

was a devoted husband, father, veteran, and newsman that left an indelible memory on the lives of so many. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Fallstrom's family as central Illinois has lost a truly bright and impactful leader.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. ALGIN ROBERTS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Algin Roberts, of Frankfort, Kentucky. Mr. Roberts celebrates his ninetieth birthday on July 26th, and I want to honor that special occasion by acknowledging his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Roberts, a part of the greatest generation, served our nation in the United States Army.

Mr. Roberts joined the Army when he was just fifteen and he turned sixteen while crossing the Atlantic to fight. He was a member of the Army's 1st Infantry Division. They took part in the invasion of North Africa and Sicily. They were later sent to England for R&R and were a part of the D-Day invasion in 1944. Mr. Roberts' unit was among the first to land on Omaha Beach where the fighting was fierce. Mr. Roberts later came down with malaria and spent a long recovery time in England.

After the war, Mr. Roberts returned home and became a Kentucky State Police officer where he had a long and distinguished career.

The bravery of Mr. Roberts and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of the courage of individuals from Franklin County and from all across our great nation, our freedoms have been saved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all. On the special occasion of his ninetieth birthday, he and his family can reflect proudly on his contributions to the world through his brave military service.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE SENSELESS SHOOTING IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to speak out against the senseless loss of innocent lives resulting from another unthinkable act of violence.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who were affected by the shootings on Thursday morning, July 16, especially the victims, the families, and our military community affected by this catastrophe.

From current reports, we know that gunshots were fired at a military recruiting center and a Navy Reserve center in different parts of Chattanooga, Tennessee, late Thursday morning, tragically taking the lives of four Marines and wounding several others.

I want to commend the law enforcement and emergency service agencies for their

prompt response and management of this morning's tragic shootings and for carrying out the investigation thereafter.

Americans come together at such times of tragedy to support each other.

So at this time, I ask all Americans to keep the victims, their families, and our military members, in their thoughts and prayers.

There is no place in a civilized society for such senseless acts of violence.

Changing a culture of violence will not happen overnight but that is no excuse for failing to try.

We must keep trying. We must work tirelessly. For the sake of the victims of Chattanooga, Tennessee, we must not give up.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims in Tennessee, and victims of gun violence everywhere.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,862,792,175.02. We've added \$7,524,985,743,261.94 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY AND JOYCE MEZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry and Joyce Mez, owners of the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. Since 2005, Jerry and Joyce have greeted visitors to their museum, home of over 200 International Harvester tractors. Visitors from all 50 states and at least 16 countries, including Australia, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, have viewed this outstanding collection of tractors.

The Farmall tractors are known as "reds" due to their distinctive color. Though the museum opened 10 years ago, it has been Jerry's dream for some 40 years. He started collecting International Harvester tractors in 1970. His museum idea followed shortly thereafter. The oldest Farmall tractor in his collection is a 1914 model and the newest model is dated 1985. Joyce also takes an active role in the museum. She helped develop a lounge so patrons could rest during the museum tour, which covers 26,500 square feet. The lounge is known as the "Tractor Widows Lounge." Jerry and Joyce take great pride in sharing their collection with the hundreds of visitors each year.

I commend Jerry and Joyce for establishing the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. The museum is a great addition to the City of

Avoca and to the State of Iowa. I am proud to represent Jerry and Joyce in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating them for achieving their dream and for sharing their collection with us. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING EMMA SHIREY'S FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR ACHIEVEMENT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emma Shirey on receiving a renowned Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant for the 2014–2015 academic year.

Emma, a native of Nixa, Missouri, was awarded the Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to teach in Taiwan, where she has gained valuable career experience serving as an English Teaching Assistant. The award has allowed Emma to interact with young Taiwanese students and make valuable contributions to Taiwan's youth after her graduation from Truman State University with a degree in Sociology.

A Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship allows individuals to teach English and serve as a cultural ambassador for the U.S. by being placed in a classroom abroad. In doing so, Emma has successfully played a big role in spreading the value of American ideas and education.

I am extremely proud that talented, hard-working and dedicated individuals, such as Emma, represent the Seventh District of Missouri. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Shirey for her service and for receiving this esteemed award.

IN HONOR OF BECKY MOELLER, PAST PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR THE TEXAS AFL-CIO

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Becky K. Moeller for her service to the organized labor movement as Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Texas AFL-CIO. Ms. Moeller's retirement comes after her long tenure within the Texas AFL-CIO, where she worked to advance hands-on political and legislative educational programs and fight for working people against tough odds.

In 2003, Ms. Becky Moeller was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for the Texas AFL-CIO, making her the first woman to hold a statewide elected office in the Texas AFL-CIO. During her four year tenure as Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Moeller used her budgetary expertise to keep many of the organization's signature programs despite a decline in funds.

In 2007, Ms. Moeller was elected President of the Texas AFL-CIO, effectively overseeing the 235,000-member labor federation's legislative, political education and community service programs.

During her tenure in these two positions, Ms. Moeller helped introduce a revamped and revised education program that enabled organized labor leaders to contact union members more effectively during "Get Out the Vote" campaigns. This particular initiative proved successful for labor-supportive Texas Legislature and Congressional candidates.

Ms. Moeller's dedication to organized labor goes beyond her work within the AFL-CIO. Before her leadership in the Texas AFL-CIO, Ms. Moeller served as president of the Communications Workers of America Local 6137, the Corpus Christi local union representing workers at SBC (now AT&T). Ms. Moeller served in several capacities, including job steward, chief steward, Executive Board member, vice president and secretary-treasurer.

Ms. Moeller also served as President of the Coastal Bend Labor Council and as a member of the Texas AFL-CIO Executive Board. For several years, Ms. Moeller chaired the Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Committee. She also traveled the state of Texas to promote unions and assist in a variety of worker actions.

In addition to her commitment to organized labor, Ms. Moeller served as a member of her local United Way Board of Governors and the Corpus Christi Workforce Development Board and also worked a number of voter registration drives. She was appointed by Governor Ann Richards as Chair of the Texas Department of Licensing Regulation commission.

TRIBUTE TO GREENFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa institution, Greenfield Municipal Utilities. On June 12, 2015, Greenfield Municipal Utilities celebrated 125 years of business.

A short ten years after Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, a group of Greenfield city councilmen and businessmen began planning a municipal light plant to provide the town with electricity. In the fall of 1890, their idea became a reality when Greenfield was one of the first towns in Iowa to have a plant. Members of the Board of Trustees today include Lynne Don Carlos, Terry Schneidecr and Bob Guikema.

I applaud and congratulate the Greenfield Municipal Utilities for their 125 years in Iowa's Third Congressional District. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating and wishing the Board of Trustees and their employees nothing but success in the future.

RECOGNIZING COLIN THOMAS, SAM LAFFEY, AND MOSES WEISBERG

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colin Thomas, Sam Laffey, and Moses

Weisberg for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the Summer 2015 session of Congress.

The work of these young men has been exemplary and I know they all have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these three and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

Our interns have made plans to continue their work with various organizations in Washington, Colorado, and Kansas. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Colin Thomas, Sam Laffey, and Moses Weisberg for their service this summer.

CONGRATULATING THE TAYLORVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Taylorville Optimist Club on their 50th anniversary this year. The Optimists have shown inspiring dedication to their mission of fostering an optimistic way of life in my hometown.

The Optimist Club was chartered in 1965, and there are currently over sixty active members. Since their charter, they have been a force of good in the community. They instigate a meaningful difference in the attitudes of our community's youth at events throughout the year; bringing out the best in kids by providing hope and a positive vision.

Over the past five decades, the Optimist Club has been resilient in pursuit of their mission. The club makes various important contributions to the people of Taylorville throughout the year. Fitting for this time of year, they honor our freedom by providing the fireworks for the Independence Day celebration. In the spring, they host their annual Easter Egg Hunt for children in the community. During the school year, they assist local students who exemplify their mission with scholarships.

The Taylorville Optimist Club has shown that a positive outlook is essential in facing everyday life. Their commitment to service has helped make my hometown community what it is today. As a past member of the Optimist Club, I am proud of this club's reputation. Its legacy can be seen in the lives of all those it has enriched over the past fifty years, and I look forward to another fifty.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. THOMAS FRITZ

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Mr. Tom Fritz, who tragically passed away last week in a

devastating fishing accident. A leader who helped to bring countless jobs and collaborative healthcare to Eastern Washington, Tom was a pillar of strength and generosity in our Greater Spokane community and will be greatly missed.

A beacon in our community, Tom tirelessly led Inland Northwest Health Services for the last 16 years before retiring last December. Founded as a joint venture of the area's largest hospitals and their parent companies, under his guidance, INHS grew to over 1,000 employees and brought in more than \$200 million in gross revenues, becoming one of the region's largest employers and one of its most active businesses. Having the vision to partner with community entities, Tom led INHS to provide exemplary access to health services not only in Spokane but all across our country. He drove their efforts through forward-thinking solutions, unique partnerships and innovative technologies. Tom's vision for INHS was to provide a collaborative approach to health care that is unlike any other.

Tom had a heart of gold. He tirelessly advocated for programs and initiatives that benefited the community he loved. A tremendous leader, Tom will be remembered for his years of service to our community in Eastern Washington and for his commitment to INHS's collaborative mission. To those he worked with on a daily basis, he will forever be remembered as a great friend and colleague. Although Tom Fritz' passing has left many heavy hearts in Eastern Washington, the memory of this actively passionate and engaged individual has left a lasting impact on the lives of many back home in the Inland Northwest.

Thank you, Tom for your years of dedication and service to our community and state. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends during this difficult time.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE "FEDERAL CIGARETTE LABELING ACT" OF 1965

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the "Federal Cigarette Labeling Act" of 1965.

Passed by the 89th Congress, the "Federal Cigarette Labeling Act" was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 27, 1965, in response to the mounting scientific evidence that smoking cigarettes causes lung cancer and is a serious public health concern for the nation.

At the time this act was being debated in Congress, cigarette smoking was simply not viewed as a public health concern.

Cigarette smoking was viewed as a norm, with virtually no harmful effects.

Tobacco companies often falsified data to make the claim that some cigarettes were even healthy for you to smoke.

One famous advertisement campaign was for the Lucky Strike cigarettes made by the American Tobacco Company in the 1930's which used advertisements that stated "20,679 physicians say Luckies are less irritating."