

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

am also a proud member of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues led by Representatives Pallone and Grimm.

The Armenian-American community is one of the greatest success stories in this Nation's history. I was meeting recently with a group of my Armenian-American constituents to discuss some of the current issues affecting US-Armenian relations and I commented that in my experience, I have never met an unsuccessful Armenian!

As an Irish-American, I know what it is like to come from a troubled land. My grandfather and grandmother came to Boston from Ireland in 1902. Just as the core of the Irish-American community was formed out of the refugees of the Potato famine and the Irish Civil War, the core of the Armenian-American community was formed from those who fled the Genocide and their descendants.

Today, we remember and commemorate the Armenian Genocide, the first of many genocides we saw in the 20th Century. The Armenian Genocide that began in 1915 is sometimes called the "forgotten genocide," but we must never forget!

I was proud to be present at the opening of the Armenian Heritage Park in Boston in May of last year. This beautiful park and its haunting monument are a lasting testament to the 1.5 million Armenians who were slaughtered by the Ottoman Empire. This monument reminds us that we must be ever vigilant and not allow such horrors to occur again.

In order to prevent future genocides, however, we must recognize those of the past. For many years the U.S. House of Representatives has had before it a resolution which clearly affirmed that the Armenian Genocide did occur.

I have been a strong supporter and vocal cosponsor of this resolution in every Congress, and I remain so today.

Almost one-hundred years have passed since the Armenian Genocide, yet the suffering will continue for Armenians and non-Armenians alike as long as the world allows denial to prevail.

Already, 43 states and 22 nations have officially recognized the Armenian Genocide, and it is long overdue for the United States to do the same.

Unfortunately, the Republic of Armenia's challenges have continued even after it gained its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

In the face of ongoing blockades from Turkey and Azerbaijan, the United States must provide assistance to Armenia while working to reestablish the Turkish government's commitment to normalized relations in order to ensure peace and stability in the Caucasus region. I strongly support these efforts.

The Armenian people are true survivors. Despite the reappearing themes of invasions and land loss that the Armenians have dealt with for over 3,000 years, coupled with the loss of between one-half and three-quarters of their population in the early 20th century, the people of Armenia have prevailed.

The journey of the Armenian people continues today, with our shared responsibility to ensure that the Armenian people are able to build their own, independent and prosperous future.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Armenian-American community to address the issues facing this longtime friend and impor-

tant ally of the United States. Together we can continue to build something positive, something hopeful, something good for the future—an Armenia that is respected and honored by its allies and neighbors.

And this *cannot* come without universal acknowledgement of the horror that was the Armenian Genocide.

Shnorhagal em (Thank you).

#### RECOGNIZING WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 32 women who were recognized as New Mexico "Women of Influence" for 2013.

It is important to highlight women in our communities who are achieving incredible success as local business and community leaders. Albuquerque Business First partnered with the local business community to evaluate a record number of nominations for the Women of Influence awards.

I understand the challenges of being a small business owner and overcoming hurdles that are all-too-common for women in a male-dominated culture. I appreciate and applaud this year's honorees, each of whom has contributed to the state of New Mexico in unique and exciting ways.

New Mexico's Women of Influence include CEO's, educators, entrepreneurs, and leaders in financial services, government, health and fitness, non-profits and technology firms.

#### *Business Services:*

Virginia R. Dugan, Esquire, Atkinson & Kelsey, P.A., Annette Gardiner, President, New Mexico Gas Company, Debra P. Hicks, PE/LSI, President and CEO, Pettigrew & Associates, P.A., Jennifer Hise, Vice President, CEMCO, Inc., Laurie Monfiletto, Vice President of Human Resources, PNM Resources, Dorothy Stermer, Manager, Sandia National Laboratories, Dr. Sandra Taylor-Sawyer, Director, NM Small Business Development Center, CEO, Dream Givers, LLC, Independent Associate, LegalShield.

#### *Education:*

Barbara Bergman, Interim Dean, University of New Mexico School of Law, Marilyn Melendez Dykman, Director, University of New Mexico Veterans Resource Center, Dr. Viola E. Florez, Professor and PNM Education Endowed Chair, University of New Mexico College of Education.

#### *Entrepreneur:*

Sherry M. Keeney, President/CEO, PECOS Management Services, Inc., Janice J. Lucero, CEO/Owner, MVD Express, Susan MacLean, President & CEO, The Solutions Group, DeAnn Sena O'Connor, Creative Director, dso creative.

#### *Financial Services:*

Karen M. Bard, Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch, Dohnia Dorman, MBA, VP of Marketing, Rio Grande Credit Union, Part-Time Adjunct Lecturer II, UNM, Tammy S. Jaramillo, Director of Administration, Burt & Company CPAs, LLC.

#### *Government:*

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Executive Director, El Camino Real Housing Authority, Ann

Lerner, Film Liaison, City of Albuquerque, Katherine Carroll Martinez, Director, Construction Industries Division/Manufactured Housing Division, Regulation and Licensing Department, State of New Mexico.

#### *Health/Fitness:*

Kristie Bair, J.D., President, Bair Medical Spa, Gayle Dine'Chacon, MD, Surgeon General, Navajo Nation, Associate Professor, UNM School of Medicine, E. DeAnn Eaton Azar, CEO, Haverland Carter Lifestyle Group, Kim E. Hedrick, Vice President Strategic Business Development, University of New Mexico Medical Group, Inc., Mary G. Martinez, Franchise Owner/CEO, Home Instead Senior Care.

I congratulate these women leaders and thank them for their contributions to New Mexico.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. GENE BUINGER

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and to celebrate the retirement of Dr. Gene Buinger as the Superintendent of Schools for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District (HEB-isd). Dr. Buinger served the 24th district of Texas with pride and success in his tenure as the Superintendent of the HEB-isd.

Dr. Buinger began his successful career with HEB-isd in June of 1999. In his 14 years as the Superintendent, Dr. Buinger turned HEB-isd into a school system that prepares all children for college or the work force. Dr. Buinger selflessly instituted a variety of initiatives to bolster the school districts reach in their student's education. Implementation of the International Baccalaureate and International Business Initiative within the HEB-isd offers secondary students an opportunity they may not get in other school districts.

Dr. Buinger implemented these programs during his tenure to ensure that the students coming from the HEB-isd would be able to gain entry to the world's most prestigious universities. As Superintendent, Dr. Buinger's ISD increased Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills performance by 20 percent in some areas virtually eliminating the achievement gap among all student groups.

Mr. Speaker, with Dr. Buinger's retirement, the 24th District of Texas celebrates a great leader in the fight for a stronger education for our nation's youth. I am honored to recognize Dr. Buinger for his service to the HEB-isd. His experience and expertise will be sorely missed. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Buinger on a tremendous career as well as wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING JACOB R. BEAUCHAMP

### 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 Jacob R.