

are less fortunate. The Boy Scouts of Sam Houston Area Council must be commended for thinking of others before themselves. And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING ANDREW CARPENTER ON RECEIVING A "YES I CAN" AWARD FROM THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Carpenter for receiving the "Yes I Can" Award from the Council for Exceptional Children.

The "Yes We Can" Award is presented by the Council for Exceptional Children, a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of youth with exceptionalities, in recognition of accomplishments in various categories. Andrew is one of only twelve students worldwide receiving this prestigious award, and will be honored in the transition category.

Andrew, who is affected by autism, graduated from Gloversville High School in 2015 and subsequently enrolled in Transitions at Lexington, a chapter of The Arc New York, which prepares teenagers and young adults with autism and learning differences for college, careers, and life.

Throughout his time at Transitions, Andrew continues to flourish, developing skills including self-advocacy and goal-setting to equip him for success in life. His enriching experience has even included becoming a vocalist for the popular Lexington-based band, Flame, which travelled to Carpi, Italy, last year to perform at the International Festival of Different Abilities. Andrew also currently attends Fulton-Montgomery Community College, where he studies communications.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to recognize Andrew for his hard work and commitment at Transitions that led him to great success. He is a deserving recipient of this award and I want to wish him all the best in the years ahead.

IN MEMORY OF DR. JAMES R. BUSH, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2018, a memorial service was conducted at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, Louisiana, to honor the life of Dr. James R. Bush, Jr.

I include in the RECORD the following thoughtful obituary published in The Crowley-Post Signal on January 27, 2018:

A Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Thursday, Feb. 1, for Dr. James R. Bush, Jr., 68, who died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family. A rosary will be said Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph

Catholic Church. The services will be officiated by Fr. William "Bill" Roskoski and Deacon Tommy Adams.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Bush of Rayne; his wife of 44 years, Mary Bush of Rayne; two sons, Michael Bush and wife Courtney of Rayne, and John Bush and wife Lindsey of Crowley; two daughters, Mary Katharine Doré and husband Jason of Washington, D.C., and Elizabeth Leonards and husband Luke of Lafayette; a brother, David Bush and wife Sandra of Rayne; two sisters, Nancy Stutes of Baton Rouge and Elizabeth Mooney and husband Mike of Rayne; six grandchildren, Vivian, M.J., Jack-Thomas, Eleanor, William and Mary-Cynthia; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. James R. Bush, Sr.; a brother, Jerome Bush; two nephews, Ben Stutes and Derek Bush; and a brother-in-law, Darrell Stutes.

Dr. Bush was born April 8, 1949, in Church Point to Dr. and Mrs. James R. Bush, Sr. A 1967 graduate of Rayne High School he earned his bachelor of science degree from USL in Lafayette. He went on to complete studies at the LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans in 1975. He practiced dentistry in Baton Rouge between 1975 and 1985, after which, he returned home and served the Rayne community from 1986 until 2009.

Dr. Bush was a member of the Rayne Lions Club and the 6th District Dental Association. He will be remembered not only as a kind and loving person, always willing to help in any way possible; but, also as a compassionate dentist and caregiver who cared for all his patients.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall No. 61; yea on rollcall No. 62; and nay on rollcall No. 63.

HONORING NATHANIEL "NATE" ADAMS, JR.

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a community leader, Nathaniel "Nate" Adams, Jr., a man who has left an indelible mark on both the Bronx and Westchester counties which I represent. Nate has lived a full and active life, one that has taken many interesting turns over the years. Born on November 9th, 1941 Nate was raised and educated in Cleveland, and went on to Purdue University, where he was awarded a full track and field scholarship, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1965.

In his professional life, Nate was a teacher-coach at Woodlands High School in Hartsdale, New York and later became the cofounder of RAN Associates in 1970. Then in 1972, Nate began a star-studded entertainment career, first as an associate producer for the movie "Super Fly" and then as an actor and clothing designer for the movie "Classic." Nate then worked as a special events organizer for Don

King Productions, where he produced a musical concert in Zaire ahead of the Muhammed Ali Vs. George Foreman prize fight. In 1980, he was a producer for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) where he created the UNCF Walkathon, "Walk a Mile, to Save a Mind"; in 1985 he became Director of Special Events of CARE International; in 1986 he became producer for International Tours for KOOL & the Gang; and in 1990 he became Tour Manager for the Lloyd Price Group, the Four Kings of R&B, and other greats. Nate was also the cofounder of the Black National Sports and Entertainment Foundation.

Incredibly, Nate was just as active outside of work, too. He has been a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in New Rochelle since 1978, and became a Deacon himself in 1982. In 2002, Nate became chairman of the Shiloh Community Development Corporation, which led to the construction of a 40-unit senior housing facility in New Rochelle. In 2006, he became chairman of the Deacon Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church, then just two years later, became President of Tilden Towers II Board of Directors in the Bronx.

Of course for all his great accomplishments, Nate would always point to family as his greatest. He and his wife Audrey have been married since 1967, and they have been blessed with 3 children, Nichole, Nathaniel III, and Alisha, and 10 grandchildren.

Nate's motto, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" couldn't be more appropriate for a man who truly has done it all. He is most deserving of this recognition today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Wednesday, February 7th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 61; YEA on Roll Call No. 62; and YEA on Roll Call No. 63.

HONORING JIM JOHNSTON

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Jim Johnston, president and CEO of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OIDA). Jim passed away on January 8, 2018.

Jim was born in 1939 in Summerfield, MA, but was raised in the Midwest after his family moved to Iowa when he was a child. In 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and after completing his military service he entered the trucking industry as an owner-operator in 1960.

In 1969, Jim moved to Grain Valley, MO, during a turbulent time in the trucking industry. At that time—as it is now—trucking was dominated by small businesses. Recognizing the

need to form an association that could effectively communicate the concerns of small-business truckers to lawmakers, OOIDA was established in 1973.

Most of the founding members had returned to trucking full-time shortly after OOIDA was established. Jim was elected president and CEO of OOIDA in 1975, the Association's third president since its founding two years earlier. As Jim put it, he was the "only one left and too dumb or stubborn to know when to quit."

From its humble beginning in an office trailer chained to a light pole in Grain Valley, he grew OOIDA into the largest national organization fighting for the rights of all professional truckers. Under his leadership, OOIDA has grown to more than 160,000 members nationwide, increased its relentless advocacy efforts in Washington, DC, and offers a robust collection of unique services and programs for drivers.

Jim was OOIDA's leader for more than 42 years. OOIDA was his life's work and fighting for the rights of all truckers was his life's mission. Up until only days before his passing, he remained dedicated to both.

Jim leaves behind family, friends, and colleagues, but his contributions to the trucking industry will live forever.

AMERICA CAN AND SHOULD HELP THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN IRAN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, cracks are forming in the iron grip of the Iranian regime. The latest wave of protests sweeping Iran demonstrates yet again that dictatorial regimes are inherently doomed because they lack the enduring consent of the people they rule.

Yet just as our forefathers required foreign assistance to finally shed the chains of tyranny, we too must stand with the Iranian people as they defy their oppressors. Utilizing our economic, political, and technological might, rather than armed intervention, the United States should rectify past inaction and amplify the voices of Iranians.

For nearly four decades, the mullahs in Tehran have used brutality and religious zeal to cling to power and steal from the Iranian people. When they seized power in 1979, they were part of a larger, ideologically diverse movement opposed to the monarchical rule of the Shah. The Islamist clerics led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, however, turned on their revolutionary comrades and imposed theocratic rule once the monarchy fell. Thousands of Iranians of different political stripes were executed without trial while many more, such as members of the People's Mujahideen of Iran, were forced into exile. Whatever promise many Iranians thought would come in 1979 proved to be a mirage that replaced one corrupt dictator with another.

Since then, the theocrats in Tehran have wasted their nation's vast resources on their violent regional ambitions, sponsoring terrorism and militancy from Lebanon to Yemen. However, it is the Iranian people more than any that have endured the persistent brutality of the supreme leader and his Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps thugs. We witnessed this

in 2009, when thousands of Iranians took to the street to reject the rigged election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The subsequent crackdown by the regime killed dozens and imprisoned thousands more in an attempt to silence an emerging opposition.

In spite of the blatant savagery by Iran's rulers, the Obama Administration said little. Upon coming to office, President Obama and his national security staff had softened America's tone towards the extremist government in Tehran as part of broader policy of appeasement that culminated in the Iran nuclear deal. The shameful response by the Obama Administration in the face of such savagery was all too reminiscent of American inaction during the Hungarian uprising in 1956 against the Soviet Union. That sad chapter in American leadership crushed the hopes of millions living behind the Iron Curtain. Succeeding Cold War presidents pointedly saw that America could not remain silent to Soviet oppression. Today we must echo the bold leadership of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan, who are forever immortalized by their outspoken criticism of the evil empire. Their words emboldened fledgling democratic movements throughout Eastern Europe and ultimately contributed to the peaceful demise of the Soviet empire.

America still holds a unique duty as leader of the free world. For more than two centuries, the United States has been a symbol and protector of liberty around the globe. Our shining example of government of the people, by the people, and for the people has inspired generations to demand more from their rulers. When the American government heeds the call of those in bondage, it provides an immeasurable assurance of hope that they do not suffer in silence.

My congressional colleagues and I are watching the current protests in Iran closely. What started as a protest of the poor economic conditions inside Iran quickly sharpened its focus toward the regime that is responsible for the country's ills. If there is any silver lining to the misguided nuclear agreement the Obama Administration struck with Tehran, it is that the billions of dollars delivered to the mullahs has exposed their corruption. The Iranian people have rightly seen that despite the removal of sanctions, they are no better off because the wealth of their nation is being hoarded by the ayatollah and his IRGC goons to spread terror externally.

Our support can be more than just encouraging words. We can harness the innovation of the U.S. tech industry to allow Iranians the ability to securely communicate with each other and the outside world. Through their bravery, they can document the atrocities of the regime which we can then use to prosecute on the world stage. I welcome President Trump's leadership on the cause of the Iranian people and urge my colleagues that now is the time that we must act.

HONORING THE SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Saint Paul

Chamber Orchestra on winning a 2018 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance for their recording of Schubert's Death & the Maiden with violinist and artistic partner Patricia Kopatchinskaja.

Founded in 1959, the SPCO is the only full-time chamber orchestra in the United States. Although they call the Ordway Concert Hall home, they present more than 130 concerts and educational programs throughout the Twin Cities each year. In addition, the Orchestra undertakes extensive international tours, and all while continuing to produce highly regarded musical recordings year after year. This is not the first Grammy for the SPCO having won Best Chamber Music Performance for their recording of Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring" in 1980.

In 2016 the SPCO broke new ground and announced that violinist Kyu-Young Kim would become its artistic director, the first time a player took that role in a major U.S. orchestra. This role is generally performed by a conductor. Since then, the orchestra has worked to become an "unconducted" ensemble, frequently performing without a conductor.

2017 was a banner season for the SPCO, one in which a new organizational attendance record was set. Nearly 116,000 people attended their concerts last season, up 5 percent from the previous year. The number of young people in attendance has more than quadrupled from previous years in a stark and important reversal of national trends.

The importance of an institution like the SPCO to our community cannot be emphasized enough. They are an invaluable asset that will continue to provide entertainment and musical education to Minnesotans for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I honor the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VONI B. GRIMES OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND NATION

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Voni B. Grimes, who passed away on Friday, January 26, 2018.

Mr. Grimes was an amazing man who's left a legacy of service that won't soon be matched. He served our Nation in the U.S. Army during World War II, worked at Cole Steel in York, Pennsylvania, and later served as an administrator at Penn State York.

Voni was deeply involved in the York community. He was a founding member of several local organizations, including the York County Department of Parks and Recreation and Access-York, and was involved in countless other volunteer activities, including the Lions Club. He was passionate about personal fitness and healthy living—even up to his passing at age 95—and the College Avenue Gym at 125 East College Avenue in the City of York was famously re-named as the Voni B. Grimes Gym.

Despite the fact that he grew up in segregated schools and challenged by racism,