

values. In 1974, the organization began its fruitful relationship with then-Governor Ronald Reagan, asking him to take on a nationally syndicated radio program. President Reagan continued his strong support of YAF by hosting the organization's annual summer student conference at the White House from 1981 until 1988. In gratitude to this giant of American Conservatism, YAF saved and took ownership of the colloquially-dubbed "Western White House" in 1998, using it as a space of learning for our Nation's Conservative-minded youths.

YAF's incredible grassroots success is a direct result of investing in the future of America. Young people are provided with seminars, conferences, educational materials, access to prominent speakers in the Conservative movement, and internships. I saw YAF's broad impact firsthand when asked to speak to their student audiences this past July at the organization's National High School Leadership Conference. It was inspiring to see so many young people devoted to carrying on the legacy of President Reagan and our Nation's founding values. So long as YAF continues its vocation of service to our Nation's youth, the future of America's Conservative movement remains bright.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Young America's Foundation for 50 years of tireless advocacy on behalf of individual freedom, a strong national defense, free enterprise, and traditional values.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR DINA
LONG

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Honorable Dina Long on her retirement this year as Mayor of Sea Bright, New Jersey. The Mayor's 17 years of service to Sea Bright are indicative of her dedication to the community and her leadership is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Following three terms on the Sea Bright Borough Council, Mayor Long was elected as mayor and began her term on January 1, 2012. Less than 10 months later, Superstorm Sandy struck New Jersey, devastating several coastal communities, including Sea Bright. Leading the recovery efforts, Mayor Long established important partnerships within the community and state to bolster resources and programs available to the town and its residents. Her vision, determination and proactive response helped rebuild and revitalize the town.

Mayor Long has been an outstanding public servant, receiving commendations for her leadership. Her tireless efforts in the wake of Superstorm Sandy earned her an appointment as a local Advisory Group member on the President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, a Telly Award and an American Shore & Beach Preservation Association Local Government Award. As a speaker and panelist, she has shared her insight and experiences with several organizations and institutions such as Brookdale Community College

Women in Learning and Leadership, the Jewish Foundation of Monmouth County Sandy Teen Fellows Program and the NJ Council of Grantmakers, among many others.

In addition to her service to the Borough of Sea Bright, Mayor Long has also established a successful career as an educator, teaching at Brookdale Community College and previously at Rutgers University, her undergraduate alma mater. She also holds a master's degree from The New School.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Dina Long on her retirement. Her impact on the Sea Bright community is evident and serves as an example of what steadfast commitment and perseverance can accomplish.

HONORING THE CAREER AND
SERVICE OF MAYOR PAUL DYSTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of city of Niagara Falls mayor, Paul Dyster, as he prepares to step down from public office. Mayor Dyster has served his community with dignity and consistently strived to revitalize Niagara falls. He leaves behind an outstanding legacy of progress and growth in his community.

Mayor Dyster began his political career in 2000, when he was elected to the Niagara Falls City Council and served for three years. In 2006, the Niagara Gazette named Paul Dyster "Citizen of the Year." That same year the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center granted him the "Good Neighbor Award." Mayor Dyster has often taken his leadership outside of politics as a youth mentor, serving as scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 801 and Whirlpool Little League basketball coach for a season.

In 2017, Mayor Dyster won the hotly contested mayoral race and was subsequently re-elected in 2011 and 2015. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mayor Dyster throughout his three terms in office as he made great advancements to the City of Niagara Falls and contributed to the revitalization of the city. He saw to the completion of a new courthouse and public safety building, as well as a new Amtrak train station. He restored the historic customhouse in Niagara Falls and began the destruction of the Niagara Falls Scenic Parkway to begin development of New Niagara Gorge State Park. All these accomplishments made Niagara Falls a more desirable destination for visitors and for residents.

Mayor Dyster strives to better the world outside of his mayoral duties and will continue to do so after his term is over. Environmental causes are near to his heart which is evidenced by his roles as Board Emeritus for Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper, spokesman for the Niagara River Environmental Coalition, and as a founding member of the Niagara Waterfront Revitalization Task force.

Mayor Dyster is, in his own words, a servant leader who has always promoted the revitalization and preservation of his community. His work always emphasizes community activism, restoration, and conservation. In his time away

from public office, he will be able to focus on his other passions, home brewing and fishing, and quality time with his wife Rebecca and sons, Ian and Bert. I have no doubt that he will remain dedicated to serving his community in other roles. As he steps down from the office he has occupied for over a decade, he leaves big shoes to fill.

VETERAN TRANSITIONAL HEALTH
CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Veteran Transitional Health Care Improvement Act, which would provide veterans one year of VA health care after they separate from active service in the Armed Forces or from active status with the National Guard or Reserve. By providing health coverage during this transition period, our nation can better assist veterans to succeed as they move into civilian life.

The transition to civilian life presents a number of challenges for veterans and their families. Figuring out their next steps in education, employment, housing, and health care is difficult. Our legislation, removes the burden of health care, at least during that critical first year of re-entry.

Knowing they have this coverage, including the mental health care that can be so important during transition, will free veterans to focus on re-establishing their family relationships and finding a new career.

Our bill requires the VA, the Pentagon, and the Department of Labor all to make sure that veterans are well informed about their eligibility for this transitional health care coverage.

The Veteran Transitional Health Care Improvement Act will help the over one million men and women serving our country in the active and reserve components including those from my district, the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Act has the endorsement of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Reserve Officers Association.

The gentlelady from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
BOB MAY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime friend and mentor, Bob May, on his numerous achievements and contributions to our community, the State of Missouri, and our extraordinary country.

Originally from Champaign, Illinois, Bob joined the United States Navy in 1953, where he served four years as an Electricians Mate on a U.S. Atlantic Fleet Destroyer. After his stint with the U.S. Navy, Bob began his career

with the United States Forest Service. In 1973, Bob accepted a position with the Rolla District Rangers, relocating to Missouri. After twenty-eight years of employment with the USFS, Bob retired from federal service and turned his focus to representing his community at the state level.

Bob was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, serving from 2001 to 2008. It was during this time that our paths first crossed. He gave me my first job in government as a legislative intern in Jefferson City where I saw firsthand how he always placed people over politics.

Bob has been married to his loving wife Carlene for over 64 years. He and Carlene have been active members of the First Presbyterian Church since they moved to Rolla and he now serves as an Elder and is involved in the church in countless ways. Bob is the former President of the United Way and is also a founding member of the Community Partnership and the Rolla Public Schools Partnership in Education Committee. In addition, Bob is active in the Rolla Optimist Club, American Legion Post 270, Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 281, the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League, and Prevention Consultants of Missouri. Following the passing of their 24-year-old son, Pat, after a battle with cancer, Bob and Carlene became active with Compassionate Friends, a support group for bereaved families of deceased children.

Bob has had a profound impact on my life and I will always have the utmost respect for his political understanding, polite courage, and unwavering dedication to service. It is truly an honor to know this amazing person and call him a friend. I am privileged today to recognize Bob May before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes last week (10/28 through 10/31) due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 585; YEA on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; YEA on Roll Call No. 591; YEA on Roll Call No. 592; YEA on Roll Call No. 593; YEA on Roll Call No. 594; YEA on Roll Call No. 595; YEA on Roll Call No. 596; NAY on Roll Call No. 597; YEA on Roll Call No. 598; YEA on Roll Call No. 599; YEA on Roll Call No. 600; YEA on Roll Call No. 601; NAY on Roll Call No. 602; NAY on Roll Call No. 603; NAY on Roll Call No. 604; YEA on Roll Call No. 605; YEA on Roll Call No. 606; YEA on Roll Call No. 607; YEA on Roll Call No. 608; and NAY on Roll Call No. 609.

IN HONOR OF TROY REICHERT RECEIVING THE 2019 MEDAL OF HONOR EXCELLENCE IN CHARACTER EDUCATION AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Troy Reichert, of Guernsey, WY on receiving the Medal of Honor Excellence in Character Education Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

Troy is an industrial technology teacher at Guernsey-Sunrise High School and is known for his commitment to his students and passion for teaching. This year Troy has been awarded several grants from national organizations and has earned a reputation as a leader among his peers, and beloved teacher by his students.

The Medal of Honor Excellence in Character Education award is given to a teacher who has taught students about the Congressional Medal of Honor and the character and leadership of the those who have earned it. The fact that this award was presented by Staff Sergeant Sal Giunta, a Medal of Honor recipient, is a testament to the honor that comes with this prestigious award.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Troy Reichert on this incredible honor, and for his continued leadership in his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 TABLE ROCK LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Terry Plumb, Ken Bowling, Tanco II Lumber Company, and the Reeds Spring unit of Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks for their dedication and selfless contributions to the Table Rock Lake community. On November 15, 2019, Lake Splash will recognize these four individuals and organizations by presenting them with awards for their service, and I join Lake Splash in applauding these recipients.

Mr. Terry Plumb is a volunteer battalion chief with the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District and is this year's recipient of the Guardian Award for the bravery he exhibited in the line of duty. The Guardian Award is presented to a first responder in recognition of their fearless or selfless service to the community. Mr. Plumb didn't hesitate to risk his own life to assist a motorist whose car had caught fire; his actions and rapid response prevented casualties or injuries during the incident. I applaud him for his selfless actions and receiving this well-deserved recognition.

Tanco II Lumber Company is this year's Business of the Year for exemplary and high-quality customer service while maintaining a strong commitment to the community. This year, Tanco II recently completed a new local facility, expanded their product offerings, and created several new jobs, making them an at-

tractive candidate for this award. They have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to investing in their local community, and I congratulate them on receiving this award.

Mr. Ken Bowling, owner of Ken Bowling Construction, will receive this year's Trailblazer Award for his contributions to the community during his tenure as a Stone County Commissioner, and for his work as a member of the Kimberling City Board of Alderman and former Chairman of the Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bowling has always tirelessly served his community so it is only fitting that he receives an award that recognizes leaders that forge a path for others in their community.

The final award is presented to the Reeds Spring unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks for providing vital after-school care and education programs for children within this community. The Community Service Award is presented to an individual or organization who, through their service or commitment, has improved the quality of life, economy, educational opportunities, beauty, serenity, or safety in their community. The Boys and Girls Club of America offers invaluable resources to families across the nation, and I applaud this local branch's work in the Table Rock Lake area.

All of the recipients of the 2019 Lake Splash Awards have made a significant impact on their community and deserve this recognition. I am honored to recognize their achievements, and I thank each recipient for their contributions to Missouri's 7th District.

HONORING GEORGE MERGENTHALER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, as we approach the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, I would like to take a moment to honor a true American hero, George Mergenthaler.

George was born on August 5th, 1920 and was the only child of Alice and Hermann Mergenthaler of Rye, NY. He grew up in Rye and was later accepted into Princeton University in September of 1939.

A gifted athlete, dedicated student, handsome and charismatic, "Merg" as he was known, was well liked by all who knew him. With studies that focused on History and English, George's time at Princeton was everything he could have hoped for.

All that changed on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Like many of his generation, George enlisted soon after the attack, but his enlistment was deferred until he graduated in January 1943 in an accelerated program. Just days later he was sent to Camp Hood in Texas for basic training. Discovering his fluency with German and French, the army assigned George to the 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

Following overseas training in Wales, George and the rest of the Recon Troop entered the European Theater of Operation in mid-July 1944 with the 28th Infantry Division and would fight their way through France, into Belgium and on to Luxembourg. In mid-November the Troop arrived in Eschweiler, Luxembourg, their home for the next month.