

the ideal of public service to his fellow citizens. I wish him the best in his retirement.

THE HOUSE PASSAGE OF H.R. 592

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the House passage of H.R. 592 by the large margin of 354–72 is a substantial statement of support for the houses of worship that have done so much for those suffering in the wake of natural disasters like Superstorm Sandy. It is also a strong affirmation of the constitutionality of the bill.

RECOGNIZING WEGMANS FOOD  
MARKETS, INC.

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and long-standing success of Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. Recently, Wegmans was named 5th in Fortune Magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2012.

Since opening their first store in 1916 in Rochester, New York, Wegmans has experienced sustained growth for nearly a century, with a total of 81 store locations and a workforce of over 43,000 Americans. Even during trying economic times, Wegmans continued to grow and has plans to open additional stores, which will add more than 1,500 new jobs to the economy in the near future.

Wegmans exemplifies the American dream of entrepreneurship, and the core reason for the sustained success of this company is their workforce. By providing employees with a positive work environment with opportunities to learn and contribute to the organization, Wegmans is able to share in the success and growth of their employees.

This recognition from Fortune Magazine is just one of many accolades received by Wegmans throughout their long history and I trust there are many more to come. I hope new business owners and entrepreneurs will look to the business practices of Wegmans as an example. Additionally, I would like to thank Wegmans for not only their services to consumers, but also for their contributions to the economy and communities in my district.

HONORING CHARLIE DANIELS

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker I rise today to pay tribute to Charlie Daniels, a Tennessean who, through his dedication to supporting our military, has touched the lives of countless servicemembers, veterans and their families.

As an American entertainer, he needs no introduction. As an advocate for our military, he

has no equal. Daniels unites his devotion to those serving our country with his passion for music by visiting our troops wherever they may be stationed around the world to perform concerts at military bases.

In recent years, he has teamed with Lipscomb University in Nashville to salute those who serve through his annual "Scholarship for Heroes" tour. This concert raises awareness and funds for Lipscomb University's Yellow Ribbon Enhancement Program, through which the university offers a tuition-free college education to post-9/11 veterans. His support has helped the school grow its veteran student attendance from 10 to 182 in just over three years.

Today, I join the citizens of my district in honoring Charlie Daniels for his tireless commitment to honoring those who serve and working to ensure that though freedom isn't free, an education for our veterans should be.

HONORING TYLER KURT WHEELER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Kurt Wheeler. 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 314, 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 32 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has led his troop in various positions including Senior Patrol Leader and is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow. Tyler has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout Project. Tyler designed and led the construction of a walking bridge over a creek in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Kurt Wheeler 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 DR. RICHARD  
H. STULEN

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Richard H. Stulen, vice president of Sandia National Laboratories' California laboratory and the Energy, Climate, and Infrastructure Security Mission based in Livermore, California. Dr. Stulen, who recently retired after 36 years of service, spent his career helping to make critical advances in areas of scientific research crucial to our nation's interest and security. Under Dr. Stulen's leadership, Sandia National Laboratory in Livermore has been tasked with conducting research

aimed at ensuring the stewardship of our nation's nuclear weapons, defending the homeland against weapons of mass destruction, and has engaged in hydrogen fuel cell research that has the potential to revolutionize how our nation's transportation system is powered.

Dr. Stulen joined Sandia National Laboratories in 1976, and during his tenure at Sandia Dr. Stulen has played a critical role in the evolution of the research landscape in the Bay Area. In the early 1990s, Dr. Stulen helped initiate one of Sandia's first cooperative-research-and-development agreements (CRADAs) under the Department of Energy's Technology Transfer Initiative. This CRADA led to the formation of the Extreme Ultraviolet Lithography (EUVL) Program and an industry-funded \$300 million, three-lab CRADA with Lawrence Livermore and Lawrence Berkeley national laboratories. This consortium agreement between the three Bay Area national laboratories helped spur further innovation and growth in these research fields within our region.

Before serving in his current role, Dr. Stulen served as Sandia National Laboratories' chief technology officer, as well as chief scientist for Sandia's Nuclear Weapons Program. Dr. Stulen's extensive contributions to science were honored with Lockheed Martin's prestigious NOVA award for Technical Excellence in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Stulen has provided outstanding leadership in a variety of research fields that are incredibly important to our national security. I am honored to recognize his decades of leadership in service to Sandia National Laboratories, the research landscape of the San Francisco Bay Area, and to the nation at-large. I wish him the best of luck as he begins this new chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE BUSINESS AL-  
LIANCE FOR COMMUNITY  
HEALTH (BACH)

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Business Alliance for Community Health (BACH), a membership organization of the Eastern Connecticut Health Network (ECHN) which is located in my district. Through its initiatives and extensive corporate partnerships, BACH supports health programs in eastern Connecticut that benefit individuals and families and businesses as well as lower the costs of health care delivery.

Since inception, BACH has helped businesses in my district promote health-related education, including health and wellness and workplace safety. The Alliance has also served as an educational resource to the community on health care changes in the pipeline from the Affordable Care Act. BACH's efforts have also focused on increased awareness of the services and programs of ECHN and its affiliated physicians, which have and continue to provide high quality, cost-effective care. Of additional note, BACH has helped promote local business networking, which has supported a "buy local" campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize BACH's continued contributions to eastern

Connecticut. Our nation continues to face challenges in lowering health care costs and organizations like BACH are providing leadership to meet these challenges.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 38, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

#### RECOGNIZING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOB BONDURANT SCHOOL OF HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING

### HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving in Phoenix, Arizona on their forty-fifth anniversary.

After racing since a teenager, Bob Bondurant was in a tragic accident during a race flipping his car eight times, injuring his ribs, legs, feet, and back. Determined to help drivers of all levels avoid accidents like his own, Mr. Bondurant took his passion of racing and turned it into an opportunity to advise and instruct others. On February, 13, 1968, he opened the Bondurant Driving School with three cars and three students. From this small start, the Bondurant School grew and in 1990 opened their purpose-built driver training facility in Phoenix, Arizona—the Firebird Raceway.

The world-famous Bondurant School established a name for themselves by sticking to their core principle and driving motivation to offer professional and everyday drivers with the best track-intensive training in the world. Throughout their forty-five years in operation, the Bondurant School has trained more than four-hundred thousand people to become safe and effective drivers both on and off the race-track.

This milestone is a shining reminder of how core principles, hard-work, close friends, and a passion for your work produce lasting results. Today, I am pleased to call on my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bondurant racing family on their impressive accomplishment and core ethos of driver safety.

#### HONORING U.S. ARMY SPC. TRAVIS RYAN VAUGHN FOR HIS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

### HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today, I am here to honor and celebrate the life of a brave American patriot, United States Army Specialist Travis Ryan Vaughn. Travis left us on February 18, 2007, when the CH-47 Chinook helicopter he was in, lost power and crashed while conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in south-eastern Afghanistan.

Travis, a proud Iowan, was born on September 1, 1980 in Waterloo, and grew up in Cedar Falls, graduating from Cedar Falls High School in 1999. He joined the Army in 2003 and went on to earn various medals and decorations, including the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

Travis' memory lives on through his family, who every year collects food and household items from residents of Northeastern Iowa which are donated to Iowa veterans. Travis has also been honored with a memorial marker at Cedar Falls High School which was donated by Flags for Freedom Outreach.

As we come upon the 6th year of Travis' passing, we are reminded of the sacrifice our young American men and women make in service to their country. His family's efforts and the generosity of Northeastern Iowans ensure that Travis is 'never forgotten.'

#### HONORING JACOB B. HODSON

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob B. Hodson. Jacob 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 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

#### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kent State University's Washington Program in National Issues, known as WPNI. On April 23, 2013 WPNI will celebrate its 40th Anniversary. This anniversary marks not only WPNI's 40th year in Washington, DC, but also symbolizes the impressive achievements of faculty, staff, alumni, and students who are and have been dedicated to the success of WPNI. Dr. Lester Lefton President of Kent State University has been a very strong supporter of the program and has contributed significantly to its continued success.

WPNI has three primary objectives: (1) to facilitate learning of the U.S. political system and policy issues and its policy issues; (2) to develop and understanding of the interrelationship of public issues and structures of government; and (3) to encourage individual initiative and provide for experiences and research. Dr. Lefton and Dr. Richard Robyn the program's director have worked extremely hard to ensure that these objectives are met.

WPNI is a full 15-week academic program offered each spring semester by Kent State University since its creation in 1973, WPNI has sent more than 600 selected juniors and seniors from various backgrounds and academic disciplines to Washington, DC to live, work, and study. Throughout the course of the program, students are required to participate in the academic curriculum and maintain an internship position in government, a company, or an organization of their choice. The academic and professional benefits this program brings to its students are extraordinary. At the same time government agencies, companies, and organizations benefit enormously. I know this first-hand because I have had the good fortune of having several students intern in my Washington office over the years.

I commend Dr. Lefton, Dr. Robyn and those at Kent State involved in the continuation of this meaningful program. I also congratulate the students who have in the past 40 years taken part in this wonderful experience. I am certain that with continued support the Washington Program in National Issues will celebrate many more anniversaries to come.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF THE BELOVED VISIONARY AND ADVOCATE SUZANNE ROSENTHAL

### HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 14, 2013*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of the beloved visionary and advocate, Suzanne Rosenthal who passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2013. Suzanne was a fearless, determined and courageous woman who turned her diagnosis of Crohn's disease in 1955 into a legacy that has gone on to help hundreds of thousands of people over the years. She dedicated her life to spreading awareness about Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, supporting and educating patients and funding research to find cures. In 1967, along with her husband, Irwin M. Rosenthal, William D. and Shelby Modell, and Henry D. Janowitz, MD, she founded the National Foundation of Ileitis and Colitis, now known as the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA).

Suzanne held many key volunteer positions at CCFA. She was a former president of the Greater New York Chapter and served as National Chairperson of the Board from 1987 to 1991. She served as Chairperson Emeritus of CCFA's Government Affairs Task Force and champion in all advocacy efforts of the Foundation. Suzanne received CCFA's distinguished Public Policy Pioneer Award for her tireless advocacy efforts on behalf of IBD patients everywhere. The award was presented at CCFA's First National IBD Advocacy Conference, held in Washington, D.C. in June