

California, who has dedicated many years to the public education system, continuing to volunteer after her retirement. Ms. Zetah retired as a school principal from Travis Unified School District, having worked as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, program manager, and vice principal. During her time as a teacher, Ms. Zetah went above and beyond what was required of her. She served as a mentor to many new teachers and provided professional development workshops for others throughout the district and state. She served as President and board member of the Solano County Reading Association and to this day volunteers giving reading tests at Center Elementary School.

Ms. Zetah currently serves as President of the local chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society for Women Educators, where she organizes charitable programs to benefit children's education. For the past seven years she has worked with St. Mary's Church and Vacaville Unified School District to put on Education Forums where participating children receive free books. Ms. Zetah is so devoted to this project that she has donated hundreds of her own books.

Through both her career and her volunteer work, Patricia Zetah has demonstrated her dedication to children's education.

#### TRIBUTE TO PAT GREGG

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pat Gregg of Council Bluffs, Iowa who recently retired from the Council Bluffs Fire Department after 25 years of service to his community. Pat joined the Council Bluffs Fire Department on August 31, 1992.

Council Bluffs Fire Chief Justin James said, "Pat was one of the first firefighters I promoted to Captain when I became Chief, because his patient care always went the extra mile." Pat served as a paramedic and firefighter during his career. Pat said he has seen many changes in the Fire Department through the years but one thing that did not change was that the men and women of the Fire Department are still dedicated to the community.

Mr. Speaker, Pat has made a difference by helping and serving others and 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 for this momentous occasion and in wishing him nothing but the best in his retirement.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BOB WILLIAMS AND RANCH HANDS RESCUE

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Williams and the non-profit animal rescue and counseling center he founded as Ranch Hands Rescue in Argyle, Texas.

Founded in 2008, Ranch Hands Rescue came to life as an outcome of a year-long recovery from a debilitating stroke Bob had suffered. With his background as a Motorola executive and a challenging recovery process, Bob was inspired with the recognition of the need for rescuing animals that would otherwise be euthanized. Rescuing the worst-of-the worst farm animal abuse and neglect cases, Ranch Hands Rescue was initially envisioned as a place that would provide a loving, caring and safe sanctuary to the animals that cannot be adopted due to special care needs.

Through his own experience with the rescued animals, Bob realized the therapeutic impact they could also have on mental health. In 2010 he started the Ranch Hands Rescue Equine and Animal Assisted Counseling (EEAC) program. Through the work of animal partners and Licensed Professional Counselors, Ranch Hands Rescue provides hope and healing for children, women, veterans and others suffering from painful mental health symptoms brought on by sexual assault, physical abuse, domestic violence, and other traumatic life experiences. In relating with the trauma experienced by the rescued animals at Ranch Hands Rescue, clients of the non-profit from across the entire Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex benefit from the unique trauma-informed animal assisted psychotherapy provided by highly-trained Licensed Professional Counselors.

Thanks to the commitment and ongoing passion for rescuing abused and neglected farm animals that would otherwise be considered "throw aways," Ranch Hands Rescue is "animals helping people and people helping animals" to provide a special sanctuary for healing in the heart of Texas 26th Congressional District.

#### HONORING LONDON VRANES

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Landon Vranes, a 10-year-old Albuquerque student who represents the spirit of learning and innovation. As a 5th grade student, Landon has dedicated much of his time learning about, and building robots.

Landon recently built a robot that is able to solve any combination of the popular Rubik's Cube puzzle. His creation was part of a class project led by Albuquerque Public Schools teacher, Ms. Amy Nevitt. Landon's robot was featured during recent TV news broadcasts, which highlighted his passion for technology and robotics.

During an interview with KOB-4, Landon explained, "Any scramble out of the 43 quintillion can be solved in 20 moves or less and it's trying to find out the quickest possibility."

As the home to three federal research laboratories and distinguished research universities, New Mexico has a reputation for fostering innovation and exploration. It is my hope that students like Landon Vranes continue to have opportunities to thrive and succeed in New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Landon on this achievement and wish him all the best in his future scientific endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO TONI URBAN

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Toni Urban, for being named a 2017 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, Business Record.

For 18 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Almost 50 years ago, Toni and her husband Tim decided to plant their roots in Des Moines. During that time Toni has been a leader in the greater Des Moines area, volunteering her time and talents to organizations she believes in. Her most recent volunteer work has been on the board of the Food Bank of Iowa, a nonprofit organization dedicated to combatting food insecurity across the entire state of Iowa. They are currently working to expand their operations, and Toni has taken a lead role in raising the \$8 million dollars necessary to upgrade their facilities.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Iowans like Toni in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her for receiving this esteemed designation, thank those at Business Record for their great work, and in wishing Toni nothing but the best.

#### HONORING JOSEPH M. MCDADE

### HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Congressman Joseph McDade, who passed away on September 24, 2017, at the age of 85.

Mr. McDade, a Republican, represented Pennsylvania's 10th district from January 3, 1963 to January 3, 1999, the same district that I have the honor of representing.

Mr. McDade served on the House Appropriations Committee, where he served as the vice chairman of the full committee, and chairman of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee.

He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame and received his LLB from the University of Pennsylvania. He founded his own law practice in 1957 and was elected Scranton City Solicitor in 1962.

Mr. McDade worked tirelessly to bring federal resources to northeast Pennsylvania, create jobs, improve the environment, and to improve education. Most notably, Mr. McDade was pivotal in establishing the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area as well as the creation of the Steamtown National Historic Site.

Mr. McDade was a tremendous public servant and advocate who had a positive impact on thousands of people. He dedicated 36

years of his life to represent Pennsylvanians in this chamber and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our former colleague, Joseph McDade, for his service and accomplishments. He will be missed.

#### HONORING ANTHONY CHAVEZ

#### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism and bravery of Albuquerque native, Anthony Chavez, also known as the "Red Hat Hero". He helped five women escape gun fire during the deadly attack in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 1, 2017.

Chavez was among thousands in the crowd at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival when a gunman fired at the crowd from the 32nd floor of the nearby Mandalay Bay Casino and Hotel. Chavez did not hesitate to help the women who were standing near him.

He made a selfless and courageous decision to help his significant other and four strangers over the fence in front of them so they could retreat to safety. Without his help, it is likely that the women would not have gotten out unharmed.

Chavez then stayed in the area for an additional hour, helping direct people to ambulances and safe locations. He won't refer to himself as a hero, but it is undeniably clear that without his help many could have been injured or killed.

Chavez was dubbed the "Red Hat Hero" because one of the women he saved recognized his unique, red Albuquerque Dukes hat in a photo on social media.

Chavez was one of many heroes during an otherwise tragic night in Las Vegas. As such, he deserves our gratitude for his actions.

#### TRIBUTE TO TIFFANY MENKE

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Tiffany Menke, president of the Urbandale Iowa Chamber of Commerce, for being named a 2017 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 18 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Tiffany has spent her life dedicating her time and talents to serving others. It all began during her time in customer service and as vice president of marketing and tourism for the Newton Chamber of Commerce. She oversaw a number of areas and projects while in Newton, helping lead them down a path of sustained success. After Tiffany's time in Newton she moved on to serve as president of the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce for the past

13 years. Her talents and abilities have been instrumental in tripling the chamber's membership, making it one of the best in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Tiffany in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community, and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tiffany on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and in wishing Tiffany nothing but continued success.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BURNETTA SLOSS-TANNER

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a dynamic political activist, Burnetta Sloss-Tanner, who passed away on October 23, 2017. She was my confidant, drill instructor, surrogate, auntie, war time general and tireless campaigner. She was a dear friend to me and my family and a friend to Hoosiers everywhere, especially the powerless.

"Ms. Burnetta", known for her trademark sequined hat, was a pillar in Democratic politics throughout Indianapolis. She long served as the 4th Ward Chair for the Marion County Democratic Party and had a deep love for grassroots politics, holding monthly meetings in her home to train candidates, elected officials, and volunteers on strategy and mobilizing our community. Without Ms. Burnetta, neither me, nor my grandmother, Congresswoman Julia Carson, would have been elected to Congress. I am certain many local and state elected officials can credit her for their successes as well.

Not only was Ms. Burnetta a legend in political circles, she was also beloved by the community. She worked with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, the Center Township Trustee's office, and countless other organizations.

She was a woman of great faith with a passion for gospel music. She studied under several notable gospel artists, mentored countless others, and was a founding member and director of the award winning Jordan-Aires Gospel Choir. She will always be remembered for her work as a gospel radio personality, hosting The Heartbeat of Good Gospel Music on WTLC. Her passion for, and contributions to, gospel music earned her the title of "The First Lady of Gospel Music" of Indianapolis.

Ms. Burnetta served as a source of change, strength and faith for so many, leaving a lasting impression on generations to come. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to know her.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring our beloved Burnetta Sloss-Tanner for her remarkable service to the City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and our nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO JEFF NOLAN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeff Nolan, of Winterset, Iowa for being named the Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year at this year's Madison County Chamber Banquet.

The Business Person of the Year award is given out annually to a member of the community who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the economy and the business climate of Madison County. Jeff exemplifies that commitment and has worked tirelessly to improving the lives of all residents of Madison County, whether it was his work as President of Union State Bank or his service to the community. He also volunteers his time to the local hospital board, the Chamber Ambassadors and the Greater Madison County Community Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Jeff's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am proud to represent him, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jeff for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

#### HONORING ALEX BREGMAN

#### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Albuquerque's Alex Bregman for his stand-out performance in the 2017 World Series. Bregman's heroics on the baseball diamond helped the Houston Astros win its first World Series in franchise history. Alex also made his hometown and the state of New Mexico proud as he fulfilled his childhood dream and showed the entire world the value of hard work.

Bregman's baseball talent was the stuff of legend in Albuquerque, where he played for Albuquerque Academy. During his sophomore year at the Academy, Bregman was named USA Baseball Player of the Year.

Bregman took his talent to Louisiana State University, where he played baseball with the Tigers from 2013 to 2015.

The Astros drafted Bregman as the 2nd Overall pick in the 2015 Major League Baseball Draft. He quickly rose through the Astros system and during his first full year in the Major Leagues, Bregman hit .284 with 19 home runs and 71 RBI.

In the World Series, Bregman produced 5 runs, 7 hits, 2 home runs, 5 RBI and a stolen base. He produced his biggest moment in what may be the most exciting game in the history of the World Series. With the score tied in the bottom of the 10th inning, Bregman hit a walk-off, RBI single that gave the Astros a pivotal, 13-12 win and the momentum they rode to the championship.

While his offensive prowess contributed to the team's record-breaking statistical performance, Bregman's brilliant defense helped give