

the strength and vibrancy of Korea's democracy. The R.O.K., a successful and stable democracy surrounded by autocrats and dictators, continues to serve as the lynchpin of U.S. foreign policy in the Asia Pacific region.

Tensions are rising on the Korean Peninsula, and President Moon Jae-in's visit to strengthen the U.S.-R.O.K. alliance could not have arrived at a more pivotal time. North Korea continues to provoke the international community by conducting multiple missile tests and has yet to cease its unrelenting aggression against our democratic allies in the region. As his visit begins, I wish President Moon a successful summit with President Trump and look forward to working closely with the Trump Administration, and the Moon Administration to enhance the safety, security, stability, and success of the Korean Peninsula.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
MEMORY OF L.A. TARONE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life and memory of my good friend, L.A. Tarone, and express my deepest condolences to his colleagues, family, and friends.

On June 25, 2017, L.A. lost his courageous battle with lung cancer. A well-known reporter, columnist, television host, and radio personality, L.A. was a larger-than-life figure in Hazleton. His loss creates a void that will never be filled.

During the span of his storied career, L.A. hosted numerous segments on WYLN-TV, wrote for the Standard Speaker newspaper, and was a popular host on WILK radio. His voice was unmistakable. There was never a time when I talked to L.A. that I did not learn something important. I never met anyone who knew as much about baseball, music, and politics as L.A. Yet, even with his unmatched intelligence and 70's-style attire, he was a humble man, and a true gentleman.

At 58, L.A. was taken from us much too soon. He was not only a pillar of news, but also a giant in the Hazleton community. His personality and presence were so big that it felt like he lived long before his time, and I have faith that his impact on those of us in Hazleton will certainly live on long after his death.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life and memory of L.A. Tarone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, while I had been granted a leave of absence during the time these votes occurred on June 26, 2017, Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 323 and YEA on Roll Call No. 324.

RECOGNIZING
VANDERHEYDEN, NATHAN
SORIA, LUCAS HOFER AND NICK
SWARTZENDRUBER FOR THEIR
STATE TITLE IN THE 4X400
METER RELAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reed Vanderheyden, Nathan Soria, Lucas Hofer and Nick Swartzendruber from Geneseo High School for earning the Class 2A title for the Illinois State Championships in the 4x400 meter relay.

Reed, Nathan, Lucas and Nick Swartzendruber earned a time of 3:21.27a in the 4x400 meter relay, and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold, winning Geneseo High School's first-ever relay state championship and breaking school records along the way. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Reed, Nathan, Lucas and Nick are examples of the importance of perseverance, teamwork and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Geneseo throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Reed Vanderheyden, Nathan Soria, Lucas Hofer and Nick Swartzendruber for their titles, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

WELCOMING PRESIDENT MOON
JAE-IN

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in welcoming President Moon Jae-in to the United States for his first State visit this week.

The United States and the Republic of Korea share a long history of friendship and cooperation based on shared values and interests. Our ties are based on common values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. Our two countries work together to combat regional and global threats and to strengthen our economies. In fact, the Republic of Korea is the United States' sixth largest goods trading partner overall, and the 13th largest economy in the world.

President Moon's visit will reaffirm our strong bilateral relationship at an important time, as our countries work together to address mutual security threats and improve regional security. This is especially important now as the Democratic Republic of Korea's external aggression increases, and as the Republic of Korea's role as a regional and global leader continues to grow.

President Moon's visit will continue our partnership and I am sure his visit will lead to new areas of cooperation between our countries.

HONORING MARGUERITE AND H.F.
"GERRY" LENFEST

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marguerite and H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest on being named the winners of this year's Carnegie Medal. The Lenfests are true philanthropists who have given an incredible amount to the city of Philadelphia.

The Lenfests first founded the Lenfest Foundation in 2000. However, unlike most foundations, the Lenfest Foundation was not meant to remain in perpetuity. Rather, its purpose is to give all of its funds to deserving causes and then dissolve. Their approach embodies the philosophy of Andrew Carnegie himself, who said that "the man who dies rich, dies disgraced."

The Lenfests' contributions to the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding areas have been innumerable. Their contributions helped build the five-story Lenfest Pavilion at Abington Memorial Hospital, they have left a lasting endowment to the Curtis Institute of Music, and they also sponsor the Lenfest College Prep Scholarship, which offers support to Pennsylvania students who would normally be unable to afford elite college preparatory private schools. Perhaps most importantly, The Lenfests have done more than anyone else to ensure that Philadelphia's important cultural events live on. Through their unparalleled support of the Greater Philadelphia Traditions Fund, they kept events and organizations such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Steuben Parade, Puerto Rican Day Parade, Columbus Day Parade, Pulaski Day Parade, Greek Independence Day, Odunde, Pride Day, Mummies Parade, Chester Fine Arts Center, Philly Pops, and the Martin Luther King Day Celebration alive.

Their extraordinary philanthropic spirit has led them to give more than \$1.2 billion to deserving causes. Whether the beneficiaries are children at overnight camps, the Michener Art Museum, or the rowing team at Temple University, the Lenfests' generosity has touched countless Philadelphians. I cannot imagine more deserving recipients of this honor.

The City of Philadelphia would not be the same without the generosity of the Lenfest family. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lenfest on receiving this tremendous honor.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF
ERIN COE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Erin Coe for her dedication to cultivating and promoting fine arts in New York's 21st District.

Throughout her career, Ms. Coe has worked in some of New York's most interesting artistic destinations, including the Shaker Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In 1999,

she began her time as chief curator of the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls; a role Ms. Coe served in for 15 years before becoming the museum's director in 2015.

Under Ms. Coe's supervision, the Hyde has transformed into a regional center for artistic discovery, strengthening its relationship with the local community and expanding its collections and exhibit space. As director, Ms. Coe more than doubled the museum's modern art collection, and worked to open the Feibes & Schmitt Gallery, which houses incredible works from some of the best-known artists of the 20th century.

In addition to her work at the Hyde, Ms. Coe has also contributed to our community through her work on the advisory board of American Women Artists, and as a member of the Forum for Executive Women of the Capital Region. As she begins a new chapter in her career with Penn State University's Palmer Museum of Art, I want to thank Ms. Coe for these efforts, and for sharing her love of art with us all.

In New York's 21st District, we appreciate Erin Coe and her years of service. Her legacy at the Hyde Collection will endure, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING DEION MCSHANE
FOR HIS STATE TITLE IN THE
300 METER HURDLES**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deion McShane, a junior at Freeport High School, for earning the Class 2A title for the Illinois State Championships in the 300 meter hurdles.

Deion McShane earned a time of 36.53 in the 300 meter hurdles to claim for himself the title of state champion, and I would like to recognize Deion for his tremendous accomplishment. Deion's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold, breaking the all-time state record in the process. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Deion is an example of the importance of perseverance and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Freeport throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Deion McShane on his title, and

I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future

HONORING DANIEL AGAMI

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of United States Army Specialist Daniel J. Agami, who was killed in action in Baghdad on June 21, 2007. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Daniel Agami's love of his country inspired him to enlist in the Army after high school. He answered the call to serve, and in doing so, made the greatest sacrifice of all. His tremendous bravery, selfless service, and enduring faith will never be forgotten.

The debt we owe the families of our fallen service members is immeasurable, and we must always strive to be a nation worthy of their sacrifice.

I am honored to join Daniel's parents, Beth and Yitzhak Agami, for a ten year memorial service this weekend. I am proud to honor the Agamis. May Daniel's memory continue to be a blessing.

**AMERICANS STRUGGLING WITH
OPIOID ADDICTION**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this country faces a terrible opioid epidemic that must be confronted head on. In 2015 alone, 33,091 Americans died from opioid overdose. The use of illegal, destructive drugs like heroin and the abuse of prescription drugs like oxycodone and hydrocodone are keeping hardworking Americans out of commission.

As members of the United States House of Representatives, it is our duty to prevent such senseless tragedies from occurring. In 2015, a total of \$36 billion was spent on addiction treatment, and only a fraction of those needing treatment were able to receive it. However, the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) allocates only \$2 billion for opioid addiction

treatment, falling remarkably short of what is needed. BCRA would cut Medicaid by \$772 billion, robbing those with the greatest need of aid.

This will have catastrophic repercussions for the millions of opioid addicts that rely on Medicaid for treatment. If enacted, this legislation will strip 22 million Americans of their health insurance and deprive many of the individuals battling opioid addiction of treatment. This Senate proposal will not solve the opioid crisis; it will do irrevocable harm to American families.

In my home state of Texas, there were 2,588 drug overdose deaths in 2015. This is inexcusable. In the future we must ensure that all individuals suffering from addiction and mental illness are given access to the proper resources and treatment. It is imperative that Congress provide sufficient relief for the millions of Americans struggling with opioid addiction, or thousands of more lives will be lost.

**RECOGNIZING BRAYDEN HAMBLÉN
FOR HIS STATE TITLE IN THE
3200 METER RUN**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brayden Hamblén, a senior at Rock Falls High School, for earning the Class 2A title for the Illinois State Championships in the 3200 meter run.

Brayden Hamblén earned a time of 9:22.90a in the 3200 meter run to claim for himself the title of state champion, and I would like to recognize Brayden for his tremendous accomplishment. Brayden's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold, adding another state championship to his list of other state titles. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Brayden is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Rock Falls throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Brayden Hamblén on his title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.