

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Old Newsboys' Good-fellow Fund of Detroit, as well as Amy and Dan Loepp. They have provided services critical to the well-being of countless Michigan children and their families.

**CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF  
CORPORAL ROBERTO VASQUEZ**

**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 celebrate the service of Corporal Roberto Vasquez. The embodiment of the U.S. Marine Corps' values of honor, courage, and commitment, Cpl. Vasquez is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Cpl. Vasquez's seven years of honorable service in the Marines from 1983–89 reinforced his innate drive to not quit until the job is done and done right. He leaves every situation better than he found it and has made permanent and positive impacts on his beloved Hutto, TX.

Whether it's teaching, working with at-risk kids, or coaching football, Cpl. Vasquez communicates the importance of self-respect to young people. His honors as an educator and his achievements as a school administrator are testimonies to his skill and devotion to ensuring students receive the education and guidance they deserve.

Yet Cpl. Vasquez's commitment to community doesn't stop at the schoolhouse gate. He's active in Cub Scouts, feeding the hungry, and is a devout member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. As Commander of American Legion Post 302 in Hutto, TX, Cpl. Vasquez has seen the membership of this proud organization devoted to the family of veterans grow under his leadership. Most important, he's never forgotten those who served but did not return.

Corporal Roberto Vasquez's motto is "other first." These stirring words aren't a meaningless expression but a deep and lasting creed that is the guiding force of his life. It's the work of selfless citizens like Cpl. Vasquez that keep our country safe and make cities like Hutto, TX wonderful places to live. I commend his commitment to his Corps, his nation, and his community and am honored to award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 17, 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 \$19,871,327,867,180.13. We've added \$9,244,450,818,267.05 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

**BROOKE BOTKIN FINISHES AN IN-  
CREDIBLE HIGH SCHOOL  
VOLLEYBALL CAREER**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 17, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pearland's Brooke Botkin for her outstanding volleyball career at Pearland High School.

The 6-foot, 3½ inch senior is preparing to complete her fourth year starting for the Lady Oilers. Brooke's impressive career has included being named as a Wendy's 2016 High School Heisman candidate, a three-time all-state selection and two-time Greater Houston Volleyball Preseason Player of the Year, not to mention numerous national honors. Her coach, John Turner, said she was the best six-rotation player the school has ever had, surpassing everyone with her blocking ability, digging, aces, setting and "of course, the kills." On top of her near perfect grade point average, Brooke spends her spare time helping with clothing drives, food drives, beach cleanup in Galveston and working youth volleyball clinics. She will attend and play volleyball for the University of Southern California in early 2017.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again on her exceptional volleyball career at Pearland High School. We know she will represent Pearland well in California.

**HONORING ENGINEERING AIDE  
CHIEF TROY R. COLE, SR., U.S.  
NAVY, RETIRED**

**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 Engineering Aide Chief Troy R. Cole Sr., U.S. Navy, Retired, of Cedar Park, Texas. A World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veteran, EAC Cole served as a guardian of our great nation against countless enemies. A true patriot and exceptional citizen, EAC Cole is a deserving recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

An intrinsic sense of adventure inspired EAC Cole to begin his naval career at age 17, shortly after World War II began. With a career spanning over three decades, EAC Cole saw much combat, and received numerous commendations, medals, and awards as testament to his exemplary service. Yet even upon retirement, the call to serve his beloved country continued to burn inside. EAC Cole returned to the Navy he loves, spending the next decade teaching, training, and mentoring the next generation of service men and women.

EAC Cole's love of country is matched only by his commitment to his fellow service members. Today, EAC Cole remains devoted to celebrating the life, and honoring the memory, of his brothers and sisters in arms. Each year, EAC Cole invests countless hours in orchestrating many of Cedar Park's veteran memorials, parades, and ceremonies. He is beloved

by the Cedar Park community for his leadership and passion.

EAC Cole serves his fellow men with the same dedication, honor, and humility with which he defended his country. He exemplifies what it means to be an American, consistently placing his country and fellow men before himself. May we all follow the example of great men such as EAC Cole, and live a life of passion, loyalty, and selflessness.

**RECOGNIZING KENN TUCKEY AS  
THE CENTRAL PENN BUSINESS  
JOURNAL'S 2016 HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTEE**

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 17, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kenn Tuckey as the Central Penn Business Journal's 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee. Each year, the Central Penn Business Journal honors top companies and individual leaders for their outstanding contributions to Central Pennsylvania's business community. Kenn's businesses have been in my district for almost five decades, and his commitment to customer service and community engagement have been essential to his continued success.

The Tuckey Companies include Tuckey Metal Fabricators, Tuckey Mechanical Services, and Tuckey Restoration. Established in 1968 as Frank Black Mechanical Services and with a focus on residential services, Kenn's father, Denver, purchased the company in 1981 and renamed it Tuckey Mechanical Services. Kenn founded Tuckey Metal Fabricators in 1978, and after purchasing the mechanical services business from his father in 1984, he was approached by local community leaders who identified a need for an emergency repair company that would specialize in fire and water damaged property. With the creation of Tuckey Restoration in 1992, Kenn used his years of experience to meet this need, and eventually brought all three companies under one umbrella. He has grown the companies into leaders in the industrial and commercial sectors, and has been recognized with the prestigious Chrysalis Award for Remodeling Excellence and an "Impeccable Workmanship" citation from the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Although three generations of Tuckeys still work within the organization, Kenn has always understood the value in engaging the community at large. Giving back to the community has always been a top priority for Kenn. He and his employees have volunteered for organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Carlisle YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, and Hospice of Central PA. Kenn's reputation in Carlisle is nothing short of exceptional, and this has allowed him to engage in various other ventures that benefit the region. The Tuckeys have made a commitment to spurring growth in Central Pennsylvania by purchasing old, rundown buildings, such as St. Paul Lutheran Church in Newville, and renovating them into state of the art housing communities. Hard work and quality service do not go unnoticed, and Kenn's impact on the region has afforded him a reputation that will inspire

business leaders across the Commonwealth for generations.

Mr. Speaker, with decades of success in my district and a commitment to giving back to the broader community, it's my honor to recognize Kenn Tuckey as the Central Penn Business Journal's 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee. Kenn's work, through the Tuckey Companies, has created countless jobs for my constituents and spurred economic growth in the region. On behalf of my constituents, I congratulate Kenn for this induction and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JOANN AND TOM TEWS

**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 JoAnn and Tom Tews of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on August 28, 2016.

JoAnn and Tom's lifelong commitment to each other and their family 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.

HONORING ALBERT CAMPOS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM LAPD

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 17, 2016*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Service Representative Albert Campos for his 34 years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Department.

Albert Campos began his career at Communications Division on May 24, 1982, as a Police Service Representative and is the last remaining member of his class.

Immediately after joining Communications, Albert began receiving commendations for his professionalism and excellent work ethic. He was commended by Captain Harrison, Newton FSD for an outstanding job on a Newton Task Force on March 7, 1983.

On October 31, 1988, Albert was commended for "Bringing Home the Gold" as a member of the United States Para-Olympics Wheelchair Basketball team in Seoul, Korea. The team was victorious as they had defeated

six other teams. He was honored that November by the Mayor, The Police Commission, the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for his participation.

Throughout his career Albert has been consistently recognized for his commitment to excellence and outstanding support of the officers in the field especially during emergencies and tactical situations. His stellar performance made him a pleasure to work with. Albert's professionalism, expertise and friendship were and are appreciated by his peers and co-workers, who describe him as a quiet professional.

For his many contributions to our community and for his dedication and commitment to the Division, the Department and the citizens of Los Angeles, I would like to recognize Albert Campos here on the House floor today.

DONNA COLE RECEIVES 2016 WOMEN IN ENERGY LEADERSHIPS' LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 17, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Houston's Donna Cole for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, part of the Houston Business Journal's 2016 Women in Energy Leadership awards.

Donna was selected for her successful leadership and the significant strides she has made in the energy industry. As a 27-year-old single mother, she founded Cole Chemical Distributing Inc. with only \$5,000. Since then, her company has grown and expanded, providing a range of products and services, from fuel and chemicals to supply chain management for the aerospace, automotive, refineries, petrochemical, specialty chemical plants, personal care, and electricity utility industries. In 2010, Donna was recognized at a Breakfast of Champions by the Harris County Education Department and was named one of Houston's 50 Most Influential Woman of the Year by Houston Woman Magazine.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Donna Cole for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. We are proud of her and thank her for all she has done for the energy industry.

HONORING CAPTAIN GEORGE WHITE, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

**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 Captain George White, U.S. Army, Retired, a decorated soldier and distin-

guished citizen of Round Rock, TX. In all aspects of life, CPT White goes above and beyond the call of duty. It is my honor to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Upon his enlistment in the Army in 1968, CPT White volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam, eager to serve his beloved country. As testament to the quality of his service, CPT White received numerous medals including the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. A true patriot, CPT White continued to honorably answer the call to serve even following his discharge from active duty. For seven more years, CPT White volunteered in an Army Reserve battalion, where he commanded every firing battery in the battalion. Under his leadership, his unit was named Best Firing Battery in the battalion each year.

In civilian life, CPT White has served those around him with boundless altruism and exemplary leadership. A profound and respected pillar in the Round Rock community, CPT White has served on numerous committees and boards, volunteered countless hours in community service, and has consistently placed his neighbors' needs before his own. He served on the city council for eight years, the last two as Mayor Pro Tem. For these reasons and many more, his community came together in 2005 to honor CPT White as Round Rock Citizen of the Year.

A reflection of the very best values of Central Texas and America, CPT White's service to his community and country has made a resounding impact on those around him. I thank and commend CPT White, a passionate leader with a servant's heart, for his dedication and service.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND LARRY BROWN

**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 Larry Brown of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 6, 1966 at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Janice and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their children 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.