

fundraising event. Mrs. Syverson is a Drake University alumnus where she met her husband, Jay, with whom she is expecting her second child. In every facet of her life, Nikki is an example of service and Iowa work ethic that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Nikki in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Syverson 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 Nikki 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.

THE 38TH ANNUAL LABOR AND COMMUNITY AWARDS RECEPTION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate several of Northwest Indiana's most devoted and proficient workers. The Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor, American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations, recognized several individuals for their dedication during the 38th Annual Labor and Community Awards Reception, which was held at Duneland Falls Banquet and Meeting Center in Chesterton, Indiana on Thursday, March 7, 2013. These individuals, in addition to the other Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are the epitome of the ideal American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

At this year's event, several individuals and organizations received special recognition. Thomas Conway Sr., United Steelworkers International Vice President, Administration, received the Service to Labor Award for assisting organized labor to improve the quality of life of workers throughout Northwest Indiana.

The Union Label Award was presented posthumously to William Cantrell and Steven Skvara, retired members of United Steelworkers and Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR), for their unselfish devotion to the Labor Movement through its promotion in all areas of endeavor: social, civic, education, and political.

Michael Flores, of Teamsters Local 142, and Eric Jania, of Carpenters Local 272, received the George Meany Award for their significant contributions to the youth of their communities through their involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

Brenda Bowler, of United Steelworkers Local 6787, was honored with the Community Services Award for her exemplary service to her community and to the enhancement of the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana.

Ray Jackson, Treasurer, United Steelworkers Local 6787, is this year's recipient of the President's Award. Mr. Jackson was honored for enhancing the well-being of workers throughout Northwest Indiana through countless contributions to further the philosophy of the Labor Movement.

The Industrial Sector Award was presented to Michael Young, Vice President, United Steelworkers Local 6103, for his leadership and support of working families throughout Northwest Indiana.

Thomas Williamson, Business Agent, Ironworkers Local 395, was the recipient of the Building Trades Award, which was bestowed upon him for his many years of service to the Labor Movement and his outstanding dedication to his fellow union members.

David Sikes, Director of Allocations/AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison for the Lake Area United Way, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of Labor activism and his commitment to his community. For the exceptional service he has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, he is worthy of our admiration and respect.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These individuals are all outstanding examples of these qualities. They have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and self-sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and exemplary citizens, as well as all of the hardworking union men and women throughout America. They have shown commitment and courage toward their pursuits, and I am proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF ELLA HAVER

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial of Miss Ella Haver, a lifelong resident of Franklin Township in Hunterdon County.

Ella Haver, whose 100th birthday was on February 21, has been rightfully recognized many times for her contributions to the local community as educator and civic leader.

Miss Haver's public service includes a long tenure as a schoolteacher and as a community volunteer. Ella Haver began her teaching career in 1935 in a one-room schoolhouse in Hamden, Clinton Township. She then taught in North Branch, Green Brook and North Plainfield. She was a science teacher at Cranford High School from 1945 to 1965, and finished her career with five years at Warren Hills Regional High School.

Ella Haver has also served for many decades as a Sunday school teacher at Clinton United Methodist Church and as a volunteer income-tax preparer.

She also volunteered as Franklin Township's senior citizen coordinator and today remains the active president of the Jennie M. Haver Scholarship Fund. The fund, named in memory of Ella's aunt, has given more than \$1.4 million in scholarships to nearly 500 Hunterdon students since 1956.

To commemorate the 100th birthday of Miss Ella Haver, her family's historical artifacts spanning more than 200 years were recently on display at the North County Branch Library in a rare exhibit of the Haver family's rich and distinguished history in Hunterdon County.

A 100th Birthday Gala is planned for Friday evening, March 15, at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. I am proud to be among those joining Miss Ella Haver in celebration of her many years of public service and accomplishments. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Ella Haver a happy birthday.

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF ROLANDO BANASCO, RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 GRADUATE RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE, ACHIEVEMENT AND TALENT AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Police Chief Rolando Banasco of Mascotte, Florida for being one of six recipients to receive the 2013 Graduate Recognition for Excellence, Achievement and Talent (GREAT) Award. This annual award is presented to successful and hard-working college graduates who have each overcome many obstacles while achieving their educational goals.

Chief Banasco has been a dedicated servant to our community throughout his 20 year law enforcement career. After receiving his Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from Keiser University, he was able to advance his career and was promoted to Chief of Police for the City of Mascotte, Florida, in December of 2011. He is the first Hispanic-Latino to serve as Police Chief in Lake County Florida. Due to the flexible nature of education provided by Keiser University, he intends to continue his education by pursuing a Doctorate in Business Administration.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I congratulate and applaud Police Chief Banasco for his diligence, commitment and leadership to his community and for his educational achievements. He is highly deserving of the 2013 GREAT Award. I wish him much success as he continues his studies, and may his investment in hard work and perseverance inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

AARON CISNEROS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aaron Cisneros for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Aaron Cisneros is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aaron Cisneros is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aaron Cisneros for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH INMAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Hannah Inman 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.

Hannah Inman serves as the Director of Communications for the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and is also the co-owner of two businesses—Maverly Lands, an agribusiness, and KDC Built, a home-building operation she owns with her husband of ten years, Mike. KDC Built was launched amid the fiscal crisis and has not only survived, but thrived as the business donates the proceeds from one house to charity. When Hannah is not juggling the responsibilities of her two businesses or the communications efforts for the largest conservation bond issue in Iowa, she also serves as a member of the Broadlawn Advocate Circle marketing committee, an executive committee member of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute class of 2011, and is a mother to her and Mike's two young children, six-year-old Maverick and Everly, who will turn two later this year. In every facet of her life, Hannah is an example of service and Iowa work ethic that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Hannah in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Inman 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 Hannah 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.

CELEBRATING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 34th anniversary

of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). Having served in this body during the passage of this historic legislation, I am happy to note the success that the Act has achieved.

When Congress debated the Act, it sought to protect the freedom and integrity of the people of Taiwan at a time when the island's future was uncertain. The TRA's success in helping to provide the climate for Taiwan's remarkable economic growth and its model democracy has proven beyond all doubt the merit of this particular agreement.

Today, Taiwan's people have one of the best health care systems in the world, which I believe we would be well-served to emulate. Its people enjoy a true democracy with all the benefits of a free people. Its economy is the envy of many nations around the world.

The Taiwan Relations Act continues to play an important role in maintaining peace in an important region of the world and I am certain that it will continue to do so for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT OF LAUREN ROJAS

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lauren Rojas, a seventh-grade student from Antioch, California, whose exceptional science experiment earned first place at the Association of Christian Schools International science fair for the Northern California region and gained the attention of the world.

Lauren launched a weather balloon 18 miles above Earth to gather atmospheric data from the troposphere. Her experiment on the air we breathe represents the benefits of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in our nation. She is a bright, dedicated young woman who is passionate about learning.

Unfortunately, less than 25 percent of all STEM jobs are held by women. We must prioritize investments in STEM education to facilitate more opportunities for women to close this gap. Lauren Rojas and her science experiment are an example of what can be accomplished if we commit to this goal.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lauren Rojas, her scientific achievement, and the upcoming generation of women scientists, engineers, and mathematicians.

DALE RUSSELL, MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dale Russell on his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Dale has seen success throughout his career, both on and off the basketball court. As a senior at Branson High School, he led the Pirate basketball team to a perfect 41–0 record, capped off by the 1955 Class B State

Championship. He was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

As a senior at Southwest Missouri State University, Dale and his teammates finished second in the National Division II Basketball Championship.

Dale went on to coach basketball for 24 years in Southwest Missouri, including his last 13 at Branson High. In addition to impacting our district's young people on the court, he taught science, health, and physical education classes.

The City of Branson, Branson High School, and the 7th District should be very proud of Dale's accomplishments. He truly represents us all in a positive manner.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dale, a phenomenal athlete, teacher, and coach on his impressive accomplishments.

ADRIAN MALFABON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Adrian Malfabon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Adrian Malfabon is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Adrian Malfabon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Adrian Malfabon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO AIMEE STAUDT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Aimee Staudt 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.

Aimee Staudt is the Director of Development for Knapp Properties, Inc. where she