

and lived much of his life in the same one-story concrete block house his mother, Ruth, built in 1941.

Mr. Speaker, in an interview speaking about the Glades, George once remarked, "I've never had the desire to go anywhere else." That was the kind of man George was; a man who grew up in the Glades and through hard work and dedication went on to positively transform the fabric of our community. George H. Wedgworth will be remembered as a titan of Florida agriculture, but more importantly he will be remembered as a pillar of the community that he loved. His legacy will live on for generations to come, and he will be dearly missed.

HONORING VISITATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH
ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY AND
VISITATION INTER-PARISH
SCHOOL ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and Visitation Inter-Parish School in Vienna, Missouri. The parish will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on June 17, 2017 and the school will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2018.

Reverend John Goeldlin, a Catholic missionary priest, became the first priest to provide Catholic services to the community during the mid-1850's. In the year 1859, the community of Vienna came together for its first Catholic worship service. Then in 1867, the first official Catholic church was built for the parishioners of Vienna. Vienna, Missouri is a small town with around 614 residents and they were thankful for a parish in their community. As the congregation began growing, a new church was built in 1885 to accommodate the additional parishioners. Reverend John Fugel was assigned in 1896 to lead the church and would remain the priest at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish for the next 40 years. In 1903 the first county Catholic newspaper, called the Home Adviser, was founded by Reverend Fugel. Starting in 1904 and finishing in 1909, Reverend Fugel led the parishioners in building a new Catholic church. This structure is still being used today. On September 8, 1909, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish was dedicated by the parishioners and Reverend Fugel. Currently, Reverend Matthew Flatley is the parish priest.

For the children in the surrounding community, education was important so the first Visitation Inter-Parish School was established in 1893. The parishioners of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish celebrated the opening of their new Catholic school building in 1926. To ensure its students would have a solid Catholic education, in 1953, the parish decided to build a convent for the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood who would teach the children. Throughout the years, Visitation Inter-Parish School has helped shape the lives of more than 1,000 students. The Visitation Inter-Parish School will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary in 2018.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and Visitation Inter-Parish School on this momentous occasion of their 150th and 125th Anniversaries. The historic past and promising future of support, love, and encouragement that the church and school have provided to the community will not be forgotten.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
SHIRLEY STEPHENSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private First Class Shirley Stephenson, of Salado, Texas, for her selfless dedication and service to our nation while serving under the Women's Army Corps and her continued, unparalleled contributions to her community. I'm honored to award her a Congressional Veterans Commendation.

PFC Stephenson entered the service in Houston, Texas in June 1959 where she would begin serving her country. Since her honorable discharge, PFC Stephenson has become a pillar in her community and has served and contributed in ways that exemplify the highest standards of service.

Throughout PFC Stephenson's life, she has served on multiple boards and community organizations, such as the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Board, the KPLE Christian Broadcasting Corporation Board and the Hope Pregnancy Centers Board. While dedicating her time to these institutions, she also served as the President of the Fort Hood Retired Officers' Wives Club, a Goodwill Ambassador to the Killeen Chamber of Commerce and served as the President of the Chisholm Trail American Business Women Association.

PFC Stephenson is both soldier and committed activist. She has worked on numerous political, organized county conventions, and served as President of the Central Texas Republican Women from 2008 through 2010.

PFC Stephenson's hard work and service has not gone unnoticed. Along with her being honored by Governor Perry as a Yellow Rose of Texas, she's received the Chisholm Trail ABWA, Salado, Woman of the Year and Hall of Fame award, as well as the Vietnam Service Award in May 2016.

I commend Private First Class Shirley Stephenson's selfless service to her community and nation. Her commitment to excellence and citizenship reflect the best values we hold as Americans. I join her family, friends and colleagues in saluting her great work and dedication to our country.

HONORING MR. HENRY F. MOZELL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life outstanding service of Mr. Henry F. Mozell who passed away on Monday August 8, 2016.

Mr. Mozell was born in Dover, North Carolina on Christmas Day, 1936. Immediately

after moving to the Bay Area in 1955 Mr. Mozell started his legend of service by serving in the United States Military. During his time of service in the Navy, he also took it upon himself to enroll at Laney College in Oakland and grew to love and appreciate his community.

After completing his studies at Laney College, Mr. Mozell decided to study Urban Studies at the University of California.

It was known that the time he spent at the University of California had a profound influence on his dedication to giving to communities in need.

CONGRATULATING KAMERON
GOETZ

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kameron Goetz—a distinguished high school student from Coulee City, Washington, and a committed advocate for our nation's veterans. Kameron was named a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) finalist for his speech during the 2016 "National Public Speaking II" competition. Earlier this year, Kameron contacted my congressional office and shared a copy of the speech he had delivered to the FBLA. I encourage all of my colleagues to read this speech, which details the life and service of Kameron's grandfather, David Wayne Long, who volunteered for the U.S. Army following his high school graduation and served honorably in the Vietnam War. For his service, Mr. Long was awarded numerous military awards and medals, including the Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's badge, Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, as well as three Purple Hearts for wounds received in combat. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army, Mr. Long settled down in Washington, started a family, and became a successful businessman. However, as is far too common, Mr. Long returned from the war with wounds that cannot be seen by the naked eye and suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for much of his civilian life. Tragically, on February 3, 2014, David Wayne Long took his own life after a decades-long battle with PTSD.

Mr. Long's story is one that we hear far too often, as too many of our brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces return home from the battlefield and are faced with the mental wounds and memories from their time at war. Our veterans have made great sacrifices to ensure the rights and freedoms of all Americans are protected and we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. However, we must ensure that our nation's service-members receive the best care and treatment available, and we must also dedicate ourselves to supporting causes and organizations that are working tirelessly to assist our country's heroes as their own personal health battles continue. Kameron's speech, as well as his dedication to helping our nation's troops and veterans, has inspired me and many people around the country to give back and volunteer for efforts that help the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have sacrificed so much in

service to our country. The speech Kameron gave to FBLA is truly moving and his ongoing commitment to support our veterans should serve as an example for all Americans. I would like to thank Kameron and his family for their dedicated service and patriotism. I am honored to be able to include his remarks in the RECORD.

SPEECH DELIVERED BY KAMERON GOETZ—FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA—NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING II COMPETITION, 2016

A little over two centuries ago a nation of men rose up, and threw off the yoke of oppression that had been thrust upon them by a far away monarch. In acquiring their freedom and breaking their bonds, many men laid down their lives. Today, it is because of their sacrifice that we are free. But this freedom must be continually fought for in order to keep it. As members of FBLA, we strive to develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism. At a minimum, every citizen of the United States should have similar goals. However, some have set and achieved much higher goals, while consequently paying a higher price. Today, I am going to tell you of one such person, and of the price he paid.

There was a small town farm boy who grew up right here in Washington State. You could call him the "All-American Kid." He was a hard worker, a good student, and an exceptional athlete. Once this All-American Kid graduated from high school, he was faced with an All-American decision. Join the Army or follow his mother's advice to settle down and get married to his high school sweetheart. As much as he wanted to please his mother, he chose the Army. He quickly adapted to his new life, becoming an excellent soldier—1st in his class at Basic Training. Once his training was complete, the All-American Kid was shipped off to a far away war, in a far away land, called Vietnam.

In the sweltering jungles of Southeast Asia, he came face to face with the monsters of war. He saw things that no man, let alone any boy, should ever see. Then he came home. The All-American Kid had a Bronze Star on his chest for valor, the physical scars of three separate combat wounds, and the demons that accompanied the atrocities he had witnessed. He was a hero, but was not treated as such. As he stepped back onto U.S. soil for the first time in months, the All-American kid was spit on and berated. He was called a "butcher," a "rapist," and a "baby killer."

The All-American rushed past the names and moved on. The demons he brought back with him were pushed deep down, far away. He settled down, got married, started a family, and became a successful businessman. Life was great on the outside. But on the inside, everything was much worse. His demons had never left him. For years they clawed, and ripped, and tore away at his very soul. And he fought, and he fought, and he fought back with everything he had. Finally, after years of fighting, he lost the fight. On February 3, 2014, my grandfather, David Wayne Long, the All-American Kid, succumbed to his demons. He committed suicide.

58,000 men and women lost their lives under a Vietnam sky. An additional 100,000 came home, only to take their lives under their own roofs. Every day, twenty-two veterans kill themselves. With that number, we are losing 8,000 veterans a year. They are all suffering from the same common disease. This disease is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or more commonly known as PTSD. PTSD won't let you move on from what you have seen, heard, or done in traumatic circumstances. It eats at you, slowly deteriorating

your very will to live. It cannot be cured, it cannot be stopped. But it can be treated. Foundations such as the Wounded Warrior Project are dedicated to helping men and women of the United States Armed Forces, past and present, recover from the physical and mental wounds of war. Specifically for those suffering with mental afflictions, the people at WWP take them in and simply love on them. They make them feel appreciated. Now this is key, because one of the worst fears for every soldier is not the fear of death. It is the fear that they will come home and the people, who they would have died for on a daily basis, do not care.

The Wounded Warrior Project can't help veterans alone. They need support, and they need partners. We need to be that support, and we need to be those partners, because it is the men and women who have served our country for generations that have upheld our freedom. I am ready to stand up and give back. Rise up with me. Let's all give back. Let's give back to those who gave.

HONORING MILLER COUNTY SHERIFF BILL ABBOTT ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Miller County Sheriff Bill Abbott on his upcoming retirement. As a native and resident of Miller County, I also happen to be one of Sheriff Abbott's constituents. Sheriff Abbott is retiring from his position in December 2016. Sheriff Abbott has dedicated more than sixteen years of service to Miller County residents since his appointment to office on April 6, 1999. The enthusiasm Sheriff Abbott has for his job hasn't been lost over the years he has served. Even with that enthusiasm, Sheriff Abbott realizes that it is time for a change.

As a Miller County resident, Sheriff Abbott has remained committed to his county, the people who reside in the county, and the state of Missouri. He comes from a family of public servants, some of whom served in law enforcement and his mother, Kathryn, who worked in the dispatch office. He credits his success as Miller County Sheriff to the support he has received from his family and community members. Sheriff Abbott's goal when he attained the position was to restore the public trust in the sheriff's office.

Around 640 square miles are encompassed within the Miller County Sheriff's Department jurisdiction. Sheriff Abbott currently has eight road officers covering that area day and night and, additionally, has two detectives that also contribute their time to road work. There have been some difficult cases during his time as sheriff, including seven infant deaths in just a year and a half time span. While there have been some tough cases, there were also many good moments as well. Under Sheriff Abbott's leadership, several positive changes in the jail and courthouse have occurred. Throughout the updates at the jail and courthouse, Sheriff Abbott was committed to using vendors from the Miller County area. It was important to him to keep everything local. Sheriff Abbott attributes the successes of the sheriff's office to the good staff and continuing support from the community.

With this retirement, Sheriff Abbott will be able to enjoy more time with his wife, Linda, and their children, Gayle, Gwen, Chad, and Courtney. He will also undoubtedly treasure the extra moments he can spend with his fifteen grandchildren. I know Sheriff Abbott is also looking forward to working more with the cattle that he and his son own.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Sheriff Bill Abbott for his more than sixteen years of service to the Miller County Sheriff's Department, the residents of the county, and the entire state of Missouri.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND RICK STONE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janice and Rick Stone of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on August 6, 2016.

Janice and Rick's lifelong commitment to each other, their daughter and their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IRAN SANCTIONS EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 6297, the Iran Sanctions Extension Act.

Despite continued pressure and condemnation from the international community, the Iranian regime defiantly continues its ballistic missile testing, human rights abuses, and sowing discord throughout the world as the leading state sponsor of terrorism. These threatening acts, coupled with continued violations of the nuclear agreement, should not be tolerated without check. That's why I am voicing my strong support for H.R. 6297, the Iran Sanctions Extension Act. This act is one of the most important pillars to the statutory sanctions against Iran to address its illicit activities. I applaud the House for coming together in a near unanimous fashion to pass this bipartisan legislation and hope the President agrees to sign it.