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Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Earl Noe for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF FELICIA MORMILE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Birthday of Brooklyn's Felicia Mormile.

On October 3, 1915, Felicia Veronica Provisiero was born in downtown Brooklyn to parents Carmela and Ralph. The oldest of six children, she was always there to do her chores and help her younger siblings. When Felicia was just 16, her mother tragically passed away and her father pulled her out of school so she could take care of the family.

In 1934, Felicia was introduced to Alphonse Mormile through her Uncle Jimmy. After dating for four years, they married on April 3, 1938 and had six wonderful children. In addition to being a working mother, she volunteered non-stop; for twenty years, Felicia would clean up her church before Mass each day, and she would prepare and bring food to the homeless in her community. Furthermore, she volunteered her time at the Guardian Angel Home for Unwed Mothers by helping take care of the children and readying the new mothers for parenthood.

Every Christmas, Felicia and her family would make baskets for the poor to ensure that they had everything necessary in order to have a wonderful Christmas dinner. Each Tuesday, she would take the train to Saint Francis Assisi Church to attend a novena and from there she would always go shopping at Gimbel's Department Store.

Mr. Speaker, Felicia Mormile's selflessness and commitment to volunteering is something to which we should all aspire. With six children, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren, she has been a loving member not only of her family, but of the community as well. I commend her outstanding life, and I am proud to honor this citizen from New York's 11th District on her 100th birthday.

COMMEMORATING THE JOB CORPS
PROGRAM

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 50 years of incredible work by the Job Corps program. For a half-century, Job Corps has been expanding hope and ac-

cess to opportunity for millions of young people across the country.

Administered by the Department of Labor and funded by the Workforce Investment Act, Job Corps offers hands-on technical training, career planning, job placement, housing assistance and academic training at no cost to Americans aged 16 to 24.

It serves a vital pipeline to long-term career success for our youth, providing the tools necessary to find and keep a stable job that pays a living wage—a foundation that these students will be able to build from for the rest of their lives.

In Northwest Washington, we take real pride in the remarkable success of the Cascades Job Corps Center in my district.

Cascades Job Corps provides economically disadvantaged youth the opportunity to learn technical and career-based skills, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good-paying job.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the Cascades Job Corps classrooms and facilities on numerous occasions, and for the last two years, I have been honored to give the commencement speeches for their graduating students.

In Congress, I will continue to speak up for Cascades and the great work they do for students in the First Congressional District of Washington.

By ensuring everyone has access to these kinds of opportunities, as well as the chance to succeed through hard work and determination, we can shape stronger communities and finally build an economy that works for all Americans.

HONORING TURNER SAMUEL HESS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Turner Samuel Hess. Turner is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Turner has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Turner has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Turner has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Turner Samuel Hess for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING ALEXA IANNACE AS
A 2015 NATIONAL YOUNG WOMEN
OF DISTINCTION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Alexa Iannace on her selection as one of ten 2015 National Young Women of Distinction. This is an honor given by Girl Scouts of the USA to young women who have earned their Gold Award, the highest achievement attainable for a Girl Scout.

Alexa recently graduated from Emmaus High School. She earned her Gold Award for her documentary on child pornography, which she created with input from members of law enforcement and victims' advocates. She screened her film for an audience that included students studying criminal justice and social work at local area universities, as well as a cyber-crimes taskforce comprised of 10 law enforcement agencies including the US Department of Homeland Security and Lehigh County's Bar Association for District Attorneys.

Alexa's commitment to service and community extends beyond the Scouting. She participated in Keystone Girls State, is a recipient of the Union League of Philadelphia Good Citizenship Award and won the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award contest for Emmaus High School.

Alexa is now furthering her education at American University in Washington D.C. where she is majoring in International Relations and Political Science. She has already been accepted by the school's prestigious Leadership program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Alexa Iannace, and her parents Margaret and Paul, for her accomplishments in earning Girl Scout's highest award, being named as one of 2015's National Young Women of Distinction, and for giving back to her community.

HONORING ELIZABETH T. HUF

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Elizabeth T. Huf on her retirement from the Centennial School District Board of Directors, with the thanks of a grateful school community for her 22 years of service on the Board including serving as President, Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Committee Chair.

Throughout her career, Betty, as she is known to her friends and associates, exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism and public service. She actively participated in, and contributed to the betterment of her community of Warminster, Bucks County, where she resided for more than 50 years. Additionally, she is the devoted mother of four children, and a proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

As she retires, Betty Huf's many contributions will be missed, but she leaves an example of public service for others to follow. Thanks for all you've done, Betty. Best of luck to you in your retirement.

IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING, "THE FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM"

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of extending the Perkins Loan Program for one year so that students can complete their education and join our workforce.

Perkins Loans provide critical support to students with economic need, offering low-cost loans with flexible repayment terms and generous forgiveness options that are public-service oriented. In 2013–2014, close to 500,000 students with need were awarded nearly \$1 billion in Perkins Loans. And throughout its 57-year history, more than 30 million students with need have benefited from this program. It is also the only loan program used to support graduate and professional schools students.

According to the Congressional Budget office it has estimated that the Federal Government will reclaim nearly \$5 billion over the next ten years. This is \$5 billion that should be used to help keep college affordable for students in need of help.

Without Perkins, schools would lose the necessary flexibility to help students cover gaps left after Federal grants and Stafford Loans are applied or unforeseen circumstances jeopardize a student's ability to pay for college. Ultimately, if Perkins is allowed to expire billions of dollars in student aid would be eliminated from schools' revolving funds.

Perkins Loans themselves don't usually amount to more than several thousand dollars per student, but they can spell the difference between whether or not our students can attend college. In Texas, that means approximately over 12,000 students a year having an opportunity to finish their degree without unnecessary financial interruptions. This is not a time to abandon our students who are working hard to complete their education and have the same opportunities as so many other college graduates.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to extend the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

HONORING BRADLEY EUGENE MORGAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bradley Eugene Morgan. Bradley is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bradley has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bradley has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his fam-

ily, peers, and community. Most notably, Bradley has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bradley Eugene Morgan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CECILIA AGUIAR-CURRY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Cecilia Aguiar-Curry a City Councilwoman of Winters and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry is currently in her second term as Mayor of Winters, a city of 7,000 residents in Western Yolo County. Cecilia has spearheaded many new initiatives for the city of Winters. She is an incisive leader with clear vision and the ability to make that vision a reality in tangible ways. She is an outstanding ambassador to the world at large for the city of Winters.

Whereas, under her leadership, the Yolo County Health and Human Services brought a branch to Winters. PG&E is also building a new training facility in Winters, providing more than \$500,000 in computer technology and training to the schoolchildren of Winters through a partnership with the Winters Education Foundation and the Yocha DeHe Foundation. She also was a successful advocate for the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, revived the local Hispanic Advisory Community and developed the Winters Youth Council.

Whereas, Cecilia also serves on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the New Hope Community Development Corporation, the Yolo County Housing Commission, the Water Resource Association of Yolo County, and the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. Previously, she served on the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities. Cecilia is hardworking, responsible, compassionate, and an effective leader who truly cares about her community.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.

HONORING THE WORK OF CRAIG WILLIAMS AND THE KENTUCKY ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Craig Williams and the Kentucky Environmental Foundation. Twenty-five years ago, the Foundation formed the Chem-

ical Weapons Working Group. This group was made up of residents who were concerned about building chemical weapons incinerators at eight sites across the country and one island in the Pacific. The CWWG has worked hard over the years at the grassroots level to successfully advocate for federal legislation that mandated research and implementation of safer weapons disposal technologies that did not include incineration.

The Chemical Weapons Working Group has done an excellent job of bringing people together from many different social and political persuasions and many different perspectives. These dedicated people have worked over the past twenty-five years to come to consensus on safe solutions for the disposal of U.S. chemical weapons. Currently, a non-incineration technology facility is under construction in the Sixth District of Kentucky. The project is being done with continued oversight by Mr. Craig Williams, as he also serves as the Host Community Liaison between local governments and the Pentagon.

Mr. Williams is a founding member and past Director of the Kentucky Environmental Foundation. In addition to serving as Director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, he is a charter member of the Kentucky Governor's Chemical Material Demilitarization Citizen's Advisory Commission and currently serves as co-chair of the Kentucky Chemical Destruction Advisory Board.

Mr. Williams is the co-founder and secretary of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. He has received several tributes in the United States Congress and was presented the John O'Connor Citizens Achievement Award in 2003. Williams is involved in many community activities. Williams and his wife live in Berea, Kentucky near their two children and two grandchildren.

The people of the Sixth District and our nation are safer today because of the determined work and excellent leadership of Craig Williams and the Kentucky Environmental Foundation. They have worked tirelessly and with great passion to mandate ways to dispose of chemical weapons in a safe manner. I join a grateful nation in congratulating the Kentucky Environmental Foundation on their twenty-five years and thanking Craig Williams for his excellent leaderships.

HONORING THE SPIRIT OF MIDDLE PASSAGE, NAACP MARCHER FOR JUSTICE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, we mourn yet celebrate the life of NAACP justice marcher, Middle Passage, who passed away on September 12th, 2015. Passage, 68, died during America's Journey for Justice, a six week march that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the civil rights movement.

During Passage's earlier lifetime, he changed his name to Middle Passage to remind us of enslaved Africans. The "Middle Passage" represented the journey taken by slave ships from Africa to the West Indies.

Despite having several heart operations and surviving two wars, in Korea and Vietnam,