

and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Linda on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Linda Carter-Lewis the very best.

CONGRATULATING MARK BEHAN
ON RECEIVING THE HENRY
CRANDALL AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Behan on receiving the Henry Crandall Award.

For the past six years, the Crandall Public Library has presented the Henry Crandall Award to an individual active in the community who embodies the values of loyalty, perseverance, generosity, compassion, and civic pride. This year, the Library selected Mark Behan, a gentleman who is a staple of the Glens Falls community. Mark's dedication to improving his community and his commitment to the Crandall Public Library is admirable.

A former board member of the Crandall Public Library, Mark holds a number of positions that qualify him for this award. He serves his community as the vice chairman of the Board of Governors of Glens Falls Hospital, co-vice chair of the Board of Trustees of The Hyde Collection, a member of the board of the Glens Falls Foundation, and a director of Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. and Arrow Financial Corp. After a career in the newspaper industry, Mark founded Behan Communications, where for 30 years he has provided public relations advice to organizations in his community. His philanthropic spirit is contagious.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Mark for this well-deserved award, and thank him for his tireless commitment to making his community a better place to live.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN
LEWINSTEIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise in remembrance of Brian Lewinstein, who served as an intern in my district office from December 2015 to March 2016. Brian was a bright young man who assisted my office's casework operations, conducted research for my staff and helped organize a constituent issue survey for thousands of my constituents.

Brian planned to devote his life to social justice, equality, and civil rights. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles and would have started his second year at UC Berkeley School of Law this fall. After interning in my district office, Brian went on to intern at the Congressional Management Foundation in Washington, DC. Brian also worked as an intern in juvenile de-

fense at the East Bay Community Law Center in Berkeley helping at-risk youth; he hoped to start a career in public interest law helping people in underserved communities.

Everyone in my district office who worked with him spoke of his intelligence, work ethic, and professionalism, in addition to those who knew him outside the office for his sensitivity, compassion, and humility. His efforts helped ensure that my constituents received assistance from federal agencies and helped me hear directly from them about their policy priorities.

Brian is survived by his parents, Marc Lewinstein and Felicia Lewinstein, and his sister, Jenna Lewinstein, who was his first and biggest fan. I want to thank Brian for his service to California's 33rd Congressional District and commitment to making our society more equal and just. Though Brian was taken from us too soon, I hope that his family is comforted in knowing that Brian made a difference in his community helping those in need. May he rest in peace.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2018. This bill would further encourage the development of important vaccines by doubling the maximum number of special masters the Court of Federal Claims can assign to vaccine cases.

Vaccines are a vitally important component of our public health system. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("Program") was created by Congress in 1988 so that individuals or families of individuals injured by childhood vaccines could receive financial compensation. This "no-fault" system caps the amount of compensation allowed under the Program for vaccine-related injuries, thus meeting the dual goals of encouraging the further development of vaccines and compensating anyone who is injured by them.

The Program was also designed to accelerate the compensation process so that plaintiffs would not have to undergo a full trial before receiving damages that could potentially be used to address their injuries. However, as the number of vaccines covered under the Program has increased, so, too, has the number of cases brought before the court and the special masters. The number of petitions filed has increased from 24 in fiscal year 1988 to 1,120 in fiscal year 2016.

Congress capped the number of special masters at eight when it first authorized the Program, and has not increased it since, despite the increased number of covered vaccines and petitions filed. To meet the demand caused by the increased number of these complex cases, my bill would increase the maximum number of special masters allowed to 16. Moreover, the court may reduce the number of special masters should the number of cases drop, as this is a statutory ceiling, not a floor.

This is an important measure to ensure compensation when necessary and further important medical development. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO TERI WAHLIG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Teri Wahlig, CEO of ChildServe, for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Teri Wahlig has committed her life to serving others. She started her career as a neonatologist at Mercy Medical Center and began to volunteer with ChildServe after learning of the company's mission of serving children with unique medical treatment needs. According to Business Record, "[ChildServe] aligned with her personal goals of caring for each families' spirit, as well as their child's physical treatment." Dr. Wahlig's passion lead her to become ChildServe's first full-time medical director in 2011. On July 1st, she became the company's CEO.

Teri Wahlig's passion to serve extends beyond her work in medicine. She continues to serve as chairwoman of the YMCA Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Teri Wahlig in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Teri on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Dr. Teri Wahlig the very best.

HONORING DANIEL RISSER OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR ACHIEVING
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my constituent, Daniel Risser, for his accomplishment in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting; only a small number of Boy Scouts are able to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by myriad requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout project to benefit the community.

Daniel has been a Scout for ten years, since he joined Troop 150 in the first grade. Since then he has been deeply involved in the organization, rising to become a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Daniel also performed a great deal of community services through his involvement in the National Youth Leadership Training Program.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who demonstrate hard work and selflessly devote themselves to serving our communities and fellow citizens. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate Daniel Risser on his great accomplishment, and wish him God-speed in his future adventures.

**HOUSTON METHODIST SUGAR
LAND HOSPITAL NAMED ONE OF
AMERICA'S TOP 100 COMMUNITY
HOSPITALS**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital for being named one of America's top community hospitals by Becker's Hospital Review.

This review recognizes hospitals that have achieved outstanding clinical quality and operational excellence, while having a significant economic impact on their communities. Houston Methodist Sugar Land is one of just five Texas hospitals named to the 2018 list and the only hospital in Fort Bend County to be honored. This award is a testament to the excellent care provided by the hospital's physicians, nurses and staff.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital for being named one of America's top 100 community hospitals. I thank them for their commitment to providing only the best care for our Fort Bend County Community.

CHINA CAMP VILLAGE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 150th anniversary of China Camp Village. Welcoming more than 260,000 visitors each year to its 1,500 acres of parkland, natural resources, and recreation areas, China Camp is an important part of the Bay Area's past, present, and future.

One of a few fishing villages in the San Pablo Bay in the mid-1800s, China Camp was home to thousands of Chinese American immigrants who came to work at newly built dairy ranches and brick manufacturing plants in the area, while continuing to fish for income and for their families. China Camp Village still maintains a 300-foot wooden pier and several wooden homes where the former Chinese fishing camp once stood, preserving the area's rich and diverse history.

As fresh water was diverted from rivers that entered San Pablo Bay, it became too salty

for shrimping. China Camp transitioned to a state park in 1977 when a developer donated the 36-acre village as a living memorial to the important Chinese American history it represents. Years later, the Friends of China Camp helped save the park when it was threatened for closure during a state funding crisis. In 2011, I authored legislation, Assembly Bill 42, to allow California state parks to be managed by non-profit operators. The bill was approved and signed into law, and the Friends of China Camp entered an agreement with California State Parks to manage China Camp.

Today, China Camp is still operated by the Friends of China Camp, a non-profit organization comprised of dedicated staff and volunteers, who are hard at work to increase campgrounds and picnic sites and expand interpretive programs for visitors while also attracting the community to engage in protecting its important natural and cultural resources.

In keeping with its past, China Camp continues to evolve and grow with changing times and the environment. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore appropriate that we stand together today, in celebration of 150 years of China Camp Village, as a living tribute to the Bay Area's history and future.

**HONORING CHAPLIN RICARDO
GARCIA**

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chaplin Ricardo Garcia and his commitment to serving those in need.

Chaplin Garcia's dedication to selfless service is commendable and deserving of recognition. Chaplin Garcia has delivered aid to regions affected by natural disasters such as Joplin, Missouri after it was hit by a tornado, Louisiana after the destructive flooding, and most recently Houston in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The Chaplin's work with the Emergency Ministries Service Church and Garcia Trail Rider moves and inspires all of us. The Emergency Ministries Service Church provides food, preaches to the youth, gives the homeless a nice, warm place to rest for the night and much more. Chaplin Garcia also led a trail ride to benefit a Vietnam veteran battling cancer and has an upcoming trail ride to benefit St. Jude's.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent individuals, such as Chaplin Garcia, who consistently put the needs of others before their own. Chaplin Ricardo Garcia and all of the people who volunteer to work with him at Emergency Ministries Services Church and Garcia Trail Rider are shining examples of what the 15th District of Texas has to offer.

**TRIBUTE TO BONNIE AND ED
DAVIDSON**

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bonnie

and Ed Davidson of Corning, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 7, 2018.

Bonnie and Ed's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Bonnie and Ed Davidson on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

**IN RECOGNITION OF MS. VIRGINIA
ANN SANDERS**

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Virginia Ann Sanders, a remarkable volunteer, public servant, and outspoken advocate of those less fortunate both in our community and around the world.

For her incredible service to the causes to which she has given so much of herself, Ann has been awarded title of Kentucky Colonel in 2001, the Silver and Gold President's Volunteer Service Awards in 2012 and 2011, respectively, and the President's Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award in 2017, far exceeding the 4,000-hour requirement of service hours. A small number of the organizations and individuals she has donated her crafting or clowning skills, her time, or her resources to are: Clowns of America International; Kolonial Klowns of Williamsburg, Alley No. 357; Rainy Day Kids, LLC.; the Humane Society; the Salvation Army; Sgt. Santa, Inc.; Camp Sunlight for children with Xeroderma Pigmentosum; Operation Christmas Child; the Special Olympics at the University of Richmond; American Red Cross; the children of Haiti; Samaritan's Purse; numerous fundraiser walks; Stonehouse Preschool; and Menokin Baptist, Church of the Good Shepherd, Jamieson Memorial United Methodist, and Buffalo Baptist Church. Ann is also a breast cancer survivor. With a career spanning 30 years, Ann has also worked for the Department of Defense at Dahlgren and Fort Lee as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Richmond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the work of Ann Sanders; words cannot capture the amount of time, energy, and emotion Ann has devoted to volunteer efforts throughout her life as well as in service to our country throughout her career. The greatest way to express the overwhelming gratitude of our community is simply, "thank you."