

for his dedication to completing a second master's degree and to commend him for his outstanding service to his community and our country, before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATALIE PRICE

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Natalie Price of Granville High School for winning the Girls 400 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Natalie's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Granville High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Natalie Price on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIGOZIE CHRISTIANA UDEMEZUE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Attorney Chigozie "Gozie" Christiana Udemezue on her remarkable efforts on behalf of widows and children in Africa and around the world.

Gozie was born in Enugu, Nigeria in 1971. Early in her academic career she showed incredible aptitude towards educational pursuits, placing highly in her classes and demonstrating the scholarship to continue her education. Gozie pursued Law at Enugu State University of Science and Technology. A childhood dream of Gozie's was to become a lawyer, because she wanted to be in a position to help others. This was a dream that she eventually fulfilled. She had the opportunity to pursue a Master of Laws Degree at the University of London in International Human Rights Law, and continues her pursuit of knowledge still today.

When she was eight years old, Gozie lost her mother and she was left in the care of an older relative. This developed her understanding of how difficult life could be when families are pulled apart by death, conflict, or

other reasons. In 1994, Gozie was married to Chief Emeka Udemezue and they lived happily together for many years, they had three children together. Unfortunately, Chief Udemezue passed away before their third child was born, leaving Gozie to raise her children on her own.

In many parts of Africa, local, state, and national laws dictate that when a husband passes away, the property and holdings of that man pass to his brothers and not to his wife and family. Often in these situations the wife and children are left with nothing, forced to fend for themselves with no resources or protections. Seeing this injustice, Gozie and Chief Udemezue established a fund to take care of these widows and their children. Three years later, her husband passed away, and Gozie experienced and fought this injustice first hand.

The Udemezue's established the Healing Hearts Widows Support Foundation (HHWSF). The HHWSF has provided support to over five thousand widows throughout Nigeria, providing medical support, food, loans, education, and legal financial support to widows who are fighting to maintain the lives that they led. In 2014, Gozie established the "Adopt-a-Widow" program, utilizing social media to solicit funds worldwide to help support these efforts. The HHWSF has fought to change the constitution in Nigeria, and works with local leaders to fix the laws and application of the laws in local communities. Gozie continues to act as a powerful presence in the media, reaching out to, and educating widows across Nigeria about their rights and the support that is available to them. It is important to recognize that this work is not without danger, in many areas, Gozie's work is met with the threat of violence and intimidation, for her attempts to change the status quo. Despite those dangers, she marches on, fighting this injustice whenever, and wherever she can. Gozie Udemezue is an incredible woman and deserves our gratitude and appreciation for her trailblazing work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Chigozie Christiana Udemezue for her contributions to humanity. I thank her for her leadership and commitment, and wish her many years of success and happiness.

HONORING THE 1,050TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLAND'S CHRISTIANITY AND FOUNDING

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1,050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity and founding as a nation.

I want to recognize the group of Polish organizations and leaders, which include the Polish American Congress, who are a cornerstone of our community in the Tenth District of Illinois. These groups organized a celebration of this Anniversary, which along with other celebrations, will bring communities together to commemorate this important time in Poland's history.

I wish the Polish-American community all the best at their celebration, and I look forward to continuing to work with our Polish American community to amplify their voice in the United States Congress.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 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 \$19,316,931,693,227.11. We've added \$8,690,054,644,314.03 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349 and "yea" on roll call vote 350.

CONGRATULATING MR. BRUCE CHARENDOFF ON BEING APPOINTED TO THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Bruce Charendoff, the Chief Public Policy Officer for Sabre, on his 2-year appointment to the Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

Sabre is a cutting edge technology company that transforms travel and is headquartered in Southlake, Texas. Sabre employs over 10,000 people worldwide and over 2,500 are in my district. The Travel and Tourism Advisory Board ("TTAB") was first chartered in 2003 and serves as the advisory body to the Secretary of Commerce. The TTAB focuses on the travel and tourism industry in the United States. The 32-member board is responsible for tackling important issues including travel promotion, sustainable tourism, visa policy and data and research by providing important guidance and strategies that facilitate collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Mr. Charendoff is uniquely qualified to fulfill the duties of the TTAB because he has been part of the travel and tourism ecosystem for over 25 years. Besides being a board member for the TTAB he is the Chairman of the Travel Technology Association, Executive Committee and Board member of the U.S. Travel Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the European Travel and Technology Services Association and on the Corporate Advisory Council of the American Society of Travel Agents. As the Chief Public Policy Officer at Sabre he has been instrumental and a proven

leader in advocating on issues that directly impact the company and the travel and tourism industry.

On behalf of the citizens of the 24th District of Texas, I want to thank Mr. Bruce Charendoff for his service and dedication to maintaining a strong and vibrant travel and tourism industry. As we all know, travel is vitally important to our nation's and Texas's economic growth so it is good to know we have a strong advocate looking out for our interests. Again, congratulations to Mr. Charendoff on his appointment to the TTAB.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICAELA  
DEGENERO

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Micaela DeGenero of Granville High School for winning the Girls 1600 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Micaela's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Granville High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Micaela DeGenero on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON S. 2845

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters with the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary regarding S. 2845, the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
Washington, DC, June 29, 2016.

Hon. ED ROYCE,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROYCE: I am writing with respect to S. 2845, the "Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016," which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. As a result of your having consulted with us on provi-

sions in S. 2845 that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, I agree to discharge our committee from further consideration of this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of S. 2845 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation and that our committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and asks that you support any such request.

I would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to S. 2845, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration of S. 2845.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, DC, June 29, 2016.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,  
Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Foreign Affairs on S. 2845, the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016, and for agreeing to be discharged from further consideration of that bill.

I agree that your forgoing further action on this measure does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, or prejudice its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future. I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation.

I will seek to place our letters on S. 2845 into the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with your Committee as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
Chairman.

RECOGNIZING THE BEMIS COMPANY'S WEST HAZLETON PLANT  
UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the employees of the Bemis Company's West Hazleton plant, who, for 50 years, have supplied innovative packing materials that are used to safely transport food. The West Hazleton plant has played an important role in my district over the last five decades, employing over 400 people in the greater Hazleton area. They are an active sponsor of community events and exemplify the strong partnership that can exist between private employers and a local region.

The Hazleton plant has operated under several names throughout the years, becoming Bemis in 1993. The company prides itself on promoting a family-friendly environment, and for several families this has been a multi-generational employer. When you go to the grocery store or bakery, you're seeing the work of Hazleton employees—they make the bags for bread, rolls, buns, and bagels for thousands of products. Their Hazleton employees produce approximately 2.5 billion bread bags annually and use their expertise in polymer chemistry to supply the global food supply chain with reliable packaging.

I am also honored to recognize Mrs. Emily Logan upon the occasion of her 50th anniversary with Bemis. Such a milestone is increasingly rare in today's society, and this milestone speaks both to the talent of the employee and the work environment of the employer. Bemis also understands the importance of engaging with the broader community to create lasting bonds. The company is a member of the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, participates in local food drives, supports Relay For Life, and participates in career fairs at Hazleton High School. These community initiatives have created lasting partnerships and continue to provide opportunities for my constituents and all residents in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Bemis Hazleton upon 50 years of operation in my district and hometown. Bemis Hazleton has enjoyed continued success because of their unwavering commitment to their employees and the community in which they operate. This productive manufacturing facility continues to bring prosperity and employment opportunities to my constituents, and I look forward to the facility's continued success and innovation in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES  
RUTAN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Charles A. "Chuck" Rutan on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Rutan currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Airlines Federal Credit Union, located in Dallas, Texas. He has 40 years of experience in the financial services industry, serving as a credit union CEO for over 25 years, including the last 8 years at Southwest. Mr. Rutan is a passionate leader in the credit union community, having served in numerous volunteer positions. This includes 14 years on the Illinois Credit Union League Board, where he chaired numerous committees and served as Board Chairman in 2000–2001.

Mr. Rutan currently serves on NAFCU's Legislative Committee and attends several NAFCU events every year, including the annual NAFCU Congressional Caucus. He has a deep understanding of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions across the country. I am confident that his expertise and years of experience will benefit the NAFCU Board and local credit unions for years to come.