

Field in Indianapolis. This victory is Wapahani High School's fourth state championship. The state championship victory marked the team's 17th straight win. They finished the season with a record of 30–4.

I want to congratulate this team for performing with extraordinary dedication and teamwork for the entirety of their season and throughout the State Championship. I also want to commend the team for representing themselves with class throughout the season, the tournament, and the remainder of the year.

Congratulations on the achievement go to team members Drew Brant, Zack Thompson, Luke Snider, Bret Lawson, Talon Craycraft, Kyzer York, Collin Hoots, Jacob Walters, Grant Thompson, Hunter Stanley, Taylor McKee, Austin White, Jourdan Hill, Hayden Castor, Austin Martin, Jared Coats, and Alex Summers. In addition, senior team member Collin Hoots was named the winner of the L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award for Class 2A Boys Baseball for his demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability.

For the continued leadership of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the head coach, Brian Dudley, who led the team through their most successful season yet.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Wapahani High School varsity baseball team for their dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 8, I missed a series of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 369 and No. 370.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed two votes on July 8. Had I been present, on rollcall No. 369, H.R. 4263, the Social Media Working Group Act of 2014 I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 370, H.R. 4289, the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act I would have voted "aye."

IN HONOR OF MR. TIMOTHY J.  
ELVERMAN

### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to honor Mr. Timothy J. Elverman as he celebrates 40 years of achievement. It is

truly an honor for me to pay homage to someone who has contributed so much to Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

I have known Tim Elverman for over 30 years, well before I began my legislative career in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Mr. Elverman is a graduate of Marquette University Law School.

Tim has enjoyed an illustrious and diverse career. After law school his first job was Director of the Student Legal Assistance Center at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. He returned to Wisconsin to serve as Home Secretary/Ombudsman for Congressman Les Aspin in his Janesville office.

After leaving public service, Tim was the Wisconsin Director of Government Relations at Bank One Corporation (now JPMorgan Chase & Co.) for 14 years. While at Bank One, Tim was also responsible for the bank's Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) compliance, and was on the bank's foundation board. While serving in that capacity, Tim was actively involved in a variety of organizations in the community including Chairman of the following organizations: New Opportunities for Home Ownership in Milwaukee (NOHIM) lenders' consortium, the Board for the 16th Street Community Health Center, and the Advisory Committee for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Counsel. He also served on the advisory board for the Local Initiatives Support Corporations (LISC) and on the advisory board for the Mid-Town Credit Union which I established as a Vista volunteer.

Tim Elverman joined Broydick & Associates and later Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova as Senior Counsel. He is now retiring from Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, after a long and productive career.

Tim Elverman is a strong example of leadership and excellence for the Milwaukee community. He is a Milwaukee and Wisconsin treasure. I value his service and I am proud to call him friend. Timothy J. Elverman, thank you for your service to the 4th Congressional District.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF KAREN S. TUFTS

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize the life and legacy of an inspirational woman, Ms. Karen Tufts. Ms. Tufts passed away in Lexington, Kentucky on April 6, 2014 at the age of 80 but still lives inside the hearts of the many individuals she touched.

Ms. Tufts dedicated her life to helping others. As a Military Sexual Assault Therapist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky, Ms. Tufts treated numerous survivors of military sexual trauma (MST). Even after retirement, Ms. Tufts continued to follow her passion to help survivors of MST by opening up her home to counsel men and women known affectionately as "Karen's Survivors."

It was these survivors' stories about the positive impact her care had on their lives that led me to introduce H.R. 3775, the Karen Tufts Military Sexual Assault Victims Em-

powerment Act, also known as the Karen Tufts Military SAVE Act. This legislation follows the example set by Ms. Tufts, which would empower survivors of military sexual trauma to select their own care providers and provide the support these brave service members have earned.

While we grieve the loss of this great American, we also honor her life and her devotion to helping others by continuing the important work of supporting survivors of MST.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN ASHOK KUMAR MAGO

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chairman Ashok Kumar Mago receiving the Padma Shri Award and to congratulate him on this honor.

As Chairman and CEO of Mago and Associates and Founder of the Greater Dallas Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Mago's accomplishments are outstanding and he is truly deserving of this prestigious award. By focusing on networking, expanding business opportunities, and fostering trade between our two nations, the chamber has grown into an influential organization in Texas. I want to commend Chairman Mago on his leadership and dedication to the chamber and giving the local Indian community a united voice. His belief in giving back to his community is admirable and evident in his actions, such as raising hundreds and thousands of dollars for charities and generously devoting his time to serve in numerous civic organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Chairman Ashok Kumar Mago as he continues to encourage trade and business relations between the United States and India.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF RANGER THOMAS E. COWPER

### HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ranger Thomas E. Cowper, who recently retired from the Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation after 25 years of service.

In 1989, Thomas began his career in Snohomish County as the first Off-Road Vehicle Coordinator and then became a Park Ranger in 1991. Working at Flowing Lake Park for many years, he ensured quality camping, boating, fishing and picnicking for Washington families and enhanced the recreational opportunities in many parks for the entire community.

Throughout his career, Ranger Cowper spread his passion for nature to those around him. As a park ranger, he guided children in nature interpretation through live birds of prey programs and he mentored hundreds of Boy Scouts in their Eagle Scout service projects.

Through his commitment to educational programs in the community, Ranger Cowper has encouraged good stewardship of our public lands and the creatures that inhabit them. His enthusiasm and dedication to protecting, improving and sharing the nature of Snohomish County has enriched the lives of its residents.

I want to thank Ranger Thomas Cowper for his commitment to serving the people of Snohomish County and offer my congratulations on his retirement. I wish him the best on his next endeavors in the community and beyond.

#### HONORING MRS. CARMELA TRIPPI

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Carmela Trippi who will be celebrating her 105th birthday on July 1, 2014. Throughout the last century, Mrs. Trippi's unwavering service has left and continues to leave an indelible imprint on our community and on her family.

Carmela has bore witness to some of the most dramatic events in our nation's history—including two World Wars, the Great Depression, the rise and fall of the Soviet Union, the Civil Rights Movement, conflicts in the Middle East, and both waves of the Women's Rights Movement. However, she did not sit idly by.

Mrs. Trippi has participated in politics and government for nearly eight decades, serving as a Democratic Committee woman and clerk to the Hon. Henry Nowak. She is a past president of the Greater Women's Democratic Club and is a current member of the Delaware Club and the Frontier Democratic Club. At age 104, she continues to be active on campaign trails of local elected officials.

The family life of Carmela proves to be inspirational as well. A lifelong Buffalo resident, she is a proud and prolific matriarch with four children, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Thus far, Carmela has led a remarkable life and shows no sign of stopping.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few minutes to recognize Mrs. Carmela Trippi. The unbridled generosity and energetic spirit of this great woman exemplify truly meaningful public service and commitment. Mrs. Trippi's accomplishments in community service, family life, government, and politics through many unfathomably difficult years show that she is a leader and trailblazer for all.

#### H.R. 4412, THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2014

#### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 2014, I proudly voted in favor of H.R. 4412, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Authorization Act of 2014, which passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 401 to 2. NASA is an investment in our nation's future.

Investments in the space program will energize, engage, and inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, educators, and the public.

NASA helps propel our nation's economy and technological edge by creating thousands of high-tech jobs in the aerospace industry, at research laboratories, and in universities, and will help strengthen the U.S. aerospace industrial base. Space exploration stimulates the best and brightest with cutting-edge scientific and technical challenges that will make our nation stronger and more competitive. For example, NASA research on advanced electronics and micro-chips helped create the Silicon Valley that provides the innovation and economic growth that benefits our nation today.

But NASA is much more than a jobs program. NASA's science programs aim to answer fundamental questions about the nature and fate of the Universe, the origins of the planets and solar system, the lifecycle of stars, and will help us answer basic human questions, such as whether life has existed elsewhere, perhaps on Mars or maybe Jupiter's moon Europa.

I'm supportive of NASA's planetary science program and the great work done by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), located in my Congressional district, in Pasadena, California. JPL has led the world in planetary science missions, including the Mars rovers, missions to Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus, among many others. The planetary science program is a unique symbol of our country's technological leadership, pioneering spirit, and our optimism for the future. It demonstrates that we are a bold and curious nation interested in discovering and exploring the richness of worlds beyond our own. A vibrant space program is the hallmark of a great nation.

I also support Section 321 in the bill, which calls on NASA to follow the recommendations from the National Academy of Science's report on planetary exploration. Section 321 specifies regular opportunities for small, medium and large missions consistent with the report, and establishes a goal to launch a mission to Jupiter's moon Europa by 2021.

NASA's planetary science program is a crown jewel of our nation. I support these pursuits and investments because they inspire the public and the next generation of scientists and engineers that our nation needs.

I urge my colleagues, and the Administration, to continue to robustly support NASA's cutting edge missions, engineering, and technology.

#### HONORING MRS. MARY MCHUGH

#### HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mary McHugh for the forty-nine years she spent educating and improving the lives of children in Illinois. Mary's dedication and involvement in our community serves as an example towards which all of us can strive. She mentored countless student teachers towards excellence. She assured and convinced hundreds of underprivileged children to set their sights higher and pursue their

dreams. It is my pleasure to celebrate her many years of service as an educator. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding educator.

Mary has selflessly dedicated her life to her community. She began teaching in Goreville, IL in 1952, and over the years to follow she taught in Vienna, IL and Corpus Christi, TX. On August 14, 1957, Mary was approved as a teacher in Belleville Public Schools District #118, and from 1958 to 2001 she taught at Franklin Elementary School.

During her forty-three years teaching at Franklin Elementary School in Belleville, Mary pioneered practices that broadened horizons for countless underprivileged children. She cofounded the practice of inviting recent college graduates back to Franklin Elementary School, clad in caps and gowns, to show elementary school students that they can dream big. She started the ongoing tradition of having teachers visit all Franklin Elementary families to welcome students for the new school year. The afterschool tutoring and "Saturday School" programs she cofounded provided students with the chance to achieve their potential. Her work establishing the District Spelling Bee, Young Authors Conference and District Science Fair helped teach students the joys of learning. She played an instrumental role in creating the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association, which transformed a high-crime neighborhood into a safe and supportive place to live and go to school. The impact she had on the children whose lives she touched is immeasurable.

Mary's record of service extends beyond her life as a teacher and her deep involvement in the Belleville community deserves commendation. She served as a Belleville Township Trustee and a Charter member and officer of the City of Belleville Human Relations Commission. She has been involved in the St. Clair County Historical Society, the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club and the Homeless Initiative Committee. She cofounded the Belleville Achieves Strength in Character (BASIC) initiative and the annual Storytelling Festival in Belleville. The many awards and honors that have been bestowed upon her over the years include the Belleville District 118 Bill Porzukowiak Character Award, the St. Louis Metropolitan Urban League Community Service Recipient of the Year, the Racial Harmony Community Service Award, the St. Clair County Lawyers Liberty Bell Award, and the 1983 Illinois Master Teacher Award.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, I am pleased to honor Mrs. Mary McHugh and the remarkable services she has given to our nation and the state of Illinois. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this wonderful woman who has repeatedly proven that "we CAN do this!"

#### RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF MORRIS COUNTY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative