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HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY (WEST) ROTARY CLUB

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Clair County (West).

On March 1, 1917, the Rotary Club of St. Clair County (West) received its first charter with 30 members in attendance, becoming the first Rotary Club activated in Southern Illinois. These members represented real estate agents, bankers, lawyers, lumber and livestock workers, farmers, and many other professions that make up the fabric of Southern Illinois.

Since its activation, the Rotary Club has been a support group to countless business owners through the Great Depression, World War II, and beyond. Not only do its members focus on strengthening businesses, but they also focus on enriching the community through charitable work.

The Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boys and Girl Scouts of America, and YMCA are only a few of the organizations with which St. Clair County (West) has been instrumental in strengthening Southern Illinois, including creating the Edgemont YMCA facility and a college scholarship program for high school seniors.

We are grateful for the contributions that Rotary Clubs around the nation are making on a daily basis. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the St. Clair County (West) Rotary Club.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VISION ZERO ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the true American carnage is what's happening on our roadways. More than 40,000 people were killed last year on streets in communities around the country, yet this is accepted as inevitability. We can do better. We have to do better.

Even more concerning, fatalities of our most vulnerable road users, pedestrians and bicyclists, make up a disproportionate share of those deaths, with pedestrian fatalities increasing 16 percent from 2009 to 2014 and jumping another 9 percent from 2015 to 2016. People who die on our streets are disproportionately children, seniors, and people from low-income or minority communities.

Communities across the country have recognized that there is only one number of acceptable deaths on our streets: zero. Vision

Zero is the goal of eliminating all transportation-related fatalities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists and passengers. Cities from Portland, Oregon to Fort Lauderdale, Florida are implementing interagency Vision Zero plans that connect engineering, education, and enforcement to reach the goal of ending transportation deaths and serious injuries. Despite the horrific national statistics, Vision Zero is already making a difference at street level.

Congress should encourage this innovative approach to transportation safety, and today I'm pleased to introduce the Vision Zero Act of 2017 with my friend, Representative VERN BUCHANAN. This bill creates grant programs to plan and implement a Vision Zero framework, giving local communities of all sizes access to funding and best practices to set and reach safety goals. We should no longer accept bicycle and pedestrian fatalities as harsh reality, and this bill gives us the tools to reverse this trend.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Republic of Kazakhstan and its President on taking significant steps towards a more open and democratized form of governance. Recently, President Nursultan Nazarbayev announced constitutional reforms aimed at improving the accountability of government and the transfer of many powers to the Parliament and ministry level.

Last December, Kazakhstan celebrated twenty-five years of independence from the former Soviet Union. In those twenty-five years, Kazakhstan has become a modernized republic, moved towards a market-based economy, and stewarded growth and prosperity for its citizens. Kazakhstan's President Nazarbayev is now taking the welcomed steps towards implementing the political and constitutional reforms that a modern republic, governed by the people and for the people, requires for continued long-term stability and prosperity.

I am proud of the United States' partnership with Kazakhstan as it continues to make clear its commitment to the rights of its citizens, and we encourage its progress in protecting religious minorities and freedom of the press. These commendable steps towards the democratization of government serve as an example for other countries in the region.

In the coming months, I look forward to welcoming and working with the new Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Erzhan Kazykhanov, and commend the Kazakh government for the willingness to continuously improve the country's governmental system.

TRIBUTE TO JOSHUA MANDELBAUM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joshua Mandelbaum for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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Joshua is committed to serving his community. As an environmental attorney at the Environmental Law and Policy Center, he is a leading voice for Iowa's clean energy economy and constantly working towards collaborative solutions to improving Iowa's water quality. As a father of two young children, he brings passion and insight to the Polk County Early Childhood Iowa board and its work to provide quality early childhood education and child care to all of Polk County.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Joshua in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Joshua on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. JARED JAMES GRANTHAM

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a doctor and educator from the Kansas City area who recently passed away. Dr. Jared James Grantham passed away on Sunday, January 22nd at the age of 80, after undergoing treatment for cancer.

During his time at the University of Kansas Medical Center, he founded their Kidney Institute, and a renal research and training program. As the director of the Kidney Institute at the University of Kansas Medical Center, he pioneered research into Polycystic Kidney Disease. Dr. Grantham's many contributions to this research include the discovery of hydro-osmotic effects of the hormone vasopressin in the kidneys, as well as the discovery that the renal tubules secrete and reabsorb solutes

and water, a finding that came from a series of experiments that showed that kidney cysts in Polycystic Kidney Disease patients are in fact distended renal tubules that trap fluid within an expanding cavity lined by a single layer of cells.

Dr. Grantham's drive to find a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease was sparked by a memory. His childhood friend, Ronnie Wilkerson, suffered from Polycystic Kidney Disease. Without this inspiration, Dr. Grantham would have never found that renal tubules in the kidney both secrete and reabsorb solutes and water. This eventually led to his confirmation that the cysts are neoplastic growths filled with liquid.

In 1982, alongside Joseph Bruening, Dr. Grantham founded the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation to help advance research into this horrible disease. The Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation is the only organization in the United States solely dedicated to finding treatments and a cure for polycystic kidney disease, as well as improve the lives of those who suffer with it. Over the last 30 years, the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation has invested over \$40 million in basic and clinical research, nephrology fellowships, and scientific meetings with a simple goal: to discover and deliver treatments and a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease.

Before the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation was established, Dr. Grantham was one of the very few researchers studying the disease. In February 1981, the Kansas City Star ran an article entitled "Research lags on hereditary condition, specialist says." This article caught the eye of Mr. Joseph Bruening, a Kansas City, Missouri native and businessman whose wife and daughter both suffered from Polycystic Kidney Disease. In December of 1981, Mr. Bruening mailed a letter to Dr. Grantham interested in contributing funds towards research of this disease. Eventually, the two met and agreed to create a not-for-profit independent medical foundation whose goal was to create a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease. In 2013, the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation made a great stride towards a cure. Tolvaptan, the first drug to show promise in treating this disease, was accepted for priority review by the FDA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to pause for a moment to honor Dr. Grantham, a pioneer of research for Polycystic Kidney Disease. The lives of people with this disease are better off because of his research and vision.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was in a meeting at the White House.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 108, NAY on Roll Call No. 107, NAY on Roll Call No. 106, and YEA on Roll Call No. 105.

TRIBUTE TO SKYLAR MAYBERRY-MAYES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Skylar Mayberry-Mayes for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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Skylar is a commercial underwriter for Nationwide Insurance and is also a business graduate student at Iowa State. In addition to work and school, he is also very active in his community, having committed over 500 hours of community service for the past four years. He has worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Oakridge Neighborhood, Young Professionals Connection, and the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Diversity and Inclusion Council. In 2015, he was a recipient of the Barack Obama President's National Volunteer Service Award. His aspiration is to one day develop a comprehensive college preparatory program for young African-American men.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Skylar in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Skylar on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I missed the second vote series as I was accompanying constituents Elizabeth Snyder and Justin Sparks to the White House where they met Vice President Mike Pence and discussed the tragic murder of Elizabeth's husband, St. Louis County Police Officer Blake Snyder.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 105, NAY on Roll Call No. 106, NAY on Roll Call No. 107, and NAY on Roll Call No. 108.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 105, I was unable to cast my vote in person due to an unexpected illness. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP SANDAGER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Philip Sandager for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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Philip is an investment management actuary with Principal Financial Group, a job which has taken him to São Paulo, Brazil, London, and the United Kingdom as an active leader in the department. Outside of work, Philip is very active with United Way of Central Iowa, his church's multicultural outreach campus, as a volunteer math tutor, and with the Des Moines Choral Society, where he helps to increase their online presence. Philip has also been recognized by the Des Moines Playhouse with a Gypsy Volunteer Award. In his spare time, Philip enjoys playing piano, scuba diving, learning languages, and traveling around the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Philip in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Philip on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

TRIBUTE TO WIGGIE SHELL

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Wiggie Shell, a great American and a great Texan, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. I am honored to call this business and civic leader a friend.