

Tanner has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tanner has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tanner has served his troop as the Den Chief, become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Tanner has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tanner led a team in designing and constructing an outdoor worship center at Antioch Community Church in Kansas City, Missouri, leveling the area with paving stones, building a retaining wall, 15 benches, fire pit, and a walking path to the worship center.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tanner Cook for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO GAIL BAXTER

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the lifelong service and success of Gail Baxter, the Superintendent of South Whittier School District, in my Congressional District in California.

The description of Mrs. Baxter you'd hear from those who know her best is that of a humble visionary whose inspirational leadership has empowered the students she serves to achieve beyond their dreams. She has been the catalyst for a 21st century transformation for South Whittier. Throughout her twenty-seven year career serving as an elementary school principal, Director of Special Education Programs, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, and eventually Superintendent, Mrs. Baxter led the effort to incorporate new technologies into every district classroom to prepare students for the future they face. Always pushing the envelope, Mrs. Baxter intertwined a core curriculum with the changing technologies of the day.

Mrs. Baxter is the type of public servant we need in education, someone who promotes strong collaboration between educators and parents to inspire students to achieve. It is in that spirit that, on behalf of all the families who've benefitted from her service, I wish Gail a happy retirement and thank her for inspiring generations of students in the South Whittier School District.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUBSTITOOTH FAIRY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Substitooth Fairy in Delaware County, Pennsylvania for earning a Chester and Delaware County SCORE 2017 Small Business Award.

SCORE is a non-profit organization that helps small businesses by providing them with

mentorship and educational workshops. The small businesses that earn the SCORE Small Business Award "have demonstrated unique vision, innovation and achievement in support of America's economy and small business community."

Substitooth Fairy deserves this designation. When dental practices are short-staffed, they provide them with supplementary dental professionals. This allows those practices to maintain an efficient office, keep patients happy, and also creates new employment opportunities for dental professionals.

I congratulate Substitooth Fairy on their award. I am proud to serve them and the other small businesses in Pennsylvania's 7th District.

RECOGNIZING FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Food Bank of the Southern Tier for being named Food Bank of the Year by Feeding America.

Feeding America is the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, and Food Bank of the Year is the highest honor that it confers on a member organization. Food Bank of the Southern Tier is the smallest food bank ever to receive this honor, and also the first in New York.

Food Bank of the Southern Tier distributes food and grocery products to people in need throughout six counties in upstate New York through a network of more than 160 partner agencies. It also administers several direct service food distribution programs.

Food Bank of the Southern Tier was established in 1981 and continues to strive toward its mission of working together to build and sustain a hunger-free community, distributing over 11 million pounds of food and grocery items in 2016 alone.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Food Bank of the Southern Tier for being named Food Bank of the Year for its outstanding and dedicated service to the community of the Southern Tier of New York.

HONORING LANDON BEYER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Landon Beyer. Landon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1333, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Landon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Landon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Landon has served his troop as the Senior

Patrol Leader and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Landon has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Landon constructed a boardwalk path in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri, to help preserve a muddy section of the trail.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Landon Beyer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE D.C. CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND JURY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the D.C. students who submitted artwork for the annual D.C. Congressional Art Competition. I also seek recognition for the members of the committee who volunteered to make this event a success, as well as the competition jurors—members of the community who judged the students' artwork. The competition will take place tomorrow, Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

The Congressional Art Competition has taken place in all Congressional districts since 1982 to encourage students interested in participating in the arts. This year, my office received 120 submissions from students in grades 8–12 from public, charter, and private schools across the District.

The members of the D.C. Congressional Art Competition committee are from a variety of backgrounds in the community—academia, small business and local government. I am happy to recognize the following committee members for their tireless work in putting together this year's Congressional Art Competition:

Thomas Atkins, is a former member of my staff who has continued to serve as an advisor each year for this competition. We depend on Mr. Atkins because of his background and know-how in supervising our art competition when he was on our staff.

Yaida Ford, an attorney for Ford Law Pros P.C., has been a valued presence in our art competition in the past, and has come through yet again this year. She ensures that her firm can purchase valuable and useful gifts for the winners.

Tiffani Gomez, of Blick Art Materials, helps run art drives for the competition and gets the word out to students who may not have heard about the competition from our office. She was particularly helpful in getting out the word on social media.

Jennifer Littrell, Program Lead at Children's National Health System, is particularly helpful in getting the word out for the competition via creative flyers and other publications.

Patricia O. Mitchell is a Senior Systems Developer for Amtrak. I have known Patricia for many years and she has done essential work for the committee. Ms. Mitchell helps the committee reach out to food vendors for the reception.

Greg Scott is the Gallery & Exhibition Coordinator for the Children's National Health System. Our office partners with Children's National and they regularly hang the artwork of the student participants. Mr. Scott is also a curator and will be very helpful in the setup of the event.

Zoma Wallace, Art Bank Coordinator for the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, helps with day-to-day logistics for this event. Her work and input is so valued that she also serves as a juror. Ms. Wallace held this dual role last year, and we are happy to have her on both teams again.

The following individuals served as jurors—judging the students' artwork and selecting the winners. I am deeply grateful to have each of them, for bringing their unique perspectives and individual talents to the panel:

Iwan Bagus is a photographer and professor at the University of the District of Columbia and American University. We are fortunate that Mr. Bagus has been serving on this competition's jury for many years and also helps secure prizes for the winners.

Aaron Bryant, Mellon Curator of Photography at Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, has been serving on the jury for the last two years. From his extensive work in the humanities, Mr. Bryant brings a wealth of knowledge as a judge this year.

Sarah Muse, Creative Coordinator for the Smithsonian American Art Museum, is a new member of the jury for 2017. We are happy to have her expertise on our judging panel this year.

Kevin Nunley is Vice-President of Student Affairs at The Washington Center. Our office enjoys a special partnership with The Washington Center, which has hosted the event for the last two years at their venue.

Jack Rasmussen is Director and Curator of the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, and is also a new member of the 2017 jury. We are fortunate to have his expertise and insight as a judge this year.

Lissa Rosenthal-Yoffe is Executive Director at D.C. Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative and has been generous in serving on the jury for the last two years.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the committee members, jurors, participants and winners in this year's Congressional Art Competition.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAURICE EL-AMIN FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Maurice El-Amin for his outstanding career with the Social Security Administration. Mr. El-Amin has served the SSA with distinction during his career with the agency.

Mr. El-Amin has compiled an outstanding record of public service during his 33-year career with the SSA. He began his career with the agency as a Claims Representative in Dearborn, Michigan, where he helped resi-

dents access the Social Security benefits that they earned. Mr. El-Amin excelled in this position and has served in a variety of key positions in the Midwest, including as Operations Supervisor and District Manager in the SSA's Chicago office. Since 2012, Mr. El-Amin has worked as Area Director for Metro Detroit, where he oversees the operation of 22 offices in Southeast Michigan and in the greater Toledo area. During this time, he has overseen a modernization of many of the SSA's services, including promoting increased use of online filing and eServices to facilitate improved service for Metro Detroit and its residents.

Mr. El-Amin's work has been key to ensuring that the SSA is able to meet the increased demands of the Midwest region. As Area Director, Mr. El-Amin oversaw the work of over 450 employees whose tireless efforts played a crucial role in the evolution of the SSA. He has also been actively involved in the agency's recruitment efforts and mentorship programs, which have been critical to attracting a new generation of talented public officials. Additionally, Mr. El-Amin has served as the Executive Liaison for the SSA Chicago Region's Black Advisory Affairs Council, which advises the Commissioner of Social Security on issues important to the SSA's African American employees. Mr. El-Amin's experience and perspective will be missed as he retires from the SSA after a long and distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Maurice El-Amin for his work on behalf of the Social Security Administration. Mr. El-Amin's public service has played a significant role in helping the SSA effectively serve Americans throughout the country.

TRIBUTE TO MR. SCOTT GLABB

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a few moments today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Scott Glabb, for his contributions to Orange County youth over the last twenty years.

Mr. Glabb has been an important figure as a teacher and wrestling coach at Santa Ana High School. After wrestling in college for Pacific University and Eastern Washington University, Mr. Glabb took his talents to Santa Ana High School in 1990, where he became a teacher and head wrestling coach.

Leading by example, Mr. Glabb's dedication has led Santa Ana High School to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Championships year after year. Mr. Glabb also coached two individual National High School Champions: Tony Perez in 1998, and Jose Leon in 1999. He had similar success through coaching two female Wrestling State Champions: Lizette Tenorio in 2009, and Berenice Blanco in 2012.

Mr. Glabb focused on more than winning, and has always made an effort to better his students. He has taken kids from a challenging neighborhood and made them leaders. Because of his guidance, many have gone on to pursue higher education.

Recently, Mr. Glabb was inducted into both the California's Chapter National Wrestling Hall of Fame and the California State Wres-

ting Hall of Fame. Mr. Glabb's tremendous efforts are not left unnoticed and his accolades are well-deserved. More important than his awards is his impact, which made our community a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Glabb and the positive impact he has made on the Santa Ana community.

HONORING THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 400

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary men and women from Oakland who gave their lives serving our country in the Vietnam War. I recognize their invaluable sacrifice and offer my gratitude for their bravery during a contentious time in American history.

Unfortunately, Vietnam veterans have not received the proper recognition for their service. Prejudice overshadowed praise, as many of the stigmas associated with the war wrongfully biased the public against the soldiers. Veterans have endured decades of misplaced criticism, blame and ignorance—this must be corrected.

It is time that we, as Americans, give these brave veterans the commendation they deserve. We must honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom and that of our country. It is critical that we acknowledge the important servicemen and women, as they are fundamental to the preservation of our democracy.

Since 1979, the Vietnam Veterans of America has served to support and advocate on behalf of this generation of Veterans. The organization has worked tenaciously to promote greater public awareness of the issues surrounding Vietnam-era veterans in attempts to reform the public's general perceptions. The VVA has given veterans a voice in our government, advocating on behalf of the injured, ill, and all others in need. By holding government agencies accountable, the VVA ensures equitable and beneficial policies for this generation and those past.

As someone whose father served in the Army, organizations like the VVA are incredibly important to me. I personally understand the sacrifices that these men and women make on a daily basis and believe they deserve my utmost respect.

I commend the Vietnam Veterans of America for installing the Vietnam War memorial honoring the 100 men from Oakland who were killed in action. This monument will serve as an important reminder of the sacrifices made to assure our freedom and the freedom of others. The memorial will help properly commemorate not only Vietnam Veterans, but all who dedicate their lives to serve and protect us on a daily basis.

On behalf of the 13th District, I thank the Vietnam Veterans of America for its dedication to aiding and bettering the lives of well-deserving Veterans in America.