

the award criteria, students design a musical instrument, predict the frequency the instrument will play, and then measure the actual frequency using an iPad. Sheri Caine's impact on her students goes beyond the classroom with her dedication to after-school tutoring and the school's volleyball program.

Ms. Caine's background in research has undoubtedly contributed to her success in the classroom. While she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Global STEM Education at Texas Tech University, she spent her previous summers working at Argonne National Laboratory. After being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, Ms. Caine contributed to the advancement of cancer treatment by agreeing to undergo a minimally invasive procedure known as transoral thyroidectomy. After learning that the University of Chicago was looking to be the first pioneer of this treatment in the Midwest, Ms. Caine eagerly volunteered. Her bravery and commitment to science proved successful as she is now cancer free.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Sheri Caine on this award and on the accolades she has received throughout her career. Richards High School is fortunate to have such an exceptional teacher on staff and I wish her the best as she continues teaching and inspiring students.

CONGRATULATING J. GARY PENNETT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, from the very first day at the U.S. Air Force Academy and throughout one's service in the U.S. Air Force, you learn about how to live the Air Force values: integrity first, service before self, and strive for excellence. J. Gary Pennett did his best to live these values, and has gone above and beyond in answering the call to serve throughout his more than four decades of military and public service.

Throughout his life, J. Gary Pennett has served in the United States Air Force, in the Department of Defense, and in his current role at the Missile Defense Agency. As Director of Operations at the Missile Defense Agency, Pennett utilized his people-first approach as the chief architect of recruiting, hiring a diverse, professional, and highly-skilled workforce. Even in the face of extreme budget uncertainty, government furloughs, shutdowns, and declining budgets, Pennett has found opportunity and success in the most trying circumstances—ensuring that his Agency delivers on its promise to defend our nation.

I thank Mr. J. Gary Pennett for his service to the people of Hawai'i and our country, and congratulate him as he closes this chapter in his career of service performed to the highest standards. We wish him well as he begins the next. Aloha.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on April 16, 2018, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor due to train travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call 140, and yea on Roll Call 141.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. ASELAG, FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of Firefighter Michael J. Aselage of the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company, who was killed in the line of duty on April 2, 1975.

Michael Aselage was born in 1950, the son of Bernard and Elizabeth Aselage. Upon graduating from Fort Loramie High School, he entered the United States Coast Guard, where he served for four years. In late 1974, following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company.

On April 2, 1975, Michael noticed a downed electric pole and wire lying across a portion of Ohio State Route 705. He immediately went to a nearby house to call the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for assistance. He then went back to the site of the downed wire to direct traffic around the hazard. He was killed when the door of his vehicle came into contact with the wire.

This Sunday, a portion of State Route 705 in Shelby County will be renamed and dedicated in Michael's honor. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Michael J. Aselage as they gather to celebrate his selfless service. I am grateful to the members of the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company for pursuing this honor in tribute to their fallen comrade.

KATIE GROKE ELLIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Katie Groke Ellis for receiving the 2017 Arvada Young Professional Leadership Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the Arvada Chamber recognizes Arvada's finest men and women for their involvement and dedication to the community. Katie Groke Ellis is being recognized for her innovation, entrepreneurship, professional accomplishments and community leadership. In 2017, Katie led the charge on the Apex Park and Recreation District rebranding all while maintaining her other professional responsibilities.

ities. Katie is an exemplary leader and always willing to step up and help to ensure the Arvada community thrives.

Congratulations to Katie Groke Ellis for this well-deserved award and thank you for your contribution to our community.

CONGRATULATING CALEB KLEMAN

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary student from the 1st District of Iowa. I am pleased to announce that Caleb Kleman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Kleman is an outstanding student—ranking in the top 1 percent of Iowa Assessments each year of his high school career. In addition to awards such as Academic Numerals, Academic Letter, and Academic Certificate, he is recognized as an AP Scholar with distinction in his third year. Mr. Kleman's academic recognition is well deserved as he ranks 5th of 309 students in his class with a weighted GPA of 4.492 while enrolling in over ten advanced placement courses.

Further developing his leadership skills, Mr. Kleman attained the position Vice President of the National Honor Society, Section Leader of Marching Band, and First Chair of both Jazz Band and Concert Band. His participation in the band as a first chair trumpet player for four years led to performances at All-State competitions. Serving as Captain of the Cross Country team, he developed skills identifying potential conflicts, problem solving, and team building.

I have full confidence in Mr. Kleman's ability to successfully pursue a degree in engineering while serving as a vital asset to the U.S. Navy.

TRIBUTE TO DARLENE AND ED LAUGHLIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Darlene and Ed Laughlin of Imogene, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 15, 2018.

Darlene and Ed's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING ALLEN JOHNSON
AND HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Allen Johnson for his heroism in receiving the Purple Heart during the Korean War. Allen Johnson joined the Army in January of 1951, and soon found himself fighting for our country on the battlefields of the Korean War. On November 24, 1951, Mr. Johnson was wounded in battle. Though earning the Purple Heart, he never received it until just this year.

Allen Johnson went on to serve in the National Guard and retired with the rank of Captain. Like so many of his generation, Mr. Johnson never sought fanfare or special recognition for his service. He and his wife, Mardell, were married 62 years, and raised ten children. Mr. Johnson served his community as a member of the VFW and American Legion.

Allen Johnson passed away last October, but he will remain an inspiration to all Montanans. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the life and service of Allen Johnson.

RECOGNIZING WILDWOOD MIDDLE
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Wildwood Middle High School and their many accomplishments during the 2017–2018 school year.

Congratulations to the girls and boys basketball teams on winning the Class 1A state championship. This is the second consecutive state title for the girls basketball team and the first state title since 1953 for the boys basketball. I am happy to recognize the contribution of the coaches and players to this historic season. Principal and girls basketball coach Richard Hampton and boys basketball coach Von Moreland were both named Class 1A Coach of the Year. Kari Niblack and Darion Wilson were named Class 1A Player of the Year.

Congratulations to the Wildcats football team on an undefeated season. Coach McKinley Rolle was named Class 1A Coach of the Year. Coach Rolle led the team to their first undefeated season since 1985.

Congratulations to Kylie Ondriezek on being named Sumter County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Ondriezek is a graduate of Wildwood Middle High School and returned to teach English.

Wildwood Middle High School's dedication to quality education and creating opportunities for success is evident from these recognitions. I am pleased to recognize Wildwood Middle High School and congratulate the students, teachers, and administrators for their hard work and outstanding accomplishments. May their example inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

CONGRATULATING DEE KOCH ON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a Fort Bend County treasure, Dee Koch on her retirement.

Dee is retiring from her position as the George Foundation Director of Community Engagement. She is an icon in my home county of Fort Bend, where she has established two community engagement programs; Youth-in-Philanthropy and the Leadership Excellence Program. Between these programs and her work at the George Foundation, she has overseen grants totaling \$135 million. Over the years, Dee has also been instrumental in numerous community projects including the George Memorial Library, Access Health, the University of Houston Sugar Land, Memorial Hermann, the Fort Bend County Museum and the Mamie George Community Center. She has been a tireless advocate for youth and families in need in our community. I am proud to know her and call her a friend.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dee Koch on her retirement. I thank her for her dedication to making Fort Bend County a better place to live and raise a family.

HONORING MS. LORENA CAMP
COLLINS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lorena Camp Collins for her dedication to her community's health and well-being.

For 55 years, Ms. Collins has spent her spare time volunteering at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center, giving more than 24,000 hours of her life to supporting patients, family members, visitors, and medical staff.

When holidays approached, she never hesitated to fill in for fellow volunteers and staff, allowing them to spend time with their families.

In 2004, Ms. Collins earned the Marjorie Covington Smith Auxilian of the Year title, and Governor Deal honored her for 50 years of service in 2013. She never allowed such praise to distract her, and she has continued to invest her energy in the medical center.

I am proud to honor Ms. Lorena Collins for her decades of selfless sacrifice.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAHC'S 30
YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
TO SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities (LAHC) as they celebrate their

30th Annual Awards Gala. Their efforts enrich the lives of countless Michigan residents through their programming.

LAHC was founded in 1982 as an athletic organization in Dearborn, Michigan with the mission of providing community members with a way to connect with neighbors and exercise. As Dearborn's Arab American population grew through the 1980s and 1990s, LAHC realized its potential and expanded to serve the needs of the fast-growing community. The organization's leaders made the decision to shift from a health-centered organization to one that focused on the Dearborn community and initiatives that spread awareness of Arab culture. After receiving continuous feedback from community members, LAHC realized the importance of promoting education and now has a rich network of local sponsors and scholarships that aid students throughout their educational journey while simultaneously supporting local medical initiatives.

As LAHC grew in influence and size, the organization expanded its programming to focus on three main tenets: education, public health and human services. The organization has provided 1,200 students over \$1.3 million in educational scholarships as well as local mentors for graduating seniors. LAHC also works closely with schools in southeastern Michigan to empower children to take control of their own health by offering cooking and fitness classes in local schools. Over the years, LAHC has grown in size and influence due to the positive impact it has made on southeast Michigan residents. It is proud to offer food assistance, clothing and temporary shelter, as well as translation services to community members. Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities has bettered southeast Michigan through its members' empathetic and dedicated leadership. We are grateful for their 30 years of service and look forward to their public service in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities as they celebrate 30 years of service to our southeast Michigan community. Their work in our local community has had a tremendous impact and helped improve the lives of countless Michigan residents.

LUKAS KNIGHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lukas Knight for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lukas Knight is a student at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lukas Knight is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lukas Knight for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.