

honor those who personify service. I commend Michael Dougherty and Paul Markowski for their actions and wish them many more years of service.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1914 SMITH-LEVER ACT

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I join with Ohioans in the Second District in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 1914 Smith-Lever Act.

As we entered the 20th Century, America's scientists and researchers were at the forefront of scientific and technological developments that helped pave the way for unprecedented economic growth and prosperity.

Many of these innovations were developed at our nation's great land-grant universities, and Smith-Lever was able to connect these collegiate discoveries to hard working farmers and families across rural America through extension programs.

As the law sets forth, extension programs would be established to diffuse and distribute the "useful and practical" information for agriculture, home economics, and rural energy, and have adopted an expanded mission over the last century to include 4-H, farmers, Master Gardeners, and Consumer Sciences.

In Ohio, our extension offices and staff continue this one hundred year-tradition. Our counties and families continue to benefit from educators bringing the latest best practices to local communities in a practical and meaningful manner.

And as America remains at the forefront of discovery, the extension program will continue to diffuse new knowledge throughout our communities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAKE HAVASU MARINE ASSOCIATION

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lake Havasu Marine Association on being awarded the 2013 Hollister Award for Outstanding Service in the Field of Boating Safety. The Lake Havasu Marine Association (LHMA) has made impressive progress since it was founded over 30 years ago. I would like to specifically recognize their "Pack it In, Pack it Out," "Designated Operator," and Lake Havasu River Channel projects.

The "Pack it In, Pack it Out" campaign was created in 2008 by the members of the LHMA and paid for by funding from private donors. Through this program, 150,000 trash bags have been provided to boaters each year. Over the span of four years, 450,000 bags have been distributed and over one million pounds of trash have been removed from the shorelines of Lake Havasu.

The LHMA also assisted in the development of the "Designated Operator" campaign spear-

headed by Carl Flusche, Vice Chairman of the Association. The aim of this campaign is to reduce the incidence of accidents and fatalities related to alcohol use on the Colorado River and Lake Havasu. One of the unique and innovative elements of the program is the creation of latex wristbands that are designed and purchased by sponsors and distributed to "designated boat operators" who have made a commitment to remain sober while operating a watercraft. Local businesses have sponsored the program and provide non-alcoholic beverages at no cost to those who have made this commitment. As the program continues to gain support among the boaters of Lake Havasu, it has also garnered national attention for its efficacy. Thanks to the leadership of Mr. Flusche and the innovative work of the Association, boating safety has improved and there has been a notable increase in the number of boaters taking charge of their safety and utilizing designated watercraft operators.

Finally, the LHMA has supported boating safety by spearheading the Lake Havasu River Channel Project to deepen a channel through shallow delta sediments in a half-mile stretch on the upper side of Lake Havasu. The dredging project increased the channel depth from approximately two feet to four feet. It also marked the channel with buoys to alert boaters of the depth and created a "no wake zone." This project will undoubtedly relieve congestion and increase boating safety.

Congratulations to the Lake Havasu Marine Association for taking these steps to increase boating safety.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM W. WINGARD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William W. Wingard as he is honored as the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 2014 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Wingard's contributions to the Spring Lake community are truly deserving of this award and this body's recognition.

Mr. Wingard has been a resident of Spring Lake since his birth in 1927. He has been active in the Spring Lake community and government. He served as a Councilman for 9 years after being elected in 1980. He also served on the Spring Lake Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board and the Juvenile Conference Committee. In addition to his service to the municipal government, Mr. Wingard was also a 17-year member of the Spring Lake First Aid Squad (where he was also elected president), and an honorary member of the Goodwill Fire Company and Fire Company No. 1.

Outside of his municipal commitments, Mr. Wingard was past president of N.J. Gravel & Sand Company and co-founder of the 200 Club of Monmouth County. He currently serves on the Jersey Shore University Medical Center Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in recognizing William Wingard as he is honored by the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce as the 2014 Citizen of the Year.

HONORING ST. CLOUD HONOR FLIGHT

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the final Honor Flight out of St. Cloud, Minnesota during my tenure as their Member of Congress. It has been a highlight of my career to honor our nation's heroes from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and help them see the monuments built in their honor in Washington.

For many of these veterans this is their first trip to their nation's capital, and their first glimpse of the pivotal role they've played in furthering the cause of liberty. These men and women selflessly and heroically defended America abroad, and for that, simple words of gratitude will never compare to the bravery they exhibited during some of America's darkest hours.

The example set by these men and women has inspired many others to follow in their footsteps. And the efforts and dedication of the Guardians who ensure that the veterans have safe accommodations and assistance throughout their visit also cannot be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring our nation's heroes from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. They truly are the living embodiment of the American values and freedoms we hold so dear. Minnesota Veterans aboard the final Honor Flight from St. Cloud Minnesota to Washington, DC, on April 22, 2014 for submission into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Werner Leland Allen, Paul Clinton Anderson, Oliver Newton Anderson, Edwin Theodore Aschenbrenner, Donald Dean Baustian, Leland Lorell Bennett, Richard John Bernick, Alfred Irwin Betcher, Bernard Nicholas Bitzan, Wayne Elwood Bonkrude, Vernon Lee Butson, James Edward Carpenter, Harold Lee Carver, Bruce Kay Cottingham, Robert John Danaher.

George Harvey DeMarais, Paul Eugene Demarc, Richard Vernon Forbes, Oran Everett Goodell, Orville Charles Haan, Donald Herman Handahl, Cletus Marcel Hohn, Wallace Allen Jacobson, Carl Raymond Johnson, Robert Jermaine Johnson, Paul Joseph Jost, William Jackson Kathman, Donald Herman Krueger, Bryon Lee Kunkel, Bernard Louis Lieder.

Harry Edwin Lindbloom, Eugene Burton McKee, Carl August Morris, Emery Marshal Nelson, Verne Francis Rech, Thomas Daniel Routh, Robert Leon Ruplinger, Elmer Peter Schumer, Kenneth Alan Tessmer, Robert Ollie Uppgaard, Robert Allen Walters, Gerald Fredrick Wright, John Arthur Adelman, George William Aleshire, Gerald Dean Ankerfelt.

Clarence Louis Beckmann, Rudolph George Beilke, Kenneth Joseph Belkollm, Gerald James Benusa, Eugene Joseph Borgert, Donald Norman Bungum, Edward Henry Burggraff, Kenneth Burton Christiansen, George Wilford Courier, Ervin Carl Damlow, Lyle Edward Doebbeling, Clarence Herman Fischer, James Earl Gloege, Douglas John Goenner, Peter Gronewold, Chester Engnor Hopland, Donald John Huberty, Elmore

Virgil Johnson, Richard Matthew Kahlhamer, John Thomas Keefe, Rodney Clark Kenyon, Ronald Eugene Krebs, Willard Harvey Krueger, Marvin Virgil Kumpula, Ernest Dominic Lewandowski, Ervin Daniel Lewandowski, Vernon George Maslow, Aloys Herman Meyer, Francis Charles Mortier.

Robert Howard Pellow, Roger Jerome Robeck, Gerald Sylvester Roering, DuWayne Herbert Sabrowsky, Allen Dale Simonson, Lester Reynold Thies, Richard Arlen Underdahl, Chauncey Edward Van Hatten, Dayle Jacob Von Holdt, Joseph Frank Wallschlaeger Sr., Cornelius Ni Warzecha, Ronald Duane Weiss, Richard Jake Wolf, Charles Wood Wright, Norbert Joseph Zahler, Donald Bernard Zahler.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and not present for rollcall vote 194. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

UKRAINE'S ELECTIONS— LEGITIMATE AND HEROIC

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, in a little more than two weeks, Ukraine will be holding presidential elections while Russia continues its campaign of aggression and destabilization. The evidence overwhelmingly indicates that the pro-Russian separatist militants that have been operating in parts of eastern Ukraine act at the behest and direction of the Russian government. President Putin has already said that the Ukrainian elections are illegitimate.

Yesterday Putin softened his tone with respect to the May 25 elections. Yet at this point words mean little unless they are matched by deeds. Putin has also claimed that the tens of thousands of troops deployed on Ukraine's border are being pulled back, yet so far there is no evidence that this is happening.

The upcoming elections are legitimate—and more than legitimate. They are heroic—many people will be taking real risks of future reprisals in voting. Yet according to a recent IRI poll, an overwhelming 84 percent of Ukrainian citizens said they will definitely or are likely to vote in the elections, including a substantial majority in the two regions in which the militants are active. The vast majority of Ukrainians do not support the separatist movement, and wish to remain in a united Ukraine. It is up to the Ukrainian people—and only the Ukrainian people—to decide their own future through democratic means. It is not up to Russia—whose President famously said that the collapse of the Soviet Union was a "major geopolitical disaster . . . a genuine tragedy". These are views shared by few of the people living in Ukraine, whether they consider themselves Ukrainian or Russian, and few of the people living in the other non-Russian former Soviet republics.

The real tragedy here is the suffering of so many innocent people at the hands of militants, extremists, and hooligans—including the OSCE military monitors who were held hostage by the pro-Russian militants for more than a week. The militants have murdered a number of pro-Ukrainian activists and have kidnapped, threatened and intimidated others, including journalists who simply favor democracy and free speech. Some 40 people are in captivity in the separatist hotbed of Sloviansk alone. Minorities also have reason to be concerned—militants have attacked the Roma community and among Russian special forces in Ukraine are members of neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic groups. And over the weekend, we saw the terrible clashes in Odessa that resulted in the deaths of more than 40 people.

We must not forget Crimea, where the Russians are consolidating power and taking measures against Crimean Tatars and ethnic Ukrainians. The revered long-time Crimean Tatar leader and former Soviet political prisoner, Mustafa Dzhenilev, has been banned from returning to his homeland. Other activists have been attacked and threatened.

An overwhelming majority of Ukrainian citizens, even in the two regions where the pro-Russian separatists are most active and where most of the violence is taking place, don't wish to join Russia, and certainly don't want war.

I welcome U.S. and international assistance to Ukraine's democratic and economic development, including for the upcoming elections. Especially important is helping Ukraine strengthen the rule of law and overcome the devastating legacy of corruption left in the wake of the ruinous Yanukovich regime.

The U.S. and international community should redouble efforts to counter Russian aggression and to support the Ukrainian people's overwhelming aspirations for peace, freedom, democracy and economic well-being. We must stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those who want dignity, peace and freedom, in solidarity against those seeking to impose foreign autocracy and imperial rule.

HONORING SALLY D. CHESTER

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sally D. Chester, a truly inspiring nurse from my district and recipient of the Palm Beach County Medical Society's 2014 Heroes in Medicine Humanitarian Award.

Throughout her career Sally has provided outstanding service to those in her local community. As chair of the Palm Beach County Medical Society, she united physicians in improving the community's health and as president of Leadership Palm Beach County, she educated and united leaders in building a better community.

In 2004, when her husband, Don, became a quadriplegic following a devastating accident, she stood by him as his primary caregiver and became involved with service dog training. As a cofounder of Genesis Assistance Dogs and board member of New Horizons Service Dogs, she works to transform the lives of people with disabilities, including our veterans, through the training and placement of assistance dogs.

In honor of her inspiring service for our community, I am pleased to recognize Sally D. Chester, R.N., and wish her continued success in all of her endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 204, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

AUTHORIZING USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHA-MEHA

SPEECH OF

HON. COLLEEN W. HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 83, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor's Center for the lei draping ceremony on June 8, 2014 to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha the Great. For more than forty years, the Hawai'i Congressional delegation and the Hawai'i State Society have hosted a lei draping ceremony which coincides with the celebration of King Kamehameha Day in the State of Hawai'i on June 11th.

King Kamehameha the Great, also known as King Kamehameha the first, was born in North Kohala on the island of Hawai'i and grew to become one of the most powerful figures in Hawaiian history. He was a superior warrior and was the only man in the history of the Hawaiian people to unite the Islands after nearly a decade of warfare.

According to Hawaiian legend, on the day King Kamehameha was born, a new star appeared in the heavens, signaling the birth of a great chief. At the time of his birth, the Hawaiian Islands were in a state of chaos, with rival chiefs constantly at odds with each other. King Kamehameha utilized western advisors and technology, such as muskets and cannons, to aid him in combat during his quest to unify the Hawaiian Islands. In 1810, King Kamehameha fulfilled his goal of uniting the Kingdom with the surrender of the Chief from Kauai.

With his forward thinking and vision for Hawai'i, Kamehameha ensured that the newly united Hawaiian Kingdom would not crumble after his death by establishing a uniform legal system and promoting a fruitful trade with Western powers. He is noted for Kanawai Mamalahoe, or the Law of the Splintered Paddle. It is said that when King Kamehameha led a raid, his foot got caught in between two rocks. A couple of local fishermen, who were fearful of the warrior, not realizing that it was