

Larry Uhlenkott, Robert Wheeler, Everett Winkler, William Vick, Merle Wood.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado, to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

DELANO STUDENTS MAKING A NATIONAL MARK

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Gretchen Ness, Naomi Thoelke and Liliana Schroedl, all students from Delano, Minnesota who have received national recognition for producing a documentary on water pollution.

These incredible seventh grade students entered their documentary into C-SPAN's national StudentCam competition, which is meant to highlight issues students hope to see the candidates discuss during the Presidential election.

All of the girls are pet owners and thought of this project because they were deeply concerned with how water pollution negatively affects animals and the environment. Among the thousands of documentaries that were submitted, their documentary was one of fifty chosen for a prize—true testimony to a job well done.

I thank Gretchen, Naomi, and Liliana for taking an interest in our country and the environment. Our students are the future of this nation, and these three young girls make me believe that the future of this nation is a bright one.

HONORING JERRY M. JUDIN

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Staten Island resident Jerry Judin's endless commitment to legal service in the public interest.

Jerry's career as a public servant began as a Ranger for the National Park Service assigned to Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty. After a short stint serving the public safety as an Air Traffic Controller, Jerry returned to school, attending night classes at Brooklyn Law School. Following law school, Jerry spent two years working for the Richmond County Family Court, before transferring to the Richmond County Surrogate's Court in 1982.

For the last 34 years, Jerry has been a fixture in the Surrogate's Court, and in April of 2006 he was made the first ever Supervising Court Attorney in the Surrogate's Court. As he approaches retirement, he caps his career having served three Surrogates, the people of Staten Island, and the attorneys of Staten Island for a total of 36 years. He has served his community by lecturing before civic organizations on Staten Island, and the Richmond County Bar Association. He has taught Busi-

ness Law at the College of Staten Island, as well as at Rutgers, while also serving on the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island.

Mr. Speaker, it is right and proper that we recognize Jerry Judin's dedication to serving his community and the legal profession. I thank him for all of his great work and I am proud to honor this great man who has consistently put others before himself.

HONORING EYESHINE CREATIVE ARTS COMPANY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable minority business, EyeShine Creative Arts Company of Clinton, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under.

EyeShine Creative Arts Company is a locally owned and operated Christian faith-based dance company and ministry that provide quality education and training for multiple dance disciplines. ECAC serves as a conduit to stage productions, TV commercials, dance competitions, and other events that allow dancers to showcase their God-given talents. EyeShine offers workshops, after school programs, Spring and Summer camps, and fitness focus classes—"Fit to Dance", that broaden the creative experiences of dancers while developing levels of competence and confidence. The goal is not only to provide quality dance education, but also to educate, empower, and inspire the minds of students in a Christian environment.

Shawuanna, the founder of EyeShine Creative Arts Company, started her dance journey at the age of 4 years old. By age 6, she was performing with the "Eye of the Tiger" dance company founded and produced by Beverly Branson and her sister, a stage and television actress, Dr. Tonea Stewart. Shawuanna began performing in stage productions by the age of 7. In 1985, she was selected for the Academic and Performing Arts Complex (APAC) program, where she studied ballet, modern, and jazz at Ballet Mississippi. After experiencing traumatic situations as a teenager, Shawuanna turned to dance as a creative outlet and spiritual solace. She decided to focus on becoming a more diversified dance artist, expanding her studies from acrobatic creative dance, to more contemporary dance styles, such as: jazz, hip hop, Middle Eastern, and inspirational.

In 2004, Shawuanna relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and began working within the burgeoning entertainment industry, working with various, well-known R&B and Hip Hop artists throughout the metro Atlanta area. It was in Atlanta where she began to hone her craft as a choreographer and develop essential relationships and knowledge of the dance & entertainment industry. Inspired by FAITH and always the artist and educator at heart, in 2010, Shawuanna founded EyeShine Creative Arts Company.

Today, in addition to operating EyeShine Creative Arts Company and non-profit organization, EyeShine Inc., Shawuanna, choreographs and ministers with the National

Baptist Convention, Inc. USA dance ministry, ministers to General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, instructs dance for Fairview Learning Academy, Agape' Phaze II Academy, Girl Scouts of Greater MS. She also choreographs and ministers for church home, Grace Inspirations, various community events, and conferences locally and throughout the southeastern region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing EyeShine Creative Arts Company for its dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi and our country.

RECOGNIZING USNS "BRUNSWICK" AND BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA'S IN- VOLVEMENT DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brunswick, Georgia's involvement in the United States' World War II effort and, in turn, the newly commissioned United States Naval Ship (USNS) *Brunswick*.

Soon after the United States' entrance into World War II, German U-Boats began to sink American cargo ships at an unprecedented rate—stalling America's war machine and creating a severe crisis for American ships at sea.

In 1942, to curtail the crisis, Vice Admiral Emory S. "Jerry" Land contacted the J.A. Jones Construction Company of Brunswick, Georgia, with a request to build the fastest cargo ships of the time. Although J.A. Jones was a "building" contractor company with no previous experience in building sea-going vessels, J.A. Jones unbelievably met the challenge.

The company produced 99 ships in 2 years. In December 1944, the U.S. Navy requested 6 ships built that month and J.A. Jones responded by building 7. The J.A. Jones employees even worked through Christmas Day and denied receiving a payment for the extra ship they built.

I rise today to recognize these brave men and women from Brunswick, Georgia, who kept America's war machine running through World War II as well as the USNS *Brunswick*, which was named in honor of the men and women of Brunswick's effort during the war. I wish the sailors of the USNS *Brunswick* the best in living up to the name of their ship.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ART PING LEE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Art Ping Lee on his outstanding contributions to Chinese communities throughout the United States and his leadership in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Mr. Lee immigrated to the United States from the Guangdong Province of the Republic

of China in 1936. He saw the toll that World War II took on Chinese citizens in the United States who were prevented from being reunited with their families due to U.S. immigration laws and immigrant quota restrictions. As a founding member of the National Chinese Welfare Council in 1957, he campaigned vigorously for the lifting of limitations on immigration quotas. As a result, 40,000 Chinese immigrants were allowed to enter the U.S. every year. Mr. Lee has also worked tirelessly to enhance and strengthen the important relationship between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Mr. Lee, who celebrates his 102nd birthday this year, continues to be an active member of the community. He is a Senior Advisor to the Overseas Community Affairs Council of the Republic of China (Taiwan), which is a cultural, educational, economic and informational exchange organization between Taiwan and overseas communities. He is also an Honorary Elder of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of Washington, DC and an Honorary Elder to The Lee Family Association in the United States.

Mr. Lee has been recognized for his work as the recipient of the Kuomintang Cathy Medal and the Hua Kuang Medal, First Class, which is awarded by the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Chinese who have made special contributions in overseas Chinese affairs.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Art Ping Lee on his service to Chinese communities across the United States. His efforts have made a difference to countless people and I am grateful to him for his service to others.

HONORING MR. MIKE VOORHEES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Mike Voorhees, of Sonoma County, California, who is retiring after forty-one years of work with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Voorhees has worked in public service for his entire career. While spending thirteen years on the bench as Judge Pro Tem for the Sonoma County Superior Court, he also served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association. He spent the last eleven years working as Chief Financial Officer of the Sonoma County Reserve Deputies Association. Mr. Voorhees attained the rank of reserve captain in the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department in 1993, and has held that position ever since.

Mr. Voorhees has received many commendations for his work throughout his career. He was selected as the California Reserve Peace Officers Association 2004 Reserve Peace Officer of the Year, received the Sonoma County Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award in 2003, and earned an Award of Merit from the Santa Rosa Police Department in 2000. Mr. Voorhees has spent four decades volunteering his time, effort and resources to keeping the people of Sonoma County safe, and his commitment to public service is driven

by his unwavering commitment to doing the right thing, time and time again. The community admires Mr. Voorhees for his integrity and congeniality and for always supporting those in need.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Voorhees has spent forty-one years doing his part to keep Sonoma County safe. The people of Sonoma County have benefitted greatly from his lifelong dedication to public service. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING ROBERTA LYBYER AND THE LYBYER FAM- ILY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roberta Lybyer and the Lybyer Family of Cabool, Missouri on receiving this year's Century Farm Award. Receiving this honor is no easy task, and the Lybyers have exemplified hard work, perseverance, and dedication to the community throughout their lives. The farm was originally owned by Andrew S.P. Lybyer, the grandfather of Roberta's late husband, Floyd Lybyer. It was purchased 124 years ago on March 7, 1892.

Qualifying to be a Century Farm is a great feat. The farm must be in the same family for at least 100 consecutive years and the original tract of land has to be more than 40 acres. These farms represent an important part of American heritage, feeding generations upon generations and greatly improving the quality of life of Missourians. Their integrity and determination serve as an example of the great work that farmers do for our country.

I applaud the hard work and achievements of the Lybyers and look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the future. It is my pleasure to recognize the Lybyer family before the House of Representatives.

HONORING JOHN K. BOYLE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staten Island resident John Boyle's endless commitment as an educator serving the people of New York.

John is a native Staten Islander, and has dedicated his life to helping others. Upon his graduation from St. John's University, he immediately went to work at Elias Bernstein Intermediate School. After six years teaching, he was promoted in 2005 to Assistant Principal at Totten Intermediate School 34 and in 2011, he became the school's Principal. As the head of I.S. 34, John spearheaded a renaissance in the school's approach to educating the youth of the 21st century, which allowed Totten to enter the upper echelon of schools in New York City. A lifelong learner dedicated to his profession and a role model for our youth, John made the time to continue his own studies while serving as Assistant Principal, earn-

ing his first Masters in Secondary Education from the College of Staten Island in 2003 and his second Masters in Educational Administration from Touro College in 2005.

Based upon his demonstrated excellence, John was nominated by his peers to the Council of Supervisors and Administrators Executive Board where he serves as an advisor to the Executive Vice President. In 2013, John was asked by Chancellor Farina to be one of only 18 school leaders from across New York City to be a part of her Learning Partners Pilot Program. Last year, he was designated a Model Principal by the Chancellor for his work as a host principal in the Learning Partners Program. In June of 2015, John was chosen along with seven other New York City principals to expand the work of the Chancellor's Learning Partners Program into the Learning Partners Plus Program for which was named a "Master Principal."

Mr. Speaker, John Boyle's dedication to serving and educating our youth epitomizes the highest qualities we seek in our educators and community role models. I thank him for all of his great work and I am proud to honor this great man who has consistently put others before himself.

RECOGNITION OF AGRILIFE RESEARCH STATION

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the Agrilife Research Station in Sonora, Texas.

The Agrilife Research Station, also known as Sub-station 14, was founded in 1916 with the support of local ranchers and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The station's first task was to find the cause of the bighead cattle syndrome, and other diseases harmful to the livestock industry. Their current projects include researching noxious plant control, prescribed fires, and wildlife management.

The contributions of the Agrilife Research Station have been invaluable to farmers, ranchers, and the state of Texas over the course of the past 100 years. There is no question that the station will continue to excel under its present leadership. I am proud to represent such an important pillar of Texas agriculture and to congratulate its dedicated staff and supporters on 100 years of innovation, research, and success.

HONORING WILLIAM N. TUNNELL, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contributions of Mr. William "Bill" Tunnell, Jr. Bill Tunnell recently retired after almost 20 years as Executive Director of the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama.