

and leaving their residents without protection from carbon pollution.

Moreover, we are considering this bill before the Clean Power Plan is even finalized. The EPA is in the process of considering input from many states to refine the proposal before putting forward a final rule. This bill would simply delay efforts to reduce air pollution.

Mr. Speaker, just last week the Pope called on all of us to live up to our moral responsibility to act on climate change to protect our communities, our environment, and the most vulnerable among us. We should heed that call, reject this bad bill, and work together to prevent the most damaging impacts of climate change.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF GREATER NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey.

For a whole century, this organization has provided assistance and opportunity to a wide host of thankful recipients in the New York and northern New Jersey area.

Founded on February 13, 1915 in a Brooklyn suburb by two clergymen, the first Goodwill in New York began the task of providing assistance to persons with disabilities and disadvantages so they could achieve a level of self-sufficiency. From this humble start, people requesting assistance earned a living through the collection and sale of donated clothing and other goods. It wasn't long before the success of the Brooklyn Goodwill spread to other communities.

Years later, in 1922, St. Paul's Community House founded its own Goodwill in Jersey City, New Jersey. In 1962 the Goodwill in Brooklyn merged with its Jersey City cousin to form Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey Inc.

The success from that early Brooklyn store is how the organization gained its current name. Goodwill Industries International is composed of 165 agencies in the United States, Canada, and fourteen affiliates abroad. Goodwill's mission is to "empower individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment to gain independence through the power of work," and they certainly have acted on that directive. In 2014 alone, the organization served 95,000 persons in need and connected approximately 8,500 with jobs. Aside from providing job services to persons with disabilities, immigrants, and war veterans, Goodwill also provides free afterschool programs in a bid to assist in the proper education and direction of our nation's young people.

Goodwill has also dedicated their efforts towards assisting those afflicted by two major disasters in recent memory. After the events of 9/11, Goodwill organized an emergency employment initiative to assist those whose families had been effected by the terrible events of that day, offering over 70 programs aimed at retail training and rehabilitation

through 42 Goodwill stores across New York and New Jersey.

In the wake of the destruction of Hurricane Sandy, Goodwill gave back to the community by organizing the distribution of crucially needed donated goods, as well as supporting communities in the afflicted areas by partnering with local businesses. Even today, Goodwill continues to work with state officials in providing donated goods for those still struggling to recover from the storm.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in thanking Goodwill Industries and congratulating them on their 100th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a special Iowa church congregation from Imogene, Iowa. St. Patrick Catholic Church will be celebrating the centennial of their building on July 11, 2015.

Founded first in 1880, the third St. Patrick Catholic Church building was established August 1915. Since that time, and long before, congregations of Iowans have been worshipping at St. Patrick's. Still to this day it remains one of the bedrock institutions of this small Iowa town.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the members of St. Patrick's for their many years of faithful attendance and service to God. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating St. Patrick's and wishing them, their pastor, Reverend Tom Kunnel, Bishop Richard Pates, and the community of Imogene nothing but joy in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 376 I was absent due to travel for personal reasons and in connection with my official duties.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

TRIBUTE TO RON DICKERSON

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Dickerson on his retirement from Nucor Steel Indiana after 27 years with the company.

As a student at Wabash College, I can remember the steel mill being built and the excitement it brought to the community as they

moved closer to production. Like Wabash College, Nucor Steel Indiana calls the Fourth District's Crawfordsville home. Ron has been with Nucor Steel Indiana from the beginning when he was hired as a frontline worker in the hot rolling mill. He worked his way up to the top job, serving as Vice President and General Manager of the mill for the past 13 years.

As a native of Crawfordsville, Ron understands as well as anyone the positive impact the mill has had on the city of 16,000. Nucor Steel Indiana is a major employer, providing high-paying jobs and supporting the work of nonprofit organizations in the community. Nucor's culture emphasizes the importance of its teammates and Ron embodies that culture.

Nucor Steel Indiana has enjoyed great success under Ron's leadership, but he would be the first to tell you that success is the result of the hard work of Nucor's 742 teammates in Crawfordsville. For Ron, nothing is more important than the men and women who work at the mill.

I have known Ron for a number of years, and have always been impressed with his work ethic and desire to succeed. We have a shared love for classic cars, and his 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1 embodies that American desire and work ethic. I have always valued Ron's counsel and appreciate his friendship and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Ron Dickerson for his outstanding career in the steel industry and his commitment to the community of Crawfordsville. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING DR. LINDA HENRIE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Linda Henrie, Superintendent of Mesquite Independent School District, who is retiring after 43 years of service. Dr. Henrie has been an invaluable asset to the students, teachers, and community of Mesquite, and will be sorely missed.

Dr. Henrie leaves behind a legacy of leadership that started in the 1980s when she began shattering glass ceilings. She began her career with Mesquite ISD as a business teacher at Mesquite High School and became president of the Mesquite Education Association. In the fall of 1986, Dr. Henrie became one of the first women to be appointed to a secondary administration position in the district.

Dr. Henrie has served MISD in a variety of positions throughout her long and successful career. She spent 15 years in administrative positions and four years as deputy superintendent prior to assuming the role of superintendent in 2005. In addition to her official job description, she has also been a cheerleader for many athletic events, a patron of countless school plays and shows and an overall supporter to everyone in MISD.

Thanks to her fiscal savvy and wise stewardship of limited resources, the school district was able to succeed and even reach new accomplishments in recent years. She found a way to avoid job cuts and often reminded her hard-working staff—in both word and by example—that they were charged with giving the

taxpayers a good return on investment at MISD.

While overseeing the 46-campus MISD, Dr. Henrie has somehow found time to be involved in other professional groups and organizations. The Texas Association of School Administrators, Mesquite Education Association, Texas Staff Development Council, Texas ASCD, UIL Legislative Council, and the National Federation of State High School Associations and Equity Center have all benefited from Dr. Henrie's wisdom and leadership.

During her tenure, MISD was a recognized district in 2010 and 2011, received the Texas Award for Performance Excellence from Quality Texas, gained membership in the Controller's Gold Leadership Circle, and was a large-district finalist in the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards for three consecutive years. MISD is also one of only 11 public school districts to earn the highest rating of five stars on the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) for three consecutive years.

Dr. Henrie received personal recognition as the recipient of Mesquite Social Services' Women in Service and Enterprise Award, Texas ASCD's Brownlee Leadership Award, the ATPE's 2011 Administrator Educator of the Year honor, and City of Mesquite Pillar of the Community Award.

This year Dr. Henrie will retire. Though her time as an educator has come to an end, the results of her hard work will no doubt continue to be seen for generations to come. While she may be giving up the title of superintendent, I have no doubt her role as one of MISD's biggest fans will continue.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Dr. Linda Henrie for her devotion to education and for helping to shape a brighter future for our community and our country.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness and continue a national conversation about this debilitating disease, which is the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

Worldwide, there are 47 million people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and without a change, these numbers are expected to grow to 76 million by 2030. Not only will this affect individuals and families with an unmeasurable toll of physical and emotional pain, it will also cost our entire economy and health care system billions. Just this year alone, the disease is estimated to cost us \$226 billion.

Even more concerning, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that Alzheimer's disease is not treatable and its progression cannot be slowed down. However, I am encouraged by the important work that researchers are doing at the National Institute of Health regarding this deadly disease. Furthermore, I am glad that my colleagues and I in the House came together in a responsible and bi-partisan manner to not only increase funding to \$31.2 billion for the NIH (\$1.1 billion above fiscal year 2015 and

\$100 million above the President's request); but within that allocation provided \$886 million for the Alzheimer's disease research initiative, a \$300 million increase. I am hopeful that these research dollars will go a long way to treating, and ultimately curing this disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONEY POT VOLUNTEER ACTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of The Honey Pot Volunteer Active Fire Department in Honey Pot, Pennsylvania, which continually works to ensure public safety within my congressional district. Out of seven fire departments in the City of Nanticoke, it is the only independent station supported solely from fundraisers and the State fire grant.

After a devastating fire consumed three houses, a group of Honey Pot residents chartered the department in April of 1965. Under the leadership of the department's first chief, Theodore Zdiarski, the organization raised sufficient funds to purchase a \$32,000 1965 FWD pumper through the sale of rags, metals, and other miscellaneous items; an impressive feat in and of itself.

Throughout the years, the department has responded to calls in neighboring municipalities such as Nanticoke, Wilkes Barre, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Shickshinny, and Dupont; service that has greatly enhanced public safety across Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1992, the company created a junior firefighter program. In doing so, the company not only successfully increased their membership, but also engaged with local youths.

In addition to their stellar record of public service, the company has repeatedly used fundraising efforts as a way to positively influence the community. For example, when the department needed to replace its aged pumper truck in 2000, the members organized a "cabbage roll," a fundraiser where participants compete in rolling heads of cabbage down a hill. The cabbage roll made local headlines across Northeastern Pennsylvania, and such an event is testament to the integral role the company plays in the local community outside of the fire station.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize The Honey Pot Volunteer Active Fire Department as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish to thank the department and its members for their tireless service and unwavering commitment to increasing public safety.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. DUANE M. FORD

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the career of Dr. Duane M. Ford, President

of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. He served as the fifth president of the College for the past four years.

Dr. Ford grew up on a family farm outside of Tonica, Illinois. He spent much of his childhood doing chores and helping out with the farm work. He eventually went on to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy with Highest and University Honors in 1977. After farming with his father and brother for two years, he studied at Iowa State University, where he received an M.S. and a Ph.D. He then served as a Post-Doctorate Fellow in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In 1986, he began his career in teaching and academic leadership at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, where he first discovered his passion for teaching. While at Truman State, he served as Convener of the Agricultural Science Discipline, as Associate Division Head for the Division of Science, received a fellowship in the W.K. Kellogg National Leadership Program (1991–1994), and studied for a sabbatical year at the Center for Biotechnology Policy and Ethics at Texas A&M University (1993–1994). In 1996, Dr. Ford became the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. From 1999–2011 he was Dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he also served as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor before becoming President of Southwest Tech in 2011.

Under President Ford's leadership, Southwest Tech has become a premiere place for high-quality, affordable education and training. Dr. Ford has a strong relationship with businesses in the area, and he has adapted the curriculum to reflect the needs of the nearly 12,000 students per year attending Southwest Tech. Throughout his career, he has stayed true to his Midwest roots. He was a creative thinker and tireless advocate for education. I personally have enjoyed working with Duane, first at UW-Platteville, then as President of Southwest Tech, where his pursuit of quality educational opportunities for his students was inspirational. He will be missed.

Duane and his wife Sheri currently live in Platteville, Wisconsin. They have two adult children, Hollie and Simon, a grandson, Matt, and a cat named Dusty. In his retirement, Duane looks forward to pursuing his hobbies of running, bicycling, baking and disc golf. Dr. Ford will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for Southwest Health Center.

IN HONOR OF HUGO TOTTINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the agricultural and public service career of a great American. Mr. Hugo Tottino is being honored this month by the Grower Shipper Association of Central California with the E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture. Known to many as the "Artichoke King" and to his friends and family at Ocean Mist Farms as