

economic stability and security in the Asia-Pacific region. Additionally, many Filipinos have made the United States home. Filipino-Americans have contributed immensely to our nation's prosperity. In my home district of Guam, Filipino and Filipino-American community represent over one-third of the general population. They are also immense contributors to the betterment of our island and play a key role in the economic, social, and political fabric of our island and the nation as a whole.

In addition, the friendship of the Filipino people has forged a bond between our nations that has only grown stronger over time. Our nations are intimately linked to one another. I join the people of Guam in celebrating the 120th anniversary of the Republic of the Philippines' independence and look forward to our countries strengthening our relationship in the years to come.

**RECOGNIZING FRANK J. LEMKE
AND OTHERS WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR PROJECT 19**

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Frank J. Lemke and many others from my district and around the country who volunteered to participate in Project 19, a secret program to aid the Allied Forces during World War II.

Mr. Lemke was born in Buffalo, attended St. Mary's School, and later attended Technical High School. After graduating, he was a machinist for the Airplane Division of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation in Cheektowaga producing P-40 fighter planes. At this time, the U.S. had not formally entered World War II so American troops could not be sent to the battlefields. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, requested help from the U.S. because the British Royal Air Force's planes were being shot down much faster than they could be repaired in North Africa. There was a great need for a repair base in that region to continue the strong attack against the Nazis. At a meeting of the nation's top U.S. airplane manufacturing centers, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized Project 19 to respond to this great need overseas and the Douglas Aircraft Company was selected to manage this project.

Frank J. Lemke, and many other employees from the Curtiss-Wright Corporation in Cheektowaga volunteered to go on this 18-month mission to Africa. In total there were over 2,000 volunteers across the country. In the middle of the night Frank and many others crammed into a World War I troop ship and took a 50-day trip to an abandoned Italian air force base in Gura, located in the hills of North Africa. Their mission was to repair aircraft so that they would be battle ready once again and to assemble new aircraft.

After the Germans were defeated in Africa, Project 19 was officially closed. American civilians had the choice of enlisting or returning to the U.S. and Frank decided to return home. In the Winter of 1943 Frank was on a freighter returning to the U.S. when the ship that he was on was torpedoed off the coast of South Africa. He was later picked up near Sao

Paulo, Brazil, after 42 days in a 22-foot lifeboat with 25 crew members. He finally arrived back to Buffalo, NY where he became a hydraulics instructor at Curtiss-Wright's airport plant. Unfortunately, Frank Lemke passed away on July 16, 1955, but his memory lives on in my district.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to recognize Frank J. Lemke and many others who participated in Project 19. It is important to recognize Frank and other civilian heroes who have contributed to the preservation of freedom in this great country. It is an honor to recognize these heroes who not only helped my district, but the Allied Forces win the war.

**RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL
INVENTORS MONTH**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, if any single thing epitomizes American ingenuity, it is the iconic American inventor. It is our distinct pleasure, therefore, to give special recognition to the month of May as National Inventors Month.

President Lincoln considered how "certain inventions and discoveries [in history] occurred of peculiar value, on account of their great efficiency in facilitating all other inventions and discoveries." Mr. Lincoln specified "the art of writing and of printing; the discovery of America, and the introduction of patent laws." Today, we might refer to such inventions and discoveries as "disruptive technologies."

National Inventors Month, 2018, it is well worth considering President Lincoln's exaltation of invention and, by implication, of inventors. Moreover, we as a nation should pause to reflect why the Sixteenth President of the United States connected patent laws with invention and "disruptive" advancements. Notably, he even placed patenting of inventions on par with the discovery of America and the invention of the printing press. In the same lecture titled "Discoveries, Inventions, and Improvements," President Lincoln observed, "Before then any man [might] instantly use what another man had invented, so that the inventor had no special advantage from his invention. The patent system changed this, secured to the inventor for a limited time exclusive use of his inventions . . ."

Not only President Lincoln, but the Founders held this belief about securing patent rights to the intellectual fruits of one's labor. The Founders thought it important enough to empower and encourage invention by any American so inclined, in order to advance our nation's collective knowledge and economic strength, that they included this very special, exclusive property right within the Constitution itself. Thus, our Founders deliberately intended to stimulate invention by inventors from sea to shining sea—be they on farms, in factories, toiling in their basements, barns, garages, in corporate research and development facilities, in the laboratories of companies and of our world-class universities.

President Lincoln, who has been the only U.S. president with a patent, summarized this famous, successful formula. He credited our patent system for its securing inventors' exclusive rights to use their inventions as they see

fit. He phrased this famously, completing the thought in the same speech. Mr. Lincoln said U.S. patents "added the fuel of interest to the fire of genius in the discovery and production of new and useful things."

Therefore, we proudly recognize National Inventors Month. I encourage my fellow Americans to take this opportunity to reflect on the great benefits we daily enjoy from the inventions, great and small, of American inventors.

**RECOGNIZING TERESA CARLSON,
KERI SHULL, GINA STRACUZZI**

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three remarkable women—Teresa Carlson, Keri Shull, and Gina Stracuzzi—who are being honored by the Institute for Excellence in Sales on June 15, 2018. These awards promote and advance corporate and organizational sales excellence by recognizing individuals that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and strategic vision in Sales.

Teresa Carlson is receiving the Lifetime Achievement in Sales Award. Ms. Carlson is one of the top female leaders in technology today. Teresa Carlson leads the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Worldwide Public Sector business—involving state, local, central and regional governments; educational institutions and Ed Techs; and non-profits and nongovernmental organizations (NGO)—and acts as an advisor to Amazon Public Policy on global policy issues. Since starting AWS's public sector business in 2010, Ms. Carlson has driven the business's growth that, today, accounts for 2,000 government, 4,500 education, and 17,500 nonprofit customers, and a vast partner ecosystem across all geographies.

Keri Shull is receiving the Women in Sales Executive Leadership Award. Ranked as the #1 Real Estate Team in Virginia, Ms. Shull and her team sold 321 homes in 2017. Ms. Shull has developed an extensive team of marketing specialists who implement aggressive strategies using innovative technology to ensure maximum exposure for their clients' homes.

Gina Stracuzzi is the Institute for Excellence in Sales Member of the Year. Ms. Stracuzzi has led the IES Women in Sales program since 2016. She is a business development expert who has helped world-renown organizations substantially grow.

**RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF JOHN
C. MYERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
IN PROMOTING STEM EDUCATION**

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I believe nothing is more important to America's future than ensuring a high-quality education for our nation's children. In the 21st century, this includes encouraging student participation in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and

math, or STEM. That's why I am proud to represent an excellent institution of learning like John C. Myers Elementary School in Broadway, Virginia, in the U.S. House of Representatives. John C. Myers is leading the country in promoting STEM education for young students with its STEM Lab known as Jake's Nest.

In April 2018, John C. Myers was recognized at the International Technology and Engineering Educator Association's annual conference. The STEM program at John C. Myers was only one of 39 programs worldwide to earn the Program Excellence Award. This prestigious award is one of the highest honors given to technology and engineering education programs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

I commend John C. Myers Elementary for inspiring children in the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia to take an interest in STEM. Together, the teachers, administrators, and staff have cultivated a unique place of learning for their students that engages them in innovative educational opportunities. As the need for students educated in STEM fields grows across both the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country, John C. Myers will continue to help prepare students to meet this demand. Congratulations to John C. Myers Elementary for this well-deserved honor. Go Jakes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, and Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call votes 231, 232, 233, 236, 237, 238 and 239. I would have voted nay on Roll Call votes 234 and 235.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLIE ALLEN

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor and remember the life of Charlie Allen, a dedicated community leader and philanthropist, who left a profound impact on the Marshall County Airport and the Lacon, Illinois community.

Born in Peoria, Illinois in 1933, Charlie displayed natural leadership qualities at a young age. Charlie graduated from Michigan State University in 1955 and immediately enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he first fell in love with aviation.

Following Charlie's service to our country, he returned to Lacon to run the family business, the Allen Lumber Company. In 2005, Charlie retired from the Allen Lumber Company, but that did not stop him from making an impact around the community. Charlie's love for the Lacon community is evident in his commitment to the local Rotary Club, where he never missed a meeting in over 50 years.

Charlie served on numerous boards, including the First National Bank of Lacon and the

Lacon Chamber of Commerce. But, everyone knew Charlie's favorite board to serve on was the Marshall County Airport, which he was the president of from 1966 until his passing. It was Charlie's effort that brought together the first Fly-in Breakfast, now held annually on Father's Day, and has become one of the biggest attractions in the area.

We mourn the passing of Charlie, a friend and co-pilot to many. He left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of working and flying with him. His memory will be forever entwined in the fabric of the Lacon community and the Marshall County Airport.

JOHN ELLIS GOLDSMITH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize John Goldsmith a native of Greenville, Illinois.

For well over 25 years, John has logged countless hours of dedicated service to his community. One of John's many projects was the establishment of the Demoulin Museum. For John's efforts in opening this museum, he was recently awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal.

Today the Demoulin Brothers & Company is the leading maker in marching band uniforms, but they got their start making fraternal lodge initiation regalia. John and his late mother Norma amassed and preserved a collection of historic artifacts from the company that was founded in 1892.

John has turned what began as a hobby with his mother into a museum that has drawn visitors from all 50 states and even internationally to his hometown of Greenville. Recently, John has preserved a church building dating to the 1890's to serve as the permanent home of the Demoulin Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to send my most sincere congratulations to John in receiving the Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONS

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vital importance to U.S.-Taiwan relations, and for the peace, security and stability of the Western Pacific, of the inauguration on June 12th of a new office complex for the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT).

The inauguration ceremony for this new facility will be attended by a number of dignitaries, including Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen. This event represents much more than the opening of just another new office complex in Taipei. It stands as a concrete example of the firm commitment and unbreakable bonds that exist between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the passage and signing into law of the Tai-

wan Relations Act (TRA) which has served as a cornerstone for our vigorous security, economic and people-to-people bilateral relationship. It was a proud moment in the history of the American Congress when we took the lead in assuring that the diplomatic recognition to Beijing would not come at the expense of Taiwan. The people of Taiwan have earned our friendship and support as they share our own dedication to democracy, human rights and a free market economy.

Let us stand with Taiwan here again today by recognizing the upgrading of the American presence on Taiwan through the inauguration of this new AIT facility.

ALL CAPS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, they finally did it. For the first time in franchise history, the WASHINGTON CAPITALS are Stanley Cup champions.

When time expired in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Finals, throngs of red-clad fans inside the arena in Las Vegas and on the streets of Washington threw up their arms in jubilation, celebrating a victory that was a long time coming.

Year after year in recent times, the CAPS posted impressive records during the regular season only to falter in the playoffs. Even this year, the CAPS found themselves with their backs against the wall throughout the playoffs, going down 0-2 in the series against Columbus and dropping three straight games against Tampa Bay. But the team never gave up and battled through adversity on their way to winning hockey's ultimate crown.

The CAPS are loaded with some of hockey's top talent, from T.J. Oshie, whose dazzling shootout moves in a Team USA jersey captivated the world at the 2014 Winter Olympics, to Alexander Ovechkin, one of the NHL's most prolific goal scorers and long-time CAPS captain. And of course one cannot forget Braden Holtby, their goaltender, their masked crusader whose desperation save in Game 2 against Las Vegas embodied the CAPS' stern resolve in achieving their goal.

Included in this formidable array of players is center Lars Eller, the first Danish player to hoist the Stanley Cup. Eller proved to be vital to the CAPS in their Cup run. He scored the game-winning goal in double-overtime against Columbus to prevent the CAPS from going 0-3 down in the series, and last week he put the puck into the Vegas goal with just minutes to go, breaking the game's deadlock and launching his team into the history books. Eller's family and friends were watching in a movie theater back in his hometown of Rodovre, Denmark, where the clock read 2:22am at puck drop and past 5am when Eller scored his fateful goal. He has since been hailed as a hero in his native country, with accounts of his Cup-clinching goal dominating the national media on Friday morning.

Mr. Speaker, the CAPITALS' Stanley Cup triumph shows us why sports are so important to our society. They bring people together and inspire us to dream. So congratulations to Lars Eller, the rest of the CAPITALS organization, and the city of Washington on a historic victory.