

IN RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF PIUS X ON THE OCCASION OF THE SCHOOL'S 11TH ANNUAL AWARDS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Augustine Pullo, Alfred DeRenzis, and Father Edward Quinnan for their contributions to their profession, community, and faith after graduation from Pius X in Bangor, Pennsylvania. They have been recognized by their beloved school.

Augustine Pullo, Class of 1973, had a passion for music that started early. He continued his musical endeavors and earned a degree at East Stroudsburg University. For 17 years, he worked as a top manager at a McDonald's. Later, he established three successful businesses in the Northampton County's Slate Belt. A posthumous award recognized his dedication to his community and to his school.

Alfred DeRenzis, Class of 1963, was once Student Council President and was active in clubs and sports. He left Pius to earn a dental degree, become faculty at the University of Maryland School for Dental Medicine, and later a stockbroker. Today, he participates in model airplane competitions. He kept a second residence in his hometown of Roseto and maintains ties to Slate Belt community.

Father Edward Quinnan, Class of 1974, was a member of the honor society while in school and was active in many clubs. After Pius, he studied biology and chemistry before graduating from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA, and becoming an Assistant Professor in Counseling at Loyola University in Chicago. He currently provides retreat programs and finds it "life-giving."

I add my congratulations to the honors bestowed from Pius X Junior/Senior High School. I applaud the dedication to profession, community, and country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I missed the following votes:

1. Thompson (CA) Amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.
2. Polis Amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment.
3. Cicilline Amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment.
4. Smith (TX) Amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment.
5. Austin Scott Amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment.

CONGRATULATING REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS BASKETBALL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Republic High School Tigers Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 4 State Championship.

The Tigers clinched the title with a thrilling finish, making a three pointer with only seven seconds left for a final score of 45–42. Members of the team include Dylan Bekemeier, Brock Yocum, Chase Hoffmann, Josh Vaughn, Dillen Ramsey, Dakota Fortner, Canyon Smith, Jordan Kerr, Cole Hurst, Cody Geiger, Tim Brazeal, and Cory Lafferty.

Through their hard work and determination on and off the court, the Tigers developed into a truly great championship team, earning back to back state titles. The Tigers ended the season 27–4, remaining undefeated in their district. The Tigers were also the Central Ozark Conference Champions for the 2013–2014 season.

I also want to commend Head Coach Trevyor Fisher for a job well-done on developing such a strong basketball program.

The team, with the help of its coaches and the support of their families and community, persevered through the turmoil of the season and the trials of the state championships. Together, they grew as individuals and as a team, and their successes show what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and belief.

The Republic community is justifiably proud of this extraordinary group of young and talented student-athletes. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic Tigers as they celebrate their consecutive Class 4 Boys State Championships.

TRIBUTE TO REP. PATRICK MEEHAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize my colleague, Rep. PATRICK MEEHAN of Pennsylvania, for his work on behalf of victims of domestic violence, sexual trafficking and addiction. The legislation approved by the House today includes significant funding and reflects his advocacy for these issues in Congress.

Congressman MEEHAN has been a leader throughout this process and I have appreciated his input on how to make this bill as strong as well possible to deal with domestic violence, trafficking and addiction. It is my understanding that just last week, Mr. MEEHAN hosted a summit on human trafficking, bringing together local and Federal law enforcement and victims' advocacy organizations to address the crisis. He has also long been a voice for the victims of domestic violence and has been among the strongest advocates for funding for programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act. He has also fought for our veterans, and his leadership helped ensure higher funding for veterans' treatment courts.

I am pleased to say that the FY15 CJS bill contains the highest levels of funding for combating human trafficking, ever. This is a testament to the hard work and experience of Congressman MEEHAN who, among others, knows just how vital these resources are for trafficking victims. I appreciate his continued efforts to raise awareness in Congress and to advocate for these important resources.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2014 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE FOURTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 6 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishment and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Navy. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

I have had the privilege of working with Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia since its inception in 2011. That year my office was contacted by one of the founding parents who upon learning that her son and other students at his school who had decided to enlist would not receive any recognition during graduation, joined with other parents to organize the first enlistee recognition ceremony of its kind in the region. The first ceremony recognized a total of 9 students. This year, we will recognize 129 young men and women who have chosen to serve our country in uniform.

With graduation season upon us, thousands of young people in my community, and millions across the nation, are preparing for the next chapter in their lives. Some will pursue higher education or vocational training, others will seek to enter the workforce immediately, and many will answer the call to serve their community and their country.

The United States of America has distinguished itself from other nations through the entrepreneurship and spirit of our people, the knowledge that we can achieve any goal if we set our minds to it, our inherent compassion and generosity, our fierce patriotism, and the extraordinary sacrifices and dedication to country exhibited by the members of our Armed Forces. The young men and women from our community who will be enlisting possess an abundance of each of these qualities. I join with their families and friends in congratulating and commending the following graduates on their enlistment in the United States Navy:

Teresa Bailey, Sullivan Stansfield, Kevin Quintanilla, Yeagwang Kim, Ryan Kokotkiewicz, and Saurav Bhandari.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step

of their journey in defense our nation's freedom.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF SERGEANT CHRIS HUFFMAN, PENSACOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled to recognize Sergeant Chris Huffman upon the occasion of his retirement from the Pensacola Police Department on May 31, 2014. For more than three decades, Sergeant Huffman dedicated his life to protecting and defending the lives of those around him, and I join citizens throughout Florida's Gulf Coast and across the Nation in extending my deepest appreciation for his faithful service.

The proud son of a father who was Chief of Police of the Piqua Police Department in Piqua, Ohio, Sergeant Huffman followed in his father's footsteps in pursuit of a law enforcement career. Sergeant Huffman served as a police officer in Troy, Ohio, from 1979 until 1984 when he joined the Pensacola Police Department.

Sergeant Huffman performed various roles while at the Pensacola Police Department, including Community Relations; SWAT; K-9 Unit with his partner Isia; TAC, Uniform Patrol; and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer at N.B. Cook and Scenic Heights elementary schools, Episcopal Day School, Montessori, and Sacred Heart schools. In 1999, he was promoted to sergeant, and in 2002, he was honored as the Florida DARE Officer of the Year.

Throughout the course of his career, Sergeant Huffman was an inspiration to our Nation's youth and his fellow officers. There is no question that he made a significant impact in the lives of many, and the Northwest Florida community was blessed by his unwavering commitment to service. While Sergeant Huffman's retirement will signal the end of his career with the Pensacola Police Department, it is merely the beginning of the lasting legacy that he leaves behind.

On June 1, Sergeant Huffman will kick off his retirement and embark on his next journey with a 60 day, 3,785 mile bike ride to help raise awareness and support for multiple sclerosis research.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great honor to recognize Police Sergeant Chris Huffman for his years of service and his passion for bettering the lives of others. My wife Vicki joins me in thanking Sergeant Chris Huffman for his dedication to the Northwest Florida community and wishing him; his wife of 32 years, Darla; and their two daughters, Courtney and Kelsey, all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF
PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Preeclampsia Awareness Month and the importance of addressing maternal and infant health.

Preeclampsia is a serious and far too common complication of pregnancy and is one of the leading causes of maternal deaths, illness, and premature birth. According to the Preeclampsia Foundation, the disease affects approximately 1 in 12 women, and if untreated can lead to seizure, stroke, organ failure or death. The good news is that early diagnosis is possible through simple screenings and good prenatal care can predict or delay many adverse outcomes of preeclampsia.

However, too many people are unaware of this potentially fatal condition. The main indicator of preeclampsia is high blood pressure. Additional symptoms of preeclampsia are common to pregnancy such as headaches, abdominal pain, shortness of breath, vomiting, confusion, heightened state of anxiety or visual disturbances such as oversensitivity to light or blurred vision. That is why I support the Preeclampsia Foundation's efforts to educate women and their families to know the symptoms, respond to warning signs, and seek prenatal care.

So much more needs to be understood about this condition—why it occurs, how to cure it, and its long-term effect on a woman and her child's health. Research has demonstrated a possible direct link to the placenta. I understand that starting this year, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at NIH will embark on a new effort to understand diseases and conditions related to the placenta, and it is my hope that it leads to new discovery for preeclampsia and other conditions of pregnancy.

Together we must do all we can to eliminate preventable maternal and infant death and disability. I am hopeful for the promise of our research efforts, and I am grateful for the work of clinicians around this country and organizations like the Preeclampsia Foundation who work so hard tirelessly to advance maternal and infant health and well-being.

HONORING DAVID FREEMAN AND
PROCLAIMING WILLIAM B. IDE
DAY

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Brown Ide, the leader of the 1846 Bear Flag Revolt, and the only President of the California Republic. After California's annexation into the United States, Mr. Ide served as a Probate and County Judge, Presiding Judge of the Court of Sessions, County Recorder, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Deputy County Surveyor and Deputy Sheriff of Colusi County.

Mr. Ide passed away in December of 1852 with only a wooden grave marker that disappeared shortly thereafter. It is thanks to a local man, David Freeman that Mr. Ide's gravestones have been corrected after he collected funding from various organizations and did much of the labor himself.

In just over a week, on June 7th, 2014, the new gravesite for Mr. William Brown Ide will be unveiled. I would like to thank Mr. Freeman for his work to ensure that important historical figures like William Brown Ide are remembered, as is the history of the great state of California.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Chair, with regard to my votes on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

I voted for and helped pass the Grayson amendment, confident that as the bill proceeds, a sophisticated, nuanced, and balanced reporter shield provision will be inserted in lieu of the current text of the amendment. The rules and traditions of the House require that amendments to appropriations bills offered on the floor conform to strict rules that preclude balanced and detailed formulation. The Conference Committee will have the latitude needed to insert a balanced reporter shield provision and I will urge such an approach.

Additionally, I voted for final passage with the assumption that certain problematic provisions would be removed in Conference Committee.

I am pleased that we can move forward with the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act and expect that upon passage in the Senate, the Conference Committee will improve the bill.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL DIRON J.
CRUZ ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE GUAM ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize COL Diron J. Cruz on his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard. COL Cruz is the second son of Antonio Babauta Cruz and Guadalupe Santiago Cruz of Malesso, Guam. He was born in Tamuning, Guam and graduated from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1980. COL Cruz is the father of two daughters, Lenika and Nozomi.