

Civil War General James L. Alcorn, Military Governor of South Korea (preceding the Korean War) John R. Hodge, and American Civil War General Green B. Raum.

Pope County is also home to the Shawnee National Forest, which covers one third of the county, and provides residents and tourists with lakes, creeks, caves, rock formations, valleys, and wooded hills that are excellent for hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, and to just get away.

Pope County hosts many yearly events, including the 9-day Trail Ride, the River-to-River Relay, and the Deer Festival.

The residents of Pope County began celebrating their county's bicentennial on January 10, 2016, and will hold a multitude of festivities throughout the rest of the year.

I congratulate the residents of Pope County on the 200th anniversary of the county's founding, and I extend my best wishes for many more.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. BETTY REID SOSKIN

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Betty Reid Soskin, a constituent, friend, and influential figure in my congressional district in Contra Costa County, California.

For my colleagues who may not know Betty, she is a fabled Park Ranger with the National Park Service at the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historic Park. She also enjoys the unique distinction of our nation's oldest Park Ranger at age 94.

Betty has a tremendous life story. Born in Detroit, Betty and her family lived in New Orleans before relocating to Oakland, California in 1927. She worked as a file clerk for the Boilermakers Union A-36 during World War II, a Jim Crow all-African American union auxiliary. In the 1950s, she moved with her family to Walnut Creek where she fought against discrimination in her new mostly-white neighborhood, became active in her local church, and became a well-known songwriter during the civil rights movement during the 1960s.

In 1995, Betty was named a "Woman of the Year" by the California State Legislature and was named one of the nation's ten outstanding women in 2006 by the National Women's History Project.

As a field representative for members of the California legislature, Betty was active in the development of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historic Park to acknowledge the role of black neighborhoods surrounding the Richmond, California site, which had been bulldozed after the war. She now serves the park as a Ranger. In 2015, the White House recognized Betty with a Presidential Coin after she introduced President Obama at the National Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the White House.

Last week, Betty was brutally assaulted and robbed when an unknown assailant broke into her home. True to form, Betty fought off her assailant, but during the encounter the thief managed to steal various personal items—among them, a special commemorative coin

given to her by President Obama when she helped light the national Christmas tree last winter.

Thanks to her strong spirit and perseverance, Betty is recovering quickly. Our office has been in touch with the White House to ensure Betty receives a new commemorative coin from the President to replace the one that was stolen.

We are thankful that Betty was not more seriously injured, and we look forward to welcoming her back to full health. Her spirit and drive are an inspiration to Californians everywhere.

#### HONORING LAKE FOREST POLICE CHIEF JAMES HELD

#### HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Lake Forest Police Chief James Held.

Chief Held's career is a testament to his hard work. He rose through the ranks from being a student at the College of Lake County and a security guard in 1984 to being police chief thirty-two years. His creation of the Bike Rodeo and the twenty-year-old Citizen's Police Academy programs helped increase community outreach and education on behalf of local police forces.

Chief Held leaves behind a legacy of outstanding leadership at the Lake Forest Police Department, where he connected with his fellow officers and innovatively engaged with the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to express my gratitude to Police Chief James Held for his thirty-one years of laudable service.

#### CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE VISITOR CENTER TO SENATOR DIXON

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of the Scott Air Force Base Visitor Control Center, which will be renamed in honor of Senator Alan J. Dixon.

Senator Dixon dedicated his life to public service, fighting for our country in the United States Navy during World War II before representing Illinois in the United States Senate for 12 years, from 1981 to 1993. The Scott Air Force Base will honor Senator Dixon's commitment to our country and his tireless work on behalf of Illinois families—and given his lifetime of service, I cannot think of a more appropriate celebration of Senator Dixon's life. I was able to witness his dedication to Illinois first hand when my father worked for Senator Dixon as his Chief of Staff. As my father would often say, "he was a senator from Illinois, for Illinois."

As chairman of the subcommittee that authorized spending on armed services, Senator Dixon was known for reaching across the

aisle. His support for Illinois ensured that the Scott Air Force Base became one of the largest employers in the state, which now employs approximately 13,000 people and its airfield serves both military and civilian planes.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to commend the Scott Air Force Base for honoring Senator Dixon for his lifetime of service to our country and the State of Illinois.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE VOINOVICH

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a fellow public servant from Ohio, George Voinovich, who passed away Sunday, June 12th.

George was a pillar of the Republican Party, though he occasionally opposed the establishment in the name of good governance. His intellect was unsurpassed, helping him to become a two-term Governor of Ohio, and later to win a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Among his numerous achievements, George was proudest of passing the global anti-Semitism bill, efforts to expand NATO, and a bill to protect intellectual property. These accomplishments are a testament to his character, one which helped restore the city of Cleveland in the late 1970s.

In addition to political accomplishments, George prided himself on his frugality, in both his public life and private life. Throughout his governorship, his mantra was "working harder and smarter, doing more with less." Occasionally this mantra put George in juxtaposition with his party, such as when he pushed a tax increase that would help stabilize the state's finances.

Born in Cleveland on July 15, 1936, George Victor Voinovich was the son of Eastern European immigrants. His culture would strongly shape the man he became, endearing him to the ethnic communities that thrived in the Cleveland area.

Sadly, tragedy would also shape his life in later years, after the death of his youngest daughter, Molly, when she was 9 years old. George readily acknowledged this incident as one that elicited a greater depth of feeling and understanding, all of which he reflected back on his work in public service.

George passed away suddenly on Sunday, in the company of his wife, Janet. He had just made a public appearance the Friday before at the 25th Slovenian Independence Day event at Cleveland City Hall, and was a delegate to the upcoming Republican National Convention.

George is survived by his loving wife and three children. We offer them our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of our dear friend and colleague, George, who will be remembered with affection and gratitude for his probing intellect, kind heart, and utter dedication to our wonderful state of Ohio.

## TRIBUTE TO AARON KLING

**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 Aaron Kling, a member of the 2016 Iowa Boys 2A State Golf Tournament Championship Team.

Aaron, 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, Aaron'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 Aaron in the United States Congress. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Aaron Kling and his team for competing and winning this rigorous competition. We all share in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEESBURG COMPOSITE SQUADRON  
AND THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) which is celebrating its 75th year of service to this country as an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The Civil Air Patrol helps bring together citizens with a passion for aviation to volunteer in defense of our great nation. Furthermore, in light of the approaching appointment of its new squadron commander, I would like to specifically acknowledge the Leesburg Composite Squadron, of Leesburg, Virginia, for its exemplary service as part of the CAP, not only through its performance of duties such as search and rescue and disaster relief, but also through promoting community service, leadership, and health in our youth.

The Civil Air Patrol has a rich history beginning in the wake of the attacks on Pearl Harbor where over 150,000 brave citizens offered themselves towards answering the nation's call to arms. These volunteers provided essential assistance to the U.S. War Department, logging over 500,000 hours of flight time during the Second World War alone. Their service helped rescue hundreds of crash victims and sink several enemy submarines.

The Leesburg Composite Squadron of the CAP traces its roots back to 1973, under the vision of Captain Dorothy Tuller, and has continued to uphold the values and reputation set by the original CAP volunteers. They have displayed integrity, professionalism, and excellence in the performance of their duties and this is reflected by the institution's growth from under 40 volunteers to its present day size of over 100 cadets and 68 senior staff. They are more than worthy of their motto 'Citizens Serving Communities'.

Mr. Speaker, these fine men and women embody the greatest strengths of our nation through their service and sacrifice and make me proud to call myself an American. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Civil Air Patrol and the Leesburg Composite Squadron for all their achievements, and wishing its new commander good luck in all their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF STERLING  
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S  
50TH YEAR OF SERVICE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company, which is celebrating its 50th year of service to the good citizens of the Sterling community this year. I would like to personally commend the courageous men and women who so selflessly volunteer themselves and put themselves in danger on behalf of neighbors, friends, and strangers, without asking anything in return. These brave citizens embody the very best of this nation's values through their service to our community and their exemplary performance in the line of duty.

The Sterling Volunteer Fire Company has grown exponentially since its inception in 1966, which at the time was little more than an old barn on Holly Avenue housing a single tanker and two used pumpers. Within a short two years, this small institution had flourished, now settled into two larger locations: Station 11, which it shares with the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, as well as Station 18, also known as SVRS 25. Even more recently, the company expanded into Station 24 in 2013. This is a clear testament to the outstanding work which is conducted by these everyday heroes and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Sterling Volunteers. I wish them good luck and hope that they remain safe in the fulfillment of their future duties.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, I was unable to vote due to a cancelled flight. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On roll call no. 334, Yea.

On roll call no. 335, Yea.

On roll call no. 336, Yea.

IN RECOGNITION OF GUILFORD  
ELEMENTARY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Guilford Elementary School of Sterling, Virginia, on their 50th anniversary. This is an important milestone for this wonderful school in my District. Guilford Elementary School celebrated this anniversary in Loudoun County earlier this month on June 9th and it is my pleasure to briefly highlight the impact this school has had on my constituents.

Guilford Elementary School has a terrific history of success since first opening their doors in 1966. With the creation of Dulles Airport, this once rural space of Northern Virginia has developed into one of the most diverse and rapidly growing communities in the nation. Boasting one of the premier English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in the region, Guilford Elementary produces some of the highest test scores in the county. Equipped with top tier teachers and staff, this school has produced countless student success stories.

Coming from a family of educators, I understand how important a strong education is to the future of our nation. It is schools like Guilford Elementary that will continue to help shape the United States' role in the increasingly global economy, while also producing many of our nation's future leaders. Over the years, the faculty has shown an impressive dedication not only to its students, but to the Loudoun community as a whole. The success of this school is a tremendous accomplishment that should make past and present faculty proud.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Guilford Elementary School for their half-century of serving children and their families. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 because my flight from Oregon was delayed because of inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have supported passage of H.R. 5389, Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act, and H.R. 5388, Support for Rapid Innovation Act, and I would have opposed H.R. 5525, End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phones Act.

The Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act and the Support for Rapid Innovation Act are commonsense bills that will make it easier for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to identify threats to cybersecurity and develop strategies to partner with industry to combat these cyber threats. Cybercrime is—and will continue to be—a serious threat to families, the United States economy, and our national security. I am proud to support two bills that will provide more tools for DHS to use when combating cybercrime.