

collecting gifts he would assist with babysitting for those parents while they picked out gifts.

I cannot say enough about James. He is a truly admirable young leader. Without question, he is setting a good example and is a role model to others. I want to thank James for his continual dedication and congratulate him on the Military Child of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing James Richards and wishing him continued success in all future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO JOEL H. UHLMAYER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joel Uhlmeier of Ames 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, Joel chose to make various improvements at the Ames Izaak Walton League. He felt this unique project was an important way to give back to the Ikes for supporting Scouting and outdoor activities. The work ethic Joel has shown in this 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 Joel and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

MR. SHERMAN WOODEN

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Sherman Wooden, one of the 2012 recipients of the Governor Robert P. Casey Medal for a Lifetime of Service. This award is presented annually by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County and given for a person's contributions to the region throughout the years. The Neighborhood Housing Services serves individuals and families through homeownership education and promotion, property rehabilitation and affordable lending.

Mr. Wooden grew up in Montrose, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Elk Lake High School, and went on to receive both a bach-

elor's and master's degree from Howard University in Washington, DC. Additionally, he attended the Catholic University of America for doctoral studies and pursued graduate work at the University of North Carolina, University of Maryland, New York University, and Harvard University.

Before joining the faculty at the University of Scranton as the Director of Multicultural Affairs, Mr. Wooden worked as a public school teacher and a lecturer at Howard University and the Catholic University of America. In 2010, Mr. Wooden retired from the University of Scranton and now dedicates his time to serving his community. Currently, he is the principal resource for information about the role of the Underground Railroad and the African-American population in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Furthermore, Mr. Wooden serves on several boards, including the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, Friends of the Weinberg Library Advisory Board, and the Board of Friendship House in Scranton. In the past, he served on the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission for African-American Affairs and the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, and he served as president of the Council on Community Affairs and the Old Mill Village Museum.

Mr. Speaker, today Sherman Wooden stands as an icon in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I commend him for his years of remarkable service to his community and his country as an educator, author, and lecturer, and I wish him continued success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO TANNER MICHAEL KNOWLTON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tanner Knowlton of New Hampton 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. The work ethic Tanner 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 Tanner and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

HONORING DR. ROBERT A. CORRIGAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert A. Corrigan and recognize his contribution to higher education, civic engagement and the application of university expertise to community issues. Dr. Corrigan is retiring as the President of San Francisco State University.

One of our nation's leading public urban universities, under Dr. Corrigan's leadership, San Francisco State University has become acclaimed for its diversity and is known as a "college with a conscience." With nationally recognized programs in a range of fields, the more than 212,000 graduates have contributed to the economic, cultural and civic fabric of San Francisco and beyond. Dr. Corrigan has been a dedicated supporter of the partnership between San Francisco State and the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies, located in my district. Through research, education and outreach, and with a focus on San Francisco Bay, the Romberg Center works to advance the understanding of the world's complex marine environments.

A graduate of Brown University in Rhode Island, Dr. Corrigan earned his master's and doctoral degrees in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. During a 54-year career in academia, Dr. Corrigan has held faculty positions at the University of Iowa, Bryn Mawr College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. He was a provost at the University of Maryland and Dean at the University of Missouri, before becoming chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Starting at San Francisco State University in 1988, during a period of transition, Dr. Corrigan restructured the management of the university to build a better rapport between administration and faculty. A leader with considerable collaborative skills, he has worked hard to keep the campus competitive through careful management of funds during difficult budget cuts. A well-respected colleague and administrator, Dr. Corrigan presided over a major overhaul of the campus, funded with a \$120 million facilities bond measure, student fees and private fundraising. Recently, the university opened its newly renovated library and there are plans to build a new performing arts center as well as a student wellness center.

A champion of diversity in higher education, Dr. Corrigan is credited with building a model multi-cultural campus focused on social justice and equity. Where people of color constitute 70% of the student body and 41% of the faculty, Dr. Corrigan nurtured a culture of tolerance where differences are respected and debated peacefully on campus. He is the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, the 2009 San Francisco Business Times "Most Admired CEO" award and the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Anti-Defamation League.

A keen advocate of civic engagement, Dr. Corrigan has served on the boards of a variety of organizations, such as the Mayor's Children, Youth, and Families Policy Council, two

terms as chair of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Economic Development Corporation, and the California Historical Society Board of Directors. Among several active memberships, he is currently serving on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Anchor Institutions Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Corrigan is a man of remarkable talent and considerable commitment, he will be missed in the community and at the university, but we honor him today and wish him well in his next endeavor. Congratulations, Robert Corrigan, and thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO R. LUCIA RIDDLE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of R. Lucia Riddle as the Vice President of Federal Government Relations for the Principal Financial Group.

Ms. Riddle joined Principal in 1974 as a management trainee in the health division and quickly began rising through the company. By 1997, Lucia had obtained her M.B.A. from Drake University and had officially assumed her role as Principal's Vice President of Federal Government Relations in Washington D.C.

Principal Financial Group is a well-respected, worldwide company that has called Des Moines its home since 1889. More than 8,000 Iowans are employed by Principal Financial Group and thousands more do business with this great company renowned for its honest and professional reputation. As Vice President of Federal Government Relations, Lucia expertly assumed the responsibility of directing legislative and advocacy efforts with a focus on the company's life and health, privacy, tax and financial services issues. Every day, Ms. Riddle played the important role of representing thousands of Iowans, and the company itself, as a valuable and effective spokesperson to members of Congress.

In addition to her role at Principal, Lucia is a member of several insurance and financial service industry related technical and policy committees for numerous organizations, as well as serving on multiple boards across the country, from the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art to the Des Moines Art Center. Recently in 2011, Ms. Riddle received the President's Award from the Washington Government Relations Group and this year has been named as one of Savoy Professional Magazine's "Top 100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America" for the second time since 2008.

Over her 38 year career with Principal, Ms. Riddle has embodied the ideals of leadership and dedication by assuming several roles above and beyond the call of duty. Lucia is a testament to the high quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans. I invite the members of the House to join me in wishing Lucia a long, happy and healthy retirement. Thank you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN KEACH, SR.

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, John Keach Sr. Led a Consequential Life.

John Keach Sr. was many things. He was a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. But I rise because John Keach Sr. led a consequential life and by his actions he left this community and this state better for having been here.

The life of John Keach, Sr. has been marked by accomplishments over decades that have brought about a greater quality of life to Columbus and the surrounding areas. Though he will be missed by his family and friends, John will long be remembered for his tremendous impact.

A native of Seymour, Indiana, John was born to Glenn and Lucile Kessler Keach on July 7, 1927. Before serving in the United States Navy during World War II, John graduated from Shields High School. In 1950, John graduated a Bulldog from Butler University and then married his beloved Elaine. After working under his father as a teller at the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association in Seymour, John and Elaine moved from Seymour to Columbus where John helped develop the Columbus branch of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association.

John held many positions at what is now known as the Indiana Bank and Trust Company, serving as a teller, branch manager, president, CEO, Chairman of the Board, and Chairman Emeritus. John also held positions in the Indiana League of Savings Institutions, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, and the Family Financial Life Insurance Company.

Outside of his business ventures, John sought to make Columbus and Bartholomew County a better place to live, and his efforts are felt to this day. John was a member of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1960 and the Community Service Award in 1969. John also served as a Trustee and President of the Bartholomew County Library and played a crucial role in the development of the Cleo Rogers Memorial County Library.

John served on the Bartholomew County United Way, the Columbus Economic Development Board, the St. Columba Catholic Church Council, the Columbus Elks Lodge #521, the Knights of Columbus and the Columbus American Legion Post #24, among others.

Blessed with a loving family, John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elaine, their four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, as well as his sister Kathe Caplinger.

It is written, "the Lord is close to the broken-hearted," and that will be our prayer for his beloved wife, family and all those who mourn the passing of John Keach, Sr.

The people of Columbus have lost a true giant from our community and our family has lost a friend. The life of John Keach, Sr. has come to an end but his legacy of leadership and character will endure and inspire for generations to come.

HONORING ROEHL TRANSPORT FOR 50 YEARS OF INNOVATION AND GROWTH

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an organization called Roehl's Transport, which is celebrating its 50th year in business in 2012. I congratulate them for this historic achievement.

Their extraordinary growth since 1962 exemplifies what can be achieved through teamwork and the American spirit. The Roehl Way of Protective Driving has won the ATA President's Award in both 2008 and 2011, and their initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has earned the EPA's "Smartway Award for Excellence" multiple times.

I am honored to congratulate Roehl Transport on their 50th anniversary and extend my thanks for efforts to improve our nation by making our highways safer and advancing our air quality.

TRIBUTE TO NADINE BERG ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a long-time member of my staff, Nadine Berg, who recently retired from a career of service on the Hill. Nadine started with my office as a legislative assistant in 1995 and then served as my Legislative Director from 2004 until this year. During her entire time in my office, she served as a constant source of cheerfulness during many long and difficult days. Despite her many responsibilities, she always took the time to give assistance and a kind word to other members of the staff, interns, and constituents.

Nadine's service in Congress did not start in my office, but rather when she started working for former Congressman Bill Lehman of Florida less than a month after graduating from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1975. She began her career on the Hill as a Legislative Correspondent in Congressman Lehman's office and worked for him until he retired from Congress at the end of 1992.

Nadine was not only a great asset to my office and the other offices she worked in, but she was also a great asset to the people of the South Bronx and Southern Florida, for whom she worked for so long. Her knowledge of Congress and dedication to working long hours until every detail was resolved ensured that every issue, no matter how large or small, was properly addressed.

In particular, her expertise in appropriations issues and the appropriations process was vitally helpful in my work on that committee. This expertise along with her passion for the environment helped to clean up the Bronx River and many other places in my district. When she began working on the Bronx River it was a neglected urban waterway, and no one believed that it could be cleaned up. However, her dedication and belief in improving