

in retirement. I ask all my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Greene for his unwavering dedication to the air quality of the Sacramento region.

**CELEBRATING THE EXPANSION OF
THE SCIENCE BUILDING AT
SUNY ADIRONDACK**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the ribbon cutting for the new expansion of the science building at SUNY Adirondack.

SUNY Adirondack is a regional leader in education. Their dedicated faculty and motivated students share the college's interactive and community-oriented mission. Since its founding in 1961, SUNY Adirondack has created opportunities for growth and excellence in the North Country.

In service of this educational mission, SUNY Adirondack has been constructing two additions to its current science building. On one side, a new science wing features redesigned classrooms, increased laboratory spaces, and a greenhouse. These modernized and expanded facilities will house the nursing, science, technology, engineering, and math programs at the college. On the other side, a new Workforce Readiness Center is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year. The enlarged and renovated building, renamed 'Adirondack Hall,' embraces the dynamic and innovative learning style of the college.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate SUNY Adirondack on their new facilities. We are grateful for their commitment to educating our community, and hope that this expansion serves them well for many years to come.

**CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH
IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS**

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Queen of Peace Parish as they celebrate 50 years of service.

Located in the South Texas city of Harlingen, Queen of Peace Parish was founded in 1967 when the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary ventured from Fairhaven, Massachusetts, to Harlingen to establish their presence in the newly formed Diocese of Brownsville. Since its formation, the parish has focused on families, and that continues to be a cornerstone today. For 50 years, its members have volunteered time and energy to helping those most in need.

The parish, through Fr. Regis Kwiatkowski SS.CC, inherited a tract of land designated for low-income housing development. The land was then sold to purchase a corner lot where the first rectory was built, originally just a farm house. Today the church building sits on that same piece of property, and September 2017

marks the anniversary of the congregation's presence in the community.

Queen of Peace Parish has made a lasting, positive impact in our community, and they will continue to play a role in the improvement of South Texas. I rise today to congratulate them for their half-century of success.

RECOGNIZING LA SOUPE

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of La Soupe, a local non-profit here in Cincinnati, with the rest of the country and to recognize them for their contributions to our community.

La Soupe is a non-profit organization run by a local chef, Suzy DeYoung. They take the food-waste donations of local grocery stores—food that would otherwise be thrown out at the end of the day—and turn it into delicious soups, that are then given to people who are hungry.

In 2016 alone, La Soupe successfully rescued 125,000 pounds of food from going to the landfill and donated over 95,000 servings to people living in food insecurity.

La Soupe's impact in the Greater Cincinnati area should be shared with the country as we work to address poverty, and the challenges that Americans experiencing poverty face every day. La Soupe is a prime example of why the federal government needs to focus on empowering local poverty and hunger initiatives to thrive. They know the community best—and are positioned to provide the local solutions that are needed to help their neighbors.

Thank you to Suzy, and the staff at La Soupe, for their dedication to the wellbeing of all members of our community. I look forward to watching the further success of La Soupe, and the impact it makes on Ohio's Second District, and the country.

**RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF DR. GARY OBERG**

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from Crystal Lake, Illinois, Dr. Gary Oberg. Dr. Oberg has been a school board member for the past 30 years and this past April he concluded his service to Crystal Lake School District 155.

Since joining the board in 1985, Dr. Oberg has seen 36,000 students graduate from Community High School District 155, worked with six superintendents, and witnessed the transition from blackboards and overhead projectors to tablets and high-tech whiteboards.

During his tenure, Dr. Oberg has been an exemplary leader and public servant. Dr. Oberg played a key role in building Prairie Ridge High School. While on the Building and Grounds Committee during that time, he helped incorporate principles of good environ-

mental practices in its construction. He also oversaw the expansion of educational programs and schools including Cary-Grove High School's D and E wings, media center, and fine arts center, expansions at Crystal Lake South in 2003 and 2006, and the opening of Haber Oaks alternative high school in 2008.

Dr. Oberg has represented his community well and has been a strong voice for the City of Crystal Lake throughout his time in office. His long service to the students and families of Crystal Lake and to McHenry County is truly commendable. Although he is retiring, Crystal Lake will continue to benefit from his involvement as a member of the community.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in congratulating Dr. Gary Oberg on 32 years of public service and in wishing him all the best for the days ahead.

**FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF
FAME 2017**

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the eight inventors who have been recognized as the 2017 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. In order to be named as an Inductee, these inventors were nominated by their peers nationwide and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. As a result, their innovations have been identified as significantly impacting the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of their communities, the citizens of Florida, and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 by Paul R. Sanberg, Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Knowledge Enterprise, and Judy Genshaft, President, at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted on April 30, 2014. Its mission is to encourage individuals of all backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation by celebrating the incredible scientific work that has been or is being accomplished in Florida and by its citizens.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or dead) who are or have been residents of Florida. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society as a whole, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2017 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are:

Issa Batarseh, director of the Florida Power Electronics Center at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, for inventing low cost, high efficiency micro-inverters for photovoltaic (PV) applications that led to the creation of the first compact single solar PV panel;

Michael J. DeLuca, electrical engineer and intellectual property counsel for NextEra Energy, Florida Power & Light, in Juno Beach, for his groundbreaking technology known

today as “voltage scaling,” which significantly increased the battery life of portable communication devices;

Kenneth M. Ford, co-founder and CEO of the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, in Pensacola and Ocala, for his pioneering work in artificial intelligence and human-centered computing, and for his significant contributions to the United States and Florida’s technology and research communities;

Phillip Frost, physician, inventor, and current CEO of OPKO Health in Miami, who invented a revolutionary disposable punch biopsy tool, as well as various therapeutic methods for treating psoriasis, heart and respiratory diseases;

Richard D. Gitlin, State of Florida 21st Century World Class Scholar and Distinguished University Professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa, for development of the original digital subscriber line (DSL) and his subsequent inventive research and development in digital communications, broadband networking, and wireless systems that transformed communication technology;

Thomas H. Maren, (1918–1999), physician, Graduate Research Professor at the University of Florida (UF) in Gainesville, and charter member of the UF College of Medicine faculty, who made underlying discoveries that resulted in the invention and commercialization of Trusopt®, the first topical treatment for glaucoma; and

T. Dwayne McCay and Mary Helen McCay. Dwayne McCay, President of the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) in Melbourne, and Mary Helen McCay, whose novel approaches in the area of metallurgical engineering, specific to laser-induced surface improvement (LISI), have greatly contributed to increased patient safety and improved medical outcomes in facilities nationwide.

Innovation and invention are the building blocks of our nation. I applaud these highly accomplished individuals and the organizations that support them in their quest to change the world in ways that truly benefit humanity. Furthermore, it is because of the perseverance of these inventors that future generations are encouraged to reach beyond their limits and push the boundaries of innovation.

IN RECOGNITION OF BELFRY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH PHILIP HAYWOOD, FOR BEING NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in recognition of the outstanding achievements of one of my constituents, the Head Football Coach of Belfry High School, Mr. Philip Haywood. Unparalleled among his peers, Coach Haywood was recently named Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. A native of Prestonsburg, he has coached Eastern Kentuckians for more than 40 years, and is the winningest coach in Kentucky history with a record of 417 wins and only 130 losses.

Clearly, this is not the first major award Coach Haywood has received—far from it. In 2013, Coach Haywood was named USA Today’s National Coach of the Year, an award voted on by fans, and a clear indication of how beloved he is by those who know and appreciate football, both inside the Commonwealth and beyond it. In 2014, he received the Blanton Collier School Coach of the Year award, an honor reserved for only the best coaches in Kentucky. In 2016, he was inducted into the Kentucky High School Coaches Hall of Fame. To the surprise of no one, Coach Haywood has been named the Courier-Journal Coach of the Year five different times. His successes are many, and his impact far-reaching.

Accolades aside, what truly separates Coach Haywood from the rest of the field is his dedication to “Faith, Family, and Football,” the title of a book he recently authored that speaks to the eternal. Coach Haywood has been a longtime youth leader and choir director in his local church, and has served as a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle leader at Belfry for over 30 years. As a coach and mentor, he has taught his student-athletes the value of self-discipline, to overcome defeat, to be gracious in victory, and to persevere through every test. He has mentored hundreds of students, guiding them along the straight and narrow path. An exemplary model of success and virtue, I thank Coach Haywood for his many years of service to the Fifth District. His efforts, past and present, are much appreciated.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOISES VICENTE VELA, SR.

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Moises Vicente Vela, Sr., beloved patriarch of one of the most prominent and loved families of the Rio Grande Valley, who passed away on June 11, 2017.

Judge Vela, or “Moe,” as he was known to friends and family, was born and raised in Harlingen, Texas. Judge Vela returned to his hometown following his graduation from St. Mary’s University School of Law in San Antonio. He later served as a municipal court judge in Harlingen and was one of the first Hispanics to serve as Cameron County judge.

Beloved by his community, Judge Vela was dedicated to improving the lives of those around him. From his involvement with the Boys and Girls Club of Harlingen, Lions Club, Jaycees, and the Vietnam War Selective Service Draft Board to his contributions as a former Chairman of the Board of Regents of Pan American University (UTRGV), Judge Vela deeply cared about creating a more prosperous future for residents of the Rio Grande Valley.

In spite of his 50 plus years of service to his community, Judge Vela considered his wife, five children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren his greatest accomplishment. He will be remembered as a kind and generous man, whose legacy will forever live on in South Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Judge Vela for his lifetime of service to our community. The Rio Grande Valley has lost one of its finest, and his absence will be felt for a long time to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY CARBON FEE ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this administration has made attacking the environment and rolling back progress we’ve made fighting climate change one of its top priorities. The most recent example is the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement. They’re taking us backwards. Future generations will shoulder the devastation of increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and environmental degradation.

We can’t deny modern science. Human activities, including the burning of fossil fuels, are contributing to climate change. The United States is a major contributor to global carbon pollution and shows little sign of stopping. We have a moral responsibility to reverse this trend and place sensible limits on emissions.

In the absence of leadership from the White House, Congress must step up. That’s why this week, my colleague Representative DAVID CICILLINE and I are joining our colleagues, Senators SHELDON WHITEHOUSE and BRIAN SCHATZ, in introducing legislation to finally put a clear price on carbon pollution and begin to drastically lower our emissions.

The American Opportunity Carbon Fee Act would place a \$49 fee on every metric ton of carbon emissions starting in 2018. This fee would increase every year to ensure that polluters pay their fair share. It also levels the playing field by pricing dirty energy accurately—so clean energy can better compete. To ensure that the American people aren’t hurt by this price on carbon, part of the fee would be returned to the public every year as a refundable tax credit. Additional funds would be used to help vulnerable communities who might be impacted by higher heating and electricity bills.

Putting a price on emissions is a crucial element of our transition to a low carbon future, helping us not just stave off the worst impacts of climate change, but also grow the “clean economy,” create jobs, and save money.

Reducing the amount of carbon that we put into the air is just one part of the fight against climate change. When paired with investments in public transit, affordable housing, and clean energy jobs, particularly in those communities most impacted by climate change, this bill can kick-start much needed climate action.

I am under no illusion that this bill will move to the floor as is, but this is an important step to engaging in a bipartisan, bicameral discussion on how to best put a price on carbon. It’s time to wake up, and I urge my colleagues to join us in finally taking meaningful Congressional action to address climate change.