

homes can be. Please fight for the average citizen by allowing local governments to establish limits and guidelines for all SLH's to follow. Don't forget us the average, tax paying citizen.

JEFFREY FREI,  
*Costa Mesa, California.*

I submit my testimony from the perspective of a registered nurse. I have worked at a local hospital for many years, where I have taken care of patients who resided at a local sober living facility. They were always from out of state, citing that Costa Mesa and the surrounding area are the Mecca for sober living facilities, providing verification for the "recruitment" process to our city.

As a nurse, I confirm that we do a disservice to the sober living residents by not maintaining and demanding stricter regulation, assessment, and regular evaluation. The hospital must submit to regular inspection and regulation. Why should the sober living facilities not be held to the same level of standard, where they are equally responsible for the welfare and care of their clients? By allowing lax guidelines and loopholes like the Fair Housing Act to protect the owners, the vulnerable clients do not receive the care they need to succeed in their programs but instead end up in situations where they are allowed to engage in activities that harm their recovery and subject neighborhoods to various levels of harm as well. In regard to those clients who fail their programs and become homeless in our community, an added level of public health issues is created.

Better policies and procedures must be put in place to allow our local government to regulate the sober living facilities and provide the authority to help those in need without jeopardizing the health of the clients and our city as a whole.

LAURI MCMILLEN,  
*Costa Mesa, California.*

Many Thanks Dana Rohrabacher for championing this awful situation local residents are in. There are far too many mid 20-year old persons walking the streets mid-day wearing back backs on a daily basis. I can also tell they are not local residents. We've had a bike stolen since living in Costa Mesa. Lived in Newport Beach for 30 years without a problem. I pay approximately \$14,000 annually in property taxes and do not feel safe in my own Costa Mesa community. People approaching me at gas stations asking for money. It's scary.

COLLEEN PILZ,  
*Costa Mesa, California.*

EASTLAND TEXAS' OWN, CLIFTON  
A. HORN

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the small rural Texas town of Eastland is the home of Clifton A. Horn who was born there 92 years ago on October 24th. After graduating from high school in 1943, he worked in the shipyards building destroyer escorts for the U.S. Navy in Orange, Texas. In 1944, the Colonel, as he is known to all, was inducted into the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet training to be a multiengine pilot. However, World War II ended before he was able to serve.

The Colonel returned to Texas to attend the University of Houston where he served as a

judge on the Student Court, as president of his fraternity, and as a member of the student government. Colonel Horn worked to establish the ROTC program at the University of Houston and was in the first class of members who graduated from the program at the University of Houston. His portrait still hangs on the wall in the ROTC office.

While attending the University of Houston, Clifton was a volunteer that fought the fire caused by a fertilizer explosion on the S.S. Grandcamp, a French freighter. The explosion obliterated Texas City, killing nearly 600 people, and lifting ships directly out of the water. The Texas City Disaster of April 1947 was the largest non-nuclear explosion killing hundreds and destroying the docks.

After graduating from the University of Houston, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and called to active duty. The Colonel then served in the 7th Field Artillery of the Big Red One 1st Infantry, attended Basic Officers Course, and then served as a Company Commander in Korea's 142nd Quartermasters Battalion, then served as a Group Commander at Ft. Bragg. He served all over Germany, Europe, Japan and the United States. During this time, he also graduated from the United States Army War College.

Colonel Horn's decorated career continued as he served as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army during his first tour of Vietnam. During his second tour, he commanded a firebase as a battalion commander in the 1st Cavalry Division Airmobile. After his final tour in Vietnam, Colonel Horn was transferred to Washington, D.C. to serve in the Immediate Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. It was during this time that he was promoted to full Colonel.

In 1972, he was transferred to Germany as the Commander of the US Army Procurement Agency Europe. The Colonel retired in 1978 after honorably serving his nation for over 30 years. He can now be found most days on the golf course or playing gin or poker in the locker room of the Atascocita Country Club. Clifton's daughter-in-law, Tonia Horn, a United States Air Force Veteran, is a member of my Texas staff. For all of his world travels, the Colonel is happiest when surrounded by his wife of 62 years, three children, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Happy golfing, Colonel Horn. Your bravery and courage has helped make our nation a safer place.

And that is just the way it is.

2018 NORTHERN INDIANA AREA  
LABOR FEDERATION COMMUNITY  
LABOR AWARDS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate several of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens. The Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation, American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), will recognize several individuals and organizations for their dedication and service during the Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation Community Labor Awards Reception, which will be held at Duneland

Falls Banquet Center in Chesterton, Indiana, on Thursday, October 18, 2018. These individuals, in addition to all Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are the epitome of the ideal American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hard-working.

At this year's event, several individuals and organizations will receive special recognition. North Township Trustee Frank J. Mrvan will be the recipient of the Service to Labor Award for his many years of support to the labor movement and his outstanding dedication to union members.

The Union Labor Award will be presented to Ryan Reithel, Business Manager, IBEW Local 697, for his unselfish devotion to the labor movement through its promotion in all areas: social, civic, educational, and political.

The Chicago UAW—Ford Community Service Team will be recognized with the Community Services Award for its exemplary work on behalf of the community and to the enhancement of the quality of life for residents and visitors of Northwest Indiana.

Lorenzo Crowell, Jr., SEIU Healthcare IN/IL, will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of labor activism and his commitment to his community. For the exceptional service he has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, he is worthy of our admiration and respect.

Tom Schmitt, USW 7-1, will be presented the George Meany Award for his significant contributions to the youth of our communities through his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

The President's Award will be presented to Indiana State Senator Karen Tallian and Indiana State Representative Chuck Moseley for their dedication to the labor movement and their noteworthy service to the organization. They are truly worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and exemplary citizens, while commending all of the hard-working union men and women throughout America. They have shown commitment and courage toward their pursuits, and I am proud to represent each of them in Washington, D.C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW COVENANT ACADEMY ON 40 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of New Covenant Academy, located in Springfield, Missouri.

New Covenant Academy was founded in 1979 by a group of parents and grandparents, who wanted to afford their children the right to a Christian education. This dedicated group could not have imagined that after 40 years in operation, the school would grow from 22 enrolled students during the first year, to 650 this academic year. It is fitting, that to celebrate their 40th Anniversary, New Covenant Academy will open a second campus, providing a new home to the 5th through 8th grade classes.

The mission statement of New Covenant Academy is simple, "New Covenant Academy is a Christian college preparatory school committed to achieving Academic Excellence teaching Biblical Truth and developing Christ-like Character for students grades JK through 12th grade in the greater Springfield area." This is what that small group of dedicated parents wanted and envisioned when they set out to open this school in 1979.

Mr. Speaker, New Covenant Academy has served the Springfield area for the past 40 years. Over that time, they have provided Christian education to many students, and making a lasting impact on the lives of all who walk through their doors. They have achieved their goal through hard work and faith. I am pleased to rise today, honoring a truly tremendous school.

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TRIBUTE TO VOCATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Vocational Development Center (Vodec) of Council Bluffs, Iowa. This year marks the 50th year of operations for the Center, which opened its doors in 1968.

Vodec was founded in Council Bluffs and employs nearly 380 people. This non-profit began as an advocacy group to provide a structured, safe, and sheltered work environment for children graduating from high school with disabilities. Since then, the organization has expanded into Nebraska and eastern Iowa and offers a variety of services including resident support, employment, job placement, and day habilitation. Steve Hodapp, Chief Executive Officer for Vodec said, "As the need for different services arises, we can respond to that. Our strategic plan is designed around being responsive to need. That's what our growth is all about."

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate the Vocational Development Center and its staff for providing cutting-edge services to disabled individuals in the Council Bluffs area, Nebraska, and throughout eastern Iowa for the past 50 years. I urge my colleagues in the United States Congress to join me in congratulating Vodec for their numerous achievements in helping those with disabilities. I wish Vodec and all of their employees continued success in the future.

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RECOGNIZING FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS NATASHA BEDNARZ, ANDREA BISCOVEANU, ELIAV EHRENKRANTZ, JULIANA HEFFERN, ROBERT McDONOUGH, JAKE MEYERS, AND ALEXANDRA MILLER

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for more than 70 years, the Fulbright Program, estab-

lished by Congress and funded through an annual appropriation to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, has forged connections between emerging leaders in the United States and across the globe. Since 1946, more than 380,000 individuals from the United States and over 180 countries have participated in the Fulbright Program. These individuals represent the excellence and diversity of the United States and other countries.

I rise today to recognize the prestigious accomplishments of students from my district who received Fulbright Scholarships for the 2017–2018 academic year:

Ms. Natasha Bednarz, Yardley, PA, Boston College, Armenia

Ms. Andrea Biscoveanu, Yardley, PA, Pennsylvania State University-University Park, Australia

Mr. Eliav Ehrenkrantz, New Hope, PA, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Russia

Ms. Juliana Heffern, Carversville, PA, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Malaysia

Mr. Robert McDonough, Trevoise, PA, La Salle University, Austria

Mr. Jake Meyers, Richboro, PA, Washington and Jefferson College, Cambodia

Ms. Alexandra Miller, Newtown, PA, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Argentina

These scholars make us tremendously proud. On behalf of all residents in the Eighth Congressional District, we congratulate them on their outstanding achievements.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT  
OF GREATER LAFAYETTE AND  
ITS FOUNDERS PAM MOW AND  
DANA VANN

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, The Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette will host its twenty-second and final trip escorting America's Hoosier veterans to Washington, DC, to visit memorials dedicated to honor their service. I rise today to recognize this exceptional organization and the two remarkable women who have dedicated their hearts to its success.

Organization founders Pam Mow and Dana Vann are Gold Star Mothers. Dana's son Senior Airman John Morton, Jr., lost his life in Italy while serving in the Air Force on September 3, 2002. He was 22 years old. On April 12, 2007, Pam Mow lost her son Army Corporal Cody Putnam when he died in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was 22 years old. These women have already sacrificed so much, yet for the past seven years, they have chosen to honor the lives and service of veterans through the Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette.

The first honor flight from Lafayette, Indiana, took place on April 16, 2012. Since that time over 1,800 veterans have departed the Purdue University Airport to arrive in Washington, D.C., where they and their guardians were able to visit the war memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery.

Veterans have told me that viewing the monuments, which honor their service, is a very moving experience. Additionally, they really enjoyed receiving letters of appreciation from relatives, friends, and school children at "Mail Call" and being greeted by hundreds of patriotic, flag-waving Americans on the tarmac when their plane returned to Lafayette. One veteran expressed to me, "It was the best day of my life."

These once in a lifetime Hoosier veteran experiences are because of the dedication, leadership, and work of Pam Mow and Dana Vann. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for their service to veterans and the community-at-large. It is truly an honor to congratulate them for the twenty-two successful trips of The Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette. May God bless Pam and Dana as they go forward with their lives.

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HONORING SARA SEALANDER  
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sara Sealander as a woman of the year. She is an artist, educator, and activist. She taught both Art History and Studio Art classes fulltime at Yuba Community College for 38 years and continues her work teaching as an adjunct professor of Art History. She has long been the leading voice for women in the arts in her community. She created the curriculum for the Women in the Arts classes she teaches, and which are now taught in other schools. She has mentored a whole generation of artists and art instructors in her community and remains passionate about the role of arts in education and society. Ms. Sealander's skill and passion for the arts goes beyond her work into activism. Fueled by threats to eliminate the National Endowment for the Arts, she organized public protests to educate the public about the importance of the NEA to society and its impact in our local community. She also founded a local chapter of Guerilla Girls, an international group of feminist activist artists who use their artistic talents to make social commentary. Ms. Sealander's activism works to promote the importance of art to community and society. She continues to be an inspiration to young artists and the next generation of arts instructors at all levels of education in the Yuba-Sutter community. She generously gives her time to curate an annual Art Faculty Art show and has devoted many hours to the Yuba College Fine Arts Alumni group. She makes time to mentor graduates, ensuring that the value of art in her community will never be lost. She has devoted her career to promoting the arts and without her devotion to the importance of art, the artistic community of the Yuba-Sutter area would not be what it is today.