

United States Army Veteran, Mayor Ryan embodies the American spirit and his contributions are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Mayor Ryan has been an outstanding public servant and labor advocate for both New Jersey and his home state of California. Mayor Ryan's introduction to labor and politics began in his native California, but he continued his efforts upon moving to New Jersey after marrying his wife, Marlene Brown. Mayor Ryan dedicated many years to leading his community as a council member, council president and mayor. Although retiring from elected office, Mayor Ryan remains active in local and state politics. For nearly 20 years, he has been Democratic Municipal Chairman of South Belmar and Lake Como. He has also been elected to the New Jersey State Democratic Committee and previously served as President of the south Belmar Democratic Club. Mayor Ryan is also committed to protecting labor rights, currently serving as Secretary Treasurer of the Monmouth and Ocean Counties Central Labor Council AFL-CIO and as a member of Teamsters-GCIU 612M.

In addition to his work in the public and labor sectors, Mayor Ryan is an Account Representative at Dimensional Management Corporation and is an active member of the community, volunteering at Camp Zehnder YMCA, serving as an usher at St. Rose Church and as a member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Mayor Michael Ryan on his retirement. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking him for his leadership and service to the Borough of Lake Como.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. JULIA SNELL

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman who has given of herself to her family, church, community, and nation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Julia Ann Holt Wilson Snell's good works are present across our nation, as an exemplary wife, aunt, neighbor, community worker, business owner and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman, was reared in Buena Vista, Alabama, born July 1, 1907, to the late Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Irene Holt; and

Whereas, Mrs. Julia Ann Holt Wilson Snell was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community and family which in turn uplifted others; and

Whereas, she was an exemplary matriarch, serving as a compass and wise counselor while bringing great joy to our district, her family and friends; and

Whereas, Mrs. Julia Aim Holt Wilson Snell loved her family, encouraged all of those around her to make a difference in her 107 years and blessed the lives of many in the states of Alabama, California, the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia and in her beloved church, Beulah Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful member; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, never asking for fame or fortune as she became a quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mrs. Julia Ann Holt Wilson Snell for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens across the United States; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 114th Congress that Mrs. Julia Ann Holt Wilson Snell, of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition," Mrs. Julia Ann Holt Wilson Snell, U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Proclaimed, this 31st day of January, 2015.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF THE TOGETHER CENTER

### HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Together Center in Redmond, Washington. This month, they will be celebrating their 25th anniversary.

For the past quarter-century, Together Center has worked as a coalition of several agencies, providing services and resources such as shelter, counseling, child care, mental health services, and medical and dental care. Together Center has an incredible impact on the lives of more than 40,000 individuals in East King County every year.

Together Center has become an integral part of the community, supporting individuals and other organizations by connecting them in a convenient and efficient manner. Individuals may address a variety of needs on one of Together Center's three campuses, which conveniently house 20 agencies.

I greatly appreciate the work Together Center does to lower the barriers to getting critical help that many people need, such as medical care or temporary shelter.

I want to thank Together Center for their steadfast commitment to our local community, and congratulate them on their impressive record of achievement since 1990.

#### A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ-MORROW

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Christina Fernandez-Morrow for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based

on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2015 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Christina has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with the Latina Leadership Initiative of Greater Des Moines is a testament to that. As executive director she uses her abilities to communicate with people from different cultures to advance both women and the Latino community. She dedicates her time to numerous organizations that elevate and advance the Latino community, especially as one of the founding board members of the Latino Heritage Festival. In all aspects of her life Christina is an example of the hard work and service that makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Christina in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Christina for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Christina on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,428,120,668.55. We've added \$7,525,551,071,755.47 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOHN F. CALLAHAN, RECIPIENT OF THE SWINGLE AWARD FROM THE GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John F. Callahan, who will receive the 2015 Swingle Award from the Greater Pittston, Pennsylvania Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick.

A native of Pittston, Dr. Callahan is a son of the late John A. Callahan and Catherine McNulty. He attended Scranton Prep High School and graduated from The University of Scranton. Before practicing medicine, Dr. Callahan was a school teacher, and he continued to teach medical students after becoming a doctor. Upon graduating from the Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Callahan operated a family practice in Pittston

and worked as an emergency room physician at the Pittston Hospital and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Dr. Callahan was instrumental in establishing the Care and Concern Free Clinic in Pittston. The clinic provides medical services to those who are underinsured or without insurance. In addition to medical care, the clinic offers dental care, psychiatric counseling, children's clothing and toys, and food.

Dr. Callahan was president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) from 1998 to 1999. In 2000, he was named Physician of the Year by POMA. He also served on the POMA board for eight years. Dr. Callahan has acquired several other awards and recognitions from varying organizations throughout his career.

It is an honor to recognize Dr. John Callahan for his many accomplishments. I commend him for his service to our community, and I offer my deepest congratulation on receiving the Swingle Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DREW BUHROW

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Drew Buhrow for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2015 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Drew is Assistant Director of IT at Principal Financial Group, managing a multimillion-dollar budget and more than 40 information technology professionals. His career is demanding, but Drew looks to give back to his community at every opportunity. Drew is a volunteer leader at the St. John the Apostle Parish in Norwalk. He also volunteers for the IT Leadership Forum Charity Open, which raises money for college scholarships for qualifying students. Drew spends any additional free time following sports and he actively directs the Norwalk Twin Rivers baseball program. Drew's leadership skills and deep commitment to his community makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Drew in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Drew on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work,

and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. EDWARD L. KEYTON

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Minister Edward L. Keyton is celebrating thirty-four (34) years in ministry this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Minister Edward L. Keyton, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained the Church of Christ at Bouldercrest as Senior Evangelist, he has enhanced the church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Minister Edward L. Keyton is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his church, but with our district and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Minister Edward L. Keyton as he celebrates thirty-four years in ministry and to salute him as he retires from ministerial leadership; A true Man of Excellence; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 17, 2015 as Minister Edward L. Keyton Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 17th day of March, 2015.

#### HONORING NOAH COUGHLAN'S RUN 4 RARE

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Rare Disease Caucus Co-Chairs Congressman LEONARD LANCE and Congressman JOSEPH CROWLEY, and Rare Disease Caucus Members Congresswoman DORIS MATSUI and Congressman GUS BILIRAKIS, submit the following Resolution:

Whereas, rare diseases affect nearly 30,000,000 people in the United States and 350 million people worldwide, and therefore touch every State and Congressional district in America;

Whereas, Noah Coughlan from Vacaville, California, is set to complete his third "Run 4 Rare" journey across the United States of America on July 4th, 2015 to raise awareness for rare diseases, making him the third and

youngest person to complete this achievement;

Whereas, the first steps of this journey were inspired by Catie and Annie Allio, two young girls born with Batten Disease, a rare disease that is heritable and which results in neurological degeneration that leads to death;

Whereas, rare diseases and disorders affect small patient populations in the United States of generally less than 200,000 individuals, and there are approximately 7,000 rare diseases identified in the United States at this time;

Whereas, millions of Americans have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment, and people with rare diseases continue to face obstacles in accessing accurate diagnoses, sufficient treatment options, appropriate medical care expertise, and equitable reimbursement;

Whereas, the Orphan Drug Act and the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act have helped to drive innovative and patient-centered advancements in research and treatment for rare diseases, yet there is much to be done;

Whereas, for the 10,000 total known diseases, there are treatments for only 500, and new drug development currently takes around 14 years and over \$2 billion, causing 95 percent of drugs development efforts to fail before a product is brought to market;

Whereas, Noah completed the first Run 4 Rare in 2011, a 2,500-mile journey from California to Florida that spanned over four months and brought together families and supporters across the country;

Whereas, Noah completed the second Run 4 Rare in 2013, a 3,100-mile journey from California to Massachusetts that spanned 105 days and carried the hope and momentum of the movement over nine mountain ranges, across three deserts, and through 17 states;

Whereas, Noah's third Run 4 Rare began at the Statue of Liberty on February 28, 2015 in honor of Rare Disease Day, and will be a 3,000-mile journey spanning 14 states;

Whereas, Noah carries with him an American flag flown in Iraq given to him by the United States Air Force courtesy of Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, representing the resilience of rare disease patients, the bravery they exhibit in the face of adversity, and the freedom they seek through awareness and treatments;

Whereas, the Run 4 Rare effort symbolizes unity and hope across the United States for all Americans suffering from rare diseases, and all Americans who stand with them: therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the undersigned (1) support the spirit and message of Noah Coughlan's Run 4 Rare; (2) express solidarity with the rare disease community by committing to the development, advancement, and completion of a bipartisan 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Initiative to help accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of promising new diagnostic tools, treatments, and cures for patients; and (3) support a national and global commitment to raising awareness, advancing solutions, and celebrating the resilience and bravery of individuals with rare diseases and disorders worldwide.