

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."

Another advertisement campaign by the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company was called the “More Doctors” campaign which attempted to reshape the image that cigarettes were safe.

These are just a few of the false advertisements about the implications of smoking on an individual’s health by the tobacco industry and which were a contributing factor in the rise of lung cancer mortality rates in the United States.

To assist in educating the American people about the dangers of smoking the “Federal Cigarette Labeling Act” required the entire tobacco industry to adapt to new regulations mandating that cigarette packages have a health warning label that stated, “Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous to Your Health.”

By implementing this simple warning label on cigarette packing, the public was given a notice on every box of the potential harm these tobacco smoking products may cause.

This legislation also required the Federal Trade Commission to report to Congress annually on the effectiveness of cigarette labeling for the public.

Along with labeling, this legislation created a framework of how the current promotional practices were to be employed by the tobacco industry for promoting their products.

This legislation accelerated the American public’s knowledge of the true dangers of smoking cigarettes.

In 1986 Congress continued this endeavor to educate the American public on the harms of tobacco use by passing the “Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act,” which extended the health warning labels from just cigarettes to include smokeless tobacco products, along with the advertisements for them.

In my city of Houston, Texas, lung cancer has become the deadliest cancer for my constituents, affecting not just former smokers but also nonsmokers.

Progressive legislation like the “Federal Cigarette Labeling Act” has helped inform the American people of the potential danger of using tobacco products.

Mr. Speaker, this is why I am proud to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the “Federal Cigarette Labeling Act” of 1965 and to recognize its remarkable contributions to American public’s access to information that allows them to make the best informed decision for their personal health.

MARKING 41 YEARS SINCE THE TURKISH INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 41st anniversary of the Turkish government’s illegal invasion of Cyprus in 1974. This tragedy of that aggression continues to this day. Northern Cyprus continues to be occupied by Turkish troops. More than 216,000 Cypriots continue to be displaced or their descendants denied their rightful property claims in ancestral homelands—and this includes 5,000 Americans of Cypriot descent.

Sadly, the occupation authorities continue their direct attacks on the religious freedom of Orthodox Christians and the island’s rich Orthodox Christian cultural heritage. Cyprus’s ancient Christian heritage goes back to the mission of St. Paul and St. Barnabas in 45 A.D.—Barnabas is remembered as the founder and patron saint of the Church in Cyprus. Even in recent years, Turkish security forces have continued to disrupt the religious services of Orthodox believers in northern Cyprus, and, sadly, the desecration and destruction of religious sites continues. Forty-one years after the Turkish government’s invasion, Christian believers still cannot freely visit all religious sites on the island, nor use Christian religious sites for their rightful purpose. Sites looted of revered icons remain vacant, and sacred objects of Cypriot Orthodoxy regularly turn up on the international art market or are held in museums against the wishes of the Orthodox community. The services for the faithful that do take place remain tightly restricted by Turkish authorities through special permitting or other challenges to registering congregations. These violations of basic rights are a legacy of intolerance wrought by the 1974 invasion.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in urging the administration to vigorously promote meaningful settlement negotiations that affirm the fundamental freedoms and human rights of those Greek Cypriots who are displaced or enduring in northern enclaves.

RECOGNIZING EVAN McCARTNEY’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 Evan McCartney on receiving a renowned Fulbright Study and Research Award for the 2014–2015 academic year.

Evan, a Nixa, Missouri, native and United States Air Force Academy graduate, was awarded the Fulbright grant to study the field of political science in Ukraine. There, he has learned the country’s military aviation history and future through Ukraine’s National Aviation University.

Fulbright Study and Research grants allow recipients to design projects and work with advisers and foreign universities to pursue a particular field of study. Given the ongoing conflict in the region, I am certain Evan’s bright mind and American military background has shed new light on the ongoing situation there.

I am extremely proud that talented, hard-working and dedicated individuals such as Evan have great opportunities to represent the Seventh District of Missouri. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Evan McCartney for his scholarship and for receiving such an esteemed award.

TRIBUTE TO KID ZONE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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 Kid Zone Early Learning Center for the opening of their new facility in Adair, Iowa.

Kid Zone strives to enrich the lives of young children in the Adair community with a faculty of dedicated teachers and caregivers. Their focus on cultivating a positive learning experience and a nurturing environment will be a great asset to the residents of Adair.

I commend Kid Zone Early Learning Center and their staff for the service they provide to families in Adair and southern Iowa. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Kid Zone for their new location. I wish them and their staff nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING PHILIP A. CLEMENS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Philip A. Clemens, a constituent of mine and community leader who is retiring after serving almost 50 years with the Clemens Family Corporation. Mr. Clemens has spent his entire working life with his family business, The Clemens Family Corporation, headquartered in Hatfield, Pennsylvania.

Over the years, Mr. Clemens has worked in all areas of the business—from the clean-up crew to Chairman and CEO, a position he served in for 15 years. With Mr. Clemens’ leadership, the Clemens Family Corporation has grown into one of the largest companies in the industry, employing hundreds of my constituents with good-paying, family-sustaining jobs.

Mr. Clemens has devoted his knowledge and expertise to not only the growth of his own business, but the future of the meat industry as a whole. His lifelong contributions to the industry are unmatched. For his influence, he’s received the highest award given in the industry—the North American Meat Institute’s Industry Advancement Award, the Knowlton Award for industry innovation, and the Research Institute of America’s outstanding management award.

However, Mr. Clemens isn’t just known for his business accomplishments, he’s also an active volunteer known by many in our area for his dedication to the Indian Valley and North Penn communities. Some of those roles include his work as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lancaster Bible College, his work with the North Penn United Way, and his efforts with the Profit Sharing Council of America. In addition, he is also very active at the Calvary Church of Souderton, where he serves on the Elder Board.

Mr. Clemens is a dedicated family man, a highly successful entrepreneur and a man who generously donates his time to better our community. I am proud and privileged to honor