

Air flight. The veterans of Volusia Honor Air, Flight-Ten are:

Edward Achatz, Floyd Adams, Charles Anders, Edward Bachman, Raymond Banas, Frederick Baum, Angelo Bellanco, Robert Bernacchi, Daniel Bernstein, Frank Bonomo, Herschel Brohinsky, Herbert Brucker, Kenneth Burgess, Edd Byrd, George Carter, Vincent Cascioli, Patricia Chambliss, Henry Cleaveland, Irwin Cohen, Thomas Cook, Albert Covello, Robert Curboy, Thornwell Davenport, Virgil Davis, George Desotle, Walter Dickey, Anastasia Domaszewski, Charles Eamshaw, Chauncey Elkins, Howard Genser, Kenneth Gildersleeve, Douglas Hallahan, Charles Hargrove, George Hatzenbuehler, Arion Hinckley, Arthur Hobbs, Charles Hoeck, George Holm, Harold Johnson, Glenn Jones, Clayton Kaster, Earl Killian, Charles Kitching, James Kraker, Walter Lambert, Ernest Laquerre, Leslie Lee, Evelyn Leonard, James Long Jr, Louis Lorenzo, Delia Majure, Eugene Makowski, Harold Marine, John Marshall, Rene Mauboussin, Robert McAlpine, Francis Micara, George Murphy, Edward Obremski, Garlan Odor, George Ottendorf, Donald Palmiter, Loucious Pancoast Jr., Pandi Pani, Joseph Parise, Nathan Polinsky, Paul Pratt Jr, William Rhoads, Gerald Roberts, Charles Robison, Alexander Roskoski, Charles Rowell, Joseph Schmidt, Thomas Schultz, William Seitz, Samuel Shoup, Henry Slager, Stanley Sowinski, Levis Swallows, John Temple, Lonnie Terrell, Forrest Thomas, James Trott, Edward Vaissiere, Henry Vendryes, Anthony Visco, Harold Williams, Murray Zealor, Peter Zeiger, Theodore Zrinyi.

I would like to salute them, their chaprones, the Volusia Rotary Clubs and other sponsors who helped make these flights possible.

It has been my honor and pleasure to accompany our veterans during most of these trips to Washington, and I will always remember the satisfaction, joy and solace I have witnessed in these remarkable men and women and often their family members as they visited our most cherished memorials in our Nation's capital.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Volusia Honor Air program and the service of these World War II Veterans.

RECOGNIZING THE WARD FAMILY AS THE 2012 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Ward family for being selected as the 2012 Walton County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family.

Bruce and Shirley Ward have been farming and raising livestock in the Liberty Community of Walton County for many years. They raise cattle and grow a variety of fresh produce, peanuts, cotton, and soybeans. The Wards' vegetable stand located off of Highway 331 affords local citizens and those traveling through the area an opportunity to enjoy their fresh produce. The Wards' farm also includes a

portable sawmill, which Mr. Ward operates in his spare time to grind sugarcane.

Bruce and Shirley share their time on the farm with their loved ones and have always cherished the time they have spent with their children and grandchildren. They are also longtime members of the Florida Farm Bureau. It is appropriate to say that the Wards exemplify the perfect balance of farm, family, and community.

Mr. Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families, and I take great pride in recognizing and paying tribute to the outstanding farm families located in Northwest Florida. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Ward family and thank them for their contributions to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the AbilityOne program, which is one of the largest providers for people who are blind or have severe disabilities. AbilityOne has helped over 40,000 people gain the necessary skills to enter and succeed in the workforce. In my home State of South Dakota, Black Hills Services Inc., helps to implement this critical program.

The AbilityOne program connects Federal Government agencies with community based non-profits that are dedicated to employing the blind and disabled. This program affords Americans with disabilities opportunities to acquire job skills and training, receive good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life. This program provides essential assistance to a segment of the population that has one of the highest levels of unemployment in our country.

I am proud to acknowledge the important work of Services at Ellsworth Air Force Base. I recently had the pleasure of visiting with many team members and seeing first hand the great job they do. With the support of the AbilityOne Program, BH Services provides assistance and employment to more than 325 people with disabilities in the Rapid City area. The direct impact this program has on the lives of Americans with disabilities cannot be overstated. For an individual with a significant disability who has never had the opportunity to work, be independent, participate in community life, or contribute to their society; the AbilityOne Program and agencies like BH Services are invaluable.

The work AbilityOne and BH Services do everyday help people live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I applaud each AbilityOne employee who works every day to improve their lives and make South Dakota and our country, a better place to live.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COALINGA HURON LIBRARY DISTRICT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Coalinga Huron Library District on its 100th anniversary. The Coalinga Huron Library District has served as a great asset to the community as well as a historical site for the citizens of Coalinga and Huron to enjoy every day.

On June 25, 1912, the vote passed by the County Supervisors to form the Coalinga Huron Library District. After gaining overwhelming support for the Library District, they successfully received a Carnegie grant of \$20,000. Today, the main library sits on 4th and Durian streets which is the site of the original purchase.

Libraries serve as the ideal place for people to read, study, and research; and beyond that libraries have turned into great venues for holding workshops, seminars, and events. The Coalinga Huron Library District is a place for people of all ages and backgrounds. Thanks to the renovations done in 1955, 1994, and today, the citizens in Coalinga and Huron have beautiful libraries to visit.

Research and technology are vital components to education today, and public libraries are great tools for students to get research done for free. The Coalinga Huron Library District understands the importance of technology in our world today, and they are staying up-to-date with software programs. Members of the library have access to view books, e-books, periodicals, and historical documents.

Thanks to the public library system, citizens are provided access to books and computers that they normally would not have access to. Along with the access to books and reading materials comes literacy. The abilities to read and write can be overlooked by some people, but librarians and educators know that without the current availability of books, literacy rates have the potential to go down. The Coalinga Huron Library District is obviously aware of their importance and is committed to staying open. They should be commended for their hard work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me recognizing the Coalinga Huron Library District for its numerous contributions to the cities of Coalinga and Huron and central California. The libraries serve as a great source for members, and the services provided will hopefully be available for many more years to come.

HONORING STEVE CHANEY FOR HIS SERVICE TO REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Chaney, Superintendent of Redwood National Park, honoring his 40-year dedication to our nation's national parks.

Mr. Chaney has dedicated his professional life to preserving our nation's abundant beauty. His career has included service in several different parks, from Arkansas to Colorado, Kentucky, Utah and Northern California.

Mr. Chaney has served in many roles, ranging from park aid, to ranger, technician and superintendent.

As superintendent of Redwood National Park, Mr. Chaney has worked to protect and preserve the health of the vast forests and watersheds of Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

In his role as superintendant, Mr. Chaney has worked to support California State Parks to prevent the closure of one of three area state parks; he has prioritized relations with the Yurok and other local tribes; has improved the culture of safety at Redwood National Park; has addressed illegal and ecologically harmful marijuana cultivation on park lands; and has overseen the effort to improve the park's second-growth Douglas fir and redwood stands.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Steve Chaney for his dedication to our national parks and for his long record of service to our national park's visitors.

HONORING RTR ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (RTR) Elementary School in Ruthton, Minnesota.

On September 7th, RTR Elementary School was named one of two schools from the First District of Minnesota to be designated as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School.

This award recognizes exemplary schools like RTR Elementary School where students have consistently scored the top of assessment results. Recipients of this award truly exemplify the State of Minnesota's belief that every child has promise and must receive a high quality education.

As a teacher on leave from Mankato West, I know that achieving success for all students takes a commitment from the entire school, from the principal to the counselors to the teachers. When students see every adult in their school dedicated to their success and achieving a higher goal, they are motivated to do their best.

This is exactly what RTR Elementary has done for its students. Under the leadership of Principal Amy Christensen, they have focused on building relationships with every student, and executing the RTR Literacy Plan to ensure success in the English Language Arts. Their efforts have led to exceptional results.

This award recognizes what the RTR Elementary School community already knows—RTR Elementary is a place where every student, no matter their ability or background, can fulfill their potential. RTR Elementary is an outstanding model of achievement for schools across Minnesota and the country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring RTR Elementary School for its dedication to the students of Ruthton.

RECOGNIZING THE BARTON FAMILY AS THE HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA, 2012 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Barton family for being selected as the 2012 Holmes County, Florida, Farm Family of the Year.

Ken and Rhonda Barton are Northwest Florida natives with a deep connection to the local farming community. Farming became a part of their childhood and way of life. Thirty-three years ago, they were married, and it then became a love they have since shared as husband and wife and one that they now share with their children and grandchildren. Together, they successfully operate a 1,200 acre farm, where they raise livestock and grow peanuts, cotton, oats, and hay. The success of the farm is largely due to the way in which the Barton family operates. Each plays a supporting role, while embracing the best management practices. It is through their tireless work and dedication that the Barton Family demonstrates a true love of agriculture and family.

Outside of the farm, the family plays an active role in the community. Ken and Rhonda are heavily involved in numerous state agriculture associations, including the Florida Peanut Producers Association, the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, the Florida Cattle-men's Association, and the Florida Farm Bureau. In 2003, Ken became the Executive Director of the Florida Peanut Producers Association, where he proudly represents the peanut farmers of the state of Florida in both Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. He also dedicates his time to research, promotion, and education in Florida peanut production.

Their daughter Tonya is an elementary school teacher at Bethlehem School and is married to Kevin Amerson, who is a field representative with Dothan Livestock. They have instilled in their two young children, Kason and Kolton, a dedication and appreciation for farming, as they are always eager to assist with hay operations or working the cattle. And Ken and Rhonda's son, Chad, is an aircraft mechanic at Fort Rucker and is active with the row-crop operation of the farm. He is married to Ashley Miller who assists with the daily workings of the farm. One of the greatest joys of their two young children, Kenny and Kaylee, is spending time in the field or on a tractor with Ken and Rhonda.

In addition to their love for farming and love of family, as great stewards of the land, Ken and Rhonda are devoted Christians who are ever grateful to the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, our great nation was built by the hard work of farmers and their families. The Holmes County Farm Family of the Year Award is a true reflection of the Barton family's tireless work and dedication to country, faith, and family. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Barton family for this great accomplishment. My wife, Vicki, and I wish them the best for continued success.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in order to celebrate with the people of Taiwan as their National Day, October 10, 2012, approaches.

Earlier this year during the presidential and legislative elections, the Taiwanese people once again demonstrated to the world with a clear, ringing voice of freedom that they are a beacon of democracy to Asia and the world.

The United States and Taiwan continue to share a close partnership and an abiding friendship, and I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their National Day.

I also would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Taiwan's representative to the United States, the honorable Jason Yuan, on being appointed to his new position as Secretary-General of Taiwan's National Security Council. He has served the interests of Taiwan with distinction during his time here in Washington, D.C., and I thank him for his service.

TRIBUTE TO EDNA KNUDSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Edna Knudson on the coming celebration of her 100th birthday. Edna will celebrate a century of life in less than one short month on October 21st, 2012.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Edna's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Edna has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Edna was born on October 21st, 1912 in Evansville, Minnesota and spent her early years in Minneapolis working for Honeywell, Inc. In 1945, Edna moved to Parkersburg, Iowa with her husband Howard. As the successful small business owners of the local Coast to Coast hardware store, Edna and Howard raised their two children in the apartment above the store.

Edna's life has been defined by the hard work and commitment she has given to her family, community, and church. Edna has never lost her passion for fun and, when she's not on a golf course, you can find her at the card table playing games or telling stories with friends and family. Edna will celebrate this special birthday surrounded by friends and family, including her four grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Edna in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ms. Knudson on