

In addition to meeting its charitable objectives, the church serves as the site of worship for three other churches. In the past, it also opened its doors to the Filipino Congregational Church of San Bruno. During the day, squeals of laughter from children can be heard in its hallways as they enjoy their lessons offered onsite by the California Montessori School.

For the past 40 years, St. John's has been led by Pastor Champion Traylor and his late wife, Pat. During weddings and funerals, weekly services and rallies for hope, through peaceful times and when our nation was at war, this couple gave comfort to their fellow citizens and offered guidance to all who sought it. Sometimes we lose track of the importance of ministry in our daily lives. Pastor Traylor and his wife never lost track of anyone in their ministry.

So let us wish St. John's another 100 years of prosperity. We know that other churches may be larger, but few have been such stalwart members of San Bruno's community for 100 or more years. In the years since St. John's was founded, the first asphalt state highway was laid down just a few miles away in San Bruno, a racetrack was built and then demolished, San Francisco airport went from a mud field to an international destination, and tens of thousands of San Bruno children were raised and left their homes to participate in civic life and commerce. St. John's has remained. It has always served the next wave of Americans and immigrants, allowing all who enter to be encouraged in their spiritual quest and thus allowing America herself to become a more perfect union. May this special place near San Francisco Bay continue to prosper for the next 100 years.

HONORING THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City Commission of the City of Lauderdale Lakes located in Broward County, Florida.

This area has long been a retirement location for people from New York and in particular those of the Jewish faith. Those with Caribbean and African American ancestry began to settle there in the late 20th century, making the City a true American success story of diversity, which is now home to over 35,000 people.

In 2014, the City voted to alter the structure of its governing body by establishing a city commission that would be composed of five individuals. In November 2016, the City's residents elected five women of color, making them the only city in Florida to have a commission entirely comprised of women.

Mr. Speaker, to the residents of Lauderdale Lakes, and especially to its Mayor Hazelle Rogers, Vice Mayor Beverly Williams, and City Commissioners Sandra Davey, Gloria Lewis, and Veronica Edwards Phillips, I offer my sincere congratulations on this historic achievement and wish the City many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE ROCKRIDGE SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR 2A STATE TITLE IN SOFTBALL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rockridge Softball Team from Rockridge High School, for earning the Class 2A title for the Illinois State Championship in softball.

The Rockets took first in finals to claim their title as state champions, and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Taylor Ridge throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rockridge Rockets Softball Team on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2851, STOP THE IMPOR- TATION AND TRAFFICKING OF SYNTHETIC ANALOGUES ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDER- ATION OF H.R. 5735, TRANSI- TIONAL HOUSING FOR RECOVER- Y IN VIABLE ENVIRONMENTS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDER- ATION OF H.R. 5788, SECURING THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL AGAINST OPIOIDS ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee report (H. Rept. 115-751) to accompany House Resolution 934 included an incorrect amendment header for the text of amendments made in order to Part A. The correct amendment header should have read:

Part A—Text of Amendments to H.R. 2851 Made in Order.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN- NIVERSARY OF LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the great country of Lithuania and the hundred-year anniversary of her independence. On February 16, 1918, Lithuania declared her independence from the Russian empire and has since been a tremendous ally to the United States in Eastern Europe.

In 1917, in a tumultuous geopolitical climate, dominant superpowers throughout Europe, including the Russian and German empires, were seeking to control the Baltic state of Lithuania. Despite these powerful forces, the Lithuanian people dreamt of a unified, sovereign nation founded on the rich cultural and linguistic history of the region. They longed to gain independence from the powers of Europe and establish their country on democratic values and ideals.

In September 1917, the Vilnius Conference met to begin the process of separating from the Russian Empire. The Conference established a group of 20 men, known as the Council of Lithuania, to act in the interest of the Lithuanian people throughout this arduous process. In December 1917, the Council, led by activist Jonas Basanavičius, declared Lithuania to be independent as a protectorate of Germany. Seeing that the German Empire was weakened by its struggles in World War I, the Council adopted the Act of Independence of Lithuania on February 16, 1918, ultimately liberating the country from the powers of Europe.

Since the days of her independence, Lithuania has maintained a strong working relationship with the United States. Though, for a time during World War II, Lithuania was forcefully annexed and occupied by the Soviet Union, the United States never recognized this lapse in Lithuanian independence and has always supported Lithuania's democratic principles and values. By joining NATO and the UN in 2004, Lithuania has demonstrated a deep commitment to peace and freedom that I am proud to acknowledge here today.

One hundred years removed from this historic independence, it is an honor to recognize the rich history and culture of one of our nation's strongest international allies. With confidence and support, the United States looks forward to additional centuries of Lithuanian strength and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes, as I was in Charleston, South Carolina for the primary election. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 258; YEA on Roll Call No. 259; and YEA on Roll Call No. 260.

RECOGNIZING CHLOE LINDEMAN FOR HER 1A STATE TITLE IN SHOTPUT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chloe Lindeman, a junior from Fulton High School, for earning the Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in shot put for track and field.

Chloe Lindeman threw the shot put 47 feet to claim her title as state champion, and I

would like to recognize Chloe for her tremendous accomplishment. Chloe's dedication and passion for her sport meant that she was determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Chloe is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see her represent Fulton throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Chloe Lindeman on her title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing her every success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent June 12, 2018 due to unforeseen circumstances. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 258—H.R. 5327—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA;

Roll no. 259—H.R. 5041—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA; and

Roll no. 260—On approving the Journal: YEA.

CONGRATULATING THE HALL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2018 recipients of the Hall County Chamber of Commerce's annual awards.

Each year, the Hall County Chamber awards local businesses and individuals for the positive impact that they have had on the community.

To honor the accomplishments of individual Hall County residents, the Chamber gave the Distinguished Citizen Award to Benny Bagwell, the W.G. Meador Award to Paul Chambers, and the Community Service Award to State Senator Butch Miller. As a friend to each of these three men, I've seen their devotion to the Hall County community first-hand.

Celebrating the achievements of local businesses, the Chamber awarded Green's Grocery and Millie's Drapery and Decorating with the Small Business of the Year title. Duplicating Products and the Norton Agency earned the Family Business of the Year award.

We can't overlook the risks that men and women take to start a business or the benefits these job creators bring to our community. Keeping a business operating requires perseverance during the difficult times.

The Hall County Chamber of Commerce empowers the community by connecting local businesses and offering resources to support their growth. When local business owners col-

laborate with each other, they can energize the Gainesville economy.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate this year's honorees on their well-deserved awards and wish them continued success.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF MIAMISBURG, OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Miamisburg, Ohio as it celebrates its bicentennial anniversary.

There is only one community on Earth named Miamisburg—and that community is located in my congressional district.

Miamisburg is affectionately known as Ohio's "Star City." The city drew its name from the Native American tribe that inhabited the valley between the Great and Little Miami Rivers.

The area was originally settled by a minister named Zachariah Hole, who came with his family from Virginia in 1797, and built a stockade on the east bank of the river as protection from the Indians. The Indians proved to be friendly, and the stockade attracted additional settlers, mostly from Pennsylvania. The settlers called their community "Hole's Station."

Miamisburg was founded on February 20, 1818, fifteen years after Ohio was admitted into the Union as the 17th State. The community was organized as a village in 1832, and achieved city status one hundred years later, in 1932.

Today, Miamisburg is home to over 20,000 residents, in a community that is known to be one of the best places in the United States to live and raise a family. The entire downtown district is listed on the National Historic Register. In 2008, Ohio Magazine named Miamisburg as one of the state's five "Best Hometowns."

Miamisburg is home to notable citizens including the McGuire Sisters, America's most popular singing trio, who recorded dozens of hit songs during the 1950s and 1960s; George Kinderdine of the Dayton Triangles, who kicked the first-ever extra point in NFL history in the first game played between two professional football teams in 1920; and David Bruton, Jr., a defensive back who helped the Denver Broncos win their third Super Bowl championship in 2016.

Theodore Roosevelt is the only President of the United States known to have visited Miamisburg during his time in office.

The Miamisburg Mound is the city's most visible historic landmark. The Mound is an ancient burial site constructed by the prehistoric Adena Indians approximately 2,500 years ago. It is one of the two largest conical mounds in eastern North America. The site is still intact and serves as a popular picnic destination and tourist attraction for area visitors.

The Mound Laboratory was the first permanent atomic energy facility to be constructed after World War II in the United States. Its work was essential to U.S. national security during the Cold War. The laboratory operated from 1948 to 2003 and served as a facility that conducted research, development initiatives and production for U.S. nuclear weapons and

space programs. Mound scientists and employees worked on a number of NASA missions and projects, including the creation of the nuclear battery (radioisotope thermoelectric generator).

The citizens of Miamisburg will celebrate their city's rich history and vibrant future during a festive week of activities from June 16–23, 2018. Riverfront Park will serve as the city's center stage for its bicentennial celebrations. The festivities include a bicentennial parade, fireworks, performances by the Dayton Philharmonic, the Ohio State University Alumni Band, the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, and a concert by Country Music Hall of Fame musician Ricky Skaggs.

The week of celebration coincides with the annual Miamisburg Alumni Dinner Dance. The Miamisburg High School Alumni Association is the oldest continuously active high school alumni association in the United States, and has held a reunion each year since its inception in 1888.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the citizens of Miamisburg, Ohio, as they celebrate this important milestone in their city's history. I want to thank the Miamisburg Bicentennial Committee, Mayor Dick Church, and the many volunteers for all the hard work they have done in preparation for this special event.

May Ohio's "Star City" continue to shine bright for another 200 years.

CONGRATULATING IAN KUEHL ON HIS TITLE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ian Kuehl, a senior from Lena-Winslow High School, for earning the 285 pound Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in Wrestling.

Ian Kuehl pinned his last opponent of the season in 3 minutes and 25 seconds to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Ian for his tremendous accomplishment. Ian's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold and cap off his season of 47 wins and only 1 loss. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Ian is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Stockton throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Ian Kuehl on his state title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for roll call votes 261 and 262 on Wednesday, June