

Nike, his dream became a reality. Nike recently released the Zoom LeBron Soldier 8 FLYEASE, a shoe that features a wrap-around zipper system. Now a sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University, Matthew is able to put his shoes on every day without assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of Matthew Walzer for refusing to back down from his goal and his actively seeking out a universal solution. He wanted to create a shoe not for one person, but for everyone. Even LeBron James wore them during a basketball game to prove that it was truly a shoe that everybody could wear.

I am so extremely proud to recognize Matthew Walzer as a Hastings Star Student. Matthew has overcome diagnosis after diagnosis from doctors across the nation, and has proven that no matter the obstacles, he would not settle for the status quo.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIC NADEL

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Eric Nadel.

Mr. Nadel was the 2014 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Currently he is in his 21st year as the lead voice on the Texas Rangers radio broadcasts, which marks his 37th year broadcasting Rangers baseball, the longest tenure of any announcer in the history of the franchise.

Mr. Nadel is a seven-time recipient of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Texas Sportscaster of the Year Award, and two-time winner of the Associated Press award for best play-by-play in Texas. He was also inducted as the 15th member of the Texas Rangers Baseball Hall of Fame.

Mr. Nadel has spent several off seasons learning Spanish and has taken part in Spanish game broadcasts in numerous Latin American countries. He is the author of three books, including Texas Rangers: The Authorized History, published in 1997. He also is very active in the local music scene, annually presenting a Birthday Benefit Concert at the Kessler Theater.

A 1991 inductee in the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame, Eric and his wife, Jeannie, reside in Dallas with their dog, Kirby, a Yorkie mix. The city of Dallas is lucky to have him.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF PHILIP HAGOPIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Philip Hagopian of Madera, California who recently passed away on August 20, 2015 at the age of 64. Philip will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and community.

Mr. Hagopian was born in Fresno, California on November 12, 1950, to Edward and Mar-

garet Hagopian. He spent his early years in Fresno, before moving with his family to Kerman, and eventually settling in Madera. Upon graduating from high school, Philip went on to earn his B.A. in History from the University of California, Davis. After trying his hand at various occupations, he came back home to Madera and joined the family business, farming with his father, when he was 32 years old.

In 1998, Philip married the love of his life, Ms. Carol Ann LeMarr. The following year, his dream of being a father came true when their son, Aram Alexander was born. He was a devoted husband and father, and he truly loved farming in the San Joaquin Valley. Philip had a nurturing heart, and he enjoyed nothing more than to walk out into the fields and appreciate the crops he sowed.

Mr. Hagopian was also dedicated to serving his community. For many years, he provided goods and services, and was active in his agricultural profession. For instance, Philip served on the Madera County Planning Commission, board member for the Raisin Bargaining Association, Trustee of the Board at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, and he served his country in the United States Army.

Without question, Mr. Hagopian's integrity, honor and long-lasting involvement in the raisin industry made him a reputable man; he was well known, well-liked and shown enormous appreciation by fellow farmers in the Central Valley. Philip worked hard and expected nothing in return. This same generous spirit was evident in Philip's love for his family. I am honored to join his family in celebrating the life of Philip Hagopian. His presence will be dearly missed in our community for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a man of great service and dedication. His memory will live on through his family and be remembered by many in our community. We are all better for having known Mr. Philip Hagopian, a remarkable Californian and Central Valley native.

A TRIBUTE TO MARGARITE GOODENOW

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 Margarite Goodenow 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. Margarite was granted this prestigious award as she has demonstrated her dedication to serving the Bluffs Arts Council as both a board member and volunteer. Margarite's hard work and dedication to serving others truly embodies our Iowa values.

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

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 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 \$18,151,154,955,297.86. We've added \$7,524,277,906,384.78 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRANK PUMILIA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Mr. Frank Pumilia of Margate, Florida, who sadly passed away on Sunday, August 30th at age 94. Frank was born in Brooklyn, New York and, at an early age, demonstrated a passion for politics and a fervent interest in community service. He attended high school for only half a year before dropping out to support his family. Eventually, Frank became an owner of his own grocery store and later worked as an insurance investor. He retired to Margate, Florida where he assumed a number of leadership positions within local organizations.

Frank served as president of both the Margate Democratic Club and the Margate Association of Condominiums. He also served as a chairman for the Margate Civil Service Board, member of the Broward County Democratic Executive Committee, member of the advisory council of the Alzheimer's Family Center. Frank was a highly regarded community leader. In 2010, he was selected by the Area Agency of Aging of Broward to receive the Broward County Senior Hall of Fame honor.

I offer my deepest condolences to Frank's family. He is survived by his daughter, Louise Ditto, by two sons, John Pumilia and Charles Pumilia, as well as five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Frank's presence will be profoundly missed throughout the Margate community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay my respects to Frank Pumilia and his family. Frank was a great friend to me throughout the years. His spirit, loving memory, and legacy of outstanding leadership will always live on.

TRIBUTE: ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa

International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on its sixty-eight years of dedicated service and proclaim October 2015 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals have been to establish high standards of education, give recognition to outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators, and to promote educational and charitable projects and activities enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of over 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth and for collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of the nation's working force and are constantly striving to serve their communities and nation in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last two years alone, the members of Alpha Delta Kappa have given altruistically to the communities they serve by raising nearly twelve million dollars and volunteering more than 2 million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa members also biennially awards nearly two million dollars through its 11 scholarship programs.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well as they continue to educate our children.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ANTONIO "TONY" CAMPOS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedication and success of Central Valley almond farmer, Antonio "Tony" Campos. Tony has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his community and to California agriculture. It is because of his service to the Central Valley that Tony Campos is being honored at the 2015 California Ag One Community Salute.

Tony was born in Orondritz, Spain, a small village in the Pyrenees Mountains. As a teenager, Tony would hear of the opportunities offered in America and how one could establish a better life. When Tony was just 17 years old, he immigrated to the United States with his brothers, and settled in Caruthers, California. It was there where they first began to grow almonds and by 1981, Tony and his brothers had established their almond farm, Campos Brothers Farms Almond Huller. Today, Tony and his wife, Juliet, continue to operate Campos Brothers Farms with their three children Steven, Joseph, and Jeannine. Their commitment and enthusiasm for California agriculture and community values have not faltered.

The almond industry makes significant contributions to the overall success of California's economy. It is responsible for more than \$21

billion in California's economic output and adds about \$11 billion to California's gross state product. The almond industry makes for an active and healthy California economy. Tony Campos and Campos Brothers Farms have done a great deal to enrich California's agriculture and economy.

In addition to their dedication to California agriculture, the Campos family has also dedicated themselves to serving the community. Tony and his family support organizations such as Valley Children's Hospital, Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno, Basque Cultural Center, and Caruthers High School. Additionally, all of the proceeds raised to honor Tony at the 2015 Ag One Community Salute, will go toward establishing the Ag One Antonio "Tony" Campos endowment that will support both students and programs of the Jordan College at California State University, Fresno.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing my longtime friend Tony Campos in the celebration of his achievements as a Central Valley almond farmer and as the 2015 honoree at the Ag One Community Salute. It is with great pride that I thank Tony Campos for his service and lasting contributions to our community and to California agriculture.

WELCOME TO SCENIC MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Missouri City, Texas for earning a Platinum Level Scenic City Certification! Missouri City residents know full well what a beautiful city they live in and are proud that everybody across Texas agrees.

Scenic Texas, a non-profit organization, awarded the Platinum Level Scenic City Certification to Missouri City for five years. Missouri City is only one of eight cities to receive this top honor and the only city in the Houston area to earn Platinum status. The organization took note of Missouri City's beautiful landscapes, tree-lined streets, and dedication to cultural arts. This certification further demonstrates Missouri City's commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents. We are extremely proud of this growing city!

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Missouri City! Thank you for keeping our little piece of Texas beautiful.

A TRIBUTE TO THE IOWA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION MAR- KETING AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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 the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Marketing and Communications Department for receiving five prestigious awards at the American Farm Bu-

reau Federation's annual Strategic Policy, Advocacy, Resources and Communications Conference.

Each year the American Farm Bureau Federation gives out awards at their Strategic Policy, Advocacy, Resources and Communications Conference to recognize select Farm Bureau Federation teams that excel in their outreach and communication to the public. The conference is designed to incentivize strategic communication, aligning the organization's platforms around important subjects and initiatives that are aimed at creating better policy. The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation team received the following five awards: Best Newspaper, Best News or Feature Series, Best Blog, Best Social Media Campaign, and Best Promotional or Education Video.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Marketing and Communications Department demonstrates the rewards of hard work and dedication. Their efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent this valued Iowa organization in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating this team on their achievements, and I wish them nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORY OF ANGELEAN "ANGIE" CLARK GLASS OF HAL- LANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an esteemed teacher, community leader, and personal friend, Mrs. Angelean "Angie" Clark Glass. Angie was born on January 3, 1937 in Hallandale Beach, Florida. She grew up as the first of four children born into the glorious union of the late Robert "Willard" Clark and Hazel Mabel Taylor Clark.

Angie's early accomplishments included being the star basketball player at Lanier Elementary-Junior High School in Hallandale. She later went on to attend and graduate from Booker T. Washington High School in Miami, Florida in 1955. She received her Bachelor's of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida in June, 1959. Angie pursued additional matriculation at Barry University in Miami, Florida.

After graduation, Angie began her remarkable career at Sheridan Hills Elementary School in Hollywood, Florida. For 44 years, she taught at Sheridan Hills Elementary School, shaping the lives of generations of children and remaining at the school as various principals came and went. Her dedication to the school came from her unwavering faith in her students, many of whom were inspired by her kindness and selflessness for her community.

As a devout Christian, Angie served as a member and was considered a pillar of both St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Hallandale, Florida and St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Hollywood, Florida. Aside from serving faithfully on the Vestry and Parish Council, she also coordinated all social activities and served as treasurer of the Church's True Fund.