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Jason has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work at the Willis Auto Campus. As general manager, Jason's work-ethic and drive allow him to continue his family's tradition of service and dedication to the Des Moines area. Jason spends his free time supporting causes he believes in, raising critical funds. Joshua's outstanding work ethic and dedication to service, both professionally and personally, makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Jason 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 Jason 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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the 50th Anniversary of the landmark legislation: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. When this bill was signed into law 50 years ago, President Johnson understood that "full educational opportunity" should be our nation's primary goal. This momentous legislation affirmed that every child has an equal right to a quality education regardless of zip code.

Our public education system has come a long way since 1965, and though we have made great strides in closing achievement gaps and increasing the graduation rate, the law is not perfect. There is still much, much work to be done. As Congress looks to rewrite this law, we must remember the core tenants of Elementary and Secondary Education Act. We must seek to ensure that our public education system offers equal opportunity for all, and that the needs of our nation's most vulnerable children are being met.

Education is our nation's great equalizer. For 50 years, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act has been our nation's driving force for educational equity. Education is critical to lift children out of poverty and afford opportunities that once seemed unachievable. We should expand support for elementary and secondary education—not limit it—so that all Americans can receive the education they deserve.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JESS T. HAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure to recognize Mr. Jess T. Hay of Dallas, Texas. During his lengthy career in corporate America, Mr. Hay served as director and presiding director of Viad Corp, chairman and CEO of Lomas Financial group and Lomas and Nettleton Financial Corporation. He has also served on the board of directors for companies such as Exxon Mobile and the Greyhound Corporation.

Born in Forney, Texas in 1931, Jess Hay is a lifelong resident of Texas. He completed his studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, earning his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1953 and his Juris Doctorate in 1955. Mr. Hay's passion for education and research led to his appointment to the University of Texas Systems Board of Regents by former Texas Governor, Dolph Briscoe in 1977. Following his initial appointment, he served as Chairman of the Board from 1985–1987. Mr. Hay believed that high quality basic research produces good applied research, which, in turn, would produce more jobs and more revenue to sustain American prosperity.

Jess Hay is truly a phenomenal leader. A man fueled by dedication and committed to public service, Mr. Hay's leadership and his commitment to impacting the political landscape. He had a tremendous impact on Dallas politics. He paved the way for Dallas leaders, myself included, to effectively work for change in communities across the Dallas Metroplex.

Jess Hay was not just committed to business and politics. He was a dedicated family man. He and his wife, Betty Jo, are the loving parents of two daughters, Debby and Patricia.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor Mr. Jess Hay and to thank him for his work in service to the people of Dallas and the great state of Texas.

HONORING THE MINORITY LEADER IN THE NEVADA STATE ASSEMBLY: MARILYN KIRKPATRICK

HON. CRESENT HARDY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. HARDY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor the current Minority Leader in the Nevada State Assembly, Marilyn Kirkpatrick (D–North Las Vegas) for her service to the citizens of the Battle Born State. I consider Marilyn both a colleague and a friend. She has served nobly since first being elected in November of 2004. Through a tenacious work ethic and a strong ability to get things done, Marilyn rose to a leadership position and was elected by her colleagues as Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly from 2013–2014 in a chamber that was often filled with heated debates and battles. Marilyn and I frequently had inspiring discussions, and at the end of the day, I respect her prowess for

policy and I stand here today recognizing her for her many accomplishments. While juggling various Assembly commitments, Marilyn continued to serve as a mentor and a leader to her Girl Scouts of America. I seriously don't know how she could multitask on so many important issues, both inside the Statehouse and outside of the Statehouse. It was truly inspiring to observe Marilyn as she guided young Members with her wealth of institutional knowledge. Mr. Speaker, I commend Marilyn on her service to Nevada and wish her the best of luck on her next endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO SARA SCHULER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

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

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Sara has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. is a testament to that. As the Human Resources Director she utilizes her abilities to help people grow and develop. In her free time she serves her community through charitable organizations such as the Junior League of Des Moines, the St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and Hawthorn Hill. In all aspects of her life, Sara 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 Sara in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her 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 Sara 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES C. BINNICKER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's beloved Chief Master Sergeant James C.

Binnicker. Chief Binnicker served our Nation with honor and distinction for more than 33 years in the United States Air Force, rising to the highest enlisted position: Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.

Chief Binnicker was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and graduated from Aiken High School in 1956. Following his high school graduation, Chief Binnicker enlisted in the Air Force, where he completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base. During his long and distinguished Air Force career, Chief Binnicker served both at home and abroad in various capacities including as a life support specialist, air operations superintendent, Vietnamese linguist, First Sergeant and Command Chief Master Sergeant. Serving in such a wide array of challenging positions is a testament to Chief Binnicker's assiduous work ethic and unwavering commitment to duty, and his successful service in myriad capacities led to his selection for various senior leadership positions.

Thanks to his leadership abilities and wide-ranging experience, Chief Binnicker was selected in 1977 to serve as the Air Force Senior Enlisted Advisor on the President's Commission on Military Compensation, before going on to serve in a number of senior leadership roles. As a result of his exceptional service, Chief Binnicker was selected in 1985 for the 33-year extended tenure program, and in July 1986 he became the ninth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. During his four-year tenure as Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Binnicker served as an adviser to Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge Jr. and Air Force Chief of Staff General Larry D. Welch. In this position, he advised Secretary Aldridge and General Welch on matters concerning welfare, effective utilization and progress of enlisted members of the Air Force. During his distinguished career, Chief Binnicker received a number of major awards and decorations, including: the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

As with so many of our Nation's brave servicemembers, the leadership skills and executive experience gained by Chief Binnicker during his military career translated to immense success in the civilian world. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Chief Binnicker worked for a number of years as a senior vice-president at a major insurance company, before being selected to serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc. in beautiful Shalimar, Florida. In this position, Chief Binnicker oversaw the operations of Teresa Village, Bob Hope Village, and the Hawthorn House, ensuring a first-class retirement life for more than 400 residents.

In addition to his military service and successful business career, Chief Binnicker was also a leader in the veterans' community and in Northwest Florida's civil society. He served as the director of numerous organizations, including the Air Commando Association; the Air Force Memorial Foundation; the Air Force Sergeants Association Museum Foundation; and Emerald Coast Hospice. As a result of his

leadership and excellence, he received numerous awards, including the Air Force Sergeants Association's Americanism Award and the Executive of the Year Award from the Florida Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

To some Chief Binnicker will be remembered as a patriot who served his country with honor and distinction, reaching the highest echelons of Air Force enlisted service as a result of his character and commitment to service; to others he will be remembered as a successful business executive and leader in civil society; to his family and friends he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored and privileged to recognize the life of Chief Master Sergeant James C. Binnicker. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our prayers and deepest condolences to his wife, Jan; children, Carmen and Michael; and granddaughter, Julia.

NAIMAH SARWAR'S ESSAY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Naimah Sarwar attends Pearland High School in Pearland, Texas. The essay topic is: in your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?

I come from a household where there is one rule I have learned from observation when it comes to discussing politics: DON'T. I remember countless times after dinner parties, where my dad would walk out of the parlor where the men would sit to drink tea. Instead of looking like he had just enjoyed a steaming cup of chai, he looked like he had walked out of a war zone. "Three hours," he would say, much to my amusement. "They've been pointlessly arguing about politics for three hours." Instead of simply agreeing to disagree they created a vicious cycle of destructive and in my opinion, hilarious conversation. I have always been obstinately opinionated but rather than joining the conversation, I always chose to remain the casual observer. Why go to the trouble of arguing against someone who would always disagree with you?

But I believe that is the root of the problem when it comes to American involvement in the political process. We have become complacent. We have become detached. We have become scared to raise our voices. We live in one of the greatest democracies in the world. However, I think that sometimes politicians and constituents alike forget what that means. They forget that as citizens, it is up to us to speak up for what we believe in, and that politicians have a duty to rep-

resent those beliefs. The American public needs to be reassured of the strength of its political efficacy because that is what makes our government tick.

After attending Texas Girls' State this summer I made several wonderful friends, who encouraged me to speak up about my opinions. Although we might not agree with each other when we argue about healthcare reform or foreign policy, which embarrassingly enough makes up our "girl talk", we are friends. We agree to disagree. Oftentimes people feel as though their ideas and solutions are so central to their identities that they must defend their beliefs as though defending themselves. I have not only become self-assured enough to share my opinions, but open to hearing the disagreement of others. It is important for people to care about the state of their government, and we must break through the stigma that it is a taboo topic. Bipartisanship not be considered rare. Conversations need to continue. Ideas need to be shared. Although one voice can't swing an election, or pass a law, it can make a difference.

A TRIBUTE TO BRIAN SCHWARTZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Brian has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work with Baker Group. As an Account Executive, his ability to work well with others is critically important because he oversees multiple programs and events. In his free time, he serves his community through charitable organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Boot Camp for New Dads program. In all aspects of his life, Brian 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 Brian 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 Brian 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.