

Bainbridge; Dylan Frey, Chenango Forks; Shawn Hurd, Binghamton; Cordell Deperiis, Chenango Forks; Nathan Deordio, Chenango Forks; Alex Lent, Cortland; Jacob Gombas, Dryden; Chris Lum, Greene; Derek McWeeney, Franklin; Ian Stoddard, Homer; Zachary Hulbert, Homer; Dylan Bush, Homer; Daniel Sager, Maine-Endwell; Stephanie Wales, Marathon; Alex Wilcox, Newark Valley; Kasimeir Card, Newark Valley; Raymond Wright, McGraw; Nicholas Murphy, Norwich; Robert Meek, Oxford; Tyler Phillips, Roxbury; Robert Kozak, South Kortright; Samuel Cohen, Sidney; Michael Pelicci, Susquehanna High School (PA); Trevor Passetti, Susquehanna High School (PA); Cody ODell, Susquehanna High School (PA); Lucian Derzanovich, Susquehanna Valley; James Fish, Susquehanna Valley; Drake Winnicki, Unadilla Valley; Dwight Cook, Unadilla Valley; Dominic Spinelli, Union-Endicott; Lauryl Pheil, Union-Endicott; Anthony Johnson, Union-Endicott; Alex Gaskin, Union-Endicott; Michael Kakusian, Vestal; Zachary Simerson, Whitney Point; Dante Pultz, Windsor.

Honoring the students entering the United States Navy: Abigail Proppe, Binghamton; Robert Crisell, Deposit; Ian Scaglione, Groton; Isaiah Brand, Johnson City; Mark Nicosia, Johnson City; Kevin Finkbeiner, Maine-Endwell; Benjamin Judkiewicz, Maine-Endwell; Shea Osovski, Maine-Endwell; Austin Fiske, Marathon; Matthew Harrington, Norwich; Samuel Rickenback, Vestal.

Honoring the students entering the United States Coast Guard: Liam Cornell, Union-Endicott.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 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:

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Chair, Iran is a chief sponsor of international terrorism and regularly threatens to obliterate Israel, our most important ally in the region. Those who supported the agreement last year to keep Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon understood that the JCPOA does not eliminate all of Iran's threats to the United States and our partners in the Middle East.

My amendment would take further steps to support our allies in the region and crack down on Iranian aggression.

By vocalizing our support for working with Israel, the Gulf Cooperation Council, Jordan, and Egypt to build an integrated missile defense system, we can build off of the success of Israel's existing missile defense network.

I support the funding authorizations included in this year's defense budget that will continue to support Israel's missile defense program.

Through a smart, targeted approach with our partners, we can continue to counter Ira-

nian aggression and promote security. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

HONORING THE EL PASO YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of the 23rd Anniversary of the El Paso Youth Symphony Orchestra (EPYSO), presided over by Maestro Phillip Gabriel Garcia of my district in El Paso, Texas. I am pleased to recognize EPYSO as an innovative youth group dedicated to serving the El Paso community through their hard work and musical talents.

Since 1993, EPYSO has provided young El Pasoans who are passionate about music an opportunity to perform in El Paso and communities throughout the United States with the intention of raising awareness about social justice issues. EPYSO has performed at various El Paso venues, including the Child Crisis Center, the Battered Women Shelter, Fort Bliss, and the La Fe Community Health Center. Most recently, EPYSO performed at the University of Texas at El Paso's Sun Bowl stadium during Pope Francis' historic February 2016 visit to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. This summer, EPYSO will embark on the "America United Tour", where they will perform in New York City and in Washington, D.C.

With over 250 concerts performed and 3,500 musicians hosted, EPYSO instills a sense of pride and confidence in young individuals through their personal achievements as musicians. I am proud that programs such as EPYSO exist in my district, and I am confident that EPYSO will serve as a positive role model in helping to inspire youth to serve their communities.

CONNOR DENNY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Connor Denny for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Connor Denny is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Connor Denny is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Connor Denny for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SISTER JEANNE FELION AND THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARL R. HANSEN TEEN CENTER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Sister Jeanne Felion as Executive Director at the Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center. Additionally, I rise today to recognize the 5th anniversary of the Carl R. Hansen Teen Center and of Erika Elizarrarás, a social worker who is celebrating her 5th anniversary working at the Teen Center. As the friends and supporters of Sister Jeanne Felion and the Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center gather to celebrate these milestones, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her leadership in the Sacramento region.

It is a great pleasure to recognize Sister Jeanne Felion. Thanks to her leadership and vision over the past four decades, Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center continues to be a valuable community resource providing social services to thousands of people in our North Sacramento communities. Programs offered benefit the health and well-being of all and include senior and children services, neighborhood outreach, and emergency assistance.

The Sisters of Social Services began the Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center 80 years ago when they took charge of the former residence of Governor Leland Stanford. The Sisters later moved their programs to the Gardenland Northgate area. Their work was instrumental in obtaining City water, parks, street lights, sidewalks and gutters for the area. The facility grew to include both the Sister Jeanne Felion Senior Center and the Carl R. Hansen Teen Center.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Sister Jeanne Felion and to the Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center as they celebrate Sister Jeanne's 40th anniversary as executive director. While Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center's staff, supporters, and friends gather together to celebrate Sister Jeanne and the 5th anniversary of the Carl R. Hansen Teen Center, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her outstanding work in providing the community with much-needed social services.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 229, I would like to be recorded as voting Yea. On Roll Call 230, I would like to be recorded as voting Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes this past week. Had I been present on May 17 through 19, 2016, I would have voted 'aye' for roll calls 198, 203, 204, 210, 212, 213, 215, 221, 223, 226 and 228 and 'nay' on roll calls 196, 197, 199, 200, 201, 202, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 211, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 222, 224, 225, and 227.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, May 23, 2016, I was not present for roll call vote numbers 229 and 230 due to a family obligation. If I had been in attendance, I would have voted yes on the Kelsey Smith Act, roll call vote 229. On the Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act, roll call vote 230, I also would have voted yes.

HAILEY INNES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Hailey Innes for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Hailey Innes is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hailey Innes is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Hailey Innes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING RAY AND
KAYSE PAUL ON THEIR 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of joy that I rise today to congratulate Ray and Kayse Paul, two esteemed citizens of Farmers Branch, Texas, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ray and Kayse met while at Jerry's restaurant in Louisville, Kentucky. This fateful encounter grew into a blossoming relationship and the two were married on June 11, 1966, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Louisville.

Early in their marriage, Ray worked as an accountant, and Kayse as an administrative assistant and bookkeeper. They have lived in several states throughout the country, including Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Texas. The two currently reside in Farmers Branch, where Ray still works part-time as an accountant and Kayse serves as a grant administrator for a non-profit in Dallas.

Their half-century of marriage has provided a lifetime of memories and a beautiful family. During their time together, Ray and Kayse have had one son, David, who has given them two grandchildren, Alexander and Elizabeth.

As Ray and Kayse's journey together continues to unfold, may their commitment and devotion to one another continue to serve as an example of how true love and dedication may enrich our lives through the blessings of family and companionship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing this truly noteworthy milestone, the 50 year wedding anniversary of Ray and Kayse Paul.

IN RECOGNITION OF RIVERGATE
TERRACE FOR SERVICE TO OUR
COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rivergate Terrace on their 45th anniversary and celebrating the milestone of having served twenty five thousand residents. The accomplishment of this long-standing senior care facility exemplifies the importance and strength of healthcare partnerships in our communities.

Founded in 1971, Rivergate Terrace and the Rivergate Health Center has become a pillar of service and support in the Riverview community. It has grown throughout the years, and today the combined facility houses over five hundred beds and is the largest employer in the city of Riverview. Rivergate has a strong track record of giving back to the wider community. The Rivergate staff provides educational programming throughout the community on a wide array of health care topics, volunteer at local churches, community centers, and hospitals, and host the annual Downriver Arthritis Walk which attracts hundreds of walkers and raises critical resources for Arthritis research each year. Serving the community is at the heart of what Rivergate does, both on the clock, and off the clock.

Since its founding, Rivergate has held itself to the highest standards of excellence to ensure that our community continues to have a high quality skilled care facility to turn to. They offer twenty four hour a day, seven day a week, three hundred and sixty five day a year high quality individualized services and programming. The services offered at Rivergate run the spectrum of challenges that our seniors face today, with the goal of getting residents the care they need to lead the fullest and most productive lives imaginable. The

Rivergate team takes pride in the fact that over two hundred and fifty patients return home after rehabilitation services each year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Rivergate Terrace and the Rivergate Health Center on serving twenty five thousand people on their 45th Anniversary. We wish them many years of continued success and service in our community.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRIDESBURG
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club which opened its doors in 1941. Originally built as a Boys Club by Otto Haas and the neighboring Rohm and Haas Plant as a place where boys could socialize, it included a game room, a wood shop, a leather crafts shop, a boxing room and a gymnasium. Sports were the main activity. There was a baseball field adjacent to the building and an iron fence surrounded the property. Girls were not permitted.

Girls were invited to become members in the mid 70's and the name was changed to Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club. The club has become one of the best youth service agencies in Philadelphia. In the late 70's a capital campaign for funds resulted in a new, larger gymnasium being built. Rohm & Haas deeded the property to the Boys & Girls Club in 1984. Gone is the baseball field, replaced in the mid 80's by a regulation size outdoor hockey rink and parking lot. In 1997 the vegetable garden was tended for the last time and the Lil' Clubhouse was built adjacent to the existing facility. During the summer of 1998, in a combined effort with KABOOM and Nike—and a lot of help from the employees of Rohm and Haas and Sunoco—a preschool playground was built in two days. The summer of 1999 had the club building again—this time it was a skate park, complete with eleven ramps for skateboards, bikes and rollerblades. Riverside Skate Park opened in September, 1999, closing in the spring of 2002. This would not have been possible if Rohm and Haas had not leased the ground, formerly an employee parking lot, to the Boys & Girls Club.

Many changes have taken place at the Club over the years, the most recent with Samsung and HDTV performing a complete makeover in the original wood shop, a/k/a art room, teen lounge and conference room, turning it into an exciting teen center, complete with new windows, furniture, tablets and a flat screen. Thanks to Comcast Cares, the art room was moved into a newly renovated space on the ground level, the teen center was freshly painted and the lavatory facilities have been expanded and improved. The gym and hallway received a complete makeover and the Cymbala Literacy Center was remodeled, complete with new computers, furniture, windows and air conditioning.

The Club offers a wholesome environment in a friendly setting, enhancing the quality of life of the members by providing educational support, physical fitness programs, cultural