

0. There were 38 countries represented in the U-14 age bracket.

The Dallas Texans won 9 games over the course of 6 days. The boys on the Dallas Texans U-14 team were Logan Brown, Triston Edgington, Evan Hu, Anthony Perea, Seth Weprin, Omar Thompson Jr., Donovan Praslin, Arthur Ramirez, Tristan Robles, Noah Adames, Matthew Santos, Caleb Young, Benedict Lube, Cade York, Jorge Amaya-Gonzalez, Andrew Moore, and Joseph McGee. They are represented by their coach Hassan Nazari.

When the Gothia Cup started in 1975, it included 275 teams from 5 nations. In 2015, it attracted 1,754 teams from 74 nations. Overall, the Cup hosted 40,200 players. The Gothia cup has a long, rich history that continues to expand as more countries send young, active players.

**PADGETT STRATEMANN & CO.'S  
70TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 70th anniversary of Padgett Stratemann & Co., a newly selected Texas Treasure Business Award recipient. Run by the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas Treasure Business Award Program pays tribute to the state's well-established businesses and their historical contributions to the state's economic growth and prosperity.

Founded in 1945 by Sidney Padgett, Padgett Stratemann & Co. focuses on accounting and business advisory services. It has been a thriving member of the Central and South Texas business community. With over 200 employees in San Antonio, Austin, and Houston, the company is committed to the communities through financial and in-kind support of numerous non-profit organizations. By displaying professionalism, service, and quality, Padgett Stratemann & Co. exemplifies what it means to be an award-winning Texas-based business enterprise.

**HONORING NESHANNOCK  
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

**HON. MIKE KELLY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I congratulate the Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company on 75 years of faithful service to their community. Since 1940, the Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company has provided fire protection, emergency medical response, and technical rescue services to the nearly 10,000 citizens of Neshannock Township, as well as the surrounding communities of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. The fire company, made up entirely of volunteers, responds to around 400 incidents per year, including structure fires, car accidents, medical emergencies, and hazardous material incidents. The volunteer responders complete at least 70 hours of training

each year, with many members undertaking more than 100 hours of training annually.

I commend these volunteer responders for donating their time and efforts, especially for selflessly putting themselves in harm's way to keep their friends and neighbors safe. Communities across America rely on the generosity and courage of men and women like volunteer firefighters to maintain the safety and security of their farms, neighborhoods, towns, and villages. I congratulate the Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company for reaching this significant milestone and I wish them many more successful years of service.

**IN CELEBRATION OF ANN WEST  
ON HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
PINKERTON ACADEMY**

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions Ann West has made to Pinkerton Academy and their performing arts program over the past 56 years. Ann is directing her last play with the Pinkerton Players on November 15, 2015 and I am pleased to join with Pinkerton Academy and the Stockbridge Theatre in recognizing the many contributions she has made to both the school and performing arts in her community.

Ann founded the Pinkerton Players, Pinkerton Academy's own performing arts group in 1988. Since that time she has directed dozens of plays and musicals such as *Our Town*, *The Pink Panther* and *A Christmas Carol* to name just a few. She was also instrumental in building both of the school's auditoriums—the Shephard Auditorium in 1963 and the Stockbridge Theatre that was built to replace the auditorium in 2002.

In addition to her time with the Pinkerton Players, Ann has served as an educator in many subjects at Pinkerton Academy, and heading up the English department at the school. She is a past president and active member of the board for the New Hampshire Council for Teachers of English, and an Executive Board Member for the New England Association of Teachers of English.

I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the many contributions Ann West has made to both Pinkerton Academy and her community over the last 56 years, and I wish her the best in all future endeavors.

**IN TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS P.  
HOLIAN**

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to an outstanding civil servant and constituent of mine, Thomas P. Holian, Deputy Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration, FHWA, who is retiring after 37 years of Federal service.

Tom is a graduate of Fordham University and received his juris doctor from New York Law School. Tom joined the FHWA as an Attorney Advisor in the Office of the Chief Counsel in 1978. From 1978 to 1982, he worked in the Chief Counsel's Office of Legislation and Regulations on such matters as the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, and the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982. Tom also served as a Trial Attorney in the Chief Counsel's Motor Carrier and Highway Safety Law Division where he handled motor carrier safety enforcement cases and regulatory and litigation work associated with driver qualification requirements, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and controlled substance and alcohol testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers. Tom also served as the first Executive Director of the FHWA's National Motor Carrier Advisory Committee.

Tom joined the Senior Executive Service in December 1999 when he was selected to serve as the Deputy Chief Counsel for Legislation and Regulations in the Office of the Chief Counsel. In this position through February 2008, Tom was responsible for directing a staff in providing legal advice and services on all aspects of the FHWA's legislative and regulatory programs. In this role, he greatly contributed to the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Tom also led the team responsible for drafting much of the TEA-21 reauthorization bill that became SAFETEA-LU. Prior to this appointment, Tom was an Associate Chief Counsel and served as the FHWA's Regulations Officer responsible for leading the comprehensive review of FHWA's regulations in response to Presidential directives in 1992 and 1995, as well as FHWA's ISTEA and TEA-21 regulatory implementation.

Tom became the Deputy Chief Counsel, the senior career attorney in the FHWA, in March 2008. As Deputy Chief Counsel, Tom supervises and coordinates the activities of a staff comprised of 60 employees, of whom 50 are attorneys responsible for providing legal services regarding all aspects of the FHWA's programs. The Office of Chief Counsel consists of three headquarters divisions and five field divisions, four of which provide services to Federal-aid Division Offices and the Resource Center, and one that provides services to the Federal Lands Highway. Tom directly advises the most senior officials in the FHWA and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Tom and his staff work with State and local government transportation attorneys and other customers to enhance their understanding of Federal laws and procedures relating to transportation.

Tom will be retiring this month after 39 years of Federal service. After his long career and especially his seven and a half years as Deputy Chief Counsel, Tom leaves FHWA a well-respected, dedicated public servant, who has used his knowledge and skills throughout his 37-year FHWA career to make significant contributions to the advancement of transportation law.

I am proud to represent Tom and so many other Federal workers. We are fortunate to have dedicated, talented, creative, hard-working, and patriotic public servants like Tom. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Tom

for serving the American public with such distinction and devotion and wishing him much success as he leaves Federal service. We also need to thank his wife Ginny and their three children for supporting him in his public career.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING  
VICKIE FISH ON HER RETIREMENT  
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF GUAM GIRL SCOUTS, INC.

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mrs. Vickie Fish on her retirement as the Executive Director of Guam Girl Scouts, Inc. Vickie joined the Guam Girl Scouts in 1996.

Vickie was born in Milton, Wisconsin and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She left the mainland in 1974 after college to begin her service in the Peace Corps as a teacher and trainer in the Kingdom of Tonga, and she has made the Pacific her home since. She went on to be an acculturation counselor for Pacific Island students at Kahuku Elementary and High School in Hawaii and a program coordinator and trainer in Saipan before making Guam her home.

During her nearly 20 years of service with the Guam Girl Scouts, Inc., Vickie has served as the Chairman of the USA Girl Scouts Overseas Delegation during the Girl Scouts of the USA National Council Session. She is also a member of the Community Board of Directors for Sugar Plum Tree, a local organization that arranges an annual Christmas present drive.

During her time with Guam Girl Scouts, Vickie was able to develop positive relationships between the local Guam chapter and the national staff, as well as with local businesses, government agencies, organizations and individuals. Vickie led the Guam Girl Scouts with clean annual audits and full compliance with government reporting requirements. She also established a wide base of individual and corporate financial support within the community. Vickie and her team were credited for growing the membership in the Guam Girl Scouts to nearly 1,000 members and increasing awareness of what the Girl Scout program offers to all girls.

Additionally, Vickie helped expand many program activities throughout her time with the Guam Girl Scouts. These programs encouraged girls to seek higher education, develop leadership skills, respect and enjoy cultural differences, live healthy lives, and volunteer their time to others, among many other things. Vickie helped young girls understand the needs of others regardless of age, income or resources. She coordinated relief drives and programs for those facing hardship caused by natural disasters and other life-changing events. She always did her best to improve and honor, not only Guam Girl Scouts, but Girl Scouts of the USA with special celebrations and events.

Vickie worked diligently throughout her time on Guam and demonstrated true and genuine

care for the people she served. I congratulate Vickie Fish on her retirement as Executive Director of Guam Girl Scouts, Inc. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her service and thanking Vickie for her many contributions to our island community.

TRIBUTE TO ALUMINUM INDUSTRY  
IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICA  
RECYCLES DAY

**HON. DAVID LOESACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, we celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15. I rise today to pay tribute to the aluminum industry, which has a prominent role in my district, indeed throughout Iowa, and which probably does more than any sector of our economy to advance the cause of recycling.

Before recounting the many ways in which aluminum, perhaps more than any other material, contributes to the success of recycling programs across the country, let me make clear why we in Iowa benefit so much from the aluminum industry and its hard-working employees.

The aluminum industry is an integral part of the economy of Iowa. The industry operates over 20 facilities, handling all aspects of aluminum manufacturing, throughout Iowa. All told, these facilities employ thousands of workers, and thousands more indirectly and through suppliers. Estimates are that the economic output, between the manufacturing and wholesaling operations in the aluminum industry in Iowa, are around \$2.0 billion. Over one billion dollars more in economic impact in the state derives from suppliers and other indirect contributions to the aluminum industry.

Thankfully, these are good-paying jobs. Estimates are that wages paid are close to \$800 million annually in Iowa as a result of the aluminum industry's footprint in Iowa, taking into account direct and indirect employment. And the state and local governments as a whole benefit, to the tune of well over \$100 million in revenue from the aluminum industry.

With that backdrop, I am pleased to salute the impact of the aluminum industry on recycling. The list of ways in which recycling pays huge dividends to our nation is long. First, recycling aluminum saves more than 90 percent of the energy that would be needed to create a comparable amount of the metal from raw materials. Think of it this way: by recycling a single aluminum can, you are saving enough energy to power a large screen television for more than 2 hours. Rather than the expense and energy consumption associated with mining and processing raw materials to make aluminum products, recycling used aluminum can be done at a tiny fraction of the energy utilization.

That is why recycling is a core business of the aluminum industry. In the U.S., the industry collects nearly 12 billion pounds of aluminum each year for recycling, almost all of which goes back into North American supply. In fact, more than 70 percent of U.S. aluminum production today is in recycled metal—

an exact reversal of the trend in 1980. What's more nearly 75% of all aluminum ever produced around the world is still in use today.

A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the shelf as a new can in as few as 60 days—something that happens over and over again. And last year, the domestic aluminum industry recycled nearly 60 billion cans—that saved the equivalent energy of taking 1 million cars off the road for a year.

Aluminum saves energy in other ways as well. It can be a tremendous factor in enabling buildings to achieve modern energy efficiency standards. The first LEED-certified building in California, for instance, received this recognition in part because of creative uses of aluminum that cools the building naturally.

But energy savings are only part of the story. Companies across the country are incorporating environmental and sustainability objectives into corporate commitments, and aluminum is a major piece of their ability to meet their goals.

Perhaps the best aspect of aluminum's recycling story is its role in job creation. No matter our political persuasion, Mr. Speaker, each of us is committed to the creation of U.S. jobs, and aluminum has a wonderful story to tell here. The collection of aluminum at the curb or in the alley creates thousands of jobs around the country, as does the sorting of aluminum at processing centers. Even more jobs are created at plants that receive recycled aluminum, and turn it into new product. More than 157,000 workers are directly employed in the industry, and for each aluminum industry job, an additional 3.3 employment positions are created elsewhere.

This story will be enhanced by the commitment of car and truck manufacturers to the widespread use of aluminum in vehicle bodies and parts in the interest of increasing fuel economy by lightweighting vehicles. As these vehicles are no longer in use, rather than being thrown on the scrap heap, they too can be recycled, thereby creating even more jobs.

The aluminum industry is a major economic driver in my state and district. In recognition of America Recycles Day, it is appropriate to tip our hat to an industry that has such a positive influence on our nation's economy, and its people.

HONORING IDA SCHWARTZ IN  
CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Ida Schwartz in celebration of reaching her 100th birthday.

As she reflects on the great memories that have highlighted the past hundred years, I know she will think fondly on all that she's accomplished and the positive impact she's had on New Hampshire.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Schwartz on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.