

the CW-1 to supply foreign workers. In U.S. Public Law 113-235 Congress provided the Marianas with access to an unlimited number of H-2B visas, which are specifically intended to address any temporary need for workers, such as occurs when a new hotel is built.

In fact, in order to be eligible to apply for the CW-1 permit, applicant businesses must attest that no other visa category is available. In light of the unlimited number of H-2B visas available and because the current problem stems from the use of CW-1 permits for temporary construction workers, I have on numerous occasions requested that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services confirm that these attestations are accurate. Enactment of H.R. 339 makes matters simpler: construction occupations are no longer eligible for CW-1 permits with the exception of renewals of permits first issued prior to fiscal 2016.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to provide this statement of legislative intent today to the record on H.R. 339. And thanks, again, to all my colleagues who made it possible to move forward with the Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act.

TRIBUTE TO MARY CAMPOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mary Campos of Des Moines, Iowa, for being inducted into the 2017 Class of the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame.

The enduring qualities of Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Inductees include: significant contributions to their respective field of work, impactful changes in the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, and inspiring others through their efforts. Mary is the embodiment of these qualities. She has dedicated her life to uplifting others and making sure they have the same opportunities she has had to make an impact on her community. She was also the first Latina to be appointed to the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Mary in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on receiving this award, and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, the day of July 27, 2017, I am wrongly recorded on the Cartwright Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 3219. I intended to oppose this amendment.

HONORING SHERIFF STEVE FREITAS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sheriff Steve Freitas upon the occasion of his retirement from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Freitas has dedicated 32 years to serving our community in law enforcement.

A native of San Jose, California, Sheriff Freitas moved to Sonoma County in 1988. He attended DeAnza Community College and graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in Administration Justice. He and his wife, Michelle have two sons, Michael and Zachary.

Sheriff Freitas began his career in 1985 with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. In 1988, He joined the Novato Police Department. He joined the Sonoma County Sheriff's office in 1991 where he worked in several different assignments, including Detention, Courts, Patrol, Investigations and Administration. The City of Windsor selected him to be Chief of Police in 2005.

The people of Sonoma County elected and reelected Sheriff Freitas in 2010 and 2014. While serving as Sheriff, he created the Latino Advisory Committee to ensure quality communication and closer relationships with the Latino Community. He successfully guided the Office through necessary budget cuts during the recession. His hard work with Sonoma County's new law enforcement oversight agency is admirable. Sheriff Freitas will be remembered for leading the Sheriff's office to maintain the safety and security of the people of Sonoma County.

In addition to his service in law enforcement, Sheriff Freitas serves on the Boys and Girls Club of Marin and Southern Sonoma County's Leadership Council. He is a member of the Verity advisory board, the California Parenting Institute executive board and the Sonoma County Alliance.

Sheriff Freitas supports the Future Farmers of America and 4-H students at the Sonoma County Fair. He is an active Member of his church, a longtime fan of the San Jose Sharks and an avid camper. He is a valuable member of our community.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Freitas has led a long and distinguished career serving the people of Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ILLA PLASENCIA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Illa Plaseencia of West Des Moines, Iowa for being inducted into the 2017 Class of the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame.

The enduring qualities of Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Inductees include: significant contributions to their respective field of work, impactful

changes in the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, and inspiring others through their efforts. Illa is the embodiment of these qualities. She has dedicated her life to uplifting others and making sure they have the same opportunities she has had to make an impact on her community. Illa served on the first Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Iowa Commission on the Status of Women and many more.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Illa in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on receiving this award, and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF JOSEPH DALY OF THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Chief Joseph Daly of the Springfield Township Police Department in Delaware County, PA. Chief Daly has honorably served his country and the public his entire adult life. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and then began a forty-plus year law enforcement career. In 2009, Chief Daly became Springfield Township's Chief of Police following his stint as Chief of Police for Lower Merion Township.

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce has rightly honored Chief Daly with their Hometown Hero award. He works tirelessly to ensure the safety of Delaware County residents and has earned the respect of his colleagues and the public they serve. Under his leadership the Springfield Police Department received accreditation by the Pennsylvania Chiefs' of Police Association, a first for a Delaware County police department.

I commend Chief Daly for his passion and dedication to law enforcement in our community and I join the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce in calling him a Hometown Hero.

HONORING KATHERINE AUGUSTINE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katherine Augustine's lifetime of achievements that have touched countless New Mexicans through her work as a nurse and advocate for Native American health. Fittingly, Katherine chronicled her amazing experiences in an autobiography that contributes to the history of New Mexico.

Katherine was born on September 30, 1929 in the Pueblo of Laguna. She went to Albuquerque Indian High School and attended Sage Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in neighboring state, Arizona. In 1951, she moved to California and started a family. She later moved back to New Mexico.

Katherine started her career at the Presbyterian Hospital Center, where she worked for 29 years. After retiring, she continued to work at the Indian Health Service at Acoma-Cañoncito-Laguna Hospital in San Fidel and the Albuquerque Indian Hospital. She also worked at the Albuquerque Tribune and the Roundhouse newspaper.

During the past 22 years, Katherine has volunteered her time with numerous organizations, helping neighbors and friends throughout the community.

She was on the Committee of the Ancient Living Village, Vice-President of the Laguna Colony of Albuquerque, served on the Council of Elders at the New Mexico Geriatric Education Center, and was a member of the Environmental Health Community Advisory Committee.

She traveled around the world to promote her favorite projects—Friendship Force of New Mexico and Sister Cities of Albuquerque.

I wish Katherine all the best with her future endeavors. Her work has and will continue to influence those in her community. Thank you and congratulations, Katherine.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR AIRMAN
LACEY K. MILLER, THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, Senior Airman Lacey Miller's recognition stems from her dedication to her country. Airman Miller bravely enlisted into the United States Air Force Reserves in February 2012. While she was in the reserves, she was attending Materiel Management School. Upon completion of technical training, she was assigned to the 911th Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was then assigned to the Logistics Readiness Squadron supporting the C-130 Hercules aircraft mission set. After a year of serving the squadron, she transitioned to her current position in the Florida National Guard as a Materiel Management Journeyman assigned to the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base. Airman Miller has deployed in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel where she was assigned as a logistics liaison for nine forward operating bases in Afghanistan areas of responsibility, directly supporting Special Operations Forces in combat operations.

Airman Miller can be described as a leader—considerate, courageous, and compassionate. At a young age, Lacey took part in helping her community, as a volunteer at a Young Life Group where she mentored troubled youth. She also cares profoundly for her planet and traveled to Sweden to promote eco-friendly farming. In the fall, Senior Airman Miller will be attending the University of Florida pursuing a bachelor's degree in forestry.

Airman Lacey Miller is a phenomenal example of service and sacrifice. She is truly deserving of the recognition that the United States Air Force has bestowed on her as Airman of the Year and we thank her for her service to our great nation.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY VARGAS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Henry Vargas of Davenport, Iowa for being inducted into the 2017 Class of the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame.

The enduring qualities of Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Inductees include: significant contributions to their respective field of work, impactful changes in the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, and inspiring others through their efforts. Henry is the embodiment of these qualities. He has dedicated his life to uplifting others and making sure they have the same opportunities he has had to make an impact on his community. Henry is the founder of the Davenport Civil Rights Commission that is now called the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs and the Office of Latino Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Henry in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on receiving this award, and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF UPPER
MERION SENIOR SERVICE CENTER
ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Upper Merion Senior Service Center of King of Prussia, PA for its twentieth anniversary. Caring for our senior citizens is a challenging yet immensely rewarding experience to which those at UMSSC have dedicated their lives.

The Center enables seniors in the Seventh District to live life to the fullest. They facilitate activities that allow seniors to engage in physical, educational, and recreational activities. This social environment and steadfast care helps seniors enjoy their retirement and stay healthy.

I hope UMSSC continues to provide their services for many years to come. The senior citizens of our district deserve the best care we can provide and UMSSC is a treasured place that does just that.

I congratulate UMSSC for their twenty years of service to our community and I wish them well in their efforts to provide top quality care for Philadelphia area seniors.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS TEACHOUT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chris Teachout of Shenandoah, Iowa for receiving the 2017 Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year Award. The award is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. Chris is a 5th generation Iowa farmer.

Chris received this award for his use of cover crops on his farm. The cover crop practice is a popular conservation technique which reduces erosion and improves soil and water quality. Chris is always willing to learn something new and has a proven track record of experimenting with different ideas to continuously improve the soil and water on his farm. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said, "Iowa farmers continue to take on the challenge of better protecting their soil and improving water quality. This award is an opportunity to highlight and recognize a farmer that has gone above and beyond in their conservation efforts and serves as a model of land stewardship."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Chris for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can have a positive impact on the land. It is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA
JONES, CONSUL GENERAL OF
IRELAND

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Consul General of Ireland Barbara Jones. Barbara has a long history of service to the Irish people. Her career as an Irish diplomat began in 1983 after receiving a graduate degree in education from University College, Dublin as well as a graduate degree in computer science from the National Institute of Higher Education at the University of Limerick.

Her posting as Consul General for the New York Consulate of Ireland concludes this month after three years of promoting Irish-American relations. I also thank the Irish Immigration Center of Philadelphia for working closely with Barbara during her tenure to ensure a positive and productive relationship between Ireland and the Philadelphia region.

Irish-American relations have never been stronger. This bond is due in no small part to Barbara's tireless efforts to foster meaningful connections between U.S. localities and Ireland. I hope she leaves the United States with fond memories, as I know she leaves her many friends and colleagues with their own fond memories of Barbara. I wish her well as she returns home and moves on to her next venture.