

and will have lasting consequences for U.S. and international markets. U.S. financial institutions will be competitively disadvantaged that will affect how these institutions serve consumers in the derivative business as well as the commercial loan business.

Further, end-users will see a significant impact through limited competition which affects pricing and services.

My legislation will clarify the impact Basel III CVA RWA exemption for EU financial institutions will have on the U.S. economy. We can't afford to wait while Europe takes valuable market share away from U.S. companies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Financial Competitive Act of 2013 in order to ensure the law of unintended consequences doesn't place and U.S. consumers, end users, and financial institutions are not put at a disadvantage.

HONORING MIKE JACKSON

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Jackson, a distinguished wrestling coach from Ozark High School, who was recently inducted into the Missouri Wrestling Association Hall of Fame.

Mike established Ozark's wrestling program and coached there for 26 years before he retired in 2012. During the course of his tenure, Mike amassed an impressive 210–59 record, including 10 conference championships and eight district titles. His teams produced 157 state qualifiers and 49 state medalists.

Mike developed such a strong program because he instilled in his wrestlers a strong sense of character on the mat, in the classroom, and in the community. He prided himself on these qualities. During his final year of coaching, for example, he and his squad raised \$2,500 for breast cancer awareness.

The Ozark community is lucky to have had a coach, teacher, and mentor like Mike Jackson, and I am proud to recognize his accomplishments and induction into the Missouri Wrestling Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO RACHEL ROWLEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Rachel Rowley 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 cho-

sen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Rachel Rowley is a partner at the BrownWinick law firm where she practices litigation and transactional work. Before attaining her law degree from the University of Denver in Colorado, Rachel received her bachelor's degree in music education from Iowa State University. She still utilizes her passion for music through serving on the board of trustees for the Des Moines Symphony, including the audit, fundraising, and education advisory committees. Ms. Rowley also has been a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation's art festival booth since 2010 and a member of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute. Of course, Rachel's top priority is the care of her two children, Luke and Anna, who both attend the Bergman Academy in Des Moines, where Ms. Rowley serves as a board member and legal counsel. In all facets of her life, Rachel 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 Rachel in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Ms. Rowley 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 Rachel 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 SUPPORT OF CATCHING UP TO 1968 ACT OF 2013

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, these statements and findings are made in support of the "Catching Up to 1968 Act of 2013."

In determining that it is time to raise the minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour and index it to inflation, Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Since 1968, the minimum wage has lost nearly one-third of its value. Had it kept pace with inflation since then, the federal minimum wage would be \$10.67 today.

(2) Given that the minimum wage has not kept pace with inflation, more than thirty million low-wage workers are making less today than low-wage workers did 45 years ago in 1968.

(3) As the cost of living increased in the past several decades, the reduced purchasing power of the minimum wage has made it more difficult for low-wage workers to pay for basic necessities such as housing, transportation, food, and healthcare.

(I) Housing prices have nearly doubled; the median value of owner-occupied properties has increased by about 80 percent between 1970 and 2009.

(II) The cost of a gallon of motor vehicle gasoline has increased more than 60 percent from 1978 to 2012 according to U.S. Energy Information data.

(III) The average cost of health insurance premiums has skyrocketed. According to U.S. Census figures, from 1990 to 2009, health in-

surance costs per capita have more than doubled, increasing 102 percent. The average annual cost of employer-sponsored family health insurance premiums increased 89 percent from 1999 to 2011. Workers bore more of that load, with the average worker contribution toward employer-sponsored health insurance increasing by 94 percent. On top of this, an increasing number of medical expenses and services are not paid for by health insurance, resulting in dramatically increasing out-of-pocket expenses—27 percent from 1996 to 2009—for families.

(IV) Since just 1994, the average cost for a family of four to provide food for the family has increased about 10 percent, according to figures from the USDA's monthly estimates of food plans.

(4) The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, \$15,080 annually, does not even meet the U.S. Census Bureau's poverty threshold for a family of two or the Department of Health and Human Service's poverty guidelines for a family of two, both of which are above \$15,000 per year.

(5) Worker productivity has more than doubled since the 1960s, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics' data, yet all that low-wage workers have received for their effort is the declining value of the minimum wage.

(6) The failure of Congress to make sure that the minimum wage keeps pace with inflation has exacerbated income inequality in this country and placed the American Dream out of reach for many hard-working low-wage workers in this country. At the same time that the minimum wage has lost nearly one-third of its value, the average income of the top 1 percent of taxpayers has skyrocketed. The threshold for a family's annual income to be considered in the top 1 percent of taxpayers increased from about \$75,000 in 1968 to over \$1 million in 2011. Adjusting for inflation, the annual income of the top one percent has more than doubled in that time, increasing 110 percent. Just before the recent financial crisis, the incomes of the top one percent had nearly tripled from 1968 to 2007, increasing by 196 percent.

(7) The top 100 highest paid CEOs all made over \$15 million last year. The highest paid CEO made over \$131 million in 2012, the equivalent of almost \$63,000 per hour—\$10,000 more than the median annual household income in the United States.

(8) Though the United States economy has begun to recover from the recent financial crisis, the unemployment rate is still 7.7 percent and there still remain 28.6 million unemployed or underemployed. Raising the minimum wage would help stimulate the economy and create jobs.

(I) Raising the minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour would give a raise to more than 30 million workers, add a net increase of over \$30 billion in economic activity, and create more than 140,000 new jobs.

(II) According to a Chicago Federal Reserve study, for every dollar increase to the hourly pay of a minimum wage worker, the result is \$2,800 in new spending from that worker's household over the year.

(9) Two-thirds of low-wage workers are employed by large, profitable corporations.

(10) Many large, multi-national corporations pay higher minimum wages in Canada and Europe, and still remain profitable.

(11) Without raising the minimum wage and indexing it to inflation, it becomes more likely

that low-wage workers will fall further into poverty and be more reliant on government services like food stamps, Medicaid, welfare, and the earned income tax credit. These government services are paid for by the taxpayers and other small businesses. In this sense, many small businesses that already pay their employees more than the federal minimum wage end up subsidizing the profitability of their large corporate competitors. This is a perversion of capitalism. Raising the minimum wage would not put small businesses like this at a competitive disadvantage, but could in fact help them. For instance, according to the MO Healthnet Employer Report, in Missouri during the first quarter of 2011 (the most recent data) the total cost to the state of the 50 employers whose employees rely most heavily on Medicaid was about \$43.5 million. According to data from the state Department of Job and Family Services, the State of Ohio paid \$111.5 million in 2007 for Medicaid costs for workers and their dependents at 50 employers statewide.

(12) Nearly two-thirds of minimum wage workers are women. A greater proportion of minimum wage workers are black (15 percent) or Hispanic (20.2 percent) than of the population as a whole (13.1 percent black, and 16.7 percent Hispanic).

(13) The United States has one of the lowest minimum wages when compared with other Western, industrialized countries. Australia's minimum wage is more than double the minimum wage in the United States—at about \$16 per hour. Of ten countries with minimum wages higher than the United States', eight of them have unemployment rates lower than ours, based on the most recent data available.

(14) Poll after poll has shown that about 70 percent of the American public supports increasing the minimum wage.

HONORING NEWBRIDGE SERVICES

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor NewBridge Services in Pompton Plains, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2013.

In the latter portion of 1962, local ministers were taken aback by the exponential increase in counseling requests within the Pequannock Valley area. This prompted a group of concerned citizens to meet and discuss mental health needs of the people in their surrounding areas. From this meeting the Northeast Morris County Guidance Center was founded under Reverend Donner B. Atwood of the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains. The name of the facility was soon changed to the Pequannock Valley Mental Health Center, which began serving on December 23rd, 1963. This center was initially intended to carry out mental health services for adults and children in Butler, Kinnelon, Lincoln Park, Montville, Pequannock, and Riverdale. Rapid growth over the next decade extended the programs to the areas of Boonton, Boonton Township, East Hanover, and Mountain Lakes.

In 1977, due to the addition of several new programs, the Health Center nearly tripled in

size. These new programs included the Transitional Care Program, which was able to provide the Day Treatment Center with full time help for psychiatric emergencies, boarding home services, and counseling for at-risk clients. The Youth Services Bureau was also created to meet the ever-growing mental health needs of adolescents in the servicing towns.

In 1980, the Outreach Program, designed to help additional at-risk clients, was established alongside Project 70001, and the Youth Employment Program, intended to help troubled children and adults obtain jobs. Moreover, in 1986 the center expanded further by adding the Project Families Youth-In-Touch program and the Adolescent Partial Care program in 1987, aimed at helping troubled members of young society become more aware of their problems in order to overcome them. Finally, in June of 1998 the name of center was changed to NewBridge, effectively becoming responsible for almost all public mental health service in the upper portion of Passaic County.

NewBridge's goal has always been to provide children, individuals and families with substance abuse treatment and outpatient counseling. They also seek to empower the children, parents, teachers, and communities they serve to coordinate their own efforts in assisting those who are struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues. NewBridge is able to continually be effective through its 175 trained professionals that serve throughout the 16 municipalities in Morris and Passaic Counties. These professionals include adolescent and clinical nurse specialists, addiction and domestic violence professionals, care managers, and therapists concentrated in marriage and family problems. NewBridge also employs highly trained nutritionists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers.

By means of services, facilities, and employees dedicated to consistently helping members of the community, NewBridge has impacted the Morris and Passaic areas through state-of-the-art constructive methods of support and personal education. Children and adults can now receive the proper care and advice they deserve. This assistance has made these 16 municipalities happier and healthier places to live.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in congratulating NewBridge Services as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

HONORING THE GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA OF ST. GEORGE

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. VAN. HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Greek Orthodox Youth of America, GOYA, of St. George in Bethesda, Maryland for their outstanding accomplishment in the GOYA tournament that was held in Baltimore, Maryland this past weekend.

Both the young men and women of the youth group won their respective championships in hard-fought games teeming with

sportsmanship and Christian fellowship. In spirited competition, these young men and women represented their community with pride. Although both teams—trailed in their semi-final and championship games, every player battled back with heart and outstanding sportsmanship and won not only the competition but the respect of their fellow teammates and their opponents.

I am proud of the St. George GOYA and look forward to their continued leadership in serving our community, excelling on the basketball court, and working hard in their academic, personal and spiritual pursuits.

HONORING THE ONE CAMPUS CHAPTER AT UTEP

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the ONE Campus chapter at the University of Texas at El Paso, UTEP.

This spirited group of college students competed in the ONE Campus' Valentine's Day challenge, which encouraged students across the country to write to their elected representatives urging them to support international poverty-fighting programs.

ONE Campus is under the ONE organization umbrella. With 300 million members around the world, this organization was founded to combat extreme poverty and preventable diseases.

The UTEP chapter won the "To Washington With Love" challenge after collecting more than 120 handwritten letters and over 500 petition signatures and new member signups. Those messages were personally delivered to my office where my office and I got the message loud and clear about the importance of preserving these lifesaving programs.

I could not be more proud of these students. Go Miners for winning the challenge and taking such an active role in the democratic process!

TRIBUTE TO KEEGAN KAUTZKY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

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

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Keegan Kautzky serves as the Director of National Education Programs of the World