

Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE
JUNE 5, 2012 EASTERN IOWA
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to welcome Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation to our Nation's Capital today. These veterans, accompanied by volunteer guardians, traveled to Washington, DC to visit the National World War II Memorial that was built in their honor.

I proudly have in my office a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the stone from which the World War II Memorial was built. That piece of marble, just like the memorial it built, reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation that, when our country was threatened, rose to defend not just our Nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that are the basis of our great Nation. They did so as one people and one country.

The sheer magnitude of what they accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed has stood as an inspiration to every generation of Americans since. The Greatest Generation did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our Nation. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our Nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome eastern Iowa's veterans of the Second World War to our Nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF FORMER STATE SENATOR
CATHIE WRIGHT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness regarding the recent passing of former State Senator Cathie Wright, who represented the Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys in the California legislature for 20 years, and with whom I was proud to serve.

Born in Old Forge, Pennsylvania on May 18, 1929, Cathie Maranelli Wright launched her political career in the 1970s as a member of the Simi Valley City Council. Wright was the city's mayor when she ran for and won an open Assembly seat in 1980. During her tenure in the Assembly, Wright carried several pieces of legislation to address local issues, including a bill that added the valley's four

water purveyors to the Castaic Lake Water Agency. The legislation brought the water purveyors to the table for the purpose of negotiating a valley-wide management plan, something the local water community continues to do on a regular basis. She was an early and ardent supporter of the creation of the City of Santa Clarita, which incorporated in 1987.

In 1992 Wright, ascended to the state Senate when former Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis retired and served until 2000. As a Senator, Wright helped craft California's welfare and child support laws. She was instrumental in securing funding for the College of the Canyons, particularly a new library and a media & fine arts building. Senator Wright worked tirelessly to develop a Systems of Care approach that would provide early intervention for at-risk mentally ill youth.

Mr. Speaker, Cathie Wright's two decades of dedicated public service make her an outstanding example of her generation and its commitment to our Nation. It is appropriate therefore that we honor her life and contributions today.

RYAN PFANKUCH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ryan Pfankuch for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Ryan Pfankuch is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ryan Pfankuch is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ryan Pfankuch for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MOLLIE EMERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mollie Emerson of Rockford, 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 an extremely prestigious honor as less than 6 percent of all Girl Scouts will attain the Gold Award's rigorous requirements.

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, Mollie redecorated patient rooms at doctor offices in her community

to help patients feel more comfortable when visiting the doctor. The work ethic Mollie has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself 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 Mollie and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her in obtaining the Gold Award, and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE
HONORABLE JOHN JOSEPH LEE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Lee, a resident of San Mateo, California, who died at the age of 81 at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Hospice.

John Lee served his country as a Marine in Korea and Vietnam; was a successful businessman; a founder of Telogy Inc; was a highly respected member of the San Mateo City Council and served as Mayor. He was responsible for the completion of three major projects during his twelve year tenure—a movie theater complex, a new library, and a new police station.

He was known to all for saying "It's outstanding!" While he could be stern and firm minded, he was never disagreeable. He appreciated hard work and supported dedicated city employees. He worked to help the less fortunate, and in the words of San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer, "He was a man who believed in valor and chivalry and duty."

John is survived by his son, John Lee Jr., of Oregon, daughters Brenda Lee Woodward, Karen Frost and J. Marcella Lee; his stepson Michael Streim and many grandchildren. He also leaves four siblings.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a true public servant who served his Nation with honor, valor, and generosity. He served his community with equal distinction, and earned the respect of his colleagues in public service and the deep regard of his entire community. I ask my colleagues to extend to his children, grandchildren and siblings our most sincere sympathy on their great loss. John Lee will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him, and I count myself among those so blessed. Our community and our country have been strengthened by the life and the service of John Lee.

HONORING THE PLASMA PROTEIN
THERAPEUTICS ASSOCIATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA) as that organization celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Since PPTA's founding in 1992, the organization has been at the forefront of promoting innovation and patient access to safe and effective therapies used to treat rare and chronic conditions. PPTA is a globally active trade association, representing six plasma protein therapy manufacturers in the United States, and 16 plasma collection companies that operate nearly 400 plasma collection centers across the country.

PPTA is distinguished in the pharmaceutical and biologics industries for the Association's dedication to the continual innovation of therapies for rare disease patients. Today, plasma protein therapies are used to treat a range of rare diseases including primary immune deficiency diseases; neurological disorders such as chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy; hemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other bleeding disorders; and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, as well as specialty immune globulin therapies that treat a range of conditions. Recognizing the unique concerns of the patients living with these rare diseases, PPTA continues to act as a diligent advocate for the protection of therapeutic innovation and patient access to plasma protein therapies. One example of that commitment is the Association's strong support of my bill, the Medicare IVIG Access Act, H.R. 1845, which will make whole the home infusion benefit for patients with primary immune deficiencies. In addition to my work on this legislation, my interest, support, and commitment extend to all of the rare disease patients treated with life-saving plasma protein therapies, and I'm proud to work on issues so vital to the health of these fragile groups of patients.

In addition to the Association's outstanding advocacy, PPTA has also led the industry in quality and safety assurance. In 2000, PPTA and its members implemented the Quality Standards of Excellence, Assurance and Leadership (QSEAL) as voluntary standards that complement FDA regulatory requirements for manufacturing plasma protein therapeutics. QSEAL certification provides a pathway for industry participants to provide independent certification of adherence to the QSEAL standards. The QSEAL program works in concert with the International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP), instituted more than 20 years ago to help ensure the safety of plasma used to produce lifesaving therapies and plasma donors.

A global organization headquartered in the United States, with an office in Belgium, and that serves the needs of chronic, rare disease patients around the world, PPTA and its members should be commended for their ongoing commitment to supporting patient access to innovative, safe and effective treatments.

HONORING THE GRADUATING 5TH GRADERS AT GLEN MARLOWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the graduating 5th Grade class of Glen Marlowe Elementary School. They are about to enter an exciting new phase of their lives: making new friends, advancing their edu-

cation, and moving closer to the adults they are destined to become. Some of the most fundamental lessons that one can be taught, such as the importance of hard work and respect for others, have been instilled by the faculty of Glen Marlowe over the past few years and will shine through in every future action taken as they become young men and women.

I would like to offer my thanks to Ms. Kristi Duckett, Ms. Julia Meeks, Ms. Jessica Hudgins, Ms. Deanna McNaughton, and Ms. Kathy Plount for leading by example, and helping to build the foundation of a wonderful group of young people. I would also like to acknowledge the parents of the graduates. All of those carpools, parent-teacher conferences, and late night homework checks have not been in vain, and have helped prepare these graduates for a future that will be shaped by their values and vitality.

It is my honor to congratulate these graduates on achieving this important milestone and I encourage them to follow all of their dreams, wherever they might lead. I encourage my colleagues to join me today in honoring the graduating 5th graders at Glen Marlowe Elementary.

RECOGNIZING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CENTRAL IOWA IN DES MOINES AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the AbilityOne program, which in the last several years has helped more than 50,000 Americans who are blind or who have significant disabilities gain skills and training that ultimately led to gainful employment.

The AbilityOne program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. This program affords Americans with disabilities the opportunity to acquire job skills and training, receive good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life.

I am proud to acknowledge an important local partner of the AbilityOne program, Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa in Des Moines. It is one of 207 regional Goodwill organizations throughout North America and across the world. Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa has been serving Iowa communities since 1955 with a dedicated mission, a clear vision and a strong set of values to empower people with significant disabilities to achieve greater independence, education and employment. With the support of the AbilityOne program, Goodwill's training and job placement programs help clients and their families live more independently while allowing them to make positive contributions to their communities.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I strongly support the AbilityOne program and Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa in Des Moines. I also want to commend the dedication and commitment of President Marlyn McKeen and her staff for helping individuals who are blind

or have a significant disability find employment opportunities. Their work helps people live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend each AbilityOne employee who works every day to improve their lives and make our country a better place to live.

HAZING IN THE U.S. MILITARY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remind my colleagues about the ongoing problem of hazing in the United States military. Hazing, particularly racially motivated hazing, undermines our military.

Multiple suicides in 2011 by service members of color after suffering hazing drew increased attention to this problem. These incidents involved dehumanizing service members through racist taunting, harassment and physical assault.

Private Danny Chen, 19, a Chinese American, took his own life in Kandahar, Afghanistan in October 2011 after being hazed. Investigators found that he had been physically assaulted and taunted with racial slurs. Eight soldiers were charged with dereliction of duty, assault and involuntary manslaughter in the death of Private Chen.

In his annual holiday message on December 23, 2011, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta condemned hazing in the military. He later directed military commanders to review hazing policies and ensure compliance.

At the outset of this year, our colleagues in the Congressional Tri-Caucus called for public hearings and hosted a forum on the issue. In March, the Armed Services Committees' Subcommittee on Military Personnel hosted a hearing on this subject and heard testimonies from U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard representatives. Those testifying all agreed that hazing is wrong and should not be tolerated.

However, the hearing also highlighted the need for greater transparency and regular oversight in order to ensure real, measurable success in combating hazing within the ranks of our military. Thankfully, a portion of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 calls for annual reports by the U.S. Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security as well as a report by the Comptroller General, which will create help define hazing as well as create systematic means by which data about hazing can be collected and tracked.

As a result of these reports, we will have the common language, tools, data and communication needed to better prevent hazing in our military. By learning from our failure to protect Private Chen and other victims, we also hope to honor their memory.

Mr. Speaker, we owe an immense debt to our brave members of our military who risk their lives for our national security. I join my colleagues in their steadfast effort to make sure that Congress does its due diligence to ensure that hazing has no place in our armed services.