

as we cannot afford, nor should the American public tolerate, otherwise.

Mr. Speaker, I introduce the "Air Cargo Security Improvement Act of 2017" in the hopes that Congress will move with urgency to make Americans more secure from the threat of an air cargo-based terrorist attack and urge my colleagues to join me in working to advance this timely measure.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 INSTITUTE  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES AND  
DEVELOPMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2017 recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Woman in Sales Leadership Award presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. IES conducts a variety of workshops and programs designed to provide the knowledge and tools necessary to advance the careers and growth of those who attend. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations throughout the United States who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

Awards are presented in categories including Excellence in Sales Innovation, Excellence in Sales Training, Excellence in Sales Management, Excellence in Customer Partnering, and Excellence in Strategic Alliances. In addition, Lifetime Achievement Awards are bestowed to a select few who have demonstrated continued success and have made significant contributions in their fields.

The recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Awards is Mr. Paul Smith, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Public Sector for Red Hat, North America. In this capacity, Mr. Smith manages the Red Hat portfolio across the entire federal government, as well as the state and local marketplaces as it relates to education. Prior to joining Red Hat, Mr. Smith enjoyed successful careers at VERITAS, Netscape Communication and Oracle.

The recipient of the inaugural Woman in Sales Leadership Award is Ms. Mary Beth Cockerham, Vice-President of Sales for Deltek. In this capacity, Ms. Cockerham manages all sales personnel related to Deltek's GovWinIQ program, which provides business intelligence to companies that are pursuing public sector sales. Prior to joining Deltek, Ms. Cockerham spent 20 years with Sun Microsystems in a variety of data-related sales roles.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Paul Smith and Mary Beth Cockerham for their innovative and effective leadership and in congratulating them on receiving the 2017 IES Lifetime Achievement Award and Woman in Sales Leadership Award.

DETECTIVE MIGDALIA "MINDY"  
RAMOS

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to represent one of the great public servants in the northwest Bronx who day after day works hard to keep our community safe.

Detective Migdaha Ramos, better known to all of us as Mindy, was born and raised in Manhattan. She attended Fashion Industry High School and upon graduation, worked in the retail and fashion industry. In July of 1998, Mindy started on a new path as a member of the New York Police Department. She was appointed to the 50th Precinct following her completion of the Police Academy, and has for the last 18 years honorably served the community there in different assignments.

Detective Ramos started as a Uniform Patrol Officer, answering 911 radio calls and addressing community concerns. Shortly thereafter, she was assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. For the next seven years, she would conduct investigations, arrest violent perpetrators, and assist victims in receiving appropriate services.

In 2007, Detective Ramos had the pleasure of being assigned as the Precinct Community Affairs Officer, the position she still holds to this day. Since then, she has established a great working relationship with the elected officials, business district, community board, and various other entities that serve the community. She also has a wonderful rapport with the residents of the northwest Bronx, which is why in December of 2015, she was promoted to Detective.

I have always been impressed with Detective Ramos's commitment to the neighborhood and her responsiveness to the needs of the community. I know when it comes to my office it has been a true pleasure working with her.

This year, the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation is honoring Detective Ramos at their annual Greenway Gala. They have chosen a most deserving honoree. I want to congratulate Detective Ramos on this great honor and thank her for all she has done to improve and strengthen our neighborhood.

TRIBUTE TO THE BEDFORD  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Bedford Public Library in Bedford, Iowa for celebrating their 100 year anniversary.

The Bedford Public Library was built in 1916 as a gift from Andrew Carnegie and is one of 101 Carnegie Libraries built in Iowa. It has come a long way since 1916, there are no longer just books housed there. It is home to five public access computers with high speed internet connections along with a number of other modern amenities. The library also contains a large genealogy collection.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent those who have made the Bedford Public Library such an integral part of the community and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them for this outstanding milestone and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

SUGAR LAND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS  
RAISE MONEY TO HELP BEAT  
BREAST CANCER

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Teams at Sugar Land Middle School for their efforts to raise money to help beat breast cancer.

The teams worked together to raise \$1,375 for the Fort Bend Junior Service League's Breast Cancer Fund, in spite of the hardships they have faced after Hurricane Harvey. These girls exemplify what it means to be a team, not just on the court, but also working together to give back to our community. The funds they raised will go toward improving quality of life, diminishing suffering and providing access to early detection and treatment for Fort Bend County breast cancer patients.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Sugar Land Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Teams. We are very proud of them and look forward to their future successes. Go Titans.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER  
TUG HILL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN  
KEN VIGUS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ken Vigus, the former Chairman of New York State's Tug Hill Commission.

Ken had a great interest in and love for the Tug Hill Region of New York. He was appointed to the Tug Hill Commission in 2002, where he worked to help local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill Region, which encompasses much of Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego counties. With a total of 14 years of service, Ken served as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Commission.

Ken's involvement in the region did not stop there. He enjoyed hunting on the Tug Hill Plateau and served as President of the Horse Shoe Hunting Club. He was also a member of the Boonville Zoning Board of Appeals and served on the Boonville Town Planning Board. Earlier in his life, Ken made important contributions to both his country and to his community by serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and then as a professional firefighter.

I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Ken's family and friends, particularly his wife, Rhonda. He was a true community leader and his legacy of service will endure in New York's 21st District.

**CELEBRATION OF THE 5TH YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF NEW LEAF  
FAMILY CHURCH**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the New Leaf Family Church for its 5th year church anniversary. The church started its ministry in October 2012 under the leadership of Dr. Corey C. Toney, Sr. Since its beginning, the church has made a strong impact to the Dallas community.

Dr. Corey C. Toney, Sr. was born and raised in Dallas. He graduated from Justin F. Kimball High School in the Dallas Independent School District. Afterward, he decided to pursue his passion by studying auto and diesel mechanics at the Universal Technical Institute in Houston, Texas in 1989. However, he eventually changed fields by entering the ministry. On April 11, 2009, Dr. Toney received his Doctorate of Humanity from the Dallas/Fort Worth Bible Institute and Seminary, and in June of 2013, he received his Bachelor's of Arts in Divinity from Vision International University. The following year, he received his Master of Arts in Divinity from Vision International University, where he was named Salutatorian.

In 2012, Dr. Toney decided with the help of Bishop Ray Campbell's leadership that he was ready to start his own church in Dallas. Now, he is committed to his community in Dallas by serving as the Founder, Pastor and Teacher of the New Leaf Family Church. The church's commitment to its membership and the community at large is seen through its ministry and work to lift up and engage everyone in the community. I want to recognize the New Leaf Family Church for the continued success, and the hope for a bright future that they have awaiting them.

**TRIBUTE TO REDFIELD LION'S  
CLUB**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Redfield, Iowa Lion's Club for celebrating 60 years of service to their community.

The members of this organization have been working since 1956 to meet the Lion's objectives of empowering volunteers to better their communities, meeting humanitarian needs, encouraging peace and promoting international understanding. Their valued work within the community has been integral to the people of Redfield and I commend them for their service.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the Redfield Lion's Club for celebrating this out-

standing milestone. It is because of Iowans like them that I'm proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

**BRISCOE JUNIOR HIGH HONOR  
BAND SELECTED FOR MARK OF  
EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Briscoe Junior High Honor Band for being selected for the Foundation for Music Education's Mark of Excellence Program.

The Mark of Excellence Project recognizes outstanding achievement in performance from high school and middle school bands, choirs and orchestras across the country. The Briscoe Junior High Honor Band was chosen as a Commended Winner. This is a wonderful honor and speaks to the talent of the band members and the school's music program.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Briscoe Junior High Honor Band. We are very proud of them and look forward to their future successes. We are excited to have them represent TX-22.

**CONGRATULATING PHILIP  
IMBARRATO ON RECEIVING THE  
2017 VETERAN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Philip Imbarrato on receiving the 2017 Veteran of the Year Award.

Philip Imbarrato has made important contributions to both his country while in the military and to his community as a veteran. In 1953, he was drafted to serve in the Korean War in the 6th Tank Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. Upon leaving Korea later that year, he was posted to Mount Fuji Army Base where he served until his discharge in January 1955. In recognition of his dedication and sacrifice, Phil received a promotion to Corporal as well as multiple medals honoring his service in Korea.

After completing his enlistment, Phil returned to school at the City College of New York where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sales and Management. Throughout his career and to the present, Phil has been a member of the Ballston Spa Lions Club, where he served as President in 1983. Phil is also one of the longest serving Docents at the New York State Military Museum, a position he has held since 2006.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I want to congratulate Phil on his well-deserved award of 2017 Veteran of the Year, and thank him for his service and dedication to both his country and community.

**TRIBUTE TO BECKY PETERSON**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Becky Peterson for receiving the Hero of Hope Award from the Iowa American Cancer Society at this year's annual Winter Leadership Conference in Panora, Iowa.

The Hero of Hope Award is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer who exemplifies inspirational communication skills, a passion for Relay For Life and a commitment to the mission of the American Cancer Society. Becky exemplified that commitment when she went the extra mile with her efforts as event lead for the Guthrie County Relay For Life. Becky has also had her own personal battle with cancer and has now been cancer free for six years.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like Becky in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Becky for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but the best.

**KAILEI MCGOWAN HELPS  
HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Kailei McGowan of Richmond, TX for her dedication to helping victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Kailei and her family were forced to evacuate by boat after their apartment was flooded from Hurricane Harvey. But, that did not stop this 9 year old Girl Scout from helping other survivors at the Marshall High School Shelter where her family was staying. As soon as they arrived, Kailei put on her Girl Scout vest and started handing out canned food, water, clothes and cleaning supplies to folks in need. Like them, she too lost everything, but was determined to do as much as she could to help. Her spirit and commitment to serving others exemplify what it means to be both a Girl Scout AND a Texan. Thanks to people like Kailei we are Houston Strong.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to Kailei for her selfless dedication to serving others in their time of need. We are very proud of her and look forward to her future success.

**RECOGNIZING KING BROTHER'S  
DAIRY AND NATIONAL GRID**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize King Brother's Dairy in Schuylerville,