

a "civil servant" through his various charitable and volunteer roles. To highlight a few of these roles; he delivers "meals on wheels," serves on the Economic Development Commission of Davidson County, serves on the Community General Hospital Board, and is an active member in the Rotary Club of Thomasville.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in thanking Mayor Joe Bennett for his esteemed service to the City of Thomasville and congratulating him on his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I voted for H.R. 3192, the Homebuyers Assistance Act, which will delay enforcement of the Mortgage Disclosure Rule until early next year. While I understand concerns about this legislation and delaying enforcement, even the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which drafted this regulation, has delayed the rule and acknowledged that further improvements need to be made. The Motion to Recommit would refine this legislation by ensuring that the path towards legal redress is not blocked for our most vulnerable homebuyers like veterans and seniors, which is why I voted for it as well as the underlying bill. Going forward, it's my hope that the Senate will continue to improve the Homebuyers Assistance Act. The underlying objective of securing a more transparent and consumer-friendly process for home ownership is deeply important. The rule would increase transparency for mortgage lenders and reduce confusion for homebuyers seeking a mortgage, strengthening critical consumer protections. That's why it is necessary to get this right, even it takes a few more months.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROTARY CLUB OF HANFORD

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Hanford in honor of its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Hanford (RCH) was chartered on October 6, 1940 in order to serve the community of Hanford, California. Since its establishment, the RCH has been a pillar in its community and spearheaded many events. Specifically, the Chapter has helped acquire playground equipment for multiple parks, rebuilt the Babe Ruth Baseball Field, sponsored numerous Little League teams, assisted with highway cleanup, conducted holiday food drives, sponsored foreign exchange students, and administered a Job Shadow Program. The RCH has also been active internationally and helped to establish two orphanages in Mexico, schools, health clinics, and clean water projects in Guatemala, and build Hope High School in Kenya.

Over the past seventy-five years, the RCH has helped Hanford and its residents thrive.

We are fortunate to have such a committed Rotary Club in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the Rotary Club of Hanford's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL HAYES

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael Hayes, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Center for the Arts, in recognition of his five years of service to the Center and his many contributions to the community.

An influential member of the Midland community for more than forty years, Michael Hayes originally moved to Midland to work in the Midland County Courthouse. He went on to serve four terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, work as the vice-president of executive relations at the Dow Chemical Company, and founded Main Street Consulting. Before his selection as CEO of the Midland Center for the Arts, Michael Hayes served on the board of directors for the Center and on the Matrix:Midland advisory board.

During his tenure as president and CEO, Michael Hayes brought in exciting exhibits, enhanced the Operating Philosophy and Core Values of the Midland Center for the Arts and oversaw the highest earned revenue season in MCFTA history. In his five years at the helm of MCFTA, Michael truly helped to change lives through the arts, sciences and history.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Michael Hayes for his service to the Midland Center for the Arts and his contributions to the Midland community.

WELCOMING SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PARK GEUN-HYE TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Northern New Jersey's vibrant Korean American community. I would like to welcome the long awaited visit of South Korean President Park Geun-hye to the United States.

I want to express my deepest condolences to President Park and the people of South Korea for the deadly Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) outbreak, which infected 186 people and tragically claimed 36 lives.

As we mourn this heartbreaking loss, I was encouraged to learn that the last South Korean patient previously diagnosed with MERS has tested negative for the virus and has showed a complete recovery from the disease.

It is my hope that this visit will provide a venue for our countries to find new areas of cooperation in protecting our environment, improving global responses to health crisis, and for continued engagement on regional security that will bolster our nation's relationship in the 21st century.

I am proud to represent one of the largest Korean American communities in Congress because they have made significant contributions to the success of our nation and have enriched our heritage through their unwavering patriotism, strong values and entrepreneurial spirit.

I look forward to President Park's visit and will continue to be a strong advocate for my constituents so we can make New Jersey and our nation a better place for all.

INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, International Plasma Awareness Week will occur October 11 to 17, 2015. Around the world, there will be observances to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create lifesaving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them.

Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases including bleeding disorders, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, shock and trauma, liver cirrhosis, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies.

Plasma-derived therapies save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world, including in emergency and surgical medicine. Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of individuals with rare, chronic diseases and conditions.

Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies; and there are more than 450 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week, honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 540 on final passage of H.R. 3192, the Homebuyers Assistance Act, I would have voted "Aye," which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WEIDEMAN

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Weideman, former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Dow Chemical Company, upon his induction into this year's Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame.

After graduating from Central Michigan University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bill Weideman joined The Dow Chemical Company. During his thirty-nine-year tenure, Bill held many positions, including Controller for Dowbrands and Texas Operations, Global Business Finance Director for Specialty Chemicals, Performance Chemicals, Basic Chemicals and Basic Plastics, Vice President and Corporate Controller, Interim Chief Financial Officer and, finally, Chief Financial Officer in 2010. In 2012, he administered the Corporate Strategic Development and executive oversight for Dow AgroSciences. Bill served on Dow Chemical's Executive Committee and was a member of the Board of Directors at both Sadara Chemical Company and Dow Corning Corporation.

Bill Weideman remains very active in the community, serving on the Board of the Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union, Mid Michigan Medical Health Systems, the Midland Baseball Foundation and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, as well as volunteering for Midland Cancer Services and Family & Children Services.

In keeping with Junior Achievement's mission of a commitment to market-based economics, honesty, integrity and excellence as well as the belief in the potential of young people, Bill Weideman's career has reflected these values. Through his illustrious career at The Dow Chemical Company and his involvement in the Midland community, Bill has positively influenced the careers and lives of countless individuals.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to welcome Bill Weideman into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. LINDA HATFIELD

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Linda Hatfield for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Mrs. Hatfield was born on December 24, 1935. She grew up in the Central Valley of California and attended Lemoore High School. After completing her education, Mrs. Hatfield became a teacher and taught in Central Valley schools until her retirement. A lifelong Central Valley resident, Mrs. Hatfield currently resides in Hanford, California with her husband, Bill Hatfield. Together they have three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

In 1982 while still teaching full-time, Mrs. Hatfield began volunteering for the ACS. Over the last three decades, she has dedicated her life to the organization, successfully recruited additional volunteers, and educated many on how to prevent and survive cancer. Mrs. Hatfield also served on the ACS Board of Directors and helped reopen the ACS office after it was shut down as an entirely volunteer-run location. A survivor herself, Mrs. Hatfield has gone above and beyond her duty as a volunteer and demonstrated her commitment to fighting cancer time and time again.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mrs. Linda Hatfield on being honored with an American Cancer Society Lifetime Achievement Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 3192, the Homebuyers Assistance Act. I mistakenly voted "no" on roll call vote 540, final passage of the bill. I intended to vote "aye".

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASTIME CLUB

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pastime Club, located in the Borough of Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

The Pastime Club has been an integral part of Mendham's community life since its founding, on June 22, 1915, as a civic and fraternal organization.

The Pastime Club began its modern era after the Great Depression in 1938. At this point the club met monthly and hosted Pinochet and Quoits tournaments along with an annual children's Christmas party. During the Second World War club members restored a building at 3 Hilltop Road, which has been their home for over 75 years now. As a volunteer organization, members devoted their time to the restoration, and raised funds to cover the costs. In 1947 two apartments were built on the second-floor of 3 Hilltop Road. In March of 1953 construction started on "The Lanes," a bowling alley. Keeping with tradition, the bowling alley was built by The Pastime Club members on a volunteer basis. "The Lanes" was finished in October of the same year. Over the next 60 years "The Lanes" was a community asset, hosting birthday parties, and community leagues. Currently "The Lanes" is maintained by the club for the use of their members, along with bowling leagues being open to the public.

Today, the Pastime Club is the single largest supporter of youth athletic programs in the

Mendhams, exemplified by its motto "Progress in Sports". They sponsor teams and leagues, provide equipment for fields, and provide scholarships to local student-athletes. The Pastime Club also supports a semi-professional baseball team that competes in the Morris County Major League. Along with supporting local sports, the Pastime Club hosts the largest community event in Mendham—the Labor Day Carnival. This tradition began in 1943 and has run every year since. Today the carnival includes rides, games, food, fireworks, and a 50/50 raffle. All members take shifts volunteering to ensure the event is the success that it has been. In addition to the Labor Day Carnival, the Pastime Club brings their own circus to town. The Pastime Club also hosts a number of member oriented events including golf outings, and a Christmas party.

For the Pastime Club's 100th Anniversary, I commend its Leadership, Board of Directors and members who have selflessly volunteered their time over the club's history to provide services to the residents of Mendham. It is clear that the Pastime Club has provided services to the community that have improved the lives of everyone living there.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Pastime Club, its Board of Directors in celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO DAN KOZAKIEWICZ

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dan Kozakiewicz, Chairman of Three Rivers Corporation, upon receiving the 2015 Distinguished Citizen Award.

An influential member of the Midland community for more than twenty-five years, Dan Kozakiewicz started his illustrious career with Three Rivers Corporation in 1986. He was appointed president in 2001, and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Three Rivers Corporation has thrived under Dan's leadership, fulfilling commitments to its customers and community. Of all company accomplishments, Dan remains most proud of Three Rivers Corporation's commitment to safety in the workplace.

The Distinguished Citizen Award is given to an outstanding individual who shows consistent Scouting values and provides distinguished service to both youth and community. A former Boy Scout in his hometown of Bay City and now a Cub Scout leader for his son's Pack in Midland, Dan has been an exemplary role model for youth in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Dan Kozakiewicz for his service to the Boy Scouts of America and his contributions to the Midland community.