

Commerce, vice chairman of Denton County Business Leaders Council, president of Denton County United Way, chairman of the Texas Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors, and director of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities. In 1986, Dr. Hurley received the Otis Fowler Award from the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

After his retirement, Dr. Hurley became a history professor at UNT from 2003 to 2008. He and his wife Johanna continued to help organize UNT's annual Military History seminar, which enabled Texan community leaders to discuss with a leading scholar and a current or retired military officer who had served in combat. At its 23rd anniversary in 2006, the seminar was endowed by many of its participants and named the Alfred and Johanna Hurley Military History Seminar.

I am proud to honor the life of Dr. Hurley for his years of service to the University of North Texas community. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Dr. Hurley's family and friends.

CONGRATULATING THE ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM ON WINNING THEIR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE NJCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse team on winning the 2013 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship.

On May 12, 2013, the Onondaga Community College Lazars defeated Nassau Community College 15–11, capturing their fifth consecutive NJCAA Championship. The national offensive player of the year, Onondaga attackman Randy Staats, contributed three goals and two assists, while the national goalie of the year, Onondaga goalie Warren Hill, had 17 saves in the national championship game. Warren was named top defensive player of the tournament. This was the Lazars' seventh national title in the last eight years. The Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse team made history with its record-setting 70th win in a row, setting a new record for consecutive wins at any level in the sport of lacrosse. This historic win is a testament to what can be accomplished when hard work and sound leadership combine to pursue a specific goal.

Under the direction of Head Coach Chuck Wilbur, the Lazars have exemplified first class sportsmanship in their journey this season. The team should be commended for their achievements on the playing field, as well as in the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse team on their unprecedented achievements this season, and wish them continued success for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS ENTERING OUR ARMED FORCES

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor high school graduates from the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services area who are entering the United States Armed Forces. These young men and women have made an admirable decision to defend our country. I join the Conklin Kiwanis Club in honoring them.

The Conklin Kiwanis Club will hold a special celebration to honor these graduating high school seniors. "The First to Say Thank You" event will take place on Wednesday, June 12th at Susquehanna Valley High School in Conklin.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask you join me in honoring the following students entering the Army National Guard: Ms. Tessa Brown, Harpursville; Mr. Joshua Decker, Tioga; Ms. Holly Rowe, Tioga; Ms. Holly St. Hilaire, Tioga; Ms. Emily Stansfield, Tioga.

Honoring the students entering the United States Air Force: Mr. Brandyn Sloan, Binghamton; Ms. Ashley Blanton, Johnson City; Mr. Patrick Bidwell, Owego-Apalachin; Mr. Kyle Johnson, Owego-Apalachin; Mr. Deven Nauta, Tioga; Ms. Dakota Lockwood, Union-Endicott; Mr. Brendan Griffis, Vestal; Ms. Tiffany Stoeckel, Windsor.

Honoring the students entering the United States Army: Mr. Zachary P. Cepeda, Binghamton; Mr. Patrick M. Stanton, Binghamton; Mr. Johnathan M. Truesdell, Binghamton; Mr. Aaron Tiikkala, Candor; Mr. Alex T. Vessey, Chenango Forks; Mr. Andrew Kinner, Hannock; Ms. Anna Carman, Homer; Mr. Michael J. Sarnoski, Newark Valley; Mr. Andre T. Judge, Owego-Apalachin; Mr. Nathan Bomysoad, Union-Endicott; Mr. Andrew Gregor, Vestal; Mr. Richard Pedro, Vestal; Mr. Daniel Bond, Windsor; Mr. Jack Teetor, Windsor.

Honoring the students entering the United States Marines: Mr. Michael Elliott, Candor; Jacob Seymour, Deposit; Ms. Brook Bart, Maine-Endwell; Mr. Matthew Morgan, Maine-Endwell; Mr. Jarrett Thomas, Maine-Endwell; Mr. James Raab, Newark Valley; Mr. Cody Harbst, Owego-Apalachin, Mr. Shaun Chamberlain, Vestal; Mr. Ilioff Garrett, Vestal; Mr. Brian Jennings, Vestal; Mr. Cody Bellmore, Windsor; Mr. Jacob Colwell, Windsor; Mr. Nicholas Freed, Windsor.

I would also like to honor Ms. Savannah Murry of Harpursville entering the United States Military Academy and Mr. Kory Newton of Vestal entering the United States Navy.

VALERIA PLACENCIO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Valeria

Placencio for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Valeria Placencio is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Valeria Placencio 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 Valeria Placencio for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE APOPKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON A CENTURY OF SERVICE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Apopka Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary of service to our community. Through its consistent efforts over the past century, the Apopka Chamber of Commerce has helped advance opportunities both in the city of Apopka as well as throughout the greater Central Florida region.

First founded as the Apopka Board of Trade in 1913, the organization was established to stimulate local economic growth. Under the direction of founding members Henry Witherington; A.C. and A.M. Starbird; Frank H. Davis; W.G. Talton; Dr. C.H. Morrison; Francis E. Zepp; John J. Anderson; J.R. Womble; Gust Jackson; William Edwards; and Nathaniel Cogswell, the organization worked to improve the community wherever possible. The Apopka board was also instrumental in the organization of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

In 1926, the board was reorganized as the Apopka Chamber of Commerce and since then has maintained the goal of aiding the development of entrepreneurs and businesses in the Apopka community. Their mission continues to this day.

As the second largest city in Orange County, Apopka remains a vital hub of Florida commerce. It is important now, more than ever, that the Chamber continues in its efforts to promote economic growth and sustainability in the community and county.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Apopka Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman Wendy Kurtz, the Board of Directors and all members of this great organization on a century of service to the citizens of Apopka and Orange County. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them every success for their future.

RECOGNIZING DON BRUNELL FOR HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON BUSINESS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise today to recognize my good friend Don C. Brunell, who has been a champion of business in Washington state for nearly 30 years, with an exceptional record of achievement at the Association of Washington Business, the fourth largest state chamber of commerce in the U.S.

Don Brunell came to the Evergreen State in 1978 from his native state of Montana to work in the forest products industry for Crown Zellerbach, combining his love of the outdoors with his interests in politics and business.

In 1981, Don was appointed to the Association of Washington Business Executive Committee and chaired the Association's Natural Resources and Environment Council until, in 1986, Don was appointed vice chairman of government affairs for AWB, and, a year later, president of AWB.

That's how we all know him, as the steady hand and leader of our business community. He has grown the organization from under 1,000 members to what is now the state's largest business advocacy organization with more than 8,000 private employers of all industries and sizes.

Under Don Brunell's 28 years of leadership, the Association of Washington Business has been designated as the state's manufacturing association by the National Association of Manufacturing and is twice recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as an Accredited Chamber with Distinction, and is currently one of just four state chambers "accredited with distinction"

But maybe his most enduring legacy is his extensive work with Washington Business Week and through the Don C. Brunell Scholarship that has helped encourage generations of high school students with an interest in business to achieve their entrepreneurial goals.

In his role as AWB President, Don Brunell has had the honor of working with five Washington governors, including Govs. Gardner, Lowry, Locke, Gregoire and Inslee, as well as the leaderships of Speakers Ehlers, King, Ebersole, Ballard, and Chopp. For hundreds of legislators, Don was the voice of experience, always looking out to protect our wonderful free enterprise system.

I want to particularly note that each Christmas since 1988, the holidays for many rural families in Washington have been a bit brighter—and the Legislative Building a bit more festive—since Don Brunell founded the Holiday Kids' Tree Program, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for needy families around the state and establishing the community tradition of a tree lighting each December in the state capitol.

Throughout his distinguished career, Don has maintained his strong belief in family, as evidenced by his marriage of 42 years to wife Jeri, children Jennifer, Carey, Erin, Don, Dan and Colleen and his 14 grandchildren; and Don has also remained committed to those serving in the U.S. armed forces, himself a

veteran with 23 years of service in the U.S. Army, Montana and Washington Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve as a special forces, infantry and public affairs officer.

It is bittersweet to see such a distinguished career draw to a close, but I must acknowledge Don will retire from AWB in January 2014, making the legislative session that is drawing to a close in Washington state the last one with Don as president of the state's largest and oldest business association.

Future legislators and business leaders should draw inspiration from his steadfastness and dedication to the cause of freedom and free enterprise that was a constant during his long and honorable career.

ROB O'BRIAN, 2013 WINNER OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S PHOENIX AWARD

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce President Rob O' Brian, recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Phoenix Award.

Like all Joplin residents, Rob had his life drastically changed on May 22, 2011, when an EF5 tornado touched down leaving only a path of destruction in its wake.

The aftermath of the Joplin tornado left the area with nearly 5,000 jobs in jeopardy of being lost and damage to over 550 local businesses. As president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Rob used his quick thinking and resourcefulness to help business owners recover from the destruction left behind from the tornado.

Through the leadership of Rob, the Joplin Chamber was able to set up a Small Business Administration Business Recovery Center just days after the tornado. This center enabled the chamber and its staff to help all business owners in their time of need. In fact, over 500 affected companies are still operating today and 90 percent of the jobs affected by the storm were saved.

In addition to the reopened businesses, more than 100 new employers have opened their doors since the storm. The new businesses cited the resilience of Joplin residents and the support of Rob and the Joplin Chamber as key reasons for their decision to locate to the region.

The Small Business Administration's Phoenix Award is awarded to businesses, public officials, and volunteers who are tested by disasters like the Joplin tornado but work to overcome the disaster by rebuilding and helping their communities recover.

Rob's acts of courage, selflessness and perseverance in the aftermath of this disaster make him an outstanding recipient of this award. I am grateful for his leadership and service to Missouri's 7th District.

HONORING ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, DAVIER RODRIGUEZ AND JESUS CISNEROS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Arizona State University students, Davier Rodriguez and Jesus Cisneros, winners of the Clinton Global Initiative University's 2013 Commitments Challenge.

Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Cisneros are the leaders of DREAMzone ASU, a professional development workshop aimed at bettering the ability of student leaders, staff, and faculty to meet the social, cultural and academic needs of undocumented students at Arizona State University.

DREAMzone ASU strives to establish a network of support as part of a national network of allies through a four-hour certification program. Those enrolled in the program expand their content knowledge regarding federal, state, local, and institutional policies that directly affect the undocumented college student experience. Participants also actively work to increase their knowledge of the challenges faced by undocumented students at ASU, and by challenging assumptions through meaningful dialogue and interaction.

The Clinton Global Initiative University's Commitments Challenge involved a rigorous application process and four rounds of intensive online voting, in which DREAMzone emerged victorious. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Cisneros on this accomplishment, and on their hard work to help make many DREAMs a reality.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed the votes on Monday, June 3, 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 184, H.R. 1206—Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 and "yea" on rollcall No. 185, S. 622—Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013.

YATZIRE AGUIRRE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yatzire Aguirre for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yatzire Aguirre is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.