

advocate for our community's most vulnerable, and for preparing our next generation of leaders, has and will continue to leave an immeasurable impact on Northwest Indiana, our state, and our country.

In addition to her achievements in the realm of children and education, Senator Rogers' legislative accomplishments include filing the first bill to legalize casino and riverboat gaming in Indiana, spearheading efforts to increase job growth, and most recently, gaining legislative approval to relocate docked riverboat casinos to adjacent land. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Rogers, this industry has generated significant economic investment throughout our state. Furthermore, Senator Rogers was a leader and integral to the creation of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, an entity that currently works with local, state, and federal partners to spur regional economic development. These projects include the enrichment of the Gary/Chicago International Airport, improving access to our historic lakeshore through the Marquette Plan, investment in the recapitalization and expansion of the South Shore Rail Line, and the development of a regional bus system. Senator Rogers has fought to bring economic prosperity and opportunities to all of her constituents, and has been a transformational figure and the epitome of a public servant.

Earline is married to Chuck Rogers, a retired Gary firefighter, and together they have two children, Keith Sr. and Dara, as well as a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Earline plans to spend her retirement staying active in the Gary community, including in Saint Timothy Community Church, where she has been a member for over fifty years, and looks forward to spending winters visiting her family in Arizona.

I am especially proud to note that the relationship between the Smith/Rogers and Visclosky families spans four generations. As mentioned earlier in my remarks, Earline's father worked two part-time jobs in addition to his full-time employment. One of those part-time positions was working with my father in the Calumet Township Trustee's office in the 1940s and 1950s. There they began a friendship based on a profound respect for each other. To this day, my 100-year-old father, John, is proud that he attended Earline's high school graduation open house and was able to witness the beginning of her distinguished academic and professional career. That friendship has continued through my relationship with Earline and Chuck, and now spans a fourth generation with her grandson, Keith, who is currently serving in my Washington, DC, Congressional office. The Visclosky family has been blessed to have experienced such a long standing and strong relationship with individuals imbued with integrity, selflessness, and with whom we have had countless good laughs.

I am proud to call Earline my friend, and I wish her the very best in this new chapter of her life. Earline has always served the citizens of Gary, Northwest Indiana, and our entire state as a passionate and compassionate public servant. For this she is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Indiana State Senator Earline Rogers for her life of public service, and for teaching generations of young Hoosiers to be a force for

positive change, both in and out of the classroom. Senator Rogers' life has truly been a gift to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF ACTION POTENTIAL

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Action Potential on winning SCORE's 2016 Small Business Achievement Award.

SCORE is a national nonprofit that provides free business mentoring and educational workshops to entrepreneurs and small business owners across the country. I am grateful for the services local SCORE chapters provide for our region's innovative entrepreneurs. And I commend the Chester County Chapter on being named "2015 Chapter of the Year," edging out over 300 other chapters around the country.

Kathy Dixon and Kristen Wilson founded Action Potential in 2011 to provide innovative, high-customized rehabilitation services to senior, neurological and amputee clients. Action Potential is the first outpatient therapy provider to offer these specialized services in Delaware and Chester Counties. In just three years the business more than quadrupled its number of patients.

Kathy and Kristen have been involved with SCORE since they were first considering starting their own business, attending workshops that helped them develop a business plan and working with a SCORE counselor.

Action Potential is actively involved in and giving back to its community, hosting educational luncheon sessions for physicians and charity events like their National Amputee Golf Association First Swing Seminar and Annual Turkey Trot.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Kathy Dixon and Kristen Wilson on their success. It is small businesses like Action Potential that form the backbone of our local economy.

H.R. 5055, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2017

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep concerns about the proactive management practices displayed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, in regard to their management of West Point Dam and Lake water levels. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should use all appropriated funds to implement and carry out the best practices. For many years, my office and the stakeholders of West Point Lake have worked with the Mobile District to discuss proactive policies and what it will take to put adaptive management practices in place. Upon hearing the announcement that West Point Lake will not remain at full pool this summer as a direct result of the Mobile Dis-

trict's decision to draw down the lake, I once again am concerned that best practices are not being utilized. The construction of the West Point Dam was authorized by Congress through the Flood Control Act of 1962 and completed later in 1975. Of the five intended purposes for the West Point Dam and Lake, general recreation is chief among them. West Point Lake has served this historical purpose for over 40 years, contributing anywhere from \$153 million to \$710 million in annual economic impact. However, the economic impact depends heavily on the lake's water levels. West Point Lake guests enjoy fishing, boating, and other water sports, as well as many other outdoor activities centrally located around the lake. There can be no doubt that recreational activities on West Point Lake are the life-blood of the area. The threat of low water levels will have substantial impacts on recreation. I urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District to use all appropriated funds to implement adaptive management practices according to the general recreation purpose of West Point Dam and Lake.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN BREITSMAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Mr. John Breitsman on the occasion of his retirement as the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture after 34 years of devoted service. Working every day to provide the best possible service to the consumers and producers of Pennsylvania's agriculture, John challenges his team to instill excellence and leadership in meeting the state's agricultural needs. Comprehensive oversight under John's leadership has improved agriculture significantly in my district and throughout Pennsylvania, ensuring a diverse and healthy ecosystem for generations to come.

Beginning his service to the state in 1982, John quickly advanced from an Agricultural Products Inspector to Agronomic Specialist, eventually holding the titles of Chief of the Division of Agronomic and Regional Services and Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry. His leadership and expertise have earned him positions with state, regional, national, and international organizations such as the Food and Drug Administration, the American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) where he served as president, and the FBI. John has also worked closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Rapid Response Team, which is responsible for creating a Best Practices Manual for food and feed related emergency responses. His service and involvement with such diverse organizations has instilled a sense of security in my constituents' food supply and helped my district's farmers meet today's most daunting challenges.

John has always understood the value in surrounding himself with an elite team, mentoring his employees, and providing them with the support needed to fulfill the Bureau's mission of protecting Pennsylvania agriculture and

ensuring consumer safety. With such unique and committed service to his position and employees alike, John has received numerous awards highlighting his service. In 1999, he was recognized with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Outstanding Employee of the Year award and, in 2001, was honored with the AAFCO Distinguished Service Award. John has also been integral in the development of PaPlants, the Bureau's comprehensive web-based tracking and interactive constituent access program. PaPlants is now a model for USAPlants, a nationwide initiative in use by five other states.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. John Breitsman for his extensive guidance and superior leadership with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Commitment to his colleagues has allowed John to inspire his co-workers on a daily basis, and his hard work is evident through various achievements and lasting contributions to my community and state. John's retirement will be accompanied by quality time spent with his wife Kristin and his daughter Stephanie. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Mr. John Breitsman well on the occasion of his retirement, and best of luck in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 269 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to, as amended, H. Con. Res. 129, Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

On June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 270 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4906, To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency, and for other purposes, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4906.

On June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 271 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4904, Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4904.

On June 7, 2016, on Roll Call Number 272 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1815, Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1815, as amended.

TRIBUTE TO LILA AND TED SHOESMITH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ted and Lila Shoesmith on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ted and Lila were married on May 27, 1956 and reside 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 60 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.

RECOGNIZING SYDNEY EISMEIER

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sydney Eismeier, a Military Appointee from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I believe our greatest assets are America's brave men and women in uniform. Sydney is making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserves our utmost support for her service. It is with great pleasure that I give her my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend Sydney and her family for their commitment. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Sydney.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sydney as a Military Appointee for her commitment to protect and serve our nation.

THOMAS BERGMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

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

Thomas Bergman is a 12th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Thomas Bergman 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 Thomas Bergman 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.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DAVE BREIDINGER

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Dave Breidinger, a man of commitment and service.

Whether we speak of Dave Breidinger's accomplishments during his career with Comcast or in the community, Dave has served with unwavering dedication. On this special milestone of his retirement, we come to celebrate the positive impact that Dave had on so many people's lives.

Dave began his career managing a local franchise. He retires today as the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Comcast's Northeast Division States. I had the pleasure to work with Dave on federal government communication related issues. His contributions to Comcast have been unparalleled, as they have significantly expanded communication in the Northeast region.

Equally important to Dave's accomplishments at Comcast and his commitment to professional associations, is the extensive range of his community involvement. He has been involved with groups including the Rotary Club, Salvation Army, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Currently, he serves on numerous boards including the Bucks County Community College Foundation Board and the St. Mary Medical Center Advisory Board. Dave is also Chairman of the Board of Pearl S. Buck International which works to build better lives for children around the world—an organization located in my district which I have great pride representing in the United States House of Representatives.

In honor of his time, hard work, and selfless spirit, Dave has received a multitude of awards including the Rotary District 7510 "Matty" Mathewson Rotarian of the Year award, the Boy Scouts of America "Spirit of America" award, and leadership awards from the NJCTA, the CTAMDDC and from the Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania. He was also inducted into the Cable Television Pioneers for his instrumental part in the Cable Television Industry.

David Breidinger's 35 years of work for Comcast and outstanding leadership is deeply appreciated. We are grateful for David's commitment and service and know he will continue to inspire others in the Northampton Township and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll call vote 269, H. Con. Res. 129 expressing