

a cure for breast cancer even faster. Proceeds from the sale of the coin will benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. These two organizations have spent more than \$450 million and \$790 million, respectively, on research funding. But more needs to be done to find better treatments and a cure.

Our mothers, our sisters, our daughters, cannot afford to wait. I encourage you to support this new legislation.

#### COMMENDING UZBEKISTAN

#### HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, as the Chair of the Congressional Central Asia Caucus, I rise today to commend Uzbekistan on its ongoing efforts to strengthen relations with the United States. In August 2012, Uzbekistan's legislature approved a foreign policy concept submitted by President Islam Karimov which is intended to strengthen the country's independence and sovereignty, ensure Uzbekistan's role in international affairs, create security and stability in Central Asia, and sets Uzbekistan on a path of joining the ranks of democratic countries.

The United States and Uzbekistan belong to a number of the same organizations, including the United Nations, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank. Uzbekistan is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Partnership for Peace and an observer to the World Trade Organization.

Home to more than half of the population of Central Asia and located at the center of regional trade and transport networks, Uzbekistan is a potential Central Asian regional power. For more than a decade, I have worked closely with the country and I am pleased by the developments that have occurred in such a short time since Uzbekistan gained independence at the end of 1991 with the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Uzbekistan has supported North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) troops in Afghanistan through provision of electricity, development of rail infrastructures and the Northern Distribution Network. Uzbekistan was also one of the United States' main regional partners in the war on terrorism.

Under the leadership of President Karimov, our relationship with Uzbekistan has now developed beyond Afghanistan. The United States and Uzbekistan are cooperating on security, economic relations, political and civil society issues, agricultural development, transnational crime, and the threat of infectious disease. Although we have a ways to go, we are in the process of strengthening our bilateral relations.

This is why I am pleased to welcome President Karimov's delegation to the United States which is visiting Washington, D.C. from December 8–12, 2013. Uzbekistan's delegation is led by my good friend, Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov, who served previously as Uzbekistan's Ambassador to the United States. The delegation also includes my good friend, Senator Sodiq Safoyev, who served previously as Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister

and also as Ambassador to the United States and State Advisor to the President.

Other members of Uzbekistan's delegation include the First Deputy Minister of Defense, First Deputy Minister of Justice, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Economic Relations, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology, the Chairman of the Committee on Democratic Institutions, the Head of America's Department, and a member of the National Security Council under the President of Uzbekistan. H.E. Bakhtiyar Gulyamov, Uzbekistan's Ambassador to the United States, will accompany the delegation.

While in Washington, the delegation will be hosted by Members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Having traveled to Samarkand in late August of this year, to Tashkent more than once, and in tribute to my long-standing friendship with Foreign Minister Kamilov and Senator Safoyev which spans nearly a decade, it was my sincere hope to personally host a Members Only meeting for them. But, in my absence, I thank my esteemed colleagues for doing so.

The people of Uzbekistan are, as President Kamilov said, "a creative people who deeply realize their identity, take pride of the fact that they live on the sacred land and are the descendants of great ancestors, capable to subdue any peaks." I agree.

And so, once more, it is my privilege to welcome Uzbekistan's distinguished delegation to Washington and extend my kindest regards and best wishes for a successful dialogue.

#### HONORING SCHIMPPFF'S CONFECTIONARY OF JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

#### HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, small mom-and-pop businesses are an integral part of local economies, especially in the State of Indiana. Schimpff's Confectionary, located in Jeffersonville, Indiana, is a prime example of a small, family-owned business that has maintained a tradition of community involvement and devotion to a quality product. Schimpff's is not only a vital part of the community, but also an important Jeffersonville landmark.

Schimpff's Confectionary is a world-class candy maker, confectionary store, and museum located within the Old Jeffersonville Historic District. This candy store is one of the oldest in the country. It has kept the same atmosphere throughout the years and continuously draws large crowds. In addition to selling candy, Schimpff's Confectionary gives tours to visitors of the shop, providing an interactive experience and insight into how the finest candy was and is made.

Schimpff's Confectionary contributes mightily to the town of Jeffersonville. Not only do they reliably provide delicious treats to the families of Southern Indiana and beyond, but they maintain local jobs, and their outstanding presence is a source of deep pride for the entire community. Residents of Jeffersonville have grown up with Schimpff's Confectionary, and the store has faithfully maintained its high quality standards, and friendly atmosphere,

since the day it opened. For these reasons and more, I am proud to recognize Schimpff's in this installment of the 9th District's Small Business Spotlight.

Although the Schimpff family had been making candy in Louisville, Kentucky, since 1850, the Jeffersonville store was established in 1891 by Gustave Schimpff, Sr. and Jr. The shop continues to be run by his family and is now run by the third generation of Schimpff's. Gustave's great-grandson, Warren Schimpff, continues the family legacy of exceptional candy making with his wife, Jill. Through their leadership and labor, Schimpff's has expanded their operations and developed a distinguished international reputation.

While Schimpff's has been based in Jeffersonville since 1891, the family has traveled to Sweden to participate in the Candy Championships, the international candy competition in Gränna. Jill and Warren Schimpff are the first Americans to have ever participated in this competition. While visiting Sweden, they met European candy makers, and learned some new and creative techniques to share with their many customers. Such initiatives have brought people from across the globe to Jeffersonville for the purpose of visiting their fine establishment.

The confectionary has gained its fair share of local and national attention as well, including recognition by "Louisville Business First" as one of the area's top twenty for-profit attractions. Additionally, the business has gained national media attention from the Food Network, the History Channel's "Modern Marvels," and American celebrity chef Paula Deen.

The Schimpff's dedication to customers and quality has sustained the family legacy, and is responsible for the longstanding success of their business. This confectionary has been a Jeffersonville treasure since its opening over 120 years ago, and it will continue to be a recognized landmark for years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on December 5, 2013, my vote on the House floor was not properly registered. Had my vote registered, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 625.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF DR. WILLIAM WEST THOMPSON

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's beloved Dr. William West Thompson, who passed away on December 2, 2013. Throughout his long and distinguished career in medicine and public service, Dr. Thompson served as an inspiration to countless individuals and left a lasting impression on the Okaloosa County, Florida community. All those who have been blessed by his

presence mourn the loss of a great man and unparalleled public servant.

Dr. Thompson, or "Dr. T" as he was fondly known, was born on April 6, 1921, in Hallsboro, North Carolina. Upon receiving his degrees from both Duke University and the Duke University School of Medicine in 1942 and 1947 respectively, he completed his medical training and residency at facilities across the country, including in New Jersey, Texas, Massachusetts, and Arkansas. Dr. T also served proudly in the United States Army for more than ten years in the Army Medical Corps rising to the level of Chief of a Pediatrics Unit.

In 1957, after practicing in Virginia for two years, he moved to Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where he continued practicing pediatrics. It was in Northwest Florida where Dr. T would spend the next decades of his life continuing to serve others in the community. Whether it was through house calls, late night hospital rounds, or nights spent with ailing patients, Dr. T's commitment to bettering the lives of those around him never wavered and was evidenced through his kindness and the unmatched quality of care he provided to his patients.

Dr. T also lent his time and efforts to a myriad of medical associations, including the Florida Medical Association, where he served as both as Chairman and Vice President; Okaloosa County Medical Society, where he served as the organization's first president; and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, where he served as President and Chief of Pediatrics.

In addition to his dedicated service and passion in the medical field, Dr. T was highly involved in public service. He served not only as the team physician for local junior high and high schools, but also was president of the Chamber of Commerce from 1967 to 1968 and a member of the Okaloosa County School Board from 1984–1989. However, many remember him for his leadership as Mayor of Fort Walton Beach from 1965 to 1966.

Throughout his life, Dr. T served his Nation and community with the utmost integrity and humility. He was truly a man of compassion who possessed a passion for serving others. He will be remembered as a dedicated public official, wonderful physician, and a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. His contributions to Northwest Florida and our Nation were truly exceptional and his legacy will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the exemplary life of Dr. William Thompson. My wife Vicki joins me in our sincerest condolences and our prayers go out to his wife, Melba; son, Wes; daughters, Emilie, Helga, Kenya, Rhonda, and Karen; nephew, Roger; grandchildren, Robert, Britt, Kyle, Alex, Renee, Michael, Ryan, Kelly, Kaylyn, Avery, and Aspen; great-grandchildren, Katherine, Amber, Alexander, Zachary, Hunter, and Kai; great-great grandson Orion; sister, Hilda, and the entire Thompson family and friends. He will truly be missed by all.

## HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LICK OBSERVATORY

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Lick Observatory.

On January 3, 1888 the Lick Observatory's great refracting telescope saw "first light." Its construction on top of Mt. Hamilton was made possible by a \$700,000 donation from James Lick. By many accounts the wealthiest man in California, Mr. Lick gave almost his entire fortune to advance science and public welfare. When finished, the "Lick Refractor" was the largest, most powerful refracting telescope in the world.

Today, it is assumed that an observatory should be built on a mountain. However, at the time most observatories were built in cities. It is easy to forget that when Mt. Hamilton was chosen as the build site, it was only speculation that the high altitude would reduce atmospheric interference, allowing for a clearer view of the night stars.

Having proven the theory correct, Lick Observatory set the standard for building observatories on top of mountains, at high altitude, and away from potential interfering light sources and pollution.

The Lick Refractor was a premier research telescope for nearly a century. Even now, this telescope is still used to wow visitors, to inspire scientific wonder, and as a teaching tool for local colleges and universities. While many scientific facilities of this age are no longer useful as tools of discovery, the Lick Observatory continues to upgrade its capabilities and produce ground breaking science.

The Adaptive Optics project uses a unique, deformable mirror to cancel out atmospheric interference. It is capable of achieving resolutions comparable to the space-based Hubble Telescope, but at a fraction of the cost.

The Lick Observatory also houses the Automated Planet Finder, with the goal of finding Earth-like planets located within 100 light years. In partnership with NASA, this fully automated telescope makes its own decisions on where to look in the night sky and is capable of determining whether an Earth-like planet has been discovered.

Even the 125 year old Lick Refractor is still occasionally put to use. In the fall of 2000, coupled with an automatic camera, it started photographing the star clusters in our galaxy. These photographs have provided valuable information for mapping these clusters' star members.

I wish to congratulate the Lick Observatory on its 125th anniversary, and commend not only its scientific achievements, but also its work in inspiring others to pursue the wonders of science.

## HONORING SERGEANT JORGE DELEON, U.S. ARMY (RETIRED)

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Sergeant Jorge DeLeon, a brave soldier

who resides in my congressional district, for his exceptional service to his country, community and fellow veterans.

Sergeant DeLeon joined the U.S. Army in 2001. During his fourth deployment to Afghanistan in April 2004, the Humvee he was driving ran over an anti-tank mine. Sergeant DeLeon lost his right leg and had his left leg severely injured as a result of the blast. He underwent a long recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and now wears a computer-controlled prosthetic leg.

But Sergeant DeLeon's commitment to service did not end as a result of his battlefield injuries. Currently, he is employed by the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (CSAH) as Director of the Family Support Network and CSAH Liaison to Brooke Army Medical Center. In addition, he serves as the National Spokesperson for CSAH to help to raise awareness for the organization. CSAH is committed to providing wounded veterans and their families support services to help them recover and rebuild their lives.

Sergeant DeLeon's personal bravery and ongoing efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans are commendable. I thank him for his dedicated service to our country.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PECK PIRATES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, 8-PLAYER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege today to recognize the Peck Pirates High School 8-Player Football Team. The Pirates had what can only be described as a perfect season. The young men that make up the Pirates 8-Player team displayed remarkable teamwork which drove their memorable season home to Sanilac County, keeping the 8-Player trophy in a Sanilac County School since the inception of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) 8-Player football sport in 2010.

The Pirates won the State Championship on November 22, 2013 with a decisive 67–32 win over Rapid River Rockets High School 8-Player Football Team, capping a perfect 13–0 season.

This championship game showcased the Pirates skills that carried them through the season. Their defense took charge executing key plays with tackles, sacks and a big interception before halftime. Their offense wasted little time getting points on the board, working together to complete drive after drive down the field. Both in defensive battle and offensively, the Pirates kept constant pressure on their opponent and making their claim to the trophy clear.

The Pirates proved they had the skills, teamwork and fortitude to rise to the challenge and accomplish their ultimate goal—a State Championship! I am certain the community and the entire Thumb Region takes great pride in what these young individuals were able to achieve as a team.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the hard work and sportsmanship displayed by all of the members of the Peck Pirates team. I