

TRIBUTE TO JIM O'BRIEN

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a wonderful neighbor and friend, Jim O'Brien, who passed away over the weekend after a brave battle with cancer.

For many years, Jim and his wife Barb lived in Taylorville, always bringing smiles to the faces in town. My daughter, Toryn, loved the pink house he and Barb lived in with their Yorkie, Maggie.

What I will remember most about Jim is his kindness and generosity. Driven by faith, family, and community, Jim spent nearly all of his time serving others. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Taylorville, coached Little League, delivered Meals on Wheels, and served as an after-school mentor for children. When Taylorville opened its SHADOW home, a residential faith-based program for women and children, Jim dedicated much of his time making the home a comfortable place for those in need.

In his free time, Jim served as the president of the park district board and frequently attended high school basketball and football games, cheering on the Tornadoes whenever he could.

There is no doubt that Jim made Taylorville a wonderful place to call home. His love for the community and his service to others will always be remembered. He will be greatly missed by me, my family, and by all those who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Barb, and their family.

HONORING THE NOMINEES FOR
KANE COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE
ASSOCIATION'S 2015 LOUIS
SPUHLER OFFICER OF THE YEAR
FOR KANE COUNTY AWARD

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the 2015 Kane County Chiefs of Police Association's Louis Spuhler Officer of the Year for Kane County Award.

The award, presented by the Batavia Moose Lodge Number 682 and the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association, recognizes the outstanding achievements of police officers who protect our community. The men and women who wear the badge provide our families with security while putting their own lives on the line and deserve our admiration and thanks.

I would like to congratulate the winner of the 2015 Louis Spuhler Officer of the Year for Kane County, Officer Dean M. Tucker, as well as his fellow nominees: Sergeant Elizabeth Palko, Lieutenant Brian McCarty, Lieutenant Anthony Gorski, Officer Ronald F. McNeff, Sergeant Eric Blowers, Officer Erika Stover, Officer Justin Howe, Officer Chris Potthoff, Officer Mark Skorup, Trooper Gregory Melzer, and Detective Andrew Houghton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the nominees for the 2015 Louis Spuhler Officer of the Year for Kane County Award and thanking them for their continued dedication to the safety and security of our community.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY AND BILL HARPER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dorothy and Bill Harper of Peru, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bill and Dorothy's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, 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 60th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF GREGORY
STEVENS, A DISTINGUISHED
MEMBER OF THE GARLAND POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished member of the Garland Police Department, Officer Gregory Stevens, for receiving the Medal of Valor at the White House. On May 3, 2015, two gunmen opened fire at an event in Garland with the sole intent of harming and taking the lives of every single person inside. Luckily, Officer Stevens was standing guard that night. As the shooters opened fire on the auditorium, Officer Stevens swiftly acted to protect the people of Garland from what could have been a devastating situation. His actions not only saved countless innocent lives, they also sent a clear message that Texans will not stand down in the face of terror.

I am extremely proud to have such exceptional men and women who faithfully serve and protect our communities. Officer Stevens, thank you for your selfless service and your unwavering commitment to protect the wonderful people of North Texas. God Bless our Police Officers, God Bless Texas, and God Bless America.

HONORING MICHAEL P. REESE

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor Michael P. Reese for his

extraordinary contributions to the community of El Paso and honorable service to our nation. Mr. Reese stands apart for his distinguished service as a teacher in the El Paso community and soldier for the United States Army.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1979, Michael P. Reese has dedicated both his life and career to the service of others. After graduating from the Texas Lutheran University in 2001, Mr. Reese worked as a counselor to troubled youth at a therapeutic wilderness camp in Lockhart, Texas. In 2003, he joined the United States Army, where he served honorably through 2005. During his service, Mr. Reese was stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas and deployed to Iraq from 2004 to 2005 with the First Brigade Combat Team of the First Cavalry Division. While deployed, Mr. Reese earned the Combat Medical Badge for satisfactorily performing medical duties while his unit was engaged in ground combat.

After completing his term of enlistment, Michael Reese moved to El Paso when he was accepted into the University of Texas at El Paso's History Graduate Program. Since graduating in 2009, Mr. Reese has worked as a high school teacher in El Paso and earned several awards for his refusal to dumb down challenging issues and ability to bring out the best in his students, including Campus Teacher of the Year at Andress High School. Michael P. Reese's creative use of technology to inspire his students and encourage discussion, exemplifies the vision required to educate the youth of El Paso in the 21st century. This year, the El Paso Independent School District named Mr. Reese Secondary Teacher of the Year for his work as a Social Studies and Broadcast Journalism teacher at El Paso High School.

Michael P. Reese's commitment to helping others is an inspiration to the El Paso community. I am honored to recognize him for his service to our country both in the military and classroom.

HONORING ROMAN MAZUR ON HIS
COMPANY'S ANNUAL DANCE FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Roman Mazur on bringing his dance company's annual dance festival, this year entitled, "Melodies from My Grandmother's Chest" to the Theatre of Buffalo Grove Community Art Center on the weekend of May 28th. I'm excited to convey my support for a vibrant cultural event hosted in the center of my district.

The tenth congressional district is a hub of cultural diversity, and events like Mr. Mazur's Dance Festival encapsulate this. The Festival highlights the hard work, creative endurance, and dedication of veteran dancers as they bring the rich tradition of 1930s and 40s dancing and music to the audience.

It is truly my pleasure to commend Mr. Mazur on many years of outstanding work with the Mazur Dance School. I congratulate him and his company on the Festival, and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DARLENE AND
DWAYNE HENRICHS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Darlene and Dwayne Henrichs of Thayer, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 3, 1951.

Dwayne and Darlene's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, and their grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, 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 65th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

ROBYN COLAO-MORGAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Robyn Colao-Morgan for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Robyn Colao-Morgan is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Robyn Colao-Morgan 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 Robyn Colao-Morgan 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016
UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATIONS
DIVERSE SCHOLARS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, continuing to modernize the health care system requires improving the quality and delivery of health care, the backbone of which is the health care workforce. I am pleased to have the opportunity today to talk about a group of students from across the country who represent some of the brightest individuals preparing to enter the health care workforce. This year's United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative scholarship recipients represent 36 states.

They are working hard in their undergraduate and graduate programs—whether they are studying to be doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, public health specialists, or technicians—to increase the number of skilled professionals entering the health care workforce.

Beyond their academic achievements, I would also like to recognize their commitment to making the health care system more culturally relevant and their dedication to improving the health outcomes of the individuals they will one day serve. Research shows that when people are treated by health professionals who share their language, culture, and ethnicity, they are more likely to accept and receive medical treatment. This will be a great asset to our nation's health care system.

Next week, these scholars will be joining us in Washington, DC to examine some of the nation's most pressing health care problems and potential solutions as part of the United Health Foundation's Annual Diverse Scholars Forum. Since 2007, the United Health Foundation has helped more than 1,850 multicultural students from across the country realize their dream of pursuing careers in health while focusing on the needs of local communities through the Diverse Scholars Initiative. This year, these scholars also include a group of military spouses and dependents pursuing health care careers who have received scholarships, and I'd like to recognize their commitment to becoming part of the future health workforce and their support for those who have served.

To these exceptional scholars, congratulations and best wishes for success in all of your future endeavors. I know that our nation's health care system will benefit from your hard work and talent.

Jean Abac, Miranda Adcock, Sainfer Aliyu, Cadijah Allen, Jose Alonso, Toni Aluko, Evelyn Ambush, Felicia Andrew, Jesse Andrews, Brie Antonas, Kwame Awuku, Lluriana Bailon, Kane Banner, Sophia Barrios, Christina Batarse, Anya Bazzell, Shanell Becenti, Ashleigh Bennett, Carlene Black, Ashley Blackwell, Maya Bryant, Tina Bui, Andrea Burgess, Ebony Caldwell, Ana Cisneros, Danelle Cooper, Sandy Cullins, Radha Dahal, Marcqwon Day, Andres de Avila, Elizabeth De La Rosa, Chelsie Rae Domingo, Katie Duncan, Evelyn Escobedo Pol, Rebecca Espinoza, Mayra Estrada, Laurie Farreau, Clarissa Flores, Nyla Flowers, Thomas Franco, Jeremy Garriga, Misha Gilmore, Homero Guaderrama, Eddie Hackler III, Jackie Hairston, Jada Mone'e Harris, Oswaldo Hasbun Avalos, Katie Haynes, Shakura Howard, Austere Apollo, Wes Hungbui, Jalane Jara, Sophia Jimenez, Valencia Johnson, Karianne Jones, Ramanjot Kaur, Leslie Kedelty, Linda Kerandi, Ashley Kyalwazi, Angel Lara, Vin Lay, Anna Le, Saleena Lee, Edith Leiva, Amy Liang, Korai Liriano, Maria Madrigal, Erin Abigail Marden, Rasheena McCabe, Karen Mendez, Santiago Mercado, Monique Merritt, Alexa Mieses, Kimberly Mondestin, Lynette Morgan, Krista Morine, Binh Nguyen, Whitney Nwagbara, Justin Okons, Francesca Olguin, Chiemeka Onyima, Sylvia Pena, Bert Pineda, Joshua Platero, Cecilia Ramirez, Juan Ramirez, Isis Reyes, Julian Roby, Leah Ruiz, Valeria Salazar Ball, Brianne Samson, Ari St. Clair, May Lei Suen, Hiroshi Usui, Janet Van, Vaithish Velazhahan, Jennifer Villalobos, Shenae Whitehead, Veronica Williams, Taylor

Williams-Hamilton, Davontae Willis, Ernestine Wilson, Bethany Womack, Chris Zermeno, and Jingna Zhao.

IN HONOR OF THE CLOWES FUND

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Clowes Fund and family whose philanthropic contributions have positively impacted countless Hoosiers in my hometown of Indianapolis.

Dr. George Henry Alexander Clowes, his wife Edith Whitehill Clowes and their two sons, Allen W. Clowes and Dr. George H.A. Clowes, Jr., incorporated The Clowes Fund in 1952 to support education along with literary, performing, and fine arts. Social services soon became another focus for support. A rare combination of scientist and entrepreneur, the senior Dr. Clowes was director of research at Eli Lilly and Company who in 1921 mobilized Lilly resources to mass produce and market an insulin treatment that would save the lives of millions of diabetics. Lilly's subsequent growth as a pharmaceutical giant contributed to Dr. Clowes' personal success, giving rise to the Fund, an extensive art collection and other philanthropic endeavors. Mrs. Clowes was actively involved in a variety of educational, cultural and social service interests in the community; she was a co-founder of the Orchard School and Planned Parenthood. Their story is told in *The Doc and the Duchess, The Life and Legacy of Dr. George H.A. Clowes*, written by their grandson, Dr. Alexander (Alec) Whitehill Clowes.

Alec joined The Clowes Fund board at age 21 and served from 1967–2015, and as president 2001–2015. Early in his tenure he was intimately involved in planning the Clowes Pavilion at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) for exhibition of the Clowes Collection on long term loan. Later, he helped guide the board toward a decision to transfer ownership of the Collection to the IMA, a process that will culminate by 2023 when Indianapolis celebrates the centennial of insulin. In the early 1990's, Alec was a uniting force that prevented the foundation from being divided by family branches. Unity is a legacy of his leadership as he made it a priority to recruit a fourth generation of family members to serve the foundation's mission.

Since its founding, The Clowes Fund has awarded \$37.3 million in funding to nonprofit organizations in Indianapolis. Recent grant gifts include more than \$550,000 to local Centers for Working Families, a service delivery model designed to move families out of poverty and toward a more self-sufficient standard of living, and nearly \$2 million to support services for immigrants, refugees and asylees in our community. The Fund has also transferred art valued at approximately \$25.3 million from the Clowes Collection to the Indianapolis Museum of Art with another \$25 million in support scheduled over the next few years to ensure the collection remains intact and in Indianapolis. In addition to grantmaking, The Clowes Fund has left a lasting legacy in Indianapolis by donating its grant files to the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Studies Library and Archives at