

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 commending 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. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Ms. DELAURO. 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 Reinhardtsen, 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 Reinhardtsens, 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

in vocational employment, interaction with the public, and a close connection with communities. Today, SARAH works with businesses throughout the region, enabling hundreds of men and women to find steady, meaningful employment and build a sense of self-esteem. SARAH's first community residence was opened in Branford in 1977. Soon more homes were added in other communities as well as residences for individuals with multiple disabilities. The organization's commitment to providing a warm, nurturing environment and personalized residential care have made it a model for other agencies in Connecticut and across the country.

Built from love and compassion, SARAH is an extraordinary organization that has and continues to have the most positive of impacts on the lives of those with disabilities and their families. Today, as they mark their 60th Anniversary, I am honored to offer my heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks and appreciation for their invaluable contributions to our community, our state, and our nation.

COLLIER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Collier County Emergency Management Team. In the wake of Hurricane Irma in Collier County, the employees and volunteers of Collier County Emergency Management (EM) worked diligently to keep residents informed and safe both before and after the storm.

I applaud and thank Sheriff Rambosk, Director Summers, County Manager Leo Ochs, Deputy County Manager Nick Casalanguida, Chief Schettino, Chief Weschler, Chief Murphy, and all city and local officials for their tireless work in keeping our community safe and secure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, due to Hurricane Harvey and the severe impact it had on my district, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in Washington for votes on September 5, 2017.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 439, and YEA on Roll Call No. 440.

RECOGNIZING PAUL MORENO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of former Texas State Representative Paul Moreno.

Mr. Moreno was born on April 28, 1931 to Avelina Ramirez and Reyes Moreno, Sr. He grew up in El Paso, TX where he attended Bowie High School and then went on to serve in the Korean War as a member of the United States Marine Corps. Eventually, he graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a BBA and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas at Austin.

At the age of 22, Paul Moreno was paralyzed in an accident and left a quadriplegic. Despite this challenge, Mr. Moreno remained in good spirits and never lost his sense of duty. In 1967, Mr. Moreno would get elected to the Texas State House of Representatives. He eventually became the longest serving Hispanic official elected in the United States after 40 years of service. During his time in office, he gained a reputation for doing what was right and became known as the "Conscience of the Texas House".

As a member of the Texas State House of Representatives, Paul Moreno served as the first chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. Moreno later worked to help establish both the El Paso Legal Assistance Society and the Paso del Norte Tejano Democrats. Mr. Moreno was a valuable member of the Texas community and a very active, accomplished member of the state house.

Paul is survived by his only daughter, Annette Moreno-Alvarado, his three granddaughters, Innette, Evette (Nathan) and Amarette, great-grandchildren, Josiah Paul Trevizo and Ariah Navette Trevizo, Brother, Freddy (Carol) Moreno, Sister, Blanche Darley and numerous beloved nieces and nephews and family members.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Paul Moreno.

HONORING THE CENTRO DE INFORMACIÓN 45TH ANNIVERSARY IN BARTLETT, ILLINOIS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Centro de Información in celebrating their 45th Anniversary. Since 1972, Centro de Información has been dedicated to serving our community in helping more than 15,000 Hispanic immigrants every year.

Immigrants come to America hoping for a better life, better work, and most of all, a better future. Centro de Información plays a crucial role in helping immigrants achieve these dreams.

Starting as an outreach mission of the United Methodist Church and the Catholic Archdiocese of Rockford, Centro has grown to be a valued resource within our community. With the changes in our community, Centro has grown its services and now provides bilingual advocacy, parenting skills training, community education, and youth programs.

For 45 amazing years, Centro de Información has provided vital resources to the community such as application workshops for those in search of citizenship, and services for housing and employment. Moreover, they are an official Illinois Welcoming Center for refugees, something to be proud of. They have built powerful relationships with various

organizations throughout our region, and have earned the valuable trust of people throughout Northern Illinois.

Without them, the communities of Elgin, Hanover Park, and Carpentersville would be incomplete. Social service is not just a great accomplishment but a great kindness. Our world is better for the work that Centro does.

Immigrant families travel to our neighborhoods with limited resources at their disposal, but for the past 45 years, Centro de Información has been there for them, and Centro will continue to be there for future generations of immigrants.

I honor Centro de Información as they celebrate their anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEST NANTMEAL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the West Nantmeal Township Historic Commission. The individuals who make up this commission dedicate their time to the preservation of their community's past. This team ensures historic records and structures are not lost to time. They also hold monthly meetings and informative events that engage and stimulate the community's appreciation for their shared history. This engagement provides an opportunity for individuals to share their own history, which the historic commission uses to build upon the community's story, deepening everyone's understanding and appreciation for their past.

On September 23rd, this group will hold a dedication ceremony that honors the crew and pilot of a B-24 Bomber that crashed in the West Nantmeal Township during a World War II training mission.

It is because of their efforts that stories like that of the flight crew will not be lost to history.

I thank the West Nantmeal Township Historic Commission's dedication to their community's past.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF RALPH CHUEY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Ralph B. Chuey who passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at St. Elizabeth Health Center, in Boardman, Ohio, surrounded by his loving family.

Ralph was born May 29, 1930, in Youngstown, Ohio to Andrew and Mary (Bunofsky) Chuey. He graduated from Struthers High School in 1948, and was promptly drafted into the U.S. Army, where he proudly served his country in the Panama Canal zone during the Korean conflict. Shortly thereafter, he began a 40-plus-year career driving a local delivery truck for Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake.

Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him knew that Ralph was a go-getter. Once at