

me in congratulating Danielle L. Scott, the recipient of the Beacon Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Award. The scholarship, which is awarded to college students aspiring to become future leaders, was awarded to Ms. Scott based on her exemplary academic performance and extensive community service. I also commend the Beacon Foundation, a relatively new foundation, for its record in education.

Danielle is currently a junior at Howard University studying Political Science with a minor in Community Development. Prior to her enrollment at Howard University, she attended Monticello High School in Charlottesville, Virginia. During her time at Monticello, she held numerous leadership positions and was very involved in her community. She oversaw the school's Peer Mediation Program and Big Brother Big Sister mentoring program, and was class president all four years. Upon her graduation in 2011, she received the \$10,000 Congressional Harry F. Byrd Jr. Leadership Award, the Susan N. Gilkey Award for Leadership, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Leadership Scholarship.

With her acceptance to Howard University, she was awarded the Legacy Scholarship and was accepted into the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. Since her arrival at the University, she has continued her service and is active in the university. She serves as the Chief of Staff for the Howard University Student Association and is also a member of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. In addition, she mentors young girls on a weekly basis as a cheerleading coach at the George Ferris Jr. Clubhouse 6 Boys and Girls Club. Maintaining a 3.95 grade point average, she is on the College of Arts and Science's Dean's List. Currently, Ms. Scott holds an internship at the Economic Development Administration in the Department of Commerce.

After Howard, Ms. Scott hopes to continue her education in pursuit of a Master's degree and potentially a PhD. She hopes to help underserved communities in the United States. Specifically, she would like to help urban black communities by reinvigorating the basic infrastructure, function, and atmosphere of these areas. She lives by the words of Mary McLeod Bethune, "Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service, without it nothing is possible, with it, nothing is impossible."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to congratulate Ms. Danielle L. Scott as this year's recipient of the Beacon Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Award.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OREGON CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich history and successes of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association as they celebrate their 100th anniversary this week in their birthplace: Baker City, Oregon. I commend the Oregon Cattlemen's Association for their century of commitment to producing high quality livestock, managing our natural re-

sources, and being a highly respected voice for Oregon's livestock industry.

On May 14th, 1913, over 100 ranchers met in Baker City with concerns about the high rate of livestock theft. They sought to create an organization that would represent the livestock industry, guard against theft, and implement a brand inspection program for livestock markets. During that inaugural meeting, 51 attendees joined as charter members of the "Oregon Cattle and Horse Raiser Association," which eventually became the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

In 1913, the new association provided a much-needed voice to an industry facing chronic outbreaks of livestock theft across the range. It was reported that a rancher could turn out 500 horses for the summer, and only gather up 150 before winter. The organization brought its concern to local and state leaders, who worked with them to implement a system of brand laws and a brand inspection program. This effort cemented the Oregon Cattlemen's Association as an indispensable part of the state's livestock industry.

Ranching runs deep in Oregon's history. Way back in 1834, nearly a decade before the first of the famous covered wagons came via the Oregon Trail, Ewing Young drove a herd of cattle from California to Oregon, establishing one of the first large commercial cattle grazing operations in Oregon. Ranchers today continue in many centuries-old traditions like moving cattle horseback, grazing cattle on large tracts of land, and raising prized horses. Much of the work is physically demanding, occurring from "dawn to done".

These communities, and the ranchers that support them, understand that raising livestock takes more than just hard hands and a stubborn will. Today, ranchers must look towards the needs of their customers, the protection of the environment, building collaborative relationships with the government and non-governmental partners, and care for their livestock.

Like many other areas of the West, ranchers in Oregon face many of the same challenges as their counterparts did in 1913—from Mother Nature's inconsistent attitude, loss of livestock to theft and predatory animals, ever changing markets, to burdensome costs and an overabundance of government involvement in the cattle business. Like in the past, ranchers have a horseback view, up close and personal, regarding the effect that management practices have on the land, cattle, and ultimately the consumer. Advances in science including range and meadow management, veterinary medicine, and nutrition offer new avenues for building on tradition.

Additionally, ranchers have something in common with many city dwellers: they have a passion for healthy soils, plants, water, and wildlife, maintaining large open spaces, and ensuring a future place to share with family and friends. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association and its members continue to work towards solutions so they can keep producing the high quality livestock that feeds the world. As the younger generation take over their families' operations, they will continue that legacy well into the next century.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Oregon Cattlemen's Association on their century of commitment to livestock producers in Oregon and recognize them for all they have done for livestock pro-

ducers, the state of Oregon, and those across the West that make their living off the land. I am very proud to represent them in the United States Congress, and I wish them the very best for their next 100 years and beyond.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,653,639,711.53. We've added \$6,111,776,590,799.45 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE'S MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the University of California, Irvine's (UCI) men's volleyball team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship. This is UCI's fourth Men's Volleyball Championship in the last seven years. They previously won in 2007, 2009 and 2012. UCI is the first school to win back-to-back NCAA Championships since UCLA in 1995 and 1996. This marks the 28th overall NCAA Division I Championship for UC Irvine overall.

UCI, which swept USC in the final a year ago, is the first school to sweep in the NCAA Championship match in back-to-back years since UCLA in 1982 and 1983. UCI joins UCLA, Pepperdine and USC as the only programs to have won four titles. UCI is now 4-0 in NCAA championship matches and 8-1 all-time in the NCAA Tournament.

UCI's Connor Hughes was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. He joined Chris Austin, Michael Brinkley, Collin Mehning and Kevin Tillie on the All-Tournament Team. Hughes, Austin and Tillie were selected for the second consecutive year.

UCI was 25-7 overall, the second most wins in the country this season. They finished second in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) with an 18-6 mark. The Anteaters' 25 wins this year are fifth most in a season, while the 18 league wins were third. They began the year ranked No. 1 and end the year ranked No. 1. They were also ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 for 13 of 17 weeks this season.

UCI was 21-0 on the year when producing more kills than its opponent and 25-0 when out-hitting its opponent. They had 17 blocks in the title match, the second most in a match this season. The Anteaters hit .500 against

Loyola in the semifinals, their second-best hitting percentage on the year.

Sophomore libero Michael Brinkley had 290 digs this season which was third on UCI's single-season digs list. Kevin Tillie and Michael Brinkley were named first team All-Americans, while Collin Mehring was a second team All-American selection. Tillie and Brinkley were also named to the All-MPSF first team, while Mehring and Scott Kevorken were named to the second team.

UCI ended the season by winning the UCSB Invitational where Collin Mehring was named MVP. Jeremy Dejno was named AVCA National Player of the Week on Jan. 8, while Klye Russell garnered the award on April 9.

Congratulations to head coach, David Kniffin, who is just the second coach in the 44-year history of NCAA men's volleyball to coach a team to the NCAA Championship in his first season, and the men's volleyball team of UCI, for winning the 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship. I am proud to recognize the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping UCI win the national title.

It is an honor to represent University of California, Irvine, under the leadership of Chancellor Michael V. Drake, M.D., as it continues to establish itself as a world-class research university, and as one of the top universities in the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO ERIC GOLDBERG AND
ERIKA GRAY FOR THE SELEC-
TION TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH
ORCHESTRA OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eric Goldberg and Erika Gray for their achievement in being selected for the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America. The National Youth Orchestra, spearheaded by Carnegie Hall, showcases America's finest young musicians and reinvests interest in youth musicianship at home and abroad. This achievement is the culmination of Eric and Erika's hard work, dedication, and training to hone their talent and develop their skills as musicians.

The National Youth Orchestra provides Eric and Erika the opportunity to build upon their experiences in studying music at the Percussion Scholarship Group of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and New Trier High School, respectively. They will join an elite group of young musicians from across this country on an international tour that highlights the vast musical talent that exists in the United States. Their whirlwind tour will include performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC; Bolshoi Hall of the Moscow Conservatory in Moscow, Russia; the Mariinsky Theatre Concert Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia; and the Royal Albert Hall in London, England.

I am so proud that these talented young people will represent my congressional district, Illinois, and the United States as cultural ambassadors during their time with the National Youth Orchestra. I wish Eric, Erika, and other

members of the National Youth Orchestra the best of luck on their tour and in their future musical endeavors.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS
MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the athletes, volunteers and fans of Special Olympics Minnesota in honor of their 40th anniversary. This weekend, thousands of people will be gathering in Stillwater, Minnesota to celebrate this momentous milestone with a variety of activities, including athletic competitions and live music.

Founded just five years after Special Olympics was established nationally, thousands upon thousands of Minnesota athletes with intellectual or physical disabilities have had the opportunity to compete in 17 Olympic style sports year round, including alpine skiing, volleyball, golf, snowboarding and tennis. The Special Olympics message is simple and profound: "Through sports, our athletes are seeing themselves for their abilities, not disabilities. Their world is opened with acceptance and understanding. They become confident and empowered by their accomplishments." Rather than focusing on what they can't do, Special Olympics Minnesota focuses on what the individual can do.

Respect, accomplishment, choice, quality, partnership and integrity are the six core values represented by Special Olympics Minnesota. These values contribute to an understanding of the whole person and the whole athlete.

This year, members of our law enforcement in Minnesota are participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which has taken place annually across the country since it was founded in 1981 by Police Chief Richard LaMunyon, of Wichita, Kansas. In 2012, more than 1,200 law enforcement officers throughout the State of Minnesota participated in this special torch run for Special Olympics Minnesota. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of the officers, \$3 million was successfully raised for Special Olympics Minnesota in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the athletes, volunteers, donors and staff of Special Olympics Minnesota, I proudly submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of their 40th anniversary as an organization, and I commend all those joining in celebration this weekend in Stillwater, Minnesota.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM
AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF
2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. NOLAN. Madam Chair, today, as the House of Representatives debates the five-year Farm Bill, I am hopeful that my colleagues can come together on issues that touch all Americans. This bill makes great strides for energy programs, the forestry industry, the organic sector, and rural areas.

I have always supported family farmers. They need protection from the vagaries of pestilence, drought, flooding, and the like. A five-year Farm Bill will offer them the certainty they need to make planting decisions.

I do not believe this Farm Bill is perfect, but I also do not think that perfection should be the enemy of the good.

In the Agriculture Committee last month, we spent more than ten hours debating amendments. That is how the legislative process should function. After it was all said and done, Chairman LUCAS and Ranking Member PETERSON felt this was the best product they could get through the House. I commend them for their hard work in pulling together a bipartisan compromise.

I will vote for passage of this bill because I have confidence that the conference committee can merge the House and Senate bills in a way that provides for family farmers without gutting the SNAP program.

Again, I will not claim that this bill is ideal—but we need to respect the work of our colleagues and advance this process.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM
AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF
2013

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Chair, today I rise to oppose the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act plan to cut SNAP funding by \$20.5 billion over the next ten years.

The need for food assistance has increased dramatically during our nation's economic slump. Texas's rate for food insecurity is 27.6%—more than one in four Texas children is food insecure.

The impacts to Texas would be devastating, including 171,000 immediately off of SNAP and the elimination of almost 500 million meals from hungry Texans. In Harris County alone, more than 27,000 children, seniors, and their families would lose SNAP benefits; more than 76 million meals would be eliminated; and the Harris County economy would lose almost \$175M in lost food retail dollars.

Meeting the need for food assistance is especially critical for our most vulnerable citizens—pregnant and nursing women, infants, children, and seniors for whom the consequences of hunger and poor nutrition are