

The Women's Club partners with local community organizations throughout the year, including the Salvation Army, Dress for Success, Blue Chip Animal Rescue, and the SPCA. Using funds raised from their annual clothing sale, the Club supports two \$500 scholarships for graduating female seniors from Wyoming Area Secondary Center, to help further their education.

For generations, the West Pittston Women's Club has provided an environment for women to gather and find their voices to give back to their community. It is a great honor to recognize this organization for the work they have done and will continue to do. I wish them the very best for another hundred years of growth and prosperity.

HONORING THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Union of Concerned Scientists' 50th anniversary.

For five decades, the Union of Concerned Scientists has been using the latest technological and scientific expertise to address the world's most pressing issues. Its team of nearly 250 experts in science, policy, and communications continues to introduce new and innovative solutions to the greatest questions of our time.

Among their many projects and initiatives, I have been particularly impressed with their work to address the looming threats posed by climate change and to contain the existential threat of nuclear war. I would like to thank the Union of Concerned Scientists for its commitment to our collective future and for its numerous projects that will help ensure a better world for our children.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEVIN HILEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Kevin Hileman of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Kevin's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kevin brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming

Class of 2023. While attending Ottawa Hills High School in Ottawa Hills, Ohio, Kevin was a member of the National Honor Society and Honor Roll.

Throughout high school, Kevin was involved with soccer, having achieved his varsity letter and served as team captain. I am confident that Kevin will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kevin Hileman on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kevin will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

SHAWN SHELTON TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Shawn Shelton of Pueblo, Colorado, who recently retired from the Pueblo Fire Department.

Shawn was born in 1962 in Quantico, Virginia to Doyle and Elizabeth Shelton. His father's service in the Marine Corps and the Air Force led to their family moving to various posts until they eventually settled in Pueblo in 1975. He married Mary Beth Erjavec in 1983 and they have two sons, Timothy and Joshua. Working odd-jobs as a ranch hand and a mechanic, Shawn found his career path in his early 20's after a friend's recommendation and never looked back. Shawn selflessly helped countless families in the Pueblo community by serving as a firefighter for over 30 years.

After three years on the job, Shawn was promoted as a medic, and a year later received another promotion to fire engineer. He continued to advance in the department when he was promoted again to captain and then to assistant fire chief in 2015. Shawn's dedication to faithfully serve his community and his leadership as a team member ultimately led to him becoming the chief of the Pueblo Fire Department, a position he held for the last three years of his career.

Firefighters are called to assist in some of the direst situations, yet their actions can be remembered for the lifetimes of the people they help. On one such occasion, while standing in line at a grocery store, Shawn was recognized by a woman whose baby he helped deliver nine years earlier. It's moments like that Shawn says he will miss the most.

Madam Speaker, I stand with the Pueblo Fire Department and the entire community of Pueblo in thanking Shawn for his service over the last three decades. I wish him a happy retirement and hope that he knows just how thankful we are for his remarkable career.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO TAX SUBSIDIES FOR STADIUMS ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the No Tax Subsidies for Stadiums Act of 2019. This bipartisan legislation returns hundreds of millions of dollars a year to American taxpayers by disallowing the tax-exemption for municipal bonds used to finance professional sports stadiums.

For more than a century, the federal government has supported state and local infrastructure projects by excluding the interest on municipal bonds from federal income taxes. Qualified projects eligible for a tax-exemption include roads, sewers and water systems, hospitals, schools, governmental buildings, and other projects for the public good. However, a loophole in the tax code allows billionaire owners of sports franchises to use public money to construct stadiums using tax-exempt municipal bonds.

For the first half of the twentieth century, professional sports franchises privately-funded the construction of most stadiums. But beginning in 1953, when the Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee, most professional sports franchises have used public financing to construct or rehabilitate their privately-owned stadiums. Since 2000, 36 professional sports stadiums have been constructed or rehabilitated under financing provided by federal tax-exempt municipal bonds, costing taxpayers nearly \$4 billion. While professional sports teams promise state and local governments that their stadiums will produce local economic development and job creation, there is no quantifiable evidence that they provide these benefits. Public financing creates a race to the bottom where teams worth hundreds of millions, or even billions, of dollars have all the leverage to exploit city budgets for their own gain. Too often, these subsidies also create budgetary constraints that result in offsetting cuts to critical public safety and economic security programs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass this legislation and end the practice of subsidizing billionaires' sports franchises.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAILYN GRANT ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Kailyn Grant of Northwood, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Kailyn's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending

one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kailyn brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, Ohio, Kailyn was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Dean's List.

Throughout high school, Kailyn was involved with soccer and track. I am confident that Kailyn will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kailyn Grant on her offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kailyn will excel during her career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING DR. REBECCA RICHARDS-KORTUM, DR. JAMES TRUCHARD AND JEFF KODOSKY, ON THEIR INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL INVENTOR HALL OF FAME

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Rebecca Richards-Kortum of Rice University in Houston and Dr. James Truchard and Jeff Kodosky of National Instruments in Austin for their induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame on May 2, 2019.

Dr. Rebecca Richards-Kortum is the first woman and the youngest Rice faculty member to earn the rank of University Professor. Early in her career, as a biomedical engineering professor at the University of Texas at Austin, she learned that early screening programs for cancer were out of reach for many and began creating a low-cost imaging system to detect precancerous cells. This technology was further developed to detect oral cancer. Studies later showed that her system could improve early detection of cancer while drastically reducing costly and unnecessary biopsies. In her travels to Malawi, she witnessed an issue with under-equipped neonatal wards, and thus in 2005 after moving to Rice, Dr. Richards-Kortum cofounded the Rice 360° Institute for Global Health where she began working with students on low-cost, low-power devices to save newborn lives. Her work has improved medical care for millions of newborns and saved thousands of lives in low-income countries. Her and her team's successes to date include systems that help babies breathe and that help caregivers detect jaundice and accurately dose children's liquid medication. For this work, she was the first Houston scientist and first Houston woman to win a coveted "genius grant" from the MacArthur Foundation.

Dr. James Truchard and Jeff Kodosky, who will also be inducted into the National Inven-

tor's Hall of Fame, conceived a better method of high-end testing using computers instead of the inefficient data collection methods they employed as researchers at the University of Texas Applied Research Laboratories in the 1970s. With their colleague Bill Nowlin, they founded National Instruments to develop a concept called virtual instrumentation, where software and hardware combine to perform the functions of traditional instruments, through a product called LabVIEW. LabVIEW became the flagship product of National Instruments and is used today by engineers, scientists, academics and students around the world. Having been adopted across many industry sectors, its applications are as wide-ranging as controlling the CERN Large Hadron Collider to facilitating navigation of the FDA regulatory process. LabVIEW created a new paradigm for programming and has been honored with more than 100 national and international awards, while National Instruments—with its global headquarters in Austin—has grown to become a multinational, billion-dollar company.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these outstanding Texas inventors. Their induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame speaks volumes for the culture of invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship that exists in the great State of Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA TIFTON CAMPUS' CENTENNIAL

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize a century of contributions by the University of Georgia Tifton Campus to the science of agriculture, the advancement of agricultural technology, and the education of producers, students and the public to promote and protect the U.S. food supply and to help feed people in need around the world.

In August 1918, the Georgia General Assembly authorized the creation of a Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station. In May 1919, my hometown of Tifton was chosen as the location due in large part to the surrounding area's vital role in agriculture research, outreach, and education. Today, the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station is known as the University of Georgia Tifton Campus. In its one hundred years, UGA-Tifton has fulfilled its duties to promote research and education. Through the years, UGA-Tifton scientists have developed grain varieties that helped save millions of lives from starvation in India and Africa; they have developed machinery and technology that made agriculture profitable and sustainable; they have contributed to the improvement of livestock genetics and production; they have created a body of scientific research that has helped realize a five-fold increase in peanut production per acre, bringing to life the now robust agricultural economy of the state of Georgia; and they have contributed to the development of forages and turfgrasses that continue to benefit ranchers, athletes and homeowners alike.

Just as it was in the early 1900's, UGA-Tifton continues to be a cornerstone of agri-

culture research, outreach, and education for not only South Georgia, but the state and Southeast region as a whole. The commitment to its mission and to the wellbeing of humanity over this century of service is admirable. As it celebrates this milestone, UGA-Tifton remains poised and eager to continue that legacy of excellence in the pursuit of the great discoveries that will bring economic prosperity to rural America, promote greater public health through better nutrition and a healthier environment, and prevent hunger in the world in the years to come.

On Friday, May 3, 2019, UGA-Tifton will celebrate and commemorate its impact and achievements at a showcase event on campus honoring one hundred years of commitment to the community and higher education. I congratulate the faculty, staff and greater UGA-Tifton community on their successes, thank them for their service, and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success for many more years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATHANIEL ERICKSON ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nathaniel Erickson of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Nathaniel's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nathaniel brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio, Nathaniel was a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll, and Student Body Council.

Throughout high school, Nathaniel was involved with football and track among other extracurricular activities. I am confident that Nathaniel will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nathaniel Erickson on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nathaniel will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.