

voluntarily handled the bookkeeping for the Big Sur River Run since its inception in 1981. That event has raised more than \$800,000 for the Big Sur Health Center and the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, two organizations for which Jaci also handles the bookkeeping. Other causes that she has helped in this way include the Big Sur Historical Society, Big Sur Jazz Festival, Big Sur Hidden Gardens Tour, Big Sur Grange, the Big Sur Community Emergency Response Team, the Big Sur Natural History Association, the Henry Miller Memorial Library, the Big Sur Public Library, and the Big Sur Food & Wine Festival. She also contributes her time as the editor of the Big Sur Grange, and the Round Up newsletters. She is even co-chair of the Big Sur Book Club.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I acknowledge and congratulate Jaci Pappas, Big Sur's "Volunteer Extraordinaire," for her record of stellar public service, and wish her many happy years ahead in which I know she will continue to teach us all how to live life well in voluntary service to others.

HONORING ATHLETICO AND ITS
FOUNDER, MARK KAUFMAN

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank AthletiCo Physical and Occupational Therapy for serving the greater Chicagoland region for more than twenty years. AthletiCo is a rapidly expanding rehabilitation, outreach, and fitness center enterprise that has grown in size and now has over 60 facilities.

When founder Mark Kaufman first opened for business in 1991, AthletiCo had only one employee and two clients. Two decades later, AthletiCo operates throughout Northeastern Illinois, Milwaukee, and Northwest Indiana and employs more than 1,100 clinical and administrative staff. Mr. Kaufman's team has expanded over the years to include physical and occupational therapists, certified athletic trainers, personal trainers, strength and conditioning specialists, and massage therapists.

AthletiCo currently serves a large clientele of workers on disability, assisting their recovery and helping injured people get back to work. AthletiCo also closely associates with over 150 local high schools, colleges, and professional sports teams including Illinois' own Bears, Cubs, White Sox, Blackhawks, and Bulls, helping athletes stay in shape and recover from injury.

Mr. Kaufman also has a reputation for treating his employees well, allowing him to retain a happy and effective staff. AthletiCo prioritizes continuing education for its employees and also provides post-professional education through in-house training, tuition reimbursements, and orthopedic clinical residency programs.

I am proud to have this business in my district, and I look forward to its continuing positive impact. I am grateful for the services Mr. Kaufman and AthletiCo provide in Chicagoland and the surrounding areas. Please join me in celebrating AthletiCo as they continue to pursue their mission of improving the health and wellbeing of local men, women, and children.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR JIM
RIDENOUR

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and the deepest respect that I ask you to join me in honoring one of the Central Valley's most distinguished citizens, Mayor Jim Ridenour, as he ends his successful tenure as the Mayor of Modesto, California.

Mayor Ridenour epitomizes what is best about Modesto and has shown a selfless commitment to his community. A life-long resident of Modesto, Mayor Ridenour had a successful business career in the ambulance industry. He served five terms as Chairman of the California Ambulance Association, and received many awards and honors from the association and state legislators. He also served as a reserve deputy sheriff for Stanislaus and Santa Barbara counties.

During his eight years in office, Mayor Ridenour has shown a tireless commitment to help Modesto enrich and empower its citizens, families, businesses and schools. He has shown leadership in encouraging regional cooperation on important issues through initiatives such as the "Mayor's Working Group" which brings together the nine Mayors of Stanislaus County to share information and work together on central issues such as transportation. With the City Council's diligent work, he has provided leadership in consistently developing a balanced budget and in doing so has put Modesto in a far better financial position than many other cities in the surrounding area.

Mayor Ridenour has strived to make local government more user-friendly and accessible to the citizens of Modesto. He created a web-based citizen action center where citizens can report problems, ask questions and track responses and response times. He has also made applications for citizens' advisory committees available online. Mayor Ridenour has made an effort to make local government more transparent by developing a comprehensive Salary & Compensation webpage where the public can view Councilmembers' pay, Charter Officer contracts and pay, Department Director pay as well as all salary schedules and job descriptions as well as labor contracts. He has always been described as a man of the people.

Mayor Ridenour assumed an important leadership role as the President of the League of California Cities in 2010, a critical time for California's cities. As President and in his subsequent service as a member of the League's executive committee, Mayor Ridenour proved to be a powerful player in the fight for redevelopment and California's future.

Mayor Ridenour is married to his beautiful wife Renee for forty years and together they have three children and numerous grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating my good friend, Mayor Jim Ridenour and the Ridenour family as he celebrates his successful service as Modesto's Mayor.

HONORING HOLT HICKMAN AT THE
TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY IN
FORT WORTH

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has preserved Fort Worth's unique history and has made sure it is available for future generations; Holt Hickman. This Weatherford native is being honored at the Texas Independence Day in Fort Worth, and I couldn't think of a better Cowtown honoree.

While Holt is being recognized for his commitment to Fort Worth's past, his business career has been about innovation and looking to the future. Holt is responsible for helping bring air conditioning to automobiles turning the feature from a luxury to a necessity. The first Japanese cars sold to the U.S. market had air conditioning only because Holt convinced the auto makers this was the future. Holt is not only a successful businessman who has had local, national and international reach, he has also been one of the many tenacious civic leaders in our community who have made Fort Worth what it is today.

Holt helped save and preserve the Fort Worth Stockyards in what was one of the largest historic preservation projects in the country. He accomplished this in part by working with passionate and committed partners. Because of his efforts, the Stockyards are one of the most visited and beloved areas of the city today. As Mayor, I was privileged to have Holt as a partner and that friendship has continued throughout my career. His energy, generosity, and vision will continue to enhance our city's cowboy heritage for generations to come. I couldn't think of a more deserving Texan to be honored on the day of our state's independence.

HONORING ETHAN NELSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan Nelson. Ethan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 206, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ethan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan Nelson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN LEE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor San Mateo City Councilmember John Lee as he ends his 12 years of service to the people of San Mateo. John was first elected to the city council in 1999 and was re-elected by substantial margins in both 2003 and 2007. He is a 28-year resident of San Mateo and has been actively involved in public affairs on the San Francisco Peninsula for many decades.

John Lee served the residents of San Mateo County as a Board Member and Chair of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. The authority makes tough choices about how to spend taxpayer money on public road and transit improvements. In his role on the authority, John voted on public improvements that speed the travel of millions of county and regional residents, annually. It takes a savvy board member to rank projects according to their merit and to resist the temptation to simply cast a vote to please a special interest. John had no trouble saying "yes" to the public's interest in all the votes that he cast.

Over several decades, John has been vigorous in community affairs as an active member of at least two Chambers of Commerce: Redwood City and San Mateo. Quite unusually for a person who also had a growing business, John Lee found time to serve as President of both Chambers of Commerce during his service on their boards. In his community service and private sector public policy positions, John worked on legislative affairs and membership development, and he could always be relied upon to work well with my office and those of any elected official.

John is a 31-year member of the San Mateo Rotary Club and has been a board member of Jobs for Youth and the American Heart Association. He has been a passionate advocate for housing the less fortunate in San Mateo County, and in his job as councilmember he has served as the city's liaison to Housing Our People Effectively (HOPE). He can be counted on to attend any groundbreaking for affordable housing, and has spoken forcefully about the need to house teachers, firefighters, clerks, and others who need affordable shelter, during his public and private sector service.

As a past board member of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA), John helped this public policy group nurture San Mateo County's entrepreneurial culture. He also was a cofounder of Telogy, a high technology company. Telogy eventually employed 450 persons with John serving as Senior Vice President of Operations prior to his retirement.

There are many characteristics of John Lee that mark him as a man of quite greatness, but I must close my remarks by noting John's devotion to this Nation through his 22 years in the United States Marine Corps. John served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He rarely raises his distinguished service to this Nation, but you can learn all that you need to learn about his devotion to America by watching him while he says the pledge of allegiance and listens to the Star Spangled Banner. A handful of people feel these moments so

deeply that their eyes tear up. John is one of these amazing few.

With honor, in dignity, and at many times with valor, John Lee has served his fellow citizens over decades that spanned two centuries. Like other Americans who are local heroes, John Lee will be remembered as a strong, articulate man who exemplifies this Nation's quiet courage and great resourcefulness in the face of all challenges. I salute him upon his latest retirement, this time from the City Council of the City of San Mateo, California.

Mr. Speaker, let us always remember John Lee. America has been built by him, and by other men and women like him, who preserve this nation's liberty through their daily examples of duty to God, country and community. We are all greatly blessed by the contributions of retiring city councilmember John Lee, an American in heart and soul.

**HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS
AND GIRLS CLUB OF CHICAGO**
HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, a local organization that promotes leadership and scholarship for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 18.

In the autumn of 1931, Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin had their very first event, a football game involving local children that ended in a 13-13 tie. While watching the game, the spirit and teamwork of the participants showed the two founders that this organization could be a positive force for change. Since then, the club has been a staple of the Homer Park neighborhood. It currently serves over 1200 children each year, building character, cultivating leadership and encouraging teamwork.

The NBGC mainly achieves these goals through sports, academics and art. Within the floor hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball and other sports programs, every child plays in every game, enjoying a positive and encouraging atmosphere and learning to provide the same for their teammates.

Additionally, the NBGC has fostered an extensive volunteer and parent network. The coaches, teachers and mentors provide the club with the engine to power the vehicle of growth and learning that children in the area have enjoyed for generations. They have led by example that it truly takes a village to raise a child.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club for 80 years of nurturing strong values in Chicago's youth, as well as developing a strong community throughout the area. I wish them even greater success in the years to come.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3630,
MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND
JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of a provision in H.R. 3630 that will help ensure a competitive, creative, and consumer-friendly wireless marketplace. As more and more Americans use mobile devices to surf the web and communicate with others, it is imperative that they have a choice of providers that have sufficient spectrum to meet these growing demands. Because H.R. 3630 gives the FCC authority to hold voluntary incentive auctions of broadcast spectrum, it is important to ensure that there is no question about the Commission's authority to adopt and enforce rules of general applicability concerning spectrum aggregation that promote competition. Fortunately, the H.R. 3630 conferees included a provision that specifically confirms that authority. As an exception to a provision in the bill that prohibits the FCC from preventing persons from participating in auctions, this savings clause gives the FCC the flexibility to adopt spectrum rules in the manner that most effectively promotes competition—in connection with a particular auction or otherwise. I commend the conferees for including this provision.

**HONORING RICHARD LUKE
LANNING**
HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard Luke Lanning. Richard is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Richard has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Richard has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Richard has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Richard Luke Lanning for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER
WILLIAM EILEEN DUNN**
HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sister William Eileen Dunn, a dear friend who