

On both the local and national level, Bob has worked to strengthen mutual understanding and relations between Jews and African Americans, both of whose histories have been shaped by oppression and bigotry.

Throughout his life, Bob Goodkind has personified the core Jewish value of Tikkun Olam—the enduring charge to perfect the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring his exceptional life of devotion to the causes of humanity, brotherhood, and the American Jewish community.

HONORING KELSIE ELLINGSWORTH
ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE
PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCI-
ENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO
THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE
MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clever High School student Kelsie Ellingsworth, of Clever, Missouri, on her being accepted as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. Specifically, it's designed for students aspiring to become physicians or medical researchers, and provides a path and mentorship for students to accomplish their goals.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants are either recommended by a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Delegates represent all 50 states plus Puerto Rico, and must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Students like Ellingsworth who qualify for this incredibly selective honor exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, Kelsie Ellingsworth has not only excelled in her academics, but has shown a passion for science and medicine that will serve her future aspirations well. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Kelsie the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE AND DALE
MENNING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Debbie and Dale Menning for being recognized with a Lifetime Leadership Award. They received this award as Main Street Iowa celebrated 30 years of commitment to downtown and commercial district revitalization.

Debbie and Dale Menning received this award which recognized "inspirational leader-

ship and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the local Main Street Programs' mission." The Mennings assisted with Guthrie Center, Iowa's initial application to become a Main Street community. They are heavily involved with Main Street Iowa committees and the work that is involved in making this Main Street Iowa community successful.

Mr. Speaker, Debbie and Dale Menning are Iowans who have served their community of Guthrie Center, Iowa. It is with great honor that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring the Mennings for receiving the Lifetime Leadership Award and wish them continued health and happiness.

HONORING ROBERT MAYERSOHN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Mayersohn, who is being honored for receiving the "Champion of Students" award by Broward County Public Schools. This prestigious award is given to an outstanding individual who advocates for students on the occasion of Broward County Public Schools' 100th anniversary.

Mr. Mayersohn is a graduate of Syracuse University, and has a distinguished record of outstanding service to his community. He has protected the needs of students as an experienced education advocate, surrogate parent and guardian ad litem. Mr. Mayersohn is also a successful entrepreneur and small business owner. He has a long history of civic and community involvement. For nearly two decades, Mayersohn has fought on behalf of parents, teachers and students to improve the public schools of Broward County. He has served as the Chair of the Broward County School Parent ESE Advisory Council and is a current Executive Board Member of the Broward County Council of PTAs/PTSAs. His tireless work in support of local students is truly impressive and worthy of recognition.

Throughout his career in education and public service, Robert Mayersohn has shown himself to be an outstanding leader in his community. I am pleased to join the Broward County Public Schools in honoring Mr. Mayersohn for his ongoing commitment to excellence and distinguished service to our community.

HONORING SECOND STREET
BREWING

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Second Street Brewing on their tremendous success during the 2016 World Beer Cup awards.

The Brewers Association hosts the World Beer Cup every two years, a competition which features over 200 judges for over 90 categories of beer. Large and small breweries

throughout the globe enter this prestigious event.

I am honored to know that Albuquerque, New Mexico's very own Second Street Brewing received the Silver in the Imperial India Pale Ale category, for their Trebuchet Imperial India Pale Ale, out of a total of 181 entries from around the world. Second Street President and Brewmaster, Rod Tweet, explained, "It's well known that Imperial IPA is an extremely competitive category, and with 181 entries this year, it was the second largest in the contest. Our Brewing team is really proud of the award."

Second Street Brewing was founded in 1996 and today brews 60 unique styles of ales and lagers. As a small locally owned manufacturing and service business Second Street Brewing represents the prosperity of a burgeoning local craft beer industry in New Mexico. Second Street Brewing is a testament to the contributions small businesses make to our country and communities and the idea that with hard work and dedication nothing is unattainable.

To this day lawyers, government officials, business leaders, political icons, artists and students continue to enjoy exquisite beers in Second Street's friendly atmosphere. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize Second Street Brewing for their accomplishments in the 2016 World Beer Cup competition and commitment to our community at large. I am proud to know that we have a great business located in the First Congressional District of New Mexico.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent passing of my mother I was unable to cast my vote yesterday on two important pieces of legislation. Had I been in the chamber I would have voted YES on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and pass the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016, H.R. 4743, and YES on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and pass the Counterterrorism Advisory Board Act of 2016, H.R. 4407.

CONGRATULATING THE MARION
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKET-
BALL TEAM ON THEIR EIGHTH
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Marion High School Boys' Basketball team for winning the Indiana Boys' Basketball Class 3A State Championship. The Marion High School Giants, hailing from Marion in Grant County, defeated the Evansville Bosse Bulldogs in an historic game. This state title is a momentous win for the Giants, as it marks their 8th consecutive state championship title, which ties the record for most consecutive wins in Indiana boys' basketball history.

The Giants played in the spotlight of the IHSAA throughout this impressive season. Under the leadership of Head Coach James Blackmon, the team finished the season with a remarkable record of 23–7. Coach Blackmon, who is a Marion High School graduate and had an impressive basketball career himself, returned to Marion to coach the team in 2013. Coach Blackmon leads by example and inspires his players with his coaching and character. He works tirelessly to motivate, train, and push his team to dream big and reach their goals. As the daughter of a high school football coach, I understand the tireless dedication, time commitment, and personal sacrifices required to lead young athletes to victory, and I applaud Coach Blackmon’s dedication to excellence.

While their 8th consecutive state title is momentous on its own, what the Giants basketball team accomplished during the state championship was even more extraordinary than that. The Giants broke records for highest combined 3-point field goal percentage, most points scored in a quarter, scoring 31 points in the 3rd quarter alone, and most points in a half, scoring 48 points total in the second half. In addition to the Giants’ significant team accomplishments, individuals from the team were acknowledged for their outstanding contributions and accomplishments. Senior Reggie Jones tied the record for highest individual free-throw percentage, making 100 percent of his free throws during the state championship game. Reggie was also named the Chronicle-Tribune’s Boys Basketball Player of the Year, selected to be one of Hoosier Basketball Magazine’s Top 60 Senior Boys’ Basketball Players, and was chosen for the IBCA/Subway Senior All-State Team. Additionally, Reggie, along with senior teammate Vijay Blackmon and junior Tim Leavell were selected to play on the All-NCC 1st team.

Throughout the years, the Giants have demonstrated incredible dedication to their sport—putting in countless hours on the court and the weight room. They have been supported by their committed parents, coaches, and trainers. High school sports are a special experience. They teach discipline, build character, and allow young men and women to have an experience they will remember for a lifetime. This team exemplifies the wonderful attributes that high school sports teach, and I am proud to represent such a hardworking and highly regarded group of young men and coaches.

On behalf of Indiana’s 5th Congressional District, I’d like to extend huge congratulations to the Marion High School Boys’ Basketball Team. I look forward to cheering the team on through another great season next year and send my best wishes as the Giants work toward breaking the record for most consecutive wins. Go Giants.

HONORING THE PERMIAN BASIN
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90 Veterans from West Texas who will be visiting our Washington D.C. this week, sponsored by the Permian Basin Honor Flight.

On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation’s capital.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight are: Richard Galloway, Darrell Sanders, Clinton Adams, Mike Barber, Jerry Pinkston, SFC Aaron Hernandez, Dennis Sever, Jimmy L. Fine, Benny B. Fine, Alejos Rios Lara, Ira E. Wilson, Larry J. Monroe, Helen A. Bird, Jackie Lee Voss, Gary Clayton Collinsworth, Charles R. Sessions, Jimmy G. George, James R. Priest, Lowell D. Wade Jr., Horace L. Bowden, Margaret Voisel Forster, Larry K. Bagley, Donald E. Gorden Jr., Domingo Carrizales, James Miller, Paul W. Janssen, David P. Brockman, Robert L. Neff, James H. Silvers, Robert S. Thames, Bobbie R. Kerrigan, Rolland L. Rose, Gary W. Ward, Roscoe C. Haynes, Leonard C. Martinez, Donald R. Price, Luis R. Lopez, Gene A. Roberts, Melvin M. Longwell Jr., James H. Shaw, Ricky A. Warnick, Curtis D. McClain, Billie G. Mathis, James F. Kemper, Billie Ray Norman, Willard C. Walker, Jerome J. Engler, Stephen L. McConnell, Dock R. Clark, David H. Box, John W. Calhoun, Garland D. Pearce, Charles R. McMillian, Thomas E. Minding, John Gutierrez Alderete, David A. Dixon, Robert L. Kasper, Warren J. Lange, James V. Yakshaw, Tom D. Dodd, William E. Halfmann, Donald E. McClure, Johnny A. Wright, Robert C. Schlagal, Steven D. Rea, Juan Tarin, David Madrid, John M. Williams, Ronnie M. Nunley, Richard Cotte, Mark D. Kator, Jimmie K. Matthews, Milton R. Williamson, James L. White, Robert L. Teters, Steven W. Wagner, Roberto Martinez, Michael G. Roquemore, Mark E. Webb, Harry A. Spannaus, James W. Huston, Michael D. Jackson, Kenneth D. Carte, Michael W. Griffis, John R. Hayes, Edward Comacho, and Duane Janssen.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to have the opportunity to meet these brave men and women who exemplify the best of our country. Their sacrifice and commitment to the duty to our nation can never be fully repaid, and I hope that when they visit our nation’s monuments in Washington D.C., the gratitude and respect we have for them will truly be reflected.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. John West and Ms. Teresa Galloway for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all the financial and emotional support of the people who have put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

HONORING COLONEL DOUGLAS J.
SCHWARTZ

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Hoosier and a highly decorated American Airman.

Colonel Douglas J. Schwartz of the United States Air Force, retired on May 14, 2016 from his post as Commander of the 434th Air Refueling Wing based at Grissom Air Reserve Base in Miami County, Indiana. The 434th Air

Refueling Wing is the largest KC–135R Stratotanker unit in the Air Force Reserve Command.

Colonel Schwartz received his commission through Officer Training School in 1981 as a graduate from Purdue University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in management. He began pilot training at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona, and was assigned to the 325th Bomb Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington state. He transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1992, where he flew KC–135R Stratotankers with the 72nd Air Refueling Squadron at Grissom Air Reserve Base. Prior to taking command at Grissom, Colonel Schwartz served as commander of the 927th Air Refueling Wing based at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

Colonel Schwartz has numerous command and leadership assignments at the squadron, wing and numbered air force level including assistant chief pilot, chief of standardization and evaluation, operations officer, flight commander, detachment commander, group commander, vice commander, director of staff and wing commander. He is a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours and has deployed in support of Operations Joint Endeavor, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, amongst others.

I sincerely thank Colonel Schwartz for his amazing leadership at Grissom over the last two years and wish him many clear skies ahead.

TRIBUTE TO ELAINE AND VIRGIL
HILDEBRAND

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Elaine and Virgil Hildebrand of Hancock, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on March 23, 2016. Virgil and Elaine reside on their farm in Hancock.

Virgil and Elaine’s lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Bill, Janice, Joyce, and the late JoAnn truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I know it is filled with happy memories and continued hope for their future years together.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more years of happiness. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

DR. JOHN THUSS

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John Thuss of Caldwell County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Dr. Thuss for his dedication to the residents of