

that these resources meet the standards of national significance and are not adequately represented anywhere else in our national parks. The next step in the very thorough and methodical process of choosing which areas of our Nation should become part of the system is the determination of feasibility and suitability, which my bill authorizes.

Rota's cultural resources are truly unique. People first arrived on the island some 3,500 years ago. Remnants of their ancient settlements are found at several sites and include the iconic latte stone houses. These consist of two parallel rows of limestone columns with each column supporting a hemispherical capstone upon which a wooden framed house was placed. A quarry for these columns and capstones is also among the archaeologically important sites that could eventually be part of a Rota National Park.

Also of national significance are Rota's natural resources, not least of which is the native limestone forest there that provides habitat to the endangered Mariana crow, the Aga. This rare species is protected under both local and federal laws; and its future could be further assured if areas of its already limited range were incorporated into a park.

The Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act was passed by the House in both the 111th and 112th Congress with broad bipartisan support. One important reminder made then and worth repeating is that passage of the Act gives the Rota study no special preference. There are other suitability and feasibility studies, which Congress has approved and which are waiting in turn for the National Park Service to have the resources to conduct. The bill I am introducing simply ensures that the island of Rota is in that queue.

That is not to say there is no urgency to completing a study. Rota is very much at a crossroads. Land use changes are taking place that could affect eventual park boundaries. Rare and endangered species, such as the Aga, would be safer with the permanent protection of a park. The economy of Rota, which could be developed around themes of eco-tourism, needs a high value destination that park designation would provide. These are some of the many reasons that the people of Rota support the park study and why I am introducing the bill today.

I want to thank all those Members who are original cosponsors of the Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act. And I want to thank the hundreds of House Members who voted in favor of this study in the 111th and 112th Congresses. I ask that you do so again, when this bill returns to the floor in the 113th Congress.

ART ON THE BRIX

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Alyssa Graves, owner of Art on the Brix for receiving the Business of the Year Award from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce.

This award is given to an outstanding chamber member that has contributed substantially to the Chamber of Commerce community.

Art on the Brix combines low stress art classes in a playful setting. With the attitude of "go outside the lines", Art on the Brix inspires all types of people to relax and get creative. Alyssa Graves had a dream to bring an artistic experience to Golden and she has achieved just that.

I extend my deepest congratulations and appreciation to Alyssa Graves and Art on the Brix for this well deserved recognition from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt her commitment to the people of Golden has made our community a better place for all of us to live.

TRIBUTE TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DES MOINES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Junior League of Des Moines (JLDM) for being selected as the 2013 organizational inductee to the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame by the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service. The Junior League of Des Moines is being recognized for their efforts as outstanding Iowans who have selflessly given their time and talents to benefit their state.

Obtaining a coveted induction to the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame is the most prestigious statewide honor a volunteer can attain. Members of this exclusive club have changed their communities forever through their volunteer service and will be forever enshrined in the State Historical Museum.

In 1926, Mrs. Ruth Wallace Wijkman founded the Junior Social Service League of Des Moines with a mere 10 members. In 1931, Wijkman's organization of humble beginnings would formally affiliate with the Association of Junior Leagues to become the Junior League of Des Moines. Today, after more than 80 years, the JLDM is stronger than ever with hundreds of members that remain committed to the mission of tirelessly building a better community. Whether the task at hand is education and caring for children, expanding opportunities for young people in Des Moines, or building playgrounds with their bare hands, the JLDM is never shy when it comes to improving the world around them.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this extraordinary group of women demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and service. The Junior League of Des Moines' efforts truly embody the Iowa spirit, and I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating the JLDM on their award, thanking them for their service, and wishing them future success as they continue to change lives.

ARBOR DAY 2013—CITY OF HOUSTON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret not being able to be here in Memorial Park with all

of you this morning, but I am joining you in celebration today from Washington, DC. Memorial Park is my favorite place to run. The three-mile, crushed granite trail was once shaded and surrounded by the most beautiful trees. As you all know, the 2011 Texas drought took its toll and because of it, there's one thing that is becoming more and more noticeably absent: our Texas trees.

In 2006, I obtained \$28.5 million in funding for beautification, erosion prevention and flood-control programs in the Houston area. One year later, over 20,000 trees were planted along Will Clayton and Highway 59. Thousands more trees have been planted along Houston Freeway, which I call Treeways. Many of the trees were planted by civic groups and non-profits. Apache Corporation was one of the groups that donated thousands of trees. I want to thank the thousands of volunteers who showed up that rainy, muddy morning during a Texas Gully Washer to help plant trees. Today, the trees are maturing and thriving—I smile every time I see them. I now refer to our highways as treeways.

I support the goals and ideals of National Arbor Day, and I wholeheartedly support the planting as well as the management of healthy trees in our community. I would like to recognize the City of Houston, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Memorial Park Conservancy, Apache Corporation and the citizens of Houston as they celebrate the value and beauty of trees in our community. By planting trees today, we are taking the necessary steps to ensure the quality of life for those who come after us.

In 2009, Mayor Bill White started the Million Trees + Houston program. The goal was to plant more than a million new trees in the City of Houston, and today, Houston Parks and Recreation along with Apache Corporation will plant its 3 millionth tree.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ANNA MURPHY, OF STAFFORD SPRINGS AND HANNA DE BRUYN, OF OLD LYME

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of two Connecticut students being recognized for their contributions to their communities. Anna Murphy, 11, and Hanna De Bruyn, 16, have been selected by the Prudential Spirit of Service awards for their commitment to community service and the impact of their efforts.

First, I recognize state honoree and top-two finalist from the State of Connecticut, Anna Murphy of Stafford Springs. Anna led a fundraising effort through a penny drive to help local families heat their homes during harsh New England winters. So far, Anna has raised more than \$1,400. It is a yearly tradition in Anna's family to collect pennies to donate to families to pay for heating oil. Inspired by that example, Anna organized her classmates and local business to contribute to the fund, so far filling the gas tanks in two homes. For her contributions, Anna will receive \$1,000, a trip to Washington, DC in May and an engraved silver medallion.

Next, I recognize distinguished finalist Hanna De Bruyn of Old Lyme, Connecticut. A student at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, Hanna raised more than \$25,000 for children with rare brain cancers by hosting yearly races beginning in 2010. The funds have been donated through Caroline's Miracle Foundation, a local organization started by the family of a young child suffering from one of these afflictions. For her efforts, Hanna will be awarded with an engraved bronze medallion.

The Prudential Spirit of Service awards have promoted youth volunteer work and recognized students whose efforts have helped families and causes in their communities. The organization reviews a pool of nearly 5,000 candidates from across the nation nominated by elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as other civic organizations. Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the awards emphasize the importance our Nation places on service to others and encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Hanna De Bruyn, Anna Murphy, and the rest of these distinguished honorees from Connecticut and across the Nation, for their contributions to their communities and for embodying the core value of service that we all share.

HONORING ED MOODY, "MR. FRANKLIN"

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great leader, a great citizen, and a great man. Ed Moody, "Mr. Franklin," was a dear friend to many and a guiding force to a wonderful community. All those who knew him will miss him.

World War II veteran, owner of Moody Tires, and Elder Emeritus of The People's Church, Ed Moody dedicated his life to the service of others. He was a member of the Franklin Noon Rotary Club, trustee for the Williamson County Hospital, and served on the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce. From the YMCA to the Franklin Rodeo, there are not many areas of life in Williamson County that have not been touched by Ed Moody's admirable dedication.

There are those souls, Mr. Speaker, whose lights guide the way even after they are dimmed. Ed Moody's legacy will be one of great influence and will shape the future of Williamson County for generations to come. I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the life and service of "Mr. Franklin" as we offer our sympathies to Eileen and their family.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT
CONNOR MULLEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Connor Mullen of

Boy Scout Troop 152 in Adel, 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 for more than a 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, Connor coordinated the construction of a permanent structure for his high school's band director to use for rehearsals during the marching band season. This structure will ensure the director's safety as it facilitates greater instruction through a "bird's eye view." The work ethic Connor 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. Connor's remarkable accomplishment represents more than a decade of commitment to the Boy Scouts—and his achievement is made all the more incredible by his triumph over leukemia. I am honored to represent Connor 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.

HONORING COLT A. NUTTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Colt A. Nutter. Colt 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 1171, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colt has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colt has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 65 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Colt has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Colt led a crew of 16 scouts and adults in cleaning brush and trees from Keller Cemetery in Clay County, Missouri. Additionally, the team fenced and gated the cemetery and recovered burial stones lost in the overgrowth.

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

HONORING F. JOSEPH LOUGHREY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of one of my constituents, F. Joseph Loughrey, the incoming chairman of the board of Hillenbrand, Inc. headquartered in Batesville, Indiana.

This month, Mr. Loughrey will assume the chairmanship of the board of directors of Hillenbrand, Inc. He has served as a director of the company since early 2009. That same year, he retired from Cummins Inc., headquartered in Columbus, Indiana, after serving 35 years in a variety of roles, most recently as vice chairman of the board of directors and as the company's president and chief operating officer. Mr. Loughrey served on the Cummins board from 2005 until 2009 and previously served as a director of Tower Automotive, Inc. and Sauer-Danfoss, Inc.

Mr. Loughrey currently serves on a number of boards, including as chairman for Conexus Indiana and as a member of the boards of AB SKF, Vanguard Group, Lumina Foundation for Education, the V Foundation for Cancer Research, and Oxfam America. He is also chairman of the advisory council to the College of Arts & Letters at the University of Notre Dame, where he additionally serves on the advisory board to the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Mr. Loughrey for his upcoming tenure as chairman of the board of Hillenbrand, Inc. For more than a century, the Hillenbrand companies have served as a staple in the Indiana and American corporate landscape, premiering innovative products in the funeral services, medical, and engineering industries. Joseph's leadership will continue to be a vital part of that success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP MLK CONTEST WINNERS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Deptford Township Martin Luther King Jr. contest winners. These students, as well as all who participated in the contest, celebrated the life an achievement of one of our nation's most influential leaders. As we advance as a nation, it is of the utmost importance to always take the time to appreciate and reflect upon the figures who sacrificed for the betterment of our country. This annual contest serves as a great reminder of the progress we have made, as well as the struggle that made that progress possible. The following are the winners of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration contest:

Marcus Henriquez, Charlotte Lawrence, Sabrina Mannino, Cara Murphy, Jazmine Tucker, Julianna Wintersteen, Mackenzie Wurst, Ava Yelverton, Ashley Currie, Ingenue McBeth, Faith McCoy, Landon Sentak, Kennedy Davis, Aidan Doerr, Hanna Shein, Darrin