

hopes it will serve as another platform to contribute to those around her. In all facets of her life, Angela 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 Angela in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Hilbert 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 Angela 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.

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call your attention to an entire profession of people dedicated to serving the most vulnerable among us. I am referring, of course, to social workers. Social workers have touched the lives of millions of individuals and families in need of emotional, psychological, economic and physical support. They have integrated themselves within our nation's social safety net in order to help meet the basic needs of all people.

These hardworking advocates do not simply provide individuals with the resources they need to resolve their life challenges; they also cultivate a sense of self-reliance to encourage individuals to create their own solutions. Social workers help connect service providers to those in need to weave an ever-growing social safety net, and I commend them for their dedication.

March was officially recognized as National Professional Social Work Month in 1984. Since then social workers around the country, in my community and in yours, have worked to spread awareness of this critical profession. They have reached out not only to service providers and those in need, but also to students and others with the potential to join this noble profession.

To those of you who have joined this hardworking, empathetic and resourceful group of people, I thank you for all the time and energy you have invested in helping others in your community. I hope that you will continue to do so, with the knowledge that your efforts have been recognized and appreciated.

RECOGNIZING ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER'S VOLUNTEERS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the St. Francis's volunteers who have dedicated their time in service and assistance to the patients of the medical center. These men and women have devoted countless hours to help those during times of need and have made a tremendous impact on the Monroe community.

Specifically, I would like to recognize 10 volunteers for contributing over 25 years of service, some of whom have reached the 30 year milestone: Barbara Roberts (25 years), Mabel Sims (25 years), Mary Hart (28 years), Pat Ham (29 years), Lucille Calk (30 years), Sandra Franklin (30 years), Syble Leigh (30 years), Carolyn Roberts (30 years), Patsy Welch (30 years), and last but not least, Angie Bruscatto (38 years).

I would also like to congratulate Ruth Beavers and Talma Turrentine for giving more than 10,000 service hours to St. Francis.

This group is certainly an inspiration to us all as they bring the gift of comfort and hope to countless patients and their families. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding each volunteer, past and present, for their admirable service and leadership.

HARRISBURG HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding victory of the Harrisburg High School Bulldogs at State Champions.

The Bulldog won the Class 2A State Championship in a 50–44 victory. I would like to congratulate Coach Randy Smithpeters, Assistant Coaches Brandon Henshaw, Richard Dwyer, Dr. Robert Hodson and Eric Griffin who have work hard to help the Harrisburg Bulldogs achieve this victory.

Members of the state championship team include: Logan Hartley, Caleb Bartok, Tyler Smithpeters, Justin Younger, Capel Henshaw, Ryne Roper, Jarren Goldman, Bahari Amaya, Anfernee Houston, Snjolfur Bjornsson, Eli Taborn-Scott, Gabe Oglesby, Jake Simerly, Carson Batts and Dakota Upchurch.

I look forward to the continued success of the Harrisburg High School Bulldogs. I extend my best wishes for another outstanding season next year.

CONGRATULATING BRURIA FINKEL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I pay tribute to Bruria Finkel, an award winning painter, sculptor, and installation artist.

Bruria has participated in over sixty art shows in the United States and Europe.

Bruria was a pioneer of the Los Angeles feminist art movement and helped found the Los Angeles Council of Women Artists (LACWA) to protest gender discrimination at LACMA in 1968.

Bruria served as a founding member and Chair of the Santa Monica Arts Commission from 1982 until 1996. She founded the Arts Foundation in the 1980s, presided as Chair of the City's Rent Control Board from 1995 to 2002, and sat on many civic committees over the years.

Bruria has richly contributed to shaping art in Southern California, and has been a long-

time leader in making California's coast a vibrant community for artists as well as the arts.

Mr. Speaker, Bruria's artistic contributions to Southern California have been an inspiration to many. She personifies how artists can shape life in a community. I am proud to have such an accomplished artist in Southern California.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL MERLE PETERSON, US ARMY (RET) AND CAPTAIN DONALD PETERSON, US NAVY (RET) REGARDING THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR SERVICE ACADEMIES AND OUR NATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Merle Peterson, US Army (Ret) and Captain Donald Peterson, US Navy (Ret) for their extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. These gentlemen served long honorable careers in the United States Military. Upon retirement, both continued to dedicate their lives to ensuring our nation's premier Service Academies attendees included the most talented nominees from the First Congressional District of Minnesota.

Colonel Peterson joined the US Army as an enlisted Soldier in 1948 and served in the Korean War. When he returned home in 1951, Colonel Peterson joined the Army Reserves, serving with the 419th and 407th Civil Affairs Companies from 1956 until 1969. Colonel Peterson attended Winona State University becoming a schoolteacher. Between St. Charles High School and Rochester Kellogg Middle School, Colonel Peterson taught for 31-years.

In 1971, the United States Military Academy selected Colonel Peterson as Academy Liaison Officer for Minnesota's First Congressional District. For over 41 years, Colonel Peterson worked with five Members of Congress of the First Congressional District; assisting over 100 candidates to attend West Point.

Captain Peterson joined the US Naval Air Reserve in 1953 as an enlisted servicemember. He served in that capacity until 1956 when drafted and inducted into the US Army where he spent the next four years. In 1959, Captain Peterson rejoined the Naval Air Reserve and had over 39 years of total military service until his retirement in 1992.

Captain Peterson attended the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology where he attained a degree in mechanical engineering. He purchased his own business, Mississippi Welder Supply Company currently located in three states with ten different branches.

In 1984, the United States Naval Academy selected Captain Peterson to be a Blue & Gold Officer. He has represented the Naval Academy in Southeastern Minnesota for 29 years. Captain Peterson interviewed countless candidates over the years helping many highly qualified Midshipmen enter the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I seek to recognize the dedication and selfless service both Colonel and Captain Peterson provided the United States Military, the United States Service Academies,

the First Congressional District of Minnesota, and our nation. For combined 70 years, Colonel and Captain Peterson assessed our best and brightest candidates, enabling these young recruits to continue the proud tradition of attending United States Service Academies. Both Colonel and Captain Peterson are patriotic Americans who deserve this nation's thanks and gratitude.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 316—94TH
NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION
CELEBRATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Legion Post

316, located in Woodstock, Georgia, which will celebrate 94 years of patriotic service on March 21, 2013.

Since the American Legion received its Congressional Charter in 1919, it has grown to more than 2.4 million members at over 14,000 posts across the world. Mr. Speaker, as the country's largest wartime veteran's organization, the National American Legion has become a leading advocate for devoted veterans, active service members, and strong communities.

In that spirit, American Legion Post 316 will honor local men and women for their exemplary service. Detective Ron Hughes, Lieutenant Matt O'Keefe, Officer Cullen Fitchett, Jenny Banas, Matt Marano, Bobby Brian Dean, James Brennan, and Eagle Scout William Harrison Stepat will receive awards for their accomplishments in Cherokee County law enforcement, firefighting, and Boy Scouts.

To American Legion Post 316, Cherokee County law enforcement, firefighters, and community leaders: On behalf of Georgia's 11th District, my deepest thanks for your service and your commitment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 63. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "yes."