

its culture, and traditions was a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices. Sindi was especially effective in her service to Members and staff as she escorted them on fact-finding and oversight delegations within the United States and around the world. I traveled with Sindi on multiple occasions. Her expert planning, attention to detail, and love of travel enabled exceptional visits for my fellow Members of Congress and myself. I found her to be a thoughtful, intelligent, and professional soldier in the best traditions of America's Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Sindi during her time as an Army Congressional Liaison Officer in the House of Representatives. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Major Sindi Anne Connell, and her husband, Joshua Hengst. I wish them the very best.

HONORING COMMUNITY
RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Resources for Children (CRC) for providing excellent early learning and care resources for families and children across Napa County, California for forty years.

Founded in 1978, Community Resources for Children strives to advocate and educate the public on the importance of early education and child care. It has provided nearly 45,000 referrals for child care and over \$44 million dollars to local child care providers that care for children of low income and student or working parents. For the past forty years, CRC has offered families quality early education materials for free and created early learning activities for families, child care providers, caregivers, educators and other community members.

Community Resources for Children provides professional development and one on one coaching to more than 140 local child care providers that service more than 1,700 children per year. Its programs work to increase the quality and amount of available child care in Napa County and have strengthened the local economy while putting families on the pathway to success.

Community Resources for Children also aims to empower parents by ensuring they have the necessary resources to make child care and early education decisions. Through all of its programs and assistance CRC hopes to help parents succeed as their child's first teacher.

Mr. Speaker, Community Resources for Children is an admirable organization dedicated to the care and education of future generations in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Community Resources for Children here today.

HONORING TRES YORK

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Tres York, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Tres worked in my Shelbyville office for over a year, serving as a staff assistant and driver. Tres is a hard worker and was a huge asset to our organization. Since leaving our office, Tres has worked for the Indiana House of Representatives, MIBOR Realtor Association, and now is an Advisor for Foresters Financial.

On a personal note, Tres is my friend. We share a love for the life lessons of sports and a commitment to family. I want to thank Tres for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. I will be cheering Tres on every step of the way.

CONGRATULATING KESHAV GOEL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Keshav Goel, of Monte Sereno, California, on being selected as a George J. Mitchell Scholar.

One of our nation's most prestigious scholarships, the program was created 20 years ago by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance and named in honor of Senator George J. Mitchell's contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process. The program selects future American leaders for one year of graduate study in Ireland. Keshav Goel is one of 12 Mitchell Scholars selected this year out of 370 students who applied from more than 200 Congressional Districts across the U.S.

Keshav is a dual major in Biology and Economics at Williams College. Understanding that socioeconomic inequality is one of the greatest public health concerns in the U.S., he has conducted research on ailments that disproportionately affect the world's poor. Growing up in Monte Sereno, California, Keshav co-authored his first published clinical paper at the age of 16 on the automated detection of congenital heart defects in newborns. He is currently conducting a year-long senior biology thesis to uncover the causes of asthma which disproportionately impacts children in impoverished countries. He has also conducted health economics research with Harvard Medical School to assess the quality and effectiveness of federally funded clinical trials. Outside the classroom, Keshav serves as a peer mentor with an organization in Western Massachusetts that provides drama therapy to adolescent survivors of trauma. An aspiring physician, Keshav will study Immunology and Global Health at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Keshav embodies the spirit of leadership and academic excellence that led to the creation of the Mitchell Scholarship program. I congratulate him on his selection as a George J. Mitchell scholar and wish him every success during his year in Ireland.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOMENETMEN
GLENDALE "ARARAT" CHAPTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter upon its fortieth anniversary.

Established in 1918, the Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, commonly referred to as Homenetmen, has served hundreds of thousands of youth worldwide. In 1922, when Homenetmen chapters in Constantinople were forced to close, its leaders dispersed across the world. From there, a network of chapters began appearing globally, including in the United States.

Homenetmen Western USA presently comprises 19 chapters, with several within California's 28th Congressional District, which is home to a large and vibrant Armenian-American community. This extraordinary organization has preserved the Armenian spirit by introducing Armenian-American youth to the rich Armenian culture and heritage, and has provided them with physical, moral and social education.

Founded in 1978, the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter is the largest chapter in Homenetmen Western USA. It has served thousands of children, young adults and seniors over the years and has provided scouting, athletic, educational, cultural, and wellness activities to the communities it serves. The organization has been especially committed to improving the lives of our next generation by offering healthy programs for teens and young adults through supervised weekend and after school activities in a family-oriented environment. In addition, it has championed teaching the importance of volunteerism, teamwork and citizenship.

The time, effort, and care that the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter has given to the community is invaluable, and the Armenian-American residents of Southern California have benefited greatly from its dedicated work. The organization has played a significant role in shaping our children into responsible citizens and thriving members of society, who become shining examples of Homenetmen's motto—"Elevate Yourself and Others With You."

I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter for forty years of dedicated service.

HONORING STEPHEN GODDARD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Stephen Goddard, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Stephen worked on our team during the 115th Congress, serving as a legislative fellow in my Washington, D.C. office. In this role, Stephen was responsible for advising me on a variety of policy issues, managing our internship program, handling tour requests, and writing consistent mail. He also helped write the

Eastern Legacy Extension Act, which extends the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail eastward. The bill recently passed by the House of Representatives and awaits action in the Senate. Since leaving our office, he has gone on to work as an Account Manager at Bloomberg Government.

I want to thank Stephen for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING THE LIVES OF KCFD FIREFIGHTERS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE 1988 EXPLOSION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary memorial service honoring six Kansas City firefighters who tragically lost their lives serving the community.

On November 29, 1988, just before 4:00 in the morning, the Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) responded to a call at a construction site in the south end of the city. What started as a routine emergency response rapidly turned into tragedy and destruction. The fire escalated to a massive explosion, ultimately killing six firefighters. Fire Captain Gerald Halloran, Fire Captain James Kilventon, fireman Thomas Fry, fireman Luther Hurd, fireman Robert McKarnin, and fireman Michael Oldham gave their lives in service to the community. While their legacy of courage, heroism, and dedication to the public is forever preserved, what remains is the absence of six men who were loved by many.

As Mayor pro tempore at the time, I remember arriving to a scene of grief and heartache. I can still recall the overwhelming wave of sorrow and despair that overcame me as I looked down from the helicopter at the devastation. It is a morning that I will never forget.

For a century and a half, the Kansas City Fire Department has served the people of Kansas City, guided by the mission “to protect and serve the community with commitment and dedication to excellence.” The profound legacies that Gerald Halloran, James Kilventon, Thomas Fry, Luther Hurd, Robert McKarnin, and Michael Oldham leave behind embody the department’s mission to serve the community today. This tragic event changed the firefighting profession, prompting new advancements in safety protocols that protect first responders today.

Thirty years later, on the anniversary of the 1988 explosion, the community will come together to reflect and honor these six men who gave their lives doing what they loved, what they wholeheartedly believed was their mission in life—to serve and protect the people of our city.

As I stand here today to honor these six men and reflect on the solemn event which took their lives, I also want to acknowledge the brave women and men in our community who fight fires. In 2015, a three-alarm fire in the heart of Kansas City’s Northeast neighbor-

hood took the lives of two firemen, Larry Leggio and John Mesh. And like the 1988 explosion, the Kansas City community rallied and unified to seek justice for the firefighters that dedicated their lives to saving those in danger.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District in remembering and honoring the lives of the six firefighters who selflessly dedicated themselves to public service. The legacy they leave behind is a perpetual reminder of the sacrifices of the Kansas City Fire Department and firefighters across the nation. Let us join together in recognizing these six men who nobly served their communities and their families.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF LEAH CAMPOS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Leah Campos, an Arizona native and Senior Advisor for the Western Hemisphere on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Throughout my time as Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman, Leah has advised me on matters pertaining to Latin America and the Caribbean. This region is critical to our country’s national interests, and our Committee would not have been able to engage successfully with this part of the world without Leah’s advice and counsel.

Before coming to Capitol Hill, Leah served in the foreign field as an Operations Officer in the Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency. Her Congressional achievements aside, for this work alone, Leah has earned my gratitude and admiration. Leah’s time serving in the field informs her understanding of what constitutes vital U.S. interests, and how best to leverage our country’s strength in pursuit of those interests. Believing as she does in the value of diplomacy, Leah forged important relationships with the region’s diplomatic community in Washington and abroad, keeping Committee members apprised of key issues. Her free-market instincts kept her focused on our ever-important relationship with Mexico, and the commercial benefits of that interconnection to Americans across the country—including in Leah’s home state of Arizona.

Leah is the proud mother of four children—Christian, Isabela, Soledad and Xavier—a lifelong conservative, and strong believer in the principles of economic liberty and limited government. I am grateful for her work on the Committee, and wish her the very best in the future.

HONORING TYLER COSTAS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Tyler Costas, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Tyler worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as a member of our political operations team. He also interned in our Washington, D.C. office, where he was responsible for giving tours of the Capitol, and working with our legislative team. Tyler has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our team.

On a personal note, I admire Tyler’s loyalty, intellect and work ethic. He has been a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt Tyler’s future is very bright. I want to thank Tyler for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN HONOR OF ARMY SPECIALIST JOSE L. RUIZ

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you to present H.R. 5412, which would rename the United States Postal Service facility located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood, New York as the “Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building.”

Throughout the 2nd District of New York, there are countless examples of fine men and women who have honorably served and protected our country. Putting the needs of the country before their own, these men and women have gone overseas to defend our freedoms and protect those who could not protect themselves.

One of these constituents was Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz. In the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks, SPC Ruiz was inspired to leave his job as a computer network engineer and join the United States Army. During his service, SPC Ruiz was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Stryker Brigade Combat team based in Fort Lewis, Washington. With his unit, SPC Ruiz was deployed to Iraq. While conducting security operations in Mosul, his position was approached by enemy forces in a civilian vehicle who attacked the position with small arms fire. SPC Ruiz was tragically killed in the attack.

SPC Ruiz was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, and several other awards for his service and bravery.

With his untimely passing, SPC Ruiz left behind a loving family, including his brothers, Alexander and Eduardo, Jr., his sister Rosa, his loving wife Alexa, his young daughter Liana, and his parents, Eduardo and Juliana.

Renaming this USPS facility is a small way to honor the sacrifice of SPC Ruiz and his family. SPC Ruiz is a true American hero.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily