

RECOGNIZING PENNRIDGE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: PATRICIA A. GUTH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Guth being named the Pennridge Citizen of the Year.

Dedicated to education and administration; Dr. Guth began her teaching career in the Central Bucks School District and in 1958 began teaching in the Pennridge School District. Throughout her career with the Pennridge School District, Dr. Guth was the director of Elementary Education as well as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction.

In addition, Dr. Guth was the author and model presenter of Alternative Teaching Strategies for the federal grant awarded to the Pennridge School District.

In 1992 Pennridge School District Board of Directors, rededicated Perkasio Elementary School as Dr. Patricia A. Guth Elementary School. Patricia A. Guth Elementary School is a fitting tribute to Dr. Guth's work and the dedicated faculty and staff who have shaped it over the last five decades.

Dr. Guth is an example of countless individuals who have served their community professionally and continue to contribute their experience, time and service through their retirement years. Dr. Guth, has set the bar for citizenship and service for which others should aspire to.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN OVERTON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Overton of Indianola, Iowa for his 50 years of service in the funeral home industry, as recognized by the 2016 Iowa Funeral Directors Association Convention.

Mr. Overton was licensed as a funeral director and embalmer in 1966. He took over the family business, Overton Funeral Home, in 1983. It is one of the oldest businesses in Indianola, founded by his grandfather, Lewis Overton, in 1928. John's wife, Barbara, also helped the funeral home with bookkeeping, marketing and community outreach programs, as well as serving as treasurer.

Though he retired as President of Overton Funeral Home, he continued to serve as funeral director. Through all of his years in the funeral service, he has been an active member of his community. He is also an ordained elder at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Past President of the Indianola Rotary Club, and a former board member of the Indianola Chamber of Commerce.

I commend John for his half century of service to families during those tough times we all face. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating John Overton for his dedication and years of service.

HONORING THE COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER PETALUMA

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma in Sonoma County, California, on their 45th year of operations. The Training Center, the Coast Guard's largest on the West Coast, plays an essential role in training and developing their workforce and carrying out the mission of the organization.

Originally known as Two Rock Station, the 876-acre property was purchased by the United States Army in 1942 to serve as an electronic intercept station during World War II. During the Vietnam War, it was expanded to include training facilities for Army soldiers. On July 1, 1971, the United States Coast Guard took over ownership of the facility, renaming the site and expanding the property's functionality with new barracks, family housing units, and a water treatment plant.

Today, the Training Center serves as home to more than 650 active duty service members, civilian employees, and military family members. Each year, more than 3,000 students attend basic and advanced career training courses to become cooks, medics, yeomen, information technicians, operations specialists, and more. The Training Center also hosts leadership courses like the Chief Petty Officers Academy, which prepares members of the service's senior enlisted corps for their roles as front-line leaders and mentors.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we congratulate the United States Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma on its 45th year of operations, and thank the Center and its people for its contributions to our nation's safety, security and environmental stewardship.

HONORING IRONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Irondale United Methodist Church on its 150th anniversary.

The church has a rich history in Washington County. Known first as the Irondale Methodist Episcopal Church—South, its first building was constructed in 1866 and dedicated in 1867, free of debt. The first trustees of the church were: John Jamison, Stephen Denton, Garrett Tidwell, Elbridge Thompson, James D. Denton, James S. Evans and James B. Yeargin. It is the oldest church in Irondale.

Irondale Methodist celebrates its 150th with two days of celebration featuring Rev. Jimmie Robinson who grew up across the street from the church.

Known affectionately as the "Old Brick Church," Irondale Methodist currently has only 12 members. Although its numbers have diminished, its mission remains the same: To spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and reach the people of Washington County.

It is my great pleasure to recognize the Irondale United Methodist Church's sesqui-

centennial celebration today before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIM HILL, CAPTAIN, PHOENIX FIRE DEPARTMENT, PAST PRESIDENT, PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF ARIZONA, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, UNITED PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Tim Hill of the Phoenix Fire Department. Tim is retiring today and an incredible thirty one years as a first responder in our community. In addition to serving as a fire fighter, Tim also dedicated his career to serving the greater needs of the fire fighter community and Arizona as a whole.

Tim served as the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona and as the Executive Vice President of the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association. In both roles he provided support to his brothers and sisters in the fire-fighting profession and worked with elected officials and the Arizona Legislature to make policy changes to help every Arizona first responder.

Tim served as President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona when we lost 19 brave young fire fighters from the Granite Mountain Hot Shot team in June of 2013. That was such a tragic loss for our community and our state, and I am so grateful to Tim for the grace, leadership, and compassion he showed in such a difficult time.

Additionally Tim served on the Arizona Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Commission which recently completed the construction and grand opening of the only memorial honoring the 119 fire fighters, paramedics and emergency personnel in Arizona. His work to make the memorial a reality is a testament to his dedication to his fellow fire fighters and emergency personnel and the entire State of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING MR. CARL GOTZMER ON FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my congratulations to Carl Gotzmer of Accokeek, Maryland, in the Fifth District. On June 30, Carl will be receiving his fifty-year pin from the United States Navy in recognition of a half-century of civilian service at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division.

Carl is one of our nation's leading experts on energetics, the field of study concerning the movement of energy in a system. This field has wide application in defense technologies, and Carl has drawn on his deep knowledge of it to design systems that help seamen protect our homeland and carry out missions overseas in support of our interests

and our allies. He has published more than 100 papers and articles in the field and holds dozens of patents. Furthermore, Carl's analysis of the threat from foreign energetic materials has strengthened our intelligence, and it earned him a Letter of Appreciation from the Office of Naval Intelligence in 2014.

Praised for his ability to translate complex energetics concepts into plain English for policymakers, Carl has been an invaluable asset not only to the Navy but also to the other service branches, as well as to the CIA, FBI, and other national security agencies. In 2013, Secretary Ashton Carter presented him with the Distinguished Civilian Service Award—the Defense Department's highest civilian honor. Over the years, Carl has also received three Meritorious Civilian Service Awards in recognition of his having provided the Navy with solutions to difficult, large-scale problems.

Many of Carl's innovations and discoveries in energetics have subsequently been applied in industry and benefitted America's economy. He developed and named High Temperature Thermal Radiation (HTTR) devices and invented a new class of rocket propellants. Carl has also been a pioneer in the development of undersea explosives and reactive materials. Undoubtedly, his work at Indian Head has saved lives and aided our troops in countless missions around the world.

Before coming to Indian Head in 1966, Carl worked for a year at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. He and his wife Kathleen, who also works for the Navy, run a small business in Accokeek that sells their hand-crafted dulcimers to collectors and musicians throughout the country.

On June 30, Carl's family, friends, and colleagues will celebrate his half-century of service at an All-Hands ceremony at the Indian Head Pavilion. Carl has said he intends to continue serving the Navy and our country, with no intention of retiring anytime soon. I congratulate him and wish him continued success in his service to the Navy and to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 38TH ANNUAL BDPA TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize and congratulate the National Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) on its 38th Annual Technology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

BDPA was founded in May 1975 by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly out of concern that minorities were not adequately represented in the IT field. Today, BDPA is comprised of over 2,000 African American IT professionals and has over 40 active chapters nationwide, making it the oldest and largest organization for African American professionals in the information technology field. Since its founding over 40 years ago, BDPA has remained committed to its mission of advancing diverse talent 'from the classroom to the boardroom.'

Each year, BDPA trains over 800 high school students across the nation in computer

programming and web development. The organization has trained more students to write code than any other non-profit in the country since 1986.

The theme for the 2016 BDPA Technology Conference—"BDPA Connect"—is especially fitting, as the conference is a time for professionals, employers, vendors, and all attendees alike to connect with one another in over 50 sessions on digital thought leadership preparedness for diverse students and professionals from across the country.

In addition to the innovative contributions provided by this organization, I am proud that BDPA continues to fulfill its mission to promote inclusion and diversity at all levels within the field by providing career growth opportunities for its members.

Last year, BDPA partnered with the Congressional Black Caucus to adopt an African American inclusion plan that outlines specific, measurable steps that the organization will take to increase the recruitment and retention of African Americans in the IT industry. BDPA fully understands that diversity spurs innovation. Infusing diversity and inclusion into various layers of the field will best reflect the communities it serves.

The steps taken by BDPA to promote and boost the contributions of African American professionals are earnest and effective. I applaud BDPA's decades-long commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the information technology field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the National Black Data Processing Associates for its outstanding achievements and on the occasion of its 38th Annual Technology Conference.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

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 \$19,381,591,140,792.22. We've added \$8,754,714,091,879.14 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING MR. JOHN AUSTIN WERTHING SR.

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and career of Mr. John Austin Werthing Sr. of Jackson, Tennessee. On June 25, 2016, hundreds of family, friends, and former students gathered for the dedication of LaBelle Street as "John Austin Werthing, Sr. Boulevard." I sincerely congratulate Mr. Werthing on this great honor.

Mr. Werthing was born, raised and schooled in Lexington, Tennessee and completed his

education with a Chemistry degree from Lane College. Upon graduation in 1952, Mr. Werthing was drafted into the United States Army where he served two years and is a veteran of the Korean War. While in uniform, he married Sallie Russell of Jackson. The two met in chemistry class years earlier while attending Lane College.

In 1954, Mr. Werthing began teaching in Lexington, Tennessee. Three years later, he moved over to Merry High School and joined the Jackson-Madison School System where he would dedicate the next 40 years of his life to educating students. Throughout his tenure, he touched the lives of thousands of students as a principal of Washington-Douglass, Merry Jr. High, Parkway Jr. High, and Northeast schools.

Mr. Werthing's lifelong love for education continued as he attended several institutes including St. Louis, Tennessee State, Memphis State, and Indiana University where he earned his Master's degree in 1960. Along with education, he participated in numerous community activities including Lane Alumni, Boys and Girls Club, the Airport Authority, NAACP, and was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church for over 60 years.

For his unwavering devotion to education and the children of Jackson-Madison County, Mr. Werthing certainly deserves this appreciation and recognition from his students, friends, and entire community. On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck for all future endeavors to the family and friends of Mr. John Austin Werthing Sr.

TRIBUTE TO REID COBB

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Reid Cobb, a member of the 2016 Iowa Boys 2A State Golf Tournament Championship Team.

Reid, and his teammates at Panorama High School, persevered through a tough season. With steady and consistent play at the state tournament, these students showed the state of Iowa that they were worthy of a state championship two years in a row.

Mr. Speaker, Reid's determination, hard work, commitment and team work is what contributed to the stellar success of his team. His willingness to give it his best effort is what will be valuable later in life and I am honored to represent Reid in the United States Congress. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Reid Cobb and his team for competing and winning this rigorous competition. We all share in wishing him nothing but continued success.

100TH BIRTHDAY OF DOROTHY WILSON

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable 100th birthday