

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

Achievement Award—2009; Inducted into The Alabama Business Hall of Fame—2008; Indian Springs School's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year—2003; CARE Philanthropist of the Year—2000; Member, Alabama Academy of Honor—1997; Outstanding Philanthropist in Alabama—1994; First CARE World Humanitarian Award—1990; Alexander City Man of the Year—1975.

Mr. Russell turned 80 on January 18, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Mr. Russell a very happy 80th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO'S BUSINESS LEADERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding business leaders in California's Capital Region being honored at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 123rd annual dinner and business awards ceremony. Those being honored are dedicated to the success of the region and have worked tirelessly to advance its economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans, and in thanking the Sacramento Metro Chamber for its tireless efforts to promote business in northern California.

Winnie Comstock-Carlson, President and Publisher of Comstock's Magazine, is Sacramentan of the Year. Mrs. Comstock-Carlson's leadership at the magazine and in the community has served the greater Sacramento region for 28 years. Additionally, she has served on the Metro Chamber board and has been involved in numerous regional non-profit charitable organizations.

Shannon Deary-Bell, President and CEO of Nor-Cal Beverage, is Businesswoman of the Year. Mrs. Deary-Bell is a strong leader in the Sacramento business community. Her service and support of the American Heart Association and many other charitable organizations has not gone unnoticed by the community.

Rick Niello, President of The Niello Company, is Businessman of the Year. Mr. Niello's work as a community leader and humanitarian has had a great impact on the Sacramento region for many years. The Niello Company supports over 40 local charities and non-profit organizations in its philanthropic efforts.

F&M Bank is being inducted into the Centennial Business Hall of Fame. F&M Bank has been providing financial services to individuals, families, and businesses in California for over 100 years. The bank's longevity is a testament to the high quality service and security it continues to provide to Californians.

East Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries and Sacramento International Airport are both being inducted into the Business Hall of Fame. East Lawn has been an exceptional Sacramento business for over 110 years, establishing deep roots in our community's history. East Lawn's pristine service and care of beloved family and friends who have passed on strengthens community bonds. Sacramento International Airport has been serving Sacramento for over 50 years. In 2011 the airport opened the impressive new Terminal B, which has brought great pride and convenience to

the people of Sacramento and the many travelers visiting our region.

Digital Deployment and GNT Solutions are the dual recipients of the Small Business of the Year Award. Digital Deployment opened in Sacramento 13 years ago. Its care for its employees and customers is second to none, which is proven by their impressive success and growth. Its CEO Mac Clemmens is a native Sacramentan and a leader among Sacramento's young up-and-coming CEOs. GNT Solutions has been helping local Sacramento businesses with technology troubles for 14 years. Its experienced team continues to provide its customers with friendly and effective service, allowing businesses to run smoothly and free of IT issues.

Cassandra Jennings, CEO and President of the Greater Sacramento Urban League, is the recipient of this year's Al Geiger Memorial Award. Mrs. Jennings's passion for community development and the lives of the people that live in the Sacramento region is remarkable. Mrs. Jennings is carrying on Mr. Geiger's legacy by serving as a role model who helps inspire others to leadership in service to our region.

Erica Taylor, Vice President of Communications and Community Relations for the Golden 1 Credit Union, is the Volunteer of the Year. Her work over the past two years has played a major part in Golden 1 Credit Union's success as a business and as a partner of our beloved Sacramento Kings.

Jennifer Ablog, Community and Government Relations Manager for Kaiser Permanente, is this year's Young Professional of the Year. Born, raised, and educated in Sacramento, Ms. Ablog is proud to call Sacramento her home. Her dedicated work for Kaiser Permanente has certainly improved the health of the Sacramento community.

Veronika Monell of JumpStart Now is Ambassador of the Year. Mrs. Monell has been praised for her honest and passionate work with small businesses in the Sacramento region. The innovative ideas she brings promotes a progressive Sacramento, helping our businesses lead in the modern economy.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the Sacramento region that I love. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending them for their unwavering commitment to Sacramento.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF KATHLEEN DEPIERO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Kathleen DePiero who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 30, 2017 after a brief illness.

Kathleen graduated from Parkersburg High School and received a degree in journalism from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. She was an Emmy Award winning television reporter and anchor, which included stops in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Cleveland, Ohio. Known for her captivating storytelling and being a natural on camera, Kathleen was

well respected and admired by her colleagues. Kathleen was also a loving mother to two children, Blake and Hadley. She wanted to be there for every aspect of their lives, every single day. Kathleen treasured her time at her family's lake house and her parent's home in Hilton Head Island. She was the happiest surrounded by family and close friends.

Kathleen was known for describing herself as a: Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Friend, Cousin, Aunt, Colleague, Head Room Mom, Hillary lover, Country Music Fan, Book Worm, Wine Aficionado, Half Marathoner, KI Girl, Dog Mom, FFLOP, Happy Hour Connoisseur, SIL, Paddle Boarder, Staunch Democrat, Backstage Dance Mom, Reporter, Supper Clubber, Singer, Work Out Enthusiast, Impersonator, Traveler, Dancer, Hallmark Christmas Movie Watcher, Royal Family Follower, Weather Reporter Wannabe, Granddaughter, Katie Couric Stalker, Mountaineer, Bobcat Girl, AOTT Sister, aka Deeeelores, DIL, Chicken and Biscuit Consumer, Essential Oil Guru, Carpooler, Emmy Award Winner, Yogi, Beachcomber, Cookbook Collector, Salty Dog Frequenter, and so much more.

Kathleen had an infectious laugh that will live in our hearts forever. I know she is deeply missed by her friends and family. I extend my deepest and sincerest condolences.

HONORING UNITY PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Unity Performing Arts Foundation of Fort Wayne, Indiana, along with its CEO and founder, Marshall White. Since 2000, Unity Performing Arts has focused on empowering and developing young men and women in the areas of artistry, character, and leadership. Through faith based community programming, young Hoosiers learn values that last a lifetime.

The Expressions Creative Writing program creates an avenue for students to express themselves through pen and paper, and the Voices of Unity Choir holds all participants to a standard of excellence, both on and off the stage. Nearly 18 years later, programs of the Unity Performing Arts Foundation continue to be successful in developing young leaders in our community.

Unity Performing Arts Foundation has truly had a meaningful impact on northeast Indiana, and I wish this important program continued success.

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 4433, THE SECURING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FIREARMS ACT OF 2017

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 4433, the Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms Act