

such as bringing double delights roses from his garden to the secretary office, or oranges and grapefruits to our lab meetings, cultivated by his own hands in a small parcel of land in Venice, Los Angeles. He fondly loved that place, which he once told me, reminded him of his childhood at the old family orangery farm near Soliman, Tunisia on Cap Bon.

Jean was like a cool breeze bringing balsamic accords to the spirit at dawn of warm summer mornings. Although the sadness of losing Jean will never disappear, we owe it to him to stand up and stay in the race. He was a long-distance runner and he has now passed the baton of his legacy to us.

HONORING JONATHAN LAWSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan Lawson. Jon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jon has become a member of both the tribe Mic-O-Say and Order of the Arrow. Jon has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jon built a fire pit at the Rush Creek Campus of Liberty United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for H.R. 5447, the Music Modernization Act. The music industry is extremely valuable to Tennessee both economically and culturally. This bill recognizes the valuable work of songwriters and will help the music industry better serve its fans.

MUSIC MODERNIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, the Music Modernization Act, which the House is

considering is a major step forward in providing fairness for those in the music industry. This legislation updates several key provisions of U.S. copyright law regarding music licensing, including the creation of a single licensing entity to administer mechanical reproduction rights for digital music compositions, and the establishment of royalty payments for pre-1972 artists. I am proud to support it.

While this legislation is a major achievement, there are additional issues around the public performance of musical works which have been a priority for me that must be addressed. Specifically, we need to address the fact that venues such as restaurants, bars, hotels, wineries, breweries and other retail establishments cannot rely on the repertoires published by the Performing Rights Organizations to make decisions about what music to play. I've heard from many business owners in my district throughout the years that have had to decrease their use of live music as a result of a complicated and convoluted music licensing process. Currently, they face a "take it or leave it" situation: Either buy licenses from all the Performing Rights Organizations or don't play music. This not only hurts small businesses, it hurts the artists when their music isn't played.

This problem certainly isn't localized to Wisconsin. It's happening throughout the entire country, and it's up to Congress to take the necessary steps to fix it. For this reason, I introduced H.R. 3350, the Transparency in Music Licensing and Ownership Act, last year. This bill would establish a fully searchable, up-to-date, comprehensive digital database of historical and current copyright ownership and licensing information. By increasing transparency we can help ensure that when a business pays a music licensing fee, it knows exactly what it is buying. It is my hope that this and other issues can be addressed in subsequent legislation.

HONORING THE PUNAHOU SCHOOL NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL 2018 FINALISTS

HON. COLLEEN HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Punahou School's win in the Hawaii Regional High School Science Bowl and for earning the honor of competing in the National Science Bowl for the third year in a row.

Created by the Department of Energy's Office of Science in 1991, the National Science Bowl is one of the largest and most prestigious academic competitions in the United States. Over 290,000 students have participated throughout the National Science Bowl's 27 years. Each year, this competition has encouraged thousands of students—in all 50 U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico—to expand their understanding of mathematics and science and pursue careers in such fields. This year, 1,211 teams competed nationwide.

The team from Punahou will face the remaining 64 high school teams in the National Science Bowl Finals in Washington, D.C. this week. To the Punahou School team—Alexander Apo, Anna Kimata, Evan Liu, Ryan

Park, Dong-Woo Seo, and Coaches Tiffany Coke and Melissa Giresi—all the best in this year's competition. You are a shining example to your peers and I wish you continued success in your education and careers.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent these students and their families in the United States Congress and I know all my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Punahou School on competing in the National Science Bowl Finals 2018.

HONORING CALEB ZORN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb Zorn. Caleb is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Caleb has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Caleb has become a member of both the tribe Mic-O-Say and Order of the Arrow. Caleb has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Caleb built four wooden benches for the local Down Syndrome Guild.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Caleb for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on April 24. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 148 (Passage of H. Con Res. 111): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 149 (Passage of H.R. 5086, the Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2018): YES.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVEN SZIEBERT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Steven Sziebert, who passed away at his home in Yakima, Washington on February 23, 2018.

Steve was an exemplary community member with an admirable life story. His family immigrated to the United States in 1957 during the Hungarian Revolution. He graduated from Santa Clara University and entered the Army,

serving 5 years as an Airborne Ranger stationed at Fort Lewis and in South Korea.

At Fort Lewis, he met his wife, Marcia, relocated to the Yakima Valley, and quickly fell in love with Central Washington and all it had to offer his growing family. It was in Yakima that Steve came to realize his knack for construction. He spent his career managing projects across Washington and improving local infrastructure.

Steve will be fondly remembered for his jokes and stories, his welcoming personality, his kindness, and his service to his community. He will be missed by many, and my prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING THE WORK OF GEORGE M. SMART

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the dedicated service of George M. Smart, Director of FirstEnergy Corp. Under Mr. Smart's leadership, Summit County, Ohio has directly benefited from FirstEnergy's growth and success.

Mr. Smart is currently a trustee at his alma mater, Defiance College, where he was an undefeated quarterback for the Defiance College Yellow Jackets. Now, Mr. Smart devotes his time and resources to the success of athletic programs at Defiance, through the George M. Smart Athletic Center, which opened in 2012. Mr. Smart's lifelong loyalty to the Cleveland Browns, from the victorious "Kardiac Kids" in the 1980s, to the challenges of rebuilding the franchise today, serves as an inspiration to NFL fans everywhere. In 2006, the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) inducted Mr. Smart into its Hall of Excellence, thereby honoring George for his service to Defiance College, as well as his impact on society through professional achievement, leadership and scholarship.

I am especially proud of the George and Sandy Smart Family Foundation, whose mission it is to help the needy and spread the word of the gospel in the Medina and Canton, Ohio area. Additionally, the Foundation sponsors children at churches in Ecuador, which the Foundation established.

FirstEnergy experienced significant growth during the period Mr. Smart served as Director, growing from Ohio Edison with 1 million customers, to having 6 million customers in six states. Mr. Smart is concluding his service to shareholders as Director of FirstEnergy Corp. on May 15, 2018. Throughout his life, Mr. Smart has been a respected business leader, while maintaining multiple leadership positions with civic and charitable organizations in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend my congratulations and well wishes to George for his many years of dedicated service as a Director of FirstEnergy Corp., his support of Defiance College and the OFIC, and the George and Sandy Smart Family Foundation's ongoing philanthropic efforts. While Mr. Smart served as chairman of its Board, FirstEnergy remained committed to the long-term prosperity and vitality of Summit County. His work

has been critical in supporting economic development efforts that created jobs, sustained local suppliers and attracted new businesses to the 16th District of Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 VALLEY VIEW WE THE PEOPLE TEAM

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, 21 students from Valley View High School in my hometown of Jonesboro, Arkansas will arrive in our Nation's Capital to compete in the We the People National Competition. For the better part of the past school year, these impressive students have given up their free time to study our Nation's constitutional democracy and thoroughly examine the history and principles of the Republic.

This weekend, they will put their knowledge to the ultimate test here in Washington. They will compete in a simulated Congressional hearing by evaluating and defending positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. Our government functions at its best when citizens engage in the political and policy making process, and I'm proud that these students are already preparing themselves for that process through their education.

Valley View has a history of excellence in We the People. Mrs. Traci Smith started We the People at Valley View nearly a decade ago, won the Arkansas state competition several times, and brought hundreds of students to the Capital to compete. Today, the program is led by Mr. Jacob Lamberson, who has coached at the national competition several times. Both teachers deserve our gratitude for their exceptional work preparing the rising generation for civic engagement and leadership.

I include in the RECORD the names of the competing students: Jesse Allison, Walker Bartels, Adrian Brown, Benjamin "Benji" Campbell, Aaron Dent, Cooper Fanning, Colin Ford, Simon Gomez, Dylan Johnson, Ryan Jones, Ilyse Levy, Taylor Martin, Carly Mason, Daniel Miao, Tanner Mote, Weston Myers, Camryn Pierce, Anna Rhodes, Jackson St. Pierre, Johnny Waters, and Kori Wood.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you and the rest of Congress will join me in congratulating these young men and women for their achievements and wish them the best of luck in their future pursuits.

RECOGNIZING DEANNE HAENKE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give special recognition to Deanne Haenke from Royal Oak. I met Deanne and her family last week at a rally in Royal Oak as part of the student led National School Walkout. Deanne is a mother and a parent ally who felt compelled to speak up and let the students in her community know that there are adults who will stand with them.

I was so impressed with her courage and the passion with which she delivered her remarks that I wanted to share her speech with my colleagues. Therefore, I include in the RECORD the remarks of Deanne Haenke:

Hello. My name is Deanne Haenke and I am a parent ally.

I was asked to speak because I attended a PTA meeting at the high school where there was a discussion about school safety and the walkouts. Much to my own shock, I stood up to say a few things. After the meeting, the student leaders thanked me for what I said and that was that. But, a few days later, I got a text that they wanted me to speak at today's rally. I was flattered but very hesitant because I am not a public speaker and I wasn't sure what more I could bring to this conversation. As I was talking to my husband about it, my eldest son came running into the house saying he had gotten a text from Jonah asking if I would speak at the rally. I was looking at my husband, who I knew would understand if I said no, and then looking at my sons who seemed so eager for me to say yes. And as we talked about it, I realized, there was no way I would not speak. How could I tell my sons, whose childhood reality is so completely different than what mine was and what I wanted theirs to be, that I am too afraid to speak at a rally when they are scared to walk into school, yet they do it anyway? When there was a rumor a few months ago that a kid was planning something at the high school, I asked my son if he wanted to stay home. He emphatically said, "Yes, I want to stay home. I want to stay home every day! But if I stay home today, I won't go tomorrow and they win." So even though I didn't want him to go and as his parent I had the right to make him stay home, I listened to him, I said ok, told him I love him and, with terror in my heart, watched him walk out the door.

People who try to dismiss him because he is young are extremely ignorant to what this generation is facing and what courage they are capable of. You have all been forced to grow up far too quickly and you have every right to be heard.

This is not going to be easy. It is not going to be quick. As we see on a daily basis, common sense falls on deaf ears. I know how hard it is to listen to the adults who are not listening to you. But if you do listen to them, you will hear what they are really saying. Every dismissive comment, every immature insult is screaming that they are afraid of you. They are afraid of your determination, they are afraid of your numbers and they are most definitely afraid of your intellect because the reform you are demanding makes sense. And when they can't argue the sensible gun reform that is being proposed, they resort to personal attacks, name calling, fear mongering by shouting "Those people" want to take ALL the guns away or they try to place the blame anywhere else they can . . .

Yes there is a bullying problem.

Yes there are mental health issues.

Yes, for numerous reasons, there are some kids who don't have a good support system at home.

And of course it would be great if we could solve all of those problems and we must continue to strive to do so.

But there was bullying when I was kid. There were mental issues (and that was in a time when people didn't dare talk about mental issues so it was much harder to find help) and there were kids who didn't have a great support system at home.

Yet, we weren't dying in school.

Today, kids are the ones doing the dying. To those opposing any sensible gun reform . . . how is it possible those words do not shake