

Smethills has also served as the Vice President of Marketing for The Trammell Crow Companies where she worked with metropolitan districts and assisted in planning communities.

Back in her home state of Colorado, Diane formed her own real estate company and became instrumental in negotiating the purchase of the Sterling Ranch property. Currently, she also manages a private real estate portfolio of Colorado rental properties.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to recognize Diane Smethills for her many accomplishments in Colorado. She serves as a role model and example of hard work and perseverance.

RECOGNIZING MR. THOMAS
ANDERS, MISS REBEKAH
STEELMAN AND MR. BLAKE
REEVES

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to recognize the hard work and success of Mr. Thomas Anders, Miss Rebekah Steelman, and Mr. Blake Reeves. These three young people recently represented Lancaster High School and our community in a statewide competition hosted by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Their dedication and skill earned them first place in Entrepreneurship and the opportunity to compete in the national competition this June.

Mr. Anders, Miss Steelman, and Mr. Reeves displayed impressive planning and design capabilities in their project: developing a new restaurant. From the floor plan and the menu, to licensing and local laws, no detail was overlooked. Couple their meticulous planning with their vision and creativity, and it is easy to see how they surpassed their competitors.

The success of these students showcases the importance of ensuring all students have access to enriching educational experiences that maximize individual achievement and potential. I want to thank Mr. Anders, Miss Steelman, and Mr. Reeves, as well as all those involved in FCCLA, for demonstrating the value in bridging the gap between school and the workforce.

In addition to their prize and the opportunity to compete against students from across the nation, Mr. Anders, Miss Steelman, and Mr. Reeves have each been awarded a scholarship towards their studies at Sullivan University in the fall. I am confident that their entrepreneurial skills will be put to good use in all future endeavors, and I look forward to seeing all that they accomplish.

I am honored to represent such young, hardworking, and zealous students in the U.S. House of Representatives. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Thomas Anders, Miss Rebekah Steelman, and Mr. Blake Reeves, and wishing them the best of luck in their upcoming competition.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTH-
DAY OF TRESSIE ELIZABETH
BUTT HUMPHREY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable 100th birthday of Tressie Elizabeth Butt Humphrey. Tressie was born to Henry Clay Butt and Zelma Josephine Slownesky Butt on May 3, 1918.

A 1936 graduate of Steelville High School, she married the late Luther Theodore Humphrey with whom she shares two children, Loretta Mae and Selma Jean, as well as six grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and nineteen great-great-grandchildren. Tressie is a former teacher of the Slownesky one-room school house, a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri, and the owner of a Missouri Century Farm.

Tressie has achieved a great milestone in her life by celebrating her 100th birthday. She is a woman of character and is greatly beloved by all who know her. She has displayed exceptional leadership, contributing greatly to our society throughout her years. For all of these reasons and many more, it is my pleasure to recognize Tressie before the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING KERN CARPENTER
ON INTRODUCTION TO DADE
COUNTY FARM BUREAU HALL OF
HONOR

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Director Kern Carpenter of the Miami-Dade County Farm Bureau, on his induction to the Farm Bureau Hall of Honor.

A third generation farmer with a rich history in tomato production; Mr. Carpenter and his family have dedicated their lives to preserving the beauty and prestige of Florida's agriculture.

At a young age, Kern lost his father to cancer and not long after; the farm he loved. However, Kern never lost sight of his family's heritage and worked hard to one day run his very own farm.

In 1983, Kern successfully renewed his family's farming legacy and opened Kern Carpenter Farms.

Today, that passion and drive Kern possessed at such a young age, continues to impact so many farmers and serves as an inspiration throughout our South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, it is individuals like Kern that encompass the American spirit we all hold so dear. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors, and congratulate him on this much deserved honor.

Congratulations my friend (Felicidades amigo).

RECOGNIZING TAMRA RYAN

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tamra Ryan, Chief Executive Officer of The Women's Bean Project, a nationally-recognized social enterprise based in Denver, Colorado. Tamra Ryan is being honored at the First Annual Women Who Soar Awards by the Chamber of Commerce in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, on May 3, 2018. Her leadership, entrepreneurial-spirit, and social awareness in battling unemployment and poverty among women in the state of Colorado can serve as an inspiration to us all.

The mission of The Women's Bean Project is to change women's lives by providing opportunities to self-sufficiency through social enterprise. The Women's Bean Project is involved in providing products and services that work to reduce women's unemployment and poverty, and can be found amongst many of the nation's largest retailers in nearly 1,000 stores, as well as online.

In addition to her role with The Women's Bean Project, Tamra Ryan is, a former board member of Social Venture Partners-Denver, chair of the Board of Directors for the Social Enterprise Alliance, and is on the advisory board for the Barton Institute for Philanthropy and Social Enterprise at the University of Denver. In 2017, Tamra was recognized for her efforts by being named one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Colorado, as well as being a keynote speaker at TEDxMilehigh. Tamra is the author of *The Third Law*, a book that highlights the societal obstacles that marginalized women must overcome in order to change their lives.

Mr. Speaker, a great nation cannot exist without exemplary citizens who sacrifice a great deal to improve the lives of those around them, and Tamra Ryan is just that, a reflection of the best in America.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SANTA CRUZ SYMPHONY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of an organization that displays the unique artistic virtue of my district. The Santa Cruz Symphony has served my district on the central coast of California by promoting, fostering, and furthering musical cultural enrichment, appreciation, and innovation. This year the Santa Cruz Symphony is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. Since its founding in 1958, the Santa Cruz Symphony has fostered the musical arts by organizing thousands of concerts, community events and productions over the years.

The Santa Cruz Symphony has helped children in Santa Cruz County with their youth education program. Since 1996, this program has engaged elementary school students throughout the county by coordinating year-long classical music listening programs, providing musicians who attend classrooms to

discuss and demonstrate their instruments, and hosting free youth concerts for over 4,000 4th and 5th graders. With a deep commitment to education, The Santa Cruz Symphony has also established the Mueller Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance to aspiring young musicians.

The Santa Cruz Symphony has a greatly talented array of musicians and composers and has hosted many notable concerts. The

Symphony takes great pride in working with and being conducted by Maestro Daniel Stewart's remarkable musical genius and artistic talent. During their 60th anniversary season, the symphony's most recent production, *Celebration*, has generated much acclaim. By featuring renowned soloists like Yuja Wang and promoting the works of living composers, The Santa Cruz Symphony continues to add to the

musical richness of our community by delivering outstanding performances.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the dedication and cultural enrichment the Santa Cruz Symphony has provided to the Central Coast, Santa Cruz, and the entire State of California. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Santa Cruz Symphony as an indispensable cultural asset of our community.