

matches federal dollars with state and local contributions to ensure a cooperative approach to conserving our nation's environment. In Wisconsin, the LWCF has contributed \$3,675,681 to match state and local conservation projects and to help us preserve Wisconsin's beautiful outdoors.

For the past fifty years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has played an integral role in achieving our nation's conservation goals. I urge my colleagues to support reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund so that we can continue to protect our wildlife, create opportunities and access to public lands for sportsmen and women, and provide economic benefits to our state and local communities.

PREMIUM PANELS, INC.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Premium Panels Inc. in Arvada, Colorado for being honored by Colorado Companies to Watch (CCTW).

CCTW is a unique awards program that recognizes and celebrates the contribution and innovation of diverse second-stage companies that exemplify strong management and community service involvement. While there are many outstanding companies in Colorado, Premium Panels Inc. was chosen based on their positive impact on economic growth in the region.

Premium Panels began in 2000 as a singular operation in Arvada, Colorado with Jeff Patch at the helm. Today, the company has approximately 34 employees and has grown to be a leader in metal roofing panels for commercial and residential roofing.

The spirit of the Premium Panels organization is fueled by strong company values of integrity, respect, customer satisfaction, and education. They are strong advocates for the roofing industry. Through volunteerism with the Colorado Roofers Association, Premium Panels helps educate roofers on safety measures and new and improved installation methods.

I congratulate Premium Panels Inc. and all of their employees for being recognized as a Colorado Company to Watch. I am proud of the service they provide our community and am certain their service will continue to benefit the roofing industry and our communities for decades to come.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD SORGE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the untiring dedication of Staten Island's Edward Sorge in his service to the community.

Born on October 6, 1934, Edward has remained a lifelong Staten Islander. After graduating from New Dorp High School in 1952, Ed's patriotism led him to enlist in the U.S. Air

Force, where he served his country honorably. In addition to his love of country was his love of golf. It goes without saying that as a two-time Staten Island Amateur Golf Champion, he certainly knows his way around the greens.

After his service in the Air Force, Ed became a PGA Professional at Silver Lake Golf Course, where he served for over 20 years. Among his former students there include PGA Tour Member Bill Britton and Staten Island Amateur and Classic champions Pete Meurer, Rod Stilwell, and Ed Sorge, Jr. After leaving Silver Lake Golf Course in 1988, Ed continued his work as a PGA Professional for an additional 20 years, conducting numerous junior golf clinics.

Since 2009, Ed has volunteered with several charitable organizations in his community. He has devoted his time at myriad golf events to raise money for charity by directing clinics before the shotgun starts and participating in "Beat the Pro" competitions on a par three hole during the rounds. Alongside his devotion to volunteering, Ed's goal as a PGA professional is to make the game of golf enjoyable for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, Edward Sorge's dedication to charity and improving his community is the essence of the model Staten Islander. I thank him for all of his great work and I am proud to honor this great American from New York's 11th District.

CONGRATULATING THE HOYT LIBRARY OF SAGINAW ON THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Hoyt Library on the occasion of their 125th year of continuous service. It stands today as a shining example of a beautiful, historic, and functional modern library.

In 1890, The Saginaw Evening News declared the Hoyt Library "a noble institution" and "the pride of all Saginawians." The library was a gift to the people of Saginaw from New York businessman Jesse Hoyt (1815 through 1882), who had real estate and lumber interests in the Saginaw Valley. Hoyt's will set aside \$100,000 for a public library in East Saginaw. After a national competition among leading architects, the Hoyt Trust chose the Boston architectural firm of Van Brunt and Howe. When the Richardsonian Romanesque style building was completed it exemplified modern library construction. The present building includes a 1921 addition by Edward Tilton of New York and a 1960 addition by Frederick E. Wigen Architects of Saginaw.

Harriet Ames, the first librarian at Hoyt, was a Boston scholar and a pioneer in librarianship who brought her passion for good books and reading to a commercial Midwestern boomtown. She served Saginaw for over 30 years and brought cultural and educational advancement not just to Saginaw, but to the entire state of Michigan through her dedication to scholarly pursuits.

Sparked by Ms. Ames, the Hoyt Library remains a fixture in the cultural and educational realm in Michigan. It is home to one of the

premier Local History and Genealogy collections in Michigan and the greater Midwest. Hoyt Library has served as a government documents depository for all 125 years of operation. Beyond its historically significant archives and up-to-date print collections, the Library provides meeting spaces and quiet reading nooks along with internet access computers and Wi-Fi for today's technologically savvy library users. The library staff remains dedicated to providing professional library programs and services to all who enter.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the work done by the Hoyt Library in Saginaw and thank them for the service they have provided to the city of Saginaw.

CHRISTIAN ACTION GUILD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Christian Action Guild (CAG) for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

The Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence recognizes organizations, businesses and individuals that significantly contribute to the wellbeing and improvement of the City of Golden.

For 49 years, the Christian Action Guild has provided food, clothing and financial assistance to Golden residents in need. Each month, CAG serves over 400 at-risk Golden families, individuals and members of the homeless community, providing personal products, canned goods, and fresh food items.

I congratulate the Christian Action Guild for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan and I thank all the members of the CAG for their continued commitment to the people and families they serve.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the National Day of the Republic of China and to highlight the close relationship between Taiwan and the United States of America. October 10th marks the anniversary of the creation of the Republic of China in 1912. National Day celebrates Taiwanese democracy, its culture and its accomplished people and this occasion provides the United States an opportunity to celebrate our great ally.

As a leader in the Asia Pacific region, Taiwan has experienced incredible economic growth and stability throughout its history. With a population of over 23 million people and a trillion dollar GDP, Taiwan has proved to be one of Asia's economic engines. The Taiwanese economy has maintained an impressive economic growth rate and has risen to be the 10th-largest trade partner of the United States. Taiwan continues to be an example to other economies around the world.

The friendship between our two Nations has been mutually prosperous since we joined in unity in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. With this year marking 70 years since the end of the War, our Nation should reflect on how this unique alliance has had such a positive impact on both countries.

The trust and respect built between our two Nations since that time have resulted in tremendous technology innovation and global resources integration. The cooperation between Taiwan and the United States has enabled the two countries to enhance each other's strengths and nurture industries that create jobs and opportunities for both nations.

The cooperation between Taiwan and the United States should be a global model for civility, respect, prosperity and peace.

Mr. Speaker, on National Day we are all reminded how strategically important our mutually respectful relationship has been for the Republic of China and the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, last week I attended my son's wedding in Japan causing me to miss the Pope's historic address to Congress as well as votes on September 24 and 25, 2015.

Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the following bills and amendments.

1. H.R. 322
2. Lowenthal Amendment to H.R. 348
3. Grijalva Amendment to H.R. 348
4. Gallego Amendment to H.R. 348
5. Jackson Lee Amendment #1 to H.R. 348
6. Dingell Amendment to H.R. 348
7. Jackson Lee Amendment #2 to H.R. 348
8. Peters/Polis/Lowenthal/Lieu Amendment to H.R. 348
9. Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 348
10. Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 348

Had I been present I would have voted in opposition to the following bills and amendments.

1. Gosar Amendment to H.R. 348
2. Final Passage of H.R. 348

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 528, had I been present, I would have voted no.

SAL AND GAIL GLESSER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sal and Gail

Glessier, the founders and owners of Spyderco Knives for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

The Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence recognizes organizations, businesses and individuals that significantly contribute to the wellbeing and improvement of the City of Golden.

The Glessers founded Spyderco in 1978 and have expanded their company into a multimillion-dollar business, employing more than 80 people in their new facility. Sal and Gail contribute to the Golden community through their support of local events and organizations such as the USA Pro Challenge, the Jeffco Innovator's Workshop, Foothills Art Center, the local Alzheimer's Chapter, the Parkinson's Foundation, and the Pink Fire Trucks program. Additionally, Spyderco has raised tons of food and product donations through employee food drives.

I congratulate Sal and Gail Glessier for being the recipients of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank them for their continued commitment to the people and families of Golden.

RECOGNIZING THELMA FAGIN HYMAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Thelma Fagin Hyman, who devoted her professional life to teaching in the segregated school system of the District of Columbia and who continued teaching for years after the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* ended segregation in the District and elsewhere.

The Dunbar Senior High School class of 1955, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, particularly thanks Ms. Hyman for her dedication as a teacher and recognizes her as a mentor of the class of 1955.

Thelma Fagin Hyman was born January 29, 1917, at Freeman's Hospital (now Howard University Hospital) and educated in District of Columbia public schools. She received her Bachelor of Science from Howard University and her Master of Arts from Columbia University. Before returning to Dunbar High School in 1946, Ms. Hyman taught physical education at Cardozo High School and Turner Jr. High School in D.C. She remained at Dunbar until she retired in 1964. She was married to Vincent Fagin for 38 years until his death. Later, she married Harold Hyman.

Ms. Hyman taught physical education to many students in the Dunbar class of 1955. She personified the excellence and dedication Dunbar teachers brought to their work. The class of 1955 believes it most appropriate to recognize one of its outstanding teachers as the class celebrates its 60th anniversary. At 98, Thelma Fagin Hyman is as lively today as she was as a teacher at Dunbar.

Along with the class of 1955, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in commending Thelma Fagin Hyman for her dedication as a teacher in the District of Columbia public schools, particularly at Dunbar High

School, and as a mentor of the Dunbar class of 1955.

THE CENTENNIAL OF CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM RODFE ZEDEK

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the entire Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek on their 100th year of providing a place for spiritual growth and gathering to the Jewish community in Chester and the surrounding area. This Congregation has grown from two small groups of farmers who more than a century ago sought a place to gather and worship, to a thriving community and religious center that is a cornerstone of my Congressional district.

In the 1800s, Jews in Connecticut primarily worshiped in small minyans in their homes. But as the Jewish community in our region grew, leaders sought larger, public places to worship. In the mid-1990s, Temple Beth Shalom and Congregation Rodfe Zedek merged to become the community that exists today. The building in which they hold services is also a testament to their creativity and collaboration. The new, permanent home for the congregation is the result of work by artist Sol LeWitt and local architect Stephen Lloyd. The synagogue pays homage to tradition, made with wooden beams in the style of old eastern European synagogues—many of which were destroyed in the Holocaust. It is this commitment to history—and an eye towards the future—that will continue to sustain this congregation for years to come.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek on 100 years of community and congregation, and wish them all the best for the next century of Jewish life in eastern Connecticut.

HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, hunger and malnutrition affect millions of Americans every day. I have witnessed this in my home state of New Mexico, which has some of the highest hunger rates in the country. These rates are especially high among vulnerable populations, such as children and seniors. Many working families have to rely on food banks and church-sponsored meal programs to put food on the table. Often times, these families live in food deserts and cannot access affordable and healthy foods, which puts them at risk of becoming malnourished.

Nearly 16 million American children face hunger, and most of the food they receive is not considered healthy; rather, their parents are more inclined to buy the most affordable food available. The lack of access to healthy food hurts a child's development, including physical and mental health, academic achievement and future economic prosperity.