

President Muhamadu Buhari has said he won't make promises about freeing these captives that he can't guarantee, but I expect he will make every effort to free the Chibok girls, as well as the many others taken by Boko Haram.

I have met previously with young women who have escaped from Boko Haram, in Jos and Abuja, Nigeria, and here in the United States. They confirm the abuse of their sisters and mourn their loss as we do. I want to thank Emmanuel Ogebe for all his help in arranging these meetings and the programs allowing some of these young women to come to the United States for an education. An estimated 10,000 other Nigerian youth are prevented from being educated because of disruptions caused by Boko Haram.

My subcommittee has held several hearings on Boko Haram and convinced the administration to declare Boko Haram a Foreign Terrorist Organization, which they announced at our November 13, 2013, hearing.

I have since pressed the administration to use authorities under the FTO designation to investigate and identify for the Nigerian Government those who support Boko Haram. I also have worked to end the current roadblocks preventing U.S. counterterrorism training for Nigerian troops.

During the past year, social media worldwide has exploded with the "Bring Back Our Girls" campaign. I must compliment my colleague, Congresswoman FREDERICA WILSON, who has maintained her efforts to free the Chibok girls and all the others kidnapped by Boko Haram, while others have moved on to different issues.

I have worked with Congresswoman WILSON to update her House Resolution 147, which focuses on bringing to an end the violence unleashed by Boko Haram and bringing material aid to those harmed by their attacks. We also have joined in this legislation to press initiatives I mentioned earlier. I hope my subcommittee and our committee can move this legislation to the floor soon to give a boost to U.S. efforts to help Nigeria end the reign of terror by Boko Haram.

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#### RECOGNIZING BROWNSTOWN ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY

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#### HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, many Hoosier small businesses across my district power the economic engine of the state, while also playing a critical role in the civic life of their communities. Today it is my honor to highlight one such small business. Brownstown Electric Supply Company, based in Brownstown Indiana, is a privately owned electrical supply company that has provided utility companies with technical expertise and electrical supplies for over four decades.

Carl Shake founded Brownstown Electric Supply Company in 1970 after a long career in the electrical supply and utility service industry. Brownstown Electric has grown from a small business in Jackson County, Indiana to a regional company that has expanded its reach as far as Illinois, Kentucky, and Ohio. Brownstown Electric is now run by Carl's son

in law, Greg Deck, who stewards the company with the same principles that have made Brownstown Electric a staple of Southern Indiana.

In addition to supplying electrical equipment and providing expertise in the field, Brownstown Electric is an active member of the local community. They sponsor local high school sports teams, participate in the Brownstown High School school-to-work program, and contribute to the Jackson County History Center of Indiana. Brownstown Electric also encourages their employees to get involved and volunteer in the community. This heart for service is exemplified in their organization of the Zach Pickard Pelican Run. The community-wide event is a 5K run/walk event dedicated to raising money to find a cure for Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome. Employees of Brownstown Electric organized the fundraiser in honor of an employee's son who lives with the genetic condition.

Brownstown Electric Supply Company is emblematic of the Hoosier ethic. They are family-owned and operated, deliver quality products and service, and possess a strong commitment to improving the lives in the community.

It is an honor to represent a business like Brownstown Electric. I hope their exemplary business ethic serves to inspire other would-be entrepreneurs, and I am pleased to highlight their good work today in this installment of Indiana's 9th District Small Business Spotlight.

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#### CONGRATULATING SHARON CONATSER

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#### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sharon Conatser on being elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary earlier this year. The American Legion Auxiliary is the nation's largest women's patriotic service organization, led by the national president who promotes the organization's mission advocating for veterans, educating citizens, mentoring youth, and promoting patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

Mrs. Conatser grew up in Central Illinois and has been a lifetime member of the American Legion family. She first became involved through her father, a WWII and Korean War veteran. Her husband also served as the national commander of the American Legion, making her the first national president who was also a First Lady of the American Legion.

Mrs. Conatser is retired from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she worked for 25 years. She has held numerous leadership positions with the American Legion Auxiliary, and remains active in her church and her community, serving as an inspiring example of a dedicated public servant. I am proud of Mrs. Conatser's accomplishments and it is an honor to represent her in the 13th District of Illinois.

Mrs. Conatser will be a strong national leader for the American Legion Auxiliary and I wish her the best in serving our country's veterans, active duty military, their families, and their communities.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DAVID DOWNEY

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a special man, David Downey, of Bourbon County, Kentucky. Mr. Downey, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered the call to serve during World War II and had a long military career. Today it is my honor to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Downey was born in Bourbon County and graduated from Western High School. He was drafted into the United States Navy in 1944 and began his career in boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. He left the Navy after a year and a half of service, and quickly decided to return in 1946. He remained in the Navy until 1968. Mr. Downey served on a transport ship during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He also served on destroyers and served as a cook. During his service in Vietnam, he was honored to meet Roger Staubach, a Naval Academy graduate and Heisman trophy winner.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1968, he returned home to Kentucky. He worked various jobs before taking a position as a bus driver for the Paris Independent School system. He spent the next twenty two years driving schoolchildren in Bourbon County.

Mr. Downey is an active member of the Seventh Street Christian Church where he serves as a deacon and sings in the Chariots of Fire choir. He loves to bowl and is an active member of a league. Downey and his late wife Nannette, were married for fifty three years. He has two girls and a boy.

The bravery of Mr. Downey and his fellow men and women of the United States Navy is heroic. Because of his courage and the courage of individuals from all across Kentucky and our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all.

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#### RECOGNIZING JEFF HUNT

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#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jeff Hunt on being selected to serve as the new leader of Colorado Christian University's Centennial Institute. I commend his hard work and dedication to the community. Mr. Hunt's impressive career in public service has enriched the lives of so many.

Mr. Hunt's work in the public and private sector, coupled with his principled values, has proven to be invaluable. I am confident that his great spiritual and intellectual strength will make him an exceptional Director at the Centennial Institute.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes as he takes on this well-deserved position. It is truly an honor to celebrate his many accomplishments. Mr. Hunt's dedication to public service

and the religious community represents the essence of the Centennial Institute's mission.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Jeff Hunt for his service.

**RECOGNIZING MANN PLUMBING/  
MPI SOLAR**

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, my home state of Indiana is a place where hard-work and innovation are rewarded. The spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation is a long held tradition of Indiana, and the work of Mann Plumbing is evidence that such tradition is alive and well. Today I am honored to highlight their small business and recognize their good work.

Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar is a full service plumbing and solar energy equipment company located in Bloomington, Indiana. The business was started by David Mann and originally began as a full service plumbing company in 1992. During the 2008 economic downturn the company embraced the situation as an opportunity to expand their business and product offerings into a new market. To do so they began offering solar products to customers. Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar is now a regional leader in this industry. Their big risk turned into a success story.

Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar provides their services to countless Indiana businesses, including: apartment houses, businesses, schools, and the Monroe County Government Building.

Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar's transition from a traditional plumbing shop to a full service plumbing and solar company during difficult economic times serves as a model for other businesses. David Mann and his team revitalized their business with new services and products that helped shepherd Mann Plumbing through a difficult economic period, and allowed them to expand and thrive.

Today, Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar offers a wide variety of products and services to their customers. Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar's success is possible in part, because of highly-trained and dedicated staff. Skilled, motivated workers form the backbone of the Hoosier workforce and remain the key to widespread, economic prosperity.

I am proud to represent Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar and hope their willingness to take risk and ability to adapt serves to inspire others. I am pleased to highlight their good work today in this installment of Indiana's 9th Congressional District Small Business Spotlight.

A former school teacher, Ruth was extensively involved in the curriculum development for the Scarsdale public school system before leaving the classroom in 1981 to join her husband, Fred Friendly, to work in media. Ruth served as a researcher, editor, producer, and executive producer for many landmark PBS series, and was an integral part of a team that received countless awards, including several for the series *The Constitution: That Delicate Balance*.

Ruth also produced over 200 non-televised programs for civic, legal, business, and educational organizations, often moderated by Fred. For 16 years, she served as Vice President and Senior Editorial Director at Fred Friendly Seminars.

Yet, in spite of her busy schedule, Ruth always found time to help the community. For the past eight years, she has been an active Board Member of Riverdale Neighborhood House. Ruth has also served on the Riverdale Senior Services Board, the Riverdale Mental Health Board, and the Fieldston Property Owners Association. She has also been active in the New York State court system, where she currently serves as Commissioner of the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination, Court of Appeals, and as a panel member for the Disciplinary Committee of the Appellate Division, New York Supreme Court.

This year, Riverdale Neighborhood House is honoring Ruth at their 2015 Annual Benefit. I want to congratulate Ruth on this honor and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the community.

**HONORING ROBERT T. GRAND**

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Robert T. Grand, who turns 60 this year.

A graduate of Wabash College and IU McKinney School of law, Bob has committed his adult life to public service.

Bob has been a tremendous advocate for Hoosiers through his work with former Indiana Gov. Bob Orr, Senator Dick Lugar, President Bush, Governor Mike Pence, and Senator DAN COATS and his efforts working for common-sense public policy, especially in areas of government regulation.

In fact, the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers in America, named Bob as "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in government relations practice and municipal law.

Bob, congrats on six decades of success and here's to many more years of health and happiness.

**HONORING CHANCELLOR LARRY  
NEIL VANDERHOEF**

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Neil Vanderhoef, a long-serving Chancellor at the University of Cali-

fornia, Davis. On October 15, Larry passed away at age 74. I was fortunate to call him my friend, and he will truly be missed.

Chancellor Vanderhoef grew up from adversity and humble beginnings to be an incredible leader. He was raised in a small factory town in Wisconsin, and became the first in his family to finish high school and one of the few in his small town to go to college. He received his BA and MS in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and he later pursued and received his Ph.D in Plant Biochemistry from Purdue University.

The Chancellor was a true visionary and academic diplomat, not just for the University of Davis but also for the wider Davis community. His extraordinary dedication is best described by the legacy he leaves behind. He devoted more than a quarter-century of his life to UC Davis, first as Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor from 1984 to 1994, and then as Chancellor for fifteen years after that—finally retiring in 2009. He was an academic servant who had a vision for UC Davis, and today the campus is one of the top leading research universities in the nation.

Throughout his life, Chancellor Vanderhoef was a tireless advocate for higher education whose passion and dedication transformed UC Davis. Almost every aspect of the university was impacted by his efforts to improve the education system, including the university's national rankings, student population, faculty, and research initiatives and facilities. Under Chancellor Vanderhoef's leadership, student enrollment grew from 22,000 to more than 30,000, the faculty increased by 44%, classroom, lab, and office space expanded by 6 million square feet, and the National Science Foundation ranked UC Davis in the top 10 in the nation for research funding among other public universities.

He was a visionary leader who made great strides toward bettering not only the university, but also the community of Davis. He held a strong passion for music and the arts, and advocated for the construction of what is now the Shrem Museum of Art. His promise to build a world-class performing arts center was realized in 2002 when doors opened to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, placing the university on the world stage. The performing arts center also serves as a beautiful new south entrance to the campus, making it more accessible to the public.

During his tenure as Chancellor, UC Davis was admitted into the Association of American Universities, a prestigious organization with only 62 members in the United States and Canada. Chancellor Vanderhoef's support of the sciences and medical research was reflected in his many initiatives on campus such as the creation of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science. He also transformed the Sacramento County Hospital into what is known today as the highly renowned UC Davis Health System, providing patients with the highest of quality care. The health system includes the UC Davis Medical Center, UC Davis School of Medicine, The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, and the UC Davis Medical Group. Not only does the UC Davis Health System conduct innovative research, but it stimulates Sacramento's economy by creating more than 20,000 jobs and generating \$3.4 billion annually in economic output.

In addition to the arts and sciences, Chancellor Vanderhoef was a firm believer in the

**HONORING RUTH FRIENDLY**

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true leader in the Riverdale community, Ruth Friendly, who has been actively involved in several different neighborhood organizations for many years.