

graduating from that program, he started working for the Korean Central Presbyterian Church, but also was pursuing a Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. After retiring, he went on to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Wales in the U.K. at the age of 72, a true testament to the importance Rev. Lee placed on continuous education and growth.

Outside of his education, Rev. Lee is known for his 23 years of work and leadership at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church in Centreville, Virginia where I have frequently visited. The congregation has grown to almost 9,000 members at its main location, many of whom are my 10th District constituents. In addition to his work at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Rev. Lee took on many other projects to advance the church globally and help within his community. He founded the Central Missionary Fellowship (CMF) in 1988, which later evolved into SEED International, an organization which helped establish 12 overseas missionary groups. SEED International was the first Korean Missionary organization to become a member of the Mission NEXUS organization. Additionally, Rev. Lee founded Prassion, which is a SEED International affiliate and independent mission organization focused on prayer movement nationally and internationally.

In Washington, D.C., Rev. Lee helped establish the Washington Youth Foundation and even was afforded the opportunity to lead the opening prayer for the 107th U.S. Congress on October 10, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Rev. Lee's years of community service. Today, we honor and celebrate the contributions the Reverend has made not just within the 10th District, but on a global level.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
WONDERFUL COMPANY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and am joined by Mr. MCCARTHY and Mr. COSTA of California, to commend The Wonderful Company for receiving the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's 2016 Corporate Citizenship Award for Best Community Improvement Program.

The Best Community Improvement Program Award honors businesses for the many ways they influence and enhance local communities. Companies from around the world compete for this award, making it an extraordinary acknowledgment of outstanding corporate social responsibility. The Wonderful Company was presented with the esteemed 2016 U.S. Chamber Foundation Corporate Citizenship Award for Best Community Improvement Program.

Since 1979, The Wonderful Company has quickly grown and become known worldwide for its almonds, bottled water, citrus fruits, flower bouquets, pistachios, pomegranates, and wines. However, its legacy does not stop there. Investing nearly \$200 million in education, environmental technologies and sustainability research, and health and wellness

programs, The Wonderful Company has an extensive history of philanthropy and community involvement.

The Seventeenth Annual Chamber of Commerce Corporate Citizenship Awards recognized The Wonderful Company for its work in Lost Hills, California, home of the company's largest pistachio plant, which serves as the economic backbone of the local community. In fact, more than fifty percent of households in Lost Hills have family members who work at the Wonderful Pistachio plant. Always committed to the wellbeing of the local community, The Wonderful Company has made significant investments in Lost Hills, investing more than \$15 million in transportation and infrastructure projects, such as roads and sidewalks, bus shelters, storm drains, and streetlights. It has also rejuvenated the community park with two community centers, two soccer fields, volleyball and basketball courts, playgrounds, and a broad range of community activities and events. The Wonderful Company has also helped build affordable housing, assisted with financing and construction of the town's first sit-down restaurant, and recently received approval from the Kern County Board of Education to open a charter school in the community next fall.

This prestigious honor recognizes the hard work and significant investment made by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Lynda Resnick, owners of The Wonderful Company. They have dedicated their lives not only to growing a successful and sustainable business, but to improving the lives of so many across the globe, especially those in the communities The Wonderful Company calls home.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join us in congratulating The Wonderful Company for receiving the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's 2016 Corporate Citizenship Award for Best Community Improvement Program. The Wonderful Company's altruistic leadership provides an exceptional example of corporate responsibility and we look forward to their future initiatives that continue to make the world a better place, one community at a time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PETER
VINCENT BELEZZUOLI

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. VALADAO, to honor the life and achievements of Peter Vincent Belezouli. Peter passed away on December 15 at the age of 61. He will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, auctioneer, dairyman, and friend to all who knew him.

Peter was born on August 22, 1955 in Tulare, California to Pete and Louise Belezouli. In 1959, the Belezoulis moved to Hanford, California after his father purchased Overland Stockyard. From a young age, Peter worked with his father to learn all aspects of the cattle business. He graduated from Hanford High School in 1973. During his years at Hanford High he was a member of 4-H and FFA, in addition to playing on the basketball

team. It was his father's business partner Hoke Evetts that taught him the art of auctioneering. Following high school, Peter attended College of the Sequoias and graduated from Missouri Auction School as a Colonel in 1974.

Peter took over his father's role at Overland Stockyard following Pete's sudden death in 1983. Peter continued his father's legacy through the passion he put into his work each and every day. Peter became very well known in the dairy cattle, and beef cattle sales industry both locally and throughout the country. He was an innovative businessman, utilizing internet video auction capabilities, allowing buyers from all over the country to participate in auctions held in Hanford.

Peter had a number of hobbies that brought him joy. In his spare time he enjoyed visiting his home in Shell Beach, riding his pontoon boat through Shaver Lake and barbecuing for his many family and friends.

Peter enjoyed giving back to the community he loved so dearly. He frequently used his talents as a skilled auctioneer for local charity groups, including the Kings County Fair and the Fresno Fair. He was also a lifelong member of St. Brigid Catholic Church in Hanford.

Peter is survived by his wife of 35 years, Lisa and their children Julie, Daniel and Douglas, their spouses and three grandsons, Bryson, Korban and Peter.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join Mr. VALADAO and myself in honoring the life of Mr. Peter Belezouli. He will be remembered as a man of great character, who valued his family above all else. His presence in the San Joaquin Valley and in the local dairy community will truly be missed. We join his family in honoring his life, service to his community and tremendous legacy he leaves behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VINE-
YARD AND WINERY AT LOST
CREEK

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and commend my constituents, Todd and Aimee Henkle, on their victory in the 2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. This win not only speaks to the hard work, entrepreneurship and expertise of Todd and Aimee Henkle, but also the growing and transforming Virginia wine industry.

In 1998 the two visited Bordeaux, France for their honeymoon, where they decided that one day they wanted to own their very own winery and vineyard. In 2007, corporate jobs brought them to northern Virginia, and they quickly became very impressed with what DC's Wine County had to offer. In 2012, they had an opportunity to buy a plot of land in Leesburg, between Route 15 and the Potomac River, from an old vineyard owner, and with Todd's business background and Aimee's passion for wine, The Vineyard and Winery at Lost Creek was born.

Since opening five years ago, their hard work has certainly come to fruition. They have been recognized nationally and most recently

have won the Best in Class in the chardonnays priced between \$26 and \$29.99 category with their wine, Lost Creek Reserve Chardonnay.

In today's society, family owned small businesses are crucial to the future of our nation and my constituents in the 10th District are proud they call Loudoun County their home. It is families like the Henkles that help foster strong, local economies by establishing successful business practices that can be carried out for multiple generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Todd and Aimee Henkle on their great accomplishment and successful small business. I wish Todd, Aimee, and their children, Evan and Ryan, the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KITTY MOON EMERY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are those who live their lives with distinct intentionality. They have the ability to inspire their communities by bringing innovation and change in their relentless pursuit to make the world a better place. They use their creativity to bring beauty and encourage leaders to reach their fullest potentials. I am saddened by the loss of my friend, Kitty Moon Emery. I was fortunate to have met her early in my career and always appreciated her advice and counsel as she was one of those special leaders.

Kitty was a Nashville native who had an endearing love for Tennessee and our country. She worked as one of only two female press secretaries in the Senate under Senator Bill Brock. She later went on to become the Assistant National Director of Advertising for the presidential campaign of Ronald Reagan. Kitty was eventually appointed by Secretary Henry Kissinger to a United Nations Advisory Committee. In these spheres she broke many barriers by filling positions that were not traditionally held by women.

Kitty was a treasured advisor to many. She served as the chairman for the Metro Sports Authority and played a vital role by serving on many boards including the Country Music Association, the CMA Foundation, the Rotary Club of Nashville, and Leadership Music. More recently she founded the consulting firm Kitty Moon Enterprises to support leaders in the Middle Tennessee Region.

Kitty's presence in Nashville will be deeply missed. Her love and devotion to community brought people together and made Tennessee a much better place to live. I rise today to celebrate her lasting achievements and ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring her life.

RECOGNIZING FANNIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fannin County

Public Library and to commend its Food for Fines program. The Fannin County Public Library started this initiative a decade ago, and this year's program runs through the end of the month. Food for Fines is a smart, creative way to give back to the community. It allows individuals with overdue fines to donate non-perishable food items in lieu of a fee. For every food item donated, the library forgives one dollar of fines.

All of the donations from this food drive will go to support the Fannin County Family Connection. The program benefits individuals in need and library patrons alike. Last year the library estimated that it collected nearly \$500 worth of non-perishable food items. Over the years, it has become commonplace for those who donate to do so in excess of their fine out of support for this community cause.

Mr. Speaker, the ongoing success of this program speaks to the investment that the Fannin County Public Library staff and library patrons have made in their community. It is a privilege to represent such civic-minded individuals and to recognize their service to their neighbors. The Fannin County Public Library's Food for Fines program is an example of the inclusive service I see throughout Northeast Georgia.

IN HONOR OF THE HILLSBORO TOWN EXPANSION

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge my constituent, the Honorable Roger Vance, Mayor of the Town of Hillsboro, Vice Mayor Steve Morgart, Council Member at Large John Dean, Council Member at Large Joseph Gertig, Council Member at Large Amy Newton Marasco, Council Member at Large Matt Parse, and the Town Clerk, Sherry Vance on their historic boundary line expansion. Not only did this expansion triple the town's size from 55 to 171 acres and increase the population from 80 to 115 residents, but it also created more economic opportunity, improved walkability, and added businesses and neighbors that have long considered themselves residents of Hillsboro.

Hillsboro, located in Western Loudoun County, was first settled in the mid-1750s by a small group of Quakers as a milling town. Given the town's location and its position on the Short Hill Mountain formed by the North Fork of Catoclin Creek, the small group of houses and mills became known as the Gap, a term still widely used today. After many years of growth and development, the Gap became an incorporated town in 1802 called Hillsborough. Many years later in 1893, the name was shortened to Hillsboro.

Thanks to the work of Mayor Vance and the Town Council, today Hillsboro is among the best-preserved rural towns in the country, and with this successful expansion the town will be able to expand and improve the historic area. This improvement, along with the town's ongoing initiatives to increase economic opportunity, will help build a sustainable future for Loudoun County (careful we have other rural towns in Loudoun).

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Town of Hillsboro,

Mayor Roger Vance, Vice Mayor Steve Morgart, Council Member at Large John Dean, Council Member at Large Joseph Gertig, Council Member at Large Amy Newton Marasco, Council Member at Large Matt Parse, and the Town Clerk, Sherry Vance on the historic boundary line expansion. Today, we honor and celebrate the town's history as one of Loudoun County's most important assets.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOL- UNTARY SEPARATION INCEN- TIVE PAYMENTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. The bill, which passed the House in the 114th Congress, would make a small but important change to the authorities of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), placing these entities in the same position as their federal counterparts for more effective management and operation.

The bill would give the D.C. Courts and PDS the same authority federal agencies and federal courts already have to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts, to their employees. The fiscal year 2016 omnibus bill already gives D.C. Courts buyout authority, but my bill would make this authorization permanent, and would extend it to PDS in addition to the D.C. Courts. Buyouts would allow the D.C. Courts and PDS to respond to future administrative and budget needs, and would provide the flexibility to extend buyout offers to their employees.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only where statutorily authorized. Federal agencies and federal courts already have the statutory authority to offer buyouts, and PDS and the D.C. Courts need the same express authority in order to manage their workforce as budget conditions and needs change.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

IMPORTANCE OF A U.S.-U.K. TRADE DEAL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this past summer British citizens chose to reclaim their independence. In a landmark referendum they decided to leave the European Union and take charge of their economic future. Now, in the wake of Brexit, it is important that we preserve, as Winston Churchill first put it in 1946, the special relationship between the U.S. and the U.K.