

Ribbon, and he has been selected to attend the Assessment and Selection Indoctrination Course for the Marine Corps Special Operations Command this January. Such accolades are truly fitting for a member of our Armed Services who has always shown the highest level of dedication to his country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Marine Corps Master Sergeant Brian J. Nelson as he is awarded the Purple Heart. I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognition of this distinguished member of our Armed Services.

TRIBUTE TO THE 30TH VETERANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great community program in my district. For thirty years, Mineral Wells ISD and the American Legion Post 75 have co-sponsored an outstanding program to recognize and honor our nation's veterans. This program is held in the high school stadium and is open to all people of the community and the area. All school students of Mineral Wells ISD are driven by bus to the stadium. This year the program was held on November 12th for an audience of approximately 5500.

Some of the neighboring schools also bring their students to the program. The program comprises performances from all campuses of Mineral Wells ISD including the kindergarten drill team, choirs from the middle school, and students from the junior and senior high schools. The high school band performs a pre-ceremony concert while attendees get seated. A dance team from the high school performs as well.

This year, Lt. General Richard E. "Tex" Brown III (USAF, Ret.) was the guest speaker. He was a former graduate of Mineral Wells High School. Lt. General Brown spoke of the great respect this area has for the military and for veterans. The Master of Ceremonies was LTC Robert Clayton Evans (US Army, Ret.). He also was a former graduate of Mineral Wells High School, a West Point graduate, and a member of the American Legion Post 75. It was a great homecoming for both men.

American Legion, Sons of the Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary state commanders and presidents attended this program. Elected officials of the county and school officials also were among the platform guests.

Students from Mineral Wells High School also helped with other duties involved with the program. Some passed out programs or helped seat groups in the stands. Some passed out small flags to the crowd or helped fill red, white, and blue balloons for the final song.

Local Legion members performed a flag service and presented service flags in the program. Another member manned a small cannon to open the program after a local pilot presented a flyover to honor our veterans. Lunch was served after the program by more local members of the American Legion Post 75 family.

Mineral Wells recognizes the service that veterans have given to our country now and in

the past with this outstanding program. For that reason, Mineral Wells ISD and American Legion Post 75 should be noted for their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL K. MILLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Iowa Public Television's executive director and general manager, Daniel Miller, and express my appreciation for his years of service to IPTV and the people of Iowa.

A Des Moines native, Mr. Miller has been a part of the IPTV family for 37 years and has been the executive director and general manager since 2002. Under Dan's leadership, IPTV has expanded its statewide and nationwide relevance by tripling its broadcast offerings amidst balancing the transition to digital television and shrinking government funding. Iowa Public Television boasts more than two million viewers each month, and at times its central Iowa station has been the most-watched public television station in the country.

Dan's many accomplishments at IPTV have earned him deserved praise across the nation, including numerous broadcasting and broadcast journalism awards on the regional and national levels. Simply put, the IPTV we know and love today would not be the same without Mr. Miller's tireless efforts and passionate advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, in an increasingly divisive media environment, Dan's career and legacy at IPTV is a testament to the importance of objective and factual journalism. He has never wavered in his commitment to the truth and journalistic integrity, and I am honored to call him my friend. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mr. Miller on his illustrious career, and wish him a happy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on December 12 and 13, 2012 and missed rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on rollcall votes 621, 622, 623, 624, 625 and 626.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JOSEPH P. MACNABB

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to commemorate the retirement of Judge Joseph P. MacNabb. Over the years, Judge MacNabb has proved his

dedication to the people of the Third District and Georgia and his presence in the community will not be forgotten.

Joseph MacNabb was born in Newnan, Georgia to George and Ella MacNabb. He graduated with top honors from Newnan High School and attended of Emory University. Following Emory, Judge MacNabb graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law and served as the First Chairman of the Moot Court Board.

Judge MacNabb used his degree to truly serve people. While he was a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the United States Army, Judge MacNabb spent time in the Republic of Korea and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

After his service abroad, he returned to Georgia and practiced law in Newnan for 43 years as a Partner in the law firm of Mathews, Knight & MacNabb, and then as a Partner in law firm of Rosenzweig, Jones & MacNabb. His hard work did not go unnoticed in the community, as he was elected President of the Newnan Bar Association in 1978 and represented the Coweta County Board of Education for 16 years.

Judge MacNabb was appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Coweta County in 1982 and served for 31 years. He was also appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Heard County in 1991 and served for 21 years. During his time as Juvenile Judge in Coweta County, he was instrumental in helping establish a permanent home for the Juvenile Court in 2006, earning widespread praise in the community for his commitment to the juvenile court system.

Throughout his career, Judge MacNabb has shown his ability to help others, be the cases big or small. His work abroad on behalf of our nation and in the local community shows his dedication to the legal system and those who are struggling within it. A judge is a man of character and integrity, and Judge MacNabb epitomizes that, which is why I am proud to help honor his service to and I wish our best to Judge MacNabb as he begins his next journey, and hope he has a long and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT KYLE MATTHEW JENNETT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kyle Matthew Jennett of Creston, 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. For his project, Kyle renovated latrines at a local county park to ensure greater public utilization, including handicap accessibility. The work ethic Kyle 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 Kyle 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER JAMES DEJARNATT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter James DeJarnatt for his 16 years of service on the Pacifica City Council, four of them as mayor. Pete has been a tireless champion of the environment and Pacifica residents and visitors can thank him for many of the trails and much of the open space that allow all of us to enjoy the beautiful coast.

Pete was first elected to the city council in 1996. During his tenure, he always aimed to achieve a balance between development and the quality of life of residents. His work and partnership with the Pacifica Land Trust were vital in the transfers of Mori Point, the San Pedro Headland parcel and Cattle Hill to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Pete was instrumental in championing major improvements to Linda Mar Beach, a popular surf spot. Ample parking, hiking and biking trails have turned it into a true multipurpose area, attracting tourists and locals alike. He also helped create flood protection for lower Linda Mar as well as a new estuary for San Pedro Creek. The San Pedro Creek Control Project included rerouting the lower creek, placing gravel to provide steelhead spawning beds, and creating new wetlands. The solar power projects on top of the wastewater treatment plant and the community center are in part due to Pete's outstanding work.

As an advocate of the arts and civic engagement, Pete played an important part in creating the Sanchez Art Center, the farmers market, additional senior housing, the skateboard park and the new police station. He has been a long-time supporter of Pacifica's library system and the resource center.

Pete, a native San Franciscan, graduated from Terra Nova High School and attended the College of San Mateo.

He and his long time partner Dianne Devin live in Pacifica. In his spare time, Peter loves to garden, hike, camp, dive and read.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Peter DeJarnatt on the day of his retirement as mayor of Pacifica. He has dedicated his life to his community and public service and has never tired of improving the lives of residents of this coastal gem.

RECOGNIZING WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize twelve women who are making a difference in the Second Congressional District and—in fact—all of Nebraska.

Small businesses are the life blood of our economy. They provide about 55 percent of all jobs in the private sector, and create about two of every three net new jobs in the United States. In 2007, women owned 7.8 million businesses.

On Friday, I will be honoring the achievements of some of the women business owners throughout the Second Congressional District. Through their hard work and dedication, they have created opportunities and made a difference in our community. As we work to strengthen our economy, women business owners will continue to play an important role in that recovery.

I also ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating the important contributions women continue to make in support of our economy.

BC CLARK

BC Clark was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for January 2012. She is the co-founder and President of the Metro Omaha Women's Business Center (MOWBC) which was founded in 2007. MOWBC hosts monthly business forums on the third Friday of each month. The mission of the organization is to empower women to become economically self-sufficient by providing target education in business, professional and personal growth. As President, Clark has recently instituted the MOWBC "Start-up Award Grant" awarded annually to women entrepreneurs for their initial start-up costs. In addition to being the President of MOWBC, Clark is a Counselor at SCORE, serves on the Board of Directors for the Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce, Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation and the Nebraska Business Development Center Advisory Board.

DIANE BRUCE

Diane Bruce was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for February 2012. She is the cofounder of Charv's Contracting, Inc. which was founded in 2009. Charv's Contracting is a woman-owned and managed small business certified by the SBA and is also approved by the City of Omaha as a Tier II Emerging Small Business. Charv's Contracting focuses on small to medium sized new construction and remodeling services for commercial and residential properties. Bruce has played a vital role in improving the overall company with her 20 year background in sales, marketing and office management. Various residential as well as government customers have worked with Charv's Contracting, like, City of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, Omaha Housing Authority and the Buland Group.

NANCY SEMPEK

Nancy Sempek was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for March 2012. She is the current owner of Christensen Drywall Construction, Inc. which was founded in 1949. Christensen Drywall is a woman-owned and managed small business certified by the SBA as well as certified as a Tier II Emerging Small Business with the City of Omaha. The company specializes in residen-

tial, both new and remodel, and commercial finishes. They provide a wide variety of construction and drywall services for all construction or remodeling needs ranging from acoustical ceilings to water damage. Some of the projects that Christensen Drywall has worked on are the Hummel Park Nature Camp Center, commercial tenant finishes and low income housing.

SHAYNE FILI

Shayne Fili was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for April 2012. She is the President and Owner of Auction Solutions, Inc. which was founded in 1999. Auction Solutions is an SBA certified Woman-Owned Small Business and a Tier II Emerging Small Business with the City of Omaha. The Auction Solution team primarily focuses on Real Estate and Personal Property Auctions, but also focuses on Estates, Collections, Collector Vehicles and more. As the owner, Fili has played a vital role in improving the overall company by becoming a CAGA Appraiser and CAI certified, obtaining her Real Estate Salesperson License, as well as becoming a Real Estate Broker and BAS certified.

JULIE KAUP

Julie Kaup was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for May 2012. She is the current President and Owner of Boss Electric LLC, which was founded in 2010 and is quickly being recognized as an up-and-coming electrical contracting company in Eastern Nebraska. Boss Electric is an SBA certified Woman Owned Small Business, a Tier II Emerging Small Business with the City of Omaha and a Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor with the U.S. Department of Labor. The team at Boss Electric handles multiple areas of expertise which range from new construction to remodeling, build outs and commercial projects. As the owner, Kaup has brought a unique aspect to the company with her background as a pharmaceutical representative. This sales and marketing background has allowed Boss Electric to market and sell their brand of electrical contracting in a fresh way to commercial, residential and government customers. The Army and Air National Guard, VA Hospital, and GSA contracts are just a few of the government contracts that Boss Electric has been awarded.

LISA WOLFORD

Lisa Wolford was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for June 2012. She is the founder and current CEO of CSSS.NET which was founded in 1997. CSSS.NET is certified with the SBA as an 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business, 8(m) Woman Owned Small Business and a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business. The company specializes in providing high quality IT services and solutions to federal, state, and commercial customers. As CEO, Wolford has played a vital role in improving the overall company by steering the company firmly and fully into the federal marketplace, contracting with U.S. Strategic Command, (USSTRATCOM), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. CSSS.NET was named 2011 SBA Nebraska Veteran Services Champion of the Year, 2010 Vetrepreneur of the Year (NaVOBA) for exceptional Government service, won the Nunn-Perry Award in 2009 in recognition of CSSS.NET's work in GIS.

DANIELLE ZOX

Danielle Zox was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for July, 2012. She took the position of CEO of the GovDirect organization, and she is part owner of both GovDirect and Bizco Technologies. GovDirect is a Woman Owned Business, is