

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. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 495 on motion pass H.R. 5424, the Investment Advisers Modernization Act of 2016, I was detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, fifteen years ago yesterday, we all remember where we were when we first heard a plane had hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center. We also remember that solemn moment when we saw the second plane hit. We knew instantly that our country would never be the same. As we were just beginning to understand the gravity of what had happened, there were men and women who already were in action to prevent further loss of life. Air traffic controllers took the unprecedented action of clearing our nation's airspace of over 4,452 aircraft. Within hours, the FBI had determined who was responsible for perpetrating the terrible acts. Passengers on Flight 93 forced their own plane into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania to avoid it being used as a weapon against the White House or the Capitol building.

The most powerful images we saw that day were the first responders. As people were running from the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon toward safety, men and women in uniform were heading in the opposite direction to save as many people as possible from burning and collapsing buildings. At that moment, their bravery, instinct and training took over. Those professionals knew that they may be giving their lives to save others. It is fitting that this tribute to the first responders of Brentwood is dedicated on this most somber of days. Brentwood Fire and Police first responders are no different than the men and women we witnessed sacrificing themselves on 9/11. Their bravery, training and character is no different. They help keep us safe. Through doing so, they protect our freedom.

Thank you to the City of Brentwood, Leadership Brentwood and the businesses who have made this Honor Garden possible. It will serve as a constant reminder of the service and sacrifice of a few who protect so many.

TRIBUTE TO SHAROL AND DON
STEINBECK

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 honor Sharol and Don Steinbeck of Griswold, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sharol and Don's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th 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 60th 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 FLORIDA'S 16TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRE
AND RESCUE AND EMS PERSONNEL

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Battalion Chief Scott Blanchard of the City of Venice Fire Department was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Firefighter Christopher Carver of the North River Fire District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Chief Brian Gorski of the Southern Manatee Fire and Rescue District was chosen to receive the Career Service Award.

Lieutenant David Hawes of the North Port Fire Rescue District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Engineer Mathew Redmond of the North River District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

HONORING PROSPECT HEIGHTS
FIRE CHIEF DONALD GOULD, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of Prospect Heights Fire Chief Donald Gould, Jr.

The Prospect Heights Fire Department made great strides under Chief Gould's leadership. When he took over as chief, there were no full-time firefighters in the district. The Prospect Heights district only consisted of volunteers and part-time staff. As of today, there are 15 full-time firefighters and 35 part-time members.

Chief Gould leaves Prospect Heights with an outstanding professional fire force that continually seeks to meet the community's public safety needs.

Mr. Speaker, along with the citizens of Prospect Heights, it is an honor today to express our deepest appreciation to Fire Chief Donald Gould, Jr. for his 49 years of service with the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District.

TRIBUTE TO NAOMI AND GENE
HACKWELL

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 Naomi and Gene Hackwell of Anita, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 9, 2016.

Naomi and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th 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 60th 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.

HONORING MATTHEW A. TAYLOR

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 wonderful young man in my district, Matthew A. Taylor, who was recently conferred the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement or rank attainable, by the Boy Scouts of America on May 31st, 2016.

Matthew's hard work and dedication has been evident throughout his Boy Scout career, culminating with an Eagle Scout project that was exceptional in its scope and accomplishments. Matthew focused on helping to improve the Thomas Paine Cottage Museum, the last

structure in North America that the Founding Father owned as his home and is open to the public as a historic house museum, in New Rochelle. Matthew's efforts to help update and restore key elements of the cottage included scraping, sanding, and repainting the wooden porch at the cottage's front entrance as well as the entrance door and railing at the rear of the cottage; repairing loose stone and broken mortar joints on the property's stone pedestrian bridge; power-washing the bridge; and cleaning up debris from the creek. His work was instrumental in maintaining and preserving the property, which in turn helps to perpetuate and promote the rich history of the City of New Rochelle.

But Matthew's project was only one facet of his work and ambition. He has committed his life to making a positive impact on his community and the people around him, and his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is proof of that dedication and commitment.

On September 10, 2016 Matthew and his family celebrated his Court of Honor with a wonderful award ceremony. I want to congratulate Matthew on this tremendous honor and personally thank him for all he has done to better his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following with regard to missed votes on the week of September 4, 2016.

On Roll Call number 479, had I been present I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call number 480, had I been present I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call number 488, had I been present I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call number 491, had I been present I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call number 493, had I been present I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call number 495, had I been present I would have voted Yes.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY AND JERRY FULLER

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 and Jerry Fuller of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 9, 1966 at First Assembly of God Church in Council Bluffs.

Judy and Jerry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family 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.

HONORING 9/11 VICTIMS OF NEW JERSEY'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, upon the 15th anniversary of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks, I rise today to honor all the victims of that horrible day, and specifically, those of New Jersey's Third Congressional District. Innocent loved ones were stolen far too soon from family and friends, and brave first responders were lost in the line of duty in the wake of the attacks.

The love that we demonstrated for our fellow citizens in the aftermath of the attacks was the ultimate rebuke to the hatred of those who attacked us fifteen years ago. I stand today, overwhelmed with that same love and feeling of unity. Today, I would like to especially remember these New Jersey residents:

Manuel Alarcon of Medford

Peter Apollo of Waretown

Brett Bailey of Brick

Nicholas Bogdon of Pemberton Borough

Christopher Cramer of Stafford

Michael Diehl of Brick

Patricia Fagan of Toms River

Joan Griffith of Willingboro

Leroy Homer of Evesham

Gricelada James of Willingboro

Robert Kennedy of Toms River

Ferdinand Morrone of Lakewood

Jon Perconti of Brick

James Sands, Jr. of Brick

Raphael Scorca of Beachwood

Lesley Thomas of Brick

Christopher Traina of Brick

Perry Thompson of Mount Laurel

Lee Adler of Springfield

JoAnn Heltbridle of Springfield

James Murphy of Point Pleasant

This anniversary should remind us that the American way of life stands for freedom and the firm belief that people can govern themselves through free exchange of ideas and respect for one another. We do not bend to those who rule by oppression, violence, and fear and that will never change. This anniversary reminds us that we can band together, that we have done so in the past and that we will continue to do so going forward, in the spirit of our nation. Today, we move forward together in honor of those that were lost on that terrible day, united as one, determined to prevent such terrible tragedy from occurring again.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had each and every one of these victims as selfless and dedicated members of their communities. It is with a heavy heart that I commemorate their lives, and recognize the lasting legacies that they have left behind, before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING ANTHONY A. NICHOLS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony A. Nichols, the President and CEO of Central Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago. For over one hundred years, Central Federal Savings has provided financial services to communities in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Mr. Nichols has served as President of Central Federal Savings of Chicago for the past 48 years and has led the bank through economic downturns and other challenges to become one of the strongest in the nation.

During Mr. Nichols' tenure as President of Central Federal Savings, he has wisely guided the bank through difficult economic conditions that has led to the failure or consolidation of many other community banks. As of today, Central Federal Savings holds a 5-star rating from Bauer Financial and in every regulatory examination that the bank has undergone during the past fourteen years, it has been rated "outstanding" for its Community Reinvestment Act lending.

Outside of his professional life, Mr. Nichols has devoted a substantial part of his personal time to giving back to his community. He has served on the boards of most of the local chambers of commerce in his area and was one of the founders of the Lincoln-Belmont Businessmen's Association; now the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as a Director of the Chicagoland Association of Savings Institutions, as a Director of the Illinois Savings and Loan League, and as a leader in many other financial and business organizations in Chicago.

In addition to those organizations, Mr. Nichols serves on multiple committees for Saint Joseph Hospital, including as President of their Associates Board and Vice President of the Hospital Foundation. In addition, he serves as the President and a Trustee of St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, a Trustee of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago, a Director for Greek Star Newspaper, a Director and the Treasurer for the Hellenic Foundation, among many other positions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing all of the great work Anthony Nichols has done for his community. Mr. Nichols has proudly served Chicagoland in both his professional and personal life in order to make his community a better place for everyone. I wish to thank him for his many years of service.

HONORING MARIAN LUPU

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Marian Lupu, a zealous warrior for the elderly, who died on Sunday, August 14, 2016 at age 91 at her home in Tucson, AZ. Marian's impact on the field of aging and the development of programming designed to help older adults cannot be over-estimated. She pioneered efforts to improve services to the elderly through both the development of model