

Southwest State University. Dr. Welty also served at the State University of New York as Director of Residences, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, and Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development. Additionally, he served as Vice President for Student and University Affairs at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and subsequently served as the President for seven years. Dr. Welty's many years of experience and expertise prepared him well to serve as President at Fresno State.

To say that Dr. Welty made a difference around the Fresno State campus is a vast understatement. With the help of faculty and staff, he truly changed Fresno State for the better, and we must express our gratitude for all of his efforts. In the last 22 years, Dr. Welty has increased enrollment, and each year reduced the number of students that drop out. The university currently offers 62 bachelor degrees, 45 master degrees, and three doctoral subject areas. Students from all over the nation are drawn to Fresno State for a number of reasons, including the Smittcamp Family Honors College within the university, an honors programs created with Dr. Welty at the helm.

Dr. Welty's leadership ensured that students of all cultures and socio-economic backgrounds knew that there was a place for them at Fresno State—by doing this he served as a catalyst for the success of our Valley and the enrichment of the university environment. Two-thirds of the students enrolled at Fresno State will be the first in their family to graduate from college. Furthermore, Women's athletics and women's intercollegiate sports program have grown and flourished under Dr. Welty's time as university president. His legacy at Fresno State will live on for years to come because of his commitment to student success.

Additionally, several institutes and centers at Fresno State have been created during Dr. Welty's tenure, including the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute, the Central Valley Health Policy Institute, and the Maddy Institute. These centers provide students with imperative resources and knowledge in their respective fields.

With Dr. Welty and dedicated staff at the helm, the university received private gifts totaling more than \$360 million which supported innovative programs, scholarships, faculty chairs, and research facilities. The Campaign for Fresno State surpassed its goal and raised \$214.2 million to help offset declining state resources.

In addition to all of his successes at Fresno State, Dr. Welty has accomplished many feats within the California State University, CSU, System, and he has served in various capacities to help in educational improvements nationwide. He is the former chair of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges senior accrediting commission, and former chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities board.

Dr. Welty has previously served on advisory groups to the United States Departments of Agriculture and Education, and formerly chaired the Renaissance Group, a national organization of universities dedicated to improved teacher education programs. Dr. Welty is also the current Chair of the Cal State Online Advisory Board, as well as the CSU Gender Equity Monitoring Committee. Furthermore, he has

worked diligently on a nationwide effort to reduce substance abuse and improve prevention on college campuses.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join Mr. NUNES and myself in recognizing Dr. John Welty for his great service and commitment to Fresno State and its surrounding community. As a Fresno State alumnus, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments that have been made under Dr. Welty's guidance, and I thank him for his many contributions toward improving California State University, Fresno.

CONGRATULATING THE TELACU EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation, a non-profit organization based in my 40th Congressional District, on the celebration of their 30th anniversary.

TELACU, which stands for The East Los Angeles Community Union, is a pioneer in empowering and revitalizing communities in our great state of California and throughout our nation. In response to crisis-level dropout rates for Latino students in college, TELACU created the TELACU Education Foundation 25 years ago. Working in partnership with a vast network of colleges, universities, corporations and individuals, the TELACU Education Foundation has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to thousands of deserving students.

As the centerpiece of the foundation, the TELACU Scholarship Program annually provides scholarships to 500 college and graduate students who are the first in their families to access higher education. Realizing that financial resources alone cannot fully meet these students' needs, the program provides the scholars with comprehensive academic and career guidance to ensure that all of them graduate.

The foundation also serves an additional 1,600 middle and high school students, nursing school students, and veterans. Through comprehensive educational programs, these scholars are not only inspired to pursue higher education, but are also equipped to meet the rigorous expectations of college. As a result, 100 percent of TELACU's high school students earn their high school diploma and continue on to pursue post-secondary education and 100 percent of the TELACU college students graduate.

TELACU scholars are recruited from the poorest neighborhoods of Southern California, Chicago, Texas, and New York. In many of these neighborhoods, young African Americans and Latinos are more likely to have been arrested by their 18th birthday than to graduate high school. Yet TELACU scholars have proven year after year—no matter where you were born, the color of your skin, or what language you speak at home—if you study and work hard, you can become anything you want to be in our great United States of America.

And hard work and study are exactly what TELACU scholars do. Scholars like Irma Gorrocino have utilized the benefits of the

TELACU Education Foundation scholarship and the resources provided. She has served on the dean's list for two consecutive semesters while managing to work full-time and tending to the needs of her father, who was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma. She is also an outstanding intern in my district office in California.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the TELACU Education Foundation's 30th Anniversary, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing David and Priscilla Lizárraga for their exemplary leadership and commendable efforts to empower our young people and our communities, and wish them and the TELACU Education Foundation many years of continued success ahead. I also thank Irma and all of the TELACU scholars for their hard work and contributions to our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH PRITTS ON HIS OFFERS OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Joseph Pritts of Cygnet, Ohio has been offered appointments to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Joseph has accepted the offer to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Joseph's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Joseph brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Elmwood High School in Bloomdale, Ohio, Joseph was on the Honor Roll and was President of the National Honor Society his senior year.

Throughout high school, Joseph was active in gymnastics and his school's track and field and golf teams and earning varsity letters for each sport. In addition, Joseph was Secretary of Student Council and a member of the Spanish Club. I am confident that Joseph will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joseph Pritts on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Joseph will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING 11 RESIDENTS OF BROWARD COUNTY SELECTED FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 11 outstanding seniors from my district that have been selected to be part of the Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Through the generous donation of their time and resources, these exemplary seniors have displayed a level of commitment to public service that can be admired by all.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County offers this annual distinction to seniors who have dedicated themselves to improving their community in South Florida. From ordinary citizens and businesspeople to public servants and advocates, they have gone above and beyond to serve both the elderly and those in need. The amount of time, money, and effort these individuals have expended for the betterment of their community is truly admirable and exhibits a level of passion worthy of recognition.

Congratulations to Judge Arthur Birken, Florida Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, Josephine D'Espies, Pauline Grant, William Giroux, Sandra Harris, Dr. Robert Levy, June and John McCarthy, John Primeau, and Margaret Reilly on their election to the 2013 Senior Hall of Fame. I hope that by honoring them they can continue to inspire South Floridians to live by their example.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANE COMPANY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Trane Company. Trane is an innovative global leader in the area of heating and air conditioning systems and employs over 29,000 in over 400 locations, including 300 employees in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

A true American success story, Trane was started by Norwegian immigrant, James Trane. After working some time as a plumber and steamfitter, James opened a plumbing shop in 1885 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He drew inspiration from the cold winters and invented a new low-pressure heating system named the Trane Vapor Heating System. His son Reuben was born the next year. Following Reuben's completion of a degree in mechanical engineering in 1910, father and son went into business together in 1913 and incorporated the Trane Company. Reuben Trane's invention of the convector radiator in 1923 is what cemented Trane as an innovator and paved the way for the company's success in the years to come.

As many are aware, Midwest summers can be as hot as our winters are cold. Therefore, it was fitting that in 1931, the Trane Company pioneered air conditioning technology to give people relief from the blistering summer

heat. The company further revolutionized the concept of air conditioning in large buildings with the 1938 launch of the Turbovac, the first hermetic, centrifugal refrigeration machine. This model paved the way for the CenTraVac®, a revolutionary technology which has become the industry standard for large commercial air conditioning systems and the most energy efficient of its kind. Trane continued to grow with the acquisition of Sentinel Electronics in the 1970s, entering into the building automation and management field. This allowed the company to be the first to offer integrated controls for all their products. In 1984, Trane was able to acquire General Electric's Central Air Conditioning Division and continue its success into the area of residential air conditioning.

Trane's 100 years of groundbreaking work has not only generated quality heat and cooling systems, but created a brand that is renowned for superior quality and excellent customer service. Trane is equally committed to pursuing energy efficiency and has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the "Best of the Best" in commercial air conditioning systems.

Mr. Speaker, many people both inside and outside the industry are aware of the Trane company motto, "It's hard to stop a Trane." In honor of the thousands of employees who have built Trane from a small family plumbing company to a century old global leader in high efficiency and innovative technology in the heating and cooling industry, I am pleased to submit this statement.

HONORING DR. JOHN HALVERSON

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dr. John Halverson, Superintendent of the Sylvan Union School District, who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to our community.

Dr. Halverson began his teaching career in Bangor, California, in 1977, after serving his country in the United States Army. In 1980, he was promoted to Superintendent/Principal at Bangor Union Elementary School District—a position he held for 5 years. In 1985, he moved to Jackson, California, and was appointed as Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services at Amador County Unified School District in 1988. In 1994, he was appointed Superintendent of the Nevada City School District. Dr. Halverson came to Stanislaus County in 2003, where he will be concluding his career at Sylvan Union School District after 10 years as Superintendent.

Dr. John Halverson was integral in the implementation of middle schools for Amador County Unified School District. He was also behind the establishment of the 1994 Charter in Nevada City—the School of the Arts. He oversaw construction of three new schools in the Sylvan Union School District and was at the helm of seeing the 2006 passage of Measure A, a school bond for modernizing projects. For the last 24 years, Dr. Halverson has overseen fiscal stability in three school districts as Superintendent.

Over the years, Dr. Halverson has been recognized with many awards including 1997 Ne-

vada County Charter Superintendent of the Year and 2001 Nevada County Administrator of the Year. In 2013, the Stanislaus County Chapter of the California Teachers Association recognized him with a CTA School Bell Award. In addition, he volunteers with many organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Modesto, Amador County Arts Council, 49er Breakfast Rotary Club, and the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Dr. John Halverson, Sylvan Union School District Superintendent, for his numerous years of selfless service to the betterment our community.

HONORING THE EASTERN IOWA HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over eighty Iowa World War II and Korean War veterans will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, they will visit the monuments that were built in their honor.

For many, today will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I am deeply honored to join them for their visit to the National World War II Memorial to personally thank these heroes for their service to our nation and to pay tribute to the incredible sacrifice that they made for our country.

We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude. As a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, I am proud to have a piece of marble in my office from the quarry that was used to build the World War II Memorial. Our World War II and Korean War veterans rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. Their generation and our country did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, the Greatest Generation defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people. Their legacy endures today.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War and the Korean War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.