

She will attend Barnard College at Columbia University in the fall and intends to earn a degree in international human rights law with hopes of attending law school and one day representing people and organizations throughout the world that are fighting for human rights.

Mr. Speaker, it is not every day that we come across such talented and caring students like Sydney Everett. Her unique accomplishments serve as an example for every student in St. Louis and across the United States. It is a great honor to recognize her relentless passion for knowledge, unwavering dedication to her community, and humble character in light of such great achievements.

#### TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP LOPEZ

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Phillip Lopez is a senior at Clear Lake High School in Harris County, Texas. His essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

Over the past fifty years America has seen an explosion in technology, social changes, and monumental historic events. A man walked on the moon and remade the concept of the frontier. A wall fell that divided a nation, helping bring peace to a decimated land. A plane smashed the security of a great people and showed that terror can strike anywhere. And the demographics of this country have shifted establishing it as a true land of freedom for all who cross its borders. All have shaped this country, but one breakthrough has extended its impacts further than all others. In 1969 the first internet connection was made and revolutionized our society. Over the past forty five years the internet has created innovations that Americans fifty years ago could only dream of. The internet has fostered a new era of social and economic reformation across the nation helping us establish ourselves as the global superpower that we are today.

The age of the internet has allowed Americans to interact with people, places, and events from around the world. For example, the internet has given rise to the popularity of social media sites that enable you to communicate with and learn about others from half the world away. In addition these sites have impacted politics by enabling average citizens to stay more informed with an elected official's policy or daily activities. This web of interactions has led to America becoming a more global power and its people staying connected with information that is occurring anywhere in the world. Furthermore, we can now send and acquire that information faster, quicker, and easier than

ever before. With the click of a button anyone can become their own encyclopedia by having the ability to know anything about everything; from the current state of the economy to the price of eggs in China one can find it all. This plethora of available knowledge has led to younger generations developing proficiency in finding it. Furthermore, the news programs have embraced the importance and speed of the internet by enabling people to stay more informed and have more detailed information about current events. However, as a result of the speed at which one can acquire knowledge it is now expected to return information to people much faster, such as quickly responding to a text message or email. This speed of information is made even easier yet more required with the introduction of the web on mobile phones allowing Americans to know anything, anywhere, at any time; as long as you have service. For example, Google Maps has revolutionized the map industry and made paper maps obsolete. Why carry a large, bulky piece of paper when you can find where you are in minutes with a device the size of your hand. Anything that does not fit into the "faster, quicker, and easier" category that was created by the internet is not outdated and archaic. The new American society has more knowledge at its disposal than ever before which has propelled us as the leader of the modern world.

The internet has revolutionized the American economy and trade across the world. People can now purchase and sell items online in a process that is faster, easier, and more available to everyone. Online shopping has led to the creation of large companies such as Amazon and eBay. These online companies have opened new markets and made it easier to trade with remote places such as Alaska or small islands. The ability to trade with anyone in the world has helped establish America as a major leader in global trade. The internet has also caused our perception of a store to change. Instead of traveling to a store, one can buy the same good with the push of a button from the comfort of their home. Stores have become somewhat unnecessary and as a result many have gone out of business. Nevertheless the internet has created a nation built on quicker, easier, and cheaper trade across the world. Combined with social revolutions regarding education and available knowledge, the internet has quickly changed a nation.

Although it can be perceived as a positive or negative technology the internet has made America an economic superpower. Socially it has allowed this country to become more globally connected and opened the possibilities for endless knowledge. Economically it has revolutionized the way that we trade with other nations and altered our perceptions of traditional shopping methods. The internet has created a shiny future for our society in the world of trade and communications.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 3rd, 2013, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 184 and 185 for unavoidable reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 184: "yea" (On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1206, the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013). Rollcall No. 185: "yea" (On motion to

suspend the rules and pass S. 622, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013).

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

#### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2013 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted academy appointments:

Liam Thomas Catoe, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Lucas Adrian Fumagalli, New Braunfels High School, United States Air Force Academy; Nathaniel Robert Guney, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Dillon Mitchell Launius, Vandegrift High School, United States Air Force Academy; Adam S. Lee, East Central High School, United States Air Force Academy; Kevin Michael McGinty, MacArthur High School, United States Naval Academy; Joshua Andrew McMillen, International School of the Americas, United States Air Force Academy; John Edward Monday, Jr., Boerne—Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Military Academy; Clara Elizabeth Navarro, Rice University, United States Naval Academy; James Lyn Pazdral, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Albert Dixon Patillo III, Heritage School, United States Military Academy; Rafael David Ramos-Michael, Brackenridge High School, United States Naval Academy; and Kirsten S. Redmon, United States Military Preparatory School/Sam Houston High School, United States Military Academy.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding students. I know they will serve our country well and I trust success will follow them in all their endeavors.

#### HONORING MRS. BIRDIA BEATRICE CLARK KEGLAR

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman who was a champion against human oppression, discrimination, and injustice in Mississippi. Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Keglars. Mrs. Keglars and her family lived in Charleston, MS located in Tallahatchie County, which is one of many counties in the state known by the name "Free State of . . ."

That caliber of courage and stance warrants recognition. Mrs. Keglars was a tiny woman in stature, standing about 4 feet 9 inches and her biggest fear wasn't her height or those she stood up against but rather the negative impact of injustice on African-Americans and society if nothing was done to change things.

The constant threats on her life and acts of violence didn't stop her either.

Mrs. Kegal's fight for equality and empowerment has a place of longevity in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. The Fox Funeral Home where Mrs. Kegal worked until her death became the location where many of her plans would evolve and manifest. Her journey included but is not limited to:

A march with Dr. Martin Luther King from Selma to Montgomery Alabama for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

The organizing of the first local chapter of the NAACP in Tallahatchie County; and

Leading the fight which helped her son, James, become one of the first Black bus drivers in the county; and

When citizens living in the community needed a place to host Sunday school classes, Mrs. Kegal allowed them to be held in her local store; and

The establishing of the first African-American Business and Professional Women's Club in the county; and

When the need came, she crossed county lines helping to lend a hand to secure housing for elderly citizens living in Grenada, Mississippi; and

On January 11, 1966 Mrs. Kegal and Ms. Adlena Hamlett were killed as they traveled back from Jackson, Mississippi after testifying before a Joint Committee chaired by Senator Robert Kennedy. Mrs. Kegal's testimony was about voting discrimination in the State of Mississippi against African-Americans.

It saddens me to report Mr. Speaker that the untimely death of Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Kegal and Ms. Adlena Hamlett are among those unsolved murder cases from the 1960s civil rights era.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Kegal for her dedication to fighting oppression, discrimination, and injustice in Mississippi.

#### RECOGNIZING DAVID GOLDSTEIN

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Goldstein for his many years of selfless and compassionate public service in the Bronx.

David has been an exemplary contributor to the Bronx community for more than 13 years, and during that time he has served as mentor and leader to countless professionals. His career in public affairs and community service has been a testament to the importance of unselfish devotion to the well being of others.

Since 2003, David has served as the Chairperson for my office's Military Academy Committee so I have firsthand knowledge of his outstanding professionalism. During his tenure as Chairperson, my office has sent 7 young people to the United States Naval Academy. He has brought a variety of skills to his role with the committee, including sharp intellect, a strong work ethic, and a deeply felt commitment to ensuring that the candidates selected serve our nation in the United States military with honor and distinction.

David's acute appreciation for the needs of the people he serves can be seen in all of his

work. During his tenure at the United Parcel Service of America, Inc (UPS) as Government and Community Relations Director for New York City, he established bilateral relationships with not-for-profit organizations, small businesses, local Chambers of Commerce, and various business associations. Recently, as the former Vice President of Operations at the Food Bank for New York City, David developed operational strategies that led the Food Bank to increase their food donations by more than one million pounds. David also worked to redesign the existing community kitchen/food pantry program to become the Food Bank's flagship program for all of New York City. David's unique ability to understand the goals of each of these organizations, and expand them in ways specifically designed to advance these goals in extraordinary ways is what makes him such an exemplary leader.

David has recently taken a position with the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean County in New Jersey. As many of my colleagues from New Jersey can attest, Monmouth and Ocean Counties were severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy. I am confident that David will bring the same dedication and effort that accomplished so much for the Bronx and for New York City to this new endeavor. I know David will be successful in this new position, and that he will help the many families who are still recovering from this devastating storm.

David's dedication to helping others, and expanding opportunities for young men and women who wish to serve our country, are truly outstanding. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring David Goldstein for his remarkable dedication to the people of the Bronx, New York City, and the Tri-State area.

#### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ADAM KLEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 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 Adam Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Adam's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force 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.

Adam brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Adam was a Member of the National Honor Society and ranked near the top of his class academically.

Throughout high school, Adam was a member of his school's soccer and track teams and

earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, Adam was a member of the marching and pep bands, as well as the annual high school musical, junior fair board, 4-H, junior leadership, and Boy Scouts of America. I am confident that Adam will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adam Kleman on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Adam will excel during his career at the Air Force 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 SUSAN SCHWARTZ

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Susan Schwartz has performed an almost endless array of services for Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale since she first visited the Synagogue in 1984 pregnant with twins.

Initially Susan enrolled in a learners' service that met on Shabbat. Later she was a liaison from the Parents Association to the Board of Trustees, which led to her serving four years as Chair of the Education Board. Afterwards she served on the Board of Trustees and on the Mission Statement Committee.

She has served as a member of the Search Committees for Rabbi, Cantor, Assistant Rabbi, Education Director, and, twice, for an Executive Director. She served as President of CSAIR for five years during which time \$1.2 million was raised in a capital campaign to redesign the Sanctuary, Social Hall and main synagogue entrance. Accessibility—both spiritual and physical—was an important aspect of the work that was accomplished during the renovation.

After stepping down as President, Susan spent two years with a wonderful, engaging group of women, studying together for their bat mitzvah, which they celebrated together in 2010. Susan has spent more than 10 years as a member of, or the chair of, the High Holiday honors committee and has had the honor of giving honors and of assisting on the bimah on Shabbat and on the high holidays. She is currently Chair of the Ritual and Religious Life Committee.

Susan is a learning disability specialist and a dedicated advocate for children with special needs. She has specific expertise in child development, reading and literacy, learning disorders, and the development of language skills and higher-level reasoning skills in children and adolescents. She is a significant public voice on learning accommodations and special education services in our schools.

Susan spent 13 years as the Clinical Director of the Institute for Learning and Academic Achievement at the NYU Child Study Center then for two years the Clinical Director of the Learning and Diagnostics Center at the Child Mind Institute. She is currently one of two learning specialists in the Lower School at Friends Seminary in Manhattan.