

HONORING KATE MURRAY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kate Murray, a student at Sacred Heart Greenwich for her courage and resolve in the face of adversity at school this year.

Sparked by the Women's March in 2017 and the rise of the "#MeToo" movement, women and girls across the country have been using their voices to speak out against injustice and for the causes they're passionate about. Earlier this year, Kate found herself in the middle of a conflict at her school over a sticker supporting Planned Parenthood on her laptop. Her actions, in just her sophomore year, fostered constructive conversations in communities across the country, including at my own dinner table, on issues around students' rights to expression at school and women's reproductive health.

Despite pressure from her teachers, school administrators and the local Catholic Diocese, and even being threatened with expulsion, Kate remained true to her cause. It is my hope that the tenacity and poise that Kate displayed throughout the dispute will serve as an example to any student fighting for their beliefs in or out of a classroom.

HONORING THE CITY OF
O'FALLON, MISSOURI FOR THEIR
NEWLY OPENED JUSTICE CEN-
TER

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of O'Fallon, Missouri for their newly opened Justice Center.

The Justice Center will allow for the police station and municipal court to better serve the O'Fallon community. When the O'Fallon city hall was originally built in 1999, it was expected to last nearly three decades. As the population of the City of O'Fallon grew, however, it became clear that a new complex was needed. This new center is expected to meet the needs of the Saint Louis metro's second largest city for decades to come.

At 80,000 square feet, the center will undoubtedly improve O'Fallon's legal system as it gives officers, investigators, and lawyers an excellent place to continue serving their community. For our law enforcement, it houses a state-of-the-art 911 communications center, an indoor firing range, and a training complex that allows law enforcement personnel to improve their marksmanship and decision-making ability. The Justice Center also includes an updated courtroom with ample space for viewing litigation and trial information. With this new courtroom and multiple holding cells, more dockets can be held and the court process will become even more efficient.

Please join me in congratulating the O'Fallon community on the new Justice Center and thanking the men and women who now work there for keeping our communities safe.

HONORING MR. JAMES C. SMITH

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Smith upon his retirement as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Financial Corporation and Webster Bank after a long and successful career. Jim has dedicated more than four decades to supporting Webster's success in Connecticut and across the northeast.

Jim's father, Harold Webster Smith, founded the bank, originally called First Federal Savings of Waterbury in 1935 during the Great Depression. Jim joined First Federal in 1975, and he then became CEO in 1987 and Chairman in 1995. Under his leadership, the bank has expanded beyond its Waterbury roots to be a significant presence across Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. In 1995, the institution was renamed Webster in honor of its founder and to reflect the growing regional influence of the bank. Jim's leadership kept Webster stable during the 2008 Financial Crisis and ensuing Great Recession, and he ensured Webster did everything it could to help families in need keep their homes by allowing them to adjust their mortgages.

In addition to his work at Webster, Jim has contributed his experience and expertise to many professional and community organizations. He has served as vice chairman of the Midsize Banks Coalition of America and previously served as a member of the Financial Services Roundtable and on Federal Reserve Board of Governors' Federal Advisory Council.

Jim is a true business leader who invests his time and talents in his community. Through Jim's strong leadership, Webster consistently excels in employee participation in supporting the local United Way—ensuring that those most in need are taken care of. He is, in a way, our own George Bailey. Jim has also led Webster Bank's support for artistic organizations in our community, including the Waterbury Symphony, and he and his wife Cathy support many other civic groups working in Connecticut, including the Hartford Bishops' Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Smith has dedicated his career to Webster Bank, and under his leadership, the bank has reached new levels of success and maintained its commitment to community care. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today. I am fortunate to count Jim as a friend and a mentor, and I wish him—and Cathy—much success in the next chapter in their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS AIKEN, SOUTH
CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week, Southern Living Magazine named Aiken, South Carolina, as the Best Small Town in the South. Mayor Riek Osborn unveiled the magazine cover Wednesday,

where Aiken was also recognized as the South's friendliest town.

According to Southern Living, and my own experience, Aiken is "an authentic South Carolina Equestrian community, rich in historic charm and tradition."

From the "iconic archway of live oaks along South Boundary Avenue" to "Aiken's 2,100-acre urban forest," Aiken has gorgeous greenery. The extraordinary landscaped medians are highlighted with huge ten feet high azaleas.

Aiken has a multitude of great lodging and dining opportunities, where "Downtown Aiken, especially Laurens Street, is loaded with a variety of eclectic eateries, galleries, and shops."

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Aiken County in Congress, where my grandfather Wilson was born in 1888 and great-grandfather Wilson was born in 1860.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

RECOGNIZING DR. REYNOLD G.
LEMP

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Reynold G. Lemp on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

At the age of 13, Dr. Lemp preached his first sermon, "Let Go and Let God," under the ministry of his grandfather, Rev. William Dunn. Before entering college, Dr. Lemp worked for Edison Electric Co. for one year while preaching at a mission and a church in Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduating from Bob Jones University in 1953, Dr. Lemp moved to Winter Garden, Florida and started Calvary Baptist Church on June 7, 1953.

Appointed in 1960, Pastor Lemp serves on the board of Bob Jones University. He started Calvary Christian School in 1976. During the 30th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. presented Dr. Lemp with a Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa). Dr. Lemp retired from ministry in 2003 shortly before the 50th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church. Many lives have been impacted through his ministry and that of the church.

It is my pleasure to recognize Dr. Lemp on this momentous occasion. I wish him a very happy 90th birthday and may God continue to bless Pastor Lemp and his family.

CONGRATULATING KRISTI PACE

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today—during Women's History Month—to congratulate Kristi Pace, who was named the 2017 Brighton Police Officer of the Year. While she has only been with the force for two years, Officer Pace has already left an enormous mark and impression on her fellow officers. Police Chief Rob Bradford noted that she—the only female on the force—is "highly

regarded as a new, up-and-coming leader of the department, and is very well-respected" by her peers.

Officer Pace continues to seek ways to improve herself. After attending the FBI's Crisis Negotiator, Evidence Technician, and Taser Instructor Schools, Officer Pace became a member of the Brighton department's Crisis Negotiator Team. I commend Officer Pace for her service and thank her for her selfless dedication to our community, and to the state of Michigan.

RECOGNITION OF EL PASO HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF THE YEAR

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a premiere resource for businesses and leading advocate of economic growth in the state of Texas.

The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has been a critical institution in the area for the past 26 years, supporting a range of businesses in the Border Area. In just the past 15 years, the Chamber has served over 10,000 clients, providing crucial counseling and training services. Since 2003, the Chamber has helped to secure over \$250 million in funding for small businesses in the El Paso community.

Today, I applaud the extraordinary efforts of this Chamber of Commerce, and congratulate them for both their State Recognition as Small Chamber of the Year and their national recognition as Chamber of the Year at the 2018 U.S. Chamber Convention. The work of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will have a lasting positive impact across Texas, the United States, and the entire world. The work of this institution resonates across Texas' 23rd Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD ISD AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate thirty-three outstanding students from the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District who have been awarded the district's Awards of Excellence for the 2017–2018 school year.

The following students have been selected to receive this award due to their meritorious achievements within their respected disciplines. These students possess unique talents and experiences which have enabled tremendous success within their fields of study. This year's recipients have specialties in a diverse field of subjects which includes visual and performing arts, business and industry, science, mathematics, and communications, to

name but a few. Through their hard work and dedication, these young men and women have built a strong foundation on which to continue their growth and education:

Mariah Alize Aguirre, Karina Murillo, Michael Gonzalez, Dylan Banfield, Cameron Yount, Ryan Robertson, Bethany Morales, Peyton Cherry, Preston Rice, Mira Caliman, Mikelis Brown, Samantha Tuapen, Reilley Flood, Isabella Page, Lucy Hwang, Kyleigh Prather, Jessie Park, Gillian Swann, Alexis Murphy, Olivia Trusty, Lola Skjolsvik, Michael Youngs, Ruby Villasenor, Elijah Mellish, Tatiana Olalde, Kennedy Carter, Jennifer Blythe, Alex Valtchanov, Telysha Vaenuku, Macy Johnson, William Tran, Dayona Hopwood, Colin Williams.

In addition to recognizing the students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fine educators who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the needs of these students are met and their talents are nurtured. It is with great pleasure that I recognize the following teachers from L.D. Bell, Buinger CTE Academy, KEYS, and Trinity high schools for their unwavering support of these students:

Britney Fahey, Holly Gregg, Ken Davis, Lance Moran, Margaret Russell, Scott Harlan, Kathleen Chase, Suzanne Dell, Sawyer Lowe, Allen Matthews, Mike Ladley, Janna Hamm, Debbie Williams, Amy Eiland, Vincent Pugh, Candace Harris, Ricky Balthorp, Sue Traver, Mario Casanova, Michael Dean, Stormee Massey, Nicolle Vertich, Charlotte Banks, Paula Turney, Tammy Brown, Mia Langi, Rachel Seldon, Marci Ward, Kedall Fries, Blanca Diaz.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing these outstanding students and teachers, and congratulating the recipients of the 2018 HEB ISD Awards of Excellence.

IN MEMORY OF MR. MARCHIS GLEN ROBINSON

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor the memory of an exemplary man, Mr. Marchis Glen Robinson.

Mr. Robinson was born on December 13, 1964 in Kingston, Jamaica. He grew up in Patterson, NJ, where he attended Madison Avenue Baptist Church and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. Later, he moved to Houston and became a member of Brookhollow, the Church Without Walls.

Mr. Robinson was united in holy matrimony to Ms. Ingrid Williams Robinson on February 18, 1995 and they were blessed with three children, Marchis Glen Robinson II, John-Anthony Glen Robinson and Sydni Marie Robinson.

Mr. Robinson earned his Bachelor's in Criminal Justice from Stockton University, a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, and a Certified Master of Business Administration Degree from McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Robinson pursued several professional paths, including managing Government and Regulatory Affairs, General Counsel for two Texas State Senators, and practicing commer-

cial litigation for two law firms, prior to becoming the First African American Briefing Attorney of the First Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas, under Chief Justice Alice Oliver-Parrot.

Mr. Robinson was a dedicated legal expert with the Court of Appeals until he made the decision to become an entrepreneur and form the Robinson Law Group.

Mr. Robinson faithfully served the community in several capacities, as Chairman of the Stadium Park Management District and an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Leadership Group for 2017 Plan Downtown Committee, John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Foundation, United Way Project Blueprint Leadership Class XI, and Greater Houston Partnership.

Mr. Robinson held accomplishments and accolades from his community involvement and legal career, being recognized as the recipient of the Pennzoil/Quaker State Business Scholarship, Meadows Foundation Scholarship, Henry T. Courtney Scholarship Award, Young Black Achiever of Houston Award, as well as Texas Young Lawyers Association Minority Involvement Scholarship.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Marchis Glen Robinson will be missed dearly by his wife and surviving children; as well as his other family members and friends. May he rest in the peace he has earned through his dedication to the community and the legal industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on March 19 and 20, I was absent due to my attendance at the Celebration of Life for the victims of the Yountville Pathway Home shooting and was unable to cast my vote for Roll Calls 115 through 119. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call No. 115 YES—To update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument;

Roll Call No. 116 YES—Kennedy-King National Commemorative Site Act;

Roll Call No. 117 NO—On Ordering the Previous Question;

Roll Call No. 118 NO—Providing for consideration of H.R. 4566, the Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act; Providing for consideration of H.R. 5247, the Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2018; and for other purposes; and

Roll Call No. 119 YES—Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHARLENE M. LABORE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride and admiration that I offer my sincere thanks to Ms.