

22 years. He served in Kosovo during his first stint of active duty in the 1990s. Later, as a member of the Connecticut National Guard he deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, then served in Afghanistan where he was severely injured by a suicide bomb attack in 2012. During that time, he rose through the ranks to Sergeant and accumulated an impressive array of awards and medals, including the Purple Heart, Army Commendation with Valor, Combat Medic Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Commanding Generals Certificate of Merit, and the Coast Guard and United States Marine Corps Certificates of Appreciation.

At the time of his injury, he was a medic, certified at the highest levels and performed many life-saving missions with skill and care for the men and women he served with.

The first time I met Sgt. Welintukonis was under extraordinary circumstances. He had just arrived at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland where he had flown in from Landstuhl Hospital in Germany, still suffering in agonizing pain from his life threatening abdominal injury. His amazing wife, Camilla, was at his bedside comforting him, but it was clear that his condition was very critical. Even though he was not aware of my presence, I had the opportunity to witness his incredible inner strength and ferocious will to live that carried him through that dark hour and a long and difficult recovery. With the support of his wife and family, Micah is healthy and ready to start a new chapter of his life.

Wherever he and his family go, one thing is sure. Micah will be a passionate advocate for American veterans and for a strong national defense. I know that because my email inbox has been bursting with messages, articles, and suggestions—sometimes sent in the middle of the night—about improving services for those who wear the uniform of our country. Today, he is active in veterans' service organizations such as the Connecticut American Legion, Special Operations Wounded Warriors, and as the Director of InTheLineOfDuty, a volunteer-run charity for First Responders.

In addition to that formal involvement he has organized fund raiser walk-a-thons, school visits, and national veterans media events to generate funds and awareness of the challenges America's veterans, in particular wounded veterans, confront every day.

America has been, and still is, lucky to have the tenacious, spirited, (sometimes a little grouchy) and high-quality contributions of Sgt. Micah Welintukonis over the last 22 years. Please join me in thanking him, his wife Camilla, and their children for all they have done for our nation and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF MR. E. DALE  
WORTHAM

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the memory of a distinguished labor leader: Mr. E. Dale Wortham. Throughout Mr. Wortham's life, he held a variety of positions, including President of the Harris County Labor Assembly for over

20 years, Vice President/Organizer of Local 716, and as delegate at many national and state conventions. In these positions, he was on the front lines in the fight for a living wage and fair working conditions.

Mr. Wortham was not only a notable labor leader, but also served on the Harris County Board of Managers for the Harris Health System, earning the distinction of the body's longest-serving labor representative. Mr. Wortham will be especially remembered for his passion for helping people through the political process, especially working people.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to say farewell to a dear friend who is gone but not forgotten. He will be missed dearly by a multitude of family and friends. This family includes his children, Stephen Dale Wortham and Melinda Wortham; his sisters, Becky Rogers (George), Leslie Broussard (Jimmy), and Lisa Persky (Ronnie); as well as his brother, Jason Krieg.

TRIBUTE TO JANIS AND RUSTY  
CREVELING

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Janis and Rusty Creveling of Manchester, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on March 17, 1966.

Rusty and Janis' lifelong commitment to each other, their children Ronda, Brian, and Holly, and their grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 50th 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.

IN MEMORY OF THE MEDAL OF  
HONOR RECIPIENT UNITED  
STATES NAVY SEAL PETTY OF-  
FICER 2ND CLASS MICHAEL A.  
MONSOOR

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this coming Memorial Day in memory and in gratitude to all of the magnificent heroes like Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael A. Monsoor. The ones who gave that last full measure in the name of freedom for their country and brothers in Arms. On April the 8th 2008, Michael was posthumously presented the Medal of Honor by President Bush at the White House for sacrificing himself by jumping on a grenade on September 29, 2006 for his fellow SEALs. On this Memorial Day let our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family and all of those who have given their lives throughout the years in the name of freedom. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert C. Caswell.

THAT LAST FULL MEASURE

All in that moment between Life and Death  
When, who lives or dies no less  
When, courage comes to crest  
As comes That Measure  
That God-like Test  
That Last Full Measure  
Just All  
Until, none lies left  
As one of America's Best  
Right between Life and Death  
When, who lives or dies  
So all upon us so rests  
The greatest of all tests  
As to one's soul expressed  
When comes  
That Last Full Measure  
Of which now so Blesses  
As when one looks into that Face of Death  
And so valiantly vanquishes Evil's Quest  
As When Come's,  
That Last Full Measure  
That Golden Test  
All in that moment which lies  
As all in ones soul comprised  
Which, brings such tears to the Angels eyes  
Up On High  
All In That Last Full Measure  
As they watch and cry  
At this American Treasure  
At The Greatest Gift of All  
As how one's Life is Measured  
To hear that most solemn call  
Of Love and Devotion,  
and Sacrifice  
All in that moment of selflessness as so real-  
ized  
To do what is right  
To carry that night  
All in That Last Full Measure  
All in that fight  
With your gift  
The Greatest of All  
The one that our Lord so Treasure's  
Is but that "That Last Full Measure"  
A SEAL OF HONOR  
The One who so endeavored  
In that Gift Michael you so gave  
All in that most splendid treasure Michael,  
the Lives you so saved  
Perhaps, one day a child will come  
Who too all of us among  
Will bless our world to come  
This one  
With such gifts of love you've begun  
A Cure For Cancer  
For our world's problems finding the answers  
Or maybe too,  
as you "That Last Full Measure"  
And from all of this perhaps will come such  
Treasures  
From all of this such happiness begun  
And yet such sadness for all of your love  
ones  
That we can not so Measure  
Take heart,  
as one day you will all be together again  
All in Heaven's Sun embracing then  
Because of you Michael  
For what you've done  
And your most magnificent endeavor  
In what you gave America's Son  
All in,  
That Last Full Measure  
In the moment of truth,  
how you behaved my son  
As to our Lord's heart,  
you've brought such pleasure  
SEAL,  
your new battle has now begun  
Mount Up  
As Thy Will Be Done  
As it's time to run  
In the Army of Our Lord,  
as you are now one  
An Angel  
An Angel on high Michael

And oh how your power's have increased  
 As you watch over us in this battle to be won  
 In life,  
 moments are all we have  
 Minutes to hearts to grab  
 To Decisions Make  
 To Fight for The Good  
 Or The Bad  
 If it's up in Heaven we wish to wake  
 Today, We Stand  
 With, Tear In Eye  
 Understanding all the reason's why  
 But, Where Your Honor Lies  
 All because of you,  
 Michael and your Sacrifice  
 and That Last Full Measure

HONORING REBECCA PRICHARD ON  
 BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NA-  
 TIONAL 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

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Branson High School student Rebecca Prichard 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 Prichard who qualify for this incredibly selective honor exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, Rebecca Prichard is not only an excellent student, but a well-rounded individual who is just as passionate about the medical field as she is about cheerleading. Rebecca will no doubt excel in her role as a delegate to this Congress and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Rebecca the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT  
 ANDREW K. DICKINSON

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Andrew K. Dickinson of Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Andrew is

a member of Boy Scout Troop 23. Troop 23 has been associated with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs for over 50 years.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately 2 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout Project to benefit the community. For Andrew's Eagle Scout Project he provided 22 slab-topped benches for a pit area at Camp of Good Shepherd in Louisville, Nebraska. Andrew assisted in the milling of the slabs and coordinated the construction with members of several Webelos Scout packs. The work ethic Andrew has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Andrew and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.