

their commitment to the cadets has translated into the development of community leaders and positive influences within the school system. A special thank you to Todd and Ron, for all you do to encourage future patriots with the same tenacity and work ethic that defined your own service careers.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I ask that this body join me in recognizing this fine group of Americans for all they have accomplished—and their continued and future service to this great nation.

**HONORING ED ZABROCKI FOR HIS
34 YEARS OF SERVICE AS
MAYOR OF TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS**

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Zabrocki who recently retired after serving 34 years as Mayor of Tinley Park, Illinois. Throughout his time in office, Mayor Zabrocki demonstrated tremendous dedication to his community and its residents.

Ed Zabrocki began his career in public service by serving on the Tinley Park Human Resources Commission and became a Village Trustee in 1979. Two years later he was elected Mayor of Tinley Park.

Throughout his tenure in office, Mayor Zabrocki maintained a strong commitment to Tinley Park's residents. Under his leadership, the village became one of the fastest growing municipalities in the nation. In 2005 he was named as a finalist for the World Mayor Award. In 2006, the Commerce Department recognized Mayor Zabrocki with the Excellence in Economic Development Award for "recognizing commitment to sound, research-based, market driven economic development in helping to grow the local economy." In addition to his service to Tinley Park, Ed Zabrocki was elected to be the 37th District's State Representative in the 89th Illinois General Assembly.

Ed Zabrocki has also been dedicated to education. After two years as a teacher at Bishop Noll, he was hired to teach at Brother Rice High School in Chicago in 1965. Forty years later he retired as Director of Guidance. Over the years he had a great influence on his students, with five of them going on to be elected to public office in the Chicago area.

Mayor Zabrocki and his wife Emily are the parents of two children and the grandparents of seven. In retirement he plans to spend more time with his family as well as his Lionel train sets and his baritone sax.

RECOGNIZING BOBBY WALTERS

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is the official start of Hurricane Season. As a lifelong resident of a coastal area and a representative of a coastal district, hurricane preparedness is a priority of mine.

I would like to recognize a young man in my district who is committed to hurricane safety, Bobby Walters. Bobby is a resident of Georgetown County, South Carolina, and has spent the last three years marking 861 street signs with their corresponding hurricane evacuation zone.

Now, Georgetown residents can easily determine which evacuation zone they are in, and should inclement weather occur, proceed to the nearest evacuation route.

Bobby is a member of Boy Scout Troop 360 in Pawleys Island and completed this project to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

On behalf of the Seventh Congressional District, thank you Bobby and Troop 360 for all of your hard work to keep our community safe.

**THE PHOENIX MERCURY, 2014
WNBA CHAMPIONS**

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Phoenix Mercury, our 2014 WNBA Champions, who on Friday June 5, 2015 begin their nineteenth season. During the opening game, the team will receive their third championship ring in seven years and the 2014 Championship Banner will be unveiled before thousands of fans. The enthusiastic crowds that have supported the players for almost two decades will be there to cheer them on as they play the San Antonio Stars. As the team begins their new season, I proudly recognize the exceptional team members, captains and managers who have built the most successful professional women's basketball team in the world—our Phoenix Mercury.

In addition to their talent on the court, Phoenix Mercury team members are an integral part of the Valley of the Sun. The team dedicates a great deal of their free time engaging children, neighborhoods and schools, serving as mentors and role models to the young people who look up to them.

Our Phoenix Mercury has the strongest fan base and attendance in the WNBA and the team credits their success as a team to this "X-Factor"—the power of their fans. Congratulations to the Phoenix Mercury as they begin their nineteenth season and thank you for demonstrating to young girls, boys and the world, the heart and strength of women athletes.

**HONORING RABBI MELVIN AND
LENORE SIRNER**

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religious institutions and the men and women who lead them have the power to shape and bind communities in many incredible ways. For over forty years in New Rochelle, Rabbi Melvin Sirner and his wife, Lenore, have led Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle with incredible grace, and as a result have left an indelible mark on the entire community.

A native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Michigan, Rabbi Sirner came to New Rochelle in August 1972 following his ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Scheduled only to stay at Beth El for two years, Rabbi Sirner extended his stay several years and, upon the retirement of Rabbi Golovensky, was elected Senior Rabbi of the Center.

Lenore Richman Sirner was born and raised in Boro Park, Brooklyn, and received a wonderful early Jewish education at Shulamith School for Girls, and later at Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. A graduate of George Washington University, Lenore earned her Master's degree in social work from New York University, before serving for many years as Director of Social Work Case management at the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, and later as Administrator of Clinical Services.

As Lenore volunteered at Beth El, she met Rabbi Sirner, and the rest as they say is history.

Together, Rabbi Sirner and Lenore have led Beth El by emphasizing high quality and meaningful Jewish experiences. Under their stewardship, Beth El went from a community that did not permit participation of women in religious ritual, to a fully egalitarian synagogue. The establishment of the Keruv Committee, which works to ensure that all feel fully embraced and welcomed by the Beth El community, has helped shaped the synagogue under Rabbi Sirner's watch, and the Sylvia and Robert Scher Chesed Committee, which works to help shape the larger New Rochelle community as a whole, has become a great beacon of light for the entire neighborhood due to its fine work.

But Rabbi and Lenore Sirner's greatest joy and accomplishment is their family. They are the proud parents of Gabrielle, her husband Morris, Abby, and Ari. They are also adoring grandparents to Lev, who I'm told is currently on the verge of mastering the sippy cup.

This year, the Beth El Synagogue Center is honoring Rabbi Sirner and Lenore for their decades of dedicated service to the Beth El, as well as the entire New Rochelle, communities. It is my pleasure to offer congratulations to Rabbi Sirner and Lenore on this wonderful occasion, and thank them for all they have done to better our community.

**WELCOMING AKHAN SEMICONDUCTOR
INCORPORATED TO
GURNEE, IL**

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of AKHAN Semiconductor Incorporated and its founder and Chief Executive Officer, Adam Khan. AKHAN Semiconductor has become the most advanced diamond semiconductor platform in the world due to the hard work and meticulous training of Mr. Khan and his team.

AKHAN will begin operations in Gurnee, Illinois this June. Mr. Speaker, the 10th District of Illinois that I represent is a manufacturing hub, and a fantastic place for industry to form and grow. In fact, Gurnee was the perfect choice for AKHAN because it is rich with

human talent and world class education institutions, is a transportation hub that makes it easy to ship materials and product, and perhaps most critically, Gurnee has strong pro-industry municipal and county leadership beginning with its Mayor Kristy Kovarik and Lake County Partners.

One reason in particular that I am very excited about AKHAN being here is that its leaders understand that they have a responsibility to partner with local educators to ensure that we are preparing our local workforce for the career demands of the 21st Century. I have long been impressed with the College of Lake County and its commitment to partnering with local industry, and so it is no surprise that AKHAN and the College of Lake County are partnering to create an incubator to offer vocational training that will allow students to attain certification to operate AKHAN's high tech machinery.

AKHAN is also tapping into another jewel of our region, Argonne National Laboratories. In fact, I understand that they will soon announce a broadened IP agreement where AKHAN's patent portfolio will be expanded to cover even more intellectual property.

Mr. Speaker, AKHAN is an exciting new member of our community, and it is my great pleasure to recognize their achievements and welcome them to Gurnee.

CONGRATULATING SIX MUSSELMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR WINNING H&R BLOCK BUDGET CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my warmest congratulations to six exceptional students from Musselman High School for winning scholarships from the H&R Block Budget Challenge; Shelbi Fisher, Mitch Anton, Kirsten Campbell, Vanessa Beddow, Taylor Stocks, Sarah Muskett, and their teacher Mr. Chad Spencer. In this challenge, these students managed a budget based on their current and future cash needs, as well as learn a number of important financial concepts. The reward for winning this challenge is a \$20,000 scholarship, which will help send these bright students to college.

As a Member of the United States House of Representatives, I am particularly pleased when I see young people take initiative to learn about fiscal responsibility. The excellence these Musselman High School students have demonstrated by winning the H&R Block Budget Challenge Scholarships is an example of the promise that young West Virginians and Americans show.

I join with their families, friends, and loved ones in congratulating the winning students from Musselman High School on this impressive accomplishment. I urge them to continue their hard work, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING DR. CHARLES BANTZ FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary accomplishments of Dr. Charles Bantz. After serving over a decade as Chancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Dr. Bantz will be stepping down as chancellor. IUPUI, one of the country's leading urban universities, flourished under Chancellor Bantz's leadership, and Hoosiers are eternally grateful for his contributions.

IUPUI's location in the heart of Indiana's capital city has long brought with it a special responsibility of service to the residents of Indianapolis and Indiana. Chancellor Bantz understood this and the campus has significantly strengthened its ties to the city and state during his tenure. He helped transform and improve the university, which had positive impacts on students, faculty, and the surrounding communities.

Chancellor Bantz is a persistent advocate for student success with a clear dedication to education. He successfully facilitated an increase in the number of students who earn their degrees; provided a wider range of educational options available to students; added eleven bachelor degree programs, ten doctoral, and ten masters programs as well as schools for public health and philanthropy. Research dollars for IUPUI increased by over \$100 million dollars under his leadership and his commitment to research and community service did not stop there, as evidenced by the endowment of the Bantz-Petronio Translating Research into Practice Award. He also serves as a Board Member and Executive Committee Member for United Way of Central Indiana, was a member of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Executive Committee, and is the Director of Urban Serving Universities, among many other boards.

Chancellor Bantz has served his students, faculty, and the City of Indianapolis exceedingly well. Although Charles is stepping down from his position as Chancellor, his commitment to IUPUI will live on as a faculty member. He built a legacy of community service and left a lasting impact on the IUPUI community, and for that we extend a huge thank you. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I'd like to congratulate Charles on his success and wish him and his wife, Professor Sandra Petronio, the best as they begin their next adventure in our community they have worked so hard to make a wonderful place.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ALEXANDER MOSSING ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an out-

standing student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Alexander Mossing of Holland, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Alexander's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2019. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Alexander brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2019. While attending Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio, Alexander maintained a 3.99 grade point average and earned scholastic honors of summa cum laude each year.

Throughout high school, Alexander was a member of his school's wrestling, golf, and tennis teams, excelling in wrestling as he earned a varsity letter each of his four years and was state champion his junior and senior year. I am confident that Alexander will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Alexander Mossing on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Alexander will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA STATE TROOPER TRACY BOHLEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of Iowa State Trooper Tracy Bohlen, who provided life-saving medical treatment to a man in need.

Trooper Bohlen went to investigate what appeared to be a fight inside of a truck. Upon opening the door he saw a panicked young man trying to help his father who was having a medical emergency. Trooper Bohlen leapt into action and laid the man down in the middle of the interstate to do chest compressions for 50 seconds. Due to his quick action, he was able to get the man breathing again within a minute.

Several Iowans also stopped to make sure the man in need and his son made it to the hospital to receive care. I thank Iowa State Trooper Tracy Bohlen for his decisive action and his commitment to service. It is an honor to represent Trooper Bohlen in the United States Congress and wish him continued success well into the future.