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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.

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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.

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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 Haindfield 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 Haindfield 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. Haindfield 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. Haindfield 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. Haindfield 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.

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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.

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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.

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.

Shane Greenleaf is an Iowa native who grew up in Sioux City and is a University of Northern Iowa alumnus. At UNI, Shane met his wife Jennifer, and together they have two children, Maya and Braxten. Today, Shane is the Vice President of Commercial Banking at First American Bank where he manages a \$50 million loan portfolio. Shane's efforts in the last year have earned him and his organization numerous top lending awards. Outside of work, Shane is actively involved in leadership roles with Candeo and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa. In both facets of his life, Mr. Greenleaf 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 Shane in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Greenleaf for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Shane 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES A.
ADONIZIO AS THE GREATER
PITTSSTON PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and contributions of Mr. Charles A. Adonizio III who I congratulate on being recently named the Greater Pittston Person of the Year by the Pittston Dispatch.

Mr. Adonizio is the immediate past president of the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for Person of the Year for his work in bringing the Hometown Heroes Memorial from idea to reality on the lawn of the chamber. The memorial honors the soldiers and police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, and another who was severely wounded, from the Greater Pittston area in the past decade.

Adonizio's roots in the Greater Pittston area run deep. He was born in Pittston, graduated from Pittston Area High School, and eventually took over the area family insurance company, Atlas Insurance Group in 1982, from his father, who founded it in 1938. He later added a separate company, Atlas Realty Inc., in 1988, and the two companies are headquartered in the Keystone section of Plains Township.

He married the former Karen Delaney of Hughestown and they have two children. Kristie Adonizio, 22, is student at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., and Chad Adonizio, 21, a student at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

In 2004, both of Adonizio's businesses received the Small Business of the Year award from the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce. He is president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors, past director and president of the Greater Pittston YMCA and a founding director of Landmark Community Bank.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Charles Adonizio III on his life and contributions and

on being named the Greater Pittston Person of the Year by the Pittston Dispatch.

TRIBUTE TO MANNING DING

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 Manning Ding 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. Manning's host country for the 2012–2013 academic year is China.

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 Manning 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.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ELIZABETH "LIZ" JACKSON ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-FIFTH 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 Ms. Elizabeth Jackson and her lifelong commitment to pursuit of social justice, as she and many in the Greater Detroit area celebrate her ninety-fifth birthday. Known to many in the community simply as Liz, she is a proud Detroit resident that has spent decades serving her friends and neighbors.

Liz began her long career almost seventy years ago when she joined the Ford Motor Company at its River Rouge Aluminum Foundry. And like so many who share a passion for building a fairer and more just world, she became involved in her chapter of the United Auto Workers (UAW), Local 600. From the beginning of her involvement in the UAW, Liz was steadfast in her commitment to her brothers and sisters in labor. Over the first twenty

years of her career, her peers elected her to a number of positions on the local board. In recognition of her leadership and dedication, Liz was among the first women appointed to the International UAW in 1966, where she worked with many UAW locals of Ford Motor Company employees. At the International UAW, Liz was an active member of the team making important decisions the national negotiations of fair contracts for Ford workers.

As was the case in her professional work, Liz mirrored those same principles and actions in her volunteer work. In her role as a community activist, Liz has utilized the oration, organizing and analytical thinking skills that she honed in her work with the UAW to serve and support many organizations that share her vision of a world where opportunity is equally accessible to all. Her civic activism includes a period as Vice President of the Michigan Black Caucus and she has been an active member of the Michigan Democratic Party and the Detroit Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In further service to her community, Liz was appointed to the Detroit Fire Commission.

Even after retiring from Ford in 1983, Liz continues to remain active in the fight to build a better future for Detroit and the nation. Just last year, Liz attended the 2012 Democratic National Convention as part of the Michigan delegation and cast her vote for re-nominating President Barack Obama. She describes her time at DNC as a moment in her life that she will always remember. Whether it was an issue to her colleagues at Ford Motor and the UAW or a matter of importance to her neighbors and friends in Detroit and beyond, Liz has displayed an unwavering zeal for making the American ideal of having a fair shot at success available to all. This has earned the recognition and respect of her neighbors and community leaders that often turn to Liz for advice on issues facing Greater Detroit residents.

Mr. Speaker, Liz Jackson's ninety-fifth birthday is yet another impressive milestone in the life of a woman that has been a trailblazer for women in organized labor and public service. Her dedication to the Greater Detroit region and her brothers and sisters in organized labor have undoubtedly been an inspiration for many that have sought to serve their communities. Liz has made such a profound impact on the community she calls home and I wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO UNDERGRADUATE MOCK TRIAL TEAM CONGRATULATORY LETTER

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of New Mexico Undergraduate Mock Trial Teams.

After competing in Houston and Colorado Springs last year, the University of New Mexico Mock Trial Teams competed in a Regional Tournament in Dallas this February. At the Regional Tournament, the Mock Trial Team