

Manisha is not only a well-mannered young woman, but also exceptionally bright. Her academic ambitions were accomplished and exceeded during her matriculation at Raymond High School, where she graduated in May 2010. She currently is matriculating at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, where she is striving to receive a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Multimedia Journalism. Her ambitious spirit will ultimately lead her into a promising career of on-air news reporting. Alongside her academic studies, Manisha has been involved in a number of extracurricular activities as well, including an avid member of the Jackson State University cheerleading squad, MADDRAMA Performance Troupe, and served as Miss Junior of Jackson State University.

Deeply rooted in her faith, Manisha also continues to remain involved with her church home. She has been crowned Miss Church of God In Christ and served as Assistant Secretary for COGIC club. Manisha truly has a heart to serve others and continues to advocate for her fellow peers. Currently, Manisha serves as Resident Hall Senator for the Student Government Association and has been selected to serve on the president society at Jackson State University. In addition to her other appointments, Manisha will also serve as Women's Philanthropy Ambassador. Clearly, Manisha's peers and university administrators have entrusted her with the responsibility to represent the student body in a variety of capacities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Manisha Heard for her remarkable, ambitious spirit to succeed academically as well as her continued drive to serve and address the concerns of her fellow peers through her appointed service within her church and college community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. THOMAS  
SHARPE WILMETH

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas Sharpe Wilmeth who will be awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award on Saturday, December 7, 2013.

Mr. Wilmeth was introduced to math and the concepts of math at a young age in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated high school at the age of 15 and went on to graduate magna cum laude with a degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University in 1935. Mr. Wilmeth then worked for various businesses where he focused on increasing efficiency and productivity while reducing costs. In 1949, he and his brother started Scot Industries. Mr. Wilmeth used his engineering background and education to establish a metal honing business that produced better, more efficient and less expensive products, such as hydraulic cylinders, metal tubing, and metallurgy. He now lives in Daingerfield, Texas and after 45 years of success, Scot Industries has 13 different locations and has built an international reputation for quality and technological leadership in the areas of specialty metal bars and high pressure efficient metal tubing.

Since obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15, Mr. Wilmeth has remained true

to his scouting promises of kindness, generosity, and sharing. As a lifelong entrepreneur and philanthropist, he continually contributes to his alma mater, Purdue University, and to the Boy Scouts of America, where both BSA councils in Indianapolis, Indiana and NeTse0 Trails have greatly benefited. With his background, it is evident Mr. Wilmeth deserves the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, acknowledging his achievements and success within his field and his outstanding record of voluntary service to his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Thomas Sharpe Wilmeth as he receives this prestigious award.

HONORING STEPHEN KLEIN

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, today, Stephen Klein, a long serving and widely respected Vermont public servant, is receiving the prestigious Stephen D. Gold Award from the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL) here in our Nation's capitol.

The Gold Award is presented by NCSL, in conjunction with the National Tax Association and the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, to an individual who has made a significant contribution to public financial management in State and local finance. Those who know the serious fiscal challenges our small State has faced in recent years know Stephen deserves this award, and much more.

Vermont has an unusual, perhaps unique, way of grappling with fiscal issues. The Joint Fiscal Office, directed by Stephen since 1993, is a non-partisan office providing financial analyses to the Vermont General Assembly. It serves the so-called "money committees"—Appropriations, Ways and Means, and Finance. It serves Republicans and Democrats. It serves the majority and minority parties. And during Stephen's tenure both parties have been in both positions.

Vermont, like most States, has faced contentious fiscal issues—school finance, health care funding, recessions, and conflicting and fiercely debated taxing and spending priorities. Yet through it all, with Republican and Democratic majorities and Republican and Democratic governors, Vermont experienced in Stephen an assured, creative, and honest leader who helped us—through good times and bad—balance our budgets, meet our priorities, and plan for our future.

Stephen Klein's accomplishments are significant: balancing budgets in a State without a balanced budget amendment, creating a process for all stakeholders to agree on revenue estimates, and establishing a matching endowment fund for the Vermont State Colleges, to name just a few.

But if his competence earned him universal respect, it is his personal qualities that have endeared him to all who know him—professional and emotional generosity, a twinkling smile and sense of humor, a hectic but focused energy, respect for his long serving and able staff; his humility, and his genuine respect for every legislator.

As hard as Stephen has worked for the State of Vermont, he has served in many other ways including as a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras and the Dominican Republic, a member of the Randolph School Board, and a director of the Hunger Mountain Food Coop. Blessed with a loving family—his wife, Pricilla, and his children, Elana and Jonathan—Stephen is a Vermonter who makes his fellow Vermonters proud.

REMEMBERING PRIVATE PAUL M.  
JOHNSON

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. As we remember the day that lives in infamy, we must stir our memory of those lost and whose sacrifice anchors Pearl Harbor's significance.

Private Paul M. Johnson was born in 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut. The son of a popular Waterbury Police Detective, he lived on Greenwood Avenue, attended Mary Abbott Grammar School, graduated from Leavenworth High School and was a member of Beth-El Synagogue. His uncle, Private David L. Fannick, was killed on the battlefields of France in June of 1918, inspiring the formation of the local David L. Fannick Jewish War Veterans Post No. 91. Always wanting to be a soldier like his uncle, Paul enlisted on April 23, 1941. Sent to Fort Shafter, Territory of Hawaii, he was assigned to the 40mm Bofors AA, Battery "E" of the 646th Coast Artillery.

During the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Pvt. Paul M. Johnson did what he was trained to do. Pvt. Johnson ran to his station, Battery E, 64th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft, and returned fire with his anti-aircraft guns. Pvt. Paul M. Johnson was wounded defending our Nation, and died the next day, December 8, 1941 at age 19 as a result of his wounds. Private Paul M. Johnson was the first soldier from Waterbury to give his life in World War II. His was a sacrifice we cannot repay, so it is our solemn obligation to give it honor. We do that today as we remember the cost of war, the price that is paid, and the promise that we must keep in defending and protecting this great Nation.

PEARL HARBOR

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, an event that changed America and catapulted this nation onto a world stage and into global conflict—World War II. At least 2,400 Americans lost their lives in Pearl Harbor and more than 1,000 were wounded. Each year, we remember the day that changed the nation, ignited the flame of freedom and inspired a generation to greatness. And while we seek peace in a tumultuous world, America remains ever vigilant and determined to be free. Pearl

Harbor was not unlike September 11, 2001, when the unexpected attack within our shores also claimed thousands of innocent lives and stunned the nation. Today, we honor those who passed the torch of freedom to a new generation. Because of their sacrifice, America remains a shining light, a beacon to the world, and a timeless reminder of the sacrifices this great nation is willing to make in the face of freedom and liberty challenged.

RECOGNIZING UNION COUNTY  
MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union County Magnet High School of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Union County Magnet High School is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I congratulate the students, faculty and community on this high honor. This is a prestigious award to receive and Union County Magnet High School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

HONORING MR. PETER BENJAMIN  
LEWIS

**HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and dear friend; a pioneering businessman, and dedicated philanthropist; a devoted father and loving husband, Peter Benjamin Lewis.

Peter Lewis was born during the Great Depression in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 11, 1933. The son of Joseph Lewis and the former Helen Rosenfeld, Peter was the oldest of four children. He graduated in 1955 from Princeton University where he met his future wife, Toby Devan. They married soon after he graduated and raised three extraordinary children: Jonathan, Ivy and Adam.

By age 12, Peter Lewis was working at his father's small insurance business. It would become his life's passion. Through decades of hard work—risking, learning, growing—Peter turned his father's 100-employee firm into one of the nation's largest auto insurance companies, the Progressive Corporation. Under Peter's visionary leadership, Progressive became one of the greatest companies in American history, today employing more than 28,000 people.

As a legendary philanthropist to numerous organizations, and as a generous benefactor of great architecture and the arts, Mr. Lewis

leaves behind a notable mark in so many different communities across the country. He has generously donated more than \$220 million to Princeton University, where he served as a trustee. He also held honorary degrees from Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Janet Rosel Lewis, of Cleveland, Ohio; his brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Jan Lewis and son Jonathan D. Lewis, of Coconut Grove, Florida; his daughter, Ivy Lewis, of Princeton, New Jersey; his son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Melony Lewis, of Aspen, Colorado; his friend and former wife, Toby Devan Lewis, of Cleveland, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and Mr. Lewis' family in remembering and celebrating the remarkable life, lasting achievements, and indelible spirit of Peter B. Lewis.

HONORING PORTER & SONS'  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Porter and Sons' Funeral Home, Inc. in Lexington, Mississippi.

This funeral service business was established for African-Americans in 1979.

The business was first started by Mr. Lindbergh Porter, Sr., and his wife, Bernice Redmond Porter. They were instrumental in purchasing and renovating the building located at 237 Yazoo Street in Lexington, Mississippi.

Mr. Porter, Sr., and his wife ran the day-to-day operations of the funeral home until later years, when his sons, Byron, Pat and his daughter, Bonita, came on board.

Following the death of Mr. Lindbergh Porter, Sr., and his wife, Bernice Porter, the funeral home became incorporated in 1999.

Today, the Porter and Sons' Funeral Home is in the same location and is still being successfully run by all of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Sr.'s, children: Lindbergh, Jr., Pat, Byron and Bonita.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Porter and Sons' Funeral Home for its outstanding service to the community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PROFESSOR  
MENAHEM PRESSLER OF THE INDIANA  
UNIVERSITY JACOBS  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Professor Menahem Pressler of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana. I would like to join Indiana University in recognizing his lifelong dedication to music, teaching, and the artistic inspiration of others.

During Professor Pressler's 60 years with the piano faculty of the Jacobs School of Music, he has earned the reputation as a pas-

sionate and gifted instructor, helping young, talented musicians expand upon their skills and abilities. For his commitment to music and teaching, he has received the rank of Distinguished Professor of Music at Indiana University, and also holds honorary doctorates from several other American universities. Moreover, his reputation among his peers, colleagues, and students serves as a testament to his outstanding character.

Professor Pressler's talents have taken him all over the world, performing in well-renowned competitions and musical events in the United States and abroad. He has performed solo as well as collaborated with groups like the Beaux Arts Trio, which is considered the gold standard for trios throughout the world. He has received numerous honors for his musical performances during his lifetime, beginning with first prize at the Debussy International Piano Competition in San Francisco in 1946. Since then, his career has been world renowned, performing with the orchestras of New York, Chicago, London, Paris, and many others.

I know that Hoosiers throughout Indiana's 9th District are proud to have such a brilliant, talented gentleman reside in the vibrant town of Bloomington. He has left an incredible impact not only in South Central Indiana, but also across our nation and the world, and his life and career are deserving of much recognition. For his continued work at Indiana University and outstanding contributions to music, please join me in wishing Professor Pressler a very happy birthday.

IN TRIBUTE TO GUIDO WEIGEND

**HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Guido Weigend for his long-term dedication at the Office of Strategic Services. His many years of service have impacted us all. I would also like to thank him for dedicating the majority of his life to the advancement of our nation's youth through his role at Arizona State University. We are in sincere gratitude for the vision, guidance, and leadership he has provided our country.

THANKING THE PARTICIPANTS TO  
OUR FIRST ANNUAL 17TH CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT ECONOMIC SUMMIT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank everyone who participated in our First Annual 17th Congressional District Economic Summit on November 22, 2013 at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

The Economic Summit, held in partnership with the University of Illinois, brought together community leaders from across our district to share economic development strategies and best practices to reduce unemployment, create jobs, and strengthen local economies.

The Economic Summit was a huge success because of the participation of our excellent