

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

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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-

agement 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.

Geetika Kanaparti is a student from West Des Moines, Iowa and was nominated by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Geetika makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize Geetika today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Geetika Kanaparti's accomplishments. Geetika will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEE RICHARD
CHILDRRESS

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 congratulate racing legend and my friend Richard Childress upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Mr. Childress began his racing career at the age of seventeen when he bought his first race car for \$20. He may not have known it then, but this was the very beginning of what would become one of the most legendary careers in the history of motorsports. As a driver, Richard Childress enjoyed success including six top-five finishes and 76 top 10's. In 1981, he retired from driving to focus on leading Richard Childress Racing which he had founded nine years earlier.

Through the years Richard Childress established his team as the preeminent force in NASCAR. In 1984, "The Intimidator" Dale Earnhardt returned to Richard Childress Racing to create one of the most successful partnerships ever. Winning six championships together, the pair solidified their place in the record books. In total, Childress has won 11 championships making him second on the all-time list for owners. Mr. Childress' contributions to racing are truly immeasurable and now he will be remembered forever as a member of the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Childress has also made a great impact on the community by serving others outside of racing. In 2008, the Childress family launched the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma in coordination with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Through their work, the Childress Institute has led the way in the pioneering prevention and treatment techniques for severe injuries in children. Mr. Childress and the Childress Institute have been instrumental in raising national awareness of this issue including the launch of the Congressional Pediatric Trauma Caucus.

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. Childress is extremely deserving of this honor for his many contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Richard Childress, his wife Judy, and their entire family on Richard's induction to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO JEREMY TINTER AND
NICHOLAS EBERHARDT

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Jeremy Tinter and Nicholas Eberhardt who received the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life Award. The National Award recognizes those professionals with outstanding service and dedication.

Mr. Tinter is a paramedic and a clinical services coordinator. He oversees employee orientation and acts as the field training officer at Sunstar Paramedics. He has overhauled the orientation process to increase the capstone testing rates and onboard new paramedics more efficiently.

Mr. Eberhardt is an emergency medical technician who has shown great leadership skills by mentoring new employees and providing excellent patient care. He was also a part of the team that started the Paramedics Plus' operation in South Dakota. He has previously received the Sunstar Paramedics' Care Plus award.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize these two exceptional individuals for the hard work and care they provide to Pinellas County. They give their time to help members of our community in life threatening incidents. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts.

HONORING COMMUNITY PROJECTS,
INC.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Projects, Inc., which is celebrating its 75th year supporting community organizations in Napa, California.

Community Projects, Inc. has operated as a nonprofit, nonsectarian woman's volunteer organization since its founding in 1941. Formerly called the Napa Chapter of the British War Relief, its original members sewed and prepared "Bundles for Britain," which provided clothing to families in the United Kingdom during World War II.

The organization changed its name to Community Projects, Inc. after the war ended, shifting its focus from aiding families affected by conflict abroad to supporting local schools, clubs, and social services with proceeds raised from thrift shop sales. Community Projects, Inc. eventually moved to a larger facility on Franklin Street, which was expanded in 1980 to accommodate the organization's growth.

Since its incorporation, Community Projects, Inc. has raised over \$11 million for philanthropic causes in our Napa community. Local organizations that received major grants in 2015 include Girls on the Run, the Napa Food Bank, and the Pathway Home. Community Projects, Inc. also provided more than \$100,000 in donations to local schools and student scholarships. Volunteer members of Community Projects, Inc. make the organization's work possible, and they collectively con-

tributed 44,020 hours during 2015, including countless hours to make two major annual events possible, "Puttin on the Glitz" and "Treasures of Christmas Past."

Mr. Speaker, Community Projects, Inc. is an exemplary organization that makes a meaningful impact in our community. And thanks to its unrivaled dedication to charitable giving, Community Projects, Inc. will continue to benefit Napa County for generations. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Community Projects, Inc. here today.

TRIBUTE TO KAYLA MAYHEW

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 Kayla Mayhew of Glenwood, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Kayla is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Kayla 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 Kayla Mayhew as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Kayla Mayhew is a student at Glenwood Senior High School in Glenwood, Iowa. She was nominated by school officials and The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Kayla makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize Kayla Mayhew today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. Kayla Mayhew will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN READ
BRUNELLI

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on June 2, 2016, Robin Read Brunelli passed away after a prolonged struggle with heart failure. Robin was President and CEO of the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) from 1992 to 2012 and made an extraordinary impact on women in politics.

Robin was born in Shenandoah, Iowa, on March 7, 1943. She attended the University of New Mexico where she was a big reader of the works of William Shakespeare. For the twenty-two years she lived in Albuquerque, she was a realtor, a much loved high school teacher, and the host of a cooking and recipe show called "Kitchen Klatter."