

Oilers of the North Harris County, Texas Pee Wee Football League. The LCF Oilers' head coach, Darrell Eldridge promotes discipline and commitment from his team. He continually works with his team to encourage good sportsmanship and fair play, instilling in these young boys and girls the value of athletics and achievement. The LCF Oilers dedication to advocating for individual excellence in sports, fine arts and other community-initiated programs helps challenge the community's future generations to learn the value of productivity and teamwork.

A mother of a pee wee Oiler from my district in Texas wrote to me and said, "it seems our children aren't a priority until they are a problem.". I strongly support community involvement in positive youth programs like the LCF. Oilers contribute to these kids' lives more than a few trophies. The goal of the LCF Oilers is to physically and mentally promote the betterment of these kids through physical competition—and it does exactly that.

The coaches, referees, and parents who offer these pee wee Oilers such an excellent opportunity in their young lives are to be commended for their dedication and support of the youth of our community.

#### HONORING CORAL SPRINGS CADET SQUADRON OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron of the noble Civil Air Patrol, who was recently honored by the Coral Springs City Commission in commemoration of their 30th anniversary of invaluable service to the Coral Springs community.

For decades, the Civil Air Patrol has performed the overwhelming majority of domestic search and rescue missions as an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The nonprofit organization is accredited for saving over seventy lives per year. These unpaid professionals claim a proud legacy of selfless sacrifice and service to their country and community that spans over decades. The debt we owe to these brave individuals is immeasurable, and we must always remember their service.

The Coral Springs Cadet Squadron has been serving the South Florida communities of Coral Springs, Parkland, Coconut Creek, Tamarac, and Margate for 30 years. Their ready willingness to present colors and render honors at ceremonies makes them an irreplaceable asset to these cities. Furthermore, their cadet programs inspire youth to become leaders and exemplary citizens.

I am proud to honor the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I join the Coral Springs Commission in congratulating them on three decades of exemplary service and leadership.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE  
JOSEPH A. PALAIA

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate the life of former New Jersey State Senator Joseph Palaia, who passed away on August 20, 2016 after a life filled with numerous professional and personal accomplishments.

Senator Palaia was a dedicated public servant. An Ocean Township resident, Senator Palaia began his political career as a township councilman and mayor, first elected to the council in 1967. After 12 years of service to the Ocean Township community, Senator Palaia moved on to serve as a Freeholder in Monmouth County. In 1982 and 1989 he was elected to the New Jersey State Assembly and Senate, respectively, representing residents of Monmouth County on the state level. An advocate for gun control and improved health and educational services for children with disabilities, Senator Palaia was a prominent member of the legislative body until his retirement in 2008.

A graduate of Rider University (then Rider College), Senator Palaia worked as a teacher and principal of the Wanamassa Elementary School in Ocean Township for 33 years prior to his government service. His passion for education and his commitment to the community and public service have been widely recognized through elections to the Rider College Hall of Fame, the Neptune High School Hall of Fame and the dedication of an Ocean Township park in his name.

Senator Palaia is remembered by his loving family, including his daughter, daughter-in-law, grandsons, sister and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Senator Palaia for his leadership and dedication to his community and state.

#### ASHLYN DARNELL

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Ashlyn Darnell for completing Basic Combat Training for the United States Army. Ashlyn is a Goreville, Illinois native who just turned 18 early in August, and she will be returning to Goreville to finish her senior year of high school before reporting for Advanced Individual Training.

Ashlyn was able to attend basic training thanks to the Split Training Option program, which allows high school students to complete basic training during the summer between their junior and senior years. After completing her Advanced Individual Training, Ashlyn plans to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and will enter the ROTC program as she pursues a degree in nursing. Once she graduates, Ashlyn plans to enlist in active duty for the U.S. Army.

Ashlyn's sense of duty and service guided her to pursue a future in the U.S. Army. De-

spite her successful career as a two-sport high school athlete and the opportunity to play basketball for a university program, Ashlyn still seeks a career as a member of the U.S. military. She cites her desire to work for the freedoms of our country as a core factor in her decision. Ashlyn is so driven to join the military despite her youth that she even had her parents sign the consent forms that allowed her to enlist in the reserves.

I offer my congratulations to Ashlyn Darnell for her completion of Basic Combat Training, and I wish her the best of luck as she pursues a career of service with the U.S. Army.

#### HONORING SUSIE WILSON OF PENNSYLVANIA

### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Susie Wilson, on her retirement upon more than 10 years of service with the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED).

During her tenure at PAMED, Ms. Wilson served as executive director to several specialty and county medical societies, including the Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists. Ms. Wilson also has served with the American College of Veterinary Radiology, Pennsylvania Ambulatory Surgery Association, Pennsylvania Neurosurgical Society and other medical groups.

Prior to her tenure at PAMED, Ms. Wilson served with the Pennsylvania State Foster Parent Association and assisted students with learning disorders and emotional disabilities. After her retirement from PAMED, she'll resume her work with children.

Ms. Wilson's tireless dedication and professionalism touched the lives of countless people. She's left a true legacy of selfless service.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend, congratulate and thank Susie Wilson upon her retirement after more than 10 years of service to Pennsylvania and her community.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DAVID WILLIAM REANEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel David "Dave" William Reaney upon his retirement as Executive Director of Feeding the Gulf Coast.

Dave was born in Iowa and grew up in California before enlisting in the Army as an intelligence analyst in 1969. After serving in Germany, he commissioned through the Officer Candidate program at Fort Benning in 1974.

He spent the next 26 years as a Military Intelligence Officer at 12 different locations throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. He served as Chief of the Electronic Intelligence Watch, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany supporting operations following the bombing of the Beirut Marine Barracks, as well as the 1986 U.S. attack on

Libya. After being promoted to Colonel in 1996, he was assigned to the National Security Agency as Deputy Chief of the Office of Global Response.

After 30 years of active service, Col. Reaney retired in February 2000. Just a few months later, in April, he was appointed Executive Director of Feeding the Gulf Coast. Formerly known as the Bay Area Food Bank, Feeding the Gulf Coast is responsible for serving a 24-county area including south Alabama, south Mississippi, and the Florida panhandle. The organization operates multiple nutrition programs and distributed over 20 million pounds of food in 2015.

Under his leadership, Feeding the Gulf Coast reached new heights and achieved major milestones. The organization moved into a new facility, increased distribution from 4 to over 21 million pounds of food annually, acquired nine refrigerated delivery vehicles, developed afterschool snack and summer lunch programs for children at over 215 locations, and constructed a new branch warehouse in Milton, Florida. Col. Reaney also oversaw the organization's disaster response to Hurricane Ivan, Hurricane Katrina, and the Gulf Coast oil spill.

Col. Reaney has a long list of personal achievements throughout his years of military and humanitarian service. He is a 1999 inductee into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia and a 2001 inductee into the University of South Alabama ROTC Department Hall of Fame. His fifteen military service awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He has also served on the board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as past president of both the Alabama Food Bank Association and the Florida Association of Food Banks. Additionally, he played a critical part in the establishment of Alabama Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey's "End Child Hunger" task force.

So on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I wish Colonel Dave Reaney and his wife, Monika, all the best upon his retirement. And, on behalf of a grateful nation, I share our appreciation and gratitude for his years of service and sacrifice.

#### THE PASSING OF LUKE TATSU JOHNSON

#### HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, the unique middle name Tatsu proved to be a fitting moniker for Luke Tatsu Johnson. The tatsu, or dragon, is a centuries old mythical creature of great wonder, bravery, and strength. Throughout his extraordinary life, Luke consistently demonstrated his own special type of courage, power, and excellence. As a loving son and older brother, loyal friend, accomplished student and athlete, all-around young man of solid character, and ultimately, brave cancer patient, Luke filled his life with meaning and grace.

Luke was always an active kid—he loved being outdoors doing just about anything with family and friends. Over time, the video game

consoles gathered dust while Luke played organized baseball, flag football, soccer, and golf, participated in Junior Lifeguards and the Stud Ironman, engaged in backyard competitions with his brother Spencer, went skiing, boogie boarding, and bike riding, and enjoyed the big, small town atmosphere of Alamitos Heights and Long Beach. Some of Luke's passions occasionally kept him indoors—mom's cooking, sushi, and sports TV, especially if his beloved Angels or Chargers were playing.

Luke held himself to high standards and achieved success in his many endeavors. He was a straight A student since grade school, including his freshman and sophomore years in high school studies—which he completed while enduring often difficult chemotherapy regimens. During his two periods of remission, Luke worked tirelessly on his golf game. He enjoyed long hours at the driving range and on the course alongside his father and brother. In April of 2015, while still regaining strength after his initial treatment, Luke made a hole-in-one on a family outing in Northern California. In the greenside photo commemorating that moment, Luke stands ball in hand, bathed in sunlight, shining his familiar winning smile.

Luke faced his illness with the same determination and strength of character with which he pursued all of his challenges. Through months of hospital stays, difficult treatments, and intermittent setbacks, Luke continued to push ahead and never lost touch with his true nature and he remained the great kid—full of good cheer, quick to smile, concerned about others, close to his parents and Spencer—that he had always been.

Luke's story inspired a broad array of supporters—Team Luke—which included friends, teammates, and relatives as well as celebrities and PGA stars. It is in and through this team that loved him that Luke's unique spirit will continue to soar, like a tatsu, as a source of courage and grace.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS

#### HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on sixty-nine years of dedicated service, and proclaim October 2016 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals are to institute high standards of education, recognize outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and promote educational and charitable projects, enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of more than 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth, and collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession, and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of America's workforce and are constantly striving to serve their communities and America in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last two years alone, members of Alpha Delta Kappa have altruistically given to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$12 million and volunteering more than two million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa members biennially award more than a quarter million dollars through eleven scholarship programs and have contributed more than \$1 million to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well as they continue to educate our children.

#### RECOGNIZING KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT RESORT UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg upon the occasion of their 90th anniversary. Since 1926, this multigenerational, family-owned and operated business has been America's largest free-admission park, and continues today as a world-renowned attraction that has stayed true to its family-focused roots for nearly a century.

Originally known as "Peggy's Farm," the land that is now Knoebels was passed down from owner to owner until 1828 when Reverend Henry Hartman Knoebel purchased the property for \$931. Reverend Knoebel's grandson, Henry, who was commonly known as "Ole Hen," began selling soft drinks and ice cream to the families that would come for picnics on the property. In 1926, Ole Hen added a restaurant, carousel, games, and a pool to officially mark the beginning of Knoebels Amusement Park. Various rides and amusements were added to the park throughout the years to bring the current total to 63, including six roller coasters, two water rides, two miniature railways, a golf course, and several restaurants.

I've enjoyed family outings to the park, just like thousands of my constituents and visitors from around the world, and can attest firsthand to the welcoming atmosphere and family-friendly style that has made Knoebels one of America's best amusement parks. With a commitment to the family's overall vision, it is no wonder that Amusement Today and organizations such as American Coaster Enthusiasts and the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions have recognized the park with various awards throughout the years. In 2014, the Travel Channel named Knoebels as one of their Top 10 Family Friendly Amusement Parks in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg upon the occasion of their 90th anniversary. "Make