

TRIBUTE TO A TOP-TIER
COMMUNICATORHON. MICHAEL T. McCaul
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. McCaul. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of gratitude to recognize the professional achievements and service of my friend, Susan Phalen. Formerly the Communications Director for the House Homeland Security Committee, Susan now holds the title of Director of External Affairs at FEMA.

Susan's role as Communications Director transcended beyond her leadership in strategy and messaging. Susan's positive demeanor, PR-savvy mindset, and determination made her presence not only a valued component in my day-to-day but a real delight. She served as a spokesperson, confidant and trusted senior advisor whose counsel I always held in the highest regard.

Her expertise in media relations helped to elevate Committee Member and press interaction by hosting "meet and greets" and "pen and pads" to facilitate dialogue and solidify relationships. Susan's talents were most notably on display in her work assisting on CODEL trips abroad. Her interpersonal skills and proficiency in public diplomacy shone throughout trips to Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. She led over one hundred TV interviews during her tenure and oversaw the roll out of nine major Committee reports.

Susan's ability to think outside the box set her apart in developing messages for both domestic and international audiences in the national security space. She had a unique way of seeing things and consistently aimed to address a bigger picture in the anticipation of later trends. This is a skill she acquired from her impressive background in handling crisis communication scenarios in pressure-filled war zones.

Before joining my Committee three years ago, Susan was the Communications Director of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and spent more than 15 years as a high-profile communications specialist working in various national security and foreign policy posts with the U.S. State Department among others. She was deployed on nine different tours to Baghdad's dangerous "Green Zone" before spending time in Afghanistan as Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

It is not surprising that with this type of background, Susan took on the responsibility as Director of Communications for my Committee with ease and great effectiveness. She left a legacy that has already proven steadfast among her former colleagues and myself. Susan's quick wit, vivacious spirit, and ability to see humor in all things is missed profoundly.

Today, I am honored to be able to put the spotlight on her. While her time at our Committee was only a snapshot into the incredible career she continues to build, her friendship and counsel remain constant. She has already proven to be a steady hand at FEMA during the recent hurricanes, and I am excited to see what she will accomplish next.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1,
TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACTSPEECH OF
HON. KEVIN BRADY
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to reiterate the importance of dynamic scoring as part of the tax legislative process.

Ever since 1996, when the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation began to investigate how best to apply macroeconomic analysis to tax legislation, Congressional scorekeepers have continued to hone their expertise and produce ever more sophisticated analyses of various tax reforms. All of this hard work culminated in 2015 when macroeconomic analysis, commonly known as "dynamic scoring," was formally adopted in the House of Representatives for the purposes of official cost estimates for major legislation.

Ever since the formal adoption of dynamic scoring, first in the House and later in the Senate, the goal has been to produce pro-growth tax reform that was informed by the dynamic scoring process. Although a dynamic estimate was not used for official scoring purposes with respect to H.R. 1 due to constraints in the reconciliation process, macroeconomic analysis will be critical to major legislative efforts in the years ahead. It is important that members of Congress be informed by non-partisan analysis about whether legislation under consideration would shrink or grow the economy as well as how that change in growth would affect the nation's finances and, most importantly, the American people.

IN HONOR OF CINDY KNIGHT
BEING NAMED SENIOR OF THE
YEAR BY THE SENIOR CENTER
OF JACKSON HOLE

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Cindy Knight for being named Senior of the Year by the Senior Center of Jackson Hole. This outstanding accomplishment is a sign of her hard work, leadership, and commitment to the town and people of Jackson.

Throughout her life, Cindy has been committed to helping those in her community, and her passion for promoting literacy is no exception. Being named Senior of the Year is a testament to her leadership and commitment to our community. I am grateful for all that she does to support the people of Jackson and our great state.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Cindy for earning the Senior of the Year Award. She and her family deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

JUDGE JOHN J. TOOMEY

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge John J. Toomey of St. James, New York. As a soldier in Vietnam, he earned two Bronze Stars and was decorated for valor. Upon returning to the U.S., he graduated from Stony Brook University in 1972 and Hamline University Law School in 1976.

John worked as an Assistant Town Attorney for the Town of Smithtown between 1976 and 1979. He served as a member of the Tenth Judicial Grievance Committee from 1995 until 2002, when he was elected to the District Court bench. In 2010, he was chosen to be the first Presiding Judge of the newly formed Suffolk County Veteran's Court. He considers this to be the highlight of his judicial career. Judge Toomey was elected to the Suffolk County Court in 2011 and is an Acting Surrogate and Acting Supreme Court Justice.

He has earned many awards and recognitions, including the 2008 Judge of the Year award from the Suffolk County Bar Association, the 2014 Peter Sweisgood Award from the Lawyers helping Lawyers Committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association, and he has also been named Man of the Year by the Suffolk County Court Officers' Association.

In addition to his service in the military and on the bench, Judge Toomey has also been an active volunteer with the Saint James Fire Department.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to Judge Toomey for his decades of selfless service.

TRIBUTE TO DARYL BUSCH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

MR. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to former Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, who passed away in California on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Daryl served the residents of Perris, California, as their mayor from 1999 to 2016, and he will be deeply missed.

Daryl was born on January 31, 1941 in St. Louis, Missouri. The family later moved to the small town of Greenville, Illinois, and while still a teenager, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served three years as a shipboard radar operator on the USS Picking and USS Bryce Canyon. After leaving the service, Daryl and his family re-located to California where he worked as a banker. A promotion to bank manager brought the Busch family to Perris in 1975. Following his career in finance, Mr. Busch owned and operated Amigos Tres Restaurant on D Street before beginning his service in public office.

Daryl was elected to and served six terms as mayor of Perris. During that time he made a tremendous impact on the community, including overseeing the development of projects like the Drop Zone aquatics center, the Big League Dreams sports complex, Mercado Park and Mercado Apartments, the

Monument Ranch neighborhood and Ethanac corridor upgrades. As mayor, Daryl was also instrumental in connecting Perris to the region through the establishment of the Metrolink train service at the city's new multi-modal transportation hub.

I have had the distinct privilege of knowing Daryl for many years, I was proud to call him my friend and I will deeply miss him. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Busch family, including his wife, Kay, and son, Barry, his friends, and colleagues. Although Daryl may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made in Riverside County will have a lasting impact for generations to come.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JIM MARSHALL FOR RECEIVING A 2017 SPIRIT OF HOPE AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Chief Petty Officer Jim Marshall on receiving a 2017 Spirit of Hope Award.

The Spirit of Hope Award recognizes six people or organizations across the country every year for their contributions to improving the lives of servicemembers and their families. Jim's selection for this award is a reflection of his dedication and many contributions to our great country and community.

Jim has spearheaded various events for servicemembers and their families, from Navy Balls to toy drives. He also has played an important role in strengthening the relationship between members of all branches of the military, especially the Navy, and our community. His outstanding patriotism and service to our community warrants his recognition as the first Wyomingite to receive this award.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Chief Petty Officer Jim Marshall and thank him for his incredible service to our country and state.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FANELLO INDUSTRIES IN LAVONIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friends at Fanello Industries in Lavonia on their 20-year anniversary.

Established in 1998, this company has supported businesses across various industries by providing them with stamped metal blanks and other assemblies that play a major role in production.

When the company's founder, Vince Fanello, first opened his business in northeast Georgia, he understood that he was making a major commitment. Like many other companies, Fanello Industries began small and grew over time as a result of determination and diligence.

By the time the company reached its fifth year, it expanded to include multiple assembly lines and utilized 100,000 square feet of space to house its tools and employees.

Oftentimes, we forget the leap of faith that many people take when starting a business. For most business owners, passing the one-year milestone without succumbing to the defeats that come with a running business is a major accomplishment.

Many small business owners, like Mr. Fanello, are providing jobs that don't require a 4-year degree to people. When I met with Mr. Fanello, he stressed the need for welders in his industry and highlighted his efforts in reaching out to the state prison system to provide work to recently released inmates so that they can build the skills needed for welding.

My friends at Fanello Industries can look back at what they've built with pride—remembering that they persevered throughout their 20-year operation. I congratulate them and look forward to their continued success.

RECOGNIZING KEISER UNIVERSITY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keiser University for their accomplishments and their example for how a private university should operate and serve their community. For 40 years, Keiser University has equipped thousands of students to achieve success in our ever-changing economy. It is through institutions like Keiser that students across America and around the world have access to a variety of educational choices ranging from associate to doctoral degree programs.

An overwhelming sixty-six percent of Keiser graduates complete their degrees in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). With unwavering persistence, I continue to support STEM, and am very pleased to celebrate the impressive milestone of this educational institution. In the past 10 years, Keiser University produced more than 33,800 graduates with associate degrees in a wide variety of in-demand working fields. With access to skilled workers on the decline, it is imperative that Congress works together with states to better prepare our workforce of tomorrow. I am pleased to witness Keiser's success, and wish them many more years of prosperity.

I applaud Keiser's faculty, staff, and students for their achievements and for their ongoing commitment to equipping our next generation to be leaders and achieve their dreams.

IN HONOR OF AL AND PENNY TWOMEY FOR RECEIVING THE 2017 WYOMING CARES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Al and Penny

Twomey on being selected for the 2017 Wyoming CARES Volunteer of the Year Award. This outstanding accomplishment is a sign of their commitment to our community and to our great state.

Wyoming CARES is a statewide non-profit with the goal of helping Wyoming residents who may find it necessary to seek temporary assistance and often have trouble receiving it. Al and Penny have been supporting and participating in the organization for over 20 years. They have become particularly involved in its largest annual fundraiser, the Ride with the Winds Bike Tour, for which Penny rode the 50-mile trail this year. I thank them for their dedication and many contributions to the program and to helping the people of our great state.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Al and Penny Twomey. They deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

THE FAILURE TO PASS THE DREAM ACT

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, the president's anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies have jeopardized the future of immigrant parents and their children all across America.

This tragedy is most immediately true for Dreamers impacted by the President's ending the DACA program.

While Congress can act to protect Dreamers, Speaker RYAN and the Republican leadership have ignored the wishes of the majority of Americans and turned a deaf ear to this crisis by sending us home without voting to protect our nation's Dreamers.

Those who voted for the spending bill without the passage of the Dream Act, have in effect voted for the deportation of Dreamers.

Republicans who say it is okay to wait until next year to protect Dreamers are misleading the American people.

The fact is that since the President eliminated the DACA program in September, more than 13,000 Dreamers have already lost their work permits and deportation protections. And the fact is that an additional 122 Dreamers are losing their DACA protections every day.

They are students and professionals such as doctors, nurses, teachers, scientists and social workers. They are members of our military and parents who play a critical role in the wellbeing and future of our American society. Dreamers strengthen our economy, protect our country and enhance the quality of life in our communities and across our nation.

It is unconscionable that Speaker RYAN and the Republican leadership refused to bring the Dream Act for a vote before we recessed for the holidays.

It is impossible to understand how in good conscience the Republicans could go home to celebrate their religious beliefs and ideals knowing their lack of action is not only shattering the security and unity of families but creating a traumatized generation of children. How is that loving your neighbor as yourself?

School teachers in my district tell me many of their students are so consumed with fear of