

program in 1968 by John P. Healey at Saint Frances Cabrini School in San Jose, CMT is the oldest performing arts institution in San Jose.

Since its foundation, CMT has followed its mission of using musical theater to educate and nurture the young people in our community to get involved with art and theater at a young age. Indeed, CMT has grown from a grassroots volunteer organization to one of the largest theatrical training and performing organizations of its kind in the nation. CMT's 50 seasons have engaged around 50,000 performers and so far staged 364 productions.

As the leading youth theater in our community, CMT offers classes and camps to children as young as four years old and performance opportunities to children as young as six. Indeed, CMT offers invaluable experiences through theater to children between four and 20 years old, casting all who audition for its youth theater productions and awarding scholarships to some participants in their fee-based programs.

CMT has thrived as an invaluable artistic organization in our community, receiving 10 awards for artistic excellence from the National Endowment for the Arts. Its artistic vision, under the direction of Kevin R. Hauge since 1996, has helped to bring hundreds of thousands of performance arts patrons to Downtown San Jose, contributing to the cultural renaissance and development and economic vitality of our city.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Children's Musical Theater San Jose for its 50 years of extraordinary contributions to the cultural arts community in our city and its sustained leadership in the development of the young members of our community.

LANE PEARSON NAMED
OUTSTANDING REALTOR FOR 2017

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lane Pearson for being named the Houston Association of Realtors/Fort Bend County Outstanding Realtor for 2017.

Lane Pearson, of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Gary Greene, was recognized for her leadership and support of the Fort Bend County Realtor community. Not only has Lane demonstrated great leadership professionally, but she has also served in many volunteer leadership roles to improve our Fort Bend community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Lane Pearson for being named the Houston Association of Realtors/Fort Bend County Outstanding Realtor for 2017. I thank her for her enduring commitment to making Fort Bend County a great place to live.

HONORING JOHN A. HOBBS IN
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, John A. Hobbs, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. He is simply one of the most amazing men I have ever known.

A native Nashvillian, John A. has lived a life for the storybooks and he's still going strong. He's worked hard all of his life, for example delivering telegrams to the Tennessee Governor's Mansion when he was just a young man during the Depression. I am confident that there was never a better delivery boy than John A. Hobbs. That's why he was chosen to go to the Governor's residence.

As an adult, he saw Nashville's promise long before anyone else, and understood the impact that country music, Opryland, and tourism could have on our city. He has invested his heart and soul into helping Nashville and Middle Tennessee live up to its potential. Nashville is now one of the hottest cities in America due, in part, to John A.'s foresight and energy.

You can read about many of the extraordinary things John A. has done for Middle Tennessee in the excellent book, "The Life and Times of Music Valley's Visionary."

John A. is a devout Catholic and dedicated family man with a large and talented extended family. He built many businesses with his four sons and grandsons over the years, and has developed some of Music City's most iconic attractions for both tourists and lifelong residents.

Despite John A.'s success, he never lost touch with his roots, his childhood friends, and his neighbors. Nobody loves Donelson and its people more than he does.

I particularly love John A.'s lively monthly breakfasts that bring the whole community together and where Nashvillians go to be seen. Where are they held? At the night spot named "John A.'s," of course. You simply cannot win an election in Davidson County unless you are a regular attendee.

I wish John A. Hobbs the happiest of 90th birthdays. He is a truly kind, generous, and wise man. The United States of America, the greatest nation on earth, was built by men like John A. Hobbs, members of the greatest generation.

I am proud to call him my friend.

RECOGNIZING NOAH MCMOYLER
FOR HIS TALENT AND DETERMINATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Noah McMoyler of Dublin, California, for his amazing talent and unwavering determination that led to his recent selection and performances as a contestant on NBC's "The Voice."

Better known by his stage name, "Noah Mac," this Dublin High School senior is truly a

self-taught musician, though he got his start in the most heartbreaking way. When Noah was seven years old, his 19-year-old sister, Stevie—a big inspiration to him—lost her battle with brain cancer. Stevie loved music, which inspired Noah to sing one of her favorite songs at her funeral. He shocked his family and friends with the clarity and quality of his voice.

In the years that followed, Noah spent a great deal of his time teaching himself piano, guitar, and drums, and writing and recording music in a studio he built himself in his family's backyard shed.

Noah quickly gained local attention after his performances at local cafes and school talent shows, and he also starred as Benny in Dublin High School's successful 2016 production of Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical "In the Heights."

In 2017, Noah released his first EP, "Light," and months later, his blind audition for "The Voice" blew the judges away.

With performances of songs including "In the Air Tonight," "Hold Back the River," "Speed of Sound" and "Ordinary World," Noah warmed the nation's heart and made his family, friends and neighbors extremely proud.

Noah, now 18, describes his passion for the musical process: waking up with a melody in his head, writing lyrics, composing, arranging, and bringing the song to life in production. For him, he says, every song is like a unique painting full of color and meaning.

Noah's unrelenting drive and the beautiful music he creates are an inspiration to his fellow students, his neighbors in our 15th Congressional District, and now to the entire nation.

I am honored to count Noah among my constituents, and I wish him even bigger successes in the future.

NEEDVILLE VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS
EARN STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Needville High School Girls Volleyball Team for their fifth state championship and for the impressive awards team members received from the Texas Sports Writers Association (TXSWA), Texas Association of Volleyball Coaches (TAVC) and Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA).

The team, led by TXSWA and TAVC Coach of the Year Amy Schultz, had a remarkable 43–6 season, culminating in their fifth state championship. Anna Gadway was voted TXSWA 4A Player of the Year. She was also named state tournament MVP and made the TAVC and TGCA all-state teams. Sydney Sacra was voted TAVC 4A MVP, earned TXSWA first-team all-state honors and made the TGCA all-state and all-academic teams. Kaitlyn Kovarcik was a TXSWA first-team selection, TAVC all-state honoree and TGCA all-state academic scholar. Hayden Smyers made the TXSWA second team, as well as the TAVC and TGCA all-state squads. Janssen Cain, Kailey Labay and Peyton Sulak made the TGCA all-state academic list.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Needville High School Girls Volleyball team. I look forward to seeing what these talented young ladies will be able to accomplish in the future.

HONORING JULIUS LESTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Mr. Julius Lester.

In the summer of 1964, better known as the Freedom Summer of 1964, Julius Lester traveled to Mississippi to register African-Americans to vote, while documenting the Civil Rights Movement through photographs. Lester also is known for assembling Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s notes while he was imprisoned in the Birmingham jail that became the famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail." His work to inform the public of the Civil Rights Movement is appreciated and admired to this very day.

In 1961, Lester went on to serve as the executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference until 1964. He authored over 40 books during his lifetime and received prestigious honors for his work; such as the New York Times Outstanding Book Award, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award and many others. Lester also served as a professor at the University of Massachusetts for over 30 years.

Today, we mourn the death of Julius Lester. As a prominent figure, he managed to provoke thought in all of those who he came in contact with either in person or through his work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Mr. Julius Lester.

IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT
DONALD J. TRUMP

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I co-sponsored H. Res. 621, Impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors. After I co-sponsored this legislation, I sent the following letter to the people of Minnesota's Fourth District:

For my constituents and for history, I want to be on the record supporting an open, transparent process of Congressional investigations, subpoenas, and impeachment proceedings to hold President Trump accountable for actions that are corrupting the Presidency and damaging our nation. To that end, I am co-sponsoring H. Res. 621, Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald Trump.

Congress has the Constitutional obligation to examine the mounting evidence that President Trump has repeatedly obstructed the criminal investigation into Russia's state-sponsored effort to influence the 2016 presidential election. The recent revelation that the president attempted to fire the lead investigator, Special Counsel Robert

Mueller, further underscores the President's obstruction of justice.

The investigation into acts of collusion or conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia is legitimate and has resulted in two campaign officials, including President Trump's former National Security Advisor, pleading guilty to federal crimes. President Trump's numerous attempts to prevent, obstruct, or impede justice demand action by Congress to hold him accountable.

In addition to his obstruction of justice, President Trump's use of his office to profit personally from outside business interests should be unacceptable to all Americans. President Trump continues to own and influence a global empire of properties and brands for personal profit in direct violation of the Constitution's Foreign and Domestic Emoluments Clauses.

The scope and scale of President Trump's family business dealings and foreign entanglements is unknown, demanding a thorough examination. Unlike other recent presidents, President Trump has refused to publically release his tax returns or place his business holdings in blind trust. Never before in the history of our nation has a President created a potential for such profound and rampant corruption.

It is obvious that Congress must investigate a president who repeatedly obstructs a criminal investigation and appears to be personally profiting from the Presidency. Unfortunately, the Republican-controlled Congress is more interested in covering up for President Trump and protecting itself politically than in conducting a meaningful investigation that provides real accountability for the American people.

As a Member of Congress, I must uphold the Constitution. My support for impeachment is rooted in a belief that no president is above the law. Impeachment is the appropriate Constitutional mechanism available to Congress in the event of extreme actions by the President that violate the Constitution, flout our laws, and undermine the trust of Americans.

President Trump is the only person responsible for the predicament that he has brought on himself and our country. But it will take action on the part of Congress and the American people to stop the damage that he is causing and to begin to heal our country. My co-sponsorship of H. Res. 621 is a critical step in that effort.

DR. ART KLAWITTER NAMED 2017
PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Art Klawitter of Memorial Hermann Medical Group Needville for being named the 2017 Physician of the Year by the Harris County Academy of Family Physicians (HCAFP).

This prestigious award recognizes a medical professional who spends at least half of his or her time in active practice or family practice education. Dr. Klawitter has been practicing medicine in Needville for 36 years, and has dedicated his career to advancing the health and wellbeing of his patients. In addition to his work as a board-certified family physician, he has served in multiple organizations that promote health care at the state and national level. He served as the secretary and treas-

urer for the Texas Medical Association and was a state delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dr. Art Klawitter for being named the Harris County Academy of Family Physicians 2017 Physician of the Year. I thank him for his commitment to keeping the Needville community healthy.

HONORING MARVIN HILL OF
DIERKS, ARKANSAS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize a true American hero. Marvin Hill of Dierks, Arkansas, is a 103-year-old veteran of World War II. On Tuesday, January 30, the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System will recognize Mr. Dierks with a commemorative coin in honor of his service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States.

I ask the people of Arkansas to join the VA and myself in honoring Mr. Dierks and thanking him for fighting in defense of freedom.

IN HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY
OF BENJAMIN RUSSELL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 80th birthday of Benjamin Russell.

Mr. Russell is the Chairman of Russell Lands, Inc. He is married to Luanne Radney Russell and has one daughter, Adelia (Dedie) Russell Hendrix.

Mr. Russell started working summer jobs at Russell Corporation, a large textile firm in Alabama that was founded by his grandfather in 1902. He attended Mercer University and the University of Alabama and served in the Air National Guard—280th ANG, Maxwell Air Force Base. After college and active duty training in the Air National Guard, he was employed by Russell Corporation as a management trainee.

In 1970, he became president of Russell Lands, Inc., a private company owned by the Russell family. Russell Lands, Inc. had previously been a land and timber company, but has since become a diverse organization with more than 500 employees and is recognized as Alabama's largest recreational development company.

Mr. Russell is a member of the Business Council of Alabama, Alexander City Area Chamber of Commerce, First United Methodist Church and Willow Point Golf and Country Club.

Mr. Russell has been recognized for many honors and awards including: Alabama Humanities Award 2016; Heart of the House Award given by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Alabama—2010; The Children's Advocate Award/Margie Curry Lifetime