

Land, TX, for making it to the final round in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge.

Amirthalingam, a 14-year-old student at Travis High School, was named one of the top 10 students in the nation for taking on a global challenge: water conservation. She was the only student from Texas to make it this far in the competition. Meeha was inspired when she learned of the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa, and made it her mission to make water preservation a simpler task. When she was in eighth grade, she developed a toilet flushing system that uses both fresh and recycled water, which reduces water consumption.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Meeha Amirthalingam for becoming a finalist in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. We look forward to seeing what she will accomplish in the future.

**'BEL SANCHEZ RECEIVES 2018
HISPANIC HERO AWARD**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 'Bel Sanchez of Alvin Community College for receiving the 2018 Hispanic Hero Award from Comcast Houston.

Sanchez was one of only ten recipients of this award, which she received for her commitment to making a difference through mentorship, volunteerism, civic engagement and advocacy. She has served on the ACC Board of Regents since 2008. Previously, Sanchez was an educator with Alvin ISD for 30 years and has volunteered for many local boards including the Thelma Ley Anderson YMCA, Red Cross of Brazoria County, Soroptimist International of Alvin, Alpha Delta Gamma and the United Way of Brazoria County. She was the district's first director of bilingual and ESL programs and was named Alvin's Citizen of the year in 2013. Alvin ISD has also named an elementary school in her honor. 'Bel credits her parents for their instruction and wise life lessons, where they felt they were doing the Lord's work through helping out their fellow man.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to 'Bel Sanchez on receiving the Hispanic Hero Award from Comcast Houston. I thank her for her commitment to our students.

**JERRY HODGE NAMED RUNNER-UP
FOR NATIONAL EDUCATOR OF
THE YEAR**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Hodge of Stafford, TX for being one of three national runner-up winners for the 3rd annual National Educator of the Year Award from Edmentum.

Jerry Hodge has worked in education since 1997 and has been with Stafford MSD for the

last seven years. She is an instructor at the Stafford High School's Alternative Education Program, SHS Quest Academy, which serves students who have been repeatedly unsuccessful in a traditional classroom setting. The award is given every year and seeks out Edmentum educators who go above and beyond for their students. Jerry spends countless hours helping students, even going beyond the district recommended time, and visits students at home to help encourage attendance. She makes it a priority to meet with potential graduates and the overall success rate of her program has increased to an impressive 91 percent.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ms. Jerry Hodge. I thank her for her commitment to our Stafford MSD students. We look forward to seeing her accomplishments in the future.

**TRIBUTE TO CAROL AND THE
LATE DON BREMER**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions that Carol and the late Don Bremer have provided to our community of Big Bear Lake as they are awarded the 2018 Humanitarian Award.

After studying to be educators at Wayne State College, the late Don Bremer and his wife Carol Bremer honorably served our country throughout the Korean conflict. The Bremer's spirit for public service progressed through their service as educators and administrators for over thirty-five years. Their experience within military, education and public service only flamed their charitable hearts leading them to establish a Charitable Foundation and create over six endowed annual scholarships; all while engaging and participating in multiple philanthropic organizations. Don and Carol are most recognized for their participation throughout Big Bear Lake with various, fundraisers and community projects including the yearly Big Bear Homecoming Royalty Parade where Don enjoyed towing the float in his 1968 Corvette convertible. Most recently, Don and Carol raised over \$110,000.00 to fix and upgrade our local hospital's patient rooms.

The Bremer's are a shining beacon of charity throughout Big Bear and Southern California and it is with sadness that I learn Don's passing, may his contributions live onward and thank you Carol Bremer for being an exceptional wife, mother and member of our community.

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CATHOLIC
SCHOOL OPENS IN KATY,
TEXAS**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Epiphany of the Lord Catholic School in Katy, TX on opening their doors.

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic School opened to students on August 16, after four years of hard work, fundraising, and careful planning. Denny Dillinger, the development board co-chair has stated the project began four years ago, with 12–18 months of periodic fundraisers. Currently, there are just over 90 students, but 100 are expected on their first day. The faculty consists of 14 teachers, two in prekindergarten, two in kindergarten and one teacher per classes 1–4. The plan is to add at least one grade each year over the next three to four years until they get to eighth grade. The Epiphany School will boast a library, music room, STEM lab and science lab. The church hopes to provide a faith-based alternative to public schools, with a dedication to faith, and knowledge and compassion being at the forefront of their curriculum.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Epiphany Church for opening the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic School.

**LENNY GARCIA EARNS LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lenny Garcia of Alvin, TX for winning the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (TISCA).

Garcia was the head swim coach at Alvin High School between 1981 and 2013 and is a two-time region coach of the year. He is known for his willingness to give each and every student an opportunity and was instrumental in their development in and out of the pool. Over the years, many of his swim and water polo teams advanced to regional and state competitions. Mr. Garcia and his wife Vicky direct the Annual BENeezy Purple Monkey Fun Run, which celebrates the life of their late son Ben. He is also an active volunteer at the Alvin YMCA, the Alvin Senior Center and the Upward Bound program at Alvin Community College and Salvation Army. Lenny will receive his award at the TISCA luncheon on September 15.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Lenny Garcia for winning the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association. We thank him for his continued service and dedication to our students and Alvin community.

**LAMAR CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NAMED 2018 TEXAS HONOR
SCHOOL BOARD**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lamar CISD Board of Trustees for being selected as one of the Honor School Boards as part of the 2018 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board

Awards—one of only five school boards to be selected across Texas.

The five Honor Boards are selected by a committee made up of distinguished school superintendents. Their selection decisions were based on a specific educational criterion, including maintaining harmonious and supportive relationships amongst board members, support for educational improvement projects, a commitment to a code of ethics and support for continuous educational development. The Lamar CISD Board was chosen by Superintendent Dr. Thomas Randle, who said the Board has “made a dramatic impact in the lives of the local community, taxpayer, and schoolchildren in a just a short time.” Their mission resonates within their community as they continue to center their teachings to develop and relay practical life-long learning habits.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Lamar CISD Board of Trustees. I thank them for their commitment to the betterment of education and helping to nurture Texas students. We all wish them the best of luck as they compete for the final prize: 2018 Outstanding School Board.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF PROFESSOR LAWRENCE A.
JEGEN III

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Professor Lawrence A. Jegen III, a pillar of the Indianapolis community and an outstanding teacher and mentor. For 56 years, Professor Jegen served as the Thomas F. Sheehan Professor of Tax Law and Policy at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, and was an active member of the legal community. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Professor Jegen's commitment to providing his law students with an outstanding education and for his significant contributions to the state of Indiana and the nation.

Although he was a Chicago native, Professor Jegen was a long time Hoosier, dedicating more than five decades of service to Indiana University (IU) and his law students. A 1956 graduate of Beloit College, Professor Jegen earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and literature. He later attended the University of Michigan receiving his Juris Doctor in 1959 and a Masters of Business Administration in accounting in 1960. His passion for knowledge led him to New York University, where he received a Master of Laws (LL.M) in taxation in 1963. Professor Jegen began his career as an Assistant Professor of Law in 1962. He later became the Special Counsel for the Indiana Department Revenue in 1963 before becoming a full Professor of Law at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1966. During his tenure, he served on Governor Edgar Whitcomb's Commission on Medical Education in 1970 while teaching taxation, estate planning, and philanthropy. Professor Jegen is best remembered for his love of tax law and his dedication to his students, both prior to and following graduation. I am so fortunate to have been one of those students. He saw the greatness within all his pupils and found fulfillment in helping them grow.

With a proven record as an exceptional leader, Professor Jegen was appointed by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to the Commissioner's Advisory Committee in 1981. For his work, he received nine certificates of recognition from the IRS for contributions to the education of IRS personnel. Professor Jegen was a driving force behind the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), helping to draft the bill and testifying before Congress. After the bill's passage in 1974, he attended the signing ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House at the invitation of President Gerald Ford. ERISA remains an important tax and labor act of legislation today, becoming the underpinning of current pension and 401(k) plans. Professor Jegen also co-founded the Indiana Bar Review, the official bar exam review course of the Indianapolis Bar Association. This program is specifically designed to prepare future Indiana lawyers to practice Indiana law. Here he conducted over 400 bar review tax lectures spanning more than 35 years. Ever dedicated to education, he later co-founded the Annual Tax Institute for Colleges and Universities with

Stewart T. Cobine, which educated thousands of lawyers and accountants from 1994 to 2010.

A testament to an outstanding career, Professor Jegen was honored with numerous awards and accolades. He was awarded the President's Distinguished Teaching Award from IU President John Ryan in 1987 and the Teaching Excellence Recognition Award from the IU Board of Trustees in 1997. He notably received the Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion twice, the highest award given by IU. Professor Jegen was especially honored to receive the “Black Cane Award” six times from students, recognizing him as the most outstanding law professor. He was also a three-time recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governors Matthew E. Welsh, Edgar Whitcomb, and Otis Bowen.

His life-long commitment to the law and his students led to Professor Jegen's service on the board of directors for the American College Probate Counsel, American College Tax Counsel, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, and the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, and served as chairman of Baccalaureate Education Systems Trust of Indiana. He also sat on the advisory boards for the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy and the Midwest Institute on Estate and Tax Planning. He served on the American College Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum in the 1980s and early 1990s where he helped shape and define the direction of future programming efforts. In 2018, an endowed chair, the Lawrence A. Jegen, III Chair in Tax Law, was created in his honor.

Professor Jegen will be forever missed by his family and loved ones as well as his colleagues and friends at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and across Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are grateful for Professor Jegen's service to our Hoosier community and it is my privilege to honor him today. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I thank Professor Jegen for his service to the great state of Indiana and the United States of America. His legacy of excellence will live on for generations to come through his family, friends, colleagues and the thousands of attorneys who had the privilege of learning from him.