

most intelligent students for one of the largest and most prestigious academic competitions. Every year, teams from 64 schools around the country compete to demonstrate their understanding of the great issues in mathematics and science.

I want to congratulate the Naperville North High School team on reaching the national finals and on placing first in SLAC Division Team Challenge. The talent and knowledge present in these students are truly impressive, and as Congress' resident PhD-trained physicist, I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 2, 2019 I was inadvertently detained on Roll Call Votes 175 through 184. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted in the following manner: No on roll Call No. 175; Yes on Roll Call Vote 176; Yes on Roll Call Vote 177; No on Roll Call Vote 178; Yes on Roll Call Vote 179; No on Roll Call Vote 180; No on Roll Call Vote 181; No on Roll Call Vote 182; Yes on Roll Call Vote 183; and No on Roll Call Vote 184.

CONGRATULATING GWEN
TOMBERGS ON WINNING THE
QUAD-CITIES ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gwen Tombergs for winning the Quad-Cities Athena Leadership Award for empowering and mentoring women throughout their careers. Ms. Tombergs is the first female president in the Southern Professional Hockey League for the Quad-City Storm.

The Quad-Cities Athena Awards were founded 14 years ago by a group of women focused on female leadership and gender diversity. Ms. Tombergs embodies the spirit of this award through her work in our community. She has had an outstanding career where she led the way and shaped the lives of women at places such as casinos, Lujack's, the Quad-City Times and the Quad-Cities Chamber of Commerce—culminating with the nomination for this distinguished award. However, Ms. Tombergs did not stop there—she has taken on multiple leadership roles within the Quad-City Thunder CBA Basketball Team, the Quad-City Sports Center, the New York Mets and now the Quad-City Storm hockey team. Ms. Tombergs has been a steadfast advocate for young women in the Quad-Cities region, and is an asset to our community. I am grateful for her leadership and wish her continued success in the future.

It is because of dedicated leaders like Ms. Tombergs that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally con-

gratulate Gwen Tombergs for winning the Quad-Cities Athena Award and thank her for empowering women in everything she does.

HONORING THE 2019 BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME ELECTEES

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate ten exemplary men and women from Broward County who will be inducted to the Broward Senior Hall of Fame this week.

Each year, the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Broward County honors elder excellence in the volunteer sector of Broward County. These outstanding citizens are individuals from all walks of life who have contributed greatly to the vibrancy and well-being of South Florida. They are engaged in distinguished volunteer service that benefit our communities and make Broward County the outstanding place that it is to live, raise a family, and retire.

The ten distinguished electees are Barbara "Bobbi" Arnold of Hollywood, Beauregard Cummings of Ft. Lauderdale, Gail Gannotta of Pompano Beach, Ruby Hutson of Lauderdale Lakes, Jean Merget of Ft. Lauderdale, Art Schmall of Margate, Florie Scott of Lauderdale Lakes, Carl Shechter of Pembroke Pines, Harold Smith of Davie, and Aline Zucker of Cooper City.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding individuals. I wish them the best of luck with their induction and continued service to Broward County. It is with great pleasure that I honor them, and I look forward to hearing of their continued service activities.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREPARING LOCALITIES FOR AN AUTONOMOUS AND CONNECTED ENVIRONMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Preparing Localities for an Autonomous and Connected Environment (PLACE) Act. This legislation would create a federally funded highly automated vehicle clearinghouse to examine the secondary influences of autonomous vehicles on land use, real estate, transportation, municipal budgets, urban design, the environment, and social equity.

The transportation sector is changing at a faster pace than ever before. New mobility options like transportation network companies, bikeshare, scooters, and more have already disrupted how Americans get around. And with more than 300 companies and partnerships working toward bringing semi- or fully-autonomous vehicles to market in the near future, the landscape is set to change even faster. While Congress has started to debate autonomous vehicle legislation, little attention has been paid to the secondary influences of autono-

mous vehicles once they are deployed onto the roads. Done right, autonomous vehicles can solve some of the country's most vexing transportation problems while improving mobility for all. Done wrong, autonomous vehicles can exacerbate transportation's negative externalities, leaving communities struggling to make sense of an ever-changing landscape.

The PLACE Act will help communities better prepare for rapidly-changing environments while providing policymakers with the tools and research they need to make great places. I look forward to working with my colleague and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to enacting this bill.

RECOGNIZING JOANNA CLOUD FOR HER TENURE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joanna Cloud's nine-year tenure as Executive Director of the Lake Lanier Association.

Since Joanna first stepped into the role of Executive Director in August of 2010, the Lake Lanier Association has experienced incredible growth. Under her leadership, the Association's annual income has tripled, and lake-based programs, membership and services have expanded significantly. She led several projects to implement much-needed improvements to Lake Lanier, including placing solar lights on hazard markers for boating safety, and preventing further erosion by placing heavy rocks on the edges of the lake islands. Joanna was especially passionate about removing abandoned docks and vessels, which required her to garner support from state lawmakers to attain the funding necessary to complete the project. Because of her steadfast commitment, approximately 60 abandoned and rundown docks and boats on Lake Lanier were removed between 2015 and 2018.

Joanna's hard work and dedication over the past decade helped ensure the over 4 million people in the surrounding area would continue to have access to clean drinking water, and thanks to her leadership, families in Northeast Georgia will be able to continue enjoying Lake Lanier for many years to come.

Personally, I'd like to thank Joanna for her friendship and for working steadily with me and my office. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to thank Joanna for her hard work and dedication to improving our community. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING COUNCILMAN ERIC TURNER FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to honor Peoria City Councilman,

Eric Turner, for his twenty-four years of service to Peoria, Illinois.

Councilman Turner will retire as the longest tenured member of the current Peoria City Council. In his service to the City Council, Eric Turner has truly worked to benefit all of Peoria as an At Large Councilman. His public service left a profound impact on our community.

Outside of Turner's public service to Peoria, he served our nation proudly in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967, and he still plays a key role in coordinating Peoria's Memorial Day events held at our riverfront each year. Councilman Turner has left his mark on the business world, as well. He had a forty-one year career at Caterpillar Inc., working in marketing and human resources.

I am grateful for Eric Turner's time and commitment to the City of Peoria. His work, as a public servant and private citizen, left a legacy in the Peoria community that will remain for generations to come.

HONORING GREENS'S CLEANERS, INC.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Greene's Cleaners on its 100th anniversary.

The late George Greene started Greene's Cleaners in 1919. The business was bought by Glenn and Helen Paulsen in 1957, who sold the business to Peter and Terry Smith in 1979. In 2009, the Smiths sold Greene's Cleaners to Laurie and Alonso Corona, their daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Ms. Corona both graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management. Ms. Corona also earned an MBA from Sonoma State University.

Greene's Cleaners is an integral part of our community and has provided support to many people and organizations throughout Napa County. During the recent North Bay fires, Greene's Cleaners cleaned 5,000 pounds of donated clothing for fire survivors and helped organize a pop-up store for people in need. At Christmas, Greene's Cleaners collect donations, which are given to the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots program. For food and clothing drives throughout the year, Greene's Cleaners often provides drop-off locations and will pick up donations from customers who are unable to drop them off. Greene's Cleaners financially supports local schools and is a sponsor of Little League and Napa Junior Girls Softball.

Greene's Cleaners is an important small business in our area. It employs thirty-three people between its two locations. Mr. Corona is a member of numerous Chambers of Commerce, including the Napa, St. Helena, and Sonoma chapters, and is a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Greene's Cleaners is also associated with America's Best Cleaners. Mr. and Ms. Corona have worked hard to make Greene's Cleaners environmentally sustainable and continue to work towards that goal. The stores use bio-based solvent, low wattage LED lighting, and water recycling.

Madam Speaker, Greene's Cleaners has been an important institution in our community

for 100 years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor its 100th anniversary here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAYLOE AND HELEN MURPHY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of this year's Outstanding Virginians, Tayloe and Helen Murphy, two dedicated servant leaders from the First District of Virginia.

Tayloe Murphy received his Bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College in 1953 and his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1960. He was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1954 to 1957. He then served aboard the U.S.S. *Newport News*, and later on the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO. Tayloe Murphy was elected to the Virginia General Assembly as a Delegate to represent the 99th District from 1982 until his retirement in 2000. His committee assignments included Labor and Commerce, Courts of Justice, Corporations Insurance and Banking, and Chesapeake and Its Tributaries. He was later appointed Secretary of Natural Resources under Governor Mark Warner. Throughout his political career and beyond, Murphy has been a champion of the environment. He has worked hard to be a leader in the efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, with includes his landmark legislation in 1988, the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Helen Murphy graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1956, and shortly after, married Tayloe. Helen is also an avid environmentalist who has dedicated her life to conservation. Helen served on the board of the Nature Conservancy, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, among others, and was a founding member of The Garden Club of the Northern Neck. Helen also served as the President of the Menokin Foundation and was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Central Virginia Chapter in 1999.

The couple continues to work to address environmental issues to this day. Tayloe and Helen have devoted their lives to leaving a legacy through their leadership and unrelenting conservation efforts in the Commonwealth and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Tayloe and Helen could not be more deserving of this year's Outstanding Virginian Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the incredible accomplishments and devotion of Tayloe and Helen Murphy. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for their service to our great Commonwealth of Virginia. May God bless Tayloe and Helen Murphy in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to mark the 175th anniversary of the founding of the University at Albany on the principles "wisdom both for its own sake and for the sake of teaching" sapientia et sua et docendi causa.

The University at Albany was founded by the New York State Legislature on May 7, 1844 as the New York State Normal School, dedicated to ensuring that New York's next generation of teachers would be highly trained. Through the 19th century, the New York State Normal School educated teachers and school administrators and provided opportunities for social and economic mobility.

Between 1890 and 1905, the school was transformed from a two-year teacher training school into a four-year liberal arts college, granting its first bachelor's degree in 1893. In 1914, the school was renamed the New York State College for Teachers, and by the 1950s started offering a Ph.D. program in education.

In the early 1960s, the college broadened from its focus on teaching to a university with a more comprehensive scope. In 1962, a major expansion of the broader SUNY system heralded the University at Albany's first class of undergraduate students in liberal arts programs without required study in teacher education. The University at Albany continued its evolution into a leading research university in the decades that followed.

Today, the University at Albany is a nationally respected Research 1 university and a major employer and economic driver of the surrounding economy with a \$1 billion annual impact on New York's Capital Region. The school maintains 18 NCAA Division I athletic teams that share in the school's legacy of excellence; in 2018, the University at Albany Men's Lacrosse team became the first State University of New York Division I team to be ranked No. 1 in the nation. And with an enrollment level of nearly 18,000 students today, the University at Albany has earned national recognition for supporting students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds on college campuses.

The University at Albany continues to build on its strong tradition as one of our nation's leading and most diverse research institutions. I am incredibly proud of the students, faculty, staff and alumni who have made the University at Albany what it is today. May they carry their success forward for another 175 years and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the St. Francis Xavier High School Class of 1969.