

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

of Dorothy Wilson. Dorothy was born on August 14, 1916 in Tipton, Indiana.

Dorothy is the daughter of Alta and Lou Pursley. She graduated from Summerville High School in Summerville, Missouri and then went on to work at Colling Radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Dorothy spent many cherished years with her loving husband, Bill Wilson.

Dorothy enjoys all of the time she gets to spend with her family. She is a kind and loving person that has brought joy to many lives throughout her years. She is known within her community for her generous heart.

Dorothy has reached a huge milestone in her life by celebrating her 100th birthday. The characteristics that she has displayed thus far in her life have proven to show her as an exceptional person. She has been an extremely beneficial member to our society and with that it is my pleasure to recognize Dorothy before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, due to the severe weather in Washington on June 21, 2016, my flight was delayed and I unexpectedly missed roll call votes 334 and 335.

On roll call vote 334, passage of H.R. 5525, End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phones Act of 2016, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call vote 35, passage of H.R. 5388, Support for Rapid Innovation Act of 2016, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING RETIRED MARINE MASTER SERGEANT RODNEY BUENTELLO

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a San Antonio hero we tragically lost recently. Retired Marine Master Sergeant Rodney Buentello bravely served our nation in both Iraq and Afghanistan and was awarded the Purple Heart twice.

Last month, when he and his family were enjoying a day at Bandera City Park, Buentello unexpectedly had to tap into the courage and selflessness that served him so well overseas. He saw two teenagers in peril, drowning in rushing water by the park's dam. Disregarding his own safety, Master Sergeant Buentello dove in and rescued the teens, saving their lives. Sadly, he was pulled under the water himself and drowned before rescuers could reach him.

Master Sergeant Buentello lost his life a hero, sacrificing to help those in need. He is emblematic of the best our military has to offer. I offer my deepest sympathies to his wife, their three sons, and all of his loved ones in this time of grief. I also want to extend my prayers and condolences to the John Jay High School community, where Master Sergeant Buentello most recently served as a teacher's aide. His city and nation will forever be grateful for his life and his service.

HONORING L'DINA ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. L'Dina Robinson, the Daughter Ruler and State President of the Grace Jones Temple of Daughter Elkton's. Ms. Robinson has held this position since 1957. Ms. Robinson has been a daughter member of the L. K. Atwood Elk's Lodge Number 518 located on Lynch Street since 1952 some 59 years.

Ms. Robinson is a product of the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended and graduated from Gilbert Academy High School. She also attended and graduated from Dillard University located in Louisiana. Ms. Robinson's work histories include: Office manager for the Historical Edward Lee Hotel of West Church Street and Instructor at Campbell College located on Lynch Street. Ms. Robinson worked many years for the United States Veterans Administration Regional Office. She was first employed as a clerk and she retired as a senior executive several years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. L'Dina Robinson for her dedication to serving.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROFESSOR CARA DRINAN TO H.R. 5124

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the contributions of Professor Cara Drinan in the development of H.R. 5124, the Equal Justice Under Law Act of 2016. It was her law review article, The National Right to Counsel Act: A Congressional Solution to the Nation's Indigent Defense Crisis, that initially proposed introducing a cause of action for Sixth Amendment violations prior to conviction. Her efforts were instrumental to the introduction of the bill, and her guidance was invaluable to its development.

TRIBUTE TO LEONA KESTER AND LEO (BILL) STALDER

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 sister and brother, Leona Kester and Leo (Bill) Stalder, on the occasion of their 97th birthday which was celebrated June 2, 2016.

Our world has changed greatly during the course of Leona's and Bill's lives. Since their 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 wit-

nessed the birth of new democracies. They have lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In their lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Leona Kester and Leo (Bill) Stalder in the United States Congress. It is my sincere pleasure to wish them a very happy 97th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating them on reaching this incredible milestone together, wishing them even more health and happiness in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MARY HEINEY ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

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 of Mary Heiney. Mary was born to George and Lola Newby on June 19, 1916 in Hartshorn, Missouri.

Mary has lived in the Hartshorn and Summersville areas all her life, before moving to Mountain View Healthcare. She attended and graduated from Black Valley School. Mary married Arthur Heiney with whom she shares four children, Harold, Joe, Doyle, and Kathy. Mary has a total of 20 sweet grandchildren who she loves to spend time with. An active member of the Valley Center Church, faith is of utmost importance to Mary.

Mary has achieved a great milestone in her life by celebrating her 100th birthday. She is a woman of character and is greatly beloved to all who know her. She has displayed exceptional leadership and has contributed greatly to our society throughout her many years. For all of these reasons, it is my pleasure to recognize Mary before the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER ON ITS 80TH JUBILEE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tri-City Jewish Center in Rock Island, Illinois, on their 80th Jubilee.

Jews first came to Illinois' Quad-Cities in the 1850s, contributing greatly to the growth of our region. The Tri-City Jewish Center opened its doors in 1936, and is now the central location for Jewish life in the Quad-Cities area. Since then, they have been a warm and welcoming place for the Jewish community to celebrate, worship, and learn.

Members of the Tri-City Jewish Center pride themselves on providing a first-rate Jewish education to their young children, allowing them to appreciate their history and their heritage. They pride themselves on a strong community that comes together to support members in times of joy and in times of need. And they pride themselves on their service to the