

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH
HUBBARD FOR BEING AWARDED
THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Walnut Shade, Missouri resident Sarah Hubbard for being awarded the Fulbright Scholarship by the U.S. State Department.

The Fulbright Scholarship program was established by Congress in 1946 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. This scholarship was designed to build positive relationships with other countries while allowing recipients to live the day-to-day experiences of other cultures. Sarah Hubbard will join the already 370,000 past participants in this program.

This scholarship is a merit based scholarship that is highly competitive. Founded originally by Senator J. William Fulbright, this grant aims to have educational research and teachings extend beyond the United States.

Sarah Hubbard, who attended John Brown University, will be an English Teaching Assistant and placed in Turkey. She has presented at research conferences since her freshman year and is the first student in John Brown University history to receive the award.

I am honored to recognize Sarah Hubbard, and I congratulate her on receiving the Fulbright Scholarship.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL JEFFREY TRUSSLER FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMANDER OF THE UNDERSEA WARFIGHTING DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Rear Admiral Jeffrey Trussler on the day of his change of command ceremony for his service as the Commander of the Undersea Warfighting Development Center in Groton, Connecticut. RDML Trussler led the UWDC during a momentous time in Connecticut's history. For the past year, the Groton community has been celebrating the centennial anniversary of Naval Submarine Base New London, the nation's first continental sub base. It has been a joyous and proud time for the Base and the region, as they honor a rich maritime military heritage and the many accomplishments the sailors and the local industry have achieved.

RDML Trussler has been an integral part of this progress during his time in Groton, and a crucial partner during the early planning stages of UWDC. I personally appreciate his active engagement and his ability to see the possibilities for this new warfighting center. As the first Commander of the newly formed UWDC, he took charge as the Navy refocused our warfare centers for our current and future warfighting needs. With his leadership, he focused on antisubmarine warfare and warfighting strategy and training for our entire Naval fleet. His leadership no doubt enhanced

the strategic value of Submarine Base New London, solidifying it as a center of excellence entering the next 100 years.

RDML Trussler came to New London from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC. After he leaves New London, he will return to Washington to serve again in the office of the CNO as the Director of Future Plans. I look forward to continue working with RDML Trussler in this new role. Most of all, I thank him for his excellent leadership in Groton, and for his service to our country, our Navy, and the future of undersea warfare.

LETTER FROM CONGRESSIONAL
ARMENIAN ISSUES CAUCUS ON
ARMENIA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Armenia on their 25th anniversary of independence. I include in the RECORD a letter to the President of the Republic of Armenia from the leaders of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues in celebration of this occasion.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016.

His Excellency SERZH SARGSYAN,
President of the Republic of Armenia.

DEAR PRESIDENT SARGSYAN: As Members of Congress and leaders of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, we congratulate you and the people of the Republic of Armenia on 25 years of independence from the Soviet Union. On this day, 25 years ago, nearly every Armenian eligible to vote pledged to build a free and proud nation, based on the principles of democracy and a market economy.

In the past quarter century, despite the ongoing blockade of Armenia by two of its four neighbors, the Republic of Armenia has continued to strengthen its democratic institutions, empower civil society, and engage in economic diversification.

Armenia has joined the international community as a member of numerous international organizations including the World Bank, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the World Trade Organization. As a critical regional ally, Armenia is also a strong partner and supporter of U.S.-led peace-keeping missions cooperating on a number of regional and security challenges as a participant in NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

The Republic of Armenia has also consistently championed the right to self-determination of its neighbors in the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, a right that Artsakh continues to fight for in its steadfast pursuit of regional security and stability despite a tenuous cease fire.

The Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues stands in solidarity with the peace-loving and resilient people of Armenia. We welcome future opportunities to work closely with the leadership of the Republic of Armenia to bolster the bilateral U.S.-Armenia relationship.

We join our colleagues in Congress, along with the Armenian people and the Armenian-American community across the United States in celebrating 25 years of Armenia's independence. Please accept our best wishes and continued commitment to a strong United States-Armenia partnership.

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, JR.

ROBERT J. DOLD.
JACKIE SPEIER.
DAVID G. VALADAO.
ADAM B. SCHIFF.
DAVID A. TROTT.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA LINKEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Anna Linkey on the occasion of her 100th birthday on September 4, 2016.

Our world has changed immensely during the course of Anna's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Anna has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Anna Linkey in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Anna on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROSE-
MARIE HUDOCK-WELCH

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Rosemarie Hudock-Welch, who will be retiring from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard after three decades of service. Over the course of her career she has earned multiple awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Hudock-Welch was commissioned to the Air Force Reserve on September 17, 1984. She was assigned to Joint Base McGuire as a flight nurse until 1990. She went on to serve with the 913th Medical Squadron at Willow Grove. As a surgical nurse, Lieutenant Colonel Hudock-Welch was deployed in direct medical support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In July 2007, Lieutenant Colonel Hudock-Welch was transferred to the 109th Medical New York Air National Guard in Schenectady, NY. During this time, she deployed to Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze. In March 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Hudock-Welch was transferred to 193rd Medical Group and deployed to Afghanistan for direct medical support.

In May 2014, Lieutenant Colonel Hudock-Welch became Officer in Charge of Nursing Services, 193rd Medical Group Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Under her leadership, nursing services personnel were prepared to

provide medical support in response to peacetime or wartime missions at the state or federal level.

It is an honor to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Hudock-Welch for her distinguished military career. Her decades of service are a tremendous contribution to the defense and welfare of our nation. I wish her all the best. May she find fulfillment in her retirement.

REMEMBERING LINDA DUPREE

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Co-Pastor Linda Dannella Dupree of Kansas City, Kansas. Linda was a lifelong resident of KCK and an example to us all in the 3rd District of Kansas.

Co-Pastor Dupree was born on February 4, 1955 in Kansas City, KS. She would live almost her whole life in Kansas, where she met her husband of 44 years, Alvin T. Dupree, Sr. Together, they raised a large family with many children, including many foster children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

As a missionary and Co-Pastor, she served her church and her community faithfully for many years. Co-Pastor Dupree wore many hats in her different roles in the church, but her goal was always to help others. Her decades of service impacted countless people in Kansas City.

Our community is a better place because of Linda. She will be greatly missed by many, but her legacy lives on in her family and in the lives of those she helped. On behalf of this great body, I commemorate the well-lived life of Linda Dupree and extend my condolences to her entire family, who remain in my thoughts and prayers this week.

RECOGNIZING RON BROWN HIGH SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO STEM EDUCATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the students, parents, and faculty of Ron Brown High School for their commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics enrichment, and for participating in my annual Science and Technology Braintrust.

The teachers at Ron Brown High School are committed to ensuring that our country's youth is exposed to a STEM curriculum, which is paramount to the future of our country. A prevalent theme amongst successful STEM professionals is the curiosity and drive instilled by their teachers at a young age. We must continue to invest in schools that highlight a STEM education, so that all students will have an opportunity to one day be an astrophysicist, doctor, engineer, or a geologist.

Mr. Speaker, Ron Brown High School is a true advocate of STEM education and deserves recognition for its work. With great pride I can say that because of this school's

commitment to STEM education, our country's youth is gaining the skills needed to compete in a rapidly globalizing world.

HONORING SARRAH BUSHARA

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sarrah Bushara, a young 18 year old oboist from Eden Prairie, for being selected to Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra—United States of America program.

Sarrah participated in a competitive audition process and was judged on her technical ability, musicianship, passion, and intellectual curiosity along with other musicians her age. After she was selected, Sarrah took part in a three-week residency, which included orchestral rehearsals, musical workshops, and a performance in Carnegie Hall.

After their residency, Sarrah and the rest of the National Youth Orchestra embarked on a European tour in July to perform at concert halls in Amsterdam, Montpellier, Copenhagen, and Prague.

Mr. Speaker, our community is extremely proud of Sarrah; her skills with the oboe earned her a place in this prestigious youth orchestra. I offer her my congratulations on her musical success and I wish her well in her musical endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE PASSING OF BOB SANTOS

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend Bob Santos, of Seattle, Washington, who passed away at the age of 82 on Saturday, August 27, 2016. Mostly referred to as "Uncle Bob" and unofficial mayor of the International District, Bob fought to improve and preserve the neighborhood for over five decades.

In the late 1960s and 1970s, Mr. Santos joined Larry Gossett, Bernie Whitebear, and Roberto Maestas to form an activist group: "The Gang of Four". Rather than competing for limited resources, the group unified communities of color to fight for equal rights in Seattle.

Robert "Bob" Santos was born in Seattle on February 25, 1934, to parents of Filipino and Tlingit Nation heritage. He became aware of discrimination as a young child. In 1942, his elementary school closed when the majority of his classmates, who were of Japanese descent, were taken to internment camps. He recalled wearing an 'I am Filipino' badge to avoid anti-Japanese violence.

Mr. Santos became involved in activism in 1963, when black activist Walter Hubbard Jr. invited him to join a march supporting open housing.

He later became known for his ties to the International District Improvement Association (Inter*Im). Over the course of three decades, his leadership in the organization helped add

over 1,000 low-income residential units to the neighborhood. His advocacy also fought for the soul of the International District by starting a community produce garden, rehabilitating dilapidated apartment buildings and fending off unwanted developments such as a trash-burning plant and a prison.

He continued to fight fearlessly for equal job opportunities and better educational opportunities for people of color and was arrested six times in the process. In 2005, Partners for Livable Communities awarded the Gang of Four with a Bridge Builders Award for their work for minority populations of King County. In 2006, the Seattle City Council recognized Mr. Santos for his work with Inter*Im.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his decades of advocacy, Mr. Santos never lost his sense of humor or his fondness for karaoke, especially songs by Frank Sinatra and Elvis. I will miss his vigorous spirit and his passion for social justice. He changed the city of Seattle for the better and he did it "his way".

TRIBUTE TO DONNA AND LYLE CROZIER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna and Lyle Crozier on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Donna and Lyle were married on August 18, 1951 at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints in Centerville, Iowa. The Crozier's make their home in Wauke, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their two children, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one great, great granddaughter 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 65 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.

MACKENZIE DUCK WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mackenzie Duck of Katy, TX for winning the national championship at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics.

Mackenzie and her Track Houston teammates, Nia Reed, Alexa Granderson and Jessica Gordon, raced in the 3,200 meter relay with a time of 9 minutes, 34.70 seconds to win the victorious national championship title. Mackenzie is a junior at Cinco Ranch High School and is a part of the school's cross country team as well.