

Cass County Arts Alliance, State Theatre Preservation Society Corporation, Cass County 4-H Association, Cass County Historical Society, William Pace Lodge, Cass County Dentzel Carousel, and the Trinity Episcopal Church. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Cass County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5303) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes:

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Chair, I am proud today to vote for the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016, which reauthorizes water infrastructure projects nationwide. I am heartened that after several months of inaction, Republican leaders included aid in this bill to the citizens of Flint, Michigan, who have been afflicted by devastating environmental health risks.

As an Angelena, I am also pleased that this WRDA authorizes an equal cost-share between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration project. I fought alongside my colleagues Congressman XAVIER BECERRA and Congressman ADAM SCHIFF to include this cost-share agreement in the final bill. With this cost-share, the city and the Corps become true partners in the LA River revitalization project to restore park space and wetlands, build new public spaces, create recreational opportunities, improve public health, strengthen the regional economy, and bolster civic pride. This WRDA is an important step in our efforts to make Los Angeles a greener and more vibrant place to live.

IN HONOR OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTON HOSPITAL CENTER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 30th anniversary of the Reston Hospital Center. Established in 1986, the Reston Hospital Center has worked tirelessly to provide outstanding medical care to patients throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The hard work done by the men and women of Reston Hospital Center has helped to make high quality healthcare available to many of my constituents and ensure the good health of communities in both Loudoun and Fairfax

counties. The Center's commitment to the community can be seen through their health screenings, blood drives, education programs, wellness events, and their financial assistance to thousands of people who struggle with their medical bills. Their close collaboration with the constituents of Virginia's 10th Congressional District is crucial to keeping our community healthy and strong.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Reston Hospital Center and thanking them for the hard work they do to help keep the men and women of the region safe and healthy. I know Reston Hospital Center will continue to provide excellent healthcare, and I wish them all the best.

TRIBUTE TO BENTON COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Benton County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

The county sits on the northwest part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District, and Fowler serves as the county seat. Benton County was established on February 18, 1840, and named for Thomas A. Benton, a U.S. Senator from Missouri. Though the land is fertile and agriculture is vital to the county economically, Benton County is also known for housing one of the largest windfarms in the United States. Its most famous resident may be Dan Patch, a Hoosier born horse legend who has held the title of "World's Champion Harness Horse" for over one-hundred years.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county include the Benton County Economic Development Department, Otterbein Public Library, Benton County's Bicentennial Committee, Benton Central Junior-Senior High School, Benton County Public Library, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, and the Benton County 4-H Council. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Benton County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

TOM BERTOLINO

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine who was recently

awarded one of the highest honors in his industry.

Tom Bertolino, vice president of NorCal Kenworth, a multistore commercial truck dealer in Anderson, California which is located in my Congressional district, was named the 2016 Truck Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers (ATD), Heavy Duty Trucking magazine and Procede Software.

Mr. Bertolino received this highest honor out of a select group of commercial truck dealers from around the country during the 53rd annual ATD Convention & Expo in Las Vegas in April. All of the nominees were selected by state, metro and national truck dealer association leaders. A panel of professors from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business analyzed the nominees' dealership performances, industry leadership and civic contributions and made their final selection.

Mr. Bertolino entered the dealer industry seventeen years ago when he left Kenworth Truck Company to pursue a dream to own a Kenworth dealership in Northern California. Tom and his business partner Mr. Harry Mamizuka have grown NorCal Kenworth into four locations—Anderson, San Leandro, Morgan Hill and Sacramento. As the largest Kenworth dealer organization in Northern California, NorCal Kenworth employs nearly 200 people and carries an extensive inventory of new and used trucks that feature the latest engineering and technological advancements. NorCal PacLease includes full-service lease, finance lease, contract maintenance, and short and long term truck rentals.

In his capacity as the 2016 Truck Dealer of the Year, Mr. Bertolino will serve as an Honorary Member of the ATD Board of Line Representatives and will serve as a national spokesman on industry issues impacting commercial truck dealers.

On behalf of all of my colleagues in the California Congressional delegation, please allow me to congratulate Tom Bertolino from NorCal Kenworth on this distinguished award as the 2016 Truck Dealer of the Year. This award demonstrates that Tom and his team are a proven example of the best in the truck retail industry and are providing exceptional service to my constituents.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
TIM BRISTOL OF THE
BERRYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Sergeant Tim Bristol of the Berryville Police Department. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Sergeant Bristol deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Sergeant Bristol began working for the Berryville police department in December of 2007. He previously worked for the Glasford Police Department in Illinois. Tim is the sergeant for the department as well as a field

training officer, general instructor, and speed measurement instructor.

As the sergeant, Tim routinely makes sure that the department is running efficiently and that all officers are current on their required training. Maintaining and reviewing training records for compliance is a huge task in and of itself, yet Tim still finds the time to accomplish so much more and plans for the future of the department. Tim is a well-respected supervisor, promotes a professional image of the department, and is a confident leader.

During the past year Tim has spent countless hours in his role as a field training officer preparing new recruits and experienced officers new to the department for patrol in the community of Berryville. He takes this responsibility seriously and always looks for ways to improve the way training is delivered to those new to the career or department.

Tim is the right-hand man of the Chief of Police who could not ask for a better person to fill that role. It is abundantly clear to the Chief that Tim is wholly invested in making the Berryville Police Department an example of professionalism and dedication to community service. The Chief often wonders if his mind is ever focused on anything else aside from moving the department forward, which is a testament to his loyalty and dedication. He is truly a deserving recipient and a stellar example of a professional law enforcement officer.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sergeant Tim Bristol of the Berryville Police Department for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Clinton County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 6, 2016.

The County sits on the eastern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1830 and named for DeWitt Clinton, the seventh Governor of New York State and architect of the Erie Canal. The county seat is located in Frankfort, famous for the Frankfort Hot Dog Festival. Clinton County is the birthplace of Lieutenant General James F. Record, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross three times for his gallantry during the Vietnam War.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and Frankfort Main Street. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Clinton County

for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

COMMEMORATING NICHOLE FOLKMAN, FINALIST OF THE IL- LINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDU- CATION 2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Nichole Folkman, a 2017 Illinois State Board of Education Teacher of the Year finalist.

Mrs. Folkman teaches English at Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District 21 in Hartsburg, Illinois. Having taught high-schoolers for over a decade, Mrs. Folkman's passion for teaching, her students, and their success, makes her a most deserving top ten finalist out of a field of 250 nominees.

As a high school student, Mrs. Folkman recognized her desire to teach. Upon graduating from Milliken University, she began her career as an English teacher, focusing on how to effectively educate her students in the intricacies of the English language, journalism, and speech. Her approach in the classroom continues to engage and excite her students about the values of education within the language arts. Most importantly, because of Mrs. Folkman's ability to connect and inspire pupils within the classroom, Hartsburg-Emden students consistently look to her as a role model as they focus on their own futures.

It is an honor to represent teachers like Mrs. Folkman, who passionately invest their time teaching the children of our schools. Her devotion to teaching has positively impacted not only her students, but also her colleagues and our community. I wish her the best of luck at the Those Who Excel banquet on October 22nd, where the highest teaching award in the state, the Illinois Teacher of the Year, will be presented.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY MATT WATSON OF THE WIN- CHESTER CITY SHERIFF'S OF- FICE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Deputy Matt Watson of the Winchester City Sheriff's Office. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Deputy Watson deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Deputy Watson has been an auxiliary deputy with the Winchester City Sheriff's Office for two years. Although this is a relatively short time in his 16 year career, Deputy Watson has contributed an abundance of knowledge and talent to the office.

Deputy Watson has excelled in tactical training and has started his own business, tactical operations consulting (TOC). Deputy Watson has been instructing law enforcement, military and state department employees prior to their deployment into hostile areas in the world.

Even though Matt Watson keeps a very busy schedule, he has continued to volunteer his time here at the city sheriff's office. Deputy Watson approached the Sheriff about taking the existing emergency response team implemented there to provide knowledge and training to help create the first ever Special Response Team (SRT) in the city sheriff's office. The team is a part-time law enforcement special operations team that is designed to respond in a tactical manner to incidents in support of, or outside the capabilities of, the Winchester City Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Watson not only provides training for the SRT but for the entire staff. Being able to have someone like Matt who is certified as a tactical medic, defensive tactics and firearm instructor as part of this team is greatly beneficial. Again, I would like to point out that this is all on a volunteer basis.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Deputy Matt Watson of the Winchester City Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute White County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 7, 2016.

The County sits on the northern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1834 and named for Isaac White of Equality, Illinois who died at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. The county seat is located in Monticello, and is known as a tourist destination because it is home to the Indiana Beach amusement park and Lakes Shafer and Freeman.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the 16 Legacy Projects throughout the county are: City of Monticello, Wolcott Community Summer Festival Committee, White County Historical Society, Tom Fletcher, White County Commissioners. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize White County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.