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Logan's promotion to Eagle Scout is even more significant given that his brothers, Ethan and Austin, also achieved the Eagle Scout rank. To have one Eagle Scout in a family is remarkable, but to have three is beyond exemplary. Logan and his brothers' achievements are a testament to their family's reverence for focus and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Logan has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Logan luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

COMMUNITIES ORGANIZED FOR
PUBLIC SERVICE (C.O.P.S.)

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Communities Organized for Public Service (C.O.P.S.) and the Metro Alliance as they celebrate over 40 years of organizing in San Antonio. COPS/Metro are a coalition of congregations, schools, and unions coming together with the goal of making San Antonio a better place for families.

COPS/Metro are part of the Texas Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Network, which traces its roots back to San Antonio. The Industrial Areas Foundation is the oldest and largest organizing and leadership development network in the United States, and includes COPS/Metro in San Antonio, TMO in Houston, Valley Interfaith in the Rio Grande Valley, EPIISO & Border Interfaith in El Paso, Austin Interfaith, ACT in Fort Worth, Dallas Area Interfaith, the West Texas Organizing Strategy, and The Border Organization in Del Rio and Eagle Pass.

This non-partisan network of community organizations trains leaders to organize a powerful constituency to improve their quality of life and teach ordinary people to do extraordinary work for the common good. The Texas IAF Network has created nationally recognized workforce development, job training, living wage and other economic development strategies. Thanks to the network's efforts over the decades, Texas communities have benefitted from successful educational initiatives and significant investments in colonias, parks, libraries, after school programs, sidewalks and innumerable other local and statewide efforts.

I commend COPS/Metro and the Network of Texas Industrial Areas Foundation organiza-

tions on their commitment to helping families, developing leadership of Texas residents, and promoting civic engagement in the public life of our communities and state. On the occasion of this anniversary, I extend to its members best wishes for a memorable celebration of over 40 years of organizing.

RECOGNIZING DENT MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENTS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, recently, students from Dent Middle School in Columbia competed in the South Carolina History Day regional competition at the South Carolina State Museum.

Their presentation topics ranged from politics and government to historical discussions on some of our nation's greatest Presidents. I am honored to say that eight remarkable students from the Second District won awards during this competition and will compete in the national competition this June.

Tessa Giusto won in the Junior Historical Paper category for her work discussing Plato and Locke and how they influenced U.S. politics. Hannah Hedley won in the Junior Individual Documentary category for her entry on Oskar Schindler. Sofia Crowley and Gabby Snow won in the Junior Individual Performance category for their project on Japan. And finally, Katie Pittman, Lauren Price, McKenna Wright, and Mariya Medvedchikova won in the Junior Exhibit Group for their project on Adolf Hitler.

Congratulations to these students, their principal Dr. David Basile and teacher Ms. Jill Carroll.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and may the President by his actions never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF
DELL URBAN

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, last week, on Monday, April 18, 2016, I rose to honor Dell Urban, the Chief of the North Chicago Fire Department, on her more than 25 years of service to the department. Ms. Urban is the first female fire chief in Lake County, and is one of only two female fire chiefs in the State of Illinois.

During my remarks, I incorrectly stated that Chief Urban was retiring. I would like to correct the record, congratulate Chief Urban for her dedicated service to the community of North Chicago for more than 25 years, and thank her for her service in the years to come. Here is the speech as it should have been delivered:

I rise today to honor Dell Urban, the Chief of the North Chicago Fire Department on her more than 25 years on the force. Ms. Urban is the first female fire chief in Lake County,

and one of only two female fire chiefs in the State of Illinois.

As fire chief, Ms. Urban has been responsible for saving countless lives and has done her duty protecting the community of North Chicago. We should all aspire to be as brave as the firemen who lay down their lives each and every day to ensure our safety.

In addition to performing her duties, Ms. Urban has been a mentor and a friend to many firefighters throughout her time as chief, and the station today is far better off than before she was chief.

I want to thank Ms. Urban for her service and wish her the best as she continues to serve the community of North Chicago.

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH N. SEALOCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Hannah Sealock of Underwood, Iowa, for being awarded the Good Citizen Award by the Council Bluffs Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). Hannah is a senior at Underwood High School in Underwood, Iowa.

Hannah exhibited all of the talents and skills needed to qualify for this award. They include dependability, service to others, leadership, and patriotism. Judges took into consideration several areas in grading her application including high school achievement, home and community activities, future plans, extra-curricular activities, and good citizenship. A second requirement was to write an essay on Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It. The essay was to focus on our American rights and freedoms and the rights she would select to celebrate.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Hannah for earning this award. She is a shining example of the future of our youth. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Hannah for her interest in preserving our rights and freedoms. I wish her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE AMERICAN HERITAGE
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL
TEAM

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a team of exemplary students I represent who are paving the way for the future of math and science achievement in this country.

Students from the American Heritage School in Plantation, Florida have the honor of representing their region in the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl taking place in our nation's capital this week. These South Florida scholars are among 550 students from around the country competing for prizes and awards in this year's competition.

The National Science Bowl offers middle and high school students the chance to test

their math and science skills, and enhance their knowledge through seminars and workshops.

I congratulate these incredible students—Jared Shulkin, Christopher Hermens, Jacob Carbone, Saaketh Vedantam, and Jared Lassner—on their success, and I thank their coaches and teachers for their dedication to molding young minds and shaping America's future thinkers and creators.

CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAVERY
PRESENTED TO COBB COUNTY
HERO

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, it's not every day that we get to recognize a true hometown hero. Last month, I was given the great honor of presenting the Congressional Badge of Bravery to a very deserving hero.

Officer Tony Luong, of the DeKalb County Police Department, and a resident of the 11th Congressional District, puts on his uniform each day, knowing the dangers he may face. However, his commitment to serving his fellow man is greater than the risk.

In December, 2014, during a home invasion with two heavily armed suspects, Officer Luong arrived on the scene, ready to do whatever it took to keep his community safe. The two suspects ignored police orders and began shooting at the law officers. The policemen took cover and returned fire. As Officer Luong attempted to detain one of the suspects, he sustained a near fatal bullet wound to the leg, just prior to the officers apprehending the suspect and taking him into custody. While Officer Luong was undergoing life-saving measures in the hospital, the second suspect was captured after a four-hour manhunt with the assistance of surrounding police jurisdictions.

During this incident, Officer Luong showed uncommon courage in the face of imminent danger, protecting DeKalb County residents against a violent home invasion. Even though Officer Luong was shot in the line of duty, his commitment to protecting innocent lives is unwavering. Today, Officer Luong continues to serve on the DeKalb County Police force, and I'm proud to know such a brave officer, who even in the midst of danger, does not cower in fear, but courageously takes action to serve and protect his fellow citizens.

CONGRATULATING ETHAN LYNN
SWEARENGIN ON RECEIVING THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S
EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ethan Lynn Swearingin, of Springfield, Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) top rank of Eagle Scout.

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the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning. An extremely exclusive honor, less than two percent of the 112 million scouts since the BSA's founding in 1910 have achieved the Eagle Scout distinction.

Ethan's promotion to Eagle Scout is even more significant given that his brothers, Austin and Logan, also achieved the Eagle Scout rank. To have one Eagle Scout in a family is remarkable, but to have three is beyond exemplary. Ethan and his brothers' achievements are a testament to their family's reverence for focus and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Ethan has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Ethan luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

IN HONOR OF PAUL MORIN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of some of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents. The Loudoun County Sheriffs Office held their 2015 Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, February 19th to recognize the daily services and sacrifices provided by our local law enforcement. Selected from America's finest, and nominated by their peers, the following award serves as a testament to the officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting our community. The following individual deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

The Distinguished Training Officer Award recognizes Deputy First Class Paul Morin who consistently demonstrated superior performance in training others within his respective division. His work ensures that the community will continue to be protected by some of the most highly trained officers in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department for protecting and serving our community day-in and day-out.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 164 and 165.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND JOHN
REGAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate John and Helen Regan of Braddyville, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 7, 1951.

John and Helen's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, John, Claudia, and Cathy truly embodies Iowa values. It is Iowans like the Regan's that make me proud to represent our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
THE LOUDOUN VALLEY HIGH
SCHOOL STEM CLUB

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge a group of my constituents who have proudly represented Loudoun Valley High School—located in Purcellville, Virginia—in Samsung's Solve For Tomorrow STEM Education competition. The team was led by José Rodriguez and Erin Wissler, and won the competition after being named one of the final five national finalists. Members of the team include Gwen Eging, Morgan Freiberg, Summer Harvey, Riley Herr, Carter Hunt, Jackson Kennedy, Sean Lohr, Blake Messegee, Malcolm Miller, Ethan Rodriguez, Riley Schnee, Graeson Smith.

Samsung's Solve For Tomorrow competition is designed to give schools across the country the opportunity to raise students' interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects by awarding their schools with new technology products. It also encourages some of America's brightest high school students to create their own applications and further their interest in advancing modern technology. I know that the experience of developing new technologies, and engaging in friendly competition with their fellow students, serves as a valuable learning tool.

The winning technology developed by the Loudoun Valley High School team was a solar powered safety alert system that allows students and their families to contact the police if they are in danger on the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park, which is a 45 mile paved trail that runs between Shirlington and Purcellville, Virginia. These students value our community's safety and wanted to create a more secure route for those who enjoy this park.

In today's world, it cannot be stressed enough how important science, technology, engineering, and math are for the future of our nation. It is young STEM leaders, like these constituents, who will continue to help the