

For nearly 18 years Dan has worked to improve quality of life and opportunities in Jourdan. His efforts helped to bring a number of new facilities to the city. Some notable accomplishments include: a new water waste treatment plant, a municipal complex, a municipal court, a police department, and council chambers. Presently, the construction of a new sports complex is under way for the city; another project Dan had a hand in accomplishing. Dan Nick's impact as City Manager can be seen in the prosperity and success of the city of Jourdan.

In addition to his exemplary career as a public servant, Dan Nick is a devoted husband and father to Kathryn Hendrickson and their two children Kimberley and Daniel.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Dan Nick, a patriotic American citizen, a devoted City Manager to Jourdan, and a loving family man.

TERUMO BCT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Terumo BCT for receiving the Chairman's Choice Award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

Terumo BCT, a global leader in blood component and cellular technologies, has a 45-year history in Jefferson County. Starting as a small medical device manufacturer in California, Terumo has grown to be one of Jefferson County's largest employers with more than 1,800 employees in the county. They are the only company with the unique combination of apheresis collections, manual and automated whole blood processing, and pathogen reduction coupled. Additionally, they operate the only ethanol-oxide sterilization facility in the state.

Terumo BCT has been in Lakewood since 1964 and evolved into the organization it is today through mergers of different companies and increased growth. In April 2015, Terumo BCT opened their new 125,000 square foot state-of-the-art global headquarters in Lakewood, which includes office, lab, parking, and an onsite fitness center and cafeteria. The expansion will bring 300 high-paying jobs and over \$37 million in new capital investment to Jefferson County over the next couple of years.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Terumo BCT for this well-deserved recognition by Jefferson County EDC. Thank you for your contributions to the Jefferson County economy and community.

IN MEMORY OF MR. DEREK DUNN-RANKIN

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Derek Dunn-Rankin, founder and chairman of the Sun

Media Group, who passed away at his home in Venice, Florida this weekend at the age of 88.

Mr. Dunn-Rankin began his newspaper career at age eleven as a delivery boy for the Miami News. While attending Rollins College, he worked as the editor for the student paper and as the sports editor for the Sanford Daily Herald. Following graduation, he returned home and took the position of circulation manager at the Miami News before becoming a Vice President with Landmark Communications in Norfolk, VA.

In 1977, Mr. Dunn-Rankin left Landmark Communications to start his own company in Venice, Florida. Derek began by purchasing the Venice Gondolier and within three years, the small newspaper was winning awards at the state level. His next endeavor was purchasing the Charlotte Sun in 1979, a small tabloid with four employees. By 1987, thanks to Mr. Dunn-Rankin's business savvy, the Sun had become a daily publication and was one of the fastest growing daily papers in the country. Today, Sun Media Group employs over 350 people, produces printed publications in seven areas and has twice received national recognition for its online publication.

In addition to his pioneering work in news media, Mr. Dunn-Rankin was a cornerstone of the Charlotte County community. Following the devastation of Hurricanes Charley and Ivan in 2004, many residents were forced to leave their homes and most were left without power, phones or any viable means of communication. Derek took it upon himself to help his community through this extremely challenging time. The Charlotte Sun distributed free newspapers in order to keep people in the community informed amidst the chaos. His telephone company also set up emergency call centers for residents to call loved ones and reach out to FEMA for assistance. Mr. Dunn-Rankin's tireless devotion to the people of Charlotte County during this disaster speaks volumes to his benevolent nature.

Mr. Dunn-Rankin's continuous dedication to growing the community did not go unnoticed. The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce named him the "Pacesetter of the Year" in 1995 and the Cultural Center awarded him their "Citizen of the Year" in 2003 for his decades of service to the community. He will be sorely missed but his efforts will continue to have a positive impact on the community for years to come. Derek is survived by his loving wife Betty, his daughter Debbie and his four sons, Peter, David, Jeff and Mike.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Dunn-Rankin's family and the entire community as they mourn his passing. He will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHEAST
POLK WRESTLING TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Southeast Polk Wrestling team for winning the Iowa High School Athletic Association Class 3A Wrestling Championship Title.

I send my congratulations to each member of the Team:

Wrestlers: Mark Ames, Ryan Strickland, Gauge Perrien, Wiley Parks, Adam Brown, Trent Nelson, Nate Lendt, Zach Strickland, Cody Batterson, Nathan Marchand, Zach Barnes, Andrei Allen, Gunner Jorgensen, Michael Lopez, Solomon Jones, Thad Breitsprecker, Gavin Babcock, Al Durr, Cody Wonderlich, Dawson Velez, Kameron Padavich, Brady Wenner, Eric Pingel, Grant Dishinger, Ethan Andersen, Damien Ramirez, Dan Ramirez, Levi Brand

Head Coach: Jason Christenson

Coaches: Jessman Smith, Jeff Evans, Jake Helvey, Jesse Smith, Eric Morrow, Pat Wilson, Tom Koch, Jeremy Dove

Mr. Speaker, the success of this team and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, commitment, and determination. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the team for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them nothing but continued success in all aspects of their lives.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 8

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 8, located in Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey.

Troop 8 is one of the earliest chartered troops of the Boy Scouts of America in the eastern United States, founded in 1916. For one hundred years, Troop 8 has held an integral part in the Chatham community, fostering civic values, compassion, and a sense of moral aptitude in the young men who have filled through its ranks.

Troop 8 is sponsored by Ogden Memorial Church, located within Chatham Borough. The troop currently possesses an enrollment of one hundred young men of various ages. Throughout the year, the group partakes in a variety of community service events, aimed at improving the overall standard of living within Chatham and the surrounding area. The troop also organizes outings for members, such as camping trips and group hikes. Both these outings and trips strengthen the bonds of fellow scouts and build individual character.

Examples of past community service events are numerous and deeply impactful on the community. Scouts have cleaned up various Chatham parks, created campsites, and traveled as far as New Mexico in the name of community service.

Troop 8 is home to over 150 Eagle Award recipients. This award, one of the highest honors bestowed on a scout, requires active involvement in the troop, a minimum of 21 merit badges, a clear leadership role in the troop, and an original service project that benefits the community in some way. Past projects have included improvements to local churches, creating an outdoor reading center at the Chatham Library, and discovering and implementing a way to prevent flooding from Milton Pond. The completed projects, as well as the

high volume of Eagle Award recipients within Troop 8, are a testament to the Boy Scout's dedication to serving the community.

Boys who have passed through the program have gone on to become successful adults, upholding the ideals instilled during their time as Boy Scouts. The life skills provided by Troop 8 are invaluable in preparing these young men for future roles and responsibilities. Moreover, the Chatham community is extremely thankful for the time and effort these young men contribute to improving their neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the members of the Boy Scout Troop 8 of Chatham, New Jersey for all of their service to the community, and in congratulating them and their scout leaders on their Centennial Anniversary.

RYAN STACHELSKI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ryan Stachelski for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Arvada Young Professionals Leadership Award.

As the Deputy Director of the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA), Ryan has achieved outstanding results in fostering economic development and vitality for the City of Arvada. His community-mindedness has helped create and enhance meaningful partnerships with a variety of organizations across the City. Ryan played an integral role in AEDA becoming certified as an economic development organization for the city and has helped grow engagement from local businesses to assist in Arvada's overall economic development efforts.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ryan Stachelski for this well-deserved recognition by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

ESSAY BY JONATHAN FROST

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight from across the political spectrum that sheds a light on the concerns of our younger constituents. Giving voice to their priorities will hopefully instill a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Jonathan Frost attends Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas. The essay topic is: What makes the political process in Congress so challenging?

John Adams once said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Today the political process in Congress is challenging because the representatives in Congress have lost that shared set of core values. Congress was not always in the gridlocked state that it is now. While political parties have always differed on priorities, strategies, and tactics, until recent decades members of Congress held a set of core values. Such values included a shared view of America's role in the world, the independence of the judiciary, respect for the Constitution, universal freedom, a shared religion, and the desire for the nation to put America's interests first.

What do we have today in Congress instead of that shared set of core values? Instead of acting as a unified body that acts in the interests of the people of the nation, Congress acts more like a divided group of tribes who always try to harm the opposing tribe. The tribes primarily call themselves "Republicans" and "Democrats", both of which would rather hurt each other than do what's best for the nation. If Congress could agree again on a shared set of core values, then the legislative process would be easier and more productive.

To spawn these shared values, the stubborn allegiance most Congressmen have to their respective parties cannot continue. The challenge of getting political parties to change their ways is exasperated by many decades of bad blood and misbehavior. Many observers date the deterioration of the political parties from the character assassination of Clarence Thomas and his nomination as a Supreme Court Justice. The personal and insulting nature of the tactics of a few Democrats led to a downward spiral of revenge and payback that continues to this day.

The practical solution will require courageous leadership by strong and popular leaders of each of the two major political parties to join together in forging a concise set of core values to guide the work of the legislative branch. Only those leaders can define the values, but here are a few that might guide us:

Individual Responsibility
Compassion for those who cannot provide for themselves
Hard Work
Innovation
Free Enterprise
Strong Military

In the same way that great organizations are guided by a shared set of core values, Congress could consider only legislation that does not run afoul of the agreed set of core values. Sadly, the course of human history suggests that it is unlikely that two such visionary leaders will simultaneously emerge.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN P. CURTO ON THE OCCASION OF A DAY NAMED IN HIS HONOR BY THE CITY OF EASTON

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Stephen P. Curto. This past Sunday, City of Easton Mayor Salvatore J. Panto, Jr. declared April 17 to be Stephen P. Curto Day to give tribute to a man who brightened his community through a lifetime of service.

Stephen Curto dedicated himself to the city of his birth. A noteworthy chapter in his life

was filled by nearly fifty years of volunteering for the Easton Area Community center, which, for over sixty years, served the West Ward, one of the most diverse and impoverished neighborhoods in the City. He was instrumental in establishing the Center's annual testimonial roast fundraiser and diligently worked to ensure its continued success.

Stephen Curto was also a dedicated family man and was involved for years in Democratic politics and labor causes. In 1990, he retired from his position as a business agent for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and gave himself even more fully to his family and his causes.

I applaud the City of Easton for bestowing such a worthy tribute to a uniquely resolute and enduring figure of community service.

JIM SCHARFENBERG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jim Scharfenberg as the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Man of the Year for his volunteerism, kindness and dedication to the community.

Jim has been a long-time supporter and participant in many of Arvada's community programs, such as the Arvada Center and the City of Arvada's Adopt-a-Trail Program. He also worked as a volunteer for the Arvada Community Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Rose Roots Garden, Santa House, and the Majestic View Nature Center. He co-founded Trees Across Arvada with his wife, a nonprofit program that offers an annual opportunity for residents to purchase low-cost trees suitable for Colorado's drought environment and to help beautify the community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jim Scharfenberg for this well-deserved recognition by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 153, due to severe weather in my district, I was unavoidably detained and unable to return to Washington, D.C. in time to cast votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

TRIBUTE TO GRANT STOTTS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Grant Stotts of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa for winning the Class 3A, 132-