

schools were damaged, and as the water has continued to recede, the extent of devastation is still being realized. It was most definitely a flood of historic proportions.

Louisiana is known for its *joie de vivre*: we work together, we play, fish and hunt together, and this event showed just how strong that community spirit shines throughout our state. We came together to volunteer at shelters, dispatch our own "Cajun Navy" in rescue efforts, lend hands to gut flood-stained homes, and donate millions of dollars to post storm relief efforts.

It has been said before, and remains true, Louisianans are resilient. We have persevered before and we will again.

Unfortunately, this tragic event resulted in the death of 13 individuals—two deaths in Livingston Parish, two in St. Helena, five in East Baton Rouge, three in Tangipahoa and one in Rapides Parish.

As our community begins to recover from this devastation, I simply ask my colleagues to stand with me, my colleagues from our Louisiana delegation, and with the State of Louisiana for a moment of silence in remembrance of those we lost.

JESSICA NOFFSINGER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Noffsinger, teacher at the STEM Magnet Lab School in Northglenn, CO, for her 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. Jessica has been an active teacher at the STEM Magnet Lab School and has played an integral role in ensuring her students are prepared with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are vital to their future success.

Jessica's dedication to teaching and commitment to her students serves as a role model for other teachers and is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessica Noffsinger for her PAEMST Award and for representing the great State of Colorado on a national level. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOUDOUN COUNTY DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Loudoun County Division of Procurement (LCDP) which has received the

Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute.

The Loudoun County Division of Procurement has worked tirelessly to achieve this award consecutively for the past 18 years. Loudoun County is one of only nine government agencies in Virginia and one of only 48 counties in the United States and Canada to receive this important award. By skillfully acquiring all goods and services, including professional services and construction for Loudoun County Government operations, the LCDP has continued to exude excellence. This has helped many businesses throughout Loudoun to receive the tools they need to advance and prosper.

This accolade exemplifies the great levels of service which the division provides to its citizens. The LCDP has succeeded in its mission to provide resources and strengthen the economic stability of the Loudoun County area and has successfully created an environment which conveys expertise and excellence. I am certain that it has the resources and the backing to continue this trend and live up to its reputation.

Mr. Speaker, this is an institution which helps the American people to thrive and to live out their aspirations within Loudoun. It embodies accomplishing the American dream by giving our citizens a chance to let their ideas grow. I would ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Loudoun County Division of Procurement. I wish this institution continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO BARB AND LANNY WALKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Barb and Lanny Walker of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 4, 1966 at Henderson Christian Church in Henderson, Iowa.

Barb and Lanny's lifelong commitment to each other, their children and grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWEST CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this

time to congratulate twenty-five individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on Friday, September 16, 2016. This memorable occasion, presided over by Judge Philip Simon, will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On September 16, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Jolly Rameshchandra Joshi, Placido Agustin Lopez Garcia, Gun Margaret Porter, Mei Han, Huong Ngoc Kha, Albino Akon Ibrahim Akon, Sergio Alaniz, Rozeta Bajmakoska, Anjin Balleza Carter, Patty Ann Veronica Cornwall, Morten Ring Eskildsen, Shylaja Balakrishnan, Balakrishnan Rajagopala Iyer, Jihwan Jeff Jeong, Vania Nshuti Kagabo, Elizabeth Lopez de Martinez, Pedro Martin Marin, Celia Martinez de Campos, Patricia Navarrete-Arceo, Yejee Oh, Pamellah Akinyi Otieno Owilli, Ericka Alejandra Sanchez, Oretta Fannie Smith, Abel Soto, and Shuhui Grace Yang.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on September 16, 2016. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING ELIZABETH MARY BURKO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, rise today in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Mary Burko who gave nearly thirty years of service to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and whose career was recently commemorated by a bridge dedication in her name in Bodega Bay, California.

Liz died tragically on Saturday, August 22, 2015 in Duncan Mills, California, cutting short a career dedicated to our state's public lands. Liz began her career as a volunteer interpreter at Año Nuevo State Reserve and serving as a Park Aide. For half of her career, she worked as a ranger in several state parks including Lake Perris State Recreation Area and parks in the Santa Cruz District. Her strong leadership and deep commitment to parks was apparent. She was promoted to Supervising Ranger at Big Basin Redwoods State Park and then to Sector Superintendent in the North Coast Redwoods District. In 2007, she was promoted again to District Superintendent of the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District.

As a leader, Liz was a mentor, helping to enhance her team's professional development. She had a deep commitment to protecting public lands and sharing nature with the public, and she was dedicated to the mission of the California State Parks: providing for the health, inspiration, and education of Californians while protecting the state's natural and cultural resources and creating opportunities for high-quality recreation. She held this mission to heart and executed her duties with professionalism and respect. Her advocacy to keep parks open during state budget cuts is a testament to her passion and commitment.

Liz fostered strong working relationships with nonprofits like LandPaths for assistance with management of the Willow Creek Addition to the Sonoma Coast State Park. She saw the great value in leveraging community resources for the benefit of parks and its users.

She will be forever missed for her integrity, generosity, sense of humor, unmatched work ethic, and warm smile. Her love and devotion to parks will continue on in the many lives she has touched, the policies she has influenced while serving at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and now the bridge dedication in her honor at the Bodega Bay Coastal Prairie that will be enjoyed by many visitors for years to come.

It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to Liz today for her enduring legacy and express our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

#### HONORING FLAT WORLD SUPPLY CHAIN ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a business in my district, Flat World Supply Chain, LLC. It is celebrating their 10th anniversary on September 16, 2016. In 2006, this business was founded by St. Charles County residents, Jeff Rothermich and Kirk Ferrell. Two employees and one client made up the first Flat World Supply Chain office that was located in St. Peters, Missouri. Today, there are sixty-three employees at the current office location in O'Fallon, Missouri. It has several hundred clients throughout the United States in addition to many international clients. Currently, Flat World Holdings includes four operating companies; Flat World Supply Chain, Prologue Technology, Ram International, and Ram Custom Crating.

Flat World Supply Chain provides solutions that are delivered through proprietary software that is customizable to each client's needs. The software has the ability to integrate with almost any Enterprise Resource Planning or operating system. Prologue Technology was founded by Rothermich and Ferrell in 2008; this service provides a custom technology tool that typically involves logistics and improving business processes through various technologies. In 2011, Flat World Hospitality was created to expand their logistical services to the hotel and hospitality industry. The year 2013 was an exciting year for Flat World Supply Chain as it moved to their current office location in O'Fallon, Missouri. In 2015, Flat World Supply Chain purchased Ram International, a St. Louis based international freight forwarder and U.S. Customs House Brokers that was founded in 1982, and Ram Custom Crating, a custom crating company that specializes in building wooden crates for export of any size for transport around the world. In January of 2016, Flat World Supply Chain, Ram International, Prologue Technology, and Ram Custom Crating formed Flat World Holdings as their operating company. The Flat World Supply Chain office expanded in July 2016 to welcome Ram International freight forwarding and U.S. Customs House Brokerage staff into the expanded office.

Flat World Supply has been recognized on numerous occasions, starting in 2014 with being named the "Fastest Growing" privately held company in St. Louis by the St. Louis Business Journal. In 2014 and 2015, it was recognized by Inc. Magazine as one of the "Fastest Growing" companies in the United States. Small Business Monthly recognized Flat World Supply Chain as "Leader in Technology" in 2015.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Flat World Supply Chain on their 10th anniversary. The services it provides and commitment it has to its clients is what sets Flat World Supply Chain apart in this field. Best of luck in the future to the owners of Flat World Supply Chain, Jeff Rothermich and Kirk Ferrell.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 479 and 480.

I strongly support the passage of H.R. 5578, the Survivors' Bill of Rights Act of 2016, which takes an important and much-needed step in ensuring that survivors of sexual assault will have access to the administration of a rape kit as well as rights to have that kit preserved, to be informed of the results, and to be notified of intended disposal of that kit. Although the rape kit backlog still overwhelms forensic labs throughout the country, this bill takes concrete steps to empower survivors to be informed of and make decisions regarding key evidence.

#### MR. LOGAN PATE WINS TEXAS JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richmond native Logan Pate for winning the 90th Texas Junior State Championship.

After ending two rounds in a three-way tie for first place during the local golf tournament, Logan beat two brothers in the sudden-death playoff hole. Getting par in that last hole put him over the edge past the competing brothers, securing this impressive win. Logan is a recent graduate from William B. Travis High School and is no stranger to placing first, having won the 2016 UIL Region 3-6A individual title. He will continue his promising golf career at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Logan Pate for winning the 90th Texas Junior State Championship. Thank you for bringing this prestigious honor to Richmond. I wish him success on the links in his impressive golf career.

#### CONGRATULATING YEOMAN CHIEF NATHANIEL L. ROUNDY ON 22 YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE IN THE U.S. NAVY

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Yeoman Chief Nathaniel L. Roundy, who is retiring from the Navy after 22 years of honorable service. This career U.S. Navy Flag Writer is from Mystic, Connecticut, and the son of a U.S. Naval Academy graduate. Chief Roundy graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall and joined the U.S. Navy in 1994, attending Recruit Training Command Great Lakes followed by Yeoman training in Meridian, Mississippi.

Chief Roundy has served onboard two aircraft carriers, USS *Independence* (CV 62) and USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), both forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. While serving on these ships, he earned designation as both an Enlisted Surface Warfare and Enlisted Aviation Warfare specialist and served in multiple positions including Air Department Leading Yeoman and Executive Officer's Yeoman. He also earned the distinction of being the only Third Class Petty Officer and non-Damage Control rating Sailor to qualify and serve as an aircraft carrier repair locker investigator.

After brief service with the Navy's Pacific Board of Inspection and Survey in San Diego, California, Chief Roundy attended Yeoman Class 'C' Flag Writer School in Millington, Tennessee, and served as the Flag Writer to Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas in Apra Harbor, Guam. Remaining in the South Pacific, Chief Roundy then served Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, the Department of Defense Representative to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau. He transferred