

Science Teaching (PAEMST), which is our country's highest honor in math and science for teachers.

For over 15 years, Dr. Jones has served her country and the people of Metropolitan Atlanta as a teacher. Dr. Jones earned her bachelor's degree in Mathematics at Spelman College and continued her studies by earning master's and doctoral degrees in Education from Georgia State University. As you may know, Mr. Speaker, both of these wonderful institutions are located in Georgia's 5th Congressional District.

Dr. Jones is greatly respected for her creative approach in making the most difficult subjects accessible and tangible to her students. Dr. Jones teaches her students how to effectively use mathematical models as communication tools. In the classroom, she develops art and video games simulations to connect students to math and coordinates field trips to provide real-life examples of angles and forces for struggling geometry students.

Not only does Dr. Jones' innovative and creative approach help students develop the critical skills they need to compete and thrive in today's world, but she also goes out of her way to share these effective teaching techniques with over 17,000 teachers across the country and around the world. As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jones is a wonderful national and international model and practitioner in the field of education.

Today, I join the President, the administration, the Ron Clark Academy community, and Metropolitan Atlanta in congratulating Dr. Jones on this prestigious honor, and thanking her for her tireless work and support of the most precious and beloved members of our community—our youth—our future.

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CONGRATULATING ADRIAN KARMAZYN, VOICE OF AMERICA UKRAINIAN SERVICE CHIEF, ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ukrainian-American and Northern Ohioan Adrian Karmazyn on the announcement of his retirement as Voice of America's (VOA) Ukrainian Service Chief. Mr. Karmazyn is a native of Parma, Ohio and is respected around the world as a veteran journalist covering Ukraine and Ukrainian-American communities in the United States.

During his career, Mr. Karmazyn has contributed immensely to keeping the flame of freedom alive in Ukraine, even during some of her darkest hours. He is a freedom fighter. His mindful voice has been an essential component on the arduous path to a more open, democratic society following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the harrowing but steady progress of Ukraine to become part of the European community of nations.

Mr. Karmazyn attended Ohio State University, receiving a B.A. in History. He then joined Voice of America in 1988 as an international radio broadcaster in VOA's Ukrainian Service, serving as a writer, producer, reporter, translator, announcer, and eventually as a cor-

respondent in Kyiv. While there, he recruited a team of radio and video journalists in Kyiv and in other regional cities, helping to establish VOA's reporting presence throughout Ukraine.

He continued to distinguish himself and in 1999 was named Program Manager of VOA's Ukrainian Service. Mr. Karmazyn directed the reorganization of the weekly Ukrainian Service TV magazine program *Vikno v America*, or Window on America. Over the next several years, the Ukrainian Service significantly expanded its network of reporters in Ukraine.

In 2004, Mr. Karmazyn was assigned leadership over VOA's Ukrainian television programming. Later that year, during Ukraine's Orange Revolution, Karmazyn oversaw the launch of the daily Chas-Time television program. He was appointed Chief of VOA's Ukrainian Service in 2006 and served as one of the most reliable and valuable sources of information during the Euromaidan protests and Revolution of Dignity in 2013. This was vital as freedom of the press was under threat in the region.

I have known and worked with Adrian Karmazyn for many years. Please allow me to extend my heartfelt appreciation for his years of exemplary and passionate service and his commitment to telling the stories of Ukraine, from Kyiv to Cleveland. His labor has brought the American people and the people of Ukraine closer for decades, with his regular presence and positive influence at VOA for the cause of liberty. His has been a voice of freedom and he will be missed.

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RECOGNIZING TAIWANESE NATIONAL DAY

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, on October 10th.

The economic relationship between the United States and Taiwan has been long and prosperous and will continue long into the future.

Taiwan is a key trading partner for my state of California, and indeed for the entire United States. In my own district, Taiwan is a vital source and destination of cargo coming through the Port of Long Beach.

In recent decades, Taiwan has created a democracy that, since 1996, has conducted direct presidential elections every four years and witnessed the peaceful passage of power from one political party to another on two occasions. It is a regional and global economic force, and makes global contributions culturally in fields ranging from art to fashion. Through our shared security partnership, Taiwan also contributes to the security of the Asia-Pacific, and is a humanitarian force around the globe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day, and in thanking Taiwan for its many contributions to the global community.

RECOGNIZING CLAUDE GORDON "PEEWEE" SHAFFER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Claude Gordon "PeeWee" Shaffer's 90th birthday which will take place Saturday, October 3rd of 2015.

Claude served his country from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. He was drafted into the Army and completed Gunnery School in Arizona. He was then sent to Rapid City Army Air Base in South Dakota for training and crew assignment as a ball turret gunner. Claude then became a Staff Sergeant and member of the 545th Bomb Squadron, the Dark Angel Crew.

As a part of this distinguished squadron, he was ordered to carry out a bombing mission on Leipzig, Germany on March 17, 1945. On this mission, his B17 was shot down behind enemy lines near Naundorf, Germany. Claude was captured and became a prisoner of war.

After being captured, Claude and his squad mates were prisoners to both the Wehrmacht and the Luftwaffe and were transported around Germany. They went to Oschatz, Weimar, Nuremberg, and Moosburg until finally arriving at the Stalag VII, a prisoner of war camp. It wasn't until April 29, 1945 that Stalag VII was liberated and he was released. Claude was discharged the following year.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Claude for his service to our country with a flag flown over the United States Capitol in his honor. He is a true patriot for his actions and I wish him a very happy birthday.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 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 \$18,151,073,031,331.50. We've added \$7,524,195,982,418.42 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.

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CELEBRATING THE FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LOVELL FEDERAL HEALTH CARE CENTER

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, the nation's first and only integrated Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense medical center, on its five-year anniversary.

In just five years, the Center demonstrated the merits of combining two different health care systems. Through hard work and dedication, the FHCC staff has shown that one health care facility can annually provide excellent care to over 90,000 military personnel, their families, military retirees and Veterans. I would like to personally congratulate Director Dr. Stephan Holt, and Deputy Director Navy Captain Bob Buckley. Their vision and enthusiasm facilitated the integration tremendously.

I look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries of the Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and not present for Roll Call vote number 518. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on final passage of H.R. 348, the Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015. On Roll Call number 514, (Gosar of Arizona Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 348) I intended to vote "YEA."

#### CELEBRATING THE 375TH ANNIVERSARY OF FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT

##### HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 375th anniversary of Farmington, Connecticut.

During the month of August and September, seven historical organizations planned History Day to display, honor, and celebrate influential Farmington community leaders. This historic milestone recognizes Farmington's deeply rooted history and significance as one of the first settlements in New England.

Over the past 375 years, Farmington residents have enjoyed the fruits of the land, scenic views along the Farmington River, and trails through the Farmington Valley greenway. Though closely neighboring the major metropolitan hub of Hartford, the town of Farmington has maintained its unique character through careful land use and historic preservation.

On September 13, 2015, the town celebrated History Day, educating community members about the first Tunxis Indians who welcomed new settlers into the area. In 1640, the early settlers purchased the land that would become Farmington. During the mid-1700s, Farmington's rich farmland and access to water made it an attractive destination for homesteaders. As trade opportunities evolved, a booming economy brought with it an era of technological innovation. Manufacturers located their factories in the Unionville section of Farmington to take advantage of its easy access to the Farmington Canal, which was later replaced by a railroad.

Through its many periods of growth, Farmington continues to embody the values instilled

by its early inhabitants to promote its natural resources. From its wooden lands, to the majestic river and valley, Farmington offers its residents a getaway from the Hartford metropolitan area, while remaining in a central location in the state. I am honored to represent Farmington in Congress.

Congratulations to Farmington on its 375th anniversary.

#### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF NATIONAL RICE MONTH

##### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with America's rice farmers in celebrating the month of September as National Rice Month.

It has been 25 years since September was first declared National Rice Month.

On this silver anniversary, I want to pay a special tribute to the hard working men and women who produce rice on their family farms.

I would also like to recognize all of those who mill and market rice, all of the suppliers and buyers, and, of course, all of the consumers who make rice an essential part of their diet.

Rice farming in America actually predates our nation's independence, beginning some 300 years ago.

Today, America's rice industry creates 125,000 good-paying jobs and contributes an estimated \$34 billion to our nation's economy, including an estimated direct impact of \$169.8 million in my home state of Texas.

Nine million tons of rice are grown each year by family farmers on some 2.7 million acres of land, predominately in the states of Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas. While these six states produce the lion's share of rice in America, there is also rice production in other states, like Illinois and Tennessee, and the entire rice industry reaches every state in the nation, especially those states with cereal makers, breweries, and other food-makers that use rice as a key ingredient.

On top of this, about half of America's rice crop is bound for export markets, helping to feed people around the globe while positively contributing to our nation's balance of trade.

Although the figures I just listed are as impressive as they are important, the benefits of rice are not limited to jobs and the economy.

Health-wise, rice is a source of more than 15 vitamins and minerals and 100% gluten-free, with only 100 calories per serving. Brown rice is 100% whole grain and may reduce the risk of heart disease and certain cancers.

What is more, studies suggest that those who eat rice have healthier diets than those who do not.

On the conservation front, America's rice farmers have a longstanding commitment to protect and preserve natural resources. Today, U.S. rice farmers produce more rice using less land, energy, and water than they did just 20 years ago. Our rice farms provide critical habitat for hundreds of species, particularly migratory birds.

America's rice farmers continue to serve as leaders in the farming community by pro-

ducing a healthy, conservation-friendly food that, as a byproduct, generates jobs and economic opportunity.

It is fitting that we honor the hard working American farmers, millers, merchants, suppliers and buyers, and the consumers who make rice not only such a wholesome and popular food but an important part of our economy.

I ask that my colleagues join with me in celebrating September as National Rice Month.

#### IN MEMORY OF RICHARD RAINWATER

##### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Richard Rainwater sadly passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2015, at his home in Fort Worth, Texas. The following obituary by Miguel Bustillo, Gregory Zuckerman and Rob Copeland was published in The Wall Street Journal on September 27, 2015. The citizens of South Carolina especially appreciate the Rainwater and Moore families for their phenomenal generosity promoting business education at the University of South Carolina.

Long before Wall Street was littered with swaggering hedge-fund billionaires, Richard Rainwater earned a Texas-size reputation as an investor with an eye on the big score.

He helped install Michael Eisner as Walt Disney Co. chief executive, steered George W. Bush to buy a stake in Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers and helped multiply the Bass family fortune one-hundred-fold before building a billion-dollar one of his own.

"My brother said, 'Don't be mediocre at anything; be remarkable at something,'" Mr. Rainwater recalled in 2010 in a speech at Stanford University.

Mr. Rainwater died on Sunday morning at his home in Fort Worth, Texas, according to the Rainwater Charitable Foundation and his family. He had been suffering from complications of a rare brain disease. He was 71 years old.

Born to a middle-class family, Mr. Rainwater parlayed a gift for mathematics and a gregarious personality into a more than \$2 billion fortune as a financial adviser and wheeler-dealer whose underlings went on to become chief executives, governors and hedge-fund tycoons.

"He was a laid back guy who liked to invest but he was not a fan of fancy dinners or some of the other things that went with it," his son, Todd, said on Sunday. "What he was best at is being a talent scout. He would find a troubled business, find the best person to run it, the Michael Jordan of that industry, and inevitably that person would turn the business around".

A native of Fort Worth, Mr. Rainwater attended the Stanford Graduate School of Business on scholarship, where he met Sid Bass, who hired him to serve as chief investment adviser for the Bass brothers, who were also from Fort Worth.

He began working in 1970 for the Bass family, which had inherited an oil fortune from Texas wildcatter Sid Williams Richardson, and helped them to dramatically increase their wealth over the next decade and a half through a dizzying succession of deals.

Perhaps the most famous deal was the Bass family's rescue of then-struggling Disney in