

TRIBUTE TO CHARLOTTE AND RON BENTON

**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 Charlotte and Ron Benton of Cumberland, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 29, 1961 in Creston, Iowa.

Charlotte and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Teresa, Terry, Tony, and Todd, and their six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th 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 55th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING MS. REBECCA GODDARD FOR BEING NAMED A PBS LEARNINGMEDIA DIGITAL INNOVATOR

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Rebecca Goddard for being named a PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator. This distinction celebrates teachers from across the country who successfully integrate technology into the classroom as part of a dynamic approach to student learning.

Ms. Goddard, or "Becky" as she is known by her colleagues, spends her days challenging the minds of our youngest generation of students at Bostian Elementary School in China Grove, North Carolina. Her unique approach to the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields allows students to engage in these high-demand subject areas while tying into classroom teachings. In her role as a technology facilitator, she is able to work across ages and subjects by engaging students with activities that include Legos, robotics, coding, and more.

As part of her recognition as a Digital Innovator, Ms. Goddard will have the opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities including virtual training sessions, custom PBS LearningMedia resources, and various networking opportunities. She will also travel to Denver, Colorado to attend the PBS LearningMedia Digital Summit and the International Society for Technology in Education conference. I have no doubt that she will use these opportunities to bring back new and innovative ideas to North Carolina.

This year, the Digital Innovators Program had a record number of applicants representing almost every state in the country, making Ms. Goddard's selection even more impressive. As one of the 52 teachers chosen in the program, she joins a special group who is on the cutting edge of classroom tech-

nology. Our community is fortunate to have Ms. Goddard dedicate her time and talents to educating our students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ms. Goddard for being named a PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator and wish her well as she continues to make a positive difference in the lives of her students.

HONORING NORMA HARRIS 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 Neosho High School Student Norma Harris 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 Harris who qualify for this incredibly selective honor exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, as a perennial Honor Roll student at her high school, Norma Harris has displayed elite academic qualifications, which will undoubtedly 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 Norma the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND ED CARLSON

**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 congratulate Ed and Janice Carlson on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on February 20th, 1956.

Ed and Janice's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of marriage 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.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2016*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chair, this week the House considers the National Defense Authorization Act, and I rise to recognize the Armed Services Committee for its actions to expand paid parental leave for thousands of service members.

On the heels of Secretary Carter's expansion of paid maternity leave to 12 weeks, this bill will increase parental leave to 14 days and also grant paid leave for adoptive parents.

This is real progress, but we cannot leave out the more than 2.5 million non-military federal employees who still lack any paid parental leave.

As the Pentagon recognizes, the lack of paid leave for new parents threatens the government's ability to recruit and retain a talented, productive workforce.

I am encouraged by the DOD's updated family leave policy, and hope that we can work in Congress to guarantee this essential workplace right for all federal employees.

7TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR IN SRI LANKA

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2016*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the end of the war in Sri Lanka. The Government of Sri Lanka won the war to keep the Sinhalese and Tamil communities within one country, but has not yet won the peace. A new president and a new government in 2015 have led to hopes that a different path will be trod towards a plural state in which all religions and ethnicities may live with dignity and security.

The leaders of the new government have made many ambitious promises to advance toward the goal of a stable and prosperous future for all. Now is the time to turn those promises into concrete action. The US, must assist and support in any way we can, but we must also keep incentives in place such as conditions on military and other aid until the government has accomplished real reform.

The government of Sri Lanka has made commitments on transitional justice and accountability, a political settlement of the ethnic

problem, security sector reform, the return of land, the release of Tamil political prisoners, actions to end human rights violations and other ambitious reforms. Unfortunately, not enough improvement has yet been seen by the Tamils, Christians and Muslims who feel marginalized and discriminated against. Courageous leadership is needed to gain trust if reconciliation is the goal, not just promises. Now is the time for real action.

HONORING LESLIE ANN MILLER  
AND RICHARD B. WORLEY

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie Ann Miller and Richard B. Worley. Ms. Miller and Mr. Worley, married in 1987, are the deserving recipients of the Union League of Philadelphia's 2016 Crystal Award. The Crystal Award is presented to a person of distinction who by their actions has gained community or national prominence in the arts, or for their humanitarian efforts.

Leslie Ann Miller is a Philadelphia attorney and was the first woman to be elected President of The Pennsylvania Bar Association. A practicing litigator for more than 25 years, she has also served as an advisor to Mayor Michael Nutter in Philadelphia and General Counsel to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell.

Ms. Miller is active in a wide variety of non-profit and cultural and organizations in Philadelphia and the East Coast. She served as acting President of The Kimmel Center when it opened in 2001; she chaired the Board of Trustees at Mount Holyoke College; currently chairs the Art Museum Board at Colonial Williamsburg and recently chaired the Philadelphia 2016 Flower Show. She is a member of the Boards of: The Philadelphia Museum of Art; Penn Medicine; Temple Law School; The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; The Committee of Seventy and The Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance.

A cum laude graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Ms. Miller received an MA from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, a JD from The Dickinson School of Law and an LLM with honors from Temple University's School of Law.

Richard B. Worley is Managing Partner of Permit Capital LLC which he founded in 2002. He began his career in 1970 as an economist at Goldman Sachs. In 1978 he joined Miller Anderson and Sherrerd, an independent investment management firm in the Philadelphia area. At MAS he was elected Partner in 1980 and Chairman in 1988, a position he held until the firm was acquired by Morgan Stanley in 1996. At Morgan Stanley he served in several capacities including as President and CEO of Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Mr. Worley holds a Bachelor of Sciences degree from The University of Tennessee.

Currently, Mr. Worley is the Chairman of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, a position he has held since 2009. He is also a member of the board of directors of Neuberger Beriman, a global investment management company headquartered in New York City, a member of the American Philosophical Society and a director at Philadelphia Media Network.

Mr. Worley is a former trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Medicine, the National Constitution Center and he is a former director of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Independence Seaport Museum and the mutual funds board of Putnam Investments.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring two incredibly deserving individuals: Leslie Ann Miller and Richard B. Worley. I congratulate them on their award and thank them for their years of service to our community.

HONORING OFFICER RICARDO  
GALVEZ DURING NATIONAL PO-  
LICE WEEK

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2016*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week, a time to salute the courageous men and women who serve in our police forces, and to pay tribute to the brave officers we have lost.

In my district, we continue to honor and celebrate the life and achievements of Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez, who was shot and killed last November. I never had the opportunity to meet Officer Galvez—or Ricky, as he was called by those who knew him—but I have been deeply impressed to hear of his patriotism as a United States Marine, his work ethic, his dedication to service as a Downey policeman, his generosity, and his infectious smile.

His memory will live on not just in the hearts of his friends and family, but on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

During National Police Week, it was my privilege to attend Sunday's National Peace Officers' Memorial Service honoring Ricky and the many other police officers who lost their lives in 2015. Also in attendance were Ricky's family and many of his fellow Downey police officers. The ceremony was a solemn event and a reminder of the sacrifice police officers, like Officer Ricardo Galvez, and their families make to keep our communities safe.

On behalf of myself and the communities I represent, I salute all our law enforcement officers and thank them for their service.

OVERSIGHT OF THE STATE DE-  
PARTMENT'S COUNTERTER-  
RORISM BUREAU

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, nearly two years after the President vowed to "degrade and ultimately destroy" ISIS, the terrorists are still holding their sanctuary in Iraq and Syria. Foreign fighters are still flocking to ISIS' so-called caliphate to fight alongside the terrorist group and tyrannize local populations.

But ISIS has not stopped there. In 2015, ISIS significantly stepped up its attacks outside Iraq and Syria. From the Charlie Hebdo

attack last January to the attack last May at the Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas, ISIS has illustrated its dangerous capability to strike outside of its territory. The bloody year was finally capped off with the tragic massacre in Paris that left 130 people dead. Then came the attacks in Brussels only two months ago. ISIS suicide bombers killed 32 people and wounded over 300 in the heart of the European Union. The attacks showed the world that despite a year of pulling off these coordinated attacks, ISIS' appetite for carnage and its ability to strike have not abated.

Besides the looming threat of ISIS, terrorism has continued to plague countries the world over. Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Bangladesh. These are just a few countries facing serious and destabilizing terrorist threats. In fact, more people were killed by terrorists in 2014 than ever before. There was an 80 percent increase in terrorist-related deaths in 2014 compared to 2013. Yet in the midst of this struggle against terrorism, the Administration wants to cut the main anti-terrorism account by 25 percent while increasing a general foreign aid account by 41 percent.

The State Department's Counter-Terrorism Bureau is not saved from this cut. In fact, State Department wants 31 percent less dollars for 2017 than 2016 for the CT Bureau. That budget request does not match the Administration's rhetoric that countering terrorism is a top priority.

Originally set up as an office back in 1972 in response to the terrorist attack at the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, the primary mission of the Bureau for Counterterrorism is to forge partnerships with non-state actors, multilateral organizations, and foreign governments to advance the counterterrorism objectives and national security of the United States. Under that broad mission it has five principal responsibilities: 1) countering violent extremism; 2) capacity building; 3) counterterrorism diplomacy; 4) U.S. counterterrorism strategy and operations; and 5) homeland security coordination.

As the Bureau has grown in size, it has struggled to keep up with evaluating its programs to see if they really work. Even though the Bureau accepts the idea that it should be spending 3 to 5 percent of program resources on monitoring and evaluation, it has no way of tracking how much was actually spent so it can know if it is meeting that goal. Over the last 5 years, the Bureau has completed 5 evaluations. It needs to be doing more. It also needs to be doing better evaluations. The Bureau should do an impact evaluation to see if its project really made any difference. The Bureau should go back a year or longer after a project is completed to see if that project made a lasting difference.

This year, the Bureau is putting strong emphasis on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE). Even as it faces a 31 percent cut, the Bureau wants to set up a new office, hire more staff, and expand its CVE programs. But CVE, which the Administration hails as a "pillar" of its counterterrorism strategy, has never even been evaluated by the Bureau. A GAO study stated that while the Bureau has promised to evaluate CVE since 2012 it still has not evaluated it. I'm glad to hear the Bureau finally has plans in the works to evaluate CVE, but if this evaluation was done years ago, we could be a lot more confident the new dollars going to CVE would be well spent.