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Mr. Speaker, I salute the Centralia Sentinel and offer my best wishes for the next 150 years.

CONGRATULATING SAINTS PETER  
AND PAUL MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX  
CATHEDRAL ON ITS 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral as its congregation and church leaders join together in celebration of its 50th Anniversary. The congregation, along with Parish Priest, Very Reverend Tome Stamatov, and the Church Executive Board, including President Thomas Traycoff, Vice President Alex Kutanovski, Vice President Dejan Risteovski, Treasurer Naumce Pejovski, Financial Secretary Stojan Trajkovski, Secretary Dimce Alekovski, and Diocese Delegate Nick Nochevich, will be celebrating with a weekend of events from July 12 to July 14, 2013 at the cathedral in Crown Point, Indiana.

Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral was consecrated on July 14, 1963 in Gary, Indiana, when a group of immigrants from Macedonia came together with the goal of preserving Macedonian culture and religious tradition. Saints Peter and Paul is known throughout the United States and Canada as the first official Macedonian church built in North America. The founders proclaimed the mission of their new church before the Indiana Secretary of State in Indianapolis, Indiana: "The purpose of this parish is to preach the word of God and take spiritual care of its members; to spread goodness, justice, brotherly love, and respect among its members."

The cathedral in Gary flourished for many years, and the congregation continued to grow. Due to an increase in membership, a new cathedral and cultural center were built in Crown Point, Indiana, in 1989, and are still in existence today. The members and leaders of Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral played a major role in the establishment of additional churches throughout the United States and in Canada. Their determination, focus, and commitment laid the foundation for other Macedonian churches to come to life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral on its 50th Anniversary. Throughout many hardships and trials, the congregation and leaders of Saints Peter and Paul have dedicated themselves to

preserving Macedonian heritage, tradition, and spiritual beliefs. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING THE HOWARD COUNTY  
LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR BEING  
NAMED LIBRARY OF THE YEAR  
AND MR. MATTHEW WINNER OF  
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, FOR  
BEING HONORED BY THE PRESIDENT  
AS ONE OF TWELVE MUSEUM  
AND LIBRARY "CHAMPIONS  
OF CHANGE"

**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Howard County Library System for being named Library of the Year, and Mr. Matthew Winner of Columbia, Maryland, for being honored by the President as one of twelve museum and library "Champions of Change."

Each year, one of the 21,000 public and academic libraries in the United States, Canada and Mexico is awarded this prestigious honor. The winning library is one that "most profoundly demonstrates creativity, leadership and innovation in developing signature events and initiatives, particularly those that can be emulated by others." I extend my congratulations to CEO and President, Valerie Gross, and to her remarkable team of educators and support staff at the Howard County Libraries. It is the first library system in the entire mid-Atlantic region to receive this award.

My parents always stressed the value of libraries as a tool for learning and enrichment. Now, as a parent myself, I have tried to do the same with my children. In this regard, the Howard County Library System and its patrons truly set an example for communities and families throughout our country. It is comprised of six branches that serve over 280,000 residents. Remarkably, 90 percent of those residents have and use library cards. The library system has the highest borrowing rate per capita in the United States, with over 7 million items checked out annually. The library is at the center of the educational, cultural and social network of Howard County.

The success of the Howard County Library System is a testament to the dedicated staff and administrators of the library system, but also the commitment of the people of Howard County to the value of education and lifelong learning. Congratulations to the Howard County Public Library System, a 21st-century library system worthy of this distinguished honor.

I would also like to congratulate Howard County resident and public school teacher and librarian, Matthew Winner of Columbia, Maryland, for being honored by the President as one of twelve museum and library "Champions of Change." Winner is the co-author of the forthcoming book, *Teaching Math with the Wii*, the "Busy Librarian" blog, and he was recently named a 2013 Library Journal "Mover & Shaker" in the category of Tech Leaders. Through his innovative thinking and dedication to captivating the attention and potential of our students through gaming and other popular technologies, Mr. Winner is a leader in his

field and making a real difference in his community. He is fully deserving of this recognition, and I offer him my thanks and congratulations.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF  
ADAM LEEMANS

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adam Leemans of Port Byron, Illinois on his recent achievement as valedictorian of his class at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Adam completed his course of study at West Point with an emphasis on mechanical engineering and earned a 4.2 grade-point average. He also attained nine post-graduate honors for both academic and athletic excellence. In addition to his classroom success, Adam was the captain of the West Point triathlon team for two years.

After graduation, Adam will spend one month working at the Rock Island Arsenal, followed by one year working towards a master's degree in the United Kingdom. Following the completion of his studies he will report to Fort Leonard Wood for training and will eventually take over command of his own unit.

Mr. Speaker, I want to applaud Adam for his momentous achievement. His parents, Bonnie and David, along with his community should be extremely proud of this fine young man, and I wish him luck with his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSAGE  
OF THE TBI TREATMENT ACT  
AMENDMENT

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, thousands of our brave servicemen and women are returning from combat with severe cases of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), resulting in an inability to hold a job, properly care for their families, or in some cases, to overcome suicidal tendencies. As a nation, we have the responsibility for their care and recovery.

Currently, private healthcare providers across the United States are helping brain injury patients with new and innovative treatments, some of which have not yet been made available in Department of Defense (DoD) treatment facilities. In an effort to fix this delinquency, I introduced H.R. 2344, the TBI Treatment Act, in the House of Representatives.

The TBI Treatment Act would establish a 5-year "pay-for-performance" pilot program, not to exceed \$10 million per year, which would help expedite some of the new and groundbreaking treatments to our nations' active duty soldiers suffering from TBI and PTSD. Healthcare providers would be able to treat active-duty soldiers at no cost to the patient. The healthcare provider would be reimbursed by the DoD for providing the treatments, but only if the treatment is proven successful based on independent pre- and post-

treatment neuropsychological testing, accepted survey instruments, neurological imaging, or clinical examinations. Currently, soldiers and veterans suffering from TBI and PTSD are paying out-of-pocket for these innovative treatments. Lastly, treatments must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Secretary of Defense, and by an institutional review board operating in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

In light of House consideration this week of H.R. 1960, The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year (FY) 2014, I was proud to offer the TBI Treatment Act as an amendment to the NDAA along with my friend and colleague from California, Congressman Mike Thompson. I am pleased to report that last night, the House of Representatives approved by voice vote the TBI Treatment Act amendment. This is a great victory for those suffering from TBI and PTSD and is an important step towards ensuring that our nation's soldiers receive the care and treatments they have earned and deserve. I hope that my colleagues in the Senate will also include the TBI Treatment Act when they consider defense authorization legislation.

#### COMBATING SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

#### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, for the past year, my office has worked with a young female soldier who was raped while serving her country. Active US Army, she says that when she reported the crime, she was threatened and harassed.

The military's solution was to direct her assailing to stay away from her, which he ignored.

This woman acted bravely by reporting the assault—only about 10 percent of victims do—and the military failed her.

She is now AWOL: lost, afraid, without pay, without prospects—and without her justice. Her situation is far too common. And it's unacceptable.

This year's National Defense Authorization includes important reforms. It strips commanders of their authority to change or dismiss convictions and it expands legal assistance to victims.

The military must fully implement these changes and do all it can to ensure that its culture no longer tolerates sexual violence. The military must prosecute sexual abuse offenders and ensure victims have protection and support and the assurance of justice that all victims deserve.

End this shame on America and ensure that women "can be all they can be" in the U.S. military, without discrimination, harassment or fear of sexual assault.

#### HONORING CLARK BOYD FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF LEBANON

#### HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 17, 2013*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, for more than one hundred years Rotary International has made it their mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Today, it is my honor to recognize one of Rotary's distinguished club presidents, Mr. Clark Boyd from Lebanon, Tennessee.

A graduate of East Tennessee State University, Clark served his country for more than a decade in the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. Today, Clark makes good on the promise to be a "good neighbor" to the customers entrusted to his care as a State Farm Insurance agent in Lebanon, where he also serves as chairman of the Wilson County Republican Party and president of his local Habitat for Humanity.

Under Clark's leadership, the Rotary Club of Lebanon generously donated \$6,000 to local and international non-profits, gave \$8,000 to the noble work of Rotary International and joined members of the local Kiwanis club to create a Lebanon youth baseball league. Additionally, the club was awarded the prestigious "STAR Club Award" and "Globe Club Award."

Apart from his service to Rotary, Clark evinces his devout Christian faith as chairman of the men's ministry at Immanuel Baptist Church, where he also serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. Most importantly, Clark is the loving husband to his wife of eleven years, Jana, and a proud father to his two children: Wilson and Blair.

While Clark's tenure as president of Rotary Club of Lebanon will end this year, his passion for investing in the lives of others and serving his community will not. I congratulate Clark on an exceptional year as president of Rotary Club of Lebanon and honor him for his selfless example of service to others.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARK BURTON

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 17, 2013*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Burton, who has served Northern California labor, specifically, Napa and Solano Counties, since 1978. I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many outstanding achievements of Mark during his lifetime.

Mark Burton has touched the lives of many with dedication and grace. Evidenced since his early childhood; Mark's driven and compassionate nature laid the foundation for a legacy of inspiration to all who know him.

Mark was born in Richmond, California, on June 11, 1957; and Mark graduated from Pinole Valley High School in 1976, where he met the love of his life, Becky, who Mark later married and raised their two sons, Andrew and Adam, with.

Mark is committed to making the world a better place and his grace and ability to effectively communicate with people from all different backgrounds, he courageously stands up for what he believes is both fair and right not only in the workplace, but in life as well.

Mark's reputation for being dependable, fair, and loyal propelled Mark to become a foreman for Bechtel before joining the Local 3 staff as a Business Agent in 2000. Mark was promoted to District Representative for Napa and Solano Counties in 2006 and has dedicated his time to improving working conditions throughout organized labor.

Mr. Speaker, we are truly honored to pay tribute to our friend and dedicated public servant Mark Burton. We ask our colleagues to join with us in thanking Mr. Burton for his long and dedicated service to the citizens of Solano and Napa counties and wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors along with a happy retirement.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. JIM TEDFORD

#### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 17, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the retirement of Dr. Jim Tedford from San Luis Obispo, CA, who is a beloved pediatrician in the community.

Dr. Jim Tedford has resided in San Luis Obispo County for over 30 years. He graduated from UCLA Medical School in 1969 where he completed his residency at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He then worked as a pediatrician at the Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington, before opening his private practice in San Luis Obispo in 1975.

Beyond his medical practice, Dr. Tedford has a strong history of community engagement. He has participated in several prominent medical organizations including: the SLO County Medical Society, California Medical Association, Sierra Cascade Trauma Society, California Chapter 2 of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the SLO Medical Foundation. Moreover, the First 5 of San Luis Obispo County has recognized him as a "Champion of Health" for his dedicated service.

On a personal note, Jim has always extended a gracious hand when working together on issues of importance to our community. I am pleased to honor Dr. Tedford as we recognize his contributions to pediatric medicine and wish him nothing but continued success in his retirement.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE AS NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 17, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as National Scoliosis Awareness Month, and to reaffirm our commitment to fighting a potentially debilitating medical condition that afflicts over 7 million Americans.