

and implemented a partnership with Sonoma State University to bring an MSN-FNP Program to campus. As Chair of the program, Nancy was most proud of founding the Pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in 2002, the first generic nursing program to open in California in ten years. Before leaving the department, she had completed a needs assessment and proposal for an MSN program which opened in spring 2009.

After earning her doctorate in 2004, Dr. Clark was appointed Interim Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences at CSU Stanislaus. Following two years of leave and twenty-eight years in academia, Nancy retired in the summer of 2008 to focus on her health and family.

Mr. Speaker it is with reverence that I recognize the memory of Dr. Nancy Joan MacDonald Clark. Nancy dedicated many years of her life educating nurses of the future, and enabling those students to not only improve the lives of California residents but the lives of people throughout our nation. May her years of service to the California State University, Stanislaus never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO NICK AND SUE HUNT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nick and Sue Hunt of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the 2015 Conservationist of the Year Award, presented by the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District. This award is a joint effort of the Governor's Office, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the Department of Natural Resources.

The Conservationist of the Year Award recognizes the exemplary voluntary actions of farmers who work to improve and protect the environment and natural resources of our state. Nick and Sue were selected for this award because of their outstanding work in their farming operations and for serving as local leaders in environmental stewardship on their farm, utilizing a variety of techniques and best management practices. Their efforts have helped improve and protect the environment in the State of Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Nick and Sue for earning this award. They are shining examples of how hard work and dedication to conservation can benefit their property and the environment around them for years to come. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them for this outstanding achievement and wishing them nothing but continued success.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took of-

fice, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,150,604,277,750.63. We've added \$7,523,727,228,837.55 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 BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Broward County Public Schools and the School Board of Broward County as they celebrate their centennial anniversary and the school system's impressive history of educational excellence. As the second-largest public school system in Florida and the sixth-largest in the nation, Broward County teachers and administrators continue to demonstrate their commitment to the betterment of our South Florida community.

This remarkable system includes 238 schools, centers and technical colleges, and 99 charter schools. Their impact on our state and this nation reaches far beyond the 265,000 young students and 175,000 adult students currently enrolled in one of their programs. Indeed, this school system is a cornerstone of South Florida's growing and vibrant economy.

Broward County Public Schools continues to prepare our students for the challenges of the 21st century. The school system educates students from 204 different countries who speak 184 different languages. Through innovative initiatives and a focus on the needs of our diverse community, they stand as beacon of the American ideals of educational achievement, upward mobility and the resolve to succeed.

It is with great pleasure that I honor Broward County Public Schools, the School Board of Broward County, and its Superintendent, Mr. Robert Runcie.

HONORING TEAM INC. ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the communities of the Lower Naugatuck Valley in extending my sincere congratulations to TEAM, Inc. as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary—a special milestone for this outstanding organization.

Guided by the mission to connect individuals and families with solutions that lead to well-being, self-sufficiency and full participation in the community, over the course of the last five decades TEAM, Inc. has diligently worked to provide programs and services to those most in need. From Meals on Wheels for seniors to Head Start programs for children, from energy assistance to eviction prevention and

security deposit assistance, and from financial education workshops and employment services to their annual holiday toy drive, as the needs of those they serve have changed, TEAM Inc. has expanded their work to provide their clients with skills and resources they need to succeed and thrive.

TEAM, Inc. works with individuals and families in times of crisis and stressful life changes. People of all ages turn to them for help with things ranging from basic needs and relief during a crisis to support in making long term changes in their lives. I want to extend a special note of thanks to all of the staff and administration of TEAM, Inc. whose hard work and contributions have strengthened the organization and advanced their mission. It takes a special combination of compassion and dedication to provide the myriad of programs and services at TEAM, Inc. The staff and administrators possess those unique qualities and through their efforts make a real difference in the lives of others.

I have had many opportunities to work with TEAM, Inc. and always find myself in awe of the scope of work they undertake every day. In their 50-year history, TEAM, Inc. has touched the lives of thousands, bringing the most precious of gifts—that of hope. There is no greater gift that we can provide to our fellow citizens. I am proud to stand today and extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone at TEAM, Inc. on this very special occasion and wish them all the best for many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS SAMUELSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Doris Samuelson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the celebration of her 90th birthday. Doris celebrated her 90th birthday in September. She was married to Bill Samuelson for 56 years and has four children. She also taught at the elementary school in the Council Bluffs School District.

Mr. Speaker it is an honor to represent Doris and Iowans like her. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Doris on this incredible milestone, and wish her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN AND BARBARA CROSSEN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John and Barbara Crossen, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 30th.

Both children of Boston Police Department officers, John and Barbara met and fell in love as teenagers. Married on September 30, 1945

at the Most Precious Blood Church, the young couple lived in Hyde Park for many years before moving to Walpole, Massachusetts in the 1990s.

For many years, John worked at New England Telephone and spent countless hours volunteering on local initiatives. During my years as a Massachusetts State Senator, I had the privilege of working alongside John—who devotedly served his neighbors as an earnest and dedicated community representative. Barbara, too, dedicated her life to public service as Director of Human Resources for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. Though they are now both retired, they are still involved in their community and maintain a keen interest in politics and public affairs.

As a testament to the profound impact John and Barbara have had on their family, their spirit of service and community has transcended generations. Over the years, many of their children and grandchildren have gone into law enforcement and served in the Boston Police Department. John and Barbara celebrate their 70th anniversary surrounded by their loving family, which has grown to five children, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor John and Barbara on this joyous occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing them and their family many more years of happiness.

HONORING PETER AND SHEILA ARELLANO

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the lives of a well-known and beloved couple in the Escalon community, Peter and Sheila Arellano. They passed away within a year of each other. Sheila on October 7, 2014 and Peter on June 14, 2015.

Peter, fondly known as "Chessie" to his friends and family, grew up in Sonora, California where he was noted as a star athlete. After graduating from high school, Peter enlisted in the United States Air Force during WWII. He was stationed in the South Pacific, Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Europe where he spent several years diligently and courageously serving our Country. After returning from WWII, he graduated from San Jose State to begin a career teaching and coaching. He also served in his local Lions Club for over 65 years in various positions from Past President to Chairman. He was Stockton County Fair Escalon Exhibit Co-Chair for over 20 years. He also started the Peter Arellano Athletic Scholarship and he previously hosted the Peter Arellano Athletic Scholarship Golf Tournament to raise money for scholar athletes from Escalon High School. Peter married the love of his life, Sheila, and together they moved to Escalon, California where they lived for over 58 years. Pete continued his passion for teaching at Escalon High School.

Sheila proudly worked as the assistant editor for the Escalon Times. Sheila also served as President of the Chamber of Commerce for two terms, member of the Historian Society,

Escalon City Committee, Red Hats, Catholic YLI, Actor in Readers Theater, retired teacher aide at Den Elementary and El Portal Middle School, Escalon Soroptimist Group, and Stockton Country Fair Escalon Exhibit Chair for over 20 years. She started the Escalon Low Vision Support Group, hosted bingo lunch with seniors twice a month, and continued to be an acting Ambulance board member. The community honored them as Mr. and Mrs. Escalon because of their immense participation and contributions.

They have left a permanent mark on the Escalon Community. Both were inspiring human beings even in the face of difficult times. Sheila endured two bouts of breast cancer, kidney failure, heart attacks, and blindness due to macular degeneration. Despite all this, she maintained a smile on her face and a high spirit of gratitude. Pete's energy was just as contagious, and it allowed for them to be confident together. Both lived life the way it should be lived; they enjoyed the simple things and made the most of their time together every day.

Family was central to the Arellanos and they loved their family above all else. They are survived by their three children George Arellano, Tina Jensen and Bahrt Arellano; seven grandchildren Kim Theisen, Craig Berchtold, Holly Page, Heidi Rech, Jeremy Jensen, Cortez Arellano, Vincent Arellano; and eight great-grandchildren Kelsie Theisen, Callie Theisen, Trenton Berchtold, Emma Berchtold, Madelyn Page, Colton Page, Olivia Jensen and Vivian Jensen.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Peter and Sheila Arellano for their numerous years of unwavering dedication to the Escalon community. They will be deeply missed by many and may God bless them always.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHEAST POLK HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Southeast Polk High School Boys Baseball Team for winning the Iowa Class 4A State Baseball Championship.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Team:

Players: Cam Shannon, Kyle Underwood, Tim Neff, Austin Martin, Cole Horton, Nathan Gjersvik, Ryan Lamke, Brayden Shepherd, Jace Surprenant, Brandon Ross, Sam Henry, Thomas McLaughlin, Alex DuToit, Jake Nelson, Sean Joelson, Carter Bauge, Zack Hamilton, Cole Hauser, Alex Pierce, Cole Hassman, Sam Hermes, and Connor Young.

Coaches: Scott Belger, Dave Hartman, Mike Steele, Rick Fee, Ty Weatherman, Scot Surprenant, and Blake Kielman.

Mr. Speaker, the success of this team and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating these young men

and the rest of the team for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING MELANIE L. CAMPBELL FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AT THE NATIONAL COALITION ON BLACK CIVIC PARTICIPATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Melanie L. Campbell, President and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (the National Coalition) for her exemplary leadership to expand and preserve civil, human and women's rights in the United States. This year marks the 20th year Ms. Campbell has led the National Coalition, which is composed of organizations that represent some 40 million people across our great nation. Campbell is well known for her unique ability to build powerful coalitions and networks that bring diverse people together for the common good.

The National Coalition was founded nearly 40 years ago on May 5, 1976 in the District of Columbia by great heroes and sheroes of the Civil Rights Movement, including the late Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, Norman Hill, the late Maynard Jackson, Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, William "Bill" Lucy, Eddie Williams and many others—all of whom mentored Campbell to embrace servant leadership as a way of life in her journey in the fight for justice for all people.

Melanie Campbell is a nationally recognized expert in civic engagement, voting rights, women's rights and youth empowerment, and has led many successful coalition-based campaigns that have empowered thousands of African Americans to have a voice in our representative democracy including: 1) the Unity Voter Empowerment Campaign helping increase Black voter participation to historic records over the past decade; 2) the Unity Diaspora Census Campaigns helping reduce the undercount of the Black population in 2000 and 2010; and 3) organizing the ReBuild Hope NOW Coalition in 2005 to assist survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in rebuilding their lives in the Gulf Coast Region.

Ms. Campbell acknowledges that one of her most rewarding accomplishments at the National Coalition has been creating an innovative, youth-led civic leadership development program, Black Youth Vote, which was launched April 4, 1996, under the banner, "the ballot, not the bullet" in commemoration of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Campbell is a passionate advocate for women's rights and serves as convener of Black Women's Roundtable (BWR), an intergenerational public policy and organizing network of the National Coalition. Under her leadership, BMR empowers thousands of women and girls annually with tools and resources to live a higher quality of life. BWR is focused on fighting for income equality for women and a living wage job for all Americans.

In 2014, Campbell led a Black Women's Roundtable delegation to challenge the NFL to