

Financial Opportunity Centers (FOCs). The FOCs provided counseling and education to 234 homeowners who applied under the program.

I am especially proud of Toledo LISC's work but also know that these efforts are not unique to Toledo—that similar stories have occurred in the 30-plus cities where LISC offices are located, as well as in the over 14,000 rural counties that LISC serves through its national rural program, Rural LISC.

It is with great admiration that I pay tribute to Michael Rubinger and to his legacy of service on behalf of low-income families and communities. His unwavering dedication to making communities better and more viable through economic development initiatives in hundreds of urban and rural areas should be commended.

I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Michael Rubinger on his retirement and in thanking him for his noble choice to spend his most productive years in making America and her neighborhoods better for his efforts.

TRIBUTE TO MAURICE HERR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maurice Herr of Dallas Center, Iowa, on the celebration of his 100th birthday. He spent a lifetime farming and raising his family in the Dallas Center area. As a farmer by profession, it is only fitting that Mr. Herr is an avid John Deere collector, showing off many of his collectibles and memorabilia at his residence. He is an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, as evidenced by his ever-present Hawkeye cap.

Our world has changed immensely during the course of Maurice's life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mr. Herr has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-one Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mr. Herr in the United States Congress. It is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Maurice Herr for reaching this incredible milestone and in wishing him nothing but the best.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN HENDRICK

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mr. Kevin Hendrick for receiving the Governor's Shine Award.

Mr. Hendrick is the principal of Northeast High School in St. Petersburg and received

the award for his contributions to education at his school. Mr. Hendrick has been involved with schools for eighteen years, and is a past recipient of the Principal of the Year award.

Mr. Hendrick utilizes Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), a program to help diminish the achievement gap for students who are the first member of their family to go to college.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Kevin Hendrick for his commitment to our community and for ensuring students can reach their goals. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Hendrick for his hard work and congratulating him on receiving the Shine Award. It is most deserving.

HONORING ELISE AND BARRY RICHMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two members of the New Rochelle community who this year have the distinct privilege of being named honorees at the Beth El Synagogue Annual Gala, Elise and Barry Richman.

For nearly 30 years, Elise and Barry have been dedicated and active members of the Beth El community in New Rochelle. Elise grew up in Yonkers, where her parents remain members. She attended Hebrew School, celebrated her bat mitzvah, and led Junior Congregation services there. When LPJC started sending its Hebrew School graduates to Beth El's Community Hebrew High School, Elise was in the first group of students to carpool to New Rochelle. After high school, Elise headed to Boston to attend the Boston University where she met Barry. Three years later, they were married. In 1987, expecting their first child, the Richmans decided to move to New Rochelle to be closer to family.

Elise and Barry happily relocated and immediately joined Beth El Synagogue Center, since Elise's older brother Teddy and wife, Beth, were already members, and her former teacher, Rabbi Sirner, was now Beth El's senior rabbi. As Elise and Barry's family grew, it was enriched by Beth El in countless ways. Not only did they regularly attend Shabbat and holiday services with their family, their children benefitted from Beth El's terrific Nursery School, summer camp, Religious School, youth services, and programming.

But Elise and Barry take the greatest pride in their three grown children, Nate, Allison, and Jason, all living in Manhattan. They are the light of the happy couple's lives, and each one is incredibly accomplished and successful in their own right.

The Beth El Synagogue community is lucky to have Elise and Barry, and they are very worthy of this honor. Congratulations to them.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BENNY PARSONS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember my friend, the late racing legend, Benny Parsons upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

While he was born in Ellerbe, North Carolina, Benny Parsons grew up in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Wilkes County. After high school he moved to Detroit, Michigan to work for his father's taxi company. After being invited to a local race track by a customer, fate intervened when he was asked to be the driver for the race that night. In that moment a racing legend was born.

In 1970, Mr. Parsons joined the NASCAR circuit full time as a driver and it wasn't long until he won his first championship. A humble victor, he was described by many as an "everyman champion." In his career as a driver he amassed 21 victories and managed to finish in the top ten 283 times, roughly 54 percent of his races. Following his driving career, he seamlessly transitioned to television as a very popular announcer until his death in 2007. I got to know Benny while serving on a YMCA board that he chaired in Concord, NC. I will always remember his integrity, humble nature and infectious humor. While he is sorely missed by the racing community, his legacy will now live on as a member of the Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Parsons is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Benny Parsons, a 2017 inductee of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,222,275,711,902.53. We've added \$8,595,398,662,989.45 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA BATEMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Christina Bateman of Atlantic, Iowa, for her selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional Public Service Award. Ms. Bateman is a representative of the Meyer and Gross Real Estate Agency.

Christina Bateman was selected for this recognition for her outstanding leadership and integrity in social and civic activities as well as her dedication to the Atlantic community. Christina is a constant advocate for the greater good in the Atlantic area. Many have said she is a "perfect fit" for this award because of her involvement in various community and civic organizations in the community.

I applaud and congratulate Christina Bateman for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of a community. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Christina Bateman for her many accomplishments and for her service to Iowa as well as to the Atlantic community. I wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
DOMENIKA LYNCH**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Domenika Lynch for her ten years of service as the executive director of the University of Southern California's (USC) Latino Alumni Association (LAA), and also to congratulate her on becoming the next president and CEO of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) in Washington, DC.

Ms. Lynch has dedicated years of her personal and professional life to serving Latinos and the greater Los Angeles community. In addition to her work for the LAA, Domenika has been a part of the USC Neighborhood Outreach Grants Committee, has been named a Los Angeles Community Hero by Telemundo, has received an Educational Leadership Award from Saber es Poder, and has served on a variety of scholarship and advocacy boards.

A Trojan alumna herself, Domenika has been a thoughtful and successful leader of one of the strongest Latino alumni associations in the country. During her time guiding the LAA, it has continued to invest in student scholarship and mentorship support, while effectively engaging alumni, building campus and community partnerships, and securing philanthropic support.

Under her tenure, the LAA, its Board of Directors, its Corporate Advisory Council, and its alumni volunteers have raised over \$15 million towards scholarships and other key university initiatives. Today, the LAA is stronger than ever. Its endowment has more than tripled, and its donor base is growing. This type of en-

gagement creates an environment for students to thrive, and encourages these students to remain committed to their USC community long after they have left campus.

I am confident that Ms. Lynch will be equally successful in leading CHCI, which has been a trailblazer in developing the next generation of Latino leaders in our nation's capital. As our country writes another chapter in its history, Domenika's guidance will ensure that CHCI continues to increase opportunities for young Latinos, and keeps encouraging greater diversity and equity in the ranks of America's future leaders.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Domenika Lynch for her outstanding record of leadership and service, and in wishing her the very best as she begins the newest chapter of her career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, with it being Primary Day back in South Carolina, I returned home to vote but unfortunately did not make it back in time for the first vote series in the House yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call 299, "aye" on roll call 300, and "yea" on roll call 301.

CONGRATULATING THE BULL RUN
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ON
ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

Established on May 9, 1991, the Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) was founded to promote a better understanding of the Civil War and preserve the historic sites associated with the War's most important moments. Through lectures, research, field trips and active participation in the stewardship of Civil War sites, the group has made a lasting contribution to the preservation of Civil War history.

In order to promote a passion for history in the next generation, the BRCWRT awards annual scholarships to students who have researched and written about the War's remaining untold stories and mysteries. The BRCWRT also offers a variety of programs featuring knowledgeable, respected Civil War historians, academics, writers, and lecturers to educate enthusiasts and the general public. I have been proud to be a partner in the promotion and preservation of our region's rich Civil War history during my time in Congress and as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The Civil War was a fateful moment in our nation's history. The War pitted brother against brother and threatened to tear apart the fabric of our young republic. Preservation of historic battlefields, homes, and other

monuments ensures that we will never forget the sacrifices and pain the Civil War inflicted upon our nation, and, hopefully, through remembrance and understanding we heed the lessons of our past.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and in commending the organization for its efforts to preserve Civil War history.

RECOGNIZING DAVID
CHRISTOPHER MEYER**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Christopher Meyer of Boy Scouts of America Troop 261. On July 2nd of this year, David will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout for his outstanding accomplishments.

Throughout his time in scouting, David has grown to be a leader of other young men and is dedicated to the service of others. He graduated Big Horn National Youth Leadership training, served as a crew leader on an 85 mile backpacking trek at Philmont Scout Ranch, has been elected to the Order of the Arrow, and is currently serving as his troop's Senior Patrol Leader.

For his Eagle project David worked with Drifter's Hearts of Hope, a nonprofit institute that rescues horses selected for slaughter and uses them for therapy with disabled children. After rescuing a mare named Cabo, David and his team designed and built a shelter for her. Cabo was then designed to David's childhood friend, who has been battling a life threatening illness. David received the Eagle Project of the Year Award for the Pioneer Trails District for his project, being one of 8 young men recognized by the Optimist Club out of nearly 500 Eagle Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize David Christopher Meyer for his many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO GEETIKA KANAPARTI

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Geetika Kanaparti of West Des Moines, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Geetika is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Geetika is an exceptional student, high-achieving in academics and all-around service. This Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who will seek to become physicians or enter the medical research field. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders honors, inspires and motivates high school students like Geetika as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.