

leaders who are now pastors, elders, missionaries, and licensed ministers in churches across the world. Dr. David Kiteley followed in his mother's footsteps alongside his wife, Pastor Marilyn, and they have faithfully served the church full-time since 1970 as co-pastors.

Dr. David has traveled extensively and held leadership conferences in over 45 countries. Dr. David's son, Pastor Patrick and his wife served as Senior Pastors from 2008 until 2015. Now, Dr. David's daughter, Pastor Melinda, and her husband, Pastor Javier Ramos, will serve as 4th senior leadership transition in the church's history that will carry on the spiritual heritage laid by the past generations.

Shiloh Church has been able to better the lives of East Bay residents through its various outreach programs such as the Robert Allen Mercy House, which provides groceries and other resources to the unemployed, underemployed, and homeless. Since 1982, this program has disbursed over \$1,000,000 of food each year to more than 15,000 families.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to Shiloh Church on the special occasion of its 50th anniversary. I wish Shiloh Church many more years of faithful and compassionate service.

#### A TRIBUTE TO JOHN RASMUSSEN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate John Rasmussen of the Bluffs Arts Council for receiving an Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award.

Each year Iowa Governor Terry Branstad honors individuals who have exemplified exceptional commitment to their communities through various service related activities. John was granted this prestigious award as he has demonstrated his dedication to serving the Bluffs Arts Council as both a board member and volunteer. John's hard work and dedication to serving others truly embodies our Iowa values.

I applaud John for his commitment to service and giving back to the community. It is an honor to represent civic minded Iowans like him in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him for receiving this award and wish him nothing but the best moving forward.

#### GRAND OPENING OF VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE'S DR. PREM REDDY HEALTH AND SCIENCES BUILDING

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, over my time representing the citizens of California's Eighth Congressional District, I have been able to spend time with and learn from some of the best community leaders America has to offer.

These are folks who regularly put the interest of others before their own. They show us their character and generosity by going above what is required or expected of them, in order to improve the livelihood of the community as a whole. I come before you today to speak on Dr. Reddy's latest philanthropic endeavor—Victor Valley College's Dr. Prem Reddy Health and Sciences Building.

Opened on August 28, 2015, this 24,000 square foot facility will provide much needed new labs for the science programs, as well as nursing specific training labs, all integrated with indoor and outdoor student gathering and study spaces to create a collaborative and technology driven learning environment. The building will also feature expanded anatomy and chemistry labs, as well as a digital science lab capable of up to 40 workstations. The new nursing lab will feature 8 simulated medical beds and instruction space for up to 40 students. All of these lab and training facilities are supplied with high tech audio and visual equipment and a wireless network for student access. The building also operates under the most technologically advanced systems for energy efficiency and energy savings.

The students trained and educated in this state-of-the-art facility will enter the healthcare industry in a period of great turmoil. As the payment methods and organization of the industry rapidly evolve, no one can predict what the future may hold. However, the one thing we know for certain is that we will always need the most highly trained and educated students to provide the actual care, person to person. That process begins by having a learning environment to facilitate their education. I graciously thank Dr. Prem Reddy for his generosity on making this building a reality, and I congratulate Victor Valley College for its development and wish its future students years of success.

#### RECOGNIZING CHRISTINA COONEY FOR HER EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES IN LOS ANGELES

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Christina Cooney for winning a Silver and Bronze medal in equestrian events at the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, California this past July.

In order to qualify for the World Games, Christina had to win a gold medal in local, regional and state competitions, and be approved by Special Olympics Florida. Christina achieved all of these feats to become one of 7,000 competitors from over 170 countries around the world, and the only equestrian rider from Florida, out of ten riders from around the nation, to represent the United States at the World Games.

Christina is visually impaired, deaf, mentally challenged, and cannot speak; yet, she is able to communicate with the horses she rides and cares for in a way few individuals are able. Christina started riding at Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center in Loxahatchee, Florida, at age 12 and has ridden for over 20 years.

At Vinceremos, Christina trains and volunteers on a daily basis, doing whatever tasks are required to care for the animals and the facilities.

Christina developed a remarkable relationship with her coach, Kim Elie, who took it upon herself to learn sign language and created a buzzer system for communication purposes. When Christina learned she qualified for the World Games, she and her coaches and family faced one last challenge: funding the trip to compete in California. The Special Olympics only funds transportation for the competing athlete not for their family members and coaches. Thus, Coach Kim Elie's husband, Mark Elie, set up an online fundraising account that raised over \$8,000 to fund the travel costs of her family members and coaches. In a similar way, a local restaurant held an event in support of Christina that raised over \$7,000 in one night. This money has created a fund in Christina's name that pays for sign language instruction for her coaches.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of Christina for continuing to push the bounds for what is possible within her sport. Christina has overcome many obstacles to become the decorated Olympic medalist she is today. She may live with disabilities, but she competes with the heart of an Olympian. That is why I am so truly honored to recognize Christina Cooney as a Hastings' Hero. It is inspiring individuals such as Christina, who give me great pride to represent in Congress.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on July 28 and July 29 on account of official business at the Trans-Pacific Partnership talks. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 473, I would have voted No (Young amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 474, I would have voted No (Smith amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 475, I would have voted Aye (Johnson amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 476, I would have voted Aye (Capps amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 477, I would have voted Aye (Cicilline amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 478, I would have voted Aye (Cicilline/Jackson-Lee amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 479, I would have voted Aye (Nadler amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 480, I would have voted Aye (Pocan/Moore amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 481, I would have voted Aye (Motion to Recommit the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 482, I would have voted No (Final passage of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act).

On Roll Call 483, I would have voted No (Ordering the previous question on the Rule for H.R. 1994 and H.R. 3236).

On Roll Call 484, I would have voted No (Rule for H.R. 1994 and H.R. 3236).

On Roll Call 485, I would have voted Aye (Passage of the First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act).

On Roll Call 486, I would have voted Aye (Passage of the Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act).

On Roll Call 487, I would have voted Aye (Takano amendment to the VA Accountability Act of 2015).

On Roll Call 488, I would have voted Aye (Motion to recommit the VA Accountability Act of 2015).

On Roll Call 489, I would have voted No (Final passage of the VA Accountability Act of 2015).

### HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY BROWN

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mary Brown, who recently passed away on August 28, 2015, at the age of 82. Mary was an extraordinary person, and she will always be remembered as a woman who lived her life with purpose and great dedication to her students, family, friends, and community.

Mary Brown was the pioneer of girls' basketball in the San Joaquin Valley. She left an indelible stamp in the record books and inspired young women to fulfill their potential in athletics and academics. In 18 seasons at San Joaquin Memorial High School, she directed the girls' basketball team to a 317–45 record, highlighted by 16 league titles and eight Central Section championships. Through her impeccable coaching, the Panthers won 13 consecutive league championships from 1971 to 1983, setting a state record, and the team had 97 straight league victories; the second longest streak in state history. In 1973 she was named the Girls State Coach of the year.

As a graduate of Fresno State, Mary was an exemplary community leader and gave back in ways that will not be forgotten. Her ability to motivate and inspire young women to reach their greatest potential was clearly visible in her coaching techniques. Mary has brought great pride to San Joaquin Memorial High School, and the community overall. Many of her former players consider Mary an icon and legend in sports.

Her commitment to the community of Fresno will not be forgotten. All of those who knew her or played for her are truly grateful for the lasting imprint she has made in their lives as an incomparable coach and leader.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saying farewell to a woman who embodies passion and inspiration, Ms. Mary Brown. Her genuine character and loving commitment to her friends and community will be greatly missed.

### HONORING SERGEANT JOHN D. TREANTOS

#### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of Sergeant John D. Treantos. The beloved father, grandfather, brother, and teacher passed away on Friday, July 31st, 2015 surrounded by his loving family.

During his youth, Sgt. Treantos grew up in California's State Capitol, Sacramento where he attended the local high school, Sacramento High. Following graduation in 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he spent several years diligently serving our country. Sgt. Treantos' time in the Marine Corps was spent teaching his fellow marines to navigate exiting helicopters during the Korean War. In addition to always helping others, he was part of the unit to test helicopter tactics to be used with nuclear weapons. Before retiring from the Marine Corps, he achieved the rank of Sergeant.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, Sgt. Treantos moved back to his hometown of Sacramento and enrolled at Sacramento State College. He obtained his degree and began his career as an educator where his passion for teaching history would be utilized and instilled in his students. Dedicating 52 years between Sacramento High School, Tracy High School, and San Joaquin Delta College, Mr. Treantos loved teaching and once stated that he would work for free as long as he got to teach history. Mr. Treantos was a beloved teacher who would spend countless hours researching his lessons to ensure his students would not only learn what was being taught, but be able to envision the historic events that shaped the United States. His legacy will live on through the lessons he instilled in his students.

In his retirement, Sgt. Treantos became actively involved in the Tracy American Legion Post 172. From 2002–2012, he served as Commander where he assisted in honoring local heroes, organized events, and selected recipients to attend Boys State. He was also involved in the Bill King Detachment 019 of the Marine Corps League in Modesto where he served two terms as the detachment Commandant. Sgt. Treantos was the Judge Advocate and took part in funerals for Marines, color guards and parades. Furthermore, Sgt. Treantos was the proud president of the Tracy War Memorial where he participated in honoring veterans and fallen heroes. Marine Treantos was an inaugural and sitting member of my Veterans Advisory Committee before his passing.

Sgt. Treantos was deeply passionate about sports and unwaveringly loyal to the San Francisco Giants. Downtime for Sgt. Treantos was spent enjoying music, theatre, museums, movies and most of all, reading books. He was never without a book and shared his desire for the arts and learning with the various people in his life.

Sgt. Treantos is survived by his son John Treantos; daughters Jennifer, Melina and Imogene; five grandchildren Chris, John, Roger, Addy, and Cameron; three sisters Dena, Kathy, and Mary; and the mother of his children, Liz.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Sergeant John D. Treantos for his service and outstanding contributions to the community as well as our country.

### A TRIBUTE TO JULIA DOLLEN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julia Dollen from the Tri-Center Varsity Cheer team, as she has been honored with the status of All-American at the Tri-Center cheer camp.

To achieve this status, Julia had to try out in front of the entire camp, demonstrating her knowledge and skill in all areas of cheer. Julia has dedicated her time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend her for her hard work and determination.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Julia demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Julia on a job well done, and wish her nothing but continued success.

### RECOGNIZING MATTHEW WALZER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTELLECTUALLY AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED COMMUNITY

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Matthew Walzer for his extraordinary contributions to the lives of those with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. It all began with a simple request to achieve a dream that most take for granted: 16-year-old Matthew needed an easier way to put on his shoes.

You see, Matthew has cerebral palsy, a condition which stiffens the muscles in the body making it difficult to walk and even speak. In an open letter to Nike's CEO Mark Parker, he explained that his condition makes it impossible to tie his shoes. Matthew, who at the time was preparing to leave high school and attend college, explained he simply wanted to go to the college of his choice and not worry about someone tying his shoes every day.

Originally, Nike planned to make just one pair of this revolutionary shoe for Matthew; however that was not enough for this inspiring young man. Matthew didn't want a special shoe just for him—he understood this was an opportunity to develop something that would benefit a diverse community of millions of people facing various physical challenges. As a longtime admirer of Nike shoes, he brought attention to the lack of a running or basketball shoe with a self-lacing system that could be used by everyone.

Matthew's discussions with Nike were the catalyst to change the world of shoe technology. Through his tireless work alongside