

United States Army where he faithfully served his country for 8 years. Pastor Daniels was honorably discharged in 1992, at the rank of Sergeant E-5.

In early 1993, when the First Greater New Hope Baptist Church often referred to as "The Hope," was in search of a new pastor and leader, Reverend Daniels was called upon to occupy the pulpit. The congregation knew right away that they had the right man for the job.

On May 2, 1993, Pastor Daniels became the second pastor of the First Greater New Hope Baptist Church, and he continues to lead his congregation today.

Under his leadership, the First Greater New Hope Baptist Church established multiple ministries and grew to over 600 active members.

If that is not enough, Pastor Daniels is also currently pursuing a master's degree in Theology at the Trinity Theological Seminary.

Most importantly, he is the proud father of Brittany and Brianna Daniels, and the proud grandfather of Britton Ray Daniels.

After 25 years, Pastor Daniels has certainly left his mark not only on his church but also in the City of Fort Worth. His passion and love for the ministry explain why so many follow his vision of hope.

Therefore, I include in the RECORD this statement in recognition of Pastor B.R. Daniels, Jr.'s 25 years of dedicated service to the First Greater New Hope Baptist Church.

#### CELEBRATING THE 2018 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented young men and women participated in the 2018 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Sixty-three students from twenty-three high schools in Morris, Essex, Sussex and Passaic counties participated.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Alyssa Talon from Pope John XXIII Regional High School for her oil painting entitled, "Girl on the Bus." Second place was awarded to Ava Economou from Wayne Valley High School for her conte pencil work entitled, "Reflections of Past." Third place was awarded to Rachel Cenicola from Madison High School for her photograph entitled, "The Stories We Wear."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Tafari Dempster from Whippany Park High School for his colored pencil work entitled, "Bioluminescence," Caitlin Gethins from Whippany Park High School for her photograph entitled, "From Heaven Above," Morgan Hoover from Wayne Valley High School for her gel pen work entitled, "Mel," and Katherine Hu from the Morris County School of Technology for her acrylic painting entitled, "Perspicacious."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by including in the

RECORD their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries:

Boonton High School: Ifrah Bajwa, "Time Lapse"; Jaylene Combs, "Self-Portrait"; Catharine Owens, "Nick"; Zeeshan Qureshi, "Kobi".

Delbarton School: Lucas C. Acocella, "Unexpected Beauty"; Sean Taylor, "A Cut Above the Rest".

Eastern Christian High School: Steve Blanco, "What I Saw in the Water"; Angela Han, "The Friend".

Hanover Park High School: Jenna Glinko, "Freedom Tower"; Ronald Petriella, "Flashback"; Delaney Trignano, "Utensils".

Jefferson Township High School: Kaitlyn Hollar, "Shapes of the Rainbow"; Katrina Jenisch, "Child's Play"; Rachel Warncke, "Oliver".

Livingston High School: Tiffany Acosta, "Four Eyes"; Bari Greenwald, "Chivalrie Romance at the Abbey"; Rachel Leibel, "Jurassic Art"; Breena Rettig, "Fading".

Madison High School: Loryn Camp, "Acceptance"; Rachael Cenicola, "The Stories We Wear"; Julia Ferranti, "Distorted"; Kierran Matos "Don't Go".

Montclair High School: Tien Servidio, "The Angriest Bois".

Montville Township High School: Nicholas Corradino, "Golden Tiers"; Alexandra DeLuise, "Tessellate"; Cindy Xie, "Splendor".

Morris Catholic High School: Tess Clemente, "Sad Goodbye"; Yifan "Coco" Peng, "Potter Peng"; Deok Hyeon "David" Yu, "Bob Dylan"; Kelsey Zapana, "Tess".

Morris County School of Technology: Katherine Hu, "Perspicacious".

Nutley High School: Zawar Ahmed, "Fair and Lovely"; Barbara Benda, "Detached"; Paul Ibrahim, "Entropy"; Sabrina Kuo, "Individuality".

Parsippany Hills High School: Emma Mykowski, "Connection to the Past".

Passaic County Technical Institute: Christopher Cortez, "Narcissus"; Emmalie Foti, "Space Mammals"; Ava Liguori, "Colors".

Passaic Valley High School: Jonathan Alarcon, "Earth's Sanctuary"; Danielle Burden, "Oasis"; Matthew Nelson, "1:05".

Pope John XXIII Regional High School: Margaret Butler, "Teeth"; Anne Ilardi, "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?"; Alyssa Talon, "Girl on the Bus"; Jessica Whittam, "Taz".

Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School: Maya Homa, "American Beauty Rose"; Noa Mobilia, "Lone Bonsai".

Sparta High School: Sydney Van Brunt, "Country Girl"; Sarah Wille, "Freedom of Speech"; Ande Wittenmeier, "Veteran".

Trinity Christian School: Ben Genberg, "Mesa Verde".

Villa Walsh Academy: Lucy Anderson, "Midnight in the Garden"; Maureen Walsh, "Coming of Age".

Wayne Valley High School: Ava Economou, "Reflections of the Past"; Morgan Hoover, "Mel"; Kaitlyn Lauckner, "Proud"; Amanda Piszczatoski, "Looking Forward, Looking Back".

West Orange High School: David Fernandez, "Dream Deferred".

Whippany Park High School: Tafari Dempster, "Bioluminescence"; Emily Garcia, "Lantern Study"; Caitlin Gethins, "From Heaven Above"; Sara Kahn, "Playful Elephants".

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young

artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BROAD INSTITUTE

#### HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate National DNA Day, which marks the completion of the Human Genome Project that produced the first complete DNA sequence of a human being. On the 15th anniversary of this milestone, the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard will reach another remarkable achievement: having now sequenced a total of 100,000 human genomes since the conclusion of the Human Genome Project.

Connecting MIT, Harvard, the Harvard teaching hospitals, and the life sciences and technology industries in Cambridge, MA and beyond, the Broad Institute is one of the world's leading biomedical research institutions. In the service of its mission to propel the understanding and treatment of disease, the Broad Institute is also one of the largest producers of human genomic information; it has made more genomic data available for health research than any other organization.

Over the last decade, the Broad Institute has generated about ten percent of the world's entire knowledge base of human genomic data. Scientists in the United States and around the globe have used its data to research the underlying causes of devastating diseases, from common conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer to very rare childhood disorders.

That tremendous progress reflects not only on the Broad Institute, but on the wisdom of our government to meaningfully invest in biomedicine with its launch of the Human Genome Project in 1990, from which we are still reaping the returns.

I want to thank the Broad Institute for their commitment to science, health, and progress. I am incredibly proud to have this institution and their historic achievements within my district.

#### HONORING CURTIS W. THAYER

#### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and celebration of the 50th birthday of a former employee, colleague and more importantly, friend on May 4, 2018.

Mr. Curtis Thayer of Anchorage, Alaska has worked tirelessly on behalf of Alaskans for over half of his very young 50 years. He has served his time in a wide variety of public service and private practice to bring Alaska economic development, jobs and a solid foundation of community.

Moreover, Curtis is a devoted husband, father and son who dedicates his life to his family and many charitable and non-profit organizations. In a very brief time, Curtis has completed more than most people could in three lifetimes and I have a tremendous amount of respect for him, even selling him one of my precious guns at one point in time. That never happens as I really love my guns—but I gave him a great deal.

Curtis has a great wit, a sharp mind, and sometimes a sharp tongue, but you can always count on him to be there for you. He epitomizes loyalty, honesty and courage. He has stood by my side through all of the political and personal ups and downs and I cannot thank him enough for all he has done for the great State of Alaska and for me as a politician and a person. He is just simply a great guy with an even better wife and son.

Mr. Speaker, Curtis's wife Josie and his son Matthew stand beside a great man who will have many more years to make Alaska an even better place to live. Fifty is just the beginning for this young man.

Happy birthday to my friend, Curtis W. Thayer.

#### HONORING THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the staff of The Press Democrat for being awarded the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting “for lucid and tenacious coverage of historic wildfires that ravaged the city of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County.”

The Press Democrat is a locally-owned, daily newspaper that was founded in 1897 and is headquartered in Santa Rosa, in my district. This national recognition of its exemplary reporting reinforces what our community already knows—that The Press Democrat is a world class newspaper with exceptional reporters, photographers, editors, online producers and page designers.

During the historic October 2017 wildfires, the staff at The Press Democrat filled a dual role. They told the larger stories, reporting on the devastation and community-wide heartbreak and photographing the looming flames and incredible heroism. They also kept people in our community informed of whether they needed to evacuate, where they could go if they did and how to search for and locate missing family, friends and neighbors. Their updates were critical in keeping people in the Sonoma, Napa and Lake Counties aware of the rapid movement of the fires and events unfolding in our community.

The Pulitzer Prize is well-deserved acknowledgment of the hard work of the staff of The Press Democrat. During the long days and nights and extreme uncertainty, the reporters, photographers and editors worked on the front lines and around the clock to keep the community informed and shared the horrors with the rest of the country and the world. Reporting on the fires demanded everything of them and they delivered, even as some were evacuated from their homes and unsure if they would have a home to return to.

Mr. Speaker, The Press Democrat is an important newspaper and institution in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the staff and their accomplishment of winning a Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting.

#### HONORING RABBI STEVEN KUSHNER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM TEMPLE NER TAMID

##### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Steven Kushner upon his retirement from serving as the spiritual leader of Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield, New Jersey. Since its inception in 1980 when two Bloomfield congregations—one reform and one conservative-merged, the Jewish community at Temple Ner Tamid has not just grown, but thrived, under Rabbi Kushner's tenure.

Rabbi Kushner has been instrumental in the growth and expansion of the Ner Tamid congregation to hundreds of families serving three generations of members. In that time he has developed adult education, interfaith, social action, outreach, and family programming at the synagogue. Whether officiating at B'nai Mitzvah, confirmations, weddings, bris ceremonies, baby namings, or funerals, Rabbi Kushner has played an integral role in major life events of thousands of New Jersey families. His high-holiday sermons were always thought-provoking, and included the right dash of movie references or popular culture.

By all accounts, Rabbi Kushner took his title very seriously. The word “rabbi” means Jewish teacher in Hebrew, and Rabbi Kushner is a tremendous educator. In fact, Rabbi Kushner helped prepare my Chief of Staff, Ben Rich, for his Bar Mitzvah almost three decades ago. And through leading his confirmation class trip to Washington, D.C., helped influence Ben's path toward what has been a long career working for the people of northern New Jersey on Capitol Hill.

Rabbi Kushner is certainly a figure of respect in the Jewish community, and he has made his mark in the community at large as a distinguished and respected member of the clergy in Essex County and throughout New Jersey.

Rabbi Kushner is past president of the New Jersey Association of Reform Rabbis, the Coalition of Religious Leaders of New Jersey, and the Metro West Conference on Soviet Jewry, and also served on the Ethics Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). Rabbi Kushner is a member of Reform Judaism's Commission on Worship, Music and Religious Living, and chairs the Beth El Memorial Park Foundation of the United Jewish Communities of Metro West. He is a Trustee of The Blue Card, a unique charity that provides emotional and monetary assistance to Holocaust survivors and their families.

A native of Michigan and long suffering Lions fan, Rabbi Kushner received a Bachelor of Arts from Wayne State University in Detroit before earning a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Kushner has also re-

ceived Certification in Pastoral Counseling from the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health in New York City, and was awarded a Doctor of Divinity from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in March of 2002.

Rabbi Kushner served on the faculty of Bloomfield College from 1983 to 2003. In May of 1995, the college honored him with a Doctor of Laws honoris causa degree.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the dedicated service given. Let us come together to join Rabbi Kushner's family, including his daughters A viva and Hannah, his friends, and the Ner Tamid congregation, clergy and staff, in congratulating Rabbi Steven Kushner on his retirement after thirty-eight years of serving the Jewish community of northern New Jersey and Temple Ner Tamid of Bloomfield.

#### HONORING POLICE CHIEF RONDA WALLACE

##### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the career and achievements of Chief Ronda Wallace of Kodiak, Alaska, who has served her community and the Kodiak Police Department with distinction for the past 20 years. Chief Wallace first joined the Department in 1997 as a Public Safety Dispatcher, and the next year was commissioned as a patrol officer. She steadily rose through the Department's ranks and held numerous positions including Narcotics and Investigative Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Lieutenant, until becoming Kodiak's first female Police Chief in 2013.

Chief Wallace's leadership by example, care for the community of Kodiak, and compassion for its citizens have come to define the Kodiak Police Department. During her career she has gotten countless drugs off our streets, solved homicides, worked tirelessly to help women and children who are victims of abuse and assaults, and consistently raised the bar for professional police work. And, like all true leaders, her shining example will continue through the legacy she has created in Kodiak and the many people she has mentored, both within her police department and the community at large.

Throughout her 20-year career she has displayed the highest possible standards of police work, and is an inspiration to future generations of law enforcement professionals and public servants. I greatly appreciate and admire her selfless dedication to Kodiak, to her fellow citizens, to our great State of Alaska, and to our Nation as a whole through her cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Coast Guard Investigative Service.

Therefore, it gives me distinct pleasure to honor Chief Wallace today, and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ronda and wishing her continued success.