

training at Fort Ord. After serving two years in the military, Bill married the love of his life, Delores Josephine Pagel. Bill and Delores were married for 59 years.

In 1955, Bill began a lifelong career at Salyers' America. At one point, Salyers was one of the largest farming operations in the United States. Bill was the Farm Superintendent and managed 85,000 acres of land, which included 18 crops ranging from wheat and barley to tomatoes and cotton. Bill worked at Salyers for 45 years, retiring in 2000.

In addition to fighting in the Korean War, Bill fought two long battles close to home that were much more personal. The 1969 and 1983 Tulare Lake Floods fueled a long-standing rivalry between Valley farmers and Mother Nature, and Bill was at the forefront. Valley agriculture always played a very significant role in Bill's life because he understood its impact on the strength of our Nation.

More important than his appreciation for agriculture, Bill's family meant everything to him. Bill and Delores loved their three sons and their spouses: Harold and Kelly, Larry and Valerie, and Todd and Stephen. His pride and joy were his eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but they will always have an outstanding role model who they will hold in their hearts forever.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Bill R. LeMay. His service to our country and dedication to working hard will always be remembered.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOPKINS ROYALS STATE TRACK CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hopkins Royals Boys Track Team for their success in attaining their very first Minnesota State High School Championship.

The Hopkins Team was by no means an underdog at State, but they weren't the favorite either. The boys exhibited enormous effort and passion throughout the season and at the tournament—an attitude that even coaches from opposing teams noticed.

The Royals were led by three outstanding athletes in Terrance Bowers, Shaheed Hickman, and Joe Klecker, who gained valuable team points in their respective events. However, it was the team effort in the 4x100 relay that secured the title for the Royals.

Head Coach Nick Lovas is proud of each athlete's individual goals, but even more satisfied with their commitment to the team. His passion for teaching students is an example the entire community can celebrate.

Mr. Speaker, this title will go down in Hopkins High history because it is the first Boys Track Championship in the school's 108 years of existence. The boys pushed themselves to their limits, ran faster and jumped farther each week, and ended up victorious. This accomplishment is the result of the hard work and dedication from the athletes and coaches, as

well as the endless support from parents, teachers and fans.

Again, I want to congratulate the Hopkins Royals Boys Track Team, on becoming State High School Champions.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GMU PROFESSOR DONNA STERLING TO SCIENCE EDUCATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the tremendous contributions of George Mason University Professor Donna R. Sterling, whose work to improve the research in and development of effective science and math curricula has benefitted elementary and secondary school students across the nation.

Ms. Sterling is a Distinguished Service Professor and Director of the Center for Restructuring Education in Science and Technology at George Mason's College of Education and Human Development. GMU, which is located in the 11th Congressional District in Fairfax, Virginia, is now the Commonwealth's largest public university with 34,000 students, a full-time faculty of more than 1,800, 11 schools, and degrees in 198 fields of study. Over the past 22 years, Ms. Sterling's research has been instrumental in helping to improve science teaching in elementary and secondary schools and higher educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth and across the country, while simultaneously increasing the profile of George Mason University.

She has served as principal investigator for numerous teacher development and research grants and has authored more than 100 articles, books, and reports. Her portfolio includes the award-winning "New Science Teachers' Support Network" for provisionally-licensed science teachers and "Science Camp" for training pre-service and experienced teachers to conduct problem-based learning with children. Through the years, her research has garnered more than \$50 million in funding support from multiple public and private sources, including the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Education, ExxonMobil, Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Micron, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

A recent project used her research for the basis of the Virginia Initiative for Science Teaching and Achievement (or VISTA). The project received one of the largest Investing in Innovation (or i3) grants from the U.S. Department of Education. It also marked the largest grant in GMU's history and brought together six Virginia universities, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition, and private corporate partners to support the improvement of K-12 science education.

In addition to her research work, Ms. Sterling has been an active member of the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition, where she has developed policy recommendations and white papers for improving K-12 science education, the development of science lead-

ers, and the preparation of outstanding teacher and student programs.

She earned her Doctor of Education degree in science education from The George Washington University, and she completed her early research and career training under two noted Nobel Prize recipients—Linus Pauling and Melvin Calvin who between them received three Nobel prizes.

She is regarded by her peers as a pioneer in classroom curriculum development to engage young students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (or STEM). She also has served as a role model and mentor to generations of graduate students—particularly young women—by inspiring and supporting them as they pursue careers in teaching, research, and leadership roles in the field of STEM education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Dr. Donna Sterling and in thanking her for her innovative and lasting contributions to classroom instruction. Her ability to inspire graduate students in scientific discovery—pushing them to question, hypothesize, and verify new knowledge through real experimentation and persistence—have been a hallmark of her passion for science education. She continues to support an ever-expanding network of former students who now are inspiring the next generation of young women and men to unlock the mysteries and wonders of our world through scientific discovery.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP MEN OF DISTINCTION LUNCHEON HONOREES

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the Waukegan community's finest leaders.

In education, business, government, faith and more, these 15 outstanding men embody what is best about Waukegan and demonstrate a deep commitment to strengthening our community.

It is my great pleasure to honor the 2014 Men of Distinction: Dr. Phil Carrigan; Arthur Craig; Don Elliott; Ronnel Ewing; Chuck Gutman; Kenneth Mayo; Mayor Steve Pannell; Greg Moio; Joe Moody; Mayor Wayne Motley; Bill Newby; Martin Perez; Pastor Eugene Roberson; Mayor Leon Rockingham; Jose Rodriguez.

It takes strong leaders with vision and dedication to bring a community together and secure a hopeful, prosperous future for the next generation. With no less than their fullest commitment to the people and the township of Waukegan, these 15 honorees work each and every day to enrich their community.

As true Men of Distinction, this year's honorees deserve the highest praise and greatest respect. I know that this honor will merely inspire them to work even harder to strengthen Waukegan and build an even better, closer community.

HONORING MR. CHARLES
MCDOWELL LEE, SR.

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a friend and a great Alabamian, Mr. Charles McDowell Lee, Sr.

Mr. Lee, as he was commonly known, served as Secretary of the Alabama State Senate from 1963 to 2011. At the time of his retirement, McDowell Lee was the longest serving secretary of a legislative body in the entire nation. During my time as a state senator, I grew to know Mr. Lee as a brilliant mind and the unequivocal historian of the Alabama Legislature.

Mr. Lee, a native of Clio, Alabama, graduated from Barbour County High School in 1942 and went on to study at Auburn University. He answered the call of duty during World War II, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters. He then returned to Alabama to finish his education at Troy State Teachers College. After graduating, Mr. Lee was elected mayor of his hometown of Clio, earning the recognition as one of the youngest mayors in the nation.

Mr. Lee was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1954, and he went on to serve in that position for eight years, earning the titles of "Outstanding Freshman" and "Best Debater" by the Alabama Press Association. In 1963, he was selected as Secretary of the Alabama Senate.

He would go on to serve as Secretary of the Senate for 47 years. During that span, Mr. Lee worked with ten different governors and hundreds of state senators. He was known nationally as an expert scholar on parliamentary procedure and received countless state and national awards for his years of public service.

Every morning that the State Senate was in session, a number of other senators and I would gather in Mr. Lee's office to drink coffee and get his input on current events. It was in those candid conversations with Mr. Lee that I truly learned how the State Senate worked and gained a deep appreciation for the unique rules that govern legislative bodies.

In a legislative body where emotions and politics sometimes get the best of us, Mr. Lee provided calm, unbiased leadership and direction. He respected the rules and the institution, and through that each senator quickly grew to respect him.

Mr. Lee passed away on April 17, 2014, at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; his sons Arch, Charles Jr., and Kenneth; his daughters Margaret and Josie Lee; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. I know his family must miss him very much, but they can find peace in the countless individuals' lives that McDowell Lee improved, mentored, and impacted in his lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I find it only fitting to recognize this great American in this body, the People's House, for his dutiful service to our nation and immense respect for the legislative process.

IN HONOR OF BARBRA MINCH,
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE
WILLIAM F. RYAN COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the people of New York's tenth congressional district in saying a fond farewell to President and CEO of the William F. Ryan Community Health Center, Barbra Minch, as she enters her retirement.

After 35 years of service to the community, Barbra leaves behind an incomparable legacy and has been an immeasurable asset to the community as a whole. The Ryan Center's wonderful contributions would not have been possible without her dedicated service.

Barbra E. Minch has lived and worked in the Upper West Side community for over 42 years. As a single parent raising two children, Ms. Minch has been an advocate for affordable housing and quality public schools, a teacher, and an educational administrator. In 1979, Ms. Minch joined the William F. Ryan Community Health Center as an Administrator, and was soon promoted to Deputy Director. In 1995, she was appointed Executive Director by the Board of Directors, and was then appointed President & CEO in 2001. In this role, Ms. Minch provided leadership to 17 sites throughout Manhattan and has represented the Ryan Center in the Community Health Center movement on a federal and statewide scale, contributing unmatched leadership and philanthropy.

Over the years, I have worked with Barbra on many issues regarding health care on the Upper West Side, in Chelsea and Clinton, and in Lower Manhattan. I have always found her to be irrepressible, creative, energetic, and singularly focused on improving access to quality health care at minimal cost to the low-income people among us. Our community has been blessed by Barbra's energy and dedication for many years, and despite her having trained and put in place a dedicated team to continue her work, we shall sorely miss her continuing contributions.

Ms. Minch has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) as First Vice Chair and chaired its Legislative Committee for several years. She is a member of several committees of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), including the Legislative Committee, Credentials Committee, Ethics and Grievance Committee, and Membership and Rules Committees. She is also a member of the Health Care Executive Forum, which advances health care leadership and management. Ms. Minch was the first and only Community Health Center representative on the Board of Trustees of the Job Security Fund of the 1199/SEIU Employment Training and Job Security Program. In 1998, Ms. Minch played an integral role in helping to establish the Coalition to Preserve Access to Community-Based Health Care Providers, which set the stage for direct funding to Community Health Centers from New York State.

Ms. Minch has won many awards in recognition of her excellent work and dedication

including: The Jeffrey T. Latman Award from CHCANYS; the Palma Award as Health Administrator of the Year from the Latino Coalition for Fair Media; and the distinguished John Gilbert Community Healthcare Award of Excellence from NACHC. Most recently, Ms. Minch was inducted into the NACHC Hall of Fame, one of a small group of community health advocates throughout the nation, and the first New Yorker to receive this prestigious award.

Barbra is undoubtedly deserving of all of her commendations, and I hope to offer her another one by wishing her the most sincere congratulations on behalf of myself and my constituents as she finishes a singular career of public service. I wish her the best of luck in everything the future holds for her. I know she will find many more ways to contribute to the lives of residents throughout New York City and beyond. I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Barbra's efforts.

THE BOULAN PARK MIDDLE
SCHOOL INVESTMENT TEAM—
RANKING NINTH IN THE SIFMA
FOUNDATION'S CAPITOL HILL
CHALLENGE

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Investment Team from Boulan Park Middle School for placing ninth in the country in the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Foundation's Capitol Hill Challenge of 2014. The team is comprised of Kevin Li, Rohit Chakravarty, and Jason Song, along with their coach, Mr. Mark Martin.

The students worked diligently on this project. They greatly improved their knowledge of the stock market and the world economic landscape. These students used their own knowledge to earn a 42% return on investment, turning 100,000 dollars into over 142,000 dollars. Additionally, this is the first year in which a middle school team finished in the top 10 nationwide.

I am proud to have sponsored Kevin, Rohit, and Jason. The time and effort they dedicated to this project is beyond impressive. On behalf of the residents of Michigan's 11th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate them on this remarkable achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO EXTEND SECTION 181 OF THE
TAX CODE

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague from Georgia, Congressman DOUG COLLINS, to introduce legislation to extend section 181 of the tax code to continue to allow for the immediate tax write-off of the first \$15 million (or \$20 million where the production is made in a distressed community) of production expenditures for qualifying domestic film and television productions. In addition, our bill