

the first time since 2000—an incredible drop from when 20 people were killed in 2006–2007. This progress can be attributed to the commendable efforts of fire departments, schools, and communities coming together to address this serious problem.

According to the United States Fire Administration, 94 percent of college-related fire deaths happen in off-campus housing, where most students live. Through greater awareness and education, both students and parents are able to make informed decisions on choosing fire-safe housing that includes smoke alarms and two ways out. Students are more aware of how their actions can avoid having a fire happen in the first place and what to do if one does occur. This not only helps save their lives, but also the lives of their roommates and the fire fighters who are responding.

By teaching college students about fire safety, we are teaching them not only how to be fire-safe during their time in college, but also for the rest of their lives. By creating a fire-safe generation now, we can make society safer for the future and reduce the tragic impact of fire. In the U.S. approximately 3,000 people die in fires every year.

It is my sincere hope that college campuses in New Jersey and across the nation will participate in Campus Fire Safety Month activities throughout September. We must do all that we can to keep our nation's students safe and informed. This is also why I introduced the Campus Fire Safety Education Act, to provide universities with grants they can use to develop or implement campus fire safety education strategies. We must do everything in our power to ensure the safety and security of our children when they leave for college.

I want to commend all of those who are working to make our campuses and communities better places to live, because fire safety is everyone's fight. Fire safety on campus today means a fire safe nation for tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS OF YUMA HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and achievements of the students of Yuma High School.

In memory of Eliza Routt and her tireless commitment to public service, Colorado and Secretary of State Wayne Williams have created the Eliza Prickell Routt Award. This award recognizes high school students who register 85 percent or more of their senior class to vote and commends the outstanding dedication of students who are participating in civic engagement.

This year, the recipient of the Eliza Prickell Routt Award is Yuma High School. This student body has shown their commitment to strengthen our democracy and improve our ability to govern. The efforts made by these high school students are significant, and we should applaud them as their accomplishment will better our nation for future generations.

It is truly inspiring to see the next generation, represented by these students, striving

for a better future. Yuma High School, and these young men and women, embody the values that make America exceptional. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations in this achievement and their acceptance of the Eliza Prickell Routt Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Yuma High School and its students for their commitment to democracy and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 491, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 660, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY WEDEMEYER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judy Wedemeyer for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Casey Service Club.

Ms. Wedemeyer was recognized at the Casey Fun Day celebration on July 9, 2016. Judy Wedemeyer and Nita Fagan currently serve as co-presidents of the Casey Service Club and are active members of the Casey Historical Society. They have given many hours to researching and writing the "Memories of Casey" column for The Adair News and are responsible for spearheading the Hearts of Gold Fundraiser campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Judy Wedemeyer for her service to Casey and congratulate her on this award. It is an honor to represent her in the United States House of Representatives and I wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE McLANEY FAMILY AS THE 2016 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the McLaney Family of Laurel Hill for being selected as the 2016 Okaloosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Although Joel McLaney was previously an electrician by trade, farming has been a part

of the McLaney family for three generations. When Joel transitioned into farming full time, he purchased 83 acres of land from his grandfather who was involved in the poultry industry. For many years, Joel raised poultry in five chicken houses, and today on 300 acres, the McLaneys raise cattle and grow a variety of crops, including: cotton, peanuts, and hay.

Joel and his wife Gena of 25 years have two children, Josh, who is a senior at the University of West Florida, and Kaylyn, a senior at Laurel Hill High School, within whom they have instilled the value of hard work and to whom they plan to pass on the farm to continue the McLaney family farming tradition.

Aside from their time on the farm, Joel is a bus driver and Gena is a teacher. The McLaneys are also active members of Auburn Pentecostal Church and the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Speaker, the Okaloosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a true reflection of the McLaneys' tireless work and their dedication to family and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the McLaney family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

CONGRATULATING DAVE ALI FILS-AIMÉ AND BASKETBALL TO UPLIFT THE YOUTH (BUY)

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Dave Ali Fils-Aimé on the third anniversary and success of Basketball to Uplift the Youth (BUY). Using basketball as a tool, BUY provides year-round mentorship for school-aged boys and girls in Haiti. The program combines basketball and education to encourage teamwork, promote healthy lifestyles, build leadership skills, and promote the value of service.

Fils-Aimé, a graduate of Yale University and Harvard University, left Haiti for the United States at the age of twelve. As a former participant of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, a drop-out prevention and mentoring program I started nearly 25 years ago in South Florida, Fils-Aimé is a walking embodiment of what it means to be a role model. Using his experience with 5000 Role Models and his passion for Haiti's youth, he created Basketball to Uplift the Youth in July 2013.

Since its inception, BUY has engaged youth from some of Port-au-Prince's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. The program works to mold young, well-rounded individuals in Haiti. There are also plans to expand the program by establishing a scholarship fund. Fils-Aimé's leadership and commitment to excellence have allowed the program to flourish in its three years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Dave Ali Fils-Aimé for his success and commitment to serving Haiti's youth, and the achievements of Basketball to Uplift the Youth.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADM. ART CLARK, USN (RET.), DEPUTY LAB DIRECTOR, IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rear Admiral Arthur Clark, an extraordinary leader with 45 years of experience in management of large operations, in the U.S. Navy and at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory.

Born and raised in Ohio, Rear Admiral Clark served two tours in Vietnam as an in-country advisor, and was one of the last U.S. military personnel to leave in 1973. From there, he went on to hold leadership roles that transformed the U.S. Navy at the end of the 20th century. He was project coordinator for the construction of *California*- and *Virginia*-class guided missile cruisers, which integrated nuclear reactors and advanced combat systems into the world's most advanced surface ships. As Commander of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, he led the first program for reactor compartment disposal of the first 28 nuclear reactors to long-term, environmentally safe storage. He also developed recycle disposal of nuclear submarine and ship hulls. As Director of Fleet Maintenance of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm he developed innovative maintenance processes that contributed to success in Bosnia and the Second Gulf War.

After retirement from the Navy, Admiral Clark served two years as president of B&W Hanford Co., where he was responsible for the decommission and inactivation of numerous World War II legacy nuclear material production facilities. These included the PUREX and B Plant. He also started the thermal stabilization of 43 metric tons of excess weapons grade plutonium stored in the Plutonium Finishing Plant at Hanford, Washington.

Art then accepted an assignment as Vice President and Director of Site Operations at the Idaho National Environmental and Engineering Laboratory. His work there led to the inactivation and cleanup of legacy nuclear facilities including several nuclear research reactors and spent fuel pools. He oversaw processing of the debris from the Three Mile Island reactor accident for interim safe storage, and also delivered the first 3,100 cubic meters of trans-uranic material left over from the Rocky Flats weapons production facility to underground storage in New Mexico. Art was responsible for design, construction, and start-up of the Advanced Retrieval Project, which is being used for cleanup of the laboratory's TRU buried waste disposal site.

Art served six years as Deputy Laboratory Director for Operations at the Idaho National Laboratory, the nation's lead nuclear laboratory, where he had responsibility for overseeing the safe operation of the laboratory's nuclear facilities, including the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR), the nation's most versatile irradiation test facility. He helped direct the development of the Next Generation Nuclear Plant, a high-temperature gas reactor designed for process heat applications. He currently serves as Senior Technical Advisor to the Laboratory Director, with a focus on important cross-cutting and strategic initiatives.

He holds a master's degree in Industrial Management from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering/Marine Engineering/Naval Architecture from Virginia Tech. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia Executive Program.

It is a great honor to congratulate Admiral Clark on his remarkable career of achievement. Art represents the best of the many talented people in the Navy and the National Laboratory complex whose knowledge and skill have been essential to keeping our nation strong and secure. Thank you, Admiral Clark for your service to our nation, and congratulations on your many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE AND JAMIE BENOIT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marjorie and Jamie Benoit on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Jamie and Marjorie were married on July 15, 1956 in Long Beach, California and now make their home in Creston, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of life 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I missed a recorded vote on September 7, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "NO" on roll call vote No. 484, Ciciline of Rhode Island Amendment No. 2.

HONORING DR. BHAGWATI J. MISTRY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, Dr. Bhagwati J. Mistry, who is being honored with the D. Austin Sniffen Medal of Honor for 2016 by the Ninth District Dental Association.

Born on February 17, 1953 in the City of Ahmedabad, India, BJ as she is better known was the youngest of five children born to Laxmichand and Shakriben Gajar. Her parents

were always supportive, especially her mother who would often encourage BJ to go into medicine, as it was "the best profession to serve." From humble beginnings, BJ went on to complete her schooling and attend the Government Dental College in Ahmedabad. Soon she met the love of her life and future husband, Jagdish Mistry, and following their marriage in 1977 they emigrated to the United States in 1978. Following graduation from the Government Dental College in India, BJ entered a Postgraduate Pediatric Dentistry program at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 1982, she established a thriving Pediatric Dentistry practice in Tarrytown New York, "Pediatric Dental Care of Westchester." In 1991, BJ became a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. In 2005, her work was recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA) which awarded BJ the Best Grassroots Team Leadership Award.

But no recognition is as important to BJ as her family. She and Jagdish have been happily married for almost 40 years, and together they have raised two wonderful and accomplished daughters, Nisha and Shivani.

I have known BJ for many years, and I treasure our friendship together. She is incredibly deserving of this honor, and I want to congratulate her on this joyous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2016 JOHNSTON LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Johnston Little League Baseball World Series Team for winning the Midwest Regional Little League Championships. This team, comprised of 14 young men, was also one of only eight teams to represent the United States in the Little League World Series and performed admirably. They placed fourth in the United States and 7th place in the world.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these young men and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them and their families in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating these young people for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 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 \$19,482,086,271,333.82. We've added \$8,855,209,222,420.74 to our debt in 6