

honor of being called the “Twelve Immortals.” Thanks to this extraordinary ruling, the constitutional principles of representative government and political self-determination, critical to the success of the coming American Revolution, became engrained throughout the colonies. Indeed, it is noteworthy that these early jurists established through their bold ruling the principle of judicial independence, striking down the decree of Parliament and reinforcing the obligation of courts to protect the rights and liberties of people.

The judges’ ruling set off great rejoicing in the streets of Frederick. A parade was held through the streets highlighted by a funeral procession. The community was so thankful for this decision that they covered a coffin in anti-Stamp Act slogans and symbolically laid the Stamp Act to rest.

This year, on the 250th anniversary, the celebration will include a reenactment of the parade that carried the coffin containing the now-deceased Stamp Act through the streets of Frederick. The current Clerk of the Frederick County Court, Sandra Dalton, will read the words that were recorded in 1765. A new sign will be dedicated on the grounds of the City Hall, recognizing the courage of the twelve judges who protected the rights and liberties of all people.

Mr. Speaker, Frederick County, Maryland has a proud history of patriotism and standing up against tyranny. I am proud that the community is gathering to celebrate this defining moment in our history.

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TROOP 395 EAGLE SCOUTS

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**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three outstanding young men who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Missouri City Boy Scout Troop 395.

These three Scouts are among less than five percent of all Boy Scouts to earn such a prestigious rank by dedicating countless hours towards organizing and working on service projects with Troop 395. For his Eagle Scout project, Ethan Spendlove, a senior at Ridge Point High School, built a shade canopy for a local community garden. Matheus Meneses, a senior at Elkins High School, built a corral trap for wild hogs at an area nature preserve. Tyler Echard, a sophomore at Ridge Point High School, built bat houses in his neighborhood to help lower the mosquito population. These Eagle Scouts exemplify the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. We are extremely proud of their selfless dedication to our community and for demonstrating such strong leadership.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ethan, Matheus, and Tyler for earning Eagle Scout. They have bright futures as community leaders ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NOHEMI GONZALEZ

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**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life of Nohemi “Mimi” Gonzalez, a 23-year-old senior at California State University, Long Beach, who was killed in the senseless terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday, November 13, 2015. Nohemi, a native of the San Gabriel Valley, was in the Petit Cambodge restaurant with another Long Beach State student when she was fatally shot by the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS. Nohemi was in Paris studying at the State College of Design during a semester abroad program.

A proud independent and energetic first-generation Mexican-American, Nohemi was born on October 19, 1992, in Whittier, where she grew up. She graduated early from Whittier High School and became a first-generation college student. Gonzalez was studying Industrial Design, paying her way through school with help from an on-campus job in the school’s design shop. Nohemi was full of life. Her classmates called her a firecracker and a rabbit—hopping around the Cal State Long Beach campus’s design school eager to help anyone who needed it. She loved life and was eager to learn and partake in our American dream.

Nohemi is survived by her mother, Beatrice and step-father, Jose Hernandez, residents of El Monte. Beatrice wanted her daughter to be remembered as a young Latina who worked hard to get ahead. I wish to express my sincere sympathy to her parents as well as her extended family, friends, and the entire Cal State Long Beach community, who have all been devastated by the loss of one so loved. I ask that all of my colleagues join me to honor the life of Nohemi Gonzalez and remember all those who lost their lives in Paris.

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EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE

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**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sorrow over the loss of so many innocent lives cut short by the outrageous and heinous acts of terrorism that shocked and rocked the people of Paris last Friday and earned the lasting enmity of peaceful and freedom-loving people around the world.

Right now, our prayers are with the victims and their families at this terrible time.

And we stand in unyielding solidarity with the people of France, which like the United States, is one of the most welcoming nations in the world.

Mr. Speaker, for centuries Paris has been known to the world as the City of Light.

The title is richly deserved because Paris has been a world leader in the march of

human progress in the arts, culture, science, democratic theory and governance, and embraces the challenges and opportunities of the modern world.

Those who think that they can terrorize the people of France or the values that they cherish underestimate a nation that has faced and prevailed against far more sinister and lethal adversaries.

And they will again, but they will not confront these adversaries alone.

They will be joined by the United States and the other countries of the civilized world.

The French are justly proud of their national motto, “Liberte, egalite, fraternite,” (liberty, equality, fraternity) and no act of terrorism by cowardly perpetrators will succeed in leading them to renounce their heritage of freedom and justice.

It is a heritage that we here in the United States share.

And that is why the civilized world must and will rededicate itself to combating and defeating radical jihadism.

And as has been done many times throughout the long and special relationship between the United States and France, we will face and overcome threats to our way of life together.

We will not bow and will never break; we will not falter or fail.

We will respond. We will endure. We will overcome.

The terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday were horrific acts on innocent civilians perpetrated by depraved individuals who misuse the peaceful religion of Islam for their own misguided purposes.

Their horrible and heinous acts are their responsibility, and theirs alone, and for which they can be assured that they alone will be held accountable.

But that will come another day; today I ask a moment of silence for the victims killed and injured in the terrorist attacks last Friday in Paris.

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HONORING MICHAEL FITZGERALD AND FINER FOODS FOR THEIR THANKSGIVING GENEROSITY

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**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Michael Fitzgerald of Finer Foods. Since 1934, Finer Foods and the Fitzgerald family have put food on tables of Chicagoland’s restaurants, grocery stores and cafeterias. Finer Foods is truly one of Chicago’s iconic family businesses.

For the last five years, Michael and Finer Foods have graciously donated and delivered turkeys and Thanksgiving fixings for families in North Chicago, Waukegan and Zion, Illinois. I have personally witnessed how this generosity has impacted the lives of people suffering temporary economic hardship during the Thanksgiving season.

On behalf of the people of the 10th Congressional and the hundreds of families who enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner, I want to offer our sincere and heartfelt thank you.

JOSHUA OKOLO CAN THINK

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joshua Okolo of Katy, Texas for winning the Texas Summer THINK Challenge.

Joshua, a student at Fielder Elementary, dedicated his summer to keeping his mind sharp. Over the course of the summer, he completed over 2,000 math problems—approximately 52 hours of math. What a great way to spend a summer. Thank you to his parents and teachers for encouraging Joshua to love and excel in math. We are all proud of your hard work.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Joshua for winning the Texas Summer THINK Challenge. What a way to strengthen your math skills.

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WEEK

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor community foundations all across the country that embody the generosity of spirit that is such an important American value. Community Foundation Week was founded in 1989 and every November 12th–18th it honors the tremendous contributions of these organizations made up of Americans voluntarily working together to improve their communities. Since the first community foundation was founded in my home state of Ohio in 1914 these groups have filled a unique place in American society and provide assistance and inspiration to millions of people.

Today there are more than 750 community foundations in the United States, with 84 in Ohio, and several who serve communities in the 12th District such as the Delaware County Foundation, the Dublin Foundation, the Granville Foundation, the Licking County Foundation, the Morrow County Foundation, the Muskingum County Community Foundation, the Richland County Foundation, and the Columbus Foundation. These foundations work with their communities to make meaningful contributions in many areas like education, the arts, social services, and healthcare, and have provided millions of dollars over the years to these causes.

As just one example of the huge impact these foundations can have, the Licking County Foundation is working to transform a parking lot in downtown Newark into the Canal Market District through a \$4 million fund established by the Evans Foundation. The district will feature new walkways and green spaces centered around the Canal Market Plaza, three new structures that will form an open air farmer's market and provide a venue for many different events from the spring through the fall. This project would not be possible without years of working with local leaders, business owners, and the citizens of the community. Since the project was announced

last year, Denison University, Licking Memorial Health Systems, the City of Newark, Bon Appétit Management, USDA Rural Development and the Ohio and Licking County Farm Bureaus have all come forward to help with the district. This project will provide economic benefits to Newark, as well as increased access to fresh food.

The Columbus Foundation, the seventh largest community foundation in the nation, provides other great examples of the importance of community foundations. Recently, the Columbus Foundation set up a trust using a generous gift by David and Nanci Gobey that will allow graduates of Columbus City Schools to keep the instrument they have been using in high school. As a member of the marching band in high school and at The Ohio State University, I personally experienced how the arts can have an everlasting impact on one's life. The arts and art education are important for personal and intellectual growth of students and people of all ages. Music programs have been shown to increase academic performance, and programs like the one the Columbus Foundation facilitated help keep music in our schools and our students' lives despite a tough budgetary environment.

These examples merely hint at the outstanding work done by community foundations in central Ohio and all across the nation. I am honored to recognize Community Foundation Week this year, and acknowledge the tireless philanthropic efforts of these organizations to improve communities all across the country.

NLRB REFORM ACT

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for too long, the partisan bias of the National Labor Relations Board—has caused instability in how the NLRB will interpret labor policy rules, harming employees and destroying jobs. The President's 'Big Labor Bully' has constantly abused its authority by overregulating and restricting right-to-work states.

Today, I have introduced the NLRB Reform Act to end the bias in the NLRB by adding a sixth member—establishing equal representation for each political party. It will benefit employers and employees and will help create jobs by reining in the unfair general counsel and enforcing timely decision-making.

A non-partisan board would restore fairness to promote new jobs. Last week, I announced my introduction of this legislation at Nephron Pharmaceuticals in Lexington County with CEO Lou Kennedy, Representative Todd Atwater, President of the South Carolina Manufacturer's Alliance Louis Gossett, and former CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Otis Rawl; and at CommuniGraphics in North Augusta, with owners Mark and Tracy Cook, and Representative Bill Hixon.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and may the President by his actions never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism. Our sympathy for America's First Ally, France, as the latest target in the Global War on Terrorism.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARC OF YATES

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arc of Yates on its 40th anniversary.

Arc of Yates is a non-profit organization located in Penn Yan, New York. Since 1975, it has provided services to individuals with developmental disabilities, empowering them to lead "self-directed" and "meaningful" lives.

Arc of Yates serves more than 400 children, adults, and seniors across the Finger Lakes region. It provides a wide range of services, including day habilitation, residential living, employment training, and various educational opportunities. In addition, Arc of Yates offers several clinical programs, focusing on social work, nursing, and nutrition.

Last month, Arc of Yates reopened its facility in Penn Yan, less than eighteen months after it was badly damaged by devastating floods. This resiliency is a testament to their commitment to serving our local families and communities.

I commend the staff and volunteers of Arc of Yates on everything they have achieved in the past forty years, and I look forward to their continued efforts to empower our neighbors with disabilities to live independent and inclusive lives.

TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rayito Stephens of Pearland, Texas on her appointment to the Texas Real Estate Commission by Governor Greg Abbott.

Mrs. Stephens is a licensed realtor and broker with over twenty-one years of experience. Throughout her career, she has been involved in almost every aspect of the real estate industry from home construction to real estate negotiation. She shows her big, Texas-sized heart by dedicating her time to helping veterans and people with disabilities become homebuyers. Rayito's appointment is a reflection of her impressive career and dedication to others.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Rayito Stephens on her appointment to the Texas Real Estate Commission. Governor Abbott made a great decision in selecting you.

H.R. 1694

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I asked unanimous consent that my name be removed as a co-sponsor of H.R. 1694.

I urged a change in the language to strengthen support for our veteran business