

CONGRATULATING THE VAIL
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR
STRAIGHT A REPORT CARD

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vail School District on the high honor of receiving a "Straight A" report card from the Arizona Department of Education. This is an extraordinary accomplishment.

Vail School District was founded over one hundred years ago as a one-room schoolhouse in the middle of a ranching community at a water stop on the Southern Pacific Railroad. Over the last century, the district has grown to serve a population over a four hundred square mile area in southern Arizona. It currently serves twelve thousand and continues to expand, with an eighteenth school under construction.

The Vail community has shown strong support of its schools, staff, and teachers. This has played an important role in helping the district achieve its remarkable success.

The mission of the Vail School District is to provide parents with safe and nurturing school communities where their children can obtain a quality education. Such a dedication to proven instructional practices and great care for the students has led to the accolades we celebrate today.

This success would not have been possible without the exceptional leadership of Superintendent Calvin Baker; the school board, Claudia Anderson, Randy Kinkade, Margaret Burkholder, Jim Coulter, and Debbie King; and the dedicated staff and teachers of the district. I am proud to represent such an outstanding public school district which is a model of what can be accomplished by providing an environment and education that prepares our children for future success.

ON THE OCCASION OF ALLAN
GILMOUR'S RETIREMENT FROM
THE PRESIDENCY OF WAYNE
STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Allan Gilmour, the President of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, for his lifetime of service to the people of Michigan in both the public and private sectors. In August, Allan will be stepping down from the presidency of Wayne State, where he has been since his appointment as Interim President on January 18, 2011.

In his more than two-year tenure as Wayne State's President, he has focused on transforming the school's position within the Greater Detroit community. Among his top initiatives have been to enhance the quality of education both in academic and practical settings, increase interdisciplinary research, and strengthen Wayne State's ties to Michigan's business community. Having worked in the private sector for many decades, Allan understands the significant connections between academic in-

stitutions that develop the leaders and researchers of the future and the business community that relies on the talent, innovative thinking, and dedication of young adults as they join the workforce. The construction of a state-of-the-art Multidisciplinary Biomedical Research Building, where researchers from the entire spectrum of natural scientific fields can interact to solve complex biological questions, is just the latest example of projects that have occurred under Allan's leadership.

While Allan's work at Wayne State is impressive, it is just his most recent endeavor; prior to his tenure as Wayne State's President, Allen worked for Ford Motor Company for almost forty years. Allan's story is one of dedication and hard work, that saw him grow from a Financial Analyst when he joined Ford in 1960 to become Ford Motor Company's Chief Financial Officer from 1986 to 1987 and then again from March 2002 to July 2003. During his time at Ford he also served as its President from March 1990 to January 1993. In his leadership positions at Ford, Allan made a tremendous impact on an organization whose products are vital to continued economic vitality of our nation.

Even with all of his professional success and the impact he has made on Michigan in his professional roles, nowhere has Allan's commitment to his neighbors, friends, and his state been greater than in his philanthropic endeavors. Currently, Allan serves a Chairman for the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, taking a leadership role in a non-profit that has invested substantial resources into the revitalization of the Greater Detroit region. Allan also serves on boards for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Detroit Partnership, the Detroit Zoo, the Karmanos Cancer Institute, and Midtown Detroit. Each of these organizations is dedicated to improving the lives of Michigan residents and vitality of Southeast Michigan. With his experience and expertise, Allan continues to be a strong and effective advocate for the people, businesses and communities of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the profound impact Allan Gilmour has made on Michigan and, specifically, the Greater Detroit region. I am fortunate to count Allan as a friend, and even more fortunately as a trusted advisor. I wish Allan and his partner, Eric Jergens, well as he enters a new chapter in his life, and I know that he will continue changing the lives of Michigan residents for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I hereby submit clarification for the Official Record regarding my recorded vote for Amendment No. 6, offered by my colleague Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, to H.R. 1582 on Thursday August 1, 2013. My recorded vote was "no", which was done in error. I would like to clarify that my intended vote on Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 1582, the Energy Consumers Relief Act, was a "yes".

RECOGNIZING ED STERN'S COM-
MITMENT AND SERVICE TO
KITSAP COUNTY REGION OF
WASHINGTON STATE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Stern, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance's 2013 Economic Development Champion of the Year. Mr. Stern's vision and tireless service have created substantive opportunities for local, regional and statewide development.

Mr. Stern has spent his entire adult life working for the benefit of his community. For over 25 years, he has spearheaded economic development in the region. Mr. Stern currently serves on Poulsbo's City Council, sits on the boards of the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance and the Association of Washington Cities, and serves the Puget Sound Regional Council as chair of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District.

Mr. Speaker, 2012 was a busy year for Mr. Stern. He led a large, active delegation of Kitsap leaders in crafting the Regional Economic Strategy, a comprehensive blueprint for economic reform and development aimed at securing long term, sustainable economic health in the region. He championed state legislation that would revitalize local retail cores by helping cities renovate abandoned buildings. He also worked to provide citizens of Poulsbo with free, high-speed internet, courtesy of a large antenna on Fourth Avenue. It is precisely because of these accomplishments that Ed Stern has received this award from the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance. He has driven real change for his community members, for their regional neighbors, and for the citizens of Washington State.

As I close, I can say with confidence that Ed Stern, with his limitless energy, has made significant contributions to our region and its citizens. I am pleased to recognize his service today in the United States Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO LINDA
GRANDQUIST

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Linda Grandquist for being named a 2013 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Each year, Business Record undertakes an exhaustive review to identify a standout group of women in the Greater Des Moines area who, as the publication notes, "have made a difference." An impressive group of inspiring female leaders are selected annually for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement, career success, and being a role model for other women to emulate. The 2013 Women of Influence honorees join an impressive roster of more than 130 women who have changed and are continuing to change our communities for the better.

Linda Grandquist has never forgotten the inspiration and influence derived from her grandmother's place as a female doctor. It was this that led Ms. Grandquist and a friend to start a business in the 1960s that was essentially a temp service for female medical assistants or dental assistants—a rare venture. In the late 1970s, she embarked upon a real estate career and had a sales volume exceeding a million dollars her first year, cementing her as one of the few women in the "million dollar club." Additionally, Ms. Grandquist recently has joined the Prairie Meadows board of directors, where she serves on the legacy grant committee and reads each of the some 500-plus grant applications the organization receives. She also serves on the board at UnityPoint Health, volunteers with the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, and serves on the Blank Park Zoo board. She prefers to do it all without seeking the spotlight.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Linda Grandquist in the United States Congress, and I am pleased to recognize her for working to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Women of Influence class continued success.

CONGRATULATING SHERIFF KEVIN FRYE FOR BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sheriff Kevin Frye on being elected president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.

His new role as president follows years of service to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, as Sheriff Frye has served as both the second vice president and first vice president for this esteemed body.

Sheriff Frye is an outstanding leader, father, and public servant. He has dedicated himself to serving the people of Avery County, and now he will serve our great state of North Carolina with distinction.

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association is the statewide organization of our state's 100 sheriffs. Through this association, the sheriffs work to strengthen the professional law enforcement services their offices provide to the people of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 11th District of North Carolina, I congratulate Sheriff Frye on his new position as president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and thank him for his years of service to the people of Avery County.

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 7TH AS NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize August 7th as National Lighthouse Day, and to stress the important role of lighthouses in our Nation's history and the values that they represent.

On August 7th, 1789, Congress passed an Act regarding the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers. This early acknowledgement of their significance demonstrates the central part lighthouses play in America's growth and development, from its inception to the present.

Throughout our Nation's history, lighthouses have provided guidance for ships carrying economic goods and hopeful travelers into and out of the country, and protected our largest entry point, our coasts, from danger. Their shining lights embrace newcomers as they arrive on shore, and wish those departing farewell.

In my hometown of Buffalo, we are fortunate to have lighthouses that remain standing today. "Chinaman's Lighthouse" is Buffalo's oldest building still standing on its original foundation. Lit in 1833, our Buffalo Light is one of the oldest on the Great Lakes and is a landmark along Buffalo's Outer Harbor Waterfront.

Buffalo's lighthouses are key cultural components of our efforts to revitalize our region's waterfront as a destination for western New Yorkers and tourists alike. The light that once welcomed immigrants as they landed on the shores of Lake Erie now serves to encourage people to enjoy the new recreational opportunities on the waterfront.

The Buffalo Light like many others had fallen into disrepair for years. To save this important structure, the Buffalo Lighthouse Association was established in 1985 dedicated to restoring and promoting this vital link to our history, heritage, and future.

Due to post-9/11 security requirements the Buffalo Lighthouse, which sits on land adjacent to the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Buffalo station, was not accessible to the public for over a decade. Working in conjunction with then-Senator Hillary Clinton, we secured \$6.1 million to upgrade and consolidate Coast Guard facilities while opening up access to the historic lighthouse once again.

Restoration, including masonry repair and stonework, was completed in 2011 on the Lighthouse with funding I was pleased to play a part in securing through the New York Power Authority relicensing agreement funds awarded by the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation.

The dedicated volunteers at the Buffalo Lighthouse Association are now focusing their attention on its recently acquired Buffalo South Entrance Light Station, more commonly known as the South Buffalo Lighthouse. This station dates back to 1903 and while its condition is deteriorating, the Buffalo Lighthouse Association is bringing its expertise and commitment to pursuing the resources necessary to restore and repurpose the station for public tours with historic interpretation, educational opportunities for our youth, and a facility for shoreline and bird habitat studies.

We owe a sincere debt of gratitude to the Buffalo Lighthouse Association for its stewardship and vision because when the South Buffalo Lighthouse project is completed it will be paired with the restoration of the 1833 Buffalo Lighthouse at the northern end of the harbor, providing local, national, and international visitors the unique chance to tour cultural and historic bookends along Western New York's Outer Harbor.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to appreciate the function and beauty of the lighthouse and the good works of those dedicated to these structures. These structures and their legacy deserve to be honored for their historical and symbolic significance in our national narrative. I recognize August 7th as National Lighthouse Day, and commend the efforts of the Buffalo Lighthouse Association and all those who strive to preserve, restore, and educate the public about these magnificent structures.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOHN PILIOS

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, John Pilios, who will be retiring as news director at KGET Channel 17 in Bakersfield, California after dedicating 35 years of his life to the California broadcast industry.

Joining the world of radio broadcasting in 1977 as a Disc Jockey with KSEE Radio in Santa Maria, John has done it all. From Program Director with KLOM Radio in Lompoc to News Anchor with KSMA Radio, John eventually went on to serve as a reporter with KCOY and, in 1990, became its News Director. In 1999, he joined the KGET family and in 2001 became the News Director.

As one of the longest serving news directors in California, John is well known for his impeccable character and carries a reputation for high standards—standards that have helped make KGET the most watched station in the region. Yet, beyond these accomplishments is a truly admirable quality: his passion and commitment to community service.

It is clear to me and thousands of Kern County residents that John's love for the Bakersfield community is genuine. Under his leadership at KGET, the station's viewers have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars that went to those most in need. From assisting our veterans and the elderly, to finding lost animals and helping the homeless, to his support for the annual Red Cross Real Heroes event, John's efforts have made our community healthier and stronger.

I firmly believe that John's commitment to the highest standards of journalism has not only enriched our community, but carries on the American ideal that an informed public is the most important element of a free society.

Though John's tenure at KGET is coming to an end, his ideas, values, and standards can be found in the work of reporters and journalists across the country who credit their success to him. And, as he enters this new chapter in his life, I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Cindy,