

designed to specifically meet their individual needs. Their students pursue skills in self-sufficiency, academics, and vocational programs in a setting that stimulates self-confidence and encourages personal happiness.

Stewart Home School occupies the historic campus of the old Kentucky Military Institute, and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. The school offers a one-of-a-kind community where those with intellectual disabilities are appreciated for the people they are.

The Stewart Home School embraces each student as an individual who desires meaningful activity, success, friendships, and acceptance, and strives to develop skills and talents in all areas of life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Stewart Home School for the tireless efforts to improve the lives of their students and in congratulating them on their 120th anniversary. I extend my personal appreciation to the Stewart Home for all that they have done for our community. The Stewart Home School is a gem in the Sixth Congressional District of Kentucky, not only improving the lives of its students, but also bettering our Commonwealth.

#### DANIEL NEWMYER TRIBUTE

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Daniel Newmyer of Center, Colorado. Mr. Newmyer is one of the many exceptional teachers in the great state of Colorado whose passion and dedication for his students make him a great example for educators everywhere and a strong community leader.

Mr. Newmyer graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in Science Administration and went on to receive a Master's degree from Regis University in Education. In 2009, he joined the Center Consolidated School District to teach math and science at Center High School. Since becoming a teacher, Mr. Newmyer has strived to bring science and math to life for his students, always looking for new and exciting ways to inspire his students.

Mr. Newmyer has received numerous awards and recognitions for his innovation in the classroom, and his dedication as an educator. This year, the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, NASA, and the Space Foundation jointly presented him with the Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award and Mr. Newmyer was named the San Luis Valley Teacher of the Year. Because of Mr. Newmyer's efforts, Center High School has become one of the top STEM schools in the state of Colorado. He has worked to procure grants to allow his students to participate in local, state, and national science and engineering competitions. He has also pioneered a computer-based learning system that uses flight simulators to boost math scores.

Mr. Newmyer is a perfect example of how technology can drive innovation in education. His creativity and hard work are an inspiration to teachers across the country. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Daniel Newmyer for

his dedication to his students and his outstanding accomplishments as an educator.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REV. NIMROD Q. REYNOLDS

#### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Rev. Nimrod Q. Reynolds, a beloved Alabamian remembered for his remarkable display of bravery and courage in his attempt to integrate the Carnegie Library in Anniston, Alabama on September 15, 1963. Rev. Reynolds passed away on Sunday, May 12 at the age of 82. While I am deeply saddened by his passing I am comforted in knowing that his legacy is one that will live on through his contributions to the state of Alabama and this nation.

Rev. Reynolds was born on April 30, 1931 in Chambers County, Alabama. In 1949, he graduated from Chambers County High School and went on to obtain a degree from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. He later received a Masters Degree from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary. But while Rev. Reynolds understood the power of education, he is most remembered for his lifelong commitment to ministry.

At just 17 years old. Rev. Reynolds preached his first sermon at Macedonia Baptist Church in Five Points, Alabama. He went on to Pastor First Baptist Church in Union Springs Alabama before becoming Pastor of Seventeenth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama. Rev. Reynolds would remain at Seventeenth Street for over 50 years.

In addition to serving as pastor of Seventeenth Street, Rev. Reynolds founded the Community Action Agency, an organization that was dedicated to addressing poverty in the local community. He came to Anniston in 1960 with a message that stressed the immediate importance of equality. In 1964, he hosted a mass meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in 1967, his two children fully integrated Tenth St. Elementary. In 1972, he sued the Anniston City School Board and forced full integration of the school system. In 1976, he was elected the first black president of the Anniston City Board of Education. Through his historic efforts to integrate Anniston, Rev. Reynolds became a transformative figure. He would further solidify his place in history on September 15, 1963 when he walked up the steps of Anniston's Carnegie Library. His intent was simple yet complex during these turbulent times in southern states. Rev. Reynolds wanted simply to check out a book.

Instead, he along with others were met with an angry mob that savagely beat Reynolds. The beating resulted in injuries that left him bedridden for days. However, because of his heroic efforts other clergymen returned to the library the day after his vicious attack and were successful in integrating the library. Ironically his beating occurred on the same day of the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Anniston City leaders mapped out plans to slowly integrate the city to prevent violent demonstrations similar to those that had occurred in neighboring areas. But for Rev. Reynolds, the pace was unacceptable. As a result, in 1964 he galvanized yet another movement. Under his leadership, local ministers placed a one page ad in the local paper that read "We want our freedom and we want it now." The ad would be recorded in history books as the "Anniston Manifesto."

He went on to serve in countless leadership roles at various organizations aimed at meeting the needs of those in poverty and advancing the cause of blacks in Alabama and across this Nation. Today we honor him for his role in the story of America. We also remember him as a catalyst for change. As the first black woman elected to congress from Alabama I am humbled to stand before the nation and share his story of strength and courage.

Saying thank you to Rev. Reynolds seems woefully inadequate. But, we are truly grateful for the life of this extraordinary leader. On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Rev. Nimrod Q. Reynolds.

#### HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART PARISH IN OSAGE COUNTY, MO

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish. I am proud to recognize one of the state's most historically rich Catholic communities, the Parishioners and Reverend Philip Niekamp of Sacred Heart of Rich Fountain in Osage County on Sunday May 26, 2013.

The Parish of the Sacred Heart in Rich Fountain traces its roots back to May 16, 1838, when the very first mass was celebrated by Father Ferdinand Helias; S.J., in the home of the John T. Struempf family at Struempf's Settlement. Father Helias nurtured this community for 10 years.

The town gets its name from a clear spring that was located nearby. During its early years Rich Fountain became known as Missouri's Bavaria due to the fact that some 25 Bavarian families sought to begin new lives here. Soon after, a number of families from Westfalen and the Rhineland Provinces of Germany joined them in the heart of the Osage River valley.

Sacred Heart's diverse group of parishioners has always been united by a faith in our creator and a strong community spirit.

Key events in the history of the Sacred Heart Parish include the construction of the limestone church of the Sacred Heart in 1879 and the creation of the rectory in 1892, both of which were placed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1982.

Resting on a slope of a hill these enormous buildings of native limestone have earned the village the title "Oberammergau of Osage County."

RECOGNIZING TERRY SANFORD  
HIGH SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL  
GRADUATION

**HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terry Sanford High School of Fayetteville, NC as they celebrate their centennial graduation on June 6, 2013.

Recognized by US News and World Report for receiving the Silver Medal in the annual list of America's Best High Schools in 2006, as well as being ranked one of the top 25 high schools in North Carolina this year, Terry Sanford is a shining example of a school preparing our students for the challenges of the 21st Century.

Terry Sanford offers fourteen different Advanced Placement courses as well as a variety of honors courses. In addition, Terry Sanford is home to the School of Global Studies which offers a rigorous, liberal arts college preparatory education in order to promote academic excellence, global awareness, and cultural and social growth.

I would like to congratulate Terry Sanford High School and its staff for 100 years of excellence and I commend them for their outstanding service in North Carolina education.

IMPORTANCE OF HOME  
HEALTHCARE

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the value of home healthcare to the people of Indiana's Ninth Congressional District. In addition to being a preferred place for care for most eligible seniors, home health consistently offers seniors the lowest cost venue. In Indiana alone, over 61,000 Medicare beneficiaries receive home health services from more than 8,000 Hoosiers who provide their care. Home health services, properly regulated, need to be encouraged rather than discouraged, to fulfill their mission of quality care for America's seniors and greater value for our Medicare program.

I appreciate the home health care community's efforts to develop their own proposal to weed out bad actors in their industry. One proposal that might save money within Medicare would place reasonable per-provider limitations on 60-day episodes of home care. Such limitations aim to ensure beneficiary access to care and stop abusive billing practices that appear to exist in a small number of counties nationwide. MedPAC's March Report to Congress referenced 25 counties in the nation where a reasonable reduction in home care utilization with an episode limit could achieve up to \$1 billion in savings per year.

A reasonable but stable reimbursement environment is necessary for home care providers to continue accomplishing their mission. Since 2010, the home care industry has been subjected to nearly \$70 billion in reimbursement cuts, 21% of their total funding. I have said time and again that our Medicare system

needs broad reform to make it sustainable for future generations. We cannot continue to impose cut after cut on our providers and expect to fix the system without shifting more of the financial burden to our senior population or harming patient care. Working together to implement creative reforms like this, we will ensure that this valuable service continues to improve the lives of our seniors in their homes in Indiana and across the nation.

BLM PREVENTS JOB OPPORTUNITIES  
IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, this month, the United States Bureau of Land Management indefinitely cancelled all oil and natural gas lease sales in California. This includes 1,278 acres of prime oil and natural gas land in Kern and Fresno counties located in my District—California 21.

This land is part of the Monterey Shale Formation located in the Central Valley. The Monterey Shale contains 2/3 of our country's shale oil reserves—the equivalent of 15.4 billion barrels. If tapped, it could generate half a million jobs and generate \$4.5 billion in revenue. This would have a significant impact on my district which has faced chronic unemployment for years.

However, citing sequestration, BLM is suspending all future lease sales in California. The decision was made despite the fact that these leases provide significant revenue for the federal government.

This is just another example of the Administration using sequestration to further their environmental policy agenda at the expense of American families. BLM's efforts to prevent energy development are depriving my constituents of quality jobs and increasing energy prices for hardworking families across the country.

It is unacceptable that BLM is halting lease auctions in regions that have been used for oil and gas development for over a century. These auctions generate revenue for the federal government, reduce our nation's dependency on foreign oil, and lead to direct economic benefits as well as local job creation.

Thousands in the Central Valley remain unemployed as the job-creating opportunities within lease sales remain untapped. If we took advantage of these employment opportunities, small businesses would have more customers and local government could direct more revenue dollars to public safety and education. Those of us in the Central Valley are proud of our energy and agriculture heritage.

It is time for Washington bureaucrats to get out of the way and let our valley flourish.

A TRIBUTE TO RECOGNIZE JULIUS  
KNAPP AND EVAN KWEREL ON  
RECEIVING PRESIDENTIAL RANK  
AWARDS

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julius Knapp and Evan Kwerel on receiving Presidential Rank Awards. Every year the President confers these prestigious awards to a select group of career senior executives with the designation of Distinguished Executive, and Meritorious Executive.

Last month, Julius Knapp, Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Office of Engineering and Technology and a dedicated agency employee for nearly 39 years, received the Distinguished Executive Presidential Rank Award. This award recognizes Julius for his ongoing work to unleash new technological innovation.

Evan Kwerel, the FCC's Senior Economic Advisor and a 30-year agency employee, received the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award. As the "father of FCC spectrum auctions," Evan was recognized for his keen economic analysis that has made an extraordinary impact on modern communications policy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in congratulating Julius Knapp and Evan Kwerel on receiving these very special awards and for their dedicated years of service to the Federal Communications Commission and to the people of our nation whom they have served in an exemplary fashion.

IN RECOGNITION OF LILLIAN  
KAFKA

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lillian Kafka as she celebrates her ninetieth birthday this month.

Ms. Kafka, or "Libby" as she is referred to by her many friends, was born on May 18, 1923, to Louis and Mae Dubinsky of Sharon, Massachusetts. The Dubinsky family owned Sunset Lodge, a popular summer resort hotel on the idyllic shore of Lake Massapoag in Sharon. Ms. Kafka, along with her siblings Aaron and Edith, would often help their parents with the daily tasks of the family business. Upon the passing of Louis, the Dubinsky children helped their mother even more with running the hotel until it was sold to the Archdiocese of Boston several years later.

On June 18, 1944, Ms. Kafka celebrated her wedding to husband Milton Kafka at the Sunset Lodge, and the two remained happily married until Milton's passing in 2006. The Kafkas welcomed five children into their family: Louis, Millie, Benjamin, Kenneth, and Hirsh. Ms. Kafka has seen her family grow exponentially over the years, and is now the proud grandmother of twelve and great-grandmother of seventeen.

Today, Ms. Kafka stays quite active with her large family, and spends much time in particular with her great-grandchildren, who lovingly refer to her as "G.G." When she is not