

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STUDENTS FROM FLORIDA'S NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TO THE U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students of Florida's Ninth Congressional District who received an appointment to one of the United States Service Academies for 2015. One of my favorite duties as a Member of Congress is to nominate the best and brightest young men and women of my district to our nation's Service Academies.

This year, my district received a total of 13 offers of appointment, the highest number my office has ever received. Additionally, one student received an appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School. It is my honor to publicly recognize these students for their accomplishments and service to our country.

The following students were appointed to the U.S. Military Academy: Jeremy Beesley of St. Cloud, FL; Carla Figueira of Kissimmee, FL; Lily McDonough of Celebration, FL; John Roche of Orlando, FL; and Elizabeth Rodriguez of St. Cloud, FL. Ms. Rodriguez also received an offer of appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The following students were appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy: Ashley Gooden of St. Cloud, FL; Kevin Mendez of Kissimmee, FL; and Joshua Rice of Orlando, FL.

The following students were appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy: Christina Potts of Orlando, FL; Joshua Volpert of Orlando, FL; Andrew Abdelnour of Orlando, FL; and Mason Hooten of Orlando, FL.

Joel Oviedo of Orlando, FL received an appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School.

I congratulate them all and wish them much success in their military careers.

THANKING VIRGIL JULIOT FOR HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Reverend Virgil Juliet of Geneseo for his brave service in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

At 18 years old, Mr. Juliet enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served the Army Air Corps for three years during World War II, from 1943 to 1946, as a navigator on a B-29 aircraft with the 313th Wing of the 9th Bomb Group in the Pacific Theater. He was stationed on the Island of Tinian, which is part of the Mariana Islands and home to the world's largest air field. Mr. Juliet completed his service with the rank of First Lieutenant.

In May, Mr. Juliet celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife, Marilyn. He has been blessed with five children, 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren and active in a wide range of church and community organizations across the country. Additionally,

Mr. Juliet has had the distinction of receiving a master Gardener Certificate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Juliet once again for his outstanding service to our nation during World War II and his dedicated service to communities across the country over the past decades. I wish him, and his family, nothing but the very best going forward.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 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 \$18,152,758,771,144.62. We've added \$7,525,881,722,231.54 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.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELE SLEEP

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Russele Sleep, of Bedford, Iowa. Russele participated in the 52nd annual World Livestock Auctioneer Championship in Clifton, Texas, from June 10th to the 14th as part of the Livestock Marketing Association's annual convention.

Each year over 100 auctioneers attempt to qualify for the event and as one of the 31 semi-finalists, Russele will compete in a live interview and auctioneering contest. Russele is an accomplished auctioneer having competed in this competition multiple times. As one of the top auctioneers in the U.S., Russele carries on the rich tradition of competitive livestock marketing through hard-work and dedication to his craft.

I applaud and congratulate Russele for this achievement and for representing Iowa at this year's World Livestock Auctioneer Championship. I am proud to represent him in the U.S. Congress and I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Russele and wishing him nothing but continued success in his career.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN MILLETT ON HER CAREER

**HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to congratulate Ms. Kathleen Millet on more than three decades of service to the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

For more than 37 years, "Katie" has played a vital role in overseeing and administering the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nutrition programs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As the Executive Director for the Office of Nutrition, Health and Safety Programs at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Katie oversaw the policy and training development, fiscal and operational work of the office for all federal child nutrition programs including the National School Lunch Program, NSLP, USDA Foods, Child and Adult Care Food Program, CACFP, and the Summer Food Service Program, SFSP. Collectively, these programs annually totaled more than \$300 million in federal nutrition funding.

To ensure that Massachusetts held its spot as a leader in child nutrition programming and outreach, Katie served on many national and state committees. She was State Agency Representative for the national School Nutrition Association's Board of Directors and an advisor to the Massachusetts School Nutrition Association. She was also founding co-chair of the Massachusetts' Action for Healthy Kids State Team, Mass AFHK. Katie also served in numerous leadership positions with national child nutrition groups such as the National Food Service Management Institute, NFSMI, and the Food Research and Action Center, FRAC.

With Katie's help, Massachusetts has always been on the cutting edge of new funding opportunities and practices, including USDA pilot grant programming. Katie has funded and supported The Child Nutrition Outreach Program, CNOP, since 1994, which works to increase participation in NSLP and SFSP. Katie has also funded and supported the John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition at Framingham State University since May of 1988 when it was dedicated as a source of education for food service directors, managers, and workers. Since 1988 a variety of workshops have been provided for both educators and food service staff

Under Katie's leadership, Massachusetts has received multiple Direct Certification Performance Awards from USDA for improving direct certification rates. Massachusetts now has almost 95% of their eligible children living in households receiving benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, directly certified for free school meals.

With Katie's help, Massachusetts school districts have also dramatically increased school breakfast participation, which is proven to positively impact students' academic success. For example, Katie spearheaded an initiative to increase statewide breakfast participation by 35% and was instrumental in the recent state regulation change, February 2015, allowing Breakfast in the Classroom to count towards instructional time.

Ahead of the USDA Smart Snacks regulations, Katie also helped lead Massachusetts' implementation of nutrition standards for all foods and drinks sold or provided during the school day.

As you can see from these accomplishments, Katie's tireless efforts have significantly advanced the quality of and access to healthy meals for infants, toddlers, adolescents and seniors across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I salute my constituent Katie Millett, on a job well done.

HONORING GENERAL RAYMOND T.  
ODIERNO

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor General Raymond T. Odierno, the 38th Chief of Staff of the United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. After 39 years of distinguished service, General Odierno will retire from active military duty in September 2015, leaving behind a legacy that will live on for generations to come.

As co-chairs of the House Army Caucus, Representative RUPPERSBERGER and I had the honor of working with General Odierno as he led our Army while the Nation fought two wars and deployed or maintained a presence in more than 150 locations around the world. All the while, General Odierno remained the consummate professional, exemplifying the qualities exhibited by all great, transformational leaders: a strong sense of duty, honor, courage, character, and commitment to this great country.

General Odierno was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1976. He commanded units at every echelon, from platoon to theater. He deployed in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, commanded the 4th Infantry Division during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and served as the Commanding General of Multi-National Corps-Iraq and Multi-National Force-Iraq between 2006 and 2010.

During his tenure in Iraq, General Odierno was the architect of the troop surge that turned the tide of the war; he implemented the transition plan to an Iraqi-civilian run effort; and he oversaw the largest retrograde operation since the Vietnam War. His success in all of these endeavors led to his appointment as the 38th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army in 2011. Since then, General Odierno's leadership and commitment to his Soldiers, the Army, and the Nation ensured that the U.S. Army remained the most highly trained and professional land force the world has ever known.

General Odierno is an American patriot of the highest caliber. He has dedicated his entire life to the security of our Nation, but most importantly, he is a man of character. His tireless commitment to Soldiers and their Families has never wavered. In his wake stands an impeccable organization, full of leaders capable of confronting the complex global challenges we face today.

With profound admiration and deep respect, we pay tribute to him for all he has done for our Nation. We thank General Odierno, his wife, Linda, and his three children, Tony, Katie, and Mike for their dedication and sacrifice. And we wish them all the fullest measure of peace and happiness in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LINDEMAN TRACTOR

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa company, Lindeman Tractor. Lindeman Tractor celebrated 70 years of business in December 2014.

Bob Lindeman's father started selling machinery in Cumberland, Iowa with one employee and two children to help out. That business expanded to Atlantic Iowa and now employs 40 people. They sell a range of products from tractors, planters, and various other equipment. Fundamental to Lindeman Tractor's success has been their dedication to customer service and handling their customers' needs on a day-to-day basis.

I applaud and congratulate Lindeman Tractor for their 70 years in Iowa's Third Congressional District. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Lindeman Tractor and wishing them and their employees nothing but success in the future.

HONORING FRANK FANELLI

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Fanelli, who is retiring after 43 years of outstanding service as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, which I am proud to represent.

Mr. Fanelli was born and raised in Port Chester, New York, and first distinguished himself on the high school gridiron as the last district player to be named an All-American football player. He began to think of a teaching career in high school and started as the junior high school health teacher in the 1970s. After teaching for 23 years, Mr. Fanelli moved into administration, holding positions including Assistant Principal, Director of Grants, and currently Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Fanelli has devoted his professional career in the Port Chester schools to his philosophy of educating the whole child. During his tenure, the Port Chester school district implemented Full Service Community Schools, two of which have received National Blue Ribbons, and developed the JFK Early Learning Center. Under his leadership, the district received grants totaling more than \$50 million that enhanced the educational opportunities for students. In more than four decades of service, his achievements have won many well-deserved awards including Westchester County Health Teacher of the Year, Port Chester Teacher of the Year, and most recently, special recognition from the Port Chester, Rye Brook, and Rye Town Council of Community Services. Mr. Fanelli's leadership and tireless efforts have truly ensured that Port Chester students are prepared to excel in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Fanelli for his 43 years of dedicated service to his community. He truly has improved the lives

of thousands of students and their families as well as inspired hundreds of educators, many whom he has selflessly mentored. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating his exemplary career and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

ACKNOWLEDGING LUCILLE HARRIS

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Lucille Harris, who will be honored by the Manteca Chamber of Commerce with their Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to prominent individuals who diligently enhance the lives of the residents, youth, and businesses in the community.

Lucille Harris was born in Manteca, California to John and Mary Mendoza. Following her graduation from Manteca High School in 1950, she furthered her education by attending Humphreys Business College.

In 1951, Lucille married the late William Robert Harris, and together they laid the foundation of a successful business enterprise. In 1955, Lucille and Bill purchased the Smith Welding Company, and five years later, the business evolved into Tuff Boy Sales Inc., also known as Tuff Boy Leasing and Equipment Sales. This year, the business will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. In addition to Tuff Boy Sales Inc., Lucille and Bill also own W/L Harris Ranches, where Lucille remains an active manager in both companies today.

Community involvement has always been an important part of the Harris family, which is why they are devoted to several different clubs and organizations. Believing that history is vital to the community, Lucille is the trustee of the Manteca Historical Society and a member of the Ripon Historical Society. She puts a high emphasis on reading and writing and has a significant role in both Manteca and Ripon "Friends of the Library" programs. Furthermore, Lucille is an active member of the Manteca, Lathrop, and Ripon, Chambers of Commerce.

Lucille has always believed education to be essential, and has committed herself to several youth programs. The Harris name is renowned for their gracious donations and extensive dedication to fund many educational endeavors. They have been major sponsors of the California State University, Stanislaus "Great Valley Writing Project", St. Anthony's School, Boys and Girls Club, RCAF Ripon Community Athletic Foundation, FFA, 4H programs, as well as supporting the Give Every Child a Chance program.

For many years, Lucille has been a strong supporter of two grass root organizations; Citizens for Judicial Integrity, supporting ADA Legislation Reform, and Neighbor's United, supporting sensible growth and agriculture protection. In addition, she has joined Californians against Lawsuit Abuse, the Civil Justice Association of California, and the National Federation of Independent Business.

Over her lifetime, Lucille has received many awards, one of the most recent being the Women's Connection—Lady of Influence Award in 2012, for leading the way in business, industry, and enterprise. In 2013, Bill