of the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club, almost as familiar as we are with the superstitions surrounding Friday the 13th. Well, the final round back nine fireworks were anything but an unlucky Friday the 13th for the Greensboro College men's golf team. For this particular Friday the 13th, the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina congratulate the Pride's golf team for being crowned the NCAA Division III National Champions.

On Friday, May 13, 2011, the Greensboro College men's golf team took the course for the final round of the NCAA championships, not on the grounds of Augusta, but those of the East Course at Grandover Resort, located in Greensboro, North Carolina, also in our district. The day began with Greensboro College ahead of the second-place team by three strokes. Pride junior Ben Nihart told the Greensboro News & Record that, "We really wanted to get off to a good start because that puts more pressure on the teams that are behind us to try and catch up." Early in the day, however, it seemed as if Friday the 13th would live up to its billing as an unlucky day for the men of Greensboro College.

The team from Illinois Wesleyan, which eventually ended the tournament as runners-up, came off the first tee playing well, chasing hot on the heels of Greensboro College throughout the front nine, a chase that culminated with Illinois Wesleyan grabbing a one-stroke lead after 14 holes.

That is when the Pride kicked it into high gear, combining for nine birdies on the back nine. Spearheaded by Brock Elder of Greensboro, a graduate of Vandalia Christian School, the Pride roared back from one stroke down, running out to a six-stroke lead over the final four holes to claim the National Championship.

Elder fired a 67, coming in five under par for the day, and finishing tied for fifth overall in the individual championship. The Pride also got solid performances from Ben Nihart, who shot a one under par 71, and Kirk Mitchell, who shot a three over par 75, to help Greensboro College claim the title.

Throughout the season, the Pride benefitted from solid performances by all of their team members. The National Championship squad consisted of Brian Critzer, Tres Currie, Clint Dillon, Brock Elder, Joshua Hudgins, Connor Kennedy, Josh Masterson, Kirk Mitchell, Josh Nichols, Ben Nihart, Gregory Pappas, and Nick Peoples. The head coach guiding this group of young men to the National Championship is Dirk Fennie.

The effort and determination put in by the men of the Greensboro College golf team was

clear; they began the tournament with one goal in mind. Ben Nihart told the News & Record, "I told my coach, and I said, I'm playing to win a national championship. I know everyone on our team was. There was no way we were going to let that slip away."

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District, we honor and commemorate the effort and determination of these young men on a not-so-unlucky Friday the 13th. The back nine fireworks that brought the NCAA Division III National Championship to the golfers of Greensboro College and the Sixth District of North Carolina will be remembered for years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSS HOFFMAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Russ Hoffman, a native of Greene County, Iowa who is stepping down after more than 28 years as the Chief Deputy of the Greene County Sheriff's office.

With Russ and his family helping him celebrate retirement, they were joined by present and former Greene County employees, local law enforcement, County supervisors, four officers from the Iowa State Patrol, and law enforcement officers from supportive surrounding counties.

We certainly understand the enormous sacrifices that our officers and their families make to keep our citizens safe. I can't thank Russ and his family enough for their service.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in recognizing Russ Hoffman and thanking him for his service to the State of Iowa and Greene County. I consider it an honor to represent Russ in Congress, and I wish him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-
CURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today to strongly oppose the Gosar and Scalise amendments to the 2012 Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

Not only do these amendments threaten the stability and well-being of our Nation's construction industry, they would seriously undermine the wages and benefits of hard-working construction workers across the United States.

It's no secret that since November 2010, many conservative leaders have sought to crack down on the rights of public sector workers across America. From Wisconsin to Indi-

ana to Ohio, public sector workers like teachers, police officers, firefighters and other middle-class Americans are seeing their right to participate in labor unions and collectively bargain taken away.

However, what is less known is that many conservatives are simultaneously working, through measures like these two amendments, to drive down the wages and benefits of workers in a major private sector section of our economy: construction. The workers who would be severely hurt by these two amendments are not even employed by the federal government, but by private businesses. This means that federal law would be responsible for reducing the wages of private sector employees at a time when they can least afford it.

The Gosar amendment would eliminate important protections guaranteed by the Davis-Bacon Act, one of our Nation's oldest and most important labor laws, which requires payment of local prevailing wages on federal construction projects. The Scalise amendment would prohibit funds from being used to implement Executive Order 13502, a measure which encourages executive agencies to enter into project labor agreements on large-scale federal construction projects. Project labor agreements, like Davis-Bacon, are a cornerstone of the American construction industry and give cost and wage certainty to all parties involved in a construction project. Davis-Bacon and project labor agreements not only help hard-working construction workers make ends meet, they create a more skilled workforce that results in projects being completed with a high degree of quality and safety.

At a time when we face unprecedented threats from abroad and are working hard to create good American jobs, removing these two mainstays of the American construction industry makes no sense at all. The men and women who build our Nation's roads, bridges and buildings have the right to make a decent living instead of facing deliberate attempts to not only undermine their wages and benefits, but drag the entire construction industry into a race to the bottom.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on these two amendments.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF ABE
BREEHEY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I recently learned of the passing of Abe Breehey. I rise to celebrate and commemorate his life, and to mourn his sudden and tragic death.

I met Abe through his service as a dedicated advocate of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. He was a tireless presence in support of hardworking Americans, and he undertook his efforts with a passion and commitment that was admirable. At the same time, Abe was a truly genuine person; affable, funny, honest and a general pleasure to be around. He was able to bridge the divides we far too commonly find in politics today, and his intellect and determination will be sorely missed.

I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to Abe's family, including his wife Sonya and daughter Abigail, his parents, sister and their broader family. I also extend my sympathies to his colleagues in the labor community, most especially those he worked with in the Boilermakers, President Newton Jones, Bridget Martin, among others.

Along with my staff, I worked with Abe to move important issues forward, including strengthening our Buy American laws, protecting the rights of workers, and revitalizing American manufacturing. As I continue to engage in these issues, Abe's memory will remain in my mind. His compassion, commitment, and dedication to these and other causes should motivate us all, and he will not be forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO KENDALL REED

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kendall Reed, dean of Des Moines University's college of osteopathic medicine, for receiving the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's State Chairman Award.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's State Chairman Award is presented to employers who have extraordinarily exceeded legal requirements for providing support to service members in the Guard and Reserve. Dr. Reed received the reward for the outstanding care and support of employee Joe Case, a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserve.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dr. Reed and I know that my colleagues join me in commending him for his sincere dedication to our troops' well-being and wish him continued success in the future.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF DALE SMITH, AFTER 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NORWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Deputy Police Chief Dale Smith of Norwich, NY. Police Chief Smith has recently retired after 20 years of dedicated service in the Norwich City Police Department.

Deputy Police Chief Smith began his career in law enforcement as a Chenango County Sheriff's Correctional Officer as well as a part-time road patrol deputy. He was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief in March of 2006 and has since then taken on a variety of key responsibilities. Deputy Police Chief Smith has not only served and protected his neighbors and his community, but has also been recognized for the wide variety of duties he has supervised, as well as his certification as a fire investigator.

Law enforcement leaders such as Deputy Police Chief Smith must be recognized for the

true bravery and selflessness that they display on the job every day. Deputy Police Chief Smith is yet another example of this, an honorable American, who has dedicated 20 years of his life to the improvement and safety of his community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Deputy Police Chief Dale Smith for his 20 years of serving the Norwich community and Police Department with honor and professionalism.

CONGRATULATING WALLY MIURA OF HONOLULU, HAWAII ON 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, many of us come to the floor to talk about how important small businesses are to job creation. It's true. In Hawaii, 98 percent of our businesses are considered small businesses; these small businesses provide two out of every three new jobs. The men and women who take the risk of starting a business create jobs for our neighbors while providing the goods and services vital to our quality of life. Today, I want to take a minute to recognize an important anniversary for one of the many unsung heroes of Hawaii's business community.

This month, Wally Miura celebrates 50 years in business. In 1961, he opened a flooring business, Wally's Flooring, in Kalihi. After 37 successful years, Wally decided it was time to retire so he sold his building on Hau Street. He took a one year lease on a warehouse in Mapunapuna to store his inventory. That was in 1998.

Retirement never really took hold. Wally turned his storage space into an office and showroom and is still in business today. He says he's going to retire this year—we'll see. As a former customer, I know he will be missed by the many Hawaii businesses and families that have relied on his excellent service over the years.

Wally is modest, kind, and a very good businessman. In Hawaii, it's not just about who provides the lowest price. You want to work with someone who is proud of his company and stands behind his product and his work. That's Wally. I don't know how many jobs Wally has created over the past 50 years, how many young employees he mentored, or families he helped support with his business, but I am sure that he has had a positive effect on many, many lives.

In addition to being an exemplary businessman, Wally has been a leader in the building industry. He has been involved in many building associations and has served as president of the Honolulu Neighborhood Housing Service. Wally has also served on the advisory board to Ho'opono, Services for the Blind Branch, Hawaii Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

Mahalo nui loa, Wally. You are a great example of the small business owners whose vision, willingness to take a risk, and hard work are so essential to our economy and way of life.

A TRIBUTE TO KAITLIN HARTMAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Kaitlin Hartman, a student at Ballard High School in Huxley, Iowa. Kaitlin was recently selected by the company Prudential to receive the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program was created in 1995 by Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Its goal is to honor students in middle and high schools across the nations who have dedicated themselves to voluntarily serving others in their community, in their state, and in their nation. Today this awards program is the largest such program in the United States. Since the program's inception, over 280,000 students have participated, with over 90,000 being officially recognized for their work.

Kaitlin has certainly done her part to earn this award. In her years at Ballard High School, she has spent almost 1,000 hours volunteering. Kaitlin has volunteered as a sports manager, peer helper, tutor, mentor, and conflict manager. She has also assisted with the Special Olympics and is active in her church. Kaitlin wishes to continue this service by one day becoming a teacher—dedicating her professional career to serving students and helping them to become all they can be.

Voluntary service to others in our communities, states, and country is an admirable way for all Americans to assist one another. I commend Kaitlin for her endless commitment to that voluntary service. I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating Kaitlin in being selected to receive this award. It is an honor to serve as her representative, and I wish her luck in her future studies at the University of Northern Iowa.

RECOGNIZING THE ZIMMER RADIO GROUP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize The Zimmer Radio Group for their stunning public service during the devastating tornados in Joplin.

As the tornados began their devastating assault on Joplin, and people began to seek refuge for their lives, employees from the Zimmer Radio Group based in the southwest Missouri city continued their coverage of the powerful storm. After the tornados had subsided, many local citizens were left with destroyed homes, broken memories, or worse, lost loved ones. Many citizens had no way of knowing if their families were safe due to most communication possibilities being destroyed by the tornados.

The staff of Zimmer Radio Group stepped in and immediately began contributing to the efforts of relief. They connected victims over their radio broadcasts by providing an outlet for people to locate their loved ones, and to