

volunteers, for all of their hard work organizing this fall's Jubilee. I especially want to salute all the hard-working citizens of Highland, past and present, who have made the community such a great place to live and work. I am proud to represent such an outstanding community, and I want to wish them another 175 years of success.

RECOGNIZING CARONDELET VILLAGE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the August 23, 2012 ritual celebration of the new Carondelet Village in Saint Paul, Minnesota, a shared vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Presbyterian Homes and Services to raise the standard for older adult living in this community.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have long used their faith to forge relationships to promote the common good throughout our community. They understand that working for the good of all requires all elements of the human condition to be addressed. This is the idea that guided the Carondelet Village project—designing a community where all aspects of the lives of seniors could be nurtured and strengthened. They found an excellent partner in Presbyterian Homes and Services.

Presbyterian Homes and Services has been addressing the housing and health needs of the senior community in Minnesota since 1946. Striving to do more than just meet housing needs, Presbyterian Homes also works continuously to improve the quality of its buildings and the care it provides for the older adult community. Seeing a need for senior living in Saint Paul, it drew upon decades of experience to address it. With the Sisters of St. Joseph, Presbyterian Homes posed the question of how to attend to the needs of seniors as a whole, rather than merely providing a place to live.

When the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Homes came together, they created a community that respects diversity and provides a space for spiritual development in order to enrich the lives of residents and their families.

The Carondelet Village is a place that enables residents to reach their highest potential. At the heart of the Village is the embodiment of this vision—the Carondelet Circle—a community space where residents can work on their art, faith, health or just grab a cup of coffee.

Neighbors met the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Home plan with praise and intense interest. Before ground was even broken, seniors began placing reservations. By the time the doors opened in December of 2011, the Village was nearly at full occupancy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Carondelet Village and the successful efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Homes in providing needed housing and a supportive community for older residents of Minnesota.

A TRIBUTE TO DON TOLLEFSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Don Tollefson for his years of dedicated journalism in the city of Philadelphia. For almost 40 years, Don Tollefson has represented the essence of sports in the Delaware Valley.

Moving to Philadelphia in 1975, Don Tollefson held the position of Sportscaster and Sports Director for Channel 6 News. Don is most notably known for his years of service at Fox 29. Don was the co-host of Good Day Philadelphia for several years and also hosted a variety of sports-related programs including The Ray Rhoades Show and Eagles Game Day Live. More recently, Don has reported preseason games and halftime shows for the Philadelphia Eagles and co-hosts the show Eagles Game Plan.

Don Tollefson's contributions to the area stretch further than his journalism. Don is the creator of a non-profit motivational program, One Child Saved, that brings together athletes, entertainers and people in the television industry to talk to disadvantaged children. One Child Saved teaches under-privileged kids the importance of anti-hatred and anti-violence, while motivating the children to pursue careers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Don Tollefson and thanking him for his years of service and dedication to the city of Philadelphia.

GOREVILLE BLACKCATS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a state championship softball team from Goreville, Illinois.

After a number of successful seasons, including a close call last year, the Goreville Blackcats finally reached the IHSA softball state finals this year. But they did more than just show up: the Blackcats swept through the semifinals and finals without allowing their opponents to score a single run, en route to the program's first state championship.

I want to extend my congratulations to Coach Shanna Massey, who also won her 100th career game this year, and her assistant coach Teresa Cash. But I especially want to congratulate the members of the 2012 Goreville Blackcats state championship team: Ashlee Webb, Sydnee Rushing, Taylor Odom, Laenya Maze, McKenzie Schaede, Shelby Miller, Alison Webb, Haley Darnell, Hannah Murley, Brittney Pritchett, Micaela Allred, Kaylee Webb and Tiffani Shadowens. They have made history for their school and made their community proud.

I join with the other Members of this House in congratulating to the Blackcats, and wishing them best of luck in all their academic and athletic endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP E. MCGHEE'S 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major General Phillip E. McGhee, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major General Phillip E. McGhee will retire as the Director of the Army Budget. His service spans over thirty-three years active military duty of which he served selflessly dedicated, extra-ordinary effort both peacetime and combat to the United States Army.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1979, after his graduation from Columbus State University with a bachelor's degree in Business, Major General McGhee went to his first assignment as an Infantry Platoon leader with the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Following his transfer into the Finance Corps, Major General McGhee has served around the world in a wide variety of finance and comptroller leadership assignments throughout his illustrious career culminating as the Director of the Army Budget at the Department of the Army, Washington, DC, responsible for the Army's \$245 billion current budget.

Major General McGhee has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Senior Parachutist Badge, just to name a few.

The United States Army and the Nation will dearly miss one of its most respected and valued leaders as Major General Phillip E. McGhee retires and moves back into his role as a citizen. We will miss his humility, selflessness, candor and integrity. Major General Phillip E. McGhee's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully three generations of Soldiers and their Families and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to recognize Major General McGhee's long and distinguished career today and also acknowledge the great benefit to the Nation he has provided as the Director of the Army Budget. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major General McGhee for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Candy, their son Shawn and his wife, Stacey, and his two granddaughters, Hailey and Aiden, all the best as they continue on in their life's journey.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit the following work that was offered to me on behalf of Marine Corporal Jessie Kent Fletcher, a constituent and wounded warrior who honorably served our country in Afghanistan.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA

You!
 You have no idea!
 What kind of magnificent men so appear!
 Who so wear that uniform, whose fine hearts
 will not so break or bend!
 All in their most heroic shades of green, who
 upon them we all now so depend!
 Yea, you have no idea!
 Of what kind of fighting machines!
 Are all of these here, The United States Ma-
 rines!
 Jager!
 Who do so courageously appear, and move all
 out into that darkness all without such
 fear!
 Yea, you have no idea!
 How much they so love this country tis of
 thee,
 and how much they do so truly believe!
 For in life, each person but has their own
 destiny . . .
 To give up, or to lead! To inspire you and
 me!
 To so set their sights ever higher, all in what
 they want to be!
 Yea, you have no idea!
 And what kind of magnificent families,
 that they all so have at home who they must
 now all so leave!
 You have no idea!
 How heroes are so made!
 Magnificent men like JFK,
 who go so boldly forth all out into harm's
 way!
 From this Empire State,
 New York . . . Jessie . . . whose heart is so
 very Gotham this very day!
 Snipers, all so setting their sights high on
 victory,
 hunters who All In Strength In Honor Do So
 All Believe!
 Lone wolves out on the hunt,
 who move without being seen!
 Watch out enemy! Hunt It! Hunt It!
 For today is judgement day . . .
 And now its time for you to sleep! To pay!
 Who can make a shot from a mile away in
 enemy country,
 you would not believe!
 You, have no idea how they will fight to be
 free!
 With nerves of steel,
 and patience and concentration so very deep!
 Yea, you have no idea . . .
 of what their fine souls are so made up of so
 very deep down!
 As melding into that landscape as they so
 disappear,
 as all out there on their own,
 all out on their most courageous ways van-
 ishing into the air . . .
 Yea, you have no idea . . .
 how much self control that it all so takes
 . . .
 How much stealth and patience,
 while an enemy but stands just a few feet
 away . . .
 For Snipers are not so made, but born to be
 great!
 For it is something that which inside is so
 innate!
 With such instincts that which so help them
 to live on . . .
 night after night, and day after day . . .
 Setting their sights on victory, as they cali-
 brate . . .
 As so stealth fully they all so make their
 ways!
 The ones who for an eternity will ever so
 wait,
 just to get that shot made!
 As it was on one such fateful day,
 when death almost came Jessie's way . . .
 When, it so took all that he so had . . .
 but to just so live but one more day!
 And yes, you have no idea of all of that
 heartache that it so takes!

When, you so realize that you have so lost
 your strong legs . . .
 And what it so takes,
 to somehow to begin each new day . . .
 Yea, you have no idea!
 Of the kind of pain and heartache,
 that Jessie has so faced!
 And the amount courage and faith that it all
 so takes,
 you would so amaze!
 While, against all odds . . . Maximus . . .
 Oh yes you Jessie just like a God you would
 not so fade!
 Setting your sights on recovery,
 as we so watched you and so realized how fu-
 ture angels are so made!
 As you never ran out of ammo,
 as your fine heart would somehow reload!
 To take your soul to higher places for all us
 to behold!
 While, all around you heartache would so ex-
 plode!
 Yea you have no idea!
 How much it takes and how many tears!
 But, The Angels up in heaven . . .
 all of this can so see and feel!
 And our Lord's tears for you Jessie . . .
 are all so very real!
 Because, he has some idea!
 Because, he's been with you from the begin-
 ning so very close!
 When, you got that second shot at life!
 Between, the cross hairs of life and death
 . . .
 when your will to live so meant the most!
 As you Jessie so set your sights on life!
 As with your courage and all of your
 strength,
 all of us you have so blessed!
 Teaching us all what the word hero so
 means!
 And if ever I had a son!
 I'd pray that he'd have a heart,
 as half as great as your strong one!
 Yea, Jessie I have no idea . . .
 as to how and to what new heights your fine
 heart will so run!
 And how upon your face,
 I so see a smile as bright as the morning sun!
 But, one day up in Heaven Jessie you will so
 run . . .
 As thy will be done!
 And Jessie,
 how you find the strength and the courage, I
 have no idea!
 As I so see your sights are so set on Heaven,
 so very quite clear!

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF
SARASOTA COUNTY

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Community Foundation of Sarasota County on obtaining accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board was established as a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grantmaking foundations and corporations, to administer the National Standards. This board is responsible for upholding the quality, value, and integrity of the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the first and only accreditation of its kind.

In the United States, community foundations serve tens of thousands, administer more than

\$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of more than 700 communities and regions. With such a presence—nationally and within local communities—comes great responsibility.

Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing that every community foundation that receives the designation has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grantmaking, community leadership, and administration.

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operations quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grantmaking. For over 32 years, they have been making the important connection between individuals' personal memories, passions, dreams and the fulfillment of their charitable goals.

Oh behalf of the residents of Sarasota, I congratulate the Community Foundation of Sarasota County on receiving its National Standards accreditation and commend the foundation's dedicated service to Sarasota. I would also like to recognize its exceptional efforts to enrich our community. We hope to see the foundation continue to grow and have a lasting impact for our community.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
ROBERT J. KASULKE'S 32 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major General Robert J. Kasulke, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major General Robert J. Kasulke will retire as the Commanding General of the Army Reserve Medical Command (ARMEDCOM) on October 1, 2012. His military service spans over thirty-two years of dedicated selfless service to the United States Army Reserve.

Major General Kasulke is a graduate of Fordham University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1971 and earned a Masters in Public Administration from the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Administration in 1996. He earned his degree in Medicine in 1975 and received a direct commission in the Medical Corps in 1980 following graduation from the State University of New York, Syracuse, College of Medicine while completing a Fellowship in Vascular Surgery.

Major General Kasulke has served in the U.S. Army Reserve since 1980 and held assignments as General Surgeon, 5503d U.S. Army Hospital, 912th Combat Support Hospital and Chief of Surgery of the 376th Combat Support Hospital. He commanded Detachments 1, 2 and 3 of the 310th Field Hospital and the 865th Combat Support Hospital. He was appointed as the Commander of the 8th Medical Brigade in May 2001. From March of 2005 through March of 2009 he served as the