

resilient the human spirit can be. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating David and his family for their accomplishments. I wish them nothing but the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING CAROL SCHATZ'S
TENURE AS PRESIDENT/CEO OF
CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION OF
LOS ANGELES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carol Schatz on being honored with the Heart of the City Award at this year's "Treasures of Los Angeles" luncheon. As president and chief executive officer of the Central City Association (CCA) of Los Angeles, Carol has played an integral role in making Los Angeles one of the world's great cities—a growing and thriving metropolis, welcoming to businesses, investors, developers, and travelers.

This year, Carol celebrates her 25th year at the Central City Association of Los Angeles. That is a remarkable milestone, and it is worth reviewing her successes during that time.

Under Carol's leadership, CCA has been one of the leading business advocacy organizations in the City and County of Los Angeles, coordinating with community leaders and elected officials to make Los Angeles a better place to live and work.

In Downtown Los Angeles, development and investment are at record levels. Downtown is now home to more than 50,000 residents, with units to house another 15,000 under construction or in the process of being approved.

Carol has played a critical role in Downtown's renaissance. At her direction, CCA has worked to transform and revitalize the area through a broad set of strategies ranging from mixed-use/mixed-income projects to new transportation amenities. Carol initiated an Adaptive Reuse Ordinance to make Downtown a housing destination, and coordinated state funding and incentives to help developers turn empty office buildings into brand-new housing. CCA also joined with the Los Angeles City Council to help reinstitute the Civic Center Authority, which developed a master plan for the area.

In 1997, Carol's efforts led to the creation of the Downtown Center Business Improvement District, a coalition of property owners in the heart of Downtown L.A. With Carol at its helm, the DCBID has brought substantial new residential and commercial investment to Downtown, and has made it a safer and cleaner place to live.

Carol Schatz's vision, hard work, and perseverance have garnered her much praise from city and state leaders, and the "Heart of the City" award is just the latest well-deserved example. I have worked with Carol for many years to keep Los Angeles moving forward, and am proud to call her a friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this great honor.

HONORING MATT COLIN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congressman TED DEUTCH to congratulate Head Coach Matt Colin, a dear family friend, for his outstanding leadership with the Wellington High School Boys' Basketball team. On February 29, he—alongside his brother Mike Colin, varsity Assistant Coach—led the Wolverines to their first state championship.

Coach Colin's leadership has been widely recognized. He received the "Coach of the Year" from the Florida High School Athletic League for 8A Basketball.

In addition to the state championship, Coach Colin guided the Wolverines through a historic season record of 29–3 and the program's longest winning streak of 16 consecutive wins.

In pursuit of their first state championship, the Wolverines adopted the San Antonio Spurs' "Pound the Rock" mantra. Coach Colin used this phrase to motivate his students to persevere throughout the season, despite all odds. This is a principle that rings true in all aspects of life and has helped his students grow into leaders among their peers.

It brings me great joy to honor his leadership and mentorship in our community. I wish Coach Colin and the Wolverines continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE STOPULOS

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 Joe Stopulos 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.

Joe has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work with Holmes Murphy & Associates Inc. As an Account Executive, his work-ethic and determination allow him to continuously grow his sales business. In his free time Joe likes to dedicate himself to serving others and being a leader in his community, volunteering at numerous church activities and leadership events. In all aspects of his life, Joe 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 Joe 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 Joe 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.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBRARIES OF
JACKSON, MICHIGAN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich tradition of libraries serving Jackson, Michigan.

Libraries in our community date back to March 15, 1864 when the Young Men's Association (YMA) established a reading room. In late 1865, it turned into a subscription library for YMA members.

In 1885, the Jackson Public Library was formed following a new law allowing cities to use tax revenue to support a free public library.

In 1929, the Jackson County Library was created for residents living outside the city of Jackson.

The two separate entities merged together in 1978 to form the Jackson District Library.

Today, the Jackson District Library is a vital anchor of the Jackson community where residents of all ages come to learn, research, and discover.

From story-time for children to researching family histories to taking an online course, the library provides a wide range of services.

A hub for community activity, the library will coordinate a festival in May 2015 for nationally recognized storytellers where over eleven thousand children will attend.

The Jackson District Library is a place where residents gather freely to learn and discuss the important issues of the day and where they are continually inspired to acquire more knowledge and skills.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating 150 years of libraries in Jackson County, thank these institutions for all they contribute to the community, and wish them another 150 years of success.

A TRIBUTE TO MIKE TAYLOR

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 Mike Taylor 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.

Mike has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work at Midwest Growth Partner. As Managing Partner, Mike works with others to make solid investments and avoid risk. Mike spends his free time serving others by volunteering as a youth football coach at the local YMCA. Mike'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 Mike 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 Mike 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.

MANZI MASOZERA'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.

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

Ever since the beginning of time, an institution that organizes a group of human beings has been essential to the stability of any civil society. From the governing bodies of Ancient Greece to Ancient Babylon, government has been around for millennia. Its existence allows for citizens to know what they can or cannot do according to law. Good government brings forth social and political order and creates the most humanly possible form of freedom and equality. Whenever someone breaks the law, whenever someone is on trial, or whenever someone fights for what he or she believes in, the government is there as an aid to make sure justice is served. I believe that the government's role in our daily lives is to abide by the Declaration of Independence and protect our inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The differentiating factor of the American government versus the governments of other countries is the fact that America was the first to establish a written constitution that had a bill of rights and was the first to write down the idea of "God-given" inalienable rights which for years

prior was only conceptualized. While the government states our laws and rights, someone has to be there to enforce it in order for us to retain stability. This is why in our democracy, we have the ability to elect our leaders to govern over us. In America we have the rights to elect senators, congressmen/women, and presidents. These leaders play an important role in our lives because they make sure that the law is followed and they even propose new laws that they feel may improve the status of the country. A good government also allows its citizens to remove leaders if they don't abide by the same laws that the citizens are required to follow. Overall, government is an essential institution that allows for order and stability in our societies. It is necessary for justice to be served for the ones who need it, and protection for the inhabitants of the country. The role government plays in our daily lives is important because it allows for peace to prevail in the ever-growing and globalized world that we live in.

A TRIBUTE TO KEVIN TIERNAN

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 Kevin Tiernan 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 the 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.

Kevin has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work at Bankers Trust Co., where he is the Vice President of Sales and Development. It is clear Kevin has a passion for finance and his community. Kevin spends his free time serving as a mentor for the "I Have a Dream Foundation,"—he also serves on the Community Youth Concepts board of directors. His work ethic and dedication to service has and will continue to make our state proud.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a sys-

tem for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 15

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "WIOA Technical Amendments Act", and the nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SVC-217

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine American food aid, focusing on why reform matters.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine IRS challenges in implementing the Affordable Care Act.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the need to reform asset forfeiture.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the national intelligence and military intelligence programs

SVC-217