

DR. STEPHEN R. COVEY

**HON. JASON CHAFFETZ**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to celebrate and honor the life of a great American who recently passed away—Dr. Stephen R. Covey, who lived in my district and was a dear friend. He died this past week at the age of 79 with his family at his side.

Dr. Covey received a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah, a master's in business from Harvard, and a doctorate from Brigham Young University. He began his career as a university professor and then later became a world-renowned author and leadership consultant. He is the author of many international bestsellers, including *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, which has sold over 20 million copies and has been translated into 40 languages. In 2002, *Forbes* named it one of the 10 most influential management books ever written, and *Chief Executive* magazine called it one of the two most influential books of the 20th Century. His other bestsellers include *First Things First*, *Principle-Centered Leadership*, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*, and *The 8th Habit*. In 1996, Dr. Covey was named one of *Time* magazine's 25 most influential Americans.

Dr. Covey founded Covey Leadership Center, a leadership training company which later merged to become FranklinCovey in 1997. Since that time, FranklinCovey has grown to operate in over 125 countries throughout the world. Whether it was with Fortune 100 CEOs, heads of state, or university and grade school students, Dr. Covey devoted his life to spreading principle-centered leadership and influenced the lives of millions.

Despite his astounding professional career, Dr. Covey always considered his family to be his most important work and greatest accomplishment. He was a devoted husband and father, and was beloved by his nine children, 52 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In 2003, he received one of his most meaningful awards—the Fatherhood Award from the National Fatherhood Initiative. Dr. Covey truly exemplified the principles he taught, balancing his family and personal priorities with an extraordinary professional career.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of one of the world's best—Dr. Stephen R. Covey. He left a legacy to the world and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING RICE UNIVERSITY  
FOR 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of a fine higher educational institution in the Great State of Texas—Rice University. As one of only three Tier One schools in Texas, Rice also ranks among the world's top 100 universities. Consistently ranked as one of the nation's premier institutions, Rice is a

leading university in research and its stellar academic programs.

Located in the center of Texas' largest metropolitan area, Rice's small size allows for enriched personal interaction between students and professors. Year after year, the university produces first-rate graduates and students—many of whom have received such awards and distinctions as Fulbright Scholars, Marshall Scholars, Mellon Fellows, and many other merits. This level of success is due in part to the distinguished faculty which consists of a Nobel laureate, a Pulitzer Prize award winner, 6 Fulbright Scholars, and 86 fellows of the National Science Foundation—just to name a few.

In its 100 years of award-winning success, Rice University has established itself as a model institution of higher education, and its status as a top national university promises a remarkable future. Congratulations to everyone who helped make 100 years of educating the best and brightest a reality at Rice University. For all you do for the state of Texas, God bless you, and I salute you.

A TRIBUTE TO RYAN HANSON

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ryan Hanson of Ames, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Ryan has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Ryan and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING DR. DEREK WILLARD,  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS AND ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

**HON. DAVID LOESACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the long, successful, and highly dedicated career of Dr. Derek H. Willard, the Special Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations and the Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Derek has served the University of Iowa, the Iowa City community, and the State of Iowa for almost three decades with admirable leadership, devotion, and loyalty. I have worked closely with him since I came to Congress six years ago, and it has truly been a privilege to witness and work with someone so focused on advocating on behalf of Iowans.

Prior to coming to the University of Iowa, Derek earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1964, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968, and served as a faculty member at the United States Air Force Academy. His own research brought him to the Hawkeye State, where he earned his doctorate degree in 1975 and began his long career at the University of Iowa.

Since 1999, Derek has been the primary contact for federal relations and the Iowa Board of Regents at the University of Iowa, which is not only a top tier public university of over 45,000 students, faculty and staff but also a premier national research institution. He has overseen external funding for the University, and, under his leadership, funding secured by the University from organizations such as the National Institute of Health has increased from about \$70 million annually to more than \$386 million in 2008.

Prior to his appointment as federal liaison, Derek served 17 years as Associate Vice President for Research, a position he still holds today and which demonstrates his impressive dedication to the University of Iowa's research mission. He also currently serves as a faculty member in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry, and previously served as Director of Behavioral Sciences.

Among many career highlights, Derek played a pivotal role in securing funding and space on the University of Iowa campus for the National Advanced Driving Simulator. He also served as project director on a \$2 million Higher Education Disaster Relief Grant, which provided much needed federal assistance in the wake of the Floods of 2008 that devastated the University of Iowa campus. Derek was recently recognized by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities with a Lifetime Achievement Award for governmental relations.

The many successes he has achieved both for the University of Iowa and on a personal level demonstrate Derek's incredible dedication, professionalism, and commitment. On a personal level, I am grateful for Derek's helpfulness to my office in numerous generous

ways. His encyclopedic knowledge of University activities and his intelligent, openhanded advice has greatly helped me advocate on behalf of the University of Iowa, its students, and its faculty and staff. My staff and I will always cherish his graciousness, his wisdom, and his thoughtfulness.

On behalf of all Iowans, I would like to thank Derek for his years of service to the University of Iowa, the State of Iowa, and our nation. I know I join his colleagues, friends, and loved ones in wishing him well in his retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 472. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 472.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF TOMAS S. HERRERA

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Sheriff Tomas S. Herrera, a distinguished individual who has served in law enforcement for 36 years in South Texas. He has dedicated his career to assisting the Texas community through his involvement in various coalitions, councils and distinguished positions centered on efforts to protect Texas and our southwest border.

Sheriff Herrera was born in Eagle Pass, Texas and is a graduate of Eagle Pass High. Mr. Herrera began his law enforcement career in 1974 and served as the Justice of the Peace until 1976. A year later he began his 16-year service as Chief Deputy under the late Sheriff Tom Bowles. Mr. Herrera was a key instrument in the planning and building process of the new jail facility named after the late Tom Bowles. In addition, Sheriff Herrera served as Municipal Court Judge from 1995 to 1997. After holding dual positions as Constable and Deputy Constable, Mr. Tomas S. Herrera was sworn in as the Honorable Sheriff of Maverick County in 2005.

Mr. Herrera is a highly regarded member of the South Texas community and has many notable career accomplishments. In an effort to assist the Federal Government in Homeland Security to protect our borders from terrorist activities or threats, he established the newly created Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition in Laredo, Texas in 2005. Under this newly created Coalition, he held the title of Secretary/Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Additionally, two years later Sheriff Herrera and other community individuals initiated the construction of a 688-bed detention facility.

Mr. Herrera held key positions within the community and State of Texas, including an appointment by the Sheriff's Association of Texas President by Sheriff Tomas Kerss to the Texas Jail Commission Committee. Sheriff

Herrera also served as Chairman of the Texas Border Sheriff Coalition in 2007 and was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Border Security Council. From 2008 to 2009 Mr. Herrera was appointed as the Board of Director for the Southwest Border Sheriff Coalition (SWTBSC). Today, Sheriff Herrera continues to contribute to the community by being a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He was reappointed last year by the NSA President Sheriff Paul H. Fitzgerald to a 5th term to the Immigration/Border Security Committee. Mr. Herrera was also recently appointed by President of the Sheriffs', JW Jankowski to the Jail Advisory Committee. Mr. Herrera is married to Magdalena P. Herrera and together they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to have this time to recognize Mr. Tomas S. Herrera's extraordinary commitment and service in South Texas. His tremendous efforts to protect and serve the community have made a significant impact in the State of Texas.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DENNIS J. HEJLIK

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate native Iowan Lieutenant General Dennis Hejlik of the United States Marine Corps on his illustrious 44-year military career that will be coming to a close on Monday at an awards dinner at the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC.

Before he was a three-star general and commander of Marine Corps Forces Command, Lieutenant General Hejlik, then known around town as Dennis, grew up on a farm near Garner, Iowa, with his nine brothers and sisters. He would go on to graduate from Garner-Hayfield High School in 1965 and attend North Iowa Area Community College before beginning his military career when he enlisted in the Marines Corps in 1968. Four short years later, Lieutenant General Hejlik was commissioned through the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Course. Since joining the Marines, Lieutenant General Hejlik has gone on to become an honor graduate of the Basic School, the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Naval War College.

Lieutenant General Hejlik has earned numerous decorations for his service over the last four decades including the Defense Superior Service Medal with Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Leftwich Award, just to name a few. Since his humble beginnings in Iowa, his time with the Marine Corps has brought him to all corners of the globe, most recently culminating to his current position as the commander of Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia and Marine Corps Forces Europe in Boblingen, Germany.

Mr. Speaker, our country owes Lieutenant General Hejlik a great debt of gratitude for his decades of service and sacrifice. His unwavering commitment to serving his country and fellow Americans embodies the Iowa spirit. I

know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in thanking Lieutenant General Hejlik and congratulating him on his truly stellar career. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors as he begins a new chapter in his life.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,874,046,715,877.56. We've added \$5,247,169,666,964.48 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Chair, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, I have spent the last eleven years I have fought for patients with brain injuries, both on and off the battlefield. We all know that traumatic brain injury (TBI) is the signature wound of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and while we made great progress on ensuring our soldiers have the best care, there is still more work to be done.

An Institute of Medicine study was released last week about the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) on our troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. I am particularly concerned with the report's analysis of the Department of Defense's efforts to identify and treat PTSD. The 2010 Defense Authorization required this study as well as mandated the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report a response to this report the relevant Committees by no later than January 1, 2013.

As this report shows, there is still more work to be done when it comes to caring for our soldiers suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The report notes that the prevalence of PTSD in 2.6 million service members who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan is at a staggering rate of 13% to 20%. This statistic points to the importance of finding better ways to identify and treat this ailment. The report's many recommendations include the need for the Department of Defense to collect data on the delivery and effectiveness of all prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitative services currently in use to determine