

Along with the student population, Bryant-Denny Stadium was expanded during Dr. Witt's presidency, from 84,000 to 101,821 seats, and now sports three more national championship title flags.

Under his guidance, The University of Alabama campus has also seen \$1.5 billion in new construction and has expanded by 168 acres with the purchase of the historic Bryce Hospital property.

Dr. Witt began his distinguished 36-year higher education career in the state of Texas in 1968, joining the business school faculty at University of Texas at Austin. He was named the Zale Corporation Centennial Professor in Business in 1983 and bestowed the Mortimer Centennial Professorship in Business two years later. After rising through the ranks as chair and associate dean, Dr. Witt was named dean of the business school in 1985. He was elected president of University of Texas at Arlington in 1995 and served until 2003.

Dr. Robert Witt received his B.A. in economics from Bates College, his M.B.A. from Tuck School at Dartmouth College, and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. In 2011, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

As the Chancellor of the University of Alabama School System, Dr. Witt works closely with UA President Judith L. Bonner, UAB President Ray L. Watts and UAH President Ralph A. Altenkirch to constantly raise the bar of expectations by providing the taxpayers of Alabama with a first-class educational experience.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I would like to extend my personal congratulations to Dr. Witt as he marks his decade of service at The University of Alabama system, and wish him, and his lovely wife, Sandee, all the best.

HONORING THE 2013 CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTESTANTS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2013 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Forty-nine young men and women participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Samantha Kutnik from Boonton High School for her pen, ink, and colored pencil entitled, "Breathe." Second place was awarded to Antonia Chan from Chatham High School for her acrylic entitled, "The Companion." Third place was awarded to James Quinn from Pequannock Township High School for his markers entitled, "The Whale."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Kayla Stammer from Boonton High School for her

copper and mixed media entitled, "Poseidon's Menagerie," John Lu from Hanover Park High School for his acrylic entitled, "Power to the People," Austin Dimare from Morris Catholic High School for his charcoal entitled, "The Coming Home" and Amanda Green from Pequannock Township High School for her oil pastel entitled, "Into the Woods."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries for the official record.

Boonton High School: Samantha Kutnik "Breathe;" Franchesca Lebrun "Freedom;" Diana Lin "Humble Life;" Kayla Stammer "Poseidon's Menagerie."

Chatham High School: Olivia Quinn Antao "Hip;" Antonia Chan "The Companion;" Megan Gesell "Crochet Blankets;" Nina Krill "Reflection."

Delbarton School: Austin Crann "Rockefeller Plaza;" Nicole Okomuro "The Panda Family;"

Hanover Park High School: John Lu "Power to the People;" Abby Prokop "Grandpa, My American Hero."

James Caldwell High School: Tina Janulis "Manhattan Moment."

Livingston High School: Michelle Bao "Forever Unchanged;" Rebecca Popper "A Diamond in a Rhinestone World;" Emma Siegel "Prague Guard Illusion;" Christina Torrens "Enigma."

Madison High School: Teri Minogue "What is Family?"

Montville High School: Caitlyn Corradino "Alex;" Halli Goldsmith "Boonton Railroad;" Danielle Margiotta "Promiscuous;" Kyuri Park "Reflection."

Morris Catholic High School: Kristen Cregg "Papa's Flag;" Austin Dimare "The Coming Home;" Michael Giostra "M&M Restoration."

Morris Knolls High School: Victoria Chebisev "Searching for Alaska;" Camille Chow "Collarbones;" Lianna Rubinaccio "Chained."

Morristown High School: Marissa Miyashiro "Secrets;" Laura Wills "Rumors."

Nutley High School: Alexandre Beaufort "Journey through the Mind;" Yuko Okabe "Violinist;" Olivia Russell "Grunge Self Portrait;" Tyler Schoeber "Robinson."

Parsippany Christian School: Jessica Carducci "Scarlet Fever;" Nicholas McMillen "Playtime;" Theodore Stiles "Table Set."

Parsippany Hills High School: Yuchien "Bettina" Chou "Light Market."

Passaic Valley High School: Michele Lameiras "Imagination Takes Flight;" Taylor Panas "Eye Can See It, Can You?;" Challice Zaleski "Confusions and Questions of a Teenage Girl."

Pequannock High School: Amanda Green "Into the Woods;" Meghan Hallisey "Soaring Bones;" James Quinn "The Whale;" Angelika Stefanides "Always and Forever."

Randolph High School: Kyna Horten "Reso;" Madeline Klingeman "Surrender Imagination;" Josh Lane "Urban Belief;" Kelly Mulligan "Conch."

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on April 11, I missed rollcall votes numbered 97, 98, and 99 because I was at the White House on official business.

Rollcall No. 97 was a vote on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 146, To Provide for Consideration of H.R. 1120, Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relation. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 98 was a vote on agreeing to H. Res. 146, To Provide for Consideration of H.R. 1120, Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relation. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 99 was a vote on Approving the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATING SECRETARY MARY SELECKY ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Mary Selecky, the Washington State Secretary of Health, on her retirement.

Secretary Selecky has served three governors since first being appointed Acting Secretary by Gov. Gary Locke in October 1998. Her nearly fifteen years as Washington's Secretary of Health make her one of the longest-serving state health leaders in the country.

Before being named Secretary, Selecky was the administrator for the Northeast Tri County Health District in Washington for nearly 20 years and 2013 marks her 38th year in public service.

During her time as Secretary, she has served the public through trying times, including the Nisqually earthquake, the days following 9/11, bioterrorism threats, and outbreaks of mad cow disease and whooping cough. With her staff, she has helped make the Puget Sound cleaner and shellfish safer. She has also worked to make the Washington State Department of Health a trusted, credible source of health information, and has helped to develop one of the strongest local-state public health relationships in the nation.

Secretary Selecky has made it her mission to implement a preventative health care program in our state that is effective and which can serve as a model for the nation. Under Selecky's leadership, Washington's adult smoking rate has dropped 30 percent and youth smoking rates are down by half. Childhood vaccination rates are also the highest in years. It is clear that Selecky's work will ripple

through the generations and we will be healthier for her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Mary Selecky on her retirement and for her longtime service to Washington State.

**NATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE
PASSENGER RAIL TRANSPORTATION-ORIENTED
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013**

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, along with Representative LIPINSKI, I am introducing legislation to stimulate the financing of passenger rail development from revenues generated from transportation oriented development.

The National High Performance Passenger Rail Transportation Oriented Development Act aims to capture some of the increasing value of commercial development around station areas, which in turn would help finance rail corridor infrastructure and operational expenses. Besides providing a funding stream for intercity and passenger operations, the initiative places emphasis on intermodal connectors to create vibrant communities along the corridor. The legislation aims to begin a major public private partnership initiative that will revitalize America's rail infrastructure to create a true third passenger transportation option to highways and aviation while at the same time creating intermodal access for communities.

Under the proposal, the U.S. Department of Transportation will retain a Planning Developer who will establish guidelines for transportation oriented development programs, including special assessment districts or similar mechanisms to capture revenues from increasing commercial value. Rail corridor development funds will be established at the regional level to capture increasing real estate values. A stream of those revenues will be directed to support rail passenger operations.

The proposal permits qualified projects to apply for federal incentives to finance construction and produce jobs. These incentives will include direct access to existing Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Transit Administration programs. The initiative will be staffed by existing employees and remain revenue neutral in that all program activities, including the work of the Planning Developer, will be repaid once the high performance rail service and commercial development is implemented and generating revenues.

I hope that this bill will open a discussion on the possibilities and potential promise of passenger rail development in the U.S.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saint Thomas More Parish

in Fairfield, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2013.

The St. Thomas More Parish has been a staple of religious excellence in the Township of Fairfield over the past half a century. Founded in 1962, the parish has grown steadily, and today is made up of different groups of people within its organization to assist its parishioners. This includes the Pastoral Council that was put in place to assess the needs of the church and decide its future paths. The council is made up of members of the community in addition to the pastor and two other members of the parish's staff. They pride themselves on always being available to hear concerns, ideas, and opinions of the parish members.

Furthermore, St. Thomas More provides consistent adult education to those looking to learn more about their religion. Often times, these educators are taken directly from the community or surrounding parishes. The adult program is coupled with the Baptismal Team which provides new, young parents with education on how to properly prepare one another for their children to be baptized and how to cope with bringing an infant into their lives. The team not only helps guide them, but participates in the baptism and follows up with the family in the forthcoming months in order to maintain a continued relationship.

St. Thomas More takes great responsibility in ensuring the proper religious education for children who partake in the CCD program. Available from the ages of kindergarten to ninth grade, there are individuals trained to demonstrate and teach the concepts of Catholicism to the children. The Parish has said that, "The goal is to have the children realize that being a Catholic Christian is a way of life. It is a spiritual journey that one walks to grow in faith, to make a Christian difference in the world." These instructors work together to guarantee they are on the same page at all times.

The Parish also offers intense spiritual programs, such as Cornerstone, that enable men and women to take part in a 26 hour retreat, intended to bring to light a buried sense of faith and show these adults that they are not alone in their struggles. Sponsored by the lead Pastor, the church offers many social groups such as Bible study, prayer groups, adult, children, and bell choirs, high school music ensembles, senior clubs, and various committees. Specifically these committees include an Evangelization committee, a Stewardship committee, a Eucharist committee, and a music committee that oversees all music in the Church.

Lastly, St. Thomas More continually strives to give back to those who need assistance in the community. They do this through programs such as the Giving Tree during Christmas, a food pantry year round, soup kitchens, and a Homebound Ministry that provides elderly members of the community with volunteers to assist with their needs. Moreover, their Annual Carnival has become an important part of the season, allowing community members to celebrate the word of God with fellow parishioners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Thomas More Parish as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

**RECOGNIZING THE ARIZONA
STATE MUSEUM ON THE 120TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING**

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Arizona State Museum on the 120th anniversary of its founding.

Established by the territorial legislature in 1893, Arizona State Museum is the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the region, focusing on the indigenous cultures of Arizona, the American Southwest, and northern Mexico.

The museum's seminal field research in the early 20th century is the foundation on which the very discipline of Southwest anthropology sits.

The museum's laboratory research sets worldwide standards in object preservation.

The museum's collections research continues to inform the world about the ancient, historic, and present-day southwestern cultures of this great nation.

The museum's award-winning and nationally recognized exhibits and public programs celebrate the vibrant and enduring cultures of the region with international audiences.

The museum's archaeological repository is the largest and busiest state-run facility in the country.

The museum is a national model in working with Arizona's tribal leadership under NAGPRA, to repatriate items of cultural heritage, having respectfully returned or reinterred thousands of sets of human remains and funerary objects. The museum began this important work years before NAGPRA became law and continues to be a leader in this effort. Last year, an Arizona State Museum/Bureau of Indian Affairs joint project transferred 1,148 sets of human remains and 2,827 funerary objects to the Hopi, Zuni, and White Mountain Apache tribes.

As it cares for millions of artifacts in perpetuity, the museum is home to the world's largest collections of Southwest Indian pottery and American Indian basketry—both collections having been designated American Treasures.

Best wishes to Arizona State Museum, itself a National Treasure, after a century and a score of national leadership in research, preservation, collections care, and public outreach.

**NATIONAL RETIREMENT
PLANNING WEEK**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Retirement Planning Week. National Retirement Planning Week is an important effort to get more Americans thinking about their long-term financial goals, and building toward a strong foundation for a financially secure future.

The recent economic downturn illustrated how retirement planning for many in America