

Waters for his extraordinary vision to establish Operation Outdoor Freedom which is sponsored by Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Adam Putnam. Recently, Mr. Waters announced his retirement from service with Operation Outdoor Freedom.

Mr. Waters and his wife realized the need for a program to give back to wounded warriors coming back from war. By encouraging all of his friends to donate time, money, property, and gifts, they started the program that was then called the Wounded Warrior Sportsman Fund. Operation Outdoor Freedom provides wounded veterans with outdoor activities that they enjoy at no cost. This program has evolved from the first single outing to over 70 chapters statewide. Operation Outdoor Freedom grants wounded veterans a unique opportunity for recreation and rehabilitation. By creating an atmosphere so that wounded warriors can spend time with like-minded veterans, Operation Outdoor Freedom has changed many lives for the better.

I am truly grateful for Ned Waters' work to provide opportunities to wounded veterans and Purple Heart Recipients who have fought to defend our freedom. Our community and our state are better due to his service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CHUCK KAVANAUGH

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Charles J. "Chuck" Kavanaugh as he retires after 20 years as Executive Vice President of the Building Industry Association of Greater Louisville, formerly the Home Builders Association of Louisville.

For two decades, Chuck has helped construct and remodel houses throughout Louisville—places where families can build their own foundation for a successful future. He has also worked with businesses large and small to help grow and expand their factories, office buildings, and workspaces, creating jobs and significantly impacting our local economy.

Under his leadership, the Building Industry Association of Louisville has become second-largest of the nearly 700 homebuilders groups affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders. And his hard work and success have not gone unnoticed by the NAHB, who have previously named him "Executive Officer of the Year" and President of the Association's Executive Officers Council, a position he attained after being elected by his peers.

Throughout his career at the Building Industry Association of Greater Louisville—and previously as Vice President of the former Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce—Chuck has spent his life helping others. He is also a Founder of the Building Industries' Charitable Foundation, where he has dedicated his time and effort to their important partnership with YouthBuild and Kosair Charities.

I want to thank Chuck for his dedication to our community, his service to homeowners and business owners throughout our city, and—above all—his advice and friendship during all these years. On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and

the City of Louisville, I extend my best wishes to Chuck as he begins his much-deserved retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently voted 'aye' for the Clarifying Congressional Intent in Providing for DC Home Rule Act of 2016 (Roll Call No. 248) when my intention was to vote 'no' on the legislation. I support local budget autonomy for the District of Columbia.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. STEPHEN HANKE ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Stephen Hanke on the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of dedicated public service as an educator.

Dr. Hanke served as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent in four school districts before being appointed as Superintendent of the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) in 2006. Under his stewardship, DUSD has attained unprecedented levels of achievement.

DUSD saw its Academic Performance Index (API) climb every year during his tenure to an all-time high of 904 in 2013, the last year the API was measured by California. As the new Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) scores were released last fall, DUSD was once again among the highest-performing school districts in the state.

Dr. Hanke successfully transformed the culture and defined DUSD's core values by creating and implementing the Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan. DUSD became focused on continuous improvement through the development of a Professional Learning Community. As a result, six schools earned the distinction of being named a California Distinguished School.

Under Dr. Hanke's leadership, DUSD also created a STEM Enrichment Academy and emerged as a regional leader in putting technology in the classrooms. The infusion of STEM combined with some of the state's most rigorous graduation requirements have made students more prepared for college and career success than ever before.

In addition, Dr. Hanke's tenure coincided with a period of rapid expansion, as he oversaw 40 modernization projects and the addition of three elementary schools and a middle school. The signature enhancements were \$120 million of renovation and expansion at Dublin High School, which is now regarded as one of the premier campuses in California. Despite the pressures of managing growth, DUSD maintained financial stability even through the most difficult times.

Dr. Hanke has fostered lasting, productive partnerships in the community and has laid the groundwork for an ever-expanding offering

of programs and opportunities for all Dublin students. I wish to congratulate him on his long and distinguished career, and wish him health and happiness in retirement.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY OF WORLD WAR II SOLDIER SECOND LIEUTENANT OWEN BAYLISS COFFMAN

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and memory of World War II hero and soldier, Second Lieutenant Owen Bayliss Coffman of Palm Springs, California. His remarkable life was cut short when he answered our nation's call to service in the Second World War. It is my intention to honor the memory of this hero by recording the history of his service to our great country.

Owen Bayliss Coffman was born on February 1, 1920 in Palm Springs, California to Owen Earl and Helen Ann Bayliss Coffman. Owen attended school in Palm Springs, completing his primary school education at Frances Stevens School. For four years, Owen rode a bus from Palm Springs to Banning High School, where he graduated in 1938. He left our Coachella Valley to attend Stanford University where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1942. Owen strongly desired to serve his country in uniform, and a bad back that never healed correctly after breaking it at the age of 20 almost kept him from military service. While at Stanford, Owen enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and came to active duty in 1943. Owen completed his basic training in Santa Ana, California and completed his flight training at March Field. He earned his wings in Yuma, Arizona and was awarded the rank of second lieutenant. Owen and his crew shipped off to Peterborough, England. On his second bombing mission over Poland, his crew was recalled over the North Sea. His plane went down due to inclement weather. Of the ten men on his plane, seven were killed and three parachuted to safety. Owen sacrificed his life in service to our country.

Owen was buried at the American Military Cemetery near Cambridge. His grandmother wished for his remains to stay in England, saying, "Leave him in the land of my ancestors, where he will forever be honored with his fallen comrades."

Mr. Speaker, Owen Bayliss Coffman is an American hero whose life and service deserve to the fullest extent our abilities to honor him. It is with my deepest respect that I commend and remember this brave young man from Palm Springs. Owen joined hands with countless other patriots to safeguard the freedoms we enjoy. He is a shining example to all of us, and it is my sincere hope that by preserving his memory, we inspire a new generation to look to Second Lieutenant Owen Bayliss Coffman's shining example of self-less service, patriotism, and dedication to freedom.

COURTNEY CONERTY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

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

Courtney Conerty is an 8th grader at Woodrow Wilson Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Courtney Conerty 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 Courtney Conerty 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.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION****HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes on Monday, May 23, 2016 and Tuesday, May 24, 2016 due to my son's graduation from high school.

Had I been present for roll call vote number 229, H.R. 4889, the Kelsey Smith Act, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 230, H.R. 3998, the Securing Access to Networks in Disaster Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 231, Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 743, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 232, H. Res. 743, Adoption of the Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 5055, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 233, Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 742, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 234, H. Res. 742, Adoption of the Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 897 and H.R. 2576, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 235, H.R. 5077, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 236, the Democrat Motion to Recommit H.R. 897, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 237, H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 238, Passage of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF CORPORAL  
ROBERT L. SNOW**HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Robert L. Snow and his many years of service to the state of Delaware.

When Mr. Snow first joined the New Castle County Police Department in 1968, he made history as the first African American police officer for the NCCPD. His addition to the force came at a time of upheaval in Wilmington, as violence and anger engulfed the city following the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Despite these circumstances, Mr. Snow was able to break down barriers by committing fully to his duties as a police officer, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. Throughout his career, he demonstrated a keen understanding of the importance of building lasting, positive relationships in the community through compassion, respect and professionalism. Most importantly, Mr. Snow has always shown a willingness to put the safety and security of others above his own.

Corporal Snow's efforts have made a difference for future generations by paving the way and setting an example for police officers across our state. Many continue to be inspired by Mr. Snow's bravery and ability to conquer racism in becoming an exemplary member of the law enforcement community for 20 years. As Delaware's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am grateful for his dedication to public safety and I'm honored to join in recognizing his distinguished career.

Once again, I'd like to thank Corporal Snow for his service, and to congratulate him on the dedication of the Community/Training Room at the Cpl. Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building in his honor.

**IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE CONNECTICUT  
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION****HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Connecticut Beekeepers Association, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this weekend. The Connecticut Beekeepers Association is vital to promoting and protecting honeybees in communities across Connecticut. The appreciation our state's beekeepers receive doesn't come close to matching their impact on our health and our economy.

Honeybees pollinate one-third of the food on our plates and roughly 90 crops found in the United States. To give you an idea of the role honeybees play in our food security, picture walking into your local grocery store and finding the produce aisles half-empty. That's what a future without honeybees would look like.

Unfortunately, honeybees are dying off at an alarming rate, due to Colony Collapse Dis-

order and stressors such as disease, habitat loss, and pesticides. The Connecticut Beekeepers Association is working tirelessly to save our pollinators. It's bringing together beekeepers, farmers, businesses, and consumers and educating the public about the importance of honeybees.

The Connecticut Beekeepers Association knows that the best way to engage people in this important work is to keep it fun. They even brought live bees to a New Britain Bees baseball game to show kids how hives work.

I am proud to support the Connecticut Beekeepers Association's efforts for a healthy, sustainable honeybee population in the future. On this historic anniversary, I commend the Connecticut Beekeepers Association on 125 years of excellence in beekeeping and environmental stewardship.

**TRIBUTE TO HILLIARD, OHIO POLICE OFFICER SEAN R. JOHNSON****HON. STEVE STIVERS**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Hilliard, Ohio Police Officer Sean R. Johnson who passed away last week in a tragic training accident.

Officer Johnson's dedication to public service was evident as he made the decision to join the Air Force after graduating high school in 1988. After serving in the military and earning the rank of Senior Airman, Officer Johnson was Honorably Discharged and soon brought on at the Fairfield County Sheriffs Department in 1995. At the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department, he graduated from the Police Academy and worked as a Special Deputy until 1997.

After working in court security and as a liquor control agent, Officer Johnson joined the Hilliard Division of Police in October 1999, and would stay with the department for the next 16 years. Throughout his time with the Hilliard Division of Police, he was distinguished as one of the most valuable members of the department, earning numerous Achievement Citations for his service above the normal call of duty in dangerous circumstances.

He was also active in the community as a Crisis Intervention Team Officer, where he was well known for calming and talking to people during difficult times in their lives. While serving, Officer Johnson earned an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from Columbus State Community College. All of this, he did while also being a father to two children.

I'm extremely thankful for the service of Officer Sean Johnson and all first responders.

**DESTINY MARTINEZ****HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

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