

Office of International Business, she worked with the Chinese government to construct a Chinese archway, which helped energize Chinatown. She was also a radio show host at WKYS-FM. She eventually retired as a business executive with Chevy Chase Bank. During her illustrious career, she was a fierce and formidable force for positive change and equality.

She was active with national and community social, civic and political organizations. She had leadership roles with numerous entities including The Links, Inc.; Jack and Jill; The Girl Friends Inc.; and the Smart Set.

She lived her passion for humanity by her actions. As a human rights champion, she dared us to be more than ordinary, she encouraged and pushed us to be better than we even knew we could be. As a citizen of the world, she made us understand and appreciate our individual differences, and all that we hold in common. As a true believer, she simply made us believe by her example. Her standards were high, yet attainable; her truths were straightforward and without embellishment; her voice was strong with reason and reassurance; her directions were clear, simple and intended for keeping our feet on the right path; and her love was great and powerful and showed brightly in her eyes and heart. We are better for having had her in our midst, and we now ask Our Heavenly Father to hold her gently in his loving embrace for all eternity.

#### HONORING JOHN YAKLIGIAN

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Yakligian for being named the 2016 Senior Farmer of the Year by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. John's outstanding contributions to the agriculture industry and the Madera community are truly deserving of this special honor.

In 1955, John and his wife, Lois, moved to Madera County and began their journey of farming together. Over the last 62 years, they have farmed a variety of crops including: almonds, raisins, chickens, cotton, small grains, vegetable feed crops, and beans.

Giving back has always been a priority for John. In addition to serving on numerous California Farm Bureau Federation committees and as the President of the Madera County Farm Bureau, John served for 15 years on the Madera Community Hospital Board. He has been a member of the Madera Rotary Club for 42 years and is a founder and active member of the Grace Community Church. John is also a veteran and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

In addition to farming, John volunteered for 35 years at a non-profit organization, Far East Broadcasting Company, before becoming employed as the organization's Executive Vice President and CEO. The organization broadcasts to two-thirds of the world's population in over 141 languages to over one hundred countries.

John's family is very important to him. Lois and John have two children, Phillip and Jane, five grandchildren, and seven great grandsons. John and Lois have given back to their community in many ways, and it is fitting and appropriate to honor them for their accomplishments and efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize John as the Senior Farmer of the Year presented by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. John's success is exemplary of the American Dream, and he serves as an inspiration for all of us.

#### TRIBUTE TO BEN BUENZOW

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ben Buenzow for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

As an agent/owner at the Ben Buenzow State Farm Agency, Ben works tirelessly to provide top of the line customer service each and every day so that they can live worry free and know that their money is in good hands. Civically, Ben is one of the most dedicated individuals you will find. He is involved in a number of organizations throughout his community including serving as the director at large for the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce, the founding chairperson of the genYP Young Professionals group in Urbandale and co-chair of the Urbandale Police Department National Night Out event. He is driven by his passion for helping others and doing all he can to improve his community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ben in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ben on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

#### HONORING THE AMERICAN MUSLIM ALLIANCE OF FLORIDA

#### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Muslim Alliance of Florida. Through its scholarship program, this organization has served the state of Florida by improving graduating high school seniors' access to higher education.

This year, the American Muslim Alliance of Florida is providing 15 students with scholarships totaling \$10,000 to help them further their education. Past recipients have attended some of America's most prestigious universities thanks to these scholarships. I would like to extend my congratulations to this year's scholarship winners, and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

It is my great privilege to recognize the American Muslim Alliance of Florida for the work they have done for these students and South Florida community.

#### NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS—SAMUEL YEBOAH

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Samuel Yeboah from Pearland, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology leaders.

Samuel attends St. Thomas High School and is one of 13 high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This program was designed for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school, as well as to support their aspirations of working in a science or technology field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 29th through July 1st. Samuel was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to his dedication to his academic success and goals of pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Samuel and all of his hard work, and know he will make Houston proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Samuel for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, due to my participation in the Presidential Delegation to Cuba from March 20 through March 22, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, and 135. I would have voted on each had I been present.

Roll Call 130: "Aye"  
Roll Call 131: "No"  
Roll Call 132: "No"  
Roll Call 133: "Aye"  
Roll Call 134: "Aye"  
Roll Call 135: "Aye"

HONORING THE COASTAL BEND  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR  
THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Coastal Bend Council of Governments for their 50th anniversary. The group exists to serve 11 counties and 32 cities in South Texas with a host of services, including water quality management and waste management, and coordinates region-wide projects for its member towns and cities.

In an age of too much government, it is great to recognize such a creative and efficient collaboration between local governments and private entities. This terrific volunteer association not only serves, but protects the people of South Texas with 9–1–1 emergency services, criminal justice services, and Homeland Security programs.

For 50 years, the Coastal Bend Council of Governments has provided the Coastal Bend region with cost-efficient services through its unique partnership of the public and private sector. I honor their collaborative service to the South Texas community.

HONORING ARROWHEAD UNITED  
WAY

**HON. PETE AGUILAR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Arrowhead United Way as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. Arrowhead United Way was founded on April 17, 1891 in San Bernardino, California. Today it serves communities throughout California's 31st Congressional District, helping thousands of families access health, education and financial resources in the areas of our region most in need.

Arrowhead United Way's ability to partner with schools, government agencies, local businesses, faith leaders and other groups allows residents throughout the Inland Empire region to access critical everyday services. Arrowhead United Way's advocacy in our communities has advanced the common good and made the Inland Empire a better place to live.

I congratulate Arrowhead United Way on its 125th anniversary and commend the staff, both past and present, who have made and will continue to make a profound difference in the lives of so many families throughout our community.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF  
CAPTAIN KEITH "JUDGE" HOSKINS,  
COMMANDING OFFICER OF  
NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Captain Keith "Judge" Hoskins,

Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy. For more than 27 years, Captain Hoskins has served our Nation with honor and distinction as a combat pilot during Operations Decisive Edge, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, as a member of the Navy's elite flight demonstration squadron the Blue Angels, as an action officer and executive officer in various high-level functions, as third battalion officer at the United States Naval Academy, and most recently as Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola.

A native of Parkville, Missouri, Judge was born into a military family, learning the importance of selfless service at a young age from his father, who served in the United States Army. After graduating with a degree in electrical engineering technology from Missouri Western State University, Judge completed Aviation Officer Candidate School in September 1989, and in February 1992, he was designated a Naval Aviator. Early in his career, Judge participated in vital national security missions, when, as a member of the "Sidewinders" of VFA-86, he completed a deployment onboard the USS *America*, flying combat missions in support of Operations Decisive Edge and Southern Watch.

Like millions of Americans across the country, Judge was inspired as a child by the Blue Angels, but unlike most of us, he didn't just dream about becoming a Blue Angel—he actually did it. After returning stateside and serving a year as an instructor pilot for the "Gladiators" of VFA-106, Judge joined one of the Navy's most visible squadrons—the Blue Angels. During his three seasons as member of the Blues, Judge served as the narrator, opposing solo, and lead solo pilot, and, in addition, he also served as the Blue Angels' operations officer in his final season.

Upon his return to the fleet, Judge was assigned to the "Fist of the Fleet," serving as the operations and maintenance officer of VFA-25. Like so many of our Nation's brave Naval Aviators, the place where Judge truly shined was on the battlefield, and during his time at the "Fist of the Fleet," Judge flew combat missions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom. Through these combat missions and deployments, Judge demonstrated time and again the type of brave and selfless service that exemplifies our Nation's servicemembers.

Throughout his career, Judge has also shown tremendous leadership outside the cockpit, helping fight the Global War on Terror in multiple capacities. During a tour at U.S. STRATCOM, Judge served as an action officer and executive officer in the Plans and Policy Directorate, where he wrote, assessed, and disseminated policy at the highest level as STRATCOM was in the midst of restructuring to fight the Global War on Terror. Judge's excellence and leadership at STRATCOM were recognized by his selection as the aide de camp to the STRATCOM Commander.

After his time at STRATCOM, Judge once again returned to combat posture, leading a command tour with "The Valions" of VFA-15, as they served a combat deployment onboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Following the completion of his command tour, Judge helped to mold the next generation of Naval Officers, serving as the third battalion officer at

the United States Naval Academy, and as the national director of the NROTC program at the Naval Service Training Command.

In 2013, Judge was named the 56th Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola. As the Cradle of Naval Aviation, Pensacola and the entire Northwest Florida community are immensely proud of our area's tradition of military service and support for those who wear the uniform. NAS Pensacola is also the proud home of the Blue Angels, and Judge became the first former Blue Angel to command NAS Pensacola.

During his long and distinguished career, Judge has logged more than 3,400 flight hours, 570 arrested landings, and he has been awarded numerous decorations including: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal (three awards with combat "V"), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards with combat "V"), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and many unit commendations and awards.

Captain Keith "Judge" Hoskins embodies the selfless commitment to service, sacrifice, and exceptional skill of our Nation's servicemembers. Throughout his career, he has contributed greatly to keeping our Nation safe and protecting the freedom and liberty of all Americans, and he has also inspired countless others to pursue a career of service through his leadership and example.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Florida's First Congressional District, my wife Vicki and I thank Judge for his service and leadership, we congratulate him on his retirement, and we wish him all the best for continued success in his post-Naval endeavors. Bravo Zulu.

COMMEMORATING THE INDUCTING  
OF CAPT. JOHN EDGAR TIPTON  
INTO THE ROTC HALL OF FAME

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the inducting of Capt. John Edgar Tipton into the ROTC Hall of Fame. John grew up in Granite City, Illinois and graduated from Granite City High School in 1989. After graduation he enlisted in the military to serve in Operation Desert Storm. John then went to SIUE and graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Army ROTC Program in 1995. He had earned many commendations including: a Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Valorous Unit Award. And so it is most certainly fitting that such a heroic and distinguished man should be enshrined here on this historic day, the 100th anniversary of the ROTC.

On May 2, 2004 Capt. Tipton was killed when a piece of shrapnel from an explosion came through the window of his office and struck him. We will forever be indebted to him and to his family for their sacrifice. It is important, however, that we, in remembering his courageous service as a soldier, do not forget his service as a wonderful son, a devoted husband, a loving father, and a beloved friend.

I have had the privilege of knowing both his wife Susie and his in-laws for some time now.