

and I want to thank the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, The United Jewish Council, the UJA Federation of New York, and other social service organizations providing care across our own country.

I applaud the Claims Conference for its tireless advocacy on behalf of Holocaust survivors worldwide in order to provide them with a small measure of justice and the funding necessary for them to live with dignity, comfort, and security.

IN RECOGNITION OF RANDY  
TAYLOR

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Randy Taylor who is retiring after more than thirty years of dedicated public service with the Lewisville Fire Department. Beginning his career in 1985, Mr. Taylor has served within the Lewisville Fire Department in multiple capacities. He is recognized as a dedicated firefighter and as a knowledgeable mentor to those who have been privileged to work with him. Captain Taylor has been an integral part of the Lewisville Fire Department, and leaves a lasting legacy of excellence and leadership.

Mr. Taylor began his career as a volunteer firefighter and was eventually hired full time by the department. After serving 8 years, he was promoted to driver and engineer. His commitment to the department never wavered and after twenty years he earned the rank of captain. He has served at 5 of the 7 LFD stations and he retires as head of station four. He has been a positive influence on the firefighters he has worked with over the years and his service to the city of Lewisville will not soon be forgotten.

I am honored to represent Captain Taylor and the city of Lewisville in the U.S. House of Representatives. I salute Captain Taylor for his exemplary career and extend him my best wishes upon his retirement and future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE YMCA OF  
CAPE COD

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize YMCA Cape Cod on the joyous occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

For generations, over ten thousand neighborhoods and local communities around the country have been enriched by the presence and services provided by the YMCA. The Y, as the YMCA is affectionately known, is a center from which community life has radiated for over 160 years. It serves not only as a health and fitness club but also as a place where neighbors gather and young people find valuable mentors. This exceptional organization is recognized both nationally and internationally for its commitment to its mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsi-

bility, while strengthening communities, and promoting lifelong wellness.

The celebration of YMCA Cape Cod's landmark 50th anniversary gives us reason to reflect on the far-reaching influence this center has had on the Cape Cod community. Since its incorporation in 1966 following a meeting of community members in Hyannis, YMCA Cape Cod has continued to grow and thrive, and the organization now proudly operates numerous successful facilities across Cape Cod. A highlight of YMCA Cape Cod is Camp Lyndon—a day camp that provides boating lessons, arts and crafts, family nights and countless other exciting summer activities for young people around Cape Cod to enjoy in an environment that encourages a spirit of adventure and cultivates core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Another standout program is the Teen Achievers Program, a mentorship program that encourages teens to pursue higher education opportunities. Additionally, it provides a range of essential services—from excellent childcare centers to organized youth sports year-round.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating YMCA Cape Cod, its enthusiastic staff and dedicated volunteers on the celebration of 50 years of service to the Cape Cod Community. I look forward to seeing all that this outstanding organization is going to accomplish in the next 50 years.

STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL MOURNS  
THE LOSS OF COACH MICHAEL  
MESA

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Stafford High School head baseball coach Michael Mesa.

At only 25 years old, Michael Mesa died unexpectedly on May 13, 2016. His death was unexpected and the cause is still unknown. Mesa was a Stafford High School 2008 graduate who in his senior year was an all-district catcher. Michael Mesa was a respected teacher and coach, and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his fiancée and a two year old son.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we offer our condolences to the friends and family of Michael Mesa and the Stafford High School community. His leadership and dedication will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL  
ROGER L. MCCREERY

**HON. CHRIS STEWART**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Roger L. McCreery, a close friend of mine, who has faithfully served the United States Army and the Tooele Army Depot for three years, and will now be relinquishing command. It is my honor to recognize the many sacrifices and years of service

Colonel McCreery has given to our great nation. I have had the opportunity to work with Colonel McCreery on a variety of issues and I have appreciated his openness and willingness to partner together to help the people of Utah.

I offer my sincerest thanks for all those who serve at the Tooele Army Depot, and especially those who have had the privilege to serve with Colonel McCreery. I understand the sacrifices our service men and women make on behalf of our nation. I am humbled by the work Colonel McCreery and these individuals do every day to protect not only my freedom but our nation's freedom as well.

Defending honor, duty, and country is the greatest accomplishment one can achieve in the U.S. Army. Colonel McCreery's courage and dedication has helped make our armed forces the most respected in the world.

COMMEMORATING ECUMENICAL  
PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOR  
CONVENING THE GREAT AND  
HOLY COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX  
CHURCHES

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Orthodox Christian Churches, which make up the second largest Christian Church in the world, who will be gathering in a Holy and Great Council June 19–26. This is an extraordinary, historic moment in time for Orthodox Christianity. For nearly 300 million Christians, many of whom live in the United States, this Council is of extraordinary historic significance. The adoption of the Nicene Creed in the year 325, a prayer that is recited in virtually every Christian Church in the world, remains the most well-known result of such a Council.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is convening this Great and Holy Council of Orthodox Churches around the world. The Ecumenical Patriarch is the 269th direct successor of the “first-called” Apostle Andrew who established his Holy See in that region. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is a renowned person and is no stranger to America where he has been recognized many times for his noteworthy accomplishments. Many will recall that he brought about the world's first statement by Muslim and Christian leaders denouncing the 9/11 attacks as an “anti-religious” act.

Among other recognitions of great consequence, the U.S. Congress awarded the Ecumenical Patriarch the Congressional Gold Medal in 1997. We welcome this gathering and congratulate our three million Orthodox Christians in America and the 300 million around the world.

TRIBUTE TO KYLEE MUYSKENS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kylee

Muyskens, of Panorama High School in Panora, Iowa. Kylee was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Fourteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on May 1, 2016.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa high school was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted, but the selected students are often the youth who succeed in extra-curricular activities and community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kylee Muyskens in the United States Congress. It is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to reach her goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Kylee on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE DURHAM FAIR ON  
THE CELEBRATION OF ITS CEN-  
TENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community of Durham, Connecticut as well as a host of surrounding communities in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Durham Fair Association as they mark the 100th Anniversary of the Durham Fair, Connecticut's largest agricultural fair and a cherished local legacy.

Each year, on the last full weekend of September, thousands converge on the historic Durham Fairgrounds for this wonderful celebration of Connecticut's rich agricultural history. Before the gates open each day, the national anthem is sung; down in the Cow Palace and Animal Buildings, farms from across the state showcase a variety of animals including beef and dairy cattle, horses, llamas, pigs, rabbits, chickens, goats, and sheep; in the Commercial Building the vendors offer everything from farm equipment to vacuum cleaners; and in the Crafts Tent you can enjoy the works of local artists selling wares from handmade pottery, clothing, and jewelry to some of the world's best fudge.

Art, baking, canning, crafts & collections, needlework and photography—there is no shortage of categories for the skills of adults and youth showcased throughout the "Best in Show" exhibits. Entries from quilts and wood-working to jams, pies and cakes, as well as pumpkin carving are on display competing for the coveted blue ribbon awards. Each extraordinary exhibit harkens back to the heritage and hallmarks of a true country fair.

And you cannot miss the Farm Museum where their vast collection of antique farm equipment and collectibles will transport you back to the days of hand-cranked tractors, blacksmiths, and pot-bellied stoves. The Midway offers a variety of classic amusement rides and games and on the four different stages throughout the fairgrounds, musical entertainment from favorite local bands to major

headliners comes with your admission ticket. And, of course, there are also the annual favorites—the tractor pull and demolition derby. It is nothing short of an extraordinary experience.

Of course, one cannot talk about the Durham Fair without mentioning the incredible variety of food one can enjoy throughout the fairgrounds. And while there are private vendors that contract with the Fair, much of the fare offered is from local nonprofit organizations that the Association has opened the Fair to over the years. Ears of corn-on-the-cob, corn muffins, and popcorn are available from the PTA of Lyman Elementary School; the Coginchauug Benchwarmers have burgers and hotdogs; the Middlefield Lions have sausage and pepper grinders and fantastic donuts on their menu; the Portland Fire Department offers up the Fair's best french fries; Lime Rickeys are on tap at the Durham United Churches booth; and the Middletown Elks always have an extensive menu—and those are just a sampling of the more than two dozen local non-profits that participate in this event every year.

The Durham Fair Association takes great pride in distributing profits from the fair back to the community through scholarships and support of numerous projects and events. In fact, proceeds from the Durham Fair have allowed the Association to award over \$500,000 in academic scholarships, make more than \$50,000 in charitable donations, and assist in community projects such as fencing and maintaining the Old Cemetery, help with the repairs to the Durham Library and contribute to other library building projects, and purchase the Durham Fire Company's first Jaws of Life.

Over its 100-year history, what began as a single-day event has grown into a four-day celebration of agriculture past and present. What makes the Durham Fair particularly unique is that it remains a completely volunteer-run event—a testament to the special place it holds in the hearts of community members in Durham and neighboring communities. The Durham Fair is a local legacy that contributes to the enrichment of the Durham community in countless ways. Today, as they mark their centennial anniversary, I am proud to stand and extend my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes for another century of continued success.

HONORING MRS. MARILYN D.  
ADAMS-COX

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable history maker, Mrs. Marilyn D. Adams-Cox, a resident of Cleveland, Mississippi.

Mrs. Adams-Cox is the daughter of Ms. Minnie Adams-Moore, and her paternal grandparents are the late Jack and Savannah Carlize, Sr. Mrs. Adams-Cox was born into a history making lineage. Her paternal grandparents had no problem being the first African Americans in the City of Cleveland, Mississippi to become prosperous entrepreneurs with numerous businesses, and her paternal grandmother being one of the first Bolivar County Head Start teachers.

Mrs. Adams-Cox saw the work ethic in her mother and parental grandparents and knowing that they did not allow anything to stop them from pursuing their life objectives as they demonstrated to family members that all things are possible if you believe in God.

She was fortunate to attend school in the Cleveland School District where Mrs. Minnie Evans and Mr. Nathan Tharp, who were teachers at B.L. Bell Elementary, had a profound impression on her when they taught on the importance and power of voting. When she attended Eastwood Junior High, the principal, Mr. Walter Robinson, instilled in her the importance of getting an education by constantly enforcing his motto: "You can always learn something." Upon entering East Side High School she was met with a powerful government class educator, Mr. Ned Tolliver who stresses the importance of knowing how government works and how one's vote has influence. During her senior year of high school she registered to vote and has casted her vote in every election. After high school she attended Alcorn State University and met others who had a positive influence in her life.

Due to the strong motivators in her life, her goal early in her youth was to be an asset in society. In 1993 she was blessed with a position with the City of Cleveland, and after three years of employment became the first African American Manager/Director of the Water Department which serves over 6,000 water customers. The City of Cleveland was chartered in 1886 and after 110 years in existence she made history and carried on her family lineage.

Furthermore, she is always willing to do the unthinkable to ensure that each and every life she touched would be touched in a positive way. Mrs. Cox is active in civic and social organizations and has received numerous awards.

Mrs. Adams-Cox is married to Michael Cox and they have one daughter, Elisha, in whom she has instilled the importance of getting an education and making sure she understands the power and influence within her vote.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Marilyn Adams-Cox, an amazing history maker in serving others.

SEVEN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL'S  
ALEX PRATT WINS SECOND  
PLACE IN STATE ESSAY CON-  
TEST

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Seven Lakes High School senior Alex Pratt for winning second place in our state essay contest.

In addition to playing football and running track for his school, Alex received the second-place award in the editorial contest of the annual Law Day competition. This contest is sponsored by the State Bar of Texas. The theme of the state essay contest derived from the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*. His essay titled, "Miranda: More Than Words: How the Sins of the Past Have Shaped a Better Present", explores the procedural protections