

It is my privilege to travel to Taiwan for Dr. Tsai Ing-wen's Inauguration in May, 2016. I look forward to supporting our friends there and personally congratulating Dr. Tsai.

HONORING SCOTT CETOUTE FOR ACHIEVING PERFECT ATTENDANCE WHILE ENROLLED IN THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIS SENIOR YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize Mr. Scott Cetoute, a student-athlete and soon to be graduate of Coral Springs High School. Scott was recently honored at the Broward County Public Schools fifth annual Best-in-Class and Perfect Attendance Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 12, 2016, and will be honored again on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Broward County School Board Meeting.

The Best-in-Class Award is an accolade presented to students who have been continuously enrolled in Broward County Public Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, and have perfect attendance. This is a remarkable achievement and it is an immense honor of mine to recognize Scott for his unwavering devotion to education.

Having never missed a single day of school for a total of 2,340 days is no small feat. Furthermore, in a show of appreciation, various community and business partners have joined together to provide Scott and fellow honorees with an assortment of gifts and supplies that will assist them as they continue their journey towards higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to commend Mr. Scott Cetoute for his dedication and commitment to education. He is a shining example of student success. I wish him all the very best as he begins studying at Broward Community College this summer to earn his Associate Degree, upon completion of which he plans to continue his education at Florida International University (FIU). Scott has strong aspirations to become a pharmacist once he completes his education. I know that he will make his community and the state of Florida proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, due to the illness and passing of my father, former Congressman Delbert L. Latta, I was unable to be present for votes on Tuesday, May 10, 2016; Wednesday, May 11, 2016; Thursday, May 12, 2016; Friday, May 13, 2016; and Monday, May 16, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Number 180: YEA; Roll Call Number 181: YEA; Roll Call Number 182: YEA; Roll Call Number 183: YEA; Roll Call Number 184: YEA; Roll Call Number 185: YEA; Roll Call Number 186:

NAY; Roll Call Number 187: YEA; Roll Call Number 188: YEA; Roll Call Number 189: YEA; Roll Call Number 190: YEA; Roll Call Number 191: YEA; Roll Call Number 192: YEA; Roll Call Number 193: YEA; Roll Call Number 194: YEA; Roll Call Number 195: YEA.

TRIBUTE TO GERRY AND RANDALL HOUGH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gerry and Randall Hough of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 27, 1946.

Gerry and Randall's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Jodie and Debbie, and their five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representative join me in congratulating Gerry and Randall on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, I missed votes on account of attending a family event in the district. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 196: I would have voted YEA: Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 732—the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4909—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

Roll Call 197: I would have voted YEA: Adoption of H. Res. 732—the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4909—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

Roll Call 198: I would have voted NAY: Esty (D-CT) Motion to Instruct Conferees on S. 524—Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016

Roll Call 199: I would have voted YEA: H.R. 897—Zika Vector Control Act

HONORING JOHN CRUMPTON ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Crumpton, of Branson, Missouri,

who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

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. It is specifically for students who aspire to be physicians or enter into the field of medical research, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place at the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues an exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the medical field.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. It is an incredibly selective opportunity, and those students who qualify for selection have done so because of their hard work and diligence to their studies, not to mention their impressive intellect.

Mr. Speaker, John Crumpton; who attends Branson High School, has shown a level of excellence in academics and passion for science that leaves me fully confident that he will represent Missouri well at this Congress. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for his achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank him for representing our district.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, INC. AND ITS SUBORDINATE LODGES

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Incorporated and its subordinate lodges, who will be celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, May 22nd in Petersburg, Virginia. This organization has worked in continuous and faithful service for 140 years within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Prince Hall lodge has a long history in the Commonwealth, tracing its own history to 1775, when Prince Hall and fourteen other free blacks joined a British army lodge of Masons stationed in Boston, Massachusetts and, following their departure, formed their own lodge: African American Lodge Number 1. Prince Hall became the lodge's first Grand Master.

By establishing this organization, Prince Hall and his compatriots were, in 1775, taking some of the first steps to form one of America's first formal African-American institutions.

Established in Virginia in 1875 as Universal Lodge Number 1 in Alexandria, countless members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free & Accepted Masons have served in community and elected leadership positions.

Through their service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and our nation, members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free & Accepted Masons and its subordinate lodges have sought to “inspire noble principles, moral values, and profound convictions in the lives of each individual” their work touches. They have sought to teach the principles of family, the values of philanthropy through charity and volunteer work, and the convictions of acceptance and compassion through honor, integrity, and respect.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my enthusiastic congratulations to Roger C. Brown of Richmond, Virginia, who currently serves as the 78th leader of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia and to all its Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Worshipful Past Masters and members on their celebration, on December 16th, 2015, of 140 years of continuous service in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and on the celebration of Founder's Day on May 22, 2016 in Petersburg, Virginia. It is my profound hope that through their work, members of the Grand Lodge will continue to inspire and provide support and service to communities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

MR. BILL CARNEY

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible fifty years of marriage between Barbara and Bill Carney.

On May 14, 2016, Barbara and Bill Carney celebrated fifty years of marriage, friendship, fun and family. Those 50 years have taken them on a winding and unpredicted journey—from the Irish Catholic neighborhood of Flatbush, Brooklyn, to the suburbs of Long Island, to the halls of the United States Congress—with unforeseen stops and innumerable joys along the way. With love, respect and patience, they made it look easy. Their lives together, love for each other, generosity of spirit, faith and humor have impacted so many people through the years.

Barbara Haverlin and Bill Carney grew up blocks from one another in Brooklyn. They attended the same parish, St. Catherine of Genoa, frequented the same places, and enjoyed overlapping groups of friends. They did not meet, however, until their early twenties at O'Reilly's Pub, where Bill was tending bar and Barbara was dating one of the O'Reilly brothers. On a dare from co-workers, Bill asked out the boss' girlfriend. Within two weeks of the first date, they decided to marry and were wed twelve months later. Both having lost their parents in their teens; Barbara and Bill deeply appreciated the importance and value of family. They have been blessed with extraordinary closeness with community and family, which is the same value and spirit that Barbara and Bill maintained in raising their two daughters, Julie Baker and Jackie Carney D'Aquila.

After marriage, Bill held multiple jobs to support his family—always willing to try or learn a new skill. Never one to shy away from challenges or to view something as impossible, Bill, as a member of the Smithtown Conservative Party, decided to run for U.S. Congress

at 32 years old. In 1977, with Barbara's backing and the support of a handful of what would prove to be life-long friends, Bill beat the odds and was elected to represent the First Congressional District of New York. Bill Carney is the only person ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a member of the New York State Conservative Party, having run on both the Conservative and Republican lines. During his political career, Bill enjoyed phenomenal staff, advisors and friends. He served four terms in the House before deciding to retire and open his own boutique consulting firm in 1986.

Bill and Barbara are joined in celebrating their 50th Anniversary this month by their daughters, sons-in-law, four grandchildren and scores of friends and family. I would like to congratulate Bill on fifty years of marriage and thank him for his remarkable service to his country and especially to the First Congressional District of New York. It is my hope that many will follow in his footsteps and give back to their country as graciously as he did.

TRIBUTE TO RITA AND STEVE
VALLINCH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rita and Steve Vallinch of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1951 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska, by Father Stanislaus Golik.

Rita and Steve's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Ann, Jean, Kathie, and family, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Rita and Steve on this momentous occasion.

HONORING ZACKRIE GORDON

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zackrie Gordon of Davie, Florida for receiving Broward County Public Schools' Best in Class Award. With perfect attendance throughout elementary, middle, and high school, Zackrie has demonstrated a sincere dedication to his studies, a passion for learning, and a commitment to his school community.

It is with great pleasure that I honor Zackrie in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and wish him all the best as he graduates from Western High School.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA STUDENTS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate the University of Central Florida for winning the 2016 Raytheon National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NCCDC) for the third consecutive year. The competition, held April 22–24 in San Antonio, Texas, brought together the top ten college and university teams from across the country.

More than 180 colleges and universities and 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students participated in competitions leading up to the national championship which was sponsored by Raytheon. The Raytheon competition models real-world scenarios in which teams are required to maintain operational needs of their businesses and user demands amidst cyber attacks. Preparing the next generation of cyber security leaders is critical to defending our nation against ever-increasing threats.

Again, congratulations to the University of Central Florida team for bringing home the Raytheon NCCDC Alamo Cup for the third consecutive year and establishing the University as a national leader in cyber security.

HONORING MELODY CHALMERS

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melody Chalmers, a North Carolinian who has had a wonderful impact on many of our state's children. Earlier this month, Melody was named the Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year for her service as principal of E.E. Smith High School in Cumberland County.

Chalmers was selected after a rigorous statewide process involving both interviews and on-site visits. It is clear that she is a truly exceptional principal.

Chalmers is long-time North Carolinian, who graduated from North Carolina A&T State University with a bachelor's degree in English in 1998. From there, she continued her education at Fayetteville State University, graduating in 2005 with a master's degree in School Administration.

As a leader in North Carolina's public schools, Melody Chalmers previously served as an assistant principal at E.E. Smith High and Warrenwood Elementary. She was later principal of Cross Creek Early College High before assuming her current role at E.E. Smith High School.

Chalmers has been widely praised for her work in our state's schools. North Carolina State Superintendent June Atkinson lauded her as an “innovative problem solver who is committed to the academic and personal growth of each of her students and teachers.” In presenting the award to Chalmers, Juan Austin, senior vice president of Community Affairs at Wells Fargo Carolinas, noted that she has the unique ability to “recruit and retain