

community, and surrounding communities by being able to be a place of refuge to those who are hungry physically and spiritually and by offering comprehensive programs to meet the needs of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Non-Denomination House of Prayer for their dedication in being a corner stone in the Mound Bayou Community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately on September 19, 2013, I missed rollcall vote No. 473 on H. Res. 352. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay".

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF TED MATHIS

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Ted Mathis. The passing of this kind-hearted man and dedicated public servant will undoubtedly be felt throughout the entire Northwest Florida community.

Mr. Mathis was born on February 5, 1932 in Bath, South Carolina. Following High School, he entered into the United States Navy, where he honorably served and quickly rose through the ranks. As a graduate with an engineering degree from the University of South Carolina and a retired Naval Officer, Mr. Mathis then joined NASA working in the field of research and development. While there, he supported the Scout Launch Vehicle Program and invented a cooling system for payloads. His career eventually brought him to Florida's great Gulf Coast region, where he and his family became part of the Crestview community. Mr. Mathis continued to support our Nation's Armed Forces as a civil service engineer at Eglin Air Force Base and became active in local government and a member of the First United Methodist Church. It became evident the dedication and love Mr. Mathis had for bettering the local community and the lives of those around him during his years in Northwest Florida, especially during his tenure as City Council Member and four terms as Mayor of Crestview.

A loving and devoted family man, full of passion, generosity, and love for God and country, Mr. Mathis is remembered fondly by those he has served with throughout his life and those whose lives have been forever touched. We are truly blessed to have had such a great public servant dedicate his life to the people of Northwest Florida and our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Ted Mathis. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife of

63 years, Joyce; children, Gaye Mathis Helms and husband, Dennis, Joy Mathis, Greg Mathis and wife, Evelyn, Karen Mathis, and Steve Mathis and wife, Deana; nine grandchildren, Christopher Mathis, Kyle Hyden, Keith Helms, Kasey Helms, Kelly Batson, Lindsey Johnson, Matthew Mathis, Landis Mathis-Booker and Erin Johnson; eight great-grandchildren; and the entire Mathis family. Mr. Mathis will truly be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

#### HONORING TYLER W. SHIPMAN

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler W. Shipman. Tyler 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 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler 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, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler performed needed work on the landscaping of the front office building at Weston Bend State Park near Weston, Missouri, adding decorative rock around the building and flagpole while also painting the railings and posts at the main gate.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO TEXAS PANHANDLE HONOR FLIGHT

### HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 102 veterans from Texas who visited Washington, D.C. last week with the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight. My wife, Sally, and I had the distinct pleasure of welcoming these heroes to the Capitol building.

The veterans on this flight were: Accurso, Charles; Anders, Troy; Ash, David; Austin, Carlos; Bailey, Bruce; Barbee, J.G.; Barron, Bobby; Berend, Raymond; Blackburn, Gerald; Blevins, Howard; Box, Kenneth; Burch, Darrell; Burgess, E.R.; Carter, Terry; Chadwick, James; Chester, Joe; Cobb, Steven; Cornelius, Gayle; Counsellar, William; Creek, James; Davis, Ervin; Denman, Roy; Dibala, Daniel; Dickerman, Lesley; Dill, Kenneth; Ebeling, Marshall; Enevoldsen, Jerome; Perez, Frank; Fisher, Robert; Fowler, Jimmy; Gamble, Rupert; Garcia, Edward; Garner, Olin; George, Aubrey; Gibson, Walter; Glosson, Paul; Graham, Lester; Greathouse, William; Henning, Gary; Hetrick, John; Higley, Richard;

Holland, Hugh; Holland, Otis; Holland, Buford; Horn, Olan; Irwen, Joe; James, Kelsey; Jenssen, Dan; Kirby, Freddy; Knuchel, Mike; Larned, James; Lewis, Herbert; Lynch, Earl; Macias, Valentin; Mann, Joe Bob; Mann, Bobby Joe; Martin, Gerald; McNally, Peter; Miller, Gene; Miller, Alton; Miller, Douglas; Moore, Jerry; Morton, Elwyn; Nurek, Steven; Ogle, Ronald; Parsons, Leonard; Peach, James; Penn, Billy; Pohlmeier, Gregory; Rakes, Edwin; Reed, James; Ricks, Don; Rider, Gary; Rider, Emery; Ridgway, Wendell; Riggins, Hubert; Ritter, Henry; Robinett, Thomas; Robinson, Jack; Robinson, Joe; Rogers, Garlon; Romo, Jesse; Roybal, Roberto; Smith, Stacey; Smith, Donald; Sollis, J.W.; Spell, Dalton; Stoops, Richard; Todd, Kenneth; Tomme, Michael; Trosper, Oscar; Waller, Jack; Warren, Bobby; Werschky, Samuel; Werschky, Carlton; Wetsel, Todd; Whiteley, George; Willingham, Randall; Willis, Howard; Wilson, William; York, James; and Yosten, Gilbert.

I was honored to have the opportunity to visit with these veterans and the volunteers who traveled with them and show them around the Capitol building, which in many ways is the center of this democracy for which they fought. These men and women remind us all of the great sacrifices so many generations of Americans have made for our nation and the freedoms we hold so dearly. The service they rendered to our country can never be fully repaid, but I hope that their visit to Washington, D.C. was a reminder of the gratitude and respect we have for them.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I want to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, America Supports You Texas, and Mr. Larry Lewis for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all of the financial and emotional support from those people.

#### 100TH VICTORY FOR COACH BOB CHRISTMAS

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate North Hall Football Coach Bob Christmas on his 100th win.

The North Hall Football program is 57 years old. For the first 44 years of that program, the school accumulated only 118 wins. As a North Hall graduate, I was pleased to see Coach Christmas take over the Trojan football program in the year 2000. In just over 12 years, Coach Christmas has accumulated 4 regional titles, 2 semifinal appearances, and has taken the team to the state playoffs 8 times.

On September 13th, Coach Bob Christmas celebrated a milestone—his 100th win. This victory against the Jefferson High School Dragons means that Coach Christmas now holds 46 percent of the total football wins at the school.

Under Coach Bob Christmas, the reputation of the Trojan football program has gone from "it's just North Hall" to "we are North Hall!" Our community is proud of what Coach Christmas has done and continues to do, and I wish him continued success.

## CONGRATULATING H-E-B

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

MR. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and thank H-E-B for its 85 years of service to the State of Texas and the border communities I represent. This year marks their 85th anniversary of entry into the communities in the Río Grande Valley. Since 1928, H-E-B has provided local border communities with some of the best customer service and groceries at everyday low prices.

Because of the commitment of H-E-B to the communities along the border, the people in the Río Grande Valley have grown to consider H-E-B as their neighbor, and not just their local grocer. H-E-B has served our communities with fresh food, convenient services and has shown a commitment to education, hunger prevention, disaster relief, diversity, volunteerism and the environment for the past 85 years. During some of the most impactful hurricanes in history, H-E-B was the last store to shut its doors and the first to re-open, providing the community with much needed service and support.

The dedication that H-E-B has shown towards our communities is apparent through their actions. Most recently, through their sponsorship of the University of Texas Pan-American's (UTPA) Hispanic Engineering, Science and Technology Conference (HESTEC), H-E-B has once again demonstrated their commitment to our youth. Over the years, H-E-B has been a loyal sponsor of UTPA and HESTEC, because they understand the importance of developing a twenty-first century workforce. It is because of H-E-B, and all contributing sponsors, that HESTEC has been able to recruit more Latino students into careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and health related fields.

It is truly an honor for me to recognize H-E-B for all their efforts in the Río Grande Valley. I congratulate them on their 85th Anniversary celebration and thank them for their strong partnership with the University of Texas Pan American and HESTEC.

## HONORING ADAM DICKMEYER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

MR. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam Dickmeyer. Adam 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 1206, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adam Dickmeyer for his accom-

plishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## RECOGNIZING JAMES CASTELLANE

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

MR. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Castellane, one of Long Island's most formidable leaders and a dynamic advocate for working families, on this occasion of his retirement.

I am proud to call Jimmy a good friend and partner in expanding opportunity and raising the standard of living for working men and women across Long Island. Jimmy has dedicated his life to improving workplace conditions and ensuring that every worker has a chance to work at a quality, good paying job.

Jim joined his local insulator union, the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers, upon returning from the war in Vietnam. For the next forty years, Jim devoted his time working as an enthusiastic laborer, organizer and union leader.

In 2007, Jimmy became President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island. As President, Jimmy represented 36 local construction unions and over 55,000 workers.

As President of the council during one of the worst economic crises in our country's history, Jim understood the importance of construction trades and the hardships faced by workers and fought tirelessly to create and save good paying construction jobs on Long Island.

As a veteran, Jim is familiar with the hardships that can come with returning home from war. He often partnered the Building and Construction Trades Council with local government agencies and businesses to ensure that every returning service man and woman had the opportunity to find quality employment.

Jim extended his passion for protecting workers' rights well beyond that of the construction trades as a member of the Executive Committee of the Long Island Federation of Labor. No matter what the industry, you could rest assured you would find Jim on the front line in defense of his fellow Long Islanders whenever workers' rights were threatened.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the First Congressional District of New York, I thank Jim Castellane for his service to our country and the many decades he has spent advancing the rights of workers on Long Island. On behalf of the people of the first congressional district of New York, I wish him the very best retirement and all the best in the years to come.

## HONORING NICHOLAS JOSEPH VANBEBBER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

MR. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas Joseph

VanBebber. Nicholas 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 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas 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, Nicholas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, which included providing necessary maintenance for his parish, including a drag of the diamond.

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

## IN RECOGNITION OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

MR. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG) of Kaiser Permanente.

The origins of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group began in 1942 when industrialist Henry J. Kaiser asked Dr. Sidney Garfield to establish a health care plan for workers at the Kaiser steel mill in Fontana, California. In 1945, the health organization opened enrollment to other residents of the Fontana area. A few years later, at the invitation of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen unions and the Retail Clerks Union Local 770, services were brought to the Los Angeles Harbor area. In 1953, the Southern California Permanente Medical Group's partnership was officially formed.

The Southern California Permanente Medical Group is an exclusive partner with the Kaiser Permanente health plan. From its modest beginnings more than 60 years ago, the Southern California Permanente Medical Group has grown to meet the changing economy and communities of Southern California. Today, approximately 7,000 SCPMG physicians care for more than 3.6 million Kaiser Permanente members in Southern California. These physicians proudly serve diverse communities speaking over 100 languages with culturally responsive care. SCPMG supports community partners through initiatives that reduce health care disparities and promote healthy eating. SCPMG physicians additionally contribute to the health of area residents through their personal volunteer work in local community clinics.

The Southern California Permanente Medical Group's presence can be noticed throughout Southern California's health care system. SCPMG physicians serve on the faculty of area medical schools and mentor graduate medical residents who train in Kaiser Foundation Hospitals' Graduate Medical Education rotations. The Association of American Medical