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I extend my deepest congratulations to Monica Valiente for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THE
FALLEN SOLDIER ARMY SER-
GEANT (SGT) CHRISTOPHER
ROGER BELL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen soldier Army Sergeant (SGT) Christopher Roger Bell who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on June 4, 2011, during Operation Enduring Freedom. SGT Bell was killed when an improvised explosive device hit his convoy in Laghman Province, Afghanistan. Also killed were Sergeant (SGT) Joshua David Powell, Sergeant (SGT) Devin Arielle Snyder, and Specialist (SPC) Robert Lee Voakes, Jr.

SGT Bell was assigned to the 164th Military Police Company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

SGT Bell, a Golden, Mississippi native, was 21 years old at the time of death. He joined the Army in July 2008 after graduating from Tremont High School in Tremont, Mississippi, and served at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, before being stationed in Alaska in January 2009.

"If he saw that someone needed help, he did not hesitate to step in and lend a hand," said Robert Worthington. "He always put others before himself. SGT Bell strived for perfection in every aspect of life, and knowing that perfection was out of reach, he still never stopped trying."

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal, NATO Medal, and Combat Action Badge. He was also awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat and Special Skill Badge, Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge, and Overseas Service Bar.

On June 17, 2011, SGT Bell was buried with full military honors at the Living Faith Tabernacle Cemetery in Columbus, Mississippi.

SGT Bell is survived by his wife, Samantha Lucas Bell; daughter, Lana Nicole Bell; his parents, Timothy and Barbara Bell; and brothers, Zachary and Timothy Bell. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, James and Mary Wooten; his paternal grandmother,

Judith Pitcher; his mother and father-in-law, Vera and Roger Lucas; and his brother-in-law, Roger Lucas.

SGT Bell's service and sacrifice will always be remembered.

HONORING NATIONAL CANCER
SURVIVORS DAY AND THE
SALISBURY VISITING NURSE AS-
SOCIATION

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Cancer Survivors Day and to honor the cancer survivors and medical professionals gathered in Salisbury, Connecticut who are champions in the fight against cancer.

Cancer has touched all of our lives in some way, and there are more than 15 million survivors in our country. Whether we have seen family, friends, or neighbors fight the disease, they have shown us tremendous courage and fortitude. Their perseverance and commitment to a living fully after diagnosis is an inspiration to us all. Today's celebration in Salisbury makes a powerful statement about our community's commitment to those in need of support and our goal to improve the lives of those who have been diagnosed.

In Connecticut, we are lucky to have leaders in medical treatment and patient care. The Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association has been serving the people of northwestern Connecticut for over a century. These professionals both provide high quality care to patients and address their personal needs, often ensuring they can remain in the safety and comfort of their own home. It is dedicated health care professionals like these who support cancer patients and their families through treatment and to lead a fulfilling life. Each day, the nurses, social workers, and health care professionals of our community make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, National Cancer Survivors Day is a global event that reminds us of the courage shown by cancer patients and of the everyday compassion that helps those who have been diagnosed. It is fitting and proper that we honor the survivors and care providers gathered in Salisbury, Connecticut today and celebrate their lives and work.

HONORING STEVE HARDY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mayor Steve Hardy, a beloved member of the Vacaville community, who passed away this May.

Mr. Hardy was born in San Francisco, and served six years in the Navy from 1960 to 1966 as a radar operator on a destroyer. He then returned home and worked as a San Francisco police officer for five years before leaving that position to become a public policy specialist in Sacramento.

He served as the Staff Director for the California State Senate Committee on Governmental Organization for 19 years. From 1980 to 1985, Mr. Hardy was an advocate for the California State Employees Association, the union of California's state workers.

Mr. Hardy served as Chairman of the Solano County Drug Abuse Advisory Council in 1978 and 1979, and as a member of the Vacaville Human Services Commission from 1977 through 1979.

He also served as a Vacaville Unified School Board Member from 1987 through 1991 where, among other positions, he served as its President. Mr. Hardy was elected to the Vacaville City Council in 2002, where he served two terms. In 2007 he was appointed director of the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, which led to his stepping down as a city council member. He was elected Mayor of Vacaville in 2010 and served one term.

Mayor Hardy was an excellent representative for the Vacaville community. He helped lead the city through the Great Recession, improve local surface transportation, and was always able to take a principled approach to the most critical challenges and decisions the Council faced.

Steve Hardy's loss leaves a major void in the community. Mr. Hardy's wife of 46 years, Jerri Hardy, passed away in March 2012. He is survived by a son, Stephen; and a daughter, Shannon. The Vacaville community mourns Steve's passing and remembers his selfless commitment to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAINT
PARIZE-LE-CHÂTEL, FRANCE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the people of Saint Parize-le-Châtel, France as they commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of American troops during World War I.

During the Great War, Saint Parize-le-Châtel was the location of the Mars-sur-Allier Army Hospital which housed more than 40,000 wounded soldiers while it was in operation. Thus a deep and abiding relationship was established and continues to embody the close bond that the United States and France have maintained since the American Revolution.

This year, on the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of American troops to their town, the people of Saint Parize-le-Châtel are coming together to inaugurate a memorial that is dedicated to American servicemen and women who cared for their wounded comrades in arms at Mars-sur-Allier. The commitment of the Saint Parize-le-Châtel community to preserving and celebrating this history is a testament to the deeply held values of liberty, equality, and fraternity by both French and Americans alike. It is at times like this when we should all take a moment to remember and thank those who have risen, time and again, to defend these shared values throughout history.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Saint Parize-le-Châtel on this joyous occasion. I ask

that my colleagues join me in thanking Mayor André Garcia and the Council of Saint Parizele-Châtel for their efforts in organizing this historic commemoration.

HONORING THE CAREER OF TIFFANY RENEE' LEWIS AS SHE RECEIVES THE DANIEL R. ACKER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FROM THE BUFFALO CHAPTER OF THE NAACP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the outstanding works of Ms. Tiffany Renee' Lewis, as she receives the distinguished Daniel R. Acker Community Service Award from the Buffalo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Her contributions to the community of Buffalo are numerous, including her ownership of the Skin Deep Beauty Spa, her volunteer work for The American Cancer Society's "Look Good Feel Better" Program, her work as a realtor for Realty USA and as a marketing assistant for Watts Architecture and Engineering, and her development of the youth mentorship program, "Confident Girl," which she launched in 2016.

Through her volunteer work with The American Cancer Society's Look Good Feel Better Program, she has provided invaluable assistance to those who are suffering by helping cancer patients to look and feel their best. She is uniquely qualified for this service, as she received her Esthetics license from The Salon Professional Academy, receiving top honor for her hard work. She then further pursued her Certification in Clinical Oncology Esthetics through the Skin Therapy Institute, making her the first African American female to do so in the Western New York Region. Notably, she trained in Washington, D.C., with First Lady Michelle Obama's Personal Esthetician JoElle Lee in June of 2014, earning a Certificate in Dealing with Multicultural Skin. Her dedication has allowed her to become a celebrity esthetician, speaker, educator and mentor who specializes in the health and wellness of the skin. In addition to her honorable work with cancer patients, she has also demonstrated her preeminence in her field through her work with celebrities, professional athletes and world renowned artistic directors. She also offers guidance by contributing to magazine and newspaper articles, as well as radio shows. She is now a highly-regarded expert in the field of Esthetics.

Ms. Lewis also holds a dual degree in Legal and Religious Studies, and has spent more than twelve years working within the community on various development programs. She combined her extensive experiences in community organizing and the beneficial social effects of Esthetics to create the "Confident Girl" Mentoring Program, which works to empower youth, teens and young adults in New York. The program serves over thirty young people in the Advantage After-School Program in Niagara Falls, New York, by helping them to pursue self-discovery and wholesome developmental strategies. She works to promote feelings of self-confidence and self-worth in

those who might otherwise feel marginalized. She teaches children and young adults about the importance of taking care of their minds, bodies and spirits. Simultaneously, she advocates for the youth members of her community, and continues to learn and develop ever-improving methods of Esthetic care and community development.

Formerly Ms. Lewis served as Vice-Chair for the Buffalo Promise Neighborhood Community Council, and has been a member of the National Notary Association, the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Association of Realtors.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Ms. Lewis moved with her family to Buffalo, New York, at a young age. The Buffalo community is extremely grateful to her for her hard work and her contributions to the overall health of its members.

Ms. Lewis has been recognized for her accomplishments many times before, earning the Trailblazer Award by the program "Women Making History," the Women of Influence Award by Buffalo Business First, the New York State Award for Public Policy, the Volunteer of the Year Award for her community service with the developmentally disabled, a Volunteer Award by the Buffalo Promise Neighborhood, and many more.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Ms. Tiffany Renee' Lewis for her inspirational dedication to the community. She has proven herself to be an extraordinarily intelligent and accomplished woman, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

CORBIN WINS KATY TOMPKIN HIGH'S FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mason Corbin of Katy, TX, for winning the state championship title in the Boys High Jump 6A division at the University Interscholastic League Track and Field State Meet.

Most people spend years training to win a state championship and then there is Mason. The Katy Tompkin High School junior tried out for track and field in February for the first time at the recommendation of a friend, even though he's been an avid basketball player since seventh grade. Mason won his first high jump meet in March by clearing 6-7 and went on to prove he can compete with the best by clearing 6-10 (and breaking a personal record) at the District 19-6A championships. He's currently ranked 15th in the nation and will compete at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals in the elite meet this June in North Carolina. We wish him good luck.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Mason for winning the state championship. We're proud of his quick success and look forward to seeing him do well in his upcoming meets.

MIGUEL NUNEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miguel Nunez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Miguel Nunez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel Nunez 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 Miguel Nunez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize twenty-five World War II veterans from Oregon who visited their memorial on the National Mall on Friday, June 9, 2017 through Honor Flight of Oregon. Every time I have the chance to meet one of these heroes from the "Greatest Generation," I am reminded of the poignant words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. In a message to Allied troops just before D-Day, he said, "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people everywhere march with you."

He was right then, of course, Mr. Speaker. But over seventy years later, liberty loving people everywhere continue to owe—these heroes for their extraordinary service and their incredible stories of sacrifice and bravery on behalf of our country. That's why it is my privilege to enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today.

The veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert Turkisher, Air Force; Curtis Lyon, Army Air Force; Benny Ashbaugh, Army; Lloyd Bert Baldwin, Army; Fred Feigner, Army; Albert Wellman, Army; Kenneth Williams, Army; Helen Bennett, Women's Army Corps; Frank White, Army and Navy; Jack Rickard, Marine Corps; Ray Rigutto, Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve; Duane Amundson, Navy; Theodore Bennett, Navy; Rudolph Fenk, Navy; Frank Kline, Navy; Robert Martin, Navy; Thomas McAllisterr, Navy; Andrew Naylor, Navy; Julene Peterson, Navy; John Seffren, Navy; Samuel Sorrels, Navy; Quentin Smith, Navy; Dan Smith, Navy; Donald Warneke, Navy; Santo Regalbuto, Navy Reserve.

These twenty-five heroes join the over 150,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.