

was appointed Counsel to the Public Buildings and Economic Development Subcommittee and the Surface Transportation Subcommittee. In 1998, Ranking Member James L. Oberstar (D-MN) appointed Ward to be the Chief Democratic Counsel to the Committee, where he has served with distinction ever since, including under Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) prior to me.

Ward has helped guide virtually every transportation law enacted over the last two decades through the legislative process and the last four major reauthorizations of surface transportation programs, including the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005, and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) in 2015. He also worked tirelessly over the last two decades to combat efforts to eliminate funding for, and privatize, Amtrak, our Nation's passenger railroad.

Ward was also integral in negotiating Federal policy following the 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., including the enactment of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001, which created the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and enhanced aviation security overall, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002.

Ward is the consummate public servant who possesses the rare combination of vision and grit. He has spent his career working vigorously to ensure that government works for the greater benefit of hard-working American families, while still attending to the minor, but certainly necessary, details. He has been a tireless internal advocate for Congressional oversight of Federal agencies, under both Democratic and Republican administrations, ensuring that Federal resources are utilized consistent with Congressional intent and for the betterment of the Nation. He is also a rare master on the internal workings of the Committee structure and the Congress, meticulously ensuring that established processes are followed, and that the views of elected officials, whether in the majority or minority, are respected. And he does this all while ensuring that no Committee document is missing a comma.

As the longest currently serving staffer on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Ward's dedication to the Committee, his institutional memory and his constant professionalism will be greatly missed by Members on both sides of the aisle. While Ward is leaving the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, he will remain a strong advocate for smart, effective public transportation policy through his position with the American Public Transportation Association. His expertise and counsel will be missed by all who follow transportation policy on Capitol Hill, but will greatly benefit all those who rely on public transportation.

I want to thank Ward for his years of service and his dedication to public service. I wish him, his wife, Marie, and his children, Ryan, Colin, and Megan all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAS TRAMPAS SCHOOL, INC.

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of Las Trampas School. This school, located in my district in Lafayette, California, has served families with severe or profound disabilities during its long and successful run.

Since its founding in 1971 by parents, families, and community members, Las Trampas has adapted to serve the needs of the community. Originally founded as a non-profit residential school serving children with developmental disabilities, the school grew with its students as they entered adulthood. Las Trampas now focuses on supporting adults with developmental disabilities to embrace their strengths and to lead full lives in their home, at work, and in the community.

Las Trampas School's mission statement exemplifies who they are as an organization and the good they do for the Bay Area: "all persons with developmental disabilities are entitled to develop their optimum state of social, physical, and mental well-being, and share an integrated lifestyle similar to what non-disabled persons enjoy."

As a lifelong advocate for the disabilities community, I have seen the good Las Trampas has done in our community. Congratulations to the Las Trampas School family on a successful 60 years of service.

MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY CITIZEN, DAVID CAINE IS AWARDED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD BY LAKE ARROWHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Caine who will be honored as the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year. David is the founder of Quiet Skies—Lake Arrowhead, a group dedicated to preserving Lake Arrowhead residents' quality of life in the face of flight pattern changes by the FAA.

David epitomizes what it means to be a concerned citizen. When flight patterns changed over Lake Arrowhead last year, David was the first person to contact my office to notify me what a massive complication this was for my constituents. Not only did he quickly bring this issue to light, he has been diligent in researching this issue and organizing the local community. Due to his hard work, dedication, and perseverance, FAA representatives came to Lake Arrowhead to present a partial solution while they continue to work on a permanent fix. This meeting was the first time in history that the FAA has voluntarily made changes to accommodate a community.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank David Caine for the

incredible work he has done organizing and informing the community about the seriousness of this issue, and for his tireless efforts to advocate on behalf of Lake Arrowhead residents. His determination, diligence, and passion make him truly deserving of the title, Citizen of the Year.

RECOGNIZING CHERYL COLLELUORI

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mrs. Cheryl Colleluori of Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Cheryl is the President of HEADstrong Foundation, which provides services and resources for cancer patients and their families nationwide.

HEADstrong was founded by Cheryl's son, Nick, after he was diagnosed with a blood cancer. Nick realized that cancer patients and their families were struggling with a lack of resources. From his hospital bed, Nick started to raise money and awareness for cancer patients by empowering young athletes to support his mission. His final wish was for others to benefit from his life and efforts and Cheryl promised to see her son's mission through. Thanks to Cheryl's leadership and Nick's spirit, HEADstrong has helped nearly 15,000 patients and raised more than \$11 million to support their fight against cancer.

HEADstrong will continue to change countless lives for years to come with its message of kindness, support, and compassion. None of this would be possible without Cheryl's embodiment of her son's spirit. She is an exceptional choice for the Woman of Achievement Award, and I thank her for all her tremendous work.

IN RECOGNITION OF MCKENZIE MERCER ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that McKenzie Mercer of Cygnet, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

McKenzie's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

McKenzie brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Elmwood High School in Bloomdale, Ohio,

McKenzie was a member of the National Honor Society and was a 4.0 and perfect attendance award winner. She also participated in the pep, jazz and marching bands, student council, Future Farmers of America and was involved in student government.

Throughout high school, McKenzie participated in volleyball and track, earning many honors and serving as captain of the track team. I am confident that McKenzie will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating McKenzie Mercer on the offer of her appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that McKenzie will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

INDIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER'S 16TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHR, which will be celebrating its 16th anniversary by hosting a gala dinner and banquet on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at the Halls of Saint George in Schererville, Indiana.

The Indian American Cultural Center, which opened on March 9, 2002, was established with the following goal in mind: to foster peace and harmony amongst the people of Northwest Indiana by showcasing their cultural heritage and creating spiritual awareness in both youth and adults, as well as to engage in various charitable endeavors, both nationally and locally. Since its inception, the Indian American Cultural Center has been instrumental in educating Northwest Indiana's citizens on the traditions and customs of the Indian heritage.

The members of the Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHR are to be honored, not only for their commitment to preserving tradition, but also for their commitment to making improvements that benefit all mankind. Proceeds from this year's gala, which throughout the years has demonstrated the immense generosity of its attendees and organizers, will go to support numerous charity organizations. In the past, proceeds from the gala have gone to such noble causes as cancer research, educational scholarships, the American Red Cross, tsunami and hurricane relief funds, the Carmelite Home for Girls, Arc Bridges of Hobart, Campagna Academy, and many more. For their significant contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the members and leaders of the NWIHR are worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHR on its 16th anniversary. The members and leaders of this outstanding organization have dedicated themselves to serving others and continue to improve the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and

throughout the world; they serve as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING GILBERT SHAW

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime member of the Las Vegas community on the occasion of his 90th birthday, which he will celebrate on April 10, 2018. I am proud to stand today and let Congress and our country know what an amazing man he is.

Gilbert Shaw is a founding member of Congregation Ner Tamid, and served in the Navy and Coast Guard for twenty-seven years. He is an officer of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, serving as the Senior Vice Commander of Sgt. Manny Peven Post 65. To this day, Mr. Shaw still teaches photography to fellow senior citizens at a Life-Long Learning Institute.

I want to congratulate Gilbert on reaching this incredible milestone, and thank him for his years of dedicated service. He has lived a long, impressive, and successful life. Today, I join Gilbert's family, friends and the entire Southern Nevada community to wish him a very happy 90th birthday and for many more joyful memories in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DELNO "BUD" HOLTZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bud Holtz of Avoca, Iowa on the very special occasion of his 100th birthday. Bud celebrated his birthday on February 7, 2018.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Bud's life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Bud has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Bud in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Bud on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing him even more health and happiness in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID MULLIGAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that David Mulligan of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

David's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

David brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, David served as secretary for the National Honors Society, and was active in leadership academy and LINK Crew.

Throughout high school, David participated in recreational basketball, and was senior captain for both varsity cross country and varsity baseball. David is also involved with church youth group and the NASA Student Launch Team. I am confident that David will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating David Mulligan on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that David will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

TX-22 STUDENTS SELECTED FOR YOUNG MASTERS CLASS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lauren Mathews, a freshman at Seven Lakes High school and Lauren Yang, a junior at Dulles High School for being selected for Young Masters Class.

Texas Young Masters recognizes students from grades 8–11 who excel in dance, theater, film, music, media, and literary and visual arts. More than 300 students from across Texas applied, but only the most talented fifteen students received the title of "Young Master." These students were awarded with \$10,000 multi-year scholarships to enhance their studies and provide them access to enhanced opportunities prior to college. Lauren Mathews