

The Cape Cod Museum of Art continues to serve an important mission. It is dedicated to preserving our heritage and engage our community in local art appreciation has proved to be invaluable. The museum promotes art appreciation through great programs, workshops, and classes. The Resource Library serves as a hub for learning the history of Cape Cod artists, past and present. As a proud member of this community, I am grateful for the work the museum has done in preserving our cultural history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Cape Cod Museum of Art as they celebrate this joyous milestone. I look forward to seeing what the future brings to this pillar of the Cape Cod art community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF THOMAS R. MACFARLAN

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Thomas R. Macfarlan.

Congratulations to Thomas R. Macfarlan on the occasion of his retirement as Nockamixon Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Beginning in June 1994, his tenure has been marked with outstanding contributions to the safety and security of area residents. He wrote the township's first Emergency Operations Plan, which brought Nockamixon into compliance with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management directive, helped write the first school district Emergency Management Operations Plan and many other effective plans to deal with emergency situations and events in Nockamixon. He has distinguished himself with responsible service and countless contributions to his community. Mr. Macfarlan also is known for the key role he played in development of regional EMA groups and under his direction, the Nockamixon EMA is acknowledged in many communities for its leadership in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and also New Jersey. Thomas R. Macfarlan leaves his post with the appreciation of the citizens he so willingly and ably served.

TRIBUTE TO V. RICHARD (DICK) MILLER

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a prominent Hoosier leader and my dear friend, Mr. V. Richard (Dick) Miller who passed away on May 18, 2016 surrounded by his loving family.

Dick was born in Des Moines, Iowa and moved to Warsaw, Indiana with his family as a young child. He received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and earned a MSBA from Indiana University South Bend in 1972. In 1976, Dick was elected State Senator and served for three terms in the Indiana General Assembly, half of his service on the Senate Republican leadership team.

Dick put a lot of care and dedication into his work. After taking over the family business, he expanded Miller's Merry Manor across the state and employed over 3000 Hoosiers. With the help of his siblings, they made Miller's Health Systems one of the largest 100 percent employee owned companies in the nation. Providing quality care to thousands and rewarding those dedicated employees is a true testament to his character and the reason why Miller's Merry Manor continues to be successful after 52 years.

He continued to serve unofficially as a vital resource of good advice and wisdom to those in office, such as myself, up until his last day. He was gracious enough to be a member of my Healthcare Advisory Team, where his counsel was helpful in my efforts to determine how to best serve the people of Indiana and our country, though his advice was not limited to healthcare as he was well versed in many aspects of public policy and economics. I will always be thankful for his invaluable advice and friendship over the years.

Dick leaves Jane, his beloved wife of almost 55 years, two children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren to carry on his legacy of service to fellow Hoosiers. I believe this world is a better place because of his compassionate service to our community, state and nation. Rest in peace Dick, you will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JUSTIN MENDES

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Justin Mendes for his service to my office and California's Central Valley.

Mr. Mendes was born on September 17, 1986 in Fresno, California to Tom Mendes and Karen Carreiro. After attending Riverdale High School in Riverdale, California, Mr. Mendes went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Upon his graduation in 2008, Mr. Mendes worked in the banking industry, specifically in agricultural lending.

In 2010, Mr. Mendes began his career in public service with my office in Hanford, while I was then serving in the California State Assembly. Upon my election to the United States House of Representatives in 2012, he continued his service as my District Director, a position he held until March, 2016. During his time as District Director in my office, Mr. Mendes demonstrated himself to be a person of outstanding character and work ethic. His knowledge of the Twenty-First Congressional District of California was immensely beneficial to my office and my constituents. Throughout his career, Mr. Mendes has been an invaluable asset to Team Valadao and the people of California's Central Valley. Without his advice and friendship, I would not be where I am at today.

In March of 2014, Mr. Mendes and his fiancée Melissa celebrated the birth of their first child, Alexander. Their family currently resides in Hanford, California.

Mr. Mendes again demonstrated his dedication to public service when he was elected

Mayor of Hanford in December of 2015. I have no doubt his work ethic, combined with his knowledge of public policy and his community, will be immensely valuable to the citizens of Hanford.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Justin Mendes for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well in this next chapter of his life.

PEARLAND ISD PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the following Principals of Pearland Independent School District for being named Principal of the Year.

Each school year, principals, teachers and staff members are recognized by the school district with various awards as a reflection of their hard work and dedication to their students and the school as a whole. This year, the two principals that were awarded with the title "Principal of the Year," are Verna Tipton from Sablatura Middle School and Jason Frerking from Pearland Junior High South. These principals have gone above and beyond to inspire their students and create a supportive educational environment. We are grateful for their commitment to education and providing a safe, inspirational learning environment for our students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Principals Tipton and Frerking for being named Principal of the Year. On behalf of our children, we thank them for all that they do.

IN APPRECIATION OF RAMZI NEMO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for the contributions of Ramzi Nemo to the work of the Committee on Homeland Security on the occasion of his return to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Since March 2015, Mr. Nemo has shared his considerable expertise in acquisitions and sourcing management as a detailee on my Committee staff. In his time with the Committee, Ramzi helped staff 10 hearings on topics as diverse as the policy questions surrounding the closing of the prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to climate change to vehicle fleet management. Additionally, Mr. Ramzi provided specialized technical expertise with respect to oversight of the Department of Homeland Security's Management Directorate, particularly with respect to how it handles its information technology, personnel, and real property.

Strengthening the effectiveness of the Department's acquisitions program has been a central focus of the Committee's work and,

with Mr. Nemo's contributions, Committee Democrats successfully advanced a number of legislative proposals that were incorporated into H.R. 3572, the "DHS Headquarters Reform and Improvement Act."

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that, during his time with the Committee, Mr. Nemo provided consistent and positive contributions to the work of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency and helped advance the priorities of the Ranking Member, Representative BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN (D-NJ).

I appreciate his service to the Committee, the Congress, and the Nation and wish him every success, as he returns to the GAO.

TRIBUTE TO MARIE AND RANDY
FOSTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Marie and Randy Foster of Oakland, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on May 7, 2016.

Marie and Randy's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Ted, Ron, Randy, Sammarra, Elliott, and Christy, and their 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they 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 will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CONGRATULATING THE PHOENIX
POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ARIZONA
INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST
CHILDREN TASK FORCE UPON
RECEIVING THE ATTORNEY GEN-
ERAL'S SPECIAL COMMENDA-
TION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, on this National Missing Children's Day, we come together to honor the victims of kidnapping and child abuse, and recognize the extraordinary efforts of law enforcement to prevent and uncover these tragic crimes.

Today, we are proud to announce that the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in the Phoenix Police Department is the 2016 recipient of the Attorney General's Special Commendation.

The Department of Justice awards the Attorney General's Special Commendation each year to an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force that makes an exceptional contribution to the coordinated national effort against online child exploitation.

Phoenix Police task force members earned this honor by successfully pursuing and arrest-

ing a criminal who was sexually abusing two young boys in her care. They put a stop to the nightmare of abuse for these two children and, by gathering forensic evidence at the scene, discovered leads on an international ring of crime and exploitation. Their work to date has led to more than 25 arrests across the United States and Europe.

It is my privilege to congratulate these brave Arizonans for their work to protect children and keep our communities safe. Their diligence in the face of terrible circumstances sets an example for everyone in public service.

National Missing Children's Day reminds us each year that we have more work to do to protect children from kidnapping and abuse. I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure public servants like the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force have the tools they need to break the cycle of child exploitation.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS AND VERL
PAULLIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lois and Verl Paullin on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.

Verl and Lois were married in May, 1946 and make their home in Guthrie Center, Iowa. Their 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.

I commend this lovely couple on their 70 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

WHY WE NEED TO LOWER
PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following article, written by Heather Block. I encourage all of my colleagues to read this short and powerful piece, which provides us with yet another personal testimony highlighting the need to lower the price of prescription drugs and support the Medicare Part B Demonstration Project proposed by CMS. In this article, Ms. Block describes "what it is like to have stage 4 cancer, and to fear bankruptcy as much as cancer due to our health system and the lack of drug pricing regulation". Sadly, her story is not unique. Across this country, millions of people who are already facing devastating health issues suddenly find themselves in dire financial straits due to the cost of prescription drugs. Let us not forsake the wellbeing of the many for the

financial gain of the very few. I ask you to join me in taking the side of people like Heather by supporting CMS's proposal.

PHARMA CAN BUY TIME. I CAN'T.

HEATHER BLOCK MAY 23, 2016

I testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health last week. It was a big deal for me. As I told my brother, I want my niece to know that we can speak to the powers that be—even individuals like me, without any group or organization to back me up. I want her to know that our voices can still be heard in America.

I testified about what it is like to have stage 4 cancer, and to fear bankruptcy as much as cancer due to our health system and the lack of drug pricing regulation. I also said that I support a Medicare proposal to evaluate ways to lower drug costs. It would reduce financial incentives that could encourage doctors to use more expensive drugs, while trying several different approaches that would improve quality of care and potentially cut drug costs for taxpayers and patients.

I felt like most of the Representatives had already made up their minds. Probably not due to the actual proposal, but to the pressures placed by groups that would lose money if the so-called Medicare Part B Demo is launched. I joked before I testified that I might ask, "Could anyone that doesn't receive any money from the pharmaceutical industry, raise their hands," and that I would probably be the only one with a hand raised in the room.

Turns out my joke wasn't that far off-base. Imagine my surprise when Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-ILL.) pointed out that two of the five witnesses had several pages of identical testimony—identical down to the highlights. What that says to me is that the pharmaceutical industry lobbyists are so confident of their power that they can be sloppy.

I do not have that luxury. I have limited time; no one knows how much with stage 4 cancer and certainly limited means. My friends jokingly call me "Dona Quixote." But I feel urgency around the issue, and I do appreciate Representative Peter Welch for pointing out this urgency.

I know I cannot be alone. Other patients are slowly being bled dry by the cost of our life saving drugs.

While the Medicare Part B Demo will not solve the problem of high prescription drug spending, it's at least a thoughtful step in the right direction. I hope to keep pushing and reminding everyone of the urgency of this issue. Americans recognize that the cost of drugs is not sustainable but no one knows what to do. And so far, no one knows how to overcome the money and power being mobilized by the drug companies to keep their profits high, even as patients go bankrupt.

While the Medicare Part B demo may not be perfect, it's at least a step in the right direction when everyone else seems to be more interested in standing still.

Let's proceed.

Heather Block served as a witness for the Energy and Commerce's Health committee hearing on the proposed Medicare Part B Payment Demonstration Project on May 17, 2016.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN NEWBERRY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Ryan Newberry of