

high school students with developmental disabilities so that they can gain workplace skills and experience.

I wholeheartedly congratulate Scott for receiving the Champion of Equal Opportunity Start Your Journey award and thank him for his work to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

#### HERALDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRIYANKA KUMAR

#### HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to herald the achievements of a brilliant young constituent, Priyanka Kumar. As a volunteer at a medical research lab, Priyanka assisted in developing human skin grafts using 3D print technology that could be used to treat burn victims. Last week her exceptional spirit of volunteerism earned her a Congressional Award Gold Medal.

A resident of Latham, NY, Priyanka has also worked closely with her STEM peers to create a mental health awareness initiative and has tutored local children in an array of subjects. She has said working with other women in STEM is especially gratifying, and she takes great pride in her commitment to breaking stereotypes in this male-dominated field.

Priyanka also showed exceptional ingenuity in service of others by using computer programming tools to identify tweets from people requesting aid during natural disasters, to make hospitals safer by reminding doctors to use hand sanitizers, and to master machine-learning algorithms that detect cancer in the human genome.

Priyanka described receiving the Congressional Award as an amazing experience that taught her the importance of giving back to a community. Well done, Priyanka. Her future is incredibly bright, and her friends, family and all of us in her community are very proud of all that she has accomplished.

#### CASTLE ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional work done by the Parks and Recreation Department of Castle Rock, Colorado.

This year, Castle Rock Parks and Recreation was named a finalist in the 2018 National Gold Medal Award Program for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, hosted by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA).

AAPRA is an association of 120 national leaders in parks and recreation management. All the individuals in this exclusive group have at least 15 years of high-level park administration experience or currently manage an agency that serves a population over 550,000. This limited number of high-caliber members makes AAPRA a premier authority on parks and recreation administration.

When it gives out its gold medal awards, AAPRA reviews applications from parks and recreation departments of various sizes across the nation. For its population size, Castle Rock Parks and Recreation ranked as one of the top-five agencies in the nation.

Coloradans know that Castle Rock is synonymous with natural beauty. The town's parks and recreation department works tirelessly to preserve wild areas, make the outdoors accessible to all residents, and provide high-quality indoor facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Castle Rock Parks and Recreation in the Fourth Congressional District for its stellar work to strengthen our community and support our people.

#### HONORING BRIA CARBO

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an athletic young lady, Ms. Bria Carbo of Clinton, Mississippi.

Bria Carbo is the youngest child of Ron Carbo and Dana Carbo-Bryant. She is one of three siblings to Brent and Jolie Carbo. Currently, Bria is a Junior of Clinton High School in Clinton, MS.

Bria Carbo is a very outgoing and athletic young lady, who is carrying on a legacy of track athletes in her family. Bria began running track at the age of eight (8), participating on the Amos track team and the Mississippi Track Stars summer track program in the Jackson, MS area. She began her school track career at Byram Middle School, Byram, MS and continued on when she transferred to Clinton Middle School, Clinton, MS. In 8th grade, Bria started varsity cross country with Coach Marett and varsity track in 9th grade with Coach Perkins. She has had the privilege of being a part of the state championship winning Clinton track team, three out of their 5 wins.

Bria's family history in track is very valuable. Her father, Ron, had a successful varsity and Junior Olympic track career as a native of New Orleans, La. Her older siblings, Brent and Jolie, were sprinters for Terry High School, Terry, MS. Her sister, Jolie, is currently completing her senior year as a member of the track team for the University of Mississippi. All three (3) have participated in the Junior Olympics at some point in their track careers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Bria Carbo for her hard work and dedication at Clinton High School and I wish her much success as she continues to pursue her track career and carry her family's legacy.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE! IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE, A GREAT AMERICAN LEADER AND HERO FROM KANSAS ON HIS UPCOMING 95TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American Icon and National Treasure. An American Hero, and a man for all seasons, former Senate Leader Robert J. Dole on his upcoming 95th birthday. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

An American Hero, Oh

America's soul

A fine story of courage and glory

To have and to hold

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

Of someone all our children should know

When from out of The West,

came one of America's Best with a heart of gold.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

An American tale,

who against all odds showed us just how,

To accept God's Will,

no matter how dark to move onward still

Don't forget, in the Big One WWII he helped 'Save The World'

Almost dying for our boys and girls.

As a poor farm boy from Kansas, as an American Hero he now stands.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

Who while at death's door somehow courageously moved forth

Until, one day he became a giant upon The Senate floor

And with all his wit and charm and kindness touching hearts so very warm.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

And yea Bob you could have given Bob Hope a run for his money,

because just like him too Bob, you're so funny.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

Because, when you've looked at death and loss straight in the face

It's either get up and learn how to laugh or die in that place

As you kept up your courageous pace.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

With the kind of faith,

which brings tears to our Lord's eyes with all you faced

For you Bob were like the Clint Eastwood of the Senate,

as you could be so very tough in it

But, fair like The Great One Henry Clay

As you too used that great art of compromise day after day

'Get a piece here and then a piece there,

and before you know it you've got most of what you wanted in the first place there.'

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

As Bob your word was always your bond, why even across the aisle today of you they are still fond

And you and Alan Simpson,

were The Original Leadership Dream Team which will live on

Because, you guys have both touched so many hearts from dusk to dawn

And Elizabeth,

well you married up Bob, way, way, way past where you belong.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

As your life in our Nation's history is like a beautiful American Song

But, The True Measure of this Man, is your treatment of your fellow woman and man,

And towards children your heart so warmly always ran.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

You're ninety-five years old, but still you're ninety-five years young, And you're our Great American Treasure, worth far more than your weight in gold to all among.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

For you are A Man For All Seasons, for so many reasons!

Hey Bob,

do you still think you've got another ninety-five left in your seasons?

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

AN AMERICAN HERO!

AMERICA'S GOLD!

AMERICA'S SON, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD!

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

TIBET "FROM ALL ANGLES"

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, we recently had a hearing on the egregious human rights violations in Tibet. This hearing, again, reminds us of the dire and worsening situation of the Tibetan people inside of China. We very robustly welcomed Dhondup Wangchen to the United States.

We were glad for him to join us and that he is finally reunited with his family. What an unbelievable irony that at a time when China is buying Hollywood, buying access to universities, and buying companies to influence product, that a man who speaks so eloquently about another product of the Chinese government—repression—would find himself so horribly mistreated.

As Chairman RUBIO said, Mr. Wangchen was one of the key focuses of this Commission for a very long time.

He is one in a long line of heroic dissidents and former prisoners of conscience who have testified before this Commission. The Chinese government may not like our efforts, and that is an understatement. They do not like light being shown on their human rights abuses, but nothing good happens in the dark. We need to accelerate what we are doing to bring focus and scrutiny to their abuses.

We are looking at Tibet from all angles, as a human rights issue, as a critical matter of diplomacy, and as a geostrategic concern. Too often human rights and human rights diplomacy are discounted or ignored as a secondary concern in bilateral relations. That has been a bipartisan failure by a number of White Houses and State Departments.

They are too often viewed as problems, and not of real interest to the United States. I believe that sells out the dissidents, and sells out the best and the bravest women and men in China and anywhere else where we practice that kind of subordination of human rights to other concerns.

It is abundantly clear that we are in direct link between China's domestic human rights problems and the security and the prosperity of the United States. There is a link.

The health of the U.S. economy and the environment, the safety of our food and drug supplies, the security of our investments and personal information in cyberspace, the academic freedom of our universities and the civility of a specific region will all depend on China complying with international law, allowing the free flow of news and information, complying with its WTO obligations and protecting the basic rights of Chinese citizens, including the fundamental freedoms of religious expression, assembly and association.

Losing sight of these facts leads to bad policy, bad diplomacy, and the needless juxtaposition of values and interests. It also sends the wrong message to those in China standing courageously for greater freedom, human rights, and the rule of law.

There is the issue of corporate capitulation referenced by our distinguished Chairman. As Mercedes Benz pulled an advertisement on Instagram with the Dalai Lama and a quote, "Look at a situation from all angles and you will become more open." Like Delta and Marriott before it, Mercedes shamelessly apologized even though Instagram is blocked in China.

I remind my colleagues that back in 2006, I began a series of hearings where we had Google, Microsoft, Cisco and Yahoo. I had them take the stand and swear in. It was an eight-hour hearing. And they were not only censoring all things on their platforms, Google especially, but they were also aiding and abetting the propaganda of the Beijing dictatorship, all for profit—all for profit.

Now we see others following that terrible and dangerous precedent of years ago. It has been unabated, and now it's continuing even in a more shameless way towards Tibet.

The administration's national security strategy rightly identifies China's foreign influence operations as a strategic threat. It is imperative to counter China's global influence operations and efforts to export its authoritarian model, and globally.

I chair the Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations Subcommittee. We had a hearing in March on the influence of China in Africa. We have had these hearings before, but it is getting worse. The bad governance model of Beijing is being accepted by some, particularly dictatorships like Zimbabwe. So we need to bring a light there and compete with that influence that is being subjected, or imposed, I should say, on Africa.

As China increasingly flexes its economic muscle, the result will be more apologies, sadly, accommodation and self-censorship.

Corporate America needs to get more of a backbone. It needs to stand for fundamental freedoms. Yes, make a profit, but do so in a way that does not violate human rights. And it is not just companies that have capitulated, but universities and Hollywood, and non-governmental organizations, and even whole countries.

As China's Belt and Road initiative expands, so will demands that countries be silent about human rights abuses, silent about religious persecution, and silent about the Chinese government's repeated failures to abide by its international obligations.

Where is the UN? I have raised it over and over again. The Human Rights Council, even at the Periodic Review, it is a very short look and scrutinizing—Israel gets unbelievable

focus at the United Nations on all things related to human rights; China, not even a slap on the wrist.

We should not be silent about the abuses faced by the Tibetan people and religious leaders. The China Commission's political prisoner database contains records on 600 known Tibetan political and religious prisoners. Forty-three percent of those detained are monks, nuns and religious teachers. Almost all were imprisoned since 2008.

The Tibetan people have a right to practice their religion, preserve their wonderful culture, and speak their language. They have a right to do so without restriction or interference. The Chinese government, of course, does not agree. To them, their faith and culture are problems to be solved, not a heritage to be preserved and protected. To them, the Dalai Lama is an agitator and a revolutionary, not a world-renowned and respected voice for peace and harmony that we know him to be.

The Chinese government wants the Tibetan Buddhism that is attractive to tourists for photo-ops, and not one that is strongly embraced and revered by the Tibetan people. Allowing greater religious freedom is an essential part of dealing with the grievances of the Tibetan people, but China's answer is always the same: control, manage and repress, incarcerate, and torture. It is counterproductive and it violates China's international obligations.

Finally, in our dealings with the Chinese government and officials, Members of Congress and the administration should affirm the peaceful desires of the Tibetan people for greater autonomy and freedom within China. We should stress that China's policies create needless grievances and their repression of Tibet only hurts China's international prestige. It brings dishonor—dishonor to Beijing.

We should demand open access to Tibet by journalists and diplomats, and we should raise the cases of prisoners of conscience with Chinese officials. U.S. leadership on these issues is critical because our allies in Europe and Asia can often be bullied by Chinese threats of economic boycotts. We must demonstrate that Tibet matters, human rights matter, and that religious freedom matters to U.S.-China relations.

And, again, I thank Chairman RUBIO who has been a stalwart in speaking out on behalf of human rights all over the world, including and especially in Tibet.

IN HONOR OF MR. KALEB COOK

**HON. ROD BLUM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student and citizen from Robins, Iowa. Mr. Kaleb Cook earned the title of a High School State Honoree granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for being part of Iowa's top youth volunteers of 2018.

Annually more than 29,000 students across the country participate in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Mr. Cook was recognized as a State Honoree. He will receive \$1,000 in awards, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. With students like Mr. Cook, communities in Iowa