

community, he is known for his enthusiasm to take on any problem none too small for his attention. His friends, his colleagues, and our community have benefited from his sincere regard for his employees, his hands on approach to sustainable giving, and dedicated community involvement.

Dr. Lechleiter's passion for, and dedication to, the biosciences industry clearly shows in his award winning work throughout the years. In 2014, he was named as the August M. Watanabe Life Sciences Champion of the Year for his vital support as one of the original organizers of the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute. BioCrossroads presents the Watanabe Award annually to an individual or organization that has facilitated the development and promotion of Indiana's life sciences. Dr. Lechleiter stated the importance of bringing together industry and research universities in a new, industry-led research institute that would bring entrepreneurial success as well as world-class talent to Indiana. His efforts to engage all sectors across the broader community have pushed Indiana forward to become a national leader in the biosciences industry.

Additionally, he was awarded the inaugural Global Health Partner Award from Project HOPE in 2012, and he received the 2015 International Citizen of the Year Award from the International Center of Indianapolis, Indiana. John and his wife Sarah have just recently been named as the winner of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee's 2016 Charles L. Whistler Award. This annual award recognizes individuals who, outside the regular duties of their chosen professions have brought together the public and private sectors for civic improvement in Indianapolis. This award recognizes the great commitment John and Sarah have made to early childhood education and their dedication to helping the advancement of our young people through early education. He has received Honorary Doctorates from Marian University, the University of Indianapolis, the National University of Ireland, Indiana University, Franklin College, and Purdue University.

In addition to his work at Lilly, Dr. Lechleiter is also a member of multiple boards and councils. Dr. Lechleiter is a member of the American Chemical Society and Business Roundtable. He is chairman of the U.S.—Japan Business Council, United Way Worldwide, and the United Way of Central Indiana, the Central Indiana Community Foundation, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and the Indiana Repertory Theater. He also serves on the boards of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, PhRMA, the Chemical Heritage Foundation, the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Nike, Inc., and Ford Motor Company.

During his time at Lilly, Dr. Lechleiter upheld and expanded Lilly's devotion to producing high-quality pharmaceuticals and giving back to the community. Lilly employs more than 11,000 people in the state of Indiana and more than 42,000 people across the globe. Lilly medicines serve countless doctors and more importantly patients around the world. Through Dr. Lechleiter's guidance and resolute leadership, great good has been done for the people of Indiana and the larger world. On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dr. Lechleiter on his outstanding career at Eli Lilly and Company and wish all the best to him and

his wife Sarah and their children Andrew, Daniel and Elizabeth and their families as they start the next exciting chapter their lives.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BEN VEREEN'S FIRST ANNUAL WELLNESS THROUGH THE ARTS SACRAMENTO ESSAY AWARDS

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ben Vereen's First Annual Wellness through the Arts Sacramento Essay Awards at California State University, Sacramento on April 30th, 2016. The evening gathering is the inaugural event for Ben Vereen's new Sacramento chapter of Wellness through the Arts. Mr. Vereen created Wellness through the Arts for young people who are struggling with B.O.L.D. (Bullying, Obesity, Low Self-Esteem, and Diabetes), inviting them to embrace the performing arts as a means to a healthier lifestyle.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Ben Vereen and his program, Wellness through the Arts, to Sacramento. Ben Vereen is not only a legend and idol for many in the performing arts world, but he continues to use his platform to give back to communities in big ways. Bringing Wellness through the Arts to Sacramento will empower our region's students through art and positively impact them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose to do in life. Art enriches our lives in so many ways and Ben Vereen is making sure that students in Sacramento have greater access to those incredible benefits that art can have on our overall health and wellbeing.

As part of Wellness through the Arts, students from local high schools have taken part in an essay competition titled "My Best Day," about how the arts have helped them address health issues. I am excited about the accomplishments of each of the finalists of this competition: Alanna Serrato and Dylan Curry from C.K. McClatchy High School, Brendan Orellana, Danniell Urena, Darius Wilson, Dylan Achermann, Joseph Weldon, and Kate Brugger from Natomas Charter School, and Brian Thao and Joseph Gonsolis from Luther Burbank High School.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the students on their success in the competition and to welcome Ben Vereen's outstanding organization to our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the hard work of these students and Ben Vereen and his program that promotes healthier lifestyles for students by empowering them through performance and art.

#### CONGRATULATING LEONARD MARTIN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2016*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leonard Martin, City Manager

of the City of Carrollton, on his upcoming retirement after 15 years of outstanding service.

Leonard Martin has worked in city management for over four decades, serving in six cities, across four states. He began his career as a management analyst in Wichita Falls, before moving on to positions in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Over time, he has earned a reputation among his peers and council members as a leader and an innovator with a sincere commitment to good government.

Leonard was appointed City Manager of Carrollton in August 2001. From the beginning, he fostered a culture of managed competition. Dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents, he worked with local leaders and community members to set ambitious goals and cut waste, challenging city departments to find more efficient ways to serve the people of Carrollton.

His sustained commitment to high quality and affordable services led to incredible growth in the city over the past 15 years, including the expansion of the Dallas Area Rapid Transport system in Carrollton and the establishment of a multi-jurisdictional Public Safety radio system and regional dispatch center. These projects have had a tremendous impact on the lives of residents, transforming the downtown area and providing quicker emergency response times.

Under Leonard's tenure, the City of Carrollton has also developed a state-wide reputation for government transparency. Earlier this year, Carrollton became the first Texas municipality to receive commendation from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as part of the new Transparency Star program. As a direct result of Leonard's efforts to increase accountability and openness, Carrollton has earned Transparency Stars in the areas of Traditional Finances, Economic Development, Debt Obligations, and Public Pensions—the most of any municipality in the state.

Among his many achievements, Leonard has been recognized as City Manager of the Year in both Oklahoma and Missouri, and in 2014 he was awarded the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Leonard and his many years of exceptional service to the City of Carrollton. His leadership will be greatly missed. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Leonard Martin on his retirement.

#### HONORING THE DELBERT DAY CANCER INSTITUTE

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the Delbert Day Cancer Institute at Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

The nationally accredited Delbert Day Cancer Institute will provide comprehensive cancer treatment care to residents of south central Missouri and its surrounding areas. The center will directly improve access to life saving and live extending services. I am proud to know

Missouri's Eighth Congressional District will be home to one of the finest cancer treatment centers in the country.

Doctor Delbert Day serves as a leader in biomedical research in his role as the Curator's Professor Emeritus of Ceramic Engineering at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Over the course of his impressive career, Dr. Day founded MO-Sci Corp in 1985, and introduced the glass microsphere components used for inoperable liver cancer treatments. As a leader in the advancement of radiation therapy, Dr. Day earned dozens of awards and high honors for his achievements as an incredibly successful forward thinking engineer. The Delbert Day Cancer Institute will use state of the art medical technologies, including some of the breakthroughs he developed, to treat the citizens of south central Missouri.

This week the United States Congress sent a bill to the President's desk that will support the principles of incentivizing research to create new treatments and one day cures for rare diseases, including cancers. I was proud to support the 21st Century Cures Act because we need to unleash the ingenuity of future inventors so they can continue to develop pioneering technologies so that centers like these will be able to better treat and one day cure cancer.

For improving access to cancer treatments in rural Missouri it is my pleasure to recognize the Delbert Day Cancer Institute before the United States House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING NELL PAYNE

#### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2016*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Nell Payne for her more than 16 years of service to our nation as the Director of Government Relations at the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian Institution that we all love and admire just wouldn't be the same had it not been for all of the hard work that Nell has put in.

Nell began her formal education with a Bachelor of Art in French Language and Literature from the University of Iowa and graduated in 1978. After finishing her Bachelor Degree, she went on to pursue a Doctor of Law (J.D.) from George Washington University, which she finished in 1982.

Nell began her professional career working as the Staff Attorney, Counsel, and then Chief Counsel for the U.S. Senate Budget Committee from May 1982—September 1987. Nell then spent October 1987—January 1990 as the Director of Government Affairs for Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. As Nell continued in her career she went on to become a Special Assistant to the President, Legislative Affairs for the White House from February 1990 through December 1991. After Nell had served alongside the President, she was able to move to Paris, France and serve as a Corporate Relations Manager for the American University of Paris. From 1994–2000 Nell served as Counsel for Verner Lipfert Bernhard McPherson & Hand. Furthermore, Nell went on to serve as Director, Office of Government Relations for the Smithsonian Institution from August 2000–present.

There are three kinds of people in this world: those who make things happen; those who sit around and watch things happen; and finally those who sit and wonder what just happened. Time and time again Nell has proven that she is of the first category of people who go out and strive to make the world a better place and I am honored to be able to recognize her for that greatness here today.

As I previously mentioned, throughout Nell's career she has continued to shine and serve the American people graciously. I cannot express my gratitude enough for all that Nell has accomplished for the Smithsonian Institution over the past 16 years or how grateful the American people should be for her diligence and excellence as the Director of Government Relations at the Smithsonian Institution. Once again, I would like to sincerely thank Nell for her vigor in service to the American people as the Director of Government Relations at the Smithsonian Institution.

God bless you Nell. I salute you.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO'S BUSINESS LEADERS

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding Sacramento business leaders who are tonight's honorees at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 121st annual dinner and business awards ceremony. Those being honored at tonight's event are dedicated to the success of the Sacramento region and have worked tirelessly to advance its economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans.

Martha Clark Lofgren, Partner and Co-founder of Brewer Lofgren, LLP, is Sacramentan of the Year. A distinguished attorney, Ms. Lofgren specializes in public policy matters with an emphasis on government relations, transportation, and land entitlement. She continually contributes her expertise and hard work to the well-being of the Sacramento region.

Donna Bland, President and CEO of Golden 1 Credit Union, is Businesswoman of the Year. Under Donna's guidance, Golden 1 continues to grow, to the benefit of its members and of the regional economy. Golden 1 is a large part of the Sacramento community, and we all look forward to the opening of the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento later this year.

Bill Yee, President and CEO of Western Contract, is Businessman of the Year. Mr. Yee has led the employee-owned Western Contract for over three decades. Under his leadership, Western Contract has maintained its focus on outstanding customer service, while—finding innovative ways to adapt to the changing demands of the furniture industry.

Aerojet Rocketdyne, a company that has been advancing technologies in rockets for over seventy years, is being inducted into the Centennial Business Hall of Fame. Aerojet Rocketdyne has long been a valued member of Sacramento's regional economy, providing many high-quality jobs to my constituents and advancing our national security.

Julius Clothing Company, a top-tier fashion specialty store serving the Sacramento region

for over eighty years, and Frank M. Booth, Inc., which has provided contracting services in California and Nevada for over a century, are being inducted into the Business Hall of Fame. These two enterprises are certainly worthy of tonight's honor, and have played major roles in the development of Sacramento's economy over their numerous decades of operation.

Crocker & Crocker is one of Sacramento's most successful public and consumer engagement firms. Its services have helped clients for over 20 years, and tonight it receives the well-deserved Small Business of the Year award.

Tre Borden is this year's Young Professional of the Year. Tre has his hands in a dizzying number of local art and place-making projects, including curating Warehouse Artist Lofts and founding a business incubator for Sacramento's creative talent.

This year's Al Geiger Memorial Award is going to Kelly Bennett-Wofford of Sacramento Covered and Darrell Teat from Nehemiah Corporation of America. These two individuals carry on Mr. Geiger's legacy by serving as role models who help inspire others to serve our community. Sacramento is a better place because of their tireless efforts.

For his many philanthropic endeavors and close involvement in Sacramento's midtown renaissance, Patrick Mulvaney, Owner and Chef of the renowned Mulvaney's B & L restaurant, is a most deserving recipient of tonight's Volunteer of the Year award.

Scott Hanson receives the Peter McCuen Award for Civic Entrepreneurs. Scott is senior partner and founding principal of Hanson McClain Investment Advisors, and has helped people plan for retirement for over 20 years. He is a nationally recognized investment advisor, author, and radio host.

Finally, Sedrick Ghoston is Ambassador of the Year. A highly successful financial services representative at Mass Mutual Northern California, Sedrick's persistent efforts help his clients reach their financial goals.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the Sacramento region that I love. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their unwavering commitment to Sacramento.

#### HONORING THE FOUNDATION FOR SICKLE CELL RESEARCH

#### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2016*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Foundation for Sickle Cell Research, a comprehensive non-profit organization in my district that provides a platform for researchers, healthcare providers, and those living with sickle cell disease.

The Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research was founded by Dr. Lanetta Bronte in 2012, and on October 20, 2016, the Foundation held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of its facility in the city of Hollywood, Florida.

Currently, Florida has the highest number of individuals with Sickle Cell Disease. This disease is unique in that acute treatment options rarely suffice. Instead, Sickle Cell requires a lifetime of care management.