

professional life. He volunteers his time to the Broadlawns Advocate Circle so that those who suffer from a mental illness have access to the kind of care they need in order to find themselves on the path to recovery.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Mike 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 Mike 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.

RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE MARC KOVAR

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Detective Marc Kovar, who is being honored by the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist during the 16th Annual Dean McNutly Awards Dinner this Sunday, April 17, 2016.

Detective Kovar is the Executive Vice President of the 33,000-member strong New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association (NJSPBA). He is committed to fighting for the rights of the men and women of law enforcement, who place their lives on the line each day for the people of New Jersey. Marc has served the residents in the City of Passaic for more than 20 years, and holds the rank of Detective.

He has been involved in many other committees and sits on the National Board of NAPO (National Association of Police Organizations). As a labor leader, Marc rose through the ranks of the Passaic PBA and State PBA. As the Delegate for the PBA Local 14, he was appointed to the State PBA Executive Board in 2008 and served six years as Chairman of the Collective Bargaining Committee. Furthermore, he is an active voice in the PBA Committees on legislation, legal defense and training of new union delegates. Marc is widely known for his volunteer work on behalf of fallen officers and their survivors; including over 10 years of service on the Passaic County Blue Mass Committee. He currently lives in Clifton with his wife Nicole and his two daughters Rachel and Isabella.

Marc is one of the most passionate union members and is exceptionally loyal to the PBA. Until his appointment as Executive Vice President, he was Chairman of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association Collective Bargaining Committee. His involvement with this committee has given him the unique perspective and experience needed to carry out his duties as PBA Executive Vice President.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I understand that law enforcement officials such as Detective Kovar are a critical part of keeping our local communities safe. I have the great honor of recognizing Marc's strong leadership and tireless dedication to his fellow officers as well as the

communities that they serve. I have known Marc personally as a law enforcement officer and as a friend, and I can tell you that there are few people who you would rather have in your corner than him.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of public servants such as Detective Marc Kovar.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, his family and friends, fellow officers, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Detective Marc Kovar.

CONGRATULATING SUE WOODRUFF ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sue Woodruff on the occasion of her retirement, and to thank her for her 42 years of service to Fairfax County.

Sue began her career with Fairfax County in 1973. Since that time, she has served in a variety of positions and departments including the County Executive's office, the Consumer Affairs division and the former Department of Social Services; however, she has spent the majority of her career in the Department of Human Resources (DHR) where she has served admirably for the last 35 years.

Sue joined the DHR in 1981 as a personnel analyst and from 1986–2002 served as the employee relations division chief. In this position, Sue was responsible for supervising employee relations, including personnel policy development, grievances, internal communications, award programs, the Employee Assistance Program, and drug and alcohol testing. She also served as the agency's liaison to the Fairfax County Employees Advisory Council and the Civil Service Commission.

She was promoted to assistant director for DHR in 2002 and served in that position for 6 years. Her responsibilities included overseeing compensation, employee relations, and work force planning. Due to her expertise, Sue led the review of the Pay for Performance System. She convened a group of human resources professionals, budget analysts, and employee advocates to explore possible enhancements. This commission identified a number of areas that could be improved and made recommendations, including the addition of an extra level or "fifth bar" to be used in employee evaluations and adjustments to performance awards. These changes resulted in a more consistent and fair employee evaluation process. During this time, Sue also served on the legislative team and co-led the management team setting the strategic direction for the agency.

Most recently, Sue has served as the director of the Department of Human Resources (DHR), a position the Board of Supervisors appointed her to in 2008. She has continued to strive to improve Human Resources operations and ensure that Fairfax County has the policies and programs in place to attract and retain a superior workforce. The world-class

services provided by Fairfax County government are in no small way due to Sue's efforts to build, train, and incentivize the dedicated civil servants who work for the County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Sue on the occasion of her retirement and in thanking her for her decades of dedicated public service. Fairfax County is often cited as being one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and Sue Woodruff has contributed immeasurably to this success.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 37th Anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) which was signed thirty-seven years ago on April 10, 1979.

Since its enactment, the TRA has undergirded U.S.-Taiwan relations—resulting in a mutually beneficial relationship that encourages strong security, cultural, and economic ties.

Taiwan's story is an example to the world of the potential of a country.

Taiwan and the United States share many values including: a commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

Indeed, I am particularly proud that as a Member of the U.S. Congress, my colleagues and I can serve an important role in strengthening bilateral relations by engaging our counterparts in Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan has grown to become America's ninth-largest overall trading partner and our seventh-largest destination for agricultural exports.

After Taiwan became part of the U.S. Visa Wavier Program in November 2012, travel from Taiwan to the United States increased by more than 50 percent.

Taiwan is set to join the U.S. Global Entry Program—a manifestation of its commitment to continuous cooperation between our two countries.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the speech delivered by Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou on March 30, 2016 at AmCham Hsieh Nian Fan celebration, in which he emphasized the strong and abiding friendship between Taiwan and the United States, which was integral to Taiwan's transformation into the free, prosperous, and just society it is today.

President Ma also mentioned that through the effort to seek peace, Taiwan has become a peacemaker and provider of humanitarian aid.

President Ma also spoke of Taiwan's future through the lens of three key issues: cross-strait relations, energy, and economic development.

During this time, as we commemorate the 37th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, I encourage my colleagues to continue to join me in support of and in promotion of our bilateral relations with Taiwan.

I also want to congratulate Taiwan on the January 16, 2016 election of the first female President to be elected—Dr. Tsai Ing-wen.

Mr. Speaker, the inauguration of President Dr. Tsai Ing-wen is the third peaceful transition of power in Taiwan's democratic history.

The United States congratulates the people and government of Taiwan on the election of President Tsai Ing-wen and Taiwan's enduring and strong commitment to nurturing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE
PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCI-
ENTISTS—BIANCA ELLEGON

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bianca Ellegon from Richmond, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

Bianca attends Terry High School and is one of eight 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 Medical Leaders, a program for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school and supported to continually strive toward their aspirations of working in the medical 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 25th through the 27th. Bianca was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress because of her dedication to her academic success and goals of pursuing a medical science. We are proud of Bianca and all of her hard work, and know she will make Richmond proud.

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

HONORING KATHRYN A. HEIN ON
HER RETIREMENT AFTER 11
YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathy Hein. She retired from Marquette University on March 31, 2016 after serving eleven years. Ms. Hein was the Assistant Director of the Les Aspin Center—Milwaukee, Les Aspin Center for Government. The position oversees the Milwaukee-based state and local internship program created to complement the Washington internship program.

The Les Aspin Center for Government which began in 1984 is a nationally recognized educational program that prepares young people to serve the public effectively and ethically and provides opportunities to en-

hance public policy awareness. Additionally, in 2005, the Kleczka Internship Program which Kathy Hein oversaw was started on Marquette's campus in Milwaukee. The Kleczka Internship Program places students in city, county and state legislative offices in Wisconsin. Like the successful academic model of the Les Aspin Center, the Kleczka internship combines hands-on internship experiences with classroom instruction to maximize students' learning opportunities. Since its inception 2,200 Les Aspin Center students have interned at many offices including: nearly 100 congressional offices, the State Department, the U.S. Secret Service, the White House, the Department of Defense, the Wisconsin Office of Federal-state Relations, and offices for Wisconsin-based corporations. The Les Aspin Center, through international exchanges, promotes mutual understanding between the United States and other countries. In fact, at any given time, there are approximately 50 Les Aspin Center alumni working as professional staff members in Congress and many have been elected to office themselves.

This is Ms. Hein's second retirement. She was a distinguished public servant working for the federal government for 27 years. Kathy worked in the Washington, DC office of the late Congressman Les Aspin. Prior to retirement from federal service, she served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Kleczka, my immediate predecessor, where she worked for 20 years.

Kathy Hein grew up in DePere, Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She worked for both Governor Pat Lucey and Governor Marty Schreiber. She continues her public service by serving as a member of the City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, a member of the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center Board of Directors and serves as the Co-chair of my 4th Congressional District, Academy Nomination Board of Advisors. Kathy is especially famous for her amazing desserts and she enjoys spending time with her loving husband of thirty-four years, Gordon Werner.

Kathy is a true "public servant" and has always fought for policies aimed at advancing equality of rights for all. Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I rise to pay tribute to an amazing woman, Kathy Hein, on her illustrious career. She is an asset to the 4th Congressional District and has made a positive impact on all of Wisconsin.

CONGRATULATING THE ORGANIZA-
TION OF KOREAN-AMERICAN
WOMEN ON ITS 52ND ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Organization of Korean-American Women (OKAW) and congratulate it on the occasion of its 52nd Anniversary.

While much has changed here in Northern Virginia over the last 50 years, the mission of the Organization of Korean-American Women has not, and it is more important than ever. The transition to a new country can be daunting as new customs and social mores, a

different language, and a reduced network of supportive friends and family present real challenges to anyone moving to a new community. The Organization of Korean-American Women has distinguished itself through its service in helping people adapt to their new home and to fully share in the benefits and opportunities that brought them to the United States.

For 15 years, OKAW has been an active supporter of The House of Hope, which provides temporary emergency shelter and support services to women and children who are in immediate danger from domestic violence. No woman should have to live in fear simply because she does not know where to turn for help. The House of Hope provides these women with financial support, shelter, and legal assistance. It also helps them become self-sufficient and full participants in our American society.

OKAW would not be able to provide these crucial services without the contributions of individuals, corporations, and foundations, however its most priceless asset is the commitment of its staff and volunteers, who dedicate their time and energy to ensure the well-being of others. I am honored to submit the names of three of these individuals into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Ms. Mija Perkins, President of the Organization of Korean-American Women. Ms. Perkins has been involved in OKAW for more than 35 years and has led the organization through its growth and expansion of programs and services.

Mr. William Won-Kyun Hwang, President of the Washington Chapter of the National Unification Advisory Council (NUAC) for the Republic of Korea. Mr. Hwang is an integral part of the Northern Virginia community and is a long-time supporter of OKAW.

Mr. Sam Patton, who has volunteered his time for more than 10 years and assisted in a variety of capacities including serving as webmaster.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Organization of Korean-American Women on its 52nd anniversary, and in thanking the staff, volunteers, and supporters for their contributions to our community. Their commendable efforts and selfless dedication to improving the lives of others are truly worthy of our highest praise.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER SMITH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jennifer Smith 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.