

one of the newer airports in America. And, as the home of Tyndall Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Panama City, and more than 22,000 veterans, Bay County enjoys a rich military history.

On this date, April 24, 2013, the day of Bay County's centennial, I am proud to join with friends, neighbors, and local and county officials from Panama City, Panama City Beach, Lynn Haven, Springfield, Parker, Callaway, Mexico Beach, and the unincorporated areas of our county to celebrate our proud past and bright future.

HONORING JACK AND VIOLET
HAROUNIAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack and Violet Harounian, Dinner Chairpersons of the Aleh Foundation Awards Dinner.

Aleh Foundation's distinguished Dinner Chairperson Jack Harounian was born in Teheran, Iran in 1928. Jack had hoped to attend Teheran University Medical School to help the local Jewish community but was accepted in Dental College. Because of the outbreak of World War II and the very difficult day to day economic situation, he was not able to attend. At age 18, after passing exams, Mr. Harounian became the youngest staff member of the Imperial Bank of Iran office in Teheran. At age 20, he volunteered to attend the War Faculty and became a Battalion Officer of King Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi. In that position Jack served for 18 months in "Padeghan Jay" near Mehrabad Airport in Teheran. He then returned to the bank at a higher position until Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mosaddegh nationalized the banking and oil industry in Iran. Jack got married in 1957 to his lovely bride Violet Ohebshalom at the age of 29 in Tehran and they enjoyed a honeymoon in Israel in 1957. Today they are blessed with two daughters, one son and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Harounian moved the family to the U.S. in 1970. After he started a business importing woolen piece goods, then shifted to become an exporter of handmade oriental rugs. After three decades he became one of the largest rug exporters in the U.S. At age 20, when the State of Israel was established, and later, at the time of their honeymoon, Jack began to think how he could help the people of Israel and Jews around the world. Some 25 years ago he decided to help hospitals and upgrade the quality of health-care services in Israel. In 1980 he organized and led fund raising efforts on behalf of Magen David Hospital in Calcutta, India.

In 1990, Violet miraculously survived a very serious illness. In the words of Jack, "G-d gave me back my wife." In appreciation, he agreed to become the International Chairman of Iranian Friends of Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. In that position, Mr. Harounian began to raise funds for Shaare Zedek, not just in New York but across the country and around the world. In all of these trips he had the warm support and encouragement of Violet who is deeply proud of her husband's efforts to care for the sick and disabled in Israel.

He has worked tirelessly on behalf of Shaare Zedek, year after year, putting in countless hours of time each week. At his own expense, Mr. Harounian has placed ads in all major Persian language news media in New York and Los Angeles as well as in the Jewish Week and Jerusalem Post. Jack takes his responsibility as International Chairman very seriously. On behalf of Shaare Zedek he has travelled to Boston, Washington D.C., Chicago, Miami, and overseas to Germany, Switzerland, France, Australia, New Zealand, England and Spain to meet with members of the local Persian Jewish community. Jack has personally paid for all hotels and air expenses for himself and his wife.

In recognition of his exceptional activities which have greatly benefited the health and well-being of the people of Jerusalem, Jack was honored at the Iranian Community Solidarity Gala Dinner Dance in celebration of Jerusalem's 2000 birthday in 1996, sponsored by Shaare Zedek.

This was followed two years later by Mr. Harounian being designated by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert a "Trustee of the City of Jerusalem" at festivities in Jerusalem celebrating Israel's 50th birthday. This is a special, rare honor of distinction that is presented to those individuals outside Israel who have made an exceptional contribution toward the betterment of the people of Jerusalem.

Because of his widespread reputation as a philanthropist supporting Israel, Jack was approached by the Aleh Foundation in 2001. He was deeply moved to hear about the dream of building a Rehabilitation Village. The estimated cost of the project was a daunting \$45 million.

After visiting the Aleh Center in Jerusalem and meeting with our special children and talking with the exceptional staff, Mr. Harounian threw himself wholeheartedly into this endeavor. Jack was kind enough to open his beautiful home in Kings Point for a fund-raising event that featured Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as the guest speaker. Mr. Harounian is an esteemed honorary board member. He makes it a priority to participate in all of the Aleh Foundation's fund raising events in NY and in Israel and spends an enormous amount of time introducing friends, neighbors and business associates to the vital work of the Foundation.

Over the years Mr. Harounian has devoted countless hours of his time, energy and money to helping Aleh expand its extraordinary facilities while continuing his wonderful work for Shaare Zedek and many other worthy causes in Israel. When asked why he worked so hard on behalf of the Aleh Foundation, Mr. Harounian replied, "It is wonderful that 12,000 parents can go to work each day with peace of mind, knowing that the Aleh Foundation, with its excellent and caring staff is taking care of their disabled children."

Mrs. Violet Harounian, besides warm support and encouragement, donated a very special ambulance to Magen David Adom in 1900 to Israel. She is active, in many other non-profit organizations in Israel such as Hadasah and Ort and so on. It is a distinct honor and a privilege to have Jack and Violet serve as Dinner Chairpersons of Aleh Foundation Awards Dinner celebrating 29 years of service to disabled children in Israel.

MATT LEWIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Matt Lewis for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Matt Lewis is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Matt Lewis 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 Matt Lewis 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.

HONORING MR. GEORGE J. PAPPAS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of myself, Representative CONAWAY from Texas, Representative LOBIONDO from New Jersey, Representative NUNES from California, Mr. ROGERS from Michigan, and Representative THORNBERRY from Texas to honor Mr. George J. Pappas, Professional Staff Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel.

During his time with the House Intelligence Committee, Mr. Pappas traveled extensively on bi-partisan congressional delegations, leading world-wide congressional trips for individual Members of Congress and group delegations. He has specific knowledge and expertise in engaging partner allies and emerging democracies from Eastern Europe, East Asia, and Western Africa. He advised bipartisan Members of the House on issues related to national security, cyber security, nuclear non-proliferation, global conflict, military intelligence operations, and institutional organizations within the Department of Defense.

Before serving as an exceptional policy advisor, he dedicated 24 years to active military service, holding a number of command and staff assignments including Deputy Commander United States Special Operation Command—Korea and Chief of Civil Affairs, United States Forces Korea. He also served as Operations Officer, Company Commander and Special Forces Detachment Command, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); and Battery Commander and Brigade Fire Support Office in the 82nd Airborne Division.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint

Service Achievement Medal, Four Army Achievement Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, three Overseas Service Ribbons, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, two Army Superior Unit Awards, and the Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab.

Mr. Pappas received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Saint Bonaventure University and his Masters of Science in Resource Management from Troy University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Special Forces Qualification Course, Air Command and Staff College, U.S. Army Force Management School, and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Mr. Speaker, George Pappas has dedicated his career in service of his country, and I ask that you join with me today to acknowledge Mr. George J. Pappas for his tremendous contributions to the security of the United States of America.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR.
DONALD S. FEIGENBAUM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and significant accomplishments of Donald S. Feigenbaum. Donald regrettably passed away on March 5th at the age of 87 at Berkshire Place in his beloved hometown of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Donald was born in Pittsfield, the son of S. Frederick and Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum. He attended Union College as an electrical engineering major and received his degree in 1946. Union College later recognized Donald as an "Outstanding Engineering Alumnus" and awarded him an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science. Donald also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Massachusetts and a Doctor of Science degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Union College named its administration building the "Armand and Donald S. Feigenbaum Hall," in honor of the financial and professional contributions made to the college by Donald and his brother.

After serving in the Navy as a Seabee, Dr. Feigenbaum began his career with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York where he became a pioneer developer of value engineering, which has become a basic to product design and manufacturing in America.

In 1957, Dr. Feigenbaum became the General Manager of the International Systems Company, guiding the company to a leadership position within the systems technology industry. In 1960, Donald and his brother Armand founded the General Systems Company, a global leader in designing and installing proprietary management operating systems.

Donald and his brother Armand co-authored the book, "The Power of Management Capital," which laid out a new direction for management not only in industry, but healthcare,

education, public administration, and technology as well. The book has been influential worldwide and the brothers have toured the globe extensively sharing their ideas. In recognition of their influence, the Feigenbaum Leadership Excellence Award was established by the Middle East Quality Association to encourage the adoption of total quality management.

Donald has made significant personal, professional and financial contributions to civic, educational, and charitable organizations. His commitment to the betterment of his home county is reflected by his membership on the Board of Directors of the Berkshire Economic Development Corporation, the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum, the Board of Overseers of the Hancock Shaker Village, the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Museum, the Board of Trustees of the Colonial Theatre Association, the Board of Trustees of the Colonial Theatre Festival, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Pittsfield Foundation, and as a incorporator of the Berkshire Medical Center.

Donald, with his brother Armand funded the creation of the Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation at the Berkshire Museum. The extensive permanent exhibition that opened in 2008 presents the numerous achievements of Berkshire County residents in science, technology, and management, as well as innovations in the arts and other disciplines. The brothers have been key in the development of the Michael Walsh Trail on West Stockbridge Mountain, the Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Berkshire Authors room in the Berkshire Athenaeum, the Feigenbaum Forum at Union College, the Feigenbaum Forum at the University of Massachusetts' Medical School, and the restoration of the Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield. To continue their legacy of philanthropy, Donald and his brother Armand established the Feigenbaum Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and fellow members, please join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Dr. Donald Feigenbaum.

HONORING CAROL BURRIS ON
BEING NAMED HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Carol Burris on being named New York State's 2013 High School Principal of the Year. Principal Burris has proudly served as Rockville Centre's South Side High School's Principal for 13 years. She was chosen as Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State because of her exceptional contributions to the educational process and her commitment to her students and the community. It was because of her tireless efforts that so many were moved to submit letters of nomination for this award.

Praised for her bold ideas to improve the education system, Ms. Burris is well known for her opposition to using standardized test scores as an evaluation tool for teachers and the use of tracking at the high school level.

She believes that tracking, which separates students by achievement level for all classroom subjects, limits a student's academic potential. This belief led her to establish paths of more rigorous study and increased opportunity for every student at South Side High School. She established a mandate that all 11th graders complete the very challenging English class, International Baccalaureate Language and Literature. Her high standards for all students—regardless of social, economic, or racial background—resulted in 99% of her students, including 95% of minority students, graduating with a Regents diploma last year. These extraordinary results have led to U.S. News and World Report to select South Side High School as the top-ranked high school on Long Island.

Ms. Burris is known as a leader amongst her coworkers and students. She works with teachers to regularly to collaborate, develop new ideas for lesson plans, improve instruction tools, align curriculum to be highly effective. The impact of her leadership on her school and her students is evident. Please join me in honoring Carol Burris for the momentous achievement of becoming New York State's Principal of the Year.

HONORING KEVIN JOSEPH NOYES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Joseph Noyes. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kevin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kevin built, painted and installed crosses at a local cemetery for the "Day of Remembrance" event remembering Civil War participants in Macon, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Joseph Noyes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, parev, pari yegak (Hello, welcome!).

I am very proud to represent Watertown, Massachusetts in Congress. Watertown has the third highest percentage of Armenian-Americans of any community in the Nation. I