

And I participated in the ribbon-cutting of the newest small business in my hometown of Hazleton—a little sandwich shop. Small businesses like that are the lifeblood of this country. More than 50 percent of Americans either work for or own a small business.

And while big business usually gets the press, businesses with more than 100 employees make up less than one half of one percent of all of the businesses in the United States.

I'm a former small business owner. My wife and I started a business with twenty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents. I know what it takes to grow a business.

I know how burdensome overregulation and high taxes cripple small business owners and prevent them from expanding and hiring more people.

We in Congress need to support businesses of all sizes. Back home, I toured the Packerton Yards, a brownfield site in Carbon County.

Local economic developers hope to turn an abandoned railroad station into a 57-acre industrial park that would employ hundreds of people. Of course, one of the things we need to do to grow business in the future is to provide a skilled workforce.

During my week at home, I was privileged to participate in the commencement exercises of about 1,000 students from King's College and Lackawanna College. Some of these students are just starting their professional careers. Some are adults who returned to college to improve their chances at a better career.

All are to be commended for their hard work and dedication, and I know my neighbors back home join me in wishing them luck.

I also had the chance to interact with future graduates at McCann School of Business and Technology in Lackawanna County, and with students who are making the most of their educational opportunity at the Keystone Job Corps Center in Drums, Luzerne County. It was inspiring to talk with them and hear about their hopes for the future.

And as this Congress continues to debate the future of health care, I toured facilities in my district that help people suffering from the ravages of cancer and from autism. Both the Northeast Regional Oncology Center and the Friendship House of Lackawanna County provide compassionate care, and their employees are to be commended for their work.

Finally, on May 17, thousands of people across Pennsylvania went to the polls and cast their votes for local and county races. I'd like to congratulate all those candidates who were successful in the primary election races, and I'd like to commend everyone who sought public office.

As anyone in this Chamber can attest, running for office is not easy. It requires a tremendous amount of sacrifice, for the candidates and their families.

Public service is a noble cause. It is the cornerstone of our democracy. And as we head into this Memorial Day weekend, we must remember that serving the public—and even voting itself—honor the memories of all those who died defending our freedom.

INTRODUCING THE RECOVERING MISSING CHILDREN ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues and fellow Ways and Means members ERIK PAULSEN (R-MN) and PATRICK TIBERI (R-OH), and my colleague JOE COURTNEY (D-CT), to introduce the Recovering Missing Children Act. Today, May 25th is National Missing Children's Day. This legislation will help state and local law enforcement access the resources they need to bring missing children home safely.

Each year, more than 200,000 children are abducted by family members. These are usually not the stories that make national headlines, but the effects can be just as devastating. Even when there is a happy ending and young people are returned home, challenges remain. As one young woman who experienced a family abduction explains, "I had to get to know my mother from scratch, while at the same time dealing with my own prejudices and fear I had built up toward this stranger from years on the run and the negative messages from my father."

In the case of a missing child, any information that might lead to the child's return is crucial. Recently, the U.S. Treasury Department studied 1,700 parental abductions and found that in over one third of the cases, tax returns were filed using the missing child's Social Security number. Hundreds of those tax returns had a new address for the child and the abductor. Tragically, law enforcement officers were not allowed access to this information.

The Recovering Missing Children Act amends the Internal Revenue Code to add the case of a missing or exploited child to the list of exceptions allowing the release of Internal Revenue Service, IRS, tax return information. The privacy of one's IRS information is vital and must be protected. However, the law makes exceptions for the release of select information in specific cases, such as for child support enforcement, verifying information for Medicare benefits, or if someone has defaulted on a student loan. The chance to find a missing child and bring him or her home deserves such an exception.

The Recovering Missing Children Act requires a Federal court order for the release of this information to ensure that taxpayers' rights to privacy are respected. It also limits the release of such information to only Federal, state and local law enforcement agents personally and directly involved in the investigation of a missing or exploited child. The vast majority of missing children cases are investigated by state and local law enforcement. They need all possible resources at their disposal to make sure these children are safe and home where they belong.

I urge my colleagues to stand with myself, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. TIBERI and Mr. COURTNEY on behalf of missing children and the law enforcement officers who diligently work for their safety. I ask for your support of the Recovering Missing Children Act.

PAUL SCHAUER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize University of Colorado Regent Paul Schauer for his lifelong commitment to the state of Colorado and its people. Mr. Schauer has devoted much of his career to serving the citizens of the Centennial state and is one of its proudest residents.

Mr. Schauer was born and raised in DeKalb, Illinois, but it didn't take long for him to make Colorado his permanent home. He attended Doane College, in Nebraska, where he received a bachelor of arts in economics, and finished his post graduate studies at the University of Colorado at Denver.

After graduation, Mr. Schauer became an immensely successful businessman in Centennial and committed himself to public service. In 1979 he was elected to the state legislature and held his seat for nearly 20 years. He was popular among his colleagues at the state Capitol and he focused his efforts on such crucial issues as education, the environment and the state economy.

Following his stint in the Colorado General Assembly, Mr. Schauer became a University of Colorado Regent. He established himself quickly and became the board's chairman for a brief period. His guidance has contributed to the University's tremendous success.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize one of Colorado's foremost businessman and public figures. He has spent a lifetime fighting for the issues facing Colorado and its higher education system.

HONORING CLOUD, WILD STALLION OF THE ROCKIES

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the wild horse stallion known as Cloud, born May 29, 1995 in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range of Montana.

This majestic stallion has become the most famous wild horse in the world, and serves as the ambassador and emblem of wild horses and burros living free and protected on public lands.

No other wild horse in United States history has had his life story known and shared throughout the world.

Filmed as a tottering newborn foal beside his mother, the citizens of our great nation watched him grow into a bachelor stallion living among other young males, testing his strength, honing the skills he would one day need to start his own family.

Eventually, Cloud became a band stallion, winning mares and fathering his own foals. Cloud's history, captured on film and books by Ginger Kathrens, filmmaker and documentarian, has been shown throughout the United States on Public Broadcasting as part of the Nature Series, and throughout the world on numerous channels and networks.

Cloud symbolizes the spirit of the West and links us with our heritage. The study of his life

has brought recognition and appreciation of wild horses and burros on our public lands. Cloud has taught us that what wild horses and burros cherish most is not so different than for all Americans, freedom and family.

HONORING ATHENS OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST AND REUNION 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the Athens Old Fiddlers Contest and Reunion in Henderson County, Texas.

Founded in 1932 in Bethel, the contest was moved to Athens in 1933 and found a permanent home at the Henderson County Courthouse on the square in downtown Athens.

The Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion is one of the oldest continuous fiddle reunions in the United States, and it is devoted to the preservation of the style of music that once brought courage to our starving troops at Valley Forge, earned devoted admirers like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, and today continues to delight millions.

On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I commend the volunteers who generously donate their time and talents to ensure the future of this festival.

HONORING JOEL ARNIER

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the valiant efforts of Joel Arnier, an 18-year firefighter-paramedic from Addison, Illinois.

A few weeks ago, while fishing on the Fox River, Joel heard a woman screaming for help in the distance. Sensing trouble, Joel rushed to the scene and discovered that the woman's infant daughter had fallen into the water. Joel immediately recognized the urgency of the situation and quickly began performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. After a few critical minutes of attentive care, Joel was able to successfully revive the infant and save her life.

Although Joel was off-duty that day, he did not hesitate to come to the mother's assistance. Joel's training and expertise allowed him to respond promptly and effectively to such an urgent and terrifying incident. Every day, heroic men and women like Joel keep our communities safe, and they deserve to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in commanding Joel Arnier for his extraordinary effort.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 2011, I missed three rollcall votes (Nos.

330–332)—H.R. 1627, H.R. 1383 and H.R. 1657—because of a delayed flight due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on each of the aforementioned rollcall votes.

HONORING MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Montgomery County Public Libraries, a nationally recognized library system that I am proud to have located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Libraries have provided service to Montgomery County residents for generations. The first private library was established in 1838, stimulating wealthy patrons, clubs, civic associations and municipalities to begin libraries for their own communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system began operations in 1951 with the formerly independent libraries in Four Corners, Gaithersburg, Garrett Park, Noyes, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring, and Wheaton.

Today, Montgomery County has one of the leading library systems in the nation. It has grown to 21 branches, reaching every corner of the county. I am proud that these libraries, staffed by a combination of trained and dedicated professionals and volunteers, are able to serve so many people. In fact, two-thirds of the residents of Montgomery County are active library users.

Libraries have changed a great deal over the decades. While books and printed materials are still vitally important, Internet access, e-books and databases are playing an increasingly important role in how libraries serve their communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system has adapted well over the last 60 years, and I am confident that it will continue to do so as it enriches the lives of county residents, from the youngest to the oldest, by helping to teach new skills and providing information, education and recreational materials.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me not only in recognizing the six decades of achievement by the Montgomery County Public Libraries, but of the outstanding achievements of public libraries in each congressional district throughout our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 331, I was present, but I was distracted and missed the second vote in the three vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PHILLIP WYSOCKI

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Private Class Phillip Wysocki of Hebron, Kentucky.

Phillip has served honorably with the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division during two deployments to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He joined the United States Army after graduating from Conner High School in Boone County, Kentucky in 2009. He played Varsity football for the Cougar football team and was a standout athlete. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Hebron Fire Protection District which he joined during his junior year of high school.

On November 1st, 2010, while serving in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, Phillip and other members of his unit came under attack from Taliban fighters. An IED exploded, critically injuring several soldiers. Phillip contributed significantly to facilitating the evacuation of casualties under heavy enemy fire and repelling the enemy attack.

In February of 2011, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in this combat action. His actions were in keeping with the proud military heritage of Kentucky and the heroism of Kentuckians in the defense of our Nation for over two centuries.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding heroism of Private First Class Phillip Wysocki, Jr. in service to the United States Army and our Nation.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAX PARITY FOR NON-RESIDENT PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES ACT OF 2011

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Tax Parity for Non-Resident Professional Athletes Act of 2011, at the request of the D.C. Council, which unanimously passed a Sense of the Council resolution, introduced by D.C. Council members Jack Evans and Harry Thomas, Jr., calling on me to introduce the bill in Congress. The bill would amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to allow the District to impose a tax on income earned in the District by non-resident professional athletes, just as a number of states currently do. For example, California received \$102 million in tax revenue from income earned by non-resident athletes in 2006–2007. Tennessee raised \$1.1 million in tax revenue from visiting athletes, which was used for municipal parks and recreation projects. The bill does not tax the income of citizens of neighboring states. It is those states, not visiting athletes, that Congress intended to protect with the Home Rule Act provision that prohibits D.C. from taxing non-resident income.

The District continues to be responsible for providing state-like services to D.C. residents,