

CONGRATULATING DR. TOM TRIGG

**HON. KEVIN YODER**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013*

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent, Blue Valley School District, Ms. Debbie Bond, Principal, and all of the members of the "Bulldog" community of Mission Trail Elementary School.

Mission Trail Elementary School's excellence in education has been noted time and again and now officially recognized as Mission Trail Elementary School has been named a 2013 Blue Ribbon School with further honors noting them as an "Exemplary High Performing School" by the U.S. Department of Education.

As an "Exemplary High Performing School" they have been acclaimed for their continued hard work and the results which they have achieved through that work.

This prestigious honor is received by less than 300 of the best schools across the Nation. I am proud to represent a school who achieves so highly, preparing tomorrow's generation to be the leaders in America and the world.

The diligence of students, teachers, administration, parents, and the community as a whole contributes to this great achievement. Mission Trail Elementary School truly is a model to be upheld for education throughout our Nation.

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE  
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC  
CONFERENCE

**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, as the United States continues to improve relations with the Islamic world, partnership with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation has become indispensable in creating mutual respect and progressive reform that has served as a bulwark against extremism, conflict, and suffering around the world.

Comprised of 57 states, the OIC specifically has been identified by the previous and current U.S. administrations as a key partner in changing the dynamic between the U.S. and the worldwide Muslim community through ongoing cultural dialogue and extensive humanitarian efforts.

Joint initiatives between the U.S. and the OIC have helped to eradicate polio and promote maternal health in Mali, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Nigeria.

This partnership has also facilitated discussions on creating economic opportunity worldwide as a permanent solution to extremist recruitment endeavors, which continually seek out the most disadvantaged in society.

Interfaith and intercultural discourse focusing on promoting religious respect and the modernization of the Muslim world have provided the means to produce new, lasting foundations of cooperation, which will be fundamental in ensuring American interests and international stability in the future.

The continued support of the OIC and its efforts to promote peace, security, and fundamental rights should be of paramount importance in U.S. foreign policy.

It is through relationships such as these that the United States will remain a consistent engine of positive international change.

HOLY NAME JETS PONY  
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Holy Name Jets Pony Football Team from Dauphin County, Pennsylvania for winning the 2013 CFA Super Bowl Championship.

On Sunday, November 10, 2013 the players of the Holy Name Jets Pony Football Team were crowned the CFA Super Bowl Champions after defeating the Red Land Patriots 22-0. The CFA Football League consists of 30 football associations in Dauphin, Cumberland, Juniata, Perry, Adams, and York Counties. Led by Head Coach Tim Madden and Assistant Coaches Sean Fasick, Joe Mosey, Buck Nye, Dave Madeira, George Connor and Dean Shields, the Jets, made up of local middle school students, finished the regular season with an 8-1 record. Before their win in the Super Bowl, Holy Name defeated both the Paxton Panthers and the Harrisburg Broncos in play-off games.

Mr. Speaker, for their victory in the CFA Super Bowl Championship, I congratulate the coaches and players of the Holy Name Jets Pony Football Team and commend them for their hard work and dedication.

## HONORING TYLER SCOTT KOCH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Scott Koch. 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 303, 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 attended Philmont Scout Reservation in 2012 and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Tyler has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler constructed a bridge for the Platte Falls Conservation Area in Platte County, Missouri.

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

RETIREMENT OF SUSAN SCANLAN

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. I rise today to honor my dear friend Susan Scanlan upon her retirement as the president of the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) and chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) at the end of this year. For four decades, Susan's leadership has brought together women's advocacy groups, helped expand women's roles in military combat, and shed light on gender disparities in the media, education, and the workforce.

A third generation Washingtonian, Susan has been advancing women's standing in government since joining the office of U.S. Representative Charlie Wilson (1972-1977), where she coauthored legislation to designate March as National Women's History Month and to admit women to the U.S. military service academies. In 1977, she helped found and direct the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, as well as the Caucus' research arm, the Women's Research and Education Institute. Following a seven year adventure in China with her husband Jared Cameron, Susan took over as president of WREI in 2000. A few years later Susan took on the additional role of chair of NCWO, a coalition of 240 progressive women's groups representing 12 million American women.

Susan's most enduring legacy will continue long after her retirement through the women she has placed throughout the halls of Congress with WREI's congressional fellowship program. Over more than 30 years, this program has positioned more than 350 women on Capitol Hill, and Susan takes great pride in each one of them. Through meetings with women leaders in all fields, Susan has exposed these fellows to the important work already done and yet to be done on behalf of women in America and around the world. Her contributions to women's advancement and empowerment are felt throughout the sectors these fellows occupy, including state legislators and legislative staff, the business and nonprofit communities, and academia and think tanks.

My office and I have benefitted from her efforts to help women enter the legislative pipeline, including hosting fellows for 14 years. These women have brought their expertise and enthusiasm to my office in countless ways, such as advocating for women's rights in Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, advancing legislation that would stop human trafficking and end obstetric fistula, and creating reports to make the public aware of how votes in Congress affect women. Like their classmates, the "Maloney Fellows" have gone on to work as women's advocates, academics, and architects of change both here in the nation's capital and around the country. In fact, two of my current staff came to me through Susan.

Through the Women's Research and Education Institute and the National Council of Women's Organizations, we have worked together on so many issues important to women, such as the Equal Rights Amendment, the National Women's History Museum,

and women's economic equality. We both know from our years working together that nothing happens with action, perseverance, and a little outrage. I know Susan will continue to use these attributes in her next endeavor. I treasure her friendship and her council.

Congratulations to Susan on her retirement. She has inspired those who have worked with her and been mentored by her. I wish Susan and Jared all the best.

INTRODUCING THE NATIONAL  
COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT  
AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT  
OF 2013

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Commission on Employment and Economic Security Act of 2013.

This legislation makes necessary and vital investments in our nation's workforce and their families. It establishes a national commission to examine issues of economic and psychological insecurity within our workforce that have been caused by employment displacement. Furthermore, it will propose solutions, including recommendations for legislative and administrative action, to Congress and the President.

During the recession that began in December 2007 and in the subsequent months, more than 8.7 million jobs were lost. By October 2009, the unemployment rate had reached 10.0 percent, and roughly 15.4 million people were unemployed in our country. In Florida, the unemployment rate reached 11.4 percent in March 2010, and in some states, such as Rhode Island and South Carolina, the unemployment rate rose to just short of 12 percent, peaking at 11.9 percent in early 2010.

Luckily, we are on the road to recovery, and 7.5 million jobs have been created during 42 straight months of private-sector job growth across the country. Unemployment rates have fallen in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our economy is recovering, but the need for this vital research is no less critical. This is highlighted by current projections from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), which estimate that the unemployment rate will not fall below 6 percent until the end of 2016, and will remain above 5 percent through 2023.

Mr. Speaker, when Americans lose their jobs and their incomes shrink, too often, they face the loss of their family's health insurance and, subsequent to the loss of income, even their housing. According to an American Psychological Association (APA) report from February 2013, money (69 percent), work (65 percent), and the economy (61 percent) remain the most frequently cited sources of stress for Americans.

The mental health of the American worker is integral as we continue down the road of economic recovery. Congress must face this problem head on and help those facing long-term unemployment, loss of health insurance, home foreclosure, increased levels of stress, and increased risk of mental illness.

I believe that we have a responsibility to provide the greatest possible assistance to our

nation's workforce, whose commitment to economic participation has been a defining feature of the cultural fabric of our country. This Commission will be instrumental in ensuring that we get our nation fully back on track, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM LEE  
TROLAN

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Lee Trolan on the occasion of his retirement from the Office of the Sergeant at Arms on December 6, and to thank him for 35 years of dedicated service supporting and leading sensitive and classified national security programs.

Beginning in December 1978, and for the following six years, Mr. Trolan served as a commissioned U.S. Army officer defending our nation on the "frontiers of freedom," which included operational command of a nuclear missile site. For 19 years, he worked for several government agencies focusing on critical emergency management and national security programs, including response to nuclear weapons incidents. For the past nine years, he served as the Director of Continuity Planning for the U.S. House of Representatives where he developed plans and resources that dramatically improved Congressional planning and readiness as it relates to continuity of government operations.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations to Mr. Trolan for his outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives and to our country.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS  
CAVAROCCHI SR.

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nicholas Cavarocchi Sr., a tireless advocate for oral health research, on the occasion of his retirement from CRD Associates and as the principal consultant for the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) after 33 years.

Throughout his career, Nick has worked on every facet of health policy, from organizing an industry/patient coalition that led to the creation of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases at the National Institutes of Health to co-founding the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, the pre-eminent advocacy voice for supporting biomedical research. As a former senior health advisor to the House Appropriations Committee he worked to sustain NIH and Public Health Service programs that improve the health and well-being of millions of Americans.

As the lead consultant for the AADR, Nick worked to educate members of Congress about the value and importance of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Re-

search. Throughout the past 33 years much progress has been made as a result of NIDCR supported research, which helped reduce the burden of oral disease and led to better oral health for tens of millions of Americans. Through AADR, Nick helped to mobilize thousands of oral health researchers throughout the country, encouraging them to reach out to members of Congress and tell us about the tremendous strides that have already been made and the promise dental research holds for further advances against oral disease and other disorders.

Mr. Speaker, this month a longtime champion for oral health, and a friend, is closing a chapter and opening a new one. I wish Nick all the best in his retirement and in this new phase of his life.

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NEWELL

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

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 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 \$17,223,254,862,815.39. We've added \$6,596,377,813,902.31 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.