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## HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in acknowledgment of Joseph J. Joyce, who will receive the Achievement Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on Monday, March 17, 2014. Joe is a graduate of St. John's High School, Pittston, Pennsylvania, and Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. He went on to major in Business Education & Accounting at Bloomsburg University.

In 1989, Joe became licensed in Property and Casualty, Life, Accident and Health insurance and joined Joyce Insurance Group. Today, he focuses his efforts on commercial insurance, overseeing the Commercial Lines Division and company-toagency relations, specializing in governmental and self-funded entities

Throughout his life, Joe has done charity work with several organizations. He is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Pittston, PA; the Jolly Boys Association, Avoca, Pennsylvania; the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce; the Avoca Lions Club, where he served as Secretary to the Board of Directors; and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Greater Pittston Chapter, where he served as President and Treasurer. Among his many accomplishments, Joe was the 2012 recipient of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Swingle

Award, which honors a member for assisting and giving back to his community.

Currently, Joe resides in Hughestown with his wife Anna. They have raised five children: Joseph, John, Brent, Kahli and Aidan. They are also proud grandparents of four grandchildren: Annabel, Joey, Adeline, and Remy Mack Joyce.

I am proud to congratulate Mr. Joyce for receiving this acknowledgment from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons, and for his many years of service to the Pittston Area.

HONORING PATRICK L. SULLIVAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-TIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FED-ERAL HEALTH CARE CENTER

# HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor Director Patrick L. Sullivan on the occasion of his retirement from the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in the suburban Chicago district that I represent.

In 2010, the nation's first integrated Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)—Department of Defense (DoD) federal health care center opened its doors with Pat Sullivan as Director. The Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) at Naval Station Great Lakes was the culmination of years of vision, planning and hard work. It was and is an example of excellence for all other VA and DoD health care facilities.

I am incredibly proud that Illinois's Tenth District is home to the Lovell FHCC and Naval Station Great Lakes, the Navy's only recruit training command. It's here that the Navy trains more than 40,000 new sailors each year. It's here that the nation's first integrated federal health care center was created. And it was here that Director Sullivan's leadership helped make the vision of an integrated health system a reality, raising the bar of achievement to new heights.

Director Sullivan has done a remarkable job leading an outstanding team of more than 3,000 dedicated professionals. His leadership, drive, determination and forward-thinking approach have been key to Lovell FHCC's success and will be sorely missed.

Serving veterans, active duty personnel, military families and recruits each year, the Lovell FHCC demonstrates an unwavering commitment to preparing warriors and caring for heroes.

Director Sullivan's accomplishments have laid the foundation for the care of many future generations of sailors, families and veterans. I want to personally thank Director Sullivan for everything he has done, and congratulate him at the successful completion of a distinguished career with the Lovell FHCC.

HONORING TYLER THORNE

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, March 14, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Thorne. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 135, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Thorne for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDI-CATED SERVICE OF EVANGELIST STEVE HILL

## HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and dedicated service of Evangelist Steve Hill, who passed away on March 9, 2014, after a courageous battle with melanoma. Pastor Hill served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals. The loss of a devoted husband, father, and unparalleled servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is felt not only in Northwest Florida but throughout this great Nation and around the world.

Pastor Hill was born to a military family in 1954 in Ankara, Turkey. It was during his teen years, after his family moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where Pastor Hill felt the power of prayer for the first time more than ever. Though, this was only the beginning; Pastor Hill's love for God and helping others only grew.

Leaving behind a difficult past, Pastor Hill attended David Wilkerson's Twin Oaks Bible Academy located in Lindale, Texas. He met the love of his life there, the former Ms. Jeri Larson, and the two were married in 1979. Both began serving Christ through full-time ministry with Outreach Ministries of Alabama and then as youth pastors in Panama City and Tallahassee, Florida. Pastor Hill and his wife then felt the Lord's calling to serve His people abroad. Within seven years, they had managed to spread God's Word throughout South America and Europe, establishing ministries and churches.

In 1995, Pastor Hill touched the Northwest Florida community when he spoke at a revival at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Florida. Following his sermon, what would become known as the Brownsville Revival was ignited, attracting millions of people from all over the world. Pastor Hill's ability to encourage and empower those seeking the Lord led

to one of the longest running church revivals throughout our Nation's history. Preaching four nights a week for five years during the revival and leading thousands of individuals to Christ, Pastor Hill was inspired to continue the revival around the world.

In 2003 and 2004, Pastor Hill established Heartland World Ministries Church and Heartland School of Ministry in Irving, Texas, where he served as the senior pastor up until 2012. Despite facing a difficult health battle, his passion and heart for helping others did not cease, and his service to Christ continued, as he ministered through his website, ProdigalsOnly.com; his writing; and television broadcasts.

For over three decades, Pastor Hill was deeply committed to spreading the word of the Lord and helping others find salvation. Northwest Florida and the countless individuals whose lives were touched by Steve Hill mourn the loss of an exceptional man of God.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the service and contributions of Evangelist Steve Hill to the Northwest Florida community and around the world. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers to his wife, Jeri; son, Ryan; daughters, Shelby and Kelsey; and the entire Hill family and friends.

HOBBY LOBBY AND CONESTOGA WOOD SPECIALTIES CASES

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Friday,\ March\ 14,\ 2014$ 

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concerns about two cases being argued before the Supreme Court this month. Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties v. Sebelius. I am a strong supporter of our Constitution, which allows for religious liberty, but religious liberty does not include the right to impose your own religious beliefs on others. If Hobby Lobby CEO David Green opposes birth control, he's entitled to his opinion, but he is not entitled to impose his beliefs on others by deliberatively refusing contraceptive coverage for his female employees. This coverage makes a difference, especially for women working in entry level positions that too often leave them below the poverty line. Women need to be able to make their own decisions about their reproductive health care without interference from their bosses. It is their right, and it should not be trampled upon.

SAMANTHA FLORES

# HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday,  $March\ 14$ , 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samantha Flores for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Samantha Flores is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samantha Flores is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Samantha Flores for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO RUTH WILLIAMS— 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, March 14, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Ruth Williams of West Hollywood.

Ms. Williams is one of the original founders of the City of West Hollywood. Incorporated in 1984, West Hollywood has been her home for over sixty years. Her history of activism and volunteerism in West Hollywood is astonishing. She has served as a member of the Eastside Redevelopment Project Area Committee since its inception, is a former board member of Good Neighbors, and has organized the annual Fourth of July Picnic and Holiday Food Drive for many years. With a strong commitment to public safety issues, Ms. Williams helped create the original Disaster Volunteer Core Committee, worked tirelessly with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to create neighborhood watch groups, and served on West Hollywood's Public Safety Commission. Ms. Williams also founded Citizens for Seniors and helped draft West Hollywood's first rent control ordinance while serving on the City's Rent Stabilization Commission.

As Director of Advocacy at the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles (NCJW/LA), Ms. Williams has firsthand knowledge of the need for providing social services in the community. She strives to educate the community about current issues such as child abuse, human trafficking, domestic violence, teen bullying, and human rights, as well as advocate for domestic violence shelter funding. Many of the NCJW/LA programs under Ms. Williams' leadership have received statewide and federal recognition.

In addition to Ms. Williams' work in the community and with NCJW/LA, she is also active in the Hollywood National Organization for Women, is a former Chair and life member of the Fairfax High School Alumni Association, current Vice Chair of the Fairfax Business Association, and is involved in various political organizations. Ms. Williams has received numerous awards, including the 2010 Los Angeles County Older American Recognition Day Award, a City of West Hollywood Senior Advi-

sory Board Award, and a city proclamation to recognize March 15, 2013 as "Ruth Williams Day" in honor of her 75th birthday.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Ruth Williams.

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTY SCHIL-LING—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DIS-TRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Ms. Schilling grew up in Burbank and Glendale and graduated from Burbank High School in 1990. She went on to attend California State University, Northridge, where she majored in Sociology/Social Welfare. Ms. Schilling is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people living throughout the Los Angeles area. From childhood, Ms. Schilling has been concerned about those less fortunate than herself. She interned with the Haven Hills Domestic Violence Shelter, after completing her degree in 1995, working to improve the lives of battered women and their children. She not only counseled victims of domestic violence, but also counseled pregnant and parenting teens.

In addition to her other volunteer efforts for people, she is a fierce protector of and advocate for animals. As she started volunteering with different animal groups, her passion for animal welfare grew. She realized that by helping pets, she was helping people and the whole community. Ms. Schilling has been an avid animal welfare volunteer for more than 15 vears, resulting in her founding of The Animal Protectorates (TAPS), a non-profit animal advocacy organization. Ms. Schilling is devoted to educating people about the importance of spaying and neutering their animals, adopting animals, and reducing euthanasia rates in shelters. TAPS is dedicated to protecting animals in every possible way, supports other organizations aligned with the TAPS mission. and advocates unity among animal welfare organizations. With its committed and enthusiastic team and Board of Directors, TAPS is making a tremendous and positive difference for thousands of animals.

Ms. Schilling is the voice of abused and helpless creatures, and her contributions are reaching far and wide. Her mission to eliminate the sale of puppy mill pets in Glendale culminated in 2012 when the Glendale City Council passed its ordinance eliminating the sale of all puppy mill animals in Glendale. With the passage of this ordinance, Ms. Schilling's attention turned to a similar draft of a puppy mill ordinance in the City of Burbank, and Burbank's City Council passed the ordinance as well.

Throughout the years, Ms. Schilling has been a selfless volunteer. Her volunteer activities have included fundraising for the YMCA