

an organization committed to engaging our community, especially youth, in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Air Force Research Laboratory's STEM Outreach Program in New Mexico organizes several programs that encourage students, from elementary through graduate school, to pursue careers in STEM fields. In 2017, the Laboratory's outreach efforts were aimed at expanding the number of student's served—a goal they've undoubtedly achieved. Their programs, such as Mission to Mars, DoD STARBASE, and the Robotics Challenge, reached over 2,700 students last year. Seventy three percent of the participants were minority or underrepresented students, and half were female.

While incredibly dedicated to their own work, the Air Force Research Laboratory recognizes the value of collaborating with the community. Through marketing, financial, and organizational support, the Laboratory strengthened the Discovery Festival which introduced fun, interactive STEM exhibits to over 1,400 students in New Mexico.

Additionally, by creating a formal STEM matching program with school districts and their foundations across New Mexico, the Laboratory increased staff volunteer hours to provide quality classroom instruction and projects in ways that are tailored to teachers' curriculum and individual classroom needs.

The Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico's participation in my district office's Congressional App Challenge, a competition that encourages children to code, enriched the overall experience for local students. Laboratory staff took part in judging the submissions and provided live demonstrations for the students and their families during the awards reception.

Last but certainly not least, in order to promote the importance of STEM learning, Air Force Research Laboratory is hosting New Mexico's premiere Excellence in STEM Awards. The "STEMys" will celebrate the accomplishments of students, teachers, schools, organizations, businesses, and volunteers devoted to STEM learning in New Mexico.

I am incredibly proud of the work the Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico has done for the state's students. Their agency has inspired young minds to dream big, seize their future, and make the world a better place. I look forward to see the Laboratory's influence grow as they continue to educate and inspire New Mexicans.

CONGRATULATING FIVE STAR ENTERTAINMENT ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER MAYOR'S SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Pezzalla and Five Star Entertainment as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Mayor's Small Business of the Year Award.

Located in Fayetteville, Five Star Entertainment is one of North Carolina's most sought-

after entertainment venues. From providing a bride her perfect wedding celebration to hosting elegant military balls, Five Star Entertainment has the equipment and professionals to ensure every event is spectacular. With a focus on serving our region, Five Star Entertainment also donates their services free-of-charge for many community events that require entertainment and sound services.

Army veteran and owner Mark Pezzalla has provided a brilliant venue to Fayetteville over the more than three decades he's served as Five Star Entertainment's President. Through his hard work and dedication, this venue has been able to host events that bring together Fayetteville, Fort Bragg and the entire region. Mark currently sits on the Boards of several non-profit organizations in the area, and has made his company a staple of service in the community.

Mark and Five Star Entertainment are deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to provide excellent service to our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Mark Pezzalla and Five Star Entertainment on winning the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Mayor's Small Business of the Year Award.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maple Leaf Farms on celebrating 60 wonderful years. This family-owned operation has been a staple in northern Indiana and the U.S. duck industry since 1958.

Donald Wentzel set out not only to be a successful business owner in northern Indiana, but also to be a trailblazer in duck farming across the country. He believed in local, sustainable, and cost-efficient farming that would produce the highest-quality products for his customers. Four generations later, the family's values and vision live on as the business continues to expand.

While 60 years of successful operation is a tremendous accomplishment, Maple Leaf Farms' expansion, production capabilities, and newest global ventures speak volumes to the dedication and ingenuity of the Tucker family. I am proud to learn of the strong business model and outstanding leadership of the Tuckers that has led Maple Leaf Farms to handle 10 million ducks a year and supply products worldwide.

It is truly an honor to represent such passionate and committed Hoosier farmers as the Tuckers, and I am grateful for the positive contributions they've made to our community. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Maple Leaf Farms for strengthening Indiana's farming community and wish them all the best in their next 60 years.

HONORING OF BARBARA MARSHMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Barbara Marshman on her extraordinary thirty year career at the San Jose Mercury News. After working at small community papers in the Philadelphia area, and serving as a Knight Fellow at Stanford in 1987, she joined the staff of the Mercury News and rose to become its Editorial Page Editor, a post she excelled in for the past ten years. Her departure has been called a great loss, and she has been praised as compassionate, and one of the most respected journalists in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Barbara Marshman advocated for Net Neutrality and urged understanding of the global economy. She reported with wisdom, wit and a sure eye for hyperbole on many issues, including housing, political campaigns, open space, historic preservation, and extending BART to San Jose. She wrote about the "Year of the Woman" and advocated for the "Era of Women." She lauded the #MeToo movement and noted social media's part in making this movement so powerful. She wrote poignantly that "When women have a fail" share of the power, and the support to stand up to it, the world will be better for everyone. Our sons as well as our daughters."

Barbara Marshman will not go quietly into retirement. She will continue to live in San Jose and will lend her voice in different ways to the causes and concerns in our community. Whatever pulpit she chooses, we can be sure that hers will be a strong, effective and eloquent voice for what is right and sensible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Barbara Marshman and her extraordinary career that enlightened so many. Her unique voice has bettered our community and strengthened our country.

CONGRATULATING MAC HEALY ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER REALTOR CUP AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mac Healy as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Realtor Cup Award.

The Realtor Cup Award is given to the person who has contributed to the civic, economic and cultural growth of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. During his career, my good friend Mac has exhibited the qualities which define excellence in both business and community service. Mac is the President of Healy Wholesale Company, Incorporated and has lived in Fayetteville since he graduated from Wake Forest University.

Over the years, Mac has contributed to many local Fayetteville organizations. Currently, he serves as President of the N.C. Civil

War History Center Foundation, in addition to being Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Methodist University. He also serves on the Boards of the Cumberland County Foundation, American Heart Association, Downtown Development Corporation, YMCA, Dogwood Festival, March of Dimes, Fayetteville Symphony and many more.

Mac looks for every way to better our community, and I am truly thankful for his service, friendship and counsel over the years. He is deserving of this award, and I wish him continued success as he continues to be a great asset for Cumberland County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Mac Healy on winning the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Realtor Cup Award.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOSEPH M. MINER ON BEING NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR BY THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer Joseph M. Miner, who is being named Officer of the Year of the Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England by the Newport County Council Navy League of the United States.

After graduating from Whitehall High School in Upstate New York, CWO Miner joined the U.S. Coast Guard, where he currently serves as the Sector Southeastern New England's lead USCG Marine Inspector. In this role, CWO Miner oversees commercial vessel new construction at three robust shipyards involving management of 14 simultaneous projects, valued at \$100 million during the past year. He also played an instrumental role in paving the way for industry to achieve full compliance with U.S. regulations and international treaties. Considered a subject matter expert on offshore supply and jack-up vessels, CWO Miner also oversaw the outfitting of certificated purpose-built vessels to lay submarine cable and carry wind towers and blade equipment.

Truly committed to serving others, CWO Miner provided training for new Marine Inspectors who were working to qualify on mechanical systems. His strong mentoring efforts contributed to the new Inspectors' success. In addition to his work as Marine Inspector, CWO Miner engages his local community as a member of a local high school council and has provided advice to students as a guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

CWO Miner is truly a model Guardian, setting a wonderful example for others in the Coast Guard and providing an important service for Southeastern New England. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank CWO Miner for his service to our country and to his community and congratulate him on his well-deserved award.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH—DR.
PAULETTE C. WALKER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of a visionary and a dedicated leader of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dr. Paulette C. Walker during this year's Black History Month. Dr. Walker has dedicated her life to improving the lives of others through education and public service. Today, I am grateful to recognize her selfless dedication and honor her valuable contributions to our community.

Dr. Walker served as the 25th National President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. A Detroit native she is now a proud Floridian calling the Tampa Bay area home since February 1990. Dr. Walker has served Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on the local, regional and national levels for more than 45 years.

Dr. Walker was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. through the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter in 1966 and earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics education from Michigan State University, master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Michigan, and her doctorate of education in administration and supervision also from UM.

Dr. Walker's research was on curriculum and instruction as well as administration and supervision with a focus on urban schools. She has also served as a classroom teacher, middle school and high school counselor, director of counseling, assistant principal and district-wide supervisor of state and federal projects. Her education, experience and expertise even combined to help her co-author a book, "We Can Have Better Urban Schools."

In July 2011, she retired as the Director of Undergraduate Programs and Internship in the College of Education at the University of South Florida.

Throughout her career, Dr. Walker received numerous awards from several professional, civic and religious organizations. These flowed from her hard work and belief that every person has a special gift that should be shared with the world. She is the recipient of the Hank Nuwer Anti-Hazing Hero Award; Ronald McNair Scholars Research Mentor Award; Ronald McNair Scholars Role Model Mentor Award; Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor Award from the University of South Florida; Certificate of Merit, Institutional Award, American College Testing Program and National Academic Advising Association; and the President's Affirmative Act Award, University of South Florida.

Dr. Walker is an active member of Mt. Olive AME Church in Tampa, Florida where she serves on the Trustee Board. Her other professional and community affiliations include: Board of Supervisors for Coahoma County; Member of the Council of Presidents—The National Pan-Hellenic Council; PACE Center for Girls Advisory Board; Moffitt Cancer Center African American Advisory Board; Mt. Olive Tampa Community Development Center, Mt. Pleasant Charter School Advisory Board. The State of Florida has recognized how valuable her counsel can be and appointed her to the Governor's Commission on African American

Affairs. Also, at the state level she serves on the American Cancer Society's Hank Warren Advisory Board. Our neighbors also don't lack for her service and vision as she serves in Hillsborough County on the Literacy Volunteers of America Board of Directors, American Diabetes Association Board of Directors, Bible-Based Christian Fellowship Academy Board of Directors and Moffitt Cancer Center Community Council Research Board.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in my hometown and indeed the entire Tampa Bay community where she has touched so many lives, we thank Dr. Paulette C. Walker for inspiring everyone to find their special gift and serve the world. I am proud to honor the "Devastating Diva of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc.," Dr. Paulette C. Walker during this year's Black History Month for her uncompromising commitment to her country, state and community for more than 50 years.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND MRS. STEVE MILBURN ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Steve Milburn and his wife, Debbie, as the recipients of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Business of the Year Award.

The Milburns own and operate two UPS Stores in the Westwood Shopping Center and at Fort Bragg that they opened after LTC Milburn retired from the Army in 1996. These UPS Stores have offered unparalleled service to our community through their experienced staff and ownership. LTC Milburn is not only a sharp businessman, but a bright student as well, graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1976 before serving as an Army Aviator. His hard work and determination allowed him to reach the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. LTC Milburn, I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his service to our country. It is because of men and women like you we are able to enjoy the freedoms that we have.

Over the years, LTC Milburn has dedicated his life to serving our community and country. He currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for the CARE Clinic, Head of the Finance Council at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, former President of the Board of the Armed Services YMCA at Fort Bragg, Outstanding Lieutenant Governor of the Carolinas Kiwanis District, and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Cape Fear. The Milburns look to better our community at every turn, and I am truly thankful for their service.

The Milburns are deserving of this award and I wish them continued success. They truly are a wonderful asset for Cumberland County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating LTC and Mrs. Steve Milburn on winning the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Business of the Year Award.