

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

Bryant, Carl Carter, Isabella Conneaney, Chelsea Moore, Julia Rafferty, Victoria Delgado, Alaina Foy, Emma Fisher, Danica Godshall, Ethan Kindt, Mya Christian, Michael Faulls, Julia Guevara, Yukta Narayan, Simran Kaur, Olivia Voit, Xavier Woods, Briana Culbert, David Maturro, Bellarose Bostwick, Ashlee Jarmen, Malcolm Miller, Zachary Morgan, Morgan Warren, Amaris Bussie, Olivia Jaci, Ileanna Jones, Daisy Schreiner, Jade Rivera, Farrah Sacharok, Ciara Blas, Joshua DeGuzman, Alina Hoover, Jania Long, Juliana Pit, Hailey Fair, Alexandra Lowry, Santos Diaz, Tehya Dickinson, Anaya Jones, Jacqueline Reagan, Emily Reed, Chloe Reyes, Donovan Clement, Brendan Connor, Gianna McIntyre, Tianna Smith, Rocco Laltrella Bruce, Asiya Robinson, Kimberly Sorbello, Marco Viloria, Gianna Wolfe, Olivia Devine, Camryn Ransom, Hunter Young, Colin Schumacher, Angel Mangini, Nicholas Marengo, Hailey Parker, Sydney Shute, Ashley Baresich, Christopher Deeley, Jaiana Ray, Ashley Scheld, John Cooper, Megan Grace, Nathan Jackson, Mariela Dimalaluan, Deziree Faith Johannesen, Devon Moss, Millicent Sannoh.

CONGRATULATING SHRI
NARENDRA MODI ON HIS RE-
ELECTION AS CHIEF MINISTER
OF GUJARAT

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, in one of my first acts of the 113th Congress as the Ranking Member of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific which has broad jurisdiction for U.S. policy affecting the region, including India, I rise today to congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his reelection as Chief Minister of India's Gujarat state.

Shri Modi's new term as Chief Minister will be his fourth—an historic achievement for the Honorable Narendra Modi and his some 60 million constituents, as no other CM has served Gujarat for as many terms. Shri Modi became the longest-serving CM of Gujarat in 2007.

Since 2001, CM Modi has led a decade of unprecedented growth and development in Gujarat. Because of his extraordinary leadership, Gujarat is now an economic powerhouse with companies like Ford and General Motors also setting up factories in a move that promises to strengthen U.S.-India trade and investment.

I thank Mr. Sanjay Puri, founder and President of the Alliance for U.S.-India Business (AUSIB), for the outstanding work he has done and continues to do in the U.S. Congress to promote U.S.-Gujarat trade and the Vibrant Gujarat initiative which has become an example of CM Modi's visionary approach for inclusive development.

CM Modi's philosophy of bringing development to "the doorstep of every poor person, every farmer, every worker" is a philosophy that resonates beyond the boundaries of Gujarat because it is a philosophy that transcends caste, culture, regional and religious differences.

I believe CM Modi's approach to empowerment is why Gujarat is now the global gateway

to India. His philosophy of inclusiveness is the reason why delegates from more than 121 countries attended the Vibrant Gujarat 2013 Summit to explore business opportunities and forge strategic partnerships. It is the reason why voters support Shri Modi time and again.

Shri Modi's vision is rare. His leadership is remarkable. But his connection to Mahatma Gandhi is what strikes me most. Gujarat is Gandhi's land. By providence or otherwise, it is also the land where Shri Modi serves. As such, it is little wonder that Gujarat State, having historically given leadership to the entire Nation and now ranked first in economic freedom in India, continues to brighten the hopes and dreams of so many.

With such accomplishment, it is my sincere hope that the United States will take a new look at Gujarat and support more openly and fully the ideas of CM Modi as he works for the betterment of the world's economy by creating jobs at home and abroad for purposes of improving the lives of people across the globe.

HONORING JORDAN K. DONNER

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 Jordan K. Donner. Jordan 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 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jordan 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, Jordan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE BIPARTISAN VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM ACT

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, Rep. GENE GREEN and I are introducing the bipartisan Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Act to make permanent one of the federal government's most successful workplace health and safety programs.

This legislation would codify a successful program, the Voluntary Protection Program, operated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) that recognizes and rewards employers who voluntarily work to improve the health and safety of their workplaces. The program is currently operating but has never been authorized in law and was proposed to be cut by the Obama administra-

tion's fiscal year 2011 budget. While the administration backed away from those cuts in its more recent budget proposals, this legislation would put the program on a more solid foundation by specifically authorizing it in law.

Since the VPP was created in 1982, it has grown to include more than 2,200 worksites and more than 921,000 employees. A 2007 report noted that federal VPP worksites saved the government more than \$59 million by avoiding injuries and that private sector VPP participants saved more than \$300 million. Participating workplaces have an illness and injury rate that, on average, is 50 percent below that of their industry.

Business owners in my district have reported to me that the relationship between OSHA and businesses has become more adversarial over the past couple years. While OSHA does have a responsibility to enforce workplace safety laws, it has been my experience that most employers want to run safe workplaces. The VPP program provides a mechanism for OSHA to build a more constructive relationship with employers who have demonstrated a willingness to invest in workplace safety. This creates an incentive for other employers to follow suit, improving safety and saving money on enforcement costs at the same time.

I hope that our colleagues will join us in authorizing this bipartisan and successful workplace safety program.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE INDO- NESIAN FAMILY REFUGEE PRO- TECTION ACT OF 2013

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation with my colleagues, Rep. FRANK PALLONE JR., Rep. CHRIS SMITH, Rep. LUIS GUTIERREZ, Rep. MADELEINE BORDALLO, Rep. RUSH HOLT, which would simply allow Christian Indonesian citizens fleeing persecution, many of whom arrived during a five-year timeframe (January 1, 1997–November 30, 2002) and were denied asylum solely for missing the one-year filing deadline, the opportunity to reopen their claims during the two-year period following enactment.

Beginning in 1997, many Indonesian Christians fled religious persecution in Indonesia, where extreme violence and destruction of churches drove them from their homes. These individuals came to this country, seeking relief from extreme violence and persecution for their religious beliefs, but were unable to make the one-year filing deadline. They deserve the opportunity to have their claims heard.

The United States has long sought to protect refugees fleeing persecution and provide a process to fairly consider their claims. This bill does not, in itself, grant asylum, but merely removes a procedural barrier to their claims being considered. These individuals seeking asylum deserve a second chance to avoid the persecution they have fled and remain united with their families.