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IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. JAY GOUGE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the retirement of Auburn University's 18th President, Dr. Jay Gogue.

Jay was raised in Waycross, Georgia, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in horticulture from Auburn University before earning a doctorate in that field from Michigan State University.

In July 2007, Dr. Gogue returned to Auburn University to serve as the 18th president and has worked tirelessly to improve the academic strength of Auburn's student body.

Under his leadership, Auburn is implementing a strategic plan focused on enhancing student success, supporting faculty excellence, strengthening public engagement and promoting research, scholarship and creative work.

During his time as president, he has stayed connected with the students in the classroom and even teaches a graduate course in higher education administration where students learn university governance, leadership, budgeting and more. He enthusiastically worked in partnership with local and state officials to recruit new industry to the state of Alabama, creating jobs and economic opportunity.

In 2013, Dr. Gogue was selected for the Michigan State University Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2012, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor, a group of 100 Alabamians "chosen for accomplishment or service greatly benefiting or reflecting great credit on the State." He also held a 2012 appointment to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's academic advisory council.

Other memberships include Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key honor societies, Sigma Xi sci-

entific research society and the National Society of Scabbard and Blade, the honorary military society for all branches of service.

Dr. Gogue began his career at the U.S. Department of the Interior, where he worked for 12 years. Prior to returning to Auburn, he held a number of academic and administrative positions, starting at Texas A&M University as an assistant professor teaching and conducting research in plant science. Dr. Gogue later served as vice president for research and vice president/vice provost for agriculture and natural resources at Clemson University and as provost at Utah State University. He was selected as president of New Mexico State University in 2000. In 2003, he was named president of the University of Houston and chancellor of the University of Houston System.

Jay and his wife, Susie, met in the 8th grade and married while they were both undergraduates at Auburn. They have three children, one grandchild and two dogs. They are remaining in the Auburn community and he will continue teaching a course in higher education leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing my friends, Jay and Susie, best wishes on retirement. I thank him for his hard work and commitment to Auburn University.

TRIBUTE TO MANUEL TROY
CORONADO

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the patriotic service of Manuel Troy Coronado, who recently retired from a distinguished career in the Army National Guard.

Troy was born in San Antonio, Texas in 1962. The son of a career military officer, he attended elementary school in Germany and Panama, and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio in 1980. He attended the University of Maryland in Munich, Germany and later graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

In 1986, Troy enlisted in the U.S. Army and shortly after gained acceptance into the Army's Officer Candidate School. He attended the Armor Officer Basic Course in Fort Knox, Kentucky and served a tour in Germany before taking time to pursue a civilian career, including jobs as a teacher and guidance counselor for troubled teens.

Drawn back to military service, Troy eventually reenlisted in the Army. Through his work, he lived in several places in the United States, including Arlington, Virginia; Houston, Texas; and Fort Benning, Georgia. Troy was deployed to Afghanistan in 2006 to serve as an embedded team trainer. Ultimately, Troy rose to the rank of Branch Chief in the National Guard Bureau's SOUTHCOTM Joint Staff.

Troy's loving wife, Lisa, and their three daughters, Raquel, Jacqueline, and Mindy, have provided him with a great deal of support throughout his various deployments and assignments.

I join my fellow Texans and all Americans in thanking Troy for his years of admirable, selfless service to our nation.

RECOGNIZING JUDITH WILCOX

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Judith Wilcox, an extraordinary woman and great friend who dedicated her career to helping others. Her compassion, advocacy, knowledge, and dedication were on full display throughout her extensive public and community service. Judy was a role model and mentor to so many of us in the Dane County community. She improved numerous lives in Dane County through her work, which focused on expanding and providing housing opportunities and the services needed to make those arrangements a success.

Judy was an expert on affordable housing and serving the needs of the homeless community, as well as an outspoken champion for mental-health and housing for persons with severe mental health needs. She was the first woman elected to the Stoughton City Council and sat on numerous boards, including the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission and Journey Mental Health Center. Judy's community awards and accolades included the YWCA Women of Distinction and the Sterling Rose Award for her work on housing for persons living with HIV and AIDS and the Arcand Social Justice Award for her pioneering work in affordable housing over more than three decades.

I was fortunate enough to serve alongside Judy on the Dane County Board, where she represented parts of Madison's Isthmus for 12 years. She spoke forcefully and eloquently on these issues, when she chaired the Dane County Housing Authority, the Stoughton Housing Authority and the Dane County Human Services Board. Judy also helped people with disabilities and then people struggling to find housing all over Wisconsin in her positions in state government. From her Peace Corps service in Gambia to her passion as a chef, she was truly a servant leader. Yet she was also as good-humored, cheerful and quick-witted as she was generous—Judy never failed to make everyone around her laugh, smile, and know they had a friend.

She passed away after a brief illness last December at age 76 and we will gather to celebrate her life, legacy, and friendship this month. I am certain there will be no shortage of stories about her warmth, her laugh and her fiery belief in fighting for those who have few advocates and no voice.

Today, Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the life and service of Judy Wilcox, a colleague, a champion for justice and equality, a mentor, and a true friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS.
DUTKIEWICZ'S 3RD GRADE CLASS

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young artists in Mrs. Dutkiewicz's 3rd grade class at Deerfield Elementary in Novi, Michigan.

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HONORING SAUL RAMOS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Saul Ramos from my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts, who was recently named the 2017 National Education Association Education Support Professional, or ESP, of the year. This honor is awarded annually to the ESP who best demonstrates leadership in his or her classroom, school, and community.

Saul began his career in 1999 as a personal aide to a visually impaired kindergarten student. To allow this student to work on classroom materials alongside his peers, Saul taught himself to read and write in braille so he could transcribe these materials for his student. Saul continued to help this student for 12 years—supporting and encouraging him until he graduated from high school. In his current capacity as an ESP at Burncoat High School, Saul has taken it upon himself to integrate braille into the curriculum not only to help students with visual impairments, but also to allow other students to develop a stronger understanding of alternative learning methods.

Raised in both Puerto Rico and Worcester, Saul founded and now serves as the artistic director of a nonprofit called Arte Latino of New England to encourage Latinos in our community, especially those in their youth, to embrace their cultural heritage through art. Just one of his many creative initiatives aimed at helping Latino students to build confidence and embrace their roots, Saul wrote and produced a bilingual adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet."

Beyond the classroom, Saul is an incredible activist for teachers and students. He is the vice president of his local teachers union and is an active member on four committees of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, which recognized Saul as last year's most valuable educator in the state. Saul fights tirelessly for the rights of teachers and students. Nationally,

Saul is a member of the National Education Association's Paraeducator Institute Working Group, the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee, and is the Northeast regional director of the Hispanic Caucus.

Our public schools promise to provide equal educational opportunities for all students, no matter their race, religion, or ability. This promise relies on dedicated, compassionate ESPs like Saul Ramos. On behalf of the teachers and students of Worcester, Massachusetts, and those all across the country, I thank Saul Ramos for his commitment to this noble profession.

H.R. 1695, REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS SELECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in opposition to the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act (H.R. 1695).

The Library of Congress has long been a repository for books, music, movies, photographs and other original works of art. In 1897, Congress recognized the need to protect these original works and the creators behind them, establishing the United States Copyright Office. The Copyright Office is housed within the Library and operates independently. It is led by the Register of Copyrights, a position that is appointed by the Librarian.

H.R. 1695 takes the appointment of the Register of Copyrights away from the Librarian of Congress, and instead makes it a political appointment by the President and confirmed by the Senate. This change would politicize the Library of Congress, the Librarian of Congress and the Register of Copyrights, and that is something I do not support.

Copyright industries are crucial to our economy, responsible for more than \$1 trillion in GDP and employing more than 5 million people. If Congress wants to make meaningful improvements to the Copyright Office, we should address its technological limitations and need for modernization, and ensure it has the funding and resources needed to do that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act (H.R. 1695).

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of the St. Joseph's Healthcare System as they celebrated their 150th Anniversary on Monday, May 1, 2017.

On September 8, 1867, the sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth opened the 12 bed St. Joseph's Hospital in a small wooden house on Church Street, in Paterson, New Jersey. After

caring for 102 patients that year, the start of St. Joseph's Healthcare became known and appreciated.

Today we like to thank those Sisters and Dr. John Quinn for working together to create the start of St. Joseph's. Without them, and the hard workers that have followed in their footsteps, St. Joseph's would not be where it is today. I would like to look back to 1882, when St. Joseph's was only 15 years old, and the first surgery was performed. The saving of lives is something that not only me, but everyone in the 9th Congressional District is thankful for. Performing surgeries is something that a very select amount of people can do, and it is a job that I will forever be thankful for, especially when it is saving the lives of people.

The work of St. Joseph's never fails to have me amazed. The lives they help, and the lives they save is some of the most astonishing work, but it does not stop there. In 1895, St. Joseph's opened up their School of Nursing. They had their first graduating class of nine nurses in 1904, and have been training and preparing nurses ever since. St. Joseph's works hard every day to help these upcoming nurses be the best healthcare providers that they can possibly be. St. Joseph's is continuing to grow every single day, and thankfully they only grew for the better.

As technology advances, St. Joseph's has been able to advance their abilities as well. From one time being a little house on Church Street, I have watched St. Joseph's grow, and improve. After relocating and then expanding their equipment, staff, and resources, the St. Joseph's hospital has expanded to other towns like Wayne, New Jersey and are still growing and improving every day. Besides having a top of the line Children's hospital, they also have an Ambulatory Surgery Center in Paterson and one of the best emergency rooms in a hospital.

I have the great honor of representing the hard working people of St. Joseph's in Congress. This is a place where people work hard to support their family and their community, a place where the history is long and storied.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating 150 years of St. Joseph's Healthcare System.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues to celebrate 150 years of service, dedication, and excellence from the people of St. Joseph's Healthcare System.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. RAY'S 3RD GRADE CLASS

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young artists in Mrs. Ray's 3rd grade class at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, Michigan.

I know that artists get their start long before high school and college, learning to expand their imagination and foster their creativity in classrooms just like Mrs. Ray's.

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