

provides clients throughout Los Angeles County with an array of comprehensive services to support individuals throughout their lives.

HSA's programs and services for children and families include: Early Head Start; Head Start; State Preschool; Los Angeles Universal Preschool; Parenting Classes; Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention; Domestic Violence Support Services; Choose Health LA Kids, an early childhood obesity prevention initiative focusing on children ages 0–5 and their families; and a Family Preservation Program designed to protect children by strengthening and preserving families whose children are at risk of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

HSA's services for seniors include: the Congregate Meals Program, which provides a hot, nutritionally balanced meal to seniors five days a week, as well as social activities at the meal sites; the Home Delivered Meals Program, which offers homebound seniors a daily hot meal and a friendly, reassuring visit; the Home Based Care & Registry Referral Program, which matches workers with senior citizens aged 60 and over who need assistance in the home; and the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center (ADCRC), which allows memory-impaired and/or socially isolated senior citizens to spend their days in a caring, supportive environment, and provides English and Spanish support groups to the family members of the participating seniors.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and pride that I salute Human Services Association, its Board of Directors, and its supporters. They have played a vital role in providing critical services to Southeast Los Angeles families over the past seventy-five years. I wish HSA continued success as it continues its mission to provide families with compassionate and comprehensive care which promotes wellness and builds strong communities.

A TRIBUTE TO BRENT WILLETT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Brent Willett 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.

Brent has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work at Cultivation Corridor. As Executive Director, Brent utilizes his communication skills to attract business to Iowa and to help expand existing businesses. Brent spends his free time serving others by volunteering as a one-on-one mentor at Cap-

itol View Elementary School and by helping an emergency food pantry organize its food drives. Brent'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 Brent 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 Brent 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.

A TRIBUTE TO THE EARLHAM HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Earlham High School Boys Basketball team for qualifying for the Iowa Boys State Basketball Tournament for the first time in their school's history. The Earlham team placed third in the tournament.

The roster was led by Canyon Hopkins, named to the Class 1A All-Tournament Team, but Earlham had many outstanding players. Congratulations to: Dan Schmidt, Alan Schmidt, Zach Schreck, Derek Hensley, Ben Williamson, Micah Bailey, Grant Detrick, Andy Algreen, Josh Smith, A.J. LePorte, Gable Johnson, Joey Harkins, Drew Williamson and Mason Madren on a great season. This team also had two dedicated managers. T. J. Harkins and Dominic Braet who also deserve recognition.

The team was led by Coach Kevin Williamson and Assistant Coaches James Severson and Tim Harskamp. Coach Williamson also received the Class 1A Coach of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and coaches demonstrates that hard work, dedication, and perseverance deliver results. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating the Earlham High School Boys Basketball team on their accomplishments this year. I wish continued success to this team and school in the future.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 27) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year

2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025:

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Chair, I support the CBC Alternative Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

As has been highlighted during today's debate, the Federal budget is a blueprint for our nation. It is a statement of our national priorities and of our national values.

Our budget should lay the groundwork to secure a strong middle class, create more jobs, and grow paychecks.

We should be working to create a level playing field for all Americans.

We cannot continue with these short-term fixes which lately have become all too common in Congress.

For instance, in May, the Highway Trust Fund is set to expire—again.

Yet, more than sixty-five percent of America's roads are in need of repair and the American Society of Civil Engineers has given our nation's infrastructure a D in its most recent report card.

We could be creating thousands of jobs—from real estate to construction work—if we got serious about investing in infrastructure.

As the conscious of the Congress. The CBC budget focuses on creating jobs and giving hard-working Americans families a fair-share.

Our CBC budget would provide \$230 billion for our nation's infrastructure—providing an immediate investment to help modernize our roads, bridges, and tunnels, as well as providing dollars to build new and improve existing commuter and public transportation systems.

We cannot delay or rely on short term funding patches that seem to become the norm in this Republican led Congress.

Mr. Chair, when we rebuild our roads and modernize our nation's transportation, we create and maintain good-paying jobs.

That's the best investment we can make of taxpayer dollars. Not only do we keep Americans safe, but we invest in our greatest resource—the American worker. That's what I call a bang for your buck.

A TRIBUTE TO VERA DAUGHTON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Vera Daughton on the celebration of her 100th birthday. Vera celebrated her 100th birthday on April 5th, 2015.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Vera's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Vera has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Vera in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House

to join me in congratulating Vera on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

**EQUAL PAY DAY: TIME TO CLOSE
THE WAGE GAP**

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Equal Pay Day and call for long overdue passage of legislation to strengthen the Equal Pay Act.

According to the American Association of University Women, women in my state of New Jersey have a wage gap of 80 percent—for every dollar men in New Jersey make, women make only 80 cents. Nationally, it's 78 cents.

All told, over the lifetime of work, college educated women will lose an estimated \$1.2 million as a result of the pay gap.

The wage gap is not just a women's issue, it's a family issue. Four in 10 American households with children now include a mother who is either the sole or primary earner for her family. Closing the wage gap would allow women to invest more in their children's health and wellbeing and help boost economic stability and security for American families.

As a remedy, I twice supported the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, now Public Law 111–2. By overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire and Rubber*, we restored and enhanced both the protections against pay discrimination in the workplace and the remedies available for women who have been discriminated against.

While the Ledbetter law was a clear step in the right direction, the numbers demonstrate how much more work we as a society have to do.

Today, I signed on as a cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act—legislation I have pre-

viously supported twice when it was brought to the floor of the House for a vote.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would increase penalties for employers who pay different wages to men and women for equal work, create a grant program for negotiation skills training for women and girls, and increase training and outreach to ensure effective implementation.

This legislation would build on the Equal Pay Act and the Ledbetter law by disincentivizing pay discrimination and encouraging employers to enforce equal pay for equal work.

Mr. Speaker, based on data between 2003 and 2013, AAUW predicts that if current trends continue, the wage gap will not close for 124 years.

Over 50 years after the signing of the Equal Pay Act, we are still more than a century away from equal pay.

The Paycheck Fairness Act is necessary to reverse the current trajectory and help accelerate progress to our shared goal of equal work for equal pay.

A TRIBUTE TO CAMERON MICKAEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the heroic actions of sixth-grader, Cameron Mickael of Mount Ayr, Iowa.

On a recent Sunday night, Cameron was eating dinner with his mother, Cindy, and Grandfather Charles, when a piece of food became lodged in his grandfather's throat. Charles was trying to apply the Heimlich to himself with no success. It was then that Cameron stepped in. Cameron jumped up, grabbed his grandfather and performed the Heimlich. Charles credits Cameron with saving his life.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent future leaders like Cameron Mickael in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I applaud his lifesaving effort today. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Cameron, thanking him for a job well done, and wishing him a bright future.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES HARDY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James Hardy, history teacher at East Union School. Mr. Hardy received the Gilder Lehrman Iowa History Teacher of the Year award.

This award, sponsored by Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, recognizes outstanding American history teachers who possess a strong commitment to teaching American history and who exhibit creativity and imagination in the classroom. Each year, the Institute enhances the education of more than a million students by offering support and resources to tens of thousands of teachers. The Institute's programs have been recognized by awards from the White House, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Organization of American Historians.

I applaud and congratulate James for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd district the education that they will need to be successful in the future and for being recognized with this prestigious award. I am proud to represent him, his fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating James Hardy and wishing him well and continued success in the future.