

Community College, both of which are in Detroit. Through his lectures, he shared his passion and his experiences, in the hope of inspiring future generations to explore their history and to better understand the world in which they live.

In recognition of his outstanding journalistic work, Ted was presented with a number of awards over his life. These awards include four Emmys for his documentaries and a Meritorious Achievement Award from the Tuskegee Airmen. Additionally, Ted was presented an Achievement of Merit Award from the Ohio State University. And in acknowledgement of the depth of his impact on the community, Ted was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 2000. However, no award is greater than the testimonials provided by countless leaders, community members and organizations across Greater Detroit, who agree that our region is stronger because of Ted's work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the life of Ted Talbert, who had an undeniable impact on all of us in Southeast Michigan. Through his documentaries, we have been able to better understand the history of our community and how we can work together to build a bright and prosperous future for our region. His straightforward, yet complex, perspective and passion for his community, which he never hesitated to share, will be missed by all of us who grew up watching his films and news stories. I know Ted's life will be an inspiration to young journalists for many years to come and I hope his sister, Edna Bell, and his daughter, Jamile Skinner, know that all of us in the Greater Detroit region share in their loss.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE ALBRECHT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Katherine Albrecht of Johnston for receiving a coveted Fulbright award to study and conduct research abroad this academic year.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. This program is known as America's flagship international exchange program. First established by Congress in 1946, the Fulbright Program has served the purpose of building mutual understanding between American citizens and the rest of the world. Appropriations from the United States Congress, participating foreign governments, and private sector contributions fund the Fulbright Program. The program has exchanged over a quarter of a million people in more than 155 countries, since its inception. Katherine's host country for the 2012–2013 academic year is Poland.

To receive a Fulbright award is truly a great honor. Recipients of this award must demonstrate significant leadership potential in their chosen field and are selected on the basis of their academic or professional achievement. The experiences provided by this program ensure that tomorrow's leaders are both knowledgeable about the world and well-rounded.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Katherine from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her for receiving this prestigious award. I wish her the best of luck in her studies and future career.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. LEWIS DRUFFNER, THE JOSEPH SAPORITO LIFETIME OF SERVICE AWARD WINNER

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Lewis Druffner and congratulate him on earning the Joseph Saporito Lifetime of Service Award Winner.

For his volunteer work and for decades of work as a legendary family physician in Avoca, Dr. Lewis Druffner is the Sunday Dispatch Joseph A. Saporito Lifetime of Service Award selection for 2012.

Dr. Druffner grew up in Avoca, graduated from Scranton Prep in 1951, The University of Scranton in 1955 and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He was the primary physician for three ships while serving with the U.S. Navy.

After his Navy hitch, he took over his father's family medical practice in Avoca, where Druffner is a legendary name in family medicine as Dr. Lewis Druffner and his father birthed generations of families in Avoca and surrounding towns. In a way, Dr. Druffner is different than past Saporito recipients in that he is being honored not just for volunteer work, but for his career as a family doctor which was, like his father's, as much about service to the community as it was work.

Dr. Druffner recently signed on to become a volunteer at the Care and Concern Health Clinic where he continues his lifetime work of helping patients as they recover from various ailments.

Dr. Druffner and his wife, Catherine, have six children: Elizabeth, of Avoca; Kathleen and Carl, both of Harrisburg; Michael, of Dayton, Ohio; Tommy, of Michigan; and Edward, of Downingtown. They also have five grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER NEUBERT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Christopher Neubert of Des Moines for receiving a coveted Fulbright award to study and conduct research abroad this academic year.

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Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Christopher from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him for receiving this prestigious award. I wish him the best of luck in his studies and future career.

IN HONOR OF GRACE NAFTALY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor longtime Detroit-area resident and community advocate Grace Naftaly on the occasion of her 100th birthday. The Naftaly family is well known in the Detroit-area, and I've had the privilege of working with Grace's son Jerry, who served as the mayor of Oak Park for many years. Throughout her lifetime, Grace demonstrated a selfless dedication to the welfare of others, the community, and her family.

Grace was born on March 25, 1913 and arrived in the United States with her parents Mary and Emil Kahan through the Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty port. Grace and her husband Bill Naftaly were blessed with three children, Robert, Janice and Jerry, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Even at the young age of 100, Grace is still an avid Detroit Red Wings, Tigers and Pistons fan. She also loves puzzle books and novels.

As I close, I would like to wish Grace health and happiness for many years to come. I can say with confidence that because of her selfless attitude and dedication to the community, the Detroit-area is a better place.

TRIBUTE TO GRAYSON THOMAS HARVEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Grayson T. Harvey of Crescent, IA for achieving the rank of an Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based

achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Grayson constructed an outdoor classroom for Crescent Elementary School. The work ethic Grayson has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Grayson and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

DONNA BYRNE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the recipient of the Bucks County 2013 Women's History Month Award. Donna Byrne, a long-time resident of Bucks County Pennsylvania, exemplifies compassion and leadership to help women experiencing domestic violence.

Nearly 30 years ago, Donna Byrne discovered her deep commitment to empower women while volunteering at a battered women's shelter. There, she found her passion. The life-changing experience eventually led her to work for 'A Woman's Place'.

For 12 years, Donna Byrne pioneered the domestic violence prevention movement. Having established successful prevention awareness programs and community outreach efforts in local schools, she successfully garnered community support for women's issues.

Mr. Speaker, we honor Donna Byrne today because of her selfless courage and lifelong passion to help the lives of women in need. Although not often recognized for their contribution to the community, women like Donna Byrne are true heroines who make our community a stronger and safer place. As a committed advocate for women in Bucks County, Donna Byrne stands out as a clear choice to receive this award.

TRIBUTE TO DANIELLE
HAINDFIELD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Danielle Haindfeld for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify

a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Danielle Haindfeld is a shareholder attorney with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. in Des Moines practicing primarily in education and construction law. Danielle is a proud Drake University alumnus where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with her B.A. and ultimately received her Juris Doctor degree with high honors. Through Ahlers and Cooney, Danielle participates in community outreach programs for Children and Families of Iowa, United Way of Central Iowa, Youth Emergency Services and Shelter, and staffing of Iowa Legal Aid intake program. Outside of work, Mrs. Haindfeld is active in the Jordan Creek Elementary Parent Faculty Club and was selected to serve on the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys. Mrs. Haindfeld is married to her husband Matthew, and together they have two daughters, Taylor and Brooke. In all facets of her life, Danielle is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Danielle in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Haindfeld for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Danielle on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL
RODNEY WILLIAMS OF THE
MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Colonel Rodney Williams of the Michigan Air National Guard as he retires after twenty-eight years of service to our Nation in the Armed Forces.

Colonel Williams' service began in 1984 when he joined the Army Reserve and later, in 1988, the Michigan Army National Guard. Over the next decade he would go on to obtain a Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School and would hold the positions of Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for the 177th Military Police Brigade and aide-be-camp to Michigan's Adjutant General, Major General Gordon Stump. In 1994, Colonel Williams transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard and was assigned to the 127th Wing as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. While serving the 127th, Colonel Williams was committed to developing the unit's joint operational capabilities and was

recognized by the North American Aerospace Defense Command for his work.

While posted at Selfridge, Colonel Williams was assigned as Director of the 127th Wing Mission Support Group where he continued his focus on developing his unit's readiness and coordination. Under his leadership, the 127th Mission Support Group achieved a ninety-four percent readiness rating while it was supporting missions for the Air Mobility Command's KC-135 operation mission and its F-16 flying mission. As part of his responsibilities, Colonel Williams oversaw support for more than 400 Airmen of his support group that were deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Air Expeditionary Forces and Operation Noble Eagle. In 2008, Colonel Williams' Mission Support Group received a ninety-eight percent rating from a Unit Compliance Inspection.

In 2010, Colonel Williams was chosen to serve as Director of the Michigan National Guard Human Resource Office, HRO, overseeing over twenty-two hundred full time employees. While in this capacity, he led efforts to streamline and increase efficiency within HRO, which created savings for taxpayers. Colonel Williams also fostered increased collaboration between first responders and the Michigan National Guard in disaster planning which earned the State outstanding evaluations for its Vigilant Guard Exercise.

Throughout his career, Colonel Williams has focused not only on professional excellence, but on supporting efforts that have helped his countrymen as well. In 2005, while with the 127th Wing, Colonel Williams coordinated Michigan's assistance for two-hundred and fifty victims of Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, he has worked with the Detroit based Veterans Task Force on veterans employment issues. He has received numerous medals including the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Rodney Williams' twenty-eight years of dedicated service to our men and women of the Armed Forces and to our Country are a testament to his character and I know that his leadership will be missed by the personnel with whom he served.

TRIBUTE TO SHANE GREENLEAF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Shane Greenleaf for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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