

Mr. Stephen Krupicka, the Comanche Marching Band director, should be honored for such extraordinary commitment to these students, leading the band to such an outstanding victory. To the members of the band, Congratulations on a job well done! Your hard work and dedication certainly paid off.

It should also be noted that I am nominating the Comanche Marching Band to perform at the National Memorial Day Concert Series in Washington, D.C. in May, 2014. The concert series will commemorate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day May 24th-26th.

Again, Congratulations to the Shiner High School Marching Band. The community stands behind you in all your future endeavors!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RONALD T. RILING II

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Command Sergeant Major Ronald T. Riling II, the 14th Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, on the occasion of his retirement following 31 years of exemplary service to the United States Army. He is one of only four Command Sergeants Major of Four Star Commands in the United States Army.

Command Sergeant Major Riling began his Army career in February 1983 as a 19D Cavalry Scout, completing his One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY and will conclude his career as the personal advisor to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Materiel Command on all enlisted-related matters; primarily focusing on the quality of life for Soldiers, Civilians and Families across the command; and Command Sergeant Major Riling has performed admirably and honorably at home and abroad.

His career achievements include three successful combat tours, two in Iraq and one in Haiti. CSM Riling's awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit (2nd OLC), Bronze Star (1st OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (Silver OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4th OLC), and many other awards; and as Command Sergeant Major Riling's career winds down, he will be remembered for many of his attributes—strength of character, steadfast courage and superior and compassionate leadership. He will also be remembered and admired for being a "Soldier's Soldier".

As Command Sergeant Major Riling and his wife, Melinda, begin the next phase of their lives, I am pleased that they are retiring in my Congressional district. I want to express the warmest regards and heartfelt gratitude of the Nation for all that they have done and all that the Riling family has sacrificed to support the defense of the United States of America.

On behalf of all those touched by his service, we wish Command Sergeant Major Riling good luck, good ground, and Godspeed. Army Strong!

HONORING A-10 PILOTS BRIGADIER GENERAL MACKEY AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave airmen of the 442d Fighter Wing of Whiteman Air Force Base.

Specifically, I want to commend the A-10 pilots who courageously protected Sergeant Mauricio Alejandro Arias and 16 of his fellow soldiers as they came under fire while serving in Afghanistan.

I sincerely applaud Colonel James Mackey (now Brigadier General Mackey) and Lieutenant Colonel Tony Roe for their actions of June 5, 2008, as they provided close air support for 17 soldiers of the 201st Engineer Battalion of the Kentucky National Guard. The soldiers were pinned down for a lengthy time by enemy heavy-arms fire and running low on ammunition when these pilots intervened and suppressed the enemy threat. Sergeant Arias credits these pilots for saving his and the lives of 16 fellow soldiers that day and I stand with him in recognizing the heroic acts of these two pilots.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the bravery and commitment to service that General Mackey, Lieutenant Colonel Roe and the airmen of the 442d Fighter Wing exemplify. In doing so, they ask for no recognition, yet they protect our way of life while risking their own and are very deserving of such recognition.

TRIBUTE TO GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 2013 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Football Champions, the Grand View University Vikings.

Grand View University is one of eighty-five football programs across the country that compete in the NAIA. Each year, the best teams in the association qualify for the post-season playoffs to determine a national champion. Only six years after establishing a football program, the Grand View University Vikings have expertly developed a top-tier football team. On December 21, 2013, Grand View obtained its first-ever national football championship by defeating the top-ranked University of the Cumberland by a score of 35-23. The Vikings finished the 2013 season with a perfect 14-0 record and the top NAIA ranking.

Grand View University's recent success on the football field is emblematic of its long-held mission for both academics and athletics. Since its founding in 1896, Grand View has instilled its students with an uncompromising focus on the traditional Danish perspective of the "whole person." Through this perspective, each of Grand View's 2,300 students is uniquely enabled to reach their potential through high expectations, smaller class sizes,

and greater individual attention from professors and coaches. It is through this winning formula that Grand View University has positioned itself among our state's premier universities.

Mr. Speaker, the pride and excitement that this team has brought to their campus and to the state of Iowa cannot be understated. The unrelenting commitment of these coaches and players speaks volumes about the Iowa work ethic and the rewards of working together. It is truly an honor to represent the players, coaches and families of this team in the United States Congress and I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating our 2013 NAIA National Champions. I wish President Henning, Coach Woodley, and all the students of Grand View University continued success, both on and off the field, for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE HOWARD M. HOLTZMANN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary man, Judge Howard Holtzmann, who passed away hours before his 92nd birthday on December 9, 2013.

Howard was the son of the late Lillian Plotz Holtzmann and Jacob L. Holtzmann. He attended the Poly Prep Country Day School, Yale College and Yale Law School. He loved all things 'Yale' and served it in many ways for seven decades, earning the prestigious award of the Yale Medal in 2006. Yale was one of many beneficiaries of Howard Holtzmann's legendary philanthropy. He endowed the Jewish Chaplaincy at Yale, the first such position at an American college campus. He also endowed a professorship in international law and established fellowships in that field.

Judge Holtzmann, a brilliant attorney, was an original member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and served as a member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. An acknowledged expert in arbitration, he wrote and edited many books and treatises on the subject. He held leadership positions as a trustee or member of many organizations, including the Jewish Theological Seminary, St. Bonaventure University, the American Foreign Law Association, the Environmental Law Institute, Pace Law, the American Arbitration Association and the New York Weill Cornell Council.

Judge Holtzmann is survived by his beloved wife, Carol, and his devoted daughters, Susie and Betsey. He also leaves his grandsons, McLaren (Jodi), Anthony (Erin) and Abe Noyes, and Jill van Berg (David Manella), Elizabeth van Berg and Allison van Berg. He also leaves five great-grandchildren, and at the time of his death was aware that a sixth was due within days. He also leaves his stepdaughter Louise Mullen (Henry) and his stepson William van Berg. He was preceded in death by his first wife Anne Fisher Holtzmann and his step-son, Peter van Berg.

I have the privilege of knowing Judge Holtzmann's daughter, Susie Richardson, a

highly regarded member of the Palo Alto community who has contributed in countless ways to the civic life of our region. She is a woman of integrity and conscience, and I'm proud to call her my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life of Howard M. Holtzmann, a great and good man who will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His humanity, brilliance, patriotism, generosity and his distinguished family are the legacies he leaves, making our nation stronger and better. For all this and more, the U.S. House of Representatives extends its deepest condolences to the entire Holtzmann family.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN LAZARD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Allen Lazard of Urbandale, Iowa for his participation in the 14th annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Since 2001, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl has recruited the nation's top high school football players to participate in a nationally-televised, all-star football game. From millions of high school football players across our nation, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee evaluates thousands of top prospects throughout the year. After evaluation, the Selection Committee formally nominates 400 seniors to be considered for the annual game. Ultimately, only 90 players nationwide will be invited to participate in this prestigious event.

Allen's selection to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl galvanizes a remarkable 2013 season for the Urbandale High School senior. As a wide receiver for the Urbandale J-Hawks, Allen hauled in 49 passes for 1,065 yards and 16 touchdowns. At 6' 5", Allen has continued to be a top-receiving threat among our state's premier football players and has been named to Iowa's All-State team for three consecutive years. In December, Lazard was Iowa's only player to be named to the 2013 American Family Insurance ALL-USA High School Football Team. I am pleased to report that Mr. Lazard currently plans to take his talents to Jack Trice Stadium as an Iowa State Cyclone in the coming school year.

Mr. Speaker, Allen's accomplishments, both on and off the field, are a testament to the world-class work ethic for which our great state is renowned. It is an honor to represent Mr. Lazard and his family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Allen on his outstanding achievements and I wish him continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING LOUIS HERMAN "RED" KLOTZ OF MARGATE CITY

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my personal congratulations and the recogni-

tion of the U.S. House of Representatives to Louis Herman "Red" Klotz, a basketball legend and long-time resident of Margate City, New Jersey. At age 93, Red remains active in the sport for which he has long loved, making him the sport's oldest professional and one of its most-loved.

Playing well into his 60s and serving as a U.S. International Ambassador of Goodwill, Red has helped introduce basketball to more than 100 countries and countless youth around the globe. As the owner and former player & coach of the Washington Generals, he and his team have challenged the dominance of their greatest competitor—the Harlem Globetrotters—for sixty-two consecutive years. And, as if playing over 13,000 exhibition games wasn't a full-time career, Red and his wife Gloria operated successful businesses in Margate and Atlantic City for many years.

I join with the greater Margate community and basketball fans worldwide in honoring Red Klotz for his countless contributions to the game. While your impressive decades-long past on and off the court is well-documented, it is your dedication today to the sport and fifty years in the South Jersey community that define your legacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NAVAL DIVING AND SALVAGE TRAINING CENTER

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible naval officers and sailors who run the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, Florida.

I had the honor of touring this facility and I was privileged to be escorted by Commander Hung Cao. The deep water training was impressive and unique. Only the best get selected to train here and it showed. The dedication, resolve and commitment demonstrated by these service men was inspiring.

I know our nation is in great hands when I see the high quality instruction and the effort to train our men to be both highly skilled and safe. I commend them and I want them to know the people of the United States need them and appreciate them.

As Commander Cao told me, the "instructors and staff here are true American Heroes, who have sacrificed a lot for this country."

God bless these men and women.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Birthday Celebration of Dr. Hector P. Garcia as put on by The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Foundation. Dr. Garcia was a proud Mexican-American, a World War II veteran, physician, humanitarian and civil rights activist.

Dr. Garcia was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan, and has been recognized by the United States Army as one of the most influential Hispanics ever to serve. The American Dream was believed and realized by Dr. Hector P. Garcia. He inspired those around him to educate themselves, participate in the democratic process, and work toward positive change.

The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Foundation was organized to educate our communities about the continuing historical relevance and legacy of Dr. Hector P. Garcia. The proceeds from this 100th Birthday Celebration will be donated to Texas A&M University Corpus Christi for the Dr. Hector P. Garcia library expansion at the Bell Library.

Dr. Garcia donated his papers in 1990 to Texas A&M University Corpus Christi and the library expansion is necessary so the papers can be properly displayed and fully appreciated by the public and the students.

Though Dr. Garcia was laid to rest in Corpus Christi in 1996 at the age of 82, his legacy will endure. He was truly an American hero and we honor him today.

TO RECOGNIZE THE BUCKS COALITION AGAINST TRAFFICKING

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking on its one-year anniversary, and to recognize the important work this local volunteer group is doing to raise awareness on human trafficking. The Coalition was launched to bring about an end to the suffering of the victims of this modern-day form of slavery. In particular, the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking brings a strong, informed commitment to this issue as it reaches out to all levels of government to stop the exploitation of men, women, and children. The broad-based program includes community education, victim identification, legislative advocacy, and the prosecution of traffickers. Pennsylvania's 8th District is grateful for the Coalition's compassionate plan and its dedication to the awareness of this horrendous crime, while successfully enlisting the assistance of individuals, government agencies, and local law enforcement to help bring justice.

HONORING THE BEULAH CEMETERY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most intact historic properties associated with the growth and development of the African-American community in the historic Vicksburg and Warren County, Mississippi, area.

Beulah Cemetery was established in 1884 by the Vicksburg Tabernacle #19 Independent Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and