

HONORING MRS. ARLENE TAYLOR  
FOR HER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO THE MISSOURI STATE GOV-  
ERNMENT

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mrs. Arlene Taylor who retired on Thursday, September 1, 2016 after thirty-eight years with various departments within the Missouri State Government. Mrs. Taylor most recently worked as a Personnel Officer for the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/ Human Resources. Previously, she worked for the Missouri Department of Social Services and the Missouri Department of Corrections. For thirty-two of the thirty-eight years, Mrs. Taylor has enjoyed working in the human resources field. Throughout her time working in human resources, Mrs. Taylor has served many employees. Some of her responsibilities have included career counseling, assisting employees preparing for retirement, explaining benefits, and helping employees with disability retirement.

Mrs. Taylor grew up in Linn, Missouri and has called Jefferson City, Missouri home for the last thirty-four years. Throughout her lifetime, Mrs. Taylor has been a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph, Missouri Farm Bureau, and the Daughters of Isabella. She has also been involved with the Jefferson City Apartment Association and Women's Auxiliary Officer. Mrs. Taylor enjoys participating in various craft classes in her spare time. She also loves to travel with her husband, Joe.

With this retirement, Mrs. Taylor will now be able to spend more time with her husband of thirty-three years, Joe. She'll also treasure more moments with her daughter, Kathryn Taylor; son, Brian Taylor and daughter-in-law, Dawn Taylor.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Mrs. Arlene Taylor on her retirement. The commitment she has shown to the State of Missouri and to the employees she has helped throughout her human resources career is a commendable accomplishment.

HONORING JOE & JULIE MARCHINI

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe and Julie Marchini. The Marchini's are being honored by Catholic Charities of Merced in appreciation of their years of dedicated service to the community. Both Joe and Julie have contributed countless hours to causes that are close to their hearts in order to make their community a better place.

Joe Marchini was born on December 9, 1938 in Merced, California to Florindo and Elisa Marchini. Joe has lived in Merced County most of his life. A natural love of being outdoors led Joe to begin working on his father's farm from a young age. At 20 years old he was invited to become a partner in his father's

business, the Giampaoli-Marchini Company. Upon founding his own company with his brother Richard, Joe became the original radicchio grower in the United States.

Julie Marchini was born on September 14, 1942 in Modesto, California to Jim and Mary Louise Thompson. Her family moved to Merced when she was ten years old. The family is a staple in the community, as business owners in the area, including Merced area fixture Helen and Louise Dress Shop.

Joe and Julie were married 56 years ago and purchased a ranch in Le Grand where they raised their three children. They are parents to Lisa, Jeff and Fania. Joe and Julie are proud grandparents to ten, and come this winter, great-grandparents to six.

It has always been important to Joe and Julie to have balance between work, family, charity and church. They have been active in organizations, such as the Le Grand volunteer firefighters, Italian Catholic federation and the California Tomato Board. Joe has spent many hours cooking BBQ for fundraisers, events, and people in need.

Julie has volunteered time to Hinds Hospice, Our Lady of Lourdes religious education program, and school activities her family has participated in.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Marchini Family for their commitment to serving Merced County. The community is grateful for their service and the impact they have made in the Valley. I congratulate the Marchini family for this honor and ask that you join me in wishing them continued success.

CONGRATULATING KELLE LYN  
SCOTT ON RECEIVING A PRESI-  
DENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCEL-  
LENCE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kelle Lyn Scott on being selected for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This special honor is one shared with a select group of other teachers throughout the United States. Ms. Scott has earned this award through imparting her passion and commitment to learning with all of her students.

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes teachers who have demonstrated excellence in giving students the tools they need to succeed in becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Because of this achievement, Ms. Scott will receive a signed citation from President Obama, a \$10,000 award from NSF, and the opportunity to attend an awards ceremony in Washington D.C.

Ms. Scott's hard work, perseverance, and academic excellence are exemplified in her receipt of this honor. Coming from a family of educators, I understand how important a strong education is to the future of our country. We need to encourage more teachers like Ms. Scott who work hard and dedicate their lives to educating our children.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to highlight the importance of this award and what it represents for Ms. Scott and our district. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Scott on receiving a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO VIOLA AND MYRON  
ROKER

**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 Viola and Myron Roker of Glenwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 2, 1946 in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Viola and Myron's lifelong commitment to each other, their seven children, 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, and may they continue to love and cherish one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Viola and Myron on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF KAYLA  
MUELLER AND CELEBRATING  
THE OPENING OF THE KAYLA  
MUELLER PLAYGROUND

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join The Kiwanis Club of Prescott in honoring the memory of a constituent in my district who I believe is the personification of a compassionate American citizen. On February 6, 2015, Kayla Mueller of Prescott, AZ was killed by her ISIS captors in Syria. A visage of what it means to be a selfless human-being, Kayla's life was taken too short at the young age of 26.

In such tragic times it can often be difficult to find the light of hope for a better tomorrow. Kayla Mueller embodied this every day in her service and sacrifice to those less fortunate, especially to the children of the world.

Arizona is blessed to have been home to such a compassionate citizen as Kayla. It is easy to see that her spirit has touched not only the hearts of those in her community and state but across this great nation. And with the opening of this new playground, that spirit will continue to impact lives for the better.

I extend my sincere admiration and thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Prescott for their diligent efforts on this playground and for their engagement in the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, I want to once again express my

sincerest condolences. While your daughter may no longer be with us, her loving spirit will live eternally.

HONORING PROFESSOR CAROL ROBERTSON FOR RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Professor Carol Robertson. She has been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is a prestigious award that will be presented in Washington, DC at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. In addition to Professor Robertson having the opportunity to attend various recognition events and development activities, she will also receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. A citation from President Obama will be presented as well. Professor Robertson is one of only one hundred and eight teachers to receive this award for the 2014–2015 school year.

Professor Robertson is receiving this award for her work at Fulton High School where she was a science teacher for twenty-eight years. She retired from Fulton High School following the 2015–2016 school year. Professor Robertson also taught as an adjunct professor at Central Methodist University from 2007 through 2014 and Missouri State University from 2014 through 2016. She started teaching as an adjunct professor at Westminster College this school year.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established by Congress in 1983. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government specifically for educators that teach mathematics and science. Since the establishment of the program, over 4,600 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to their students and school districts.

Professor Robertson has had a lifelong interest in science and is passionate about teaching the next generation the importance of engaging in the study of science. Throughout her teaching career, she has seen some of her students obtain a Ph.D. which affirms the dedication with which she teaches. She has utilized partnerships with researchers to enhance the experience of her students. Through those partnerships, students have been able to explore Golden Retriever Muscular Dystrophy, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, Arabidopsis, or maize. This research allowed her students to have real-life applications. Professor Robertson received her B.S. in Science Education and a M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Professor Robertson on her achievement and this honor of receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER RECORD AND CLARION OWNER ROGER MOON

### HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late editor and publisher of Record and Clarion, Roger Moon. As the son of Paul and Velma, the husband of Patricia and the father of Tracy, Renee and Shane, Roger made many contributions to Gladwin County and the great state of Michigan.

Roger began his career in news when he was twelve years old, working at the Record and Clarion, sweeping and taking out the trash. He completed his degree in Journalism at Michigan State University in 1960. After Roger graduated he returned to Gladwin and began working, yet again, for Record and Clarion. He became the head of the newspaper in 1972 when his father retired. After twenty-one years as the head of the Record, Roger sold the newspaper and retired in 1993.

Roger was more than the editor of the newspaper. Roger also served the community by working as a firefighter for thirty-three years, rising to the rank of assistant chief. He was an active member of the Gladwin Rotary Club and was honored by the organization for his generous donations of time and resources.

Roger loved to hunt and fish, as well as golf. He enjoyed sharing Michigan's outdoor heritage with his children and grandchildren, driving his boat and teaching them to waterski. He was also a Hall of Fame bowler.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Roger Moon for his lifetime of work to the people of Gladwin County.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. T. BERRY BRAZELTON

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Thomas Berry Brazelton. Throughout his 98 years, Dr. Brazelton has been celebrated as a critically acclaimed leader in pediatric medicine and a change-maker in the lives of countless Massachusetts families.

Although Dr. Brazelton was born in Waco, Texas, the Bay State has been lucky to claim him as its own since 1945, when he completed his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. In the decades since, Dr. Brazelton became a pioneering expert in neonatal behavior, authoring more than 200 journal articles and textbook chapters on the subject. Any parent might recognize his name from one of his thirty books on child development and parenting.

However, his primary contribution to the medical community is the Brazelton Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale. The scale itself is a metric to highlight behavioral differences among newborns within the first months of their lives. His methods drew the parallel between differing parental methods and infant

behavioral development in the first four months of a child's life. These discoveries led to his recognition as a tireless advocate for paternal and medical leave, bringing him from the halls of Congress to interviews with Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres to advance that cause. His work earned him a Presidential Citation from President Obama in February of 2013. Today, Dr. Brazelton remains an active member of the pediatric medicine community. He has become a fixture at the Baby Center in Hyannis, helping the underprivileged parents of Cape Cod provide for their children.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, not simply for his dedicated service to the communities of Massachusetts, but for the work he has done for families across the globe.

IN HONOR OF BONNIE EDMONDSON, UNITED STATES TRACK AND FIELD COACH

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Bonnie Edmondson of Coventry, Connecticut, an exceptional athlete and public servant, for being chosen as a coach for Team USA's track and field team at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Bonnie has a long and dedicated track and field career. During her time at Eastern Connecticut State University in 1987, she threw discus and hammer, earning the title of All-American. Thanks to her talent and commitment, Bonnie ranked tenth in the world and fifth in the nation in hammer throw between 1990 and 1996 and won national championships for her skills in both 1990 and 1991. Later, Bonnie dedicated her career to coaching at all levels of the sport. Most notably, she held positions as an assistant coach in the 1998 World Junior Championship and as a coach for the Team USA throwing events in 2012 and 2014 during the IAAF World Indoor Championships. Most recently, she served as a mentor to the 2015 NESCAC hammer throw champion, Lily Talesnick. Currently, Bonnie is a track and field coach at Trinity College, while also working at the Connecticut Department of Education, overseeing a comprehensive school health education program aimed at motivating children to lead healthier lifestyles.

During her years as a thrower, Bonnie's scores in the 1992 Olympic trials would have qualified her for the Games if there had been a women's division in her sport. However, it wasn't until 1995 that the International Olympic Committee established the Women and Sport Advocacy group which works to implement gender equality policies in all Olympic competitions. In 2000, women's hammer throw was included in the Olympics for the first time. Instead of succumbing to disappointment and defeat, Bonnie contributed to the evolution of the sport, and of the Games, by helping to introduce women's events in the hammer throw. Her talent and passion for the sport makes her an incredible coach, and she has served as a wonderful representative of the United States, and of Connecticut, this August in Rio de Janeiro. Bonnie is more than deserving of this opportunity, and her debut at the games is long overdue.