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CELEBRATING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Riviera Beach, Florida. Riviera Beach is celebrating its 95th anniversary with a major event, “Happy Birthday, Riviera Beach.”

Riviera Beach is known as the “little city by the sea.” Descendants of Bahamian settlers were among those who decided on September 29, 1922 to create the Town of Riviera. At the time of its incorporation, Riviera was one of the largest shipping points for fish on Florida’s east coast. That fishing capacity drew more Bahamians to the area, including many black Bahamians.

Mr. Speaker, in 2012, that strong tie would become the basis for the formation of a sister city relationship between the cities of Riviera Beach and Freeport on Grand Bahama. Riviera Beach, with its diverse population, has become known as a great place to live, work and play. I am very proud of this fine city, its residents and its elected officials, and I am glad that it has always been part of my Congressional district. Happy Birthday, Riviera Beach.

HONORING THE SAINT LAWRENCE SCHOOL ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Saint Lawrence School of West Haven, Connecticut as they mark their centennial anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this wonderful educational institution.

The Saint Lawrence Roman Catholic Church named its first resident pastor, the Reverend Jeremiah Curtin, in 1895, and it was his fondest wish that a school could be established for the parish children. Though it took much time, in 1917 construction of the Saint Lawrence School began under Father Curtin’s dedicated direction. Soon, four classrooms were ready and three Sisters of St. Joseph Chambery arrived to begin teaching. The school quickly grew, both physically and in student population, and within a decade, configurations for grades 1 through 8 were completed.

Throughout its 100-year history, thousands of students have passed through the halls of Saint Lawrence School, receiving educational

nourishment of the mind, body, and soul. Since its inception, students of Saint Lawrence School have not only received an academic education but have also learned the importance of giving back to one’s community. In its earliest days during World War II, the school served as a fallout shelter with water and food stored in the basement. Students and staff worked diligently to raise scholarship funds and plan community social activities.

It was a Catholic education that taught me the best value of my time on earth is to give back to my community and my neighbors. In no small way, it moved me to serve the larger community, and instilled in me a commitment to the moral purposes of good government. Education is the cornerstone of success, opening the doors of opportunity and allowing our children to pursue their dreams. A Catholic education embodies the very best of our values, and faith, balancing academic rigor and the important lessons of service. This is particularly true for the Saint Lawrence School. Students are not only provided the skills and tools that they need academically, but they develop an appreciation and understanding of the impact their contributions can make in the world. It is from that strong foundation of academic excellence and community service that they can build their future success.

A cornerstone of faith and education for a century, the Saint Lawrence School has created an educational environment which fosters the spiritual, academic, and physical growth of its students and challenges them to use their talents in service—an environment that is reflected throughout their curriculum and in the day to day activities of the students, faculty, and staff. I am proud to stand today to extend my sincere congratulations to them as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary, and wish them all the best for many more years of success.

CHILDREN’S CARDIOMYOPATHY AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Children’s Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month this month.

Pediatric cardiomyopathy is a rare heart condition that affects the muscles of the heart in infants and children. According to the Pediatric Cardiomyopathy Registry, one in every 100,000 children under the age of 18 in the U.S. is diagnosed with cardiomyopathy. Approximately 40 percent of children with symptomatic cardiomyopathy undergo a heart transplant or die from cardiac complications within two years. Pediatric cardiomyopathy is a chronic disease that requires a comprehensive treatment approach.

Based in Tenafly, New Jersey, the Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of pediatric cardiomyopathy. CCF works to raise awareness of cardiomyopathy in children and provides resources and supports to families struggling with the diagnosis of cardiomyopathy in their young children. CCF aims to encourage better detection, prevention, and treatment for patients, and I

thank them for these efforts. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending this organization for their lifesaving work.

Last Congress, I introduced the Supporting Athletes, Families and Educators to Protect the Lives of Athletic Young Act, known as the SAFE PLAY Act, with Senator BOB MENENDEZ of New Jersey. This legislation would provide school systems with resources to raise awareness for youth athlete safety, encourage the development of best practices to prevent, report, and address injuries, and educate teachers, students, and coaches on the risks of cardiomyopathy and other critical cardiac conditions. It would also allow students to learn CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) to help prevent death in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. This legislation would increase school safety and help reduce the number of deaths from this condition on school property.

Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues to take a moment and recognize the families struggling with having a child who suffers from this terrible disease, as well as the organizations working to provide them with the necessary support.

RECOGNIZING THE NIPSCO LUMINARY AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. VISCOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to commend the recipients of this year’s NIPSCO Luminary Awards. The Luminary Awards were created to honor prominent individuals or organizations for their exemplary leadership. This year’s honorees include Earline Rogers, Jim Arnold, Bill Hanna, ACRES Land Trust, Dunes Learning Center, and the Northwest Indiana Information Security Sharing Alliance (NISSA). For their outstanding contributions to the community in Northwest Indiana and beyond, the honorees were recognized at a ceremony on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at NiSource Corporate Headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Honorable Earline Rogers, former Indiana State Senator, is this year’s recipient of the Community Leadership Award. Earline served within the Indiana General Assembly for more than three decades. In addition, she is also a retired school teacher. Earline has dedicated a lifetime of service to the community of Northwest Indiana and has touched the lives of countless students through her teaching career. For her noteworthy dedication to public service, Senator Rogers is worthy of the highest praise.

The Honorable Jim Arnold, former Indiana State Senator, is the recipient of the Community Leadership Award. Jim is also a member of the LaPorte Community School Board. For over fifty years, Jim has devoted his time and efforts to public service. His lifelong commitment is truly admirable, and he is worthy of the honor bestowed upon him.

The recipient of this year’s Environmental Stewardship Award is ACRES Land Trust, Indiana’s largest and oldest local land trust. Today, ACRES includes land throughout thirty-two counties across northeastern Indiana,

northern Ohio, and southern Michigan. Its outstanding staff members and numerous volunteers work tirelessly to protect and manage this land, and we are truly grateful for the organization's conservation efforts.

The recipient of the Education Award is Dunes Learning Center, which is committed to its mission "to inspire lasting curiosity and stewardship with nature." The center offers standards-based, year-round environmental education programs to all ages. This is a truly unique and important educational platform for the youth of our community, and we are thankful for the opportunities that are provided by Dunes Learning Center.

Bill Hanna, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA), is this year's recipient of the Economic Development Award. The RDA works to unite community leaders with the purpose of bringing about positive transformation to Northwest Indiana through collaborative development projects. Bill has been instrumental in the effort to gain critical support for the South Shore Line's West Lake Extension and Double Track projects. These projects, once constructed, have the potential to fundamentally transform the economy of Northwest Indiana as well as significantly contribute to economic growth throughout the state.

Northwest Indiana Information and Security Sharing Alliance (NISSA) is the recipient of the Public Safety Award. NISSA brings together disaster resources in order to help the people of Northwest Indiana in times of emergency. All aspects of crisis management are brought together in one area, making the response faster and more efficient. For its innovative and important public safety support for our communities, NISSA is to be highly commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commanding these remarkable leaders, innovators, and organizations. For their outstanding contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana, and their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents, each recipient is worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF BIGLERVILLE IN ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my sincere congratulations to the residents of the Borough of Biglerville on its 200th Anniversary.

This community began as Middletown in 1817 and didn't see formal development of the land until 1843. Around 1883, a local farmer decided to plant acres of apple trees, and soon after train service was established and the community began to grow. Middletown was renamed Biglerville in 1903, after Colonel William Bigler, the 12th Governor of Pennsylvania.

Today, Biglerville is a lovely town with a great sense of community. Appropriately, it's home to the National Apple Museum, which

promotes the history of the apple and fruit industry and its economic importance to this region. Biglerville is also home to many civic minded citizens who devote their time and efforts to make their community a great place in which to live and work.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I congratulate the residents of the Borough of Biglerville on their 200th Anniversary, and wish them continued great success in the years to come.

HONORING LITTLETON CITY COUNCILMAN FOR DISTRICT I BILL HOPPING

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude for Littleton City Councilman for District I Bill Hopping for his extraordinary work and dedication to the City of Littleton. His leadership on the Littleton City Council has contributed to many of the city's successful growth and conservation efforts.

Since his appointment and subsequent election in 2015, Councilman Hopping has faithfully and dutifully served the City of Littleton in every way possible. Councilman Hopping provided his expertise and guidance as a small business owner to help promote increased economic growth and development as the City Council Liaison to the Littleton Invests for Tomorrow Board.

In addition to his official role as a Littleton City Council Member, Councilman Hopping served as a prominent member of the Bow Mar South Homeowners Association, the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants, and as the chair of the Historical Preservation Board. Councilman Hopping has not only been dedicated to the future of the City of Littleton, he also embraces the rich history of this great community.

Mr. Speaker, a great nation cannot exist without great public servants, and I believe that Councilman Hopping is among the very best. I wish Councilman Hopping the best of luck in his future endeavors, of which I know he will have great success.

HONORING KENTUCKY GOLD STAR FAMILIES

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all Gold Star family members who have lost a loved one in the Global War on Terrorism. I want to pay special honor to the families of the 120 Kentuckians who have given their lives in protecting our nation.

Petty Officer First Class Edward T. Earhart, USN, was the first Kentuckian killed when he lost his life during the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. The last Kentuckian killed was Captain Matthew D. Roland, USAF, who lost his life in Afghanistan on August 26, 2015. Six of these brave heroes' final resting place is in Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Mark and Barbara Roland, parents of Captain Roland, were inspired to place a Gold Star Family Monument at Camp Nelson. They formed a grassroots committee, who then worked to raise the necessary funds and complete the project. This monument represents the sacrifice of the service members who were lost but also the sacrifice and loss felt by all their family members. The inscription on the monument reads, "Dedicated to the families left to remember and honor the sacrifice of their loved ones in the service and cause of freedom to a grateful nation."

Through this monument, may we forever be reminded of these brave heroes and their families. Their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

It is my honor to recognize our brave Kentucky heroes and their families before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE SARAH FOUNDATION ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Ms. DELAUR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to extend my deepest thanks and heartfelt congratulations to the SARAH Foundation of Guilford, Connecticut as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this very special organization.

Families with loved ones with developmental disabilities have always struggled to find the appropriate care. Indeed, throughout much of our history, there were little to no resources to address their needs. In the 1950s, families had only two choices—remain at home without support or services, often isolating both the caregivers and their loved ones, or send their loved one to an institution, often far from home and thus isolating those with disabilities from their families and communities.

Recognizing this struggle and understanding the challenges families were facing, Dan and Eleanor Reinhardsen, Reeves and Dorothy Spencer, and William and Regina McNeil, pooled their resources to establish a school for children with intellectual disabilities—and SARAH was born. The Reinhardsens, Spencers, and McNeils, along with other shoreline families, worked diligently to raise funds for teachers, transportation and speech therapists. They moved from borrowed space in a church basement to a schoolhouse in North Guilford, the programs and services offered at SARAH met the academic and social needs of its students until the introduction of special education legislation providing for inclusion of children of all abilities in school districts.

With education needs being met by school districts, there came a new mission for SARAH and they refocused their efforts to expand their services to include vocational training, job placement, and independent living to ease the transition from school to life in the community. The Apple Doll Tea House, the first food service training program for people with disabilities in the nation, opened its doors in Guilford in 1973. Along with the Tea House, the Apple Farm Bakery, Greenhouse horticulture program, and others provided choices