

Since much of the industry has modernized over the last few decades, these job positions are high tech, working with robots and cutting-edge technologies that require strong math and computer skills. Manufacturing is no longer dangerous, dirty, or backbreaking work—it is a modern, technologically advanced profession. In order to continue the current manufacturing resurgence, we need to focus on preparing our youth with STEM educations to help them garner the skills that will allow them to transition into modern plants that require smart, high-tech employees.

I applaud American manufacturing companies pulling together to highlight the advances across the industry, and I strongly encourage these sorts of educational opportunities for our youth. Manufacturing has long been a source of good-paying jobs that provide economic security for American's middle class and I fully support efforts to ensure it holds this position into the future.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,747,468,275,799.27. We've added \$6,120,591,226,886.21 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

ED DORSEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ed Dorsey for receiving the 2013 Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

This award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the Golden community and is presented to Ed Dorsey for his long-term efforts as the exemplary volunteer contributing to the success of a variety of activities in the City of Golden. He has served as an active member and chair of several key organizations including Leadership Golden Board, Visitors Center Board, the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, GURA and the Buffalo Bills Days Committee, just to name a few. Most recently he has been a lead advocate to inform the community about the Downtown Development Authority. His singular distinctive contributions set a superlative example of volunteerism in Golden as detailed in Vision 2030.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ed Dorsey for this well deserved recognition by Mayor Marjorie Sloan and the City of Golden. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING PAT AND JERRY EPSTEIN

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friends Pat and Jerry Epstein on the October 12 celebration marking both their wedding anniversary and Jerry's 90th birthday.

Jerry was born on August 29, 1923, in New York, and this year he turned 90 years young. Pat and Jerry were married in her native home town of Atlanta, Georgia, in December 1948, and this year marks their 65th year of marriage. The October celebration is halfway between Jerry's birthday on August 29 and their wedding anniversary on December 26.

Pat is an active sculptor. For many years she worked with alabaster, but her latest works are composed of paper mache. Her work is on display at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica and the Jewish Home for the aging in Los Angeles. She also participates in a number of charitable activities, most notably for Hadassah and the Irene Dunne Women's Guild for St. John's Hospital.

Jerry is a true patriot. From his participation in three Pacific island invasions as a soldier in World War II, through his Reserve career after the war, and continuing through his active civic involvement on local city, county and state commissions for the past forty or more years, Jerry Epstein is a "Horatio Alger" who has always believed in giving back to his country and community.

Jerry has been involved with Marina del Rey since its inception in 1955. He participated in the Master Planning process even before dredging began to create the Marina del Rey Harbor in 1958. He was among the original developers to bid on County of Los Angeles ground leases when the new community was developed through a then-unique public private partnership in the mid-1960s. Today Marina del Rey is the largest single income-producing asset owned by the County of Los Angeles, and Jerry is currently co-General Partner of Marina Harbor Apartments and Anchorage as well as Managing Partner of Shores.

Jerry's vision and tenacity extends beyond the creation of the community of Marina del Rey to his leadership on transportation and other public infrastructure issues in Los Angeles County and throughout the state of California. He has served as President of the Board of Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles; Chair of the California Transportation Commission; Vice Chair of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, and President of the Los Angeles State Building Authority. Jerry has also served as President of the St. John's Hospital Foundation and was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, among other charitable activities and honors.

Together Pat and Jerry have an interest in American historical documents. Jerry's interest in American historical documents reflects his patriotism. They have donated a collection of these documents to Colonial Williamsburg, including a rare stone imprint of the Declaration of Independence. The Colonial Williamsburg web site includes information on the Pat and Jerry Epstein Collection of American Historical Documents.

Mr. Speaker, I admire and am proud of Pat and Jerry's involvement and commitment to our community and our nation. Their generosity and civic engagement is an example we can all emulate and is one from which we all benefit.

I am honored to call Pat and Jerry my dear friends and I wish them my sincerest congratulations on sixty-five years of marriage, my best wishes for many more happy years together and a very happy 90th birthday to Jerry.

HONORING SUSAN WOODS AND MISTY FURGENSEN

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Golden Living Center of McDonald County's Executive Director, Susan Woods, and Director of Nursing, Misty Furgenson, as recipients of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living 2013 Silver National Quality Award.

Susan joined the facility in 1995 as a Certified Nursing Assistant. After holding just about every position in the living center, she became the Executive Director in 2005. Misty joined the Living Center as the Director of Nursing eight years ago.

The Golden Living Center provides patients with quality health care in a comfortable living environment during their recoveries. Susan and Misty have led the McDonald County facility as a model of excellence in providing that care.

The National Quality Award Program highlights facilities across the nation that serve as models in providing high-quality long-term care. Recipients of the Silver-Achievement award have demonstrated systematic advancement in quality, plans for continual improvement, and sustainable organizational goals.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Susan Woods and Misty Furgenson.

PRESTON DRIGGERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Preston Driggers for receiving the 2013 Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

This award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the Golden community and is presented to Preston Driggers for his decades of citizen service to our community. Golden has been shaped by the contributions of many, and Preston is an example of one who has made a big difference. From working towards the open space purchases of both table mountains and the Bachman property, serving on the GURA board, to even commenting on the transit oriented development on Golden Ridge Road, Preston has always made sincere, important, and unselfish contributions. The Golden community knows Preston as someone

who is altruistic, balanced, calm, and a thoughtful role model for citizen involvement.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Preston Driggers for this well deserved recognition by Mayor Marjorie Sloan and the City of Golden. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

RECOGNIZING LEWIS UNIVERSITY'S AVIATION PROGRAM

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Aviation Department at Lewis University and Department Chair Bill Brogan for receiving the Loening Trophy, an award presented to the top collegiate aviation program in the country.

I am happy to see this outstanding program recognized nationally. Lewis University, which is located in my district, has seen significant growth in their aviation department over the past few years, and emerged as one of our nation's preeminent programs. On September 26, in a ceremony held on campus in Romeoville, Illinois, members of Lewis' Flight Team along with students and faculty from the Aviation and Transportation Department were on hand to receive the Loening Trophy.

I have visited Lewis University and the Aviation Department a number of times over the past year. I have been very impressed with the various aviation programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Aviation is a growing field and the program at Lewis provides students with an education and skills that will serve them very well.

Every year, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association considers aviation programs across the country and selects a recipient for the award based on intense evaluations. Since 1929, the recipient has represented the current benchmark for an overall outstanding aviation program. The hard work and dedication that Lewis University puts into its academics, community involvement, comprehensive safety programs, and a proactive enhancement of the future of aviation earned them the honor this year, setting their program apart as truly top-tier.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lewis University's Aviation and Transportation Department and congratulating them on this award. The Loening Trophy proves that Lewis continues to be a collegiate aviation leader not only in Illinois, but nationwide. May the students and faculty at Lewis enjoy this prestigious award and continue their work in the field of aviation.

REOPEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution, along with Represent-

atives GEORGE MILLER and NITA LOWEY, which is designed to reopen the Federal Government.

House Republicans have shut down the government in an effort to push their reckless agenda, allowing a small group of Tea Party Republicans to hold the entire Federal Government hostage. And they think they can distract from that by cherry-picking pieces of government to re-open, and leave the rest of it to die on the vine. They are playing games with peoples' lives, leaving families, small businesses, veterans, and our economy to pay the price.

The fastest way to proceed is to vote on the clean Senate-passed bill to immediately reopen the government. The President has indicated he is willing to sign it tonight. Unfortunately, House Republicans have manipulated the rules to block democracy in the House, and will not allow an up-or-down vote on the bill.

So today, House Democrats are offering an alternate way to end this irresponsible shut-down and allow our public servants to return to the work of the American taxpayers. We are introducing a petition that will compel consideration of legislation to open the government. By signing this discharge petition, both Democrats and Republicans can finally stand up and demand a vote as early as October 14 on a short-term extension of government funding consistent with what the Senate has passed. This would allow Congress to finally get back to the work of boosting job growth and reducing our long-term deficit in a balanced way. And it would allow government to get back to the work of helping to keep our nation safe, fight and cure diseases, help veterans, and provide vital services that touch virtually every family in our country.

Speaker BOEHNER has made it very clear that he is afraid of democracy. But that is why we were all elected to the peoples' House. It's time to stop playing partisan games and stop this damaging shutdown.

HONORING MARIST HIGH SCHOOL IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marist High School in Chicago, Illinois. This September the high school celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Hundreds of students, alumni, and family members joined Cardinal Francis George in Red and White Stadium to celebrate an anniversary Mass, honoring Marist High School's past and future.

In 1963 this Roman Catholic high school opened its doors with the mission of granting students quality schooling, preparing them for higher education, and instilling in them the values of faith, family, and service. Achieving and maintaining a level of performance as high as Marist is not easy. The school has established an educational culture that creates structures, norms, and organizational support to sustain their improving trend toward excellence.

For half a century Marist High School has provided an innovative and demanding college preparatory curriculum, serving thousands of Chicago-area and suburban students. Today, the school continues to enhance its surrounding community. The hard work and dedication of all the staff at Marist High School has not gone unnoticed. Praise is due not only to the outstanding teachers, who work tirelessly for the benefit of their students, but to the administrative staff who also work relentlessly to provide the professional atmosphere and the materials necessary to let teachers do what they do best.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding faculty and students, both past and present, at Marist High School, and congratulating them on this special 50th Anniversary. May Marist High School continue to exhibit excellence and create an outstanding learning environment for our future leaders.

HONORING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Francis Xavier Parish School, an exemplary Catholic school in La Grange, Illinois, for receiving the prestigious 2013 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. Established in 1890, St. Francis Xavier Parish has been serving the entire community of La Grange through religious and academic education as well as community service.

In 1982, the Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize public and private schools boasting high or significantly improved achievement. The program's goal is to identify aspects of thriving American schools in order to replicate their success. I am proud that one of the exceptional schools being honored is not only located in my district, but sits only a couple of miles from my home. I enjoy participating in the annual Falcon 5k run and other events for the school.

The mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish School is to provide students with academic excellence centered in the Catholic values of prayer, learning, and service. Each student pledges to uphold these principles and be a citizen of the world and "represent the mission of my school with dignity and grace." Since 1917 when the school opened its doors, the faculty and staff have been providing an excellent education to students based on these founding values.

Today, St. Francis Xavier School offers programs from preschool through eighth grade and attracts students from La Grange, La Grange Park, and surrounding communities, currently enrolling more than 600 students. As