

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JASON
BENJAMIN JOSAPHAT BÉBÉ

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Jason Benjamin Josaphat Bébé, a 2014 graduate of Skyline High School in Mesa, Arizona. Jason was the oldest son of Myrlande Bébé and Jackson Josaphat and a beloved nephew, brother, and friend.

On Sunday, June 12, 2016, Jason's life was cut tragically short in a hateful act of terror at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida that claimed his life and 48 others. He was just 19 years old. We join all Americans in grieving this senseless loss.

At Skyline High School, Jason was a popular and active student, involved in both the hip-hop dance club and the spirit squad. Friends and classmates described him as a goofball, full of energy and optimism, and with a contagious and persistent smile that could light up a room. He was computer savvy, had a passion for physical fitness, and took a great interest in photography.

Jason was a bright and talented student that strived to help others succeed academically. After graduating from Skyline, he enrolled at Southern Technical College in Florida. He graduated from their business office specialist program just two weeks before his death. Jason had enrolled at Valencia College to continue his education by studying computer science.

Friends, family, former classmates, and hundreds of community members gathered on Wednesday in Mesa to celebrate Jason's life. In the years he spent in Arizona, it is clear he made a positive impact on so many. We were fortunate to have him for the short time that we did.

Mr. Speaker, Jason deserved a long, fulfilling life with the richness of experience that the rest of us hope for for ourselves and for our children. We stand together with Jason's family and friends in solemn remembrance.

RECOGNIZING MS. KYLA MARTIN
AS A 2016 RECIPIENT OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
AWARD

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Ms. Kyla Martin of Paxinos, Pennsylvania as a recipient of the 2016 Congressional Gold Medal Award. She is a 2013 graduate of Shamokin Area High School in my district, and now attends Wilson College where she majors in equine journalism with a minor in communications. Kyla has made a real difference in my district through her volunteer work, and I am confident that she will continue to be a role model for the next generation of leaders in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Congressional Gold Medal Award is presented, regardless of ability or circumstance, to any young person between the

ages of 14 and 24. This award is the highest honor that Congress presents to outstanding young individuals and requires participants to set goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition. Kyla showed great perseverance in meeting these criteria and continues to affect the lives of constituents in my district through her extensive charitable work.

Kyla completed several hundred volunteer hours to meet the voluntary public service requirement. Through the charity that she co-founded, Angels at Work, Kyla has organized several food and clothing drives to help provide basic necessities to those most in need in northeastern Pennsylvania. She is a coach for her local equestrian vaulting team and used this experience to complete her volunteer work, personal development, and physical fitness requirements. Kyla spent countless hours outside of practice working on her own vaulting skills, and competed nationally at the highest level of any vaulter from Pennsylvania at the time. For the expedition portion of the award, she camped for several nights at a local campground where she was able to familiarize herself with native plant and animal life. These experiences speak directly to Kyla's character and I am confident that she will carry these skills with her as she continues to grow both personally and professionally.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Kyla Martin for receiving the 2016 Congressional Gold Medal Award. Kyla has consistently demonstrated the devotion necessary to achieve her goals, and countless lives in my district have been impacted by her actions throughout this journey. On behalf of my congressional district, I wish to congratulate Kyla and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING MARK AND JOANNA
BURNS FOR THEIR 50TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark and Joanna Burns of Mishawaka, Indiana for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Having married in 1966, Mark and Joanna now celebrate the very special occasion of their golden anniversary. Fifty years of marriage is a marvelous accomplishment and speaks volumes about the love and compassion that they share with one another, and their tremendous foundation of faith.

It is obvious to all who spend time with them that they cultivated a truly beautiful life together. Their lasting commitment not only to one another, but also to their family is a shining example of devotion and faithfulness in our very own Hoosier community. As public school teachers, they touched the lives of thousands of students. As youth leaders in their church, they impacted mine as well. They embody the very values of what it means to be husband and wife.

On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate them on their anniversary and celebrate in this milestone. In addition, I would like to ex-

tend my sincerest congratulations to Mark, Joanna, and their entire family. It is my hope that their love continues to grow stronger with each passing year.

HONORING MARK ARNCE ON BEING
ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCI-
ENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS
AS A DELEGATE TO THE CON-
GRESS OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS
AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Arnce, of Joplin, Missouri, who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Scientists and Technology Leaders.

The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be scientists, engineers and technologists, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place in the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues and exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the fields of science and technology.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. It is an incredibly selective opportunity, and those students who qualify for selection have done so because of their hard work and diligence to their studies, not to mention their impressive intellect.

Mr. Speaker, Mark Arnce, who attends Carl Junction High School, has shown that he excels in his studies, and has demonstrated a passion for a career in science. He will soon be representing Missouri at this conference, and I have the utmost confidence that he will do an excellent job. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for this achievement and wish him luck in all his future endeavors.

LADY EAGLES SOFTBALL TEAM
ARE STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Eagles softball team of Fort Bend Christian Academy in Sugar Land, Texas for winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) 4A state championship.

The Lady Eagles won their fifth state championship in program history, all occurring in the past 10 years. The team from Fort Bend

Christian Academy won their previous state titles in 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2013, while being the state runner-up in 2008, 2011, and 2014. This year, at the state tournament, the ladies defeated Corpus Christi Incarnate Word 7–4 in a rallying come from behind victory to earn a berth into the championship game. The Lady Eagles defeated Dallas Christian in a resounding manner by a score of 6–1 to win the state title. They did not lose a single game to a private school this season, and even triumphed over six University Interscholastic League (UIL) playoff teams. The team finished their championship season with an impressive 23–6–1 record.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Lady Eagles softball team of Fort Bend Christian Academy for winning the TAPPS 4A state title. Keep up the great work.

GRAYSON AMENDMENT TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to make a statement regarding the passage of H.R. 5293, the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 2017. Specifically I would like to make a statement about my amendment, Grayson Number 58. My amendment moved \$5 million from the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide account to the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account's Advanced Concepts and Simulation program.

These funds allow universities to focus on advancing component technologies required for real time modeling and simulation training. A promising use of this program is the development of a more effective protocol for treating combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder for active duty, retired, and discharged personnel and their families. The use of modeling and simulation technology has enabled new innovative and immersive therapies to be developed, which can extend trauma management therapy protocol.

I support the use of modeling and simulation and thank my colleagues for their support of my amendment.

HONORING JOHN R. "JACK"
HEALY, PRESIDENT & CEO OF
THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER
NEW HAVEN, ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today marks the end of an era at the United Way of Greater New Haven as family, friends, and colleagues gather to thank Jack Healy, the organization's President and CEO, as he cele-

brates his retirement after two decades of dedicated service.

A native of New Haven, Jack's early professional career took him to many other parts of the country yet his focus always followed his passion—human resources and philanthropy. In fact, much of his time away from Connecticut was spent at United Way branches in other communities. Returning to New Haven in 1996, Jack took on the position of Executive Vice President at the United Way of Greater New Haven and was promoted to President & CEO in 2006. His time at the United Way of Greater New Haven has been focused on guiding the organization through a shift in the fundamental way it supports the community. Jack's leadership and vision has enabled the United Way of Greater New Haven to grow in its positive community impact by transforming from an organization that fundraised for non-profits to becoming a driving force in collectively tackling such issues as income inequality, homelessness, and early childhood education.

It has been under this new model of operation that the United Way of Greater New Haven has been able to make some real differences in our community. Most recently, the ALICE, "Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed" report released by the United Way of Greater New Haven has demonstrated the unique challenges faced by our working families. By identifying the areas in which families are struggling, the results of the ALICE report are enabling our social service agencies and non-profit organizations to better direct their resources, programs, and services to meet these needs. Perhaps Jack's proudest accomplishment is the United Way of Greater New Haven's active involvement in the development and implementation of "BOOST!"—a partnership with New Haven Public Schools and the City of New Haven to provide wrap-around services to our community's most vulnerable children. This initiative is currently serving more than seven thousand students in sixteen schools and is making sure that those children are not only achieving academically while in school, but are also receiving the supportive services they and their families need to thrive in the community.

I would be remiss if I did not also take a moment to extend a personal note of thanks to Jack for his many years of friendship and support. I am honored to rise today to join the many family, friends, colleagues and community leaders who have gathered today to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to Jack Healy for two decades of dedicated service to the United Way of Greater New Haven. I wish him, his wife, Barbara; his two sons, Dan and wife Ashley as well as Ryan and wife Rebecca; and granddaughter Lettie, many more years of health and happiness as he enjoys his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL AND LYNDALL
STREEBIN

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 honor Carol and

Lyndell Streebin on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Lyndell and Carol Streebin were married on June 3, 1956 and reside in Blockton, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Mike, David and Joni, 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 salute 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.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 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 \$19,230,063,635,793.43. We've added \$8,603,186,586,880.35 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today, a vote in the House was held on an amendment to H.R. 5293, the Defense Appropriations Act for FY17, which was authored by Rep. MASSIE. The Amendment was defeated. I did not support this Amendment, and my intention was to vote "no." However, I inadvertently voted "yes".

The effect of the Amendment would have been to curtail the authority of intelligence officials to quickly query a database of information lawfully collected under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, using "U.S. Person identifiers." Additionally, the Amendment would have blocked NSA and CIA from mandating or requesting certain assistance from individuals and companies, in the course of conducting electronic surveillance.

While I was opposed to this amendment, I welcome a robust discussion to discuss the security and privacy implications of Section 702. As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, I look forward to participating in this debate ahead of its expiration in 2017.