

him today and appreciate all he has done for the people of our community. On behalf of the constituents of the 8th District of Pennsylvania, I wish Mr. Clemens a happy, relaxing and pleasant retirement.

HONORING MR. DAVID SCHLEGEL,
MR. PEIDONG YANG, MS. CAROLYN
BERTOZZI, AND MR.
JIZHONG ZHOU

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of four scientists, affiliated with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, who have been named by U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz as recipients of the 2015 Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award, the Department of Energy's highest scientific honor.

The Department of Energy's Ernest Orlando Lawrence Awards were established by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1959, to honor Ernest Lawrence, the Nobel Prize-winning inventor of the cyclotron, the forerunner of today's particle accelerators, and the founder and namesake of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory—located in my very own 13th Congressional District of California.

The four winners associated with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and their accomplishments are as follows:

David Schlegel, an astrophysicist who serves as the Principal Investigator for the BOSS project on the Sloan Telescope, the Co-Principal Investigator for the DECam sky survey, and the Project Scientist for the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI). He was recognized for his "exceptional leadership of major projects making the largest two-dimensional and three-dimensional maps of the universe, which have helped ascertain the nature of Dark Energy, test General Relativity, and positively impact fundamental understanding of matter and energy in the universe."

Peidong Yang, a faculty chemist who holds joint appointments with Berkeley Lab's Materials Sciences Division, the University of California (UC) Berkeley, where he holds the S.K. and Angela Chan Distinguished Professor of Energy chair, and the Kavli Energy Nano-Sciences Institute (Kavli-ENSI), for which he is a co-director. He was recognized for his "seminal research advancing the synthesis and understanding of nanoscale materials, including semiconductor nanowires and metal nanocrystals, and their impact to structures and devices for applications in nanophotonics, nanoelectronics, and energy conversion."

Carolyn Bertozzi, also a faculty chemist with Berkeley Lab's Materials Sciences Division, a professor of chemistry and of chemical and systems biology at Stanford University, and an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She was recognized for her "significant scientific research contributions at the interface of chemistry, biology and nanoscience, including major advances in the chemistry and biology of complex carbohydrates, including the development of nanotechnologies and chemistries for probing biological systems, optimizing bioreactors, and innovating tailored devices and materials."

Jizhong Zhou, a Presidential Professor in Botany and Microbiology and Director of the Institute for Environmental Genomics at the University of Oklahoma, a guest researcher with Berkeley Lab's Earth Sciences Division, and a principal investigator for ENIGMA (Ecosystems and Networks Integrated with Genes and Molecular Assemblies). He was recognized for his "outstanding accomplishments in environmental genomics and microbial ecology, including the development of innovative metagenomics technologies for environmental sciences, for groundbreaking discoveries to understand the feedbacks, mechanisms, and fundamental principles of microbial systems in response to environmental change, and for transformative leadership to elucidate microbial ecological networks and to link microbial biodiversity with ecosystem functions."

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I salute you all. I thank you for your contributions to the scientific field and congratulate you on your many achievements in research.

TRIBUTE TO EDD LEACH

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 Mr. Edd Leach of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Edd is the owner of Leach Camper Sales in Council Bluffs.

Leach Camper Sales was opened in 1962 by Edd's father. Edd joined the business in 1969 when his Dad offered him a deal: if Edd would work at the business for five years, he would end up owning half the business. Since then, Edd and his wife, Donna, have built a very successful business together. They offer RVs of all sizes, and a complete parts and repair department to service their customers' needs. The family owned business includes their daughter and grandsons. Leach Camper Sales is home to a number of employees who have spent years helping serve the area.

I commend Edd and his staff for their dedicated service to Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Leach Camper Sales for their many achievements in the recreational vehicle industry. I wish Edd, his family, and his employees all the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF DR. MEI BAI FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR PHYSICS

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Doctor Mei Bai, whose innovation and leadership at the Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, New York, in my district, has greatly impacted the field of nuclear physics. This month she receives the E.O. Lawrence Award,

a prestigious award bestowed by the Department of Energy for exceptional scientific achievement.

Dr. Bai joined Brookhaven National Lab in 1999 as a research associate in the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) Accelerator Physics Group, was promoted to Associate Scientist in 2001, and to Scientist in 2004. In 2000, she was the recipient of the American Physical Society's Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Beam Physics Award. In 2010, the Asian Committee for Future Accelerators and the organizing committee of the 2010 First International Particle Accelerator Conference awarded Bai a prize for her significant and original contributions to the field of accelerator research. Dr. Bai recently joined the Nuclear Physics Institute in Germany, which conducts experimental and theoretical basic research in the areas of nuclear, hadron, and particle physics.

In the 1990s, Dr. Bai and her colleagues devised a way to keep protons circulating in an accelerator polarized, or all spinning in the same directions on their axes. This was a crucial development which was successfully demonstrated at Brookhaven National Laboratory's Alternating Gradient Synchrotron, which is an accelerator that is a key part of the RHIC complex.

This week, Dr. Mei Bai is being honored with an E.O. Lawrence award for her outstanding research, which has allowed for the first direct measurement of the contributions of fundamental particles known as quarks and gluons to the spin of the proton.

Physicists from around the world study polarized protons at RHIC to determine the answer to a fundamental question—how protons get their spin, an intrinsic property of the particle that is not completely understood. Dr. Bai's work enabled RHIC researchers to successfully accelerate individual beams of polarized protons to 255 billion electron volts of energy. The beams were collided at a total mass energy of 510 billion electron volts, making RHIC the world's first and only high energy polarized proton collider.

Today, I thank her for her enthusiasm and the inspiration she provides to other scientists at Brookhaven National Lab and the international community. I congratulate Dr. Bai on her accomplishments and this very significant award.

RECOGNIZING TOM KERR ON BEING NAMED "PAUL KROEGEL REFUGEE MANAGER OF THE YEAR"

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Tom Kerr for his leadership and attention to our community's and our nation's wetlands.

As the manager of Wisconsin's St. Croix Wetland Management District and Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Mr. Kerr understands that environmental conservation isn't something that can simply be purchased; it requires local engagement. This is why he's organized working programs such as Conservation Day, a collaborative event that educates students about what's involved in sustaining our ecosystems.

I am proud that Mr. Kerr's outstanding years of service and dedication are being recognized with the National Wildlife Refuge Association's "Paul Kroegel Refuge Manager of the Year" award—one of the nation's highest honors given to conservation leaders.

While overseeing thousands of acres of marshes, grasslands, and oak savanna throughout Northern and Central Wisconsin, Mr. Kerr finds unique ways to engage his neighbors and to lend a hand to many bird species in the process.

I appreciate this opportunity to honor Mr. Kerr for putting conservation at the forefront in our community. On behalf of Wisconsin and this entire body, we thank him.

RECOGNIZING MS. SOFIA BILSKI

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Sofia Bilski of Windermere, Florida, for her acceptance to the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Ms. Bilski was selected for her academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship.

The mission of People to People Leadership Ambassador Programs is to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange. To this end, People to People offers domestic and international educational programs that promote cooperation, cross-cultural understanding and leadership. It is my hope that Ms. Bilski benefitted greatly from her participation in the World Leadership Forum, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MACKENZIE ELLIS

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 Mackenzie Ellis of Johnston, Iowa. Mackenzie will be representing the United States as an educational ambassador through the Ameson Year in China (AYC) program.

Mackenzie, a recent graduate of Iowa State University, will be traveling to China to spend a year teaching, studying, and working with public schools in an effort to make a difference. She will have the opportunity to learn new languages and immerse herself in the Chinese culture through a number of different programs offered through AYC.

I commend Mackenzie for seizing this opportunity to expand her knowledge of different cultures and explore what the world has to offer. I am proud to represent Iowans like Mackenzie in the U.S. House of Representatives. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating her and wish her nothing but the best as she embarks on this new adventure.

HONORING MR. ARMAND CHARBONNET

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Armand Louis Charbonnet, the Vice President of Charbonnet-Labat-Glapion Funeral Homes, who passed away on July 9, 2015, at the age 84.

Mr. Charbonnet was a United States Army veteran, a lifelong Catholic, member of the Vikings Krewe, patriarch of his family, and a leader in the New Orleans community. He directed numerous funerals in New Orleans and surrounding parishes in one of the oldest continuously operating African-American funeral homes in the country. Known for its traditional jazz funerals, horse drawn glass hearses, and the famous saying "My Soul Goes to Heaven but take my body to Charbonnet," Charbonnet-Labat-Glapion Funeral Homes has served Louisiana for more than 132 years.

To honor Mr. Charbonnet, who was affectionately known by family and friends as "Big Daddy," today we recognize the fulfillment of his mission. In commemoration of his life and achievements we strive to put the needs of others first as he did for countless families through the painful process of laying a loved one to rest.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACH SAFE RELATIONSHIPS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Teach Safe Relationships Act along with my colleagues SUZANNE BONAMICI and ALMA ADAMS.

Too often, young Americans engage in abusive, unhealthy relationships. In fact, young women between 16 and 24 years old are victims of intimate partner violence at three times the national average of all women. These statistics and the stories of sexual abuse and dating violence among teens and college students demand that we examine innovative approaches to curb unhealthy relationship behavior.

The Teach Safe Relationships Act, introduced by Sen. TIM KAINE of Virginia, takes a strong step to address this problem by ensuring that American students discuss safe relationship behavior as part of sex education. Through comprehensive curricula that use effective approaches to prevent teen dating violence, sexual assault, and harassment, we can ensure that our young people have the tools they need to make safe decisions in relationships and identify unhealthy or abusive behavior.

I am encouraged that key provisions of this legislation have been included in the Every Child Achieves Act in the Senate, and hope that my colleagues in the House will build on that momentum by supporting the Teach Safe Relationships Act.

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS HALLMAN

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 Nicholas Hallman of Des Moines, Iowa for receiving a coveted Fulbright award during the 2014–2015 Academic Year. Nicholas is a recent graduate of the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, History, and French. He will travel to Turkey in September 2015 and begin his work in one of the newly-established state universities.

While in Turkey, Nicholas will be teaching English and plans to establish an American film and television club. He hopes to bridge the gap and make comparisons between American and Turkish society. Nicholas would also like to spend time organizing relief efforts for war refugees and volunteer at refugee camps.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize Nicholas today. It is the young people like him who are willing to work hard and make sacrifices for the betterment of society that will lead our future generations. I know my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Nicholas on this outstanding achievement and wish him nothing but continued success moving forward.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLEAN SLATE FOR MARIJUANA OFFENSES ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation that will allow certain federal marijuana offenders the opportunity to clear their record.

In 1973, Oregon became the first state to decriminalize the personal possession of a small amount of marijuana. Since then, an additional 15 states have adopted similar policies. 23 states, the District of Columbia and Guam have passed laws that allow for the use of marijuana for certain medical conditions. In 2012, Washington and Colorado legalized the adult use of marijuana and in 2014, Oregon and Alaska followed suit. Oregon also recently led the nation in passing legislation to reduce penalties for marijuana offenses and qualifying certain marijuana offenses for expungement that could not previously be expunged.

Under the Controlled Substances Act, however, marijuana remains a Schedule I substance, classified as severely as heroin and LSD and defined as having no medical value. As a result, at the federal level, possessing or distributing marijuana, regardless of the amount and regardless of state law, remains illegal.

While the current Administration's policy is not to prosecute those who are operating in compliance with state law so long as they meet certain federal enforcement priorities, this was not always the case and may not always be the case going forward. Until recently, too many people were wrongly caught