

the business community. I am proud to stand today to extend my sincere congratulations to SCORE on its 50th Anniversary as well as my very best wishes for its continued success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 12, Thursday, November 13, and Friday, November 14, 2014, I was out on medical leave recovering from surgery and unable to be present for recorded votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote No. 516 (on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4194), "no" on rollcall vote No. 517 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 748), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 518 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 5682, with instructions), and "no" on rollcall vote No. 519 (on passage of H.R. 5682).

#### HONORING WORLD STROKE DAY

### HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, stroke is the second leading cause of death worldwide, responsible for the death of one person every six seconds and nearly six million each year; and

Whereas, stroke is not only a killer, but it is also the most common cause of long-term disability, reducing quality of life and placing burdens on entire families; and

Whereas, we cannot solve our problems by ignoring them, and the threat of stroke to our communities will only increase as our population ages and faces increased lifestyle health risks; and

Whereas, in raising public awareness about this preventable and treatable threat, together we can help save millions of lives.

Therefore, I, RICHARD B. NUGENT, Member of Congress representing the Eleventh Congressional District of Florida, do hereby recognize the 29th day of October as World Stroke Day.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO ROBERT GETMAN ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I pause to honor Mr. Robert T. Getman of Old Lyme, Connecticut, a distinguished Coast Guard veteran from my district who is posthumously being inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame this week.

Mr. Getman began his career as a 1954 graduate from the Coast Guard Academy in

New London, Connecticut, and served in the Coast Guard for 30 years before retiring in 1984. Retirement was no vacation for Mr. Getman however, as he was appointed and served 10 years as the Director of the Connecticut Veterans home in Rocky Hill, ensuring that Connecticut veterans had the care, rehabilitation, and education they deserved and needed. Mr. Getman's time at the Veterans Home saw an increase in numbers of veterans served over previous years, and his passion for helping others shone with each case he oversaw.

Mr. Getman was known by those close to him for his passion for education. He believed that an educated community was one of the most successful strategies for growth and prosperity. Further building on his commitment to public service, Robert was elected to the Old Lyme Board of Education, where he extended his passion for service from the military to the civilian sphere.

Mr. Getman also served as a member of the Harbor Management Commission, volunteered at the Coast Guard Academy Museum, and provided spiritual ministry and tutoring to inmates at the prison in Niantic, Connecticut, always seeking to help others help themselves and never giving up on the power of education to improve a community's strength.

For his tireless commitment to serving his country, his community and for always seeing the opportunity for growth and improvement, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Robert Getman for his extraordinary service and his induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JIMMIE YEE

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sacramento County Board of Supervisor Jimmie Yee as he retires from twenty years of public service. As Supervisor Yee's family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his long list of accomplishments and retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great individual who has served and contributed so much to the Sacramento region.

Supervisor Yee is a native of Sacramento and graduated from Sacramento High School. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. Supervisor Yee began his professional career in civil service with the California State Department of Transportation and co-founded one of the Sacramento Valley's largest engineering firms, Cole, Yee, Schubert and Associates. They provided design services for prestigious buildings throughout the Sacramento Region including the original Sacramento Convention Center, Capitol Bank of Commerce, Sacramento International Airport's terminal and loading gates, among many others.

In 1992, Supervisor Yee was elected to the Sacramento City Council beginning his career in public service. He served on the City Council for twelve years. In 1999, Supervisor Yee was named Mayor of Sacramento after the passing of Mayor Joe Serna. In 2006, he was

elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. During his time on the Board, Supervisor Yee built on his legacy on the City Council and accomplished much for the Sacramento community, including the revitalization of Mather Airport and bringing EVA Flight Training Academy to Sacramento from Taiwan. Supervisor Yee has served with distinction on a number of regional boards, including the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and Sacramento Transportation Authority. He has also raised funds for a number of nonprofits, including the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, as Supervisor Yee's wife Mary, family, friends, and colleagues gather to recognize him for his many years of public and community service, serving on more than twenty-five governing and advisory bodies, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking him for his commitment to Sacramento and wishing him the best in retirement.

#### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KINNELON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kinnelon Public Library, located in Kinnelon, Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The Kinnelon Public Library was founded in 1963, a movement led by a local citizens-group and town leaders. Prior to the library's founding, the community was serviced by the Morris County Bookmobile Service once a month. However, citizens felt their literary needs were not being met and hoped to create a space where the community could come together.

In 1963, a group of citizens enlisted the Town Council and Mayor to help them begin the process of funding a free public library, a space the community unanimously agreed they needed. The long and demanding process began as the town tried to find space for the library. Several locations were proposed before the town was able to agree on a site at the Municipal Building Complex on Kinnelon Road. While they worked to determine a location, a temporary library was set up in an old medical building in 1964.

A single-story building was built and opened to the public in 1966, with a small collection of 900 books. Since then, the library has continued to expand to meet the needs of the growing community. After three expansions, the library is now a two-story building that occupies about 19,000 square feet. Along with space for book collections, the library houses four meeting rooms that serve the local community. The library is now home to more than 84,000 volumes of books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, and numerous other electronic resources.

The library continues to follow its mission to encourage learning and support discovery for Kinnelon residents of all ages. With 15 computers to serve the public, the circulation of electronic book readers, and a continuation of exhibits and programs, the library serves the public through more than just literary resources. Its adult educational organization,

The Center for Lifelong Learning, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary and has provided over 10,000 students with a learning experience since it began in 1993.

The Friends of the Kinnelon Library fundraise annually to support improvements for the library and technological advancements to help grow their resources for children, teens, and adults. In its 50 years, the library has continued to grow as a central gathering point for the community. They hope to continue to service the community and evolve with its needs in their next 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Kinnelon Public Library as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

#### HONORING NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the faculty, staff, students, and Greater Waterbury community in extending my sincere congratulations to Naugatuck Valley Community College as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this innovative institution of higher learning.

The City of Waterbury, through Works Progress Administration funding, was able to help hundreds of its residents get trained for and obtain good jobs with livable wages. When that funding was exhausted, Waterbury Higher Education, Inc. campaigned vigorously for an institute of higher education, namely a branch of the University of Connecticut in Waterbury. They were successful in that endeavor with a local branch opening in 1955. It was in that environment, through that commitment to continued education and in response to a growing need for engineering technicians in expanding local industries, that Waterbury State Technical Institute—later to be upgraded to Waterbury State Technical College—opened its doors in 1964.

With the advent of a state-wide community college system under Governor John Dempsey, Waterbury became the home of Mattatuck Community College which became one of the first to open its doors. When classes started in September of 1967, the college enrolled 288 full-time and 224 part-time students. In just five short years, enrollment at the Mattatuck Community College nearly quadrupled and programs were expanded to include early childhood education and nursing programs.

In 1992, under consolidation efforts by the General Assembly, the merger of Waterbury State Technical College and Mattatuck Community College established what is now Naugatuck Valley Community College. Today, NVCC serves 2,951 full-time and 4,244 part-time students and is the only community college in Connecticut to offer associate degree programs in aviation science, horticulture, digital arts, and visual and performance arts. The

campus boasts over 1100 networked computers, its Technology Hall features the latest in high-tech facilities, and its Fine Arts Center, in addition to including two theaters, music and dance studios, video studios, and rehearsal rooms, is also home to one of three observatories in Connecticut.

Today, our community colleges are playing a critical role in educating our workforce. Just as they did in 1955, NVCC is providing quality education and training programs that are preparing students of all ages for good jobs that are in demand in our local economy. Under the guidance of current President, Daisy Cocco De Filippis, NVCC continues its commitment to providing students with access to innovative programs, training, and hands-on experiences that will ensure their future success.

For its many invaluable contributions to our community, and particularly for its critical role in our education system, I am proud to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to Naugatuck Valley Community College on its 50th Anniversary as well as my very best wishes for many more years of continued success.

#### HONORING COLONEL KIMBERLEE JOOS

**HON. JASON T. SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Kimberlee Joos who received the Celebration Award at the Annual Zonta Women of Achievement for her selfless service and proud achievements that greatly impact both our Missouri community and the nation as a whole.

In 1991, Colonel Joos received her commission through the Air Force ROTC program at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She then became a master intelligence officer with a notable skillset in various intelligence disciplines including Flying Unit-level Intelligence Support, Theater Airborne ISR Operations, and National Cryptologic Operations and Collection Management.

Her service extends beyond Missouri, and she now commands the 17th Training Wing at the Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas. Additionally, she holds command responsibility for units in California, Arizona, and Florida where she administers real property, equipment, supplies, and contracts. She also offers support to Army, Navy and Marine Corps on-base units in addition to countless other organizations.

Colonel Joos's noteworthy accomplishments are evident in her various awards and decorations that include the Defense Superior Service Medal and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Kimberlee Joos's dedication has been truly admirable and has benefited our community greatly. It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and successes before the House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF CANADA'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in anticipation of an auspicious day in Canadian history, the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Canada's Founding Father, Sir John A. Macdonald of Ontario, on January 11, 2015.

Sir Macdonald was the first Prime Minister of Canada and a significant figure in the development of the British North America Act that gave rise to the birth of Canada as a nation on July 1, 1867. As one of the founders of the great nation of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald's importance to the American people should not be overlooked.

The Canadian people have much in common with us. They are independent, resilient in the face of adversity, and proud of their history. We share many of the same values and have chosen repeatedly to face the problems of the world together. Whether in matters of security, law enforcement, environmental protection or commerce, Canada has long been a partner and friend to the United States.

Our relationship with Canada is based not only on a long history of shared cultural values and experience, it also encompasses one of the closest economic partnerships in the world amounting to \$1.2 trillion in trade, tourism, investment and other activities. U.S.-Canada trade alone supports an estimated 8 million jobs here in the U.S. and millions more across the border. Canada is also the largest source of foreign direct investment in the United States. Our neighbors to the north maintain a substantial investment in the success and growth of the U.S. economy and American businesses of all sizes.

The City of Kingston is hosting a national commemoration service on Sunday, January 11, 2015 marking the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November, 17 2014, I was absent because of travel delays due to weather related activities.

If I had been present, I would have voted the following on November 17, 2014:

Rollcall 520 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, H.R. 5162, An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center, I would have voted "aye."