

vital observances like Campus Fire Safety Month.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, students, firefighters and educators, in recognizing September as Campus Fire Safety Month.

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE LUZIER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Katie Luzier of Norwalk, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is a prestigious honor as fewer than 6 percent of eligible Girl Scouts attain the Gold Award in a given year.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Katie raised funds to permanently clean up trash on a bicycle path in her community. The work ethic Katie has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her selfless commitment to serving others and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Katie and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her on obtaining the Gold Award, and I wish her continued success in her future education and career.

HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Week. As Hispanic Heritage Month began September 15 and runs until October 15, 2012, I would like to acknowledge the numerous accomplishments the Hispanic community has achieved and continues to contribute to our nation. This week, September 16 to September 22, 2012, it is important to honor Hispanic Serving Institutions because they play an integral part in strengthening the Hispanic community through fulfilling students' higher educational needs.

In Orange County, California, I am proud to highlight California State University Fullerton (CSUF), my Alma Mater. In a county where 33.8% identify themselves as coming from Hispanic or Latino decent, not only is CSUF the only Hispanic Serving Institution in Orange County, it is the first in California and fourth in the United States in awarding baccalaureate degrees to Hispanic students. Additionally, it also ranks 19th nationally in Graduate Student enrollment. Educational institutions, like CSUF, embody the opportunity that translates to future success.

As the Hispanic community continues to grow, HSIs shape and promote education by providing the necessary tools to achieve academic success in fields ranging from science to business. Ultimately, these institutions empower citizens who work to give back and improve our nation. Where the Hispanic community remains an influential and growing force, not only in California, but nationally, it is important to distinguish HSI's commitment to academics as vital to the United States' success and growth.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY ON OCTOBER 10

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, as millions of Chinese around the globe celebrate the Republic of China's National Day this October 10, we need to acknowledge the fact that it hasn't been easy for Taiwan to be a beacon of democracy and an island of prosperity in a world of tyrants and economic uncertainty. Taiwan's many achievements are attributable to the tireless efforts of their people and leaders throughout the decades.

I am proud to see that the United States has always been on the side of the Republic of China. During WW II, the United States and China were partners in war and we supported Taiwan against potential adversaries for decades until we enacted the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979. In recent decades, we witnessed Taiwan's evolution from authoritarian rule to full democracy. At the same time Taiwan has been a good political, economic and cultural ally of the United States. In recent years, Taiwan has been very strong in cooperating with us against global terrorism.

I am glad that we have re-established high level trust with President Ma Ying-jeou's administration. Taiwan has resumed important arms purchases from us and that Taiwan has lifted the ban on U.S. beef imports and is looking to restart talks on the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement with us. I am sure that the United States and Taiwan will be helping each other in many areas in the years to come.

Congratulations to the people and leaders of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their National Day.

HONORING ALISON TUDOR

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated work of Alison Tudor who serves as the Program Director with Mountain Crisis Services in Mariposa. As the Program Director, Alison spearheads the mission of Mountain Crisis Services, which seeks to prevent domestic and sexual violence by advocating for positive changes in the community.

Alison was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville with a Bachelor's Degree

in Wildlife Ecology. Her love of the outdoors brought her to Yosemite National Park, where she moved to work with youth in environmental education for five years.

For the past year, Alison has served as the Program Director at Mountain Crisis Services in Mariposa. Prior to beginning this position, Alison managed prevention programs, including Project Respect and Promoting Gender Respect, which aim to prevent bullying and teen dating violence in Mariposa County.

Along with her important work at Mountain Crisis Services, Alison has also contributed greatly to the rape prevention work being conducted in cooperation with the University of California, Merced. This hard work has not gone unrecognized. Alison was awarded the Prevention Educator of the Year Award in August, 2012 given through the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

In addition to her prevention work, Alison serves as Chair for the Central Valley's Public Policy and Research Committee, a group which tracks legislation that impacts domestic and sexual violence. Alison's passion for knowing the complex issues surrounding domestic violence is a role which she embraces. She continuously goes above and beyond to assist the people of Mariposa. Alison is also a trained Doula. When she discovered that her community had about fourteen pregnant teens, she organized a parenting and childbirth class to address the specific needs of this young population. Furthermore, she spent countless hours helping to develop the Ethos Youth Center, a program of Mountain Crisis Services, which provides a healthy and safe environment for youth to gather while connecting with positive adult role models.

Alison's ability to see the big picture makes her invaluable to her organization and to the prevention efforts against domestic violence and sexual assault.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Ms. Alison Tudor for her hard work as the Program Director of Mountain Crisis Services and for her continued efforts to increase the safety and wellbeing of residents in our Mariposa community. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors, and again, thank her for her dedication to improving the lives of all people living in Mariposa.

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT ADAM WALKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Adam Walker of Hiawatha, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5 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 Adam 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 Adam and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

TRIBUTE TO TEXAS PANHANDLE HONOR FLIGHT

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 94 veterans from Texas who will be visiting Washington, D.C., this week through the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight are: Charles Allen, U.S. Army Air Corps; Larry K. Baggett, U.S. Marine Corps; Wayne Baker, U.S. Army Air Corps; Jack Barnes, U.S. Navy; John Barnes, U.S. Navy; Donald E. Barton, U.S. Navy; Emmett L. Barton, U.S. Army; Clarence A. Betzen, U.S. Air Force; Kenneth S. Bjork, U.S. Navy; Albert Bland, U.S. Air Force; Clarence O. Bodling, U.S. Marine Corps; Van E. Bradford, U.S. Army; Roy M. Bradstreet, U.S. Army; Billy F. Brown, U.S. Army; Jerry Buttell, U.S. Air Force; Herbert R. Bytheway, U.S. Air Force; Lewis Cates, U.S. Army; Michael Cattaneo, U.S. Army; Paul E. Cattaneo, U.S. Army; Ernest Clark, U.S. Air Force; Lee J. Clark, U.S. Navy; Rodney E. Clark, U.S. Air Force; Ronald E. Clark, U.S. Army; Richard L. Collins, U.S. Navy; Michael Colon-Mateo, U.S. Army; Robert O. Counts, U.S. Army; Nicholas Devito, U.S. Army; William M. Edes, Texas Army National Guard; Warren Farris, U.S. Air Force; Donald E. Fine, U.S. Air Force; Antonio C. Flores, U.S. Army; John M. Gilbreath, U.S. Army; Kenneth G. Hammit, U.S. Navy; Homer Hampton, U.S. Navy; William J. Harris, U.S. Navy; James M. Hash, U.S. Army; Kenneth Holcomb, U.S. Army; Arthur L. Hulse, U.S. Navy; Walton R. Humphrey, U.S. Navy; Joe R. Irwen, U.S. Marine Corps; Blythe Johnson, U.S. Navy; Robert Johnson, U.S. Army; Carl R. Lee, U.S. Navy; Elmer H. Lehnick, U.S. Army; Delwood Locke, U.S. Navy; Cecil E. McCarrell, U.S. Navy; Bill McCarty, U.S. Army; James O. McCracken, U.S. Army; Larry M. McCracken, U.S. Navy; Arch R. Moseley, U.S. Army; Felix P. Mote, U.S. Army; Frank Muratori, U.S. Army; Stephen L. Myers, U.S. Air Force; Wayne Nevins, U.S. Army; Clarence H. Nichols, U.S. Army; Anthony L. Paschel, U.S. Army; Don L. Patterson, U.S. Navy; Travis W. Peninger, U.S. Air Force; Jeffrey W. Pickard, U.S. Navy; Ellis B. Posey, U.S. Army; Jerald B. Post, U.S. Navy; Ronnie D. Powell, U.S. Army; William N. Quattlebaum, U.S. Navy; Ernest H. Ramm, U.S. Army; Roger Redman, U.S. Army; Donald E. Ricks, U.S. Army; E.J. Riley, U.S. Coast Guard; Joe C. Rivera, U.S. Army; Joe M. Rivera, U.S. Air

Force; William W. Rowell, U.S. Army Air Corps; Jacquelyn R. Salek, U.S. Navy; Richard G. Schacher, U.S. Air Force; Danny W. Schilling, U.S. Army; Calvin W. Skipper, U.S. Navy; Milton M. Skipper, U.S. Army; David S. Stear, U.S. Army; Charles R. Stokesberry, U.S. Army Air Corps; Larry D. Teague, U.S. Navy; Robert A. Thompson, Sr., U.S. Marine Corps; Clifford W. Thornton, U.S. Army; Bobby J. Thorpe, U.S. Navy; Brent V. Thorpe, U.S. Marine Corps; Fredric E. Tout, U.S. Air Force; Scott Tout, U.S. Army; William P. Vann, Texas Army National Guard; Eugene S. Waits, U.S. Navy; Jack D. Waller, U.S. Army; Butch G. Warren, U.S. Navy; Forrest W. Warren, U.S. Army; Robert C. Whitney, U.S. Navy; Roy L. Wilhite, U.S. Army; Reece Wilterding, U.S. Army; James Windor, U.S. Army; Otho Wiseman, U.S. Army.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled by the opportunity to meet these men and women who exemplify the greatness of America. The services they rendered to our country can never be fully repaid, but I hope that when they visit Washington, D.C., it will reflect the gratitude and respect we have for them.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. Jack Barnes for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all of the financial and emotional support of the people who have put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PERRYENE LICKERT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peryene Lickert on retiring after 31 years dedicated to civil service at Ft. Knox.

Since 1981, Ms. Lickert has served our nation in a multitude of capacities. From working in the Commissary as a Sales Store Checker to working as a Military Personnel Clerk in several departments, Ms. Lickert has dedicated her career to a greater cause.

Next week, Ms. Lickert's civil service ends as a Human Resources Assistant in the Health Services Directorate with the U.S. Army's Recruiting Command.

Upon Ms. Lickert's retirement, I want to wish her well and thank her for her service to both the Ft. Knox community as well as our great nation. You have made Kentucky's Second Congressional District proud.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF NATALIA, TEXAS

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize and honor the centen-

nial celebration of the founding of Natalia, Texas.

Natalia, which is located approximately 30 miles southwest of downtown San Antonio, was founded in 1912 by the Medina Irrigation Company. The town was named after Natalie Pearson, daughter of Fred Stark Pearson, who oversaw the irrigation company and building of the Medina Dam. During the town's application process for a post office the following year, Natalie's name was misspelled and the town became known as Natalia.

After the deaths of Pearson and his wife, who were passengers on the ill-fated Lusitania which was sunk by German forces in 1915, the Medina Irrigation Company went bankrupt and was subsequently reorganized under the name of Medina Irrigated Farms in 1931. Despite the tough economic environment in the U.S. during that time, Charles F. C. Ladd was successful in selling bonds in the amount of \$2.5 million to pay for the Medina valley irrigation and to create a new loan fund for prospective land purchasers. As a result, the town prospered and increased its population from 150 in 1933 to 400 in 1939.

Today, Natalia is home to more than 1,400 people and is a vibrant community that is home to many families and businesses. Its centennial celebration will be marked with proud and exciting festivities that symbolize Natalia's wonderful history. I am proud to recognize this special event and have the opportunity to represent Natalia in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING DAN ANDERSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of Dan Anderson of Blue Springs, Missouri. Dan was the principal of the Blue Springs Freshman Center in Blue Springs, Missouri, and is the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' Principal of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes Dan's ability to excel and impact in the ever-demanding role of principal and lead educator in all aspects of education.

Mr. Speaker, Dan's impact in the areas of collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction and assessment, and his personalization of the learning environment are stellar and recognized by his fellow educators, parents, and community. The selection was made from more than 600 high school principals throughout the Great State of Missouri. The Blue Springs Freshman Center is unique with 1,100 freshmen students within the Blue Springs School District. Dan was able to effectively position the talent of his team, motivate excellence in his school's curriculum, and clearly communicate purpose with the families and community in Blue Springs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Dan Anderson's outstanding professionalism and commitment to educating the American youth. I join with Dan's colleagues, family, friends, and students in congratulating Dan on his outstanding achievement, and wish him good luck in his future endeavors.