this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jesus Navarrete is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jesus Navarrete for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING PERCY NORWOOD, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Percy Norwood, Jr., who is a retired Captain, Commanding Officer, and Executive Officer of the United States Coast Guard.

Mr. Norwood and his wife, Marie, have 36½ years of marriage and live in Carrollton, Mississippi. They are the proud parents of four adult children: Angelia, Kelvin, Lindsey Marie and Matthew, grandparents of five children: Devon, Shynell, Nathaniel II, Alexis and Camerin; and great-grandparents of one child, Alexander.

Percy Norwood, Jr. retired from the United States Coast Guard in 2000 with the rank of Captain after almost 30 years of outstanding and dedicated service to our nation. At the time of his retirement, he held three key positions: Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters Support Command, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters Staff, and Executive Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. Mr. Norwood also served as the first Director of the Coast Guard Recruiting Center from July 1995 to May 1998, where he was responsible for recruiting the best men and women to meet the Coast Guard's military personnel needs. During this assignment, Mr. Norwood led recruiters in creating the most diverse Coast Guard in our nation's history.

In 1993, Mr. Norwood served as team leader for the Vice President of the United States' National Performance Review Task Force where his team explored ways to improve Coast Guard fisheries law enforcement outcomes. As a result of his team's efforts, the Coast Guard maximized the use of technology to drastically reduce illegal fishing in U.S. territorial waters. While pursuing his Coast Guard career, Norwood performed numerous other jobs that included search and rescue; oil and hazardous material cleanup; conducting investigations, evaluations and training; planning, logistics, budgeting and personnel support; and teaching Chemistry courses at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Mr. Norwood's education and training includes: graduating from Marshall High School in North Carrollton, MS in 1964 as class Valedictorian; a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Alcorn State University in 1968; a Master of Science Degree in Analytical Chemistry from Tuskegee University in 1970, and a Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA in 1980. His thesis entitled, ''A Comparison of the Fit Between the Organization Climate of the Coast Guard, the Job/Career Expectations of Black College Graduates and their Perceptions about the Coast Guard'' provided the basis for several initiatives that would ultimately change the racial and gender makeup of the Coast Guard. Mr. Norwood is a 1977 graduate of the Defense Race Relations Institute. He is a 1992 through 1993 Department of Transportation and Council for Excellence in Government Fellow and a past member of the Senior Fellows Group whose focus is improving government.

Mr. Norwood received numerous personal military awards that included the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. His non-military awards include the National Image Incorporated Award (1993), the National Naval Officers Association's (NNOA) Dorie Miller Award (1993), the National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) Distinguished Alumni Award (1995), and the NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award (1995). Mr. Norwood was inducted into the Alcorn State University Hall of Honor in 2006 for his outstanding leadership and service and elected by his fellow alumni as Alcornite of the Year in 2008 as Alcorn State University's most distinguished Alumnus. Three of his four siblings (Laura, Willie and James) are also graduates of Alcorn State University.

Mr. Norwood is a past president of the Metropolitan Washington, DC Area and the St. Louis, MO Alcorn Alumni Chapters, and the Immediate Past National President of the Alcorn State University National Alumni Association. He is a past Vice President for Membership, Eastern Region Vice President, and National President of the National Naval Officers Association. He is a member of Rho Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. where he chairs their Project Alpha Mentoring Program and serves as Chairman of the Greenwood Alphas Foundation. He also serves as President of the Board of Directors for Leflore-Carroll-Montgomery Counties Memorial Garden Cemetery, Recording Steward of Helm Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and President of the Montgomery-Carroll-Grenada County Alcorn Alumni Chapter. He was recently appointed by the Carroll County Board of Supervisors as the Veterans Service Officer for Carroll County where he is helping veterans get the services and support they have earned and need. He also mentors two young men who are students at J.Z. George High School and tutors two Middle School students and one elementary school student.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Percy Norwood, Jr., a Captain, Leader and Educator for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

HONORING THE 175 INVENTORS INDUCTED AS THE 2016 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175 inventors who will soon be recognized at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum and inducted as the 2016 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents Andrew Hirshfeld. In order to be named as a Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society. Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 5,500 patents.

The individuals making up this year's class of Fellows include individuals from 135 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning the United States and the world. The now 757-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 90 presidents and senior leaders of research universities and non-profit research institutes, 376 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 28 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 45 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science, 28 Nobel Laureates, 216 AAAS Fellows, 126 IEEE Fellows, and 116 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions.

The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as these for contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2016 NAI Fellows include:

David Akopian, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Kamal S. Ali, Jackson State University; A. Paul Alivisatos, University of California, Berkeley; Carl R. Alving, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; Hamid Arastoopour, Illinois Institute of Technology; Peter Arsenault, Tufts University; B. Jayant Baliga, North Carolina State University; Zhenan Bao, Stanford University; Richard G. Baraniuk, Rice University; Francis Barany, Cornell University; Jean-Marie Basset, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology; Paula J. Bates, University of Louisville; Craig C. Beeson, Medical University of South Carolina; K. Darrell Berlin, Oklahoma State University; Sarit B. Bhaduri, The University of Toledo; Pallab K. Bhattacharya, University of

Michigan; Dieter H. Bimberg, Technical University of Berlin, Germany ; Christopher N. Bowman, University of Colorado Boulder; Barbara D. Boyan, Virginia Commonwealth University; Mindy M. Brashears, Texas Tech University; Donald J. Buchsbaum, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Ruben G. Carbonell, North Carolina State University; John F. Carpenter, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus; Raghunath V. Chaudhari, The University of Kansas; Junhong Chen, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee; Liang-Gee Chen, National Taiwan University, Taiwan; Simon R. Cherry, University of California, Davis; Michael J. Cima, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Adrienne E. Clarke, La Trobe University, Australia; Larry A. Coldren, University of California, Santa Barbara; Rita R. Colwell, University of Maryland; Diane J. Cook, Washington State University; Peter A. Crooks, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; Riccardo Dalla-Favera, Columbia University; Suman Datta, University of Notre Dame; Delbert E. Day, Missouri University of Science and Technology; Roger A. de la Torre, University of Missouri, Columbia; Stephen W. Director, Northeastern University; Jeffrey L. Duerk, Case Western Reserve University; James L. Dye, Michigan State University; Richard L. Ehman, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research; Gary A. Eiceman, New Mexico State University; Ali Emadi, McMaster University, Canada; Ronald M. Evans, Salk Institute for Biological Studies; Stanley Falkow, Stanford University; Hany Farid, Dartmouth College; Shane M. Farritor, University of Nebraska—Lincoln; Philippe M. Fauchet, Vanderbilt University; Denise L. Faustman, Massachusetts General Hospital; David R. Fischell, Cornell University; Vincent A. Fischetti, The Rockefeller University; David P. Fries, Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition; Kenneth G. Furton, Florida International University; Kanad Ghose, Binghamton University, SUNY; Juan E. Gilbert, University of Florida; Linda C. Giudice, University of California, San Francisco; Herbert Gleiter, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany; Dan M. Goebel, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory; Forouzan Golshani, California State University, Long Beach; Lorne M. Golub, Stony Brook University, SUNY; John B. Goodenough, The University of Texas at Austin; Michael Graetzel, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland; Robert J. Greenberg, Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research; Richard M. Greenwald, Dartmouth College; Patrick G. Halbur, Iowa State University; Henry R. Halperin, Johns Hopkins University; Amy E. Herr, University of California, Berkeley; D. Craig Hooper, Thomas Jefferson University; Edward A. Hoover, Colorado State University; Oliver Yoa-Pu Hu, National Defense Medical Center, Taiwan; David Huang, Oregon Health & Science University; Mark S. Humayun, University of Southern California; Joseph P. Iannotti, Cleveland Clinic; Enrique Iglesia, University of California, Berkeley; Sungho Jin, University of California, San Diego; Barry W. Johnson, University of Virginia; William L. Johnson, California Institute of Technology; John L. Junkins, Texas A&M University; Michelle Khine, University of California, Irvine; John Klier, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Thomas J. Kodadek, The Scripps Research Institute; Harold L. Kohn, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Steven M. Kuznicki, University of Alberta, Canada; Enrique J. Lavernia, University of California, Irvine; Nicholas J. Lawrence, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; Leslie A. Leinwand, University of Colorado Boulder; Frances S. Ligler, North Carolina State University; Yilu Liu, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Jennifer K. Lodge, Washington University in St. Louis; Gabriel P. López, The University of New Mexico; Mandi J. Lopez, Louisiana State University; Surya K. Mallapragada, Iowa State University; Seth R. Marder, Georgia Institute of Technology; Alan G. Marshall, Florida State University; Raghunath A. Mashelkar, National Innovation Foundation—India; Kouki Matsuse, Meiji University, Japan; Martin M. Matzuk, Baylor College of Medicine; T. Dwayne McCay, Florida Institute of Technology; James W. McGinity, The University of Texas at Austin; Thomas J. Meade, Northwestern University; Katrina L. Mealey, Washington State University; Edward W. Merrill, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Paul L. Modrich, Duke University; H. Keith Moo-Young, Washington State University Tri-Cities; David J. Mooney, Harvard University; Israel J. Morejon, University of South Florida; Harold L. Moses, Vanderbilt University; Joseph R. Moskal, Northwestern University; Nazim Z. Muradov, University of Central Florida; Nicholas Muzyczka, University of Florida; Lakshmi S. Nair, University of Connecticut; Shrikanth S. Narayanan, University of Southern California; Erin K. O'Shea, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Ellen Ochoa, NASA Johnson Space Center; Francis A. Papay, Cleveland Clinic; Kevin J. Parker, University of Rochester; Yvonne J. Paterson, University of Pennsylvania; George N. Pavlakis, National Institutes of Health; Kenneth H. Perlin, New York University; Nasser Peyghambarian, The University of Arizona; Gary A. Piazza, University of South Alabama; Christophe Pierre, Stevens Institute of Technology; Michael C. Pirrung, University of California, Riverside; Michael V. Pishko, University of Wyoming; Garth Powis, Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute; Paras N. Prasad, University at Buffalo, SUNY; Ronald T. Raines, University of Wisconsin—Madison; Ragunathan (Raj) Rajkumar, Carnegie Mellon University; Michael P. Rastatter, East Carolina University; Jacob (Kobi) Richter, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Israel; Richard E. Riman, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Andrew G. Rinzler, University of Florida; Bruce E. Rittmann, Arizona State University; Nabeel A. Riza, University College Cork, Ireland; Kenneth J. Rothschild, Boston University; Stuart H. Rubin, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center; Linda J. Saif, The Ohio State University; Sudeep Sarkar, University of South Florida; John T. Schiller, National Institutes of Health; Diane G. Schmidt, University of Cincinnati; Wayne S. Seames, University of North Dakota; Michael S. Shur, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; David Sidransky, Johns Hopkins University; Mrityunjay Singh, Ohio Aerospace Institute; Kamalesh K. Sirkar, New Jersey Institute of Technology; David R. Smith, Duke University; James E. Smith, West Virginia University; Terrance P. Snutch, The University of British Columbia, Canada; Ponisseril Somasundaran, Columbia University; Gerald Sonnenfeld, University of Rhode Island; James S. Speck, University of California, Santa Barbara; Sidlgata V. Sreenivasan, The University of Texas at Austin; Bruce W. Stillman, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; Daniele C. Struppa, Chapman University; Kenneth S. Suslick, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Mark J. Suto, Southern Research Institute; Yu-Chong Tai, California Institute of Technology; Nelson Tansu, Lehigh University; Fleur T. Tehrani, California State University, Fullerton; Marc T. Tessier-Lavigne, Stanford University; Madhukar (Mathew) L. Thakur, Thomas Jefferson University; Mehmet Toner, Massachusetts General Hospital; Jan T. Vilcek, New York University; Anil V. Virkar, The University of Utah; John F. Wager, Oregon State University; William R. Wagner, University of Pittsburgh; Isiah M. Warner, Louisiana State University; John D. Weete, Auburn University; Andrew M. Weiner, Purdue University; Ralph Weissleder, Massachusetts General Hospital; Thomas M. Weller, University of South Florida; Jennifer L. West, Duke University; Amnon Yariv, California Institute of Technology; Yun Yen, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan; Warren M. Zapol, Massachusetts General Hospital.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAX STAUFFER

HON. JIM COSTA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Max Stauffer, who passed away on March 10, 2017, at the age of 69. Max was a well-respected business leader who owned the beloved Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad in Fish Camp, CA, just outside Yosemite National Park.

Max Stauffer was born on June 7, 1947, in Switzerland and immigrated to the United States at the age of three. His father, Rudy and mother Luce, with the help of Max and his brothers, Guido and Bob, first opened the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad in 1965. The railroad is a beloved tourist attraction that takes visitors on a four-mile scenic excursion through the Sierra National Forest.

Max oversaw the business for more than 40 years. During his time running the popular tourist stop, Max gained the trust and respect of the community, as well as visitors from all over the United States. Known for his giving spirit, Max dedicated his time to those in need. He never denied a request for donations to charity and ensured the railroad was involved with the Boys and Girls Club, as well as the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Max wanted to make an impact on the public and dedicated much of his time to making a difference in any way he could. For 20 years he held the position of director of the Mountain Area Ski School. He was at one time the president of the Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau and a board member for 30 years. An advocate for education, he was a 22-year trustee of the Bass Lake Joint Union School District. Ensuring his time and labor was spent giving back to the people, shows the morale and great character he held.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the great life of my friend Max Stauffer, whose humbleness, compassion, and generosity will be greatly missed. Max's memory will live through his family and friends, and it is my honor to join them in celebrating his impactful life, which will never be forgotten.