

Buford, Cody Graves, John Heady, Mike Bass, Dalton Buckner, Will Copeland, Nolan Heady, Trevor Copeland, Logan Loyd, Garrett Tucker, Tucker Dement, Tyler Hackworth, Gage Marler, Evan Weaver, Coaches Jake Hime, Scott Henfling and Jordan Simms and Managers Abbi Harper and Bailee Hunter.

It is my great privilege to recognize the Ellington High School Whippets as the 2019 Class 2 Missouri State Championship Baseball team today before the United States House of Representatives.

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH RECOGNITION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, we recognize June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month. I rise today to honor Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District's local advocates with the Alzheimer's Association with the Greater Pennsylvania Chapter.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Madam Speaker, this quotation, often attributed to anthropologist Margaret Mead is befitting of the local group of advocates with the Alzheimer's Association that my staff and I have come to know during my time in office.

Mary Read, Linda & Mary Reheard, Sharon Flory, Sandy Heisey, Joni Schenk, Frances Gibbons, Candy Yingling, John and LuAnn Goldfus—these are all dedicated individuals in the community who advocate effectively on behalf of nearly 50 million people across the globe and 5 million Americans who are living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

I'm proud to be a member of the bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's, a co-sponsor of the legislation supported by the caucus, and was pleased to walk with them to raise awareness in our community and beyond.

I thank them for their service on behalf of others and together with these individuals, one day soon, we will hopefully have a world without Alzheimer's Disease.

HONORING THE AROMAS WATER DISTRICT

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Aromas Water District as they celebrate their 60th anniversary. For 60 years, the Aromas Water District has dedicated itself to the enrichment of our community on the central coast of California by serving the water needs of the greater Aromas area.

The Aromas Water District was established on July 24, 1959 by a Resolution of the State of California, Office of the Secretary of State. It was formed as a County Water District and ultimately became a California Multi-County Special District. Originally there was one well, one storage tank and a small distribution sys-

tem serving less than 150 parcels. In the past 60 years, the District has grown to serve our expanding community and now serves approximately 3,000 people on over 900 parcels, utilizing three wells, 35 miles of distribution system, and nine storage sites with over 1,200,000 gallons of water storage and fire protection.

The District is governed by an elected five-member, at large, board of directors. Community members serving on the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District have helped successfully usher in the latest improvements in their treatment plants, like the removal of iron and manganese from the water source. The rigorous water testing is conducted under the oversight of the State Water Resources Control board and successfully meets all health and safety standards.

I am proud to say that the District is continually striving to educate our community on the benefits of water conservation and aquifer protection. One of the ways they accomplish this goal is by maintaining a drought-tolerant demonstration garden at the District's office. Visitors from the local community are shown how drip irrigation reduces water loss and permeable gravel paths encourage groundwater recharge and rain water catchment, all while achieving this without the use of herbicides or pesticides. This garden is in downtown Aromas and is open and easily accessible to the public year-round.

The District is proud to have consistently served high-quality water to customers in both Monterey and San Benito counties for the last 60 years, as well as moving forward into the future. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Aromas Water District for their service to the Central Coast on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREENTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Greentree Christian Church (GCC)—in Rolla, Missouri. The church has grown from a few to 2,000 members over the course of its existence. It is a rare occasion for a church to reach its sesquicentennial milestone and can only happen when a church is unfaltering in carrying out God's work.

Although it was not yet called GCC, this church took root in 1869, the same year President Ulysses S. Grant took office, and was located on the farmland of Harvey and Charles Drennon near Blues Lake. These men, along with "Aunt Fanny" were the first members of the church. Over the next 132 years, the church, later known as First Christian Church, met in several locations, most notably at the corner of 8th and Main, which housed the services for the better part of its history. During this time, the building was twice destroyed by fire and once by tornado. Despite this, the church persevered, rebuilding after each crisis and continuing to grow.

In 1991, the church built a facility at 10th and Greentree Road that housed Greentree

Learning and Childcare Center. A decade later, construction was completed on a large expansion of that facility, and the congregation began meeting in what is now the church gymnasium. In 2011, after another large expansion, the church began meeting in the sanctuary, where it meets today, and was renamed Greentree Christian Church.

Over the years, this church has seen many pastors come and go. Current Senior Minister Tim Cook has been there since 1982 and is retiring this June. It seems fitting that the church's longest-serving minister would get to witness this rare milestone. Mr. Cook, I congratulate you on your upcoming retirement and thank you and the members of your congregation for your service to GCC, the Rolla Community, and the whole church body at large. It is my honor to acknowledge this historic birthday today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING CAPTAIN GREG HANSEN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Captain Greg Hansen, who has given over four decades of altruistic and indispensable service to the central coast of California. Working as a firefighter in Aptos, California from 1980, and acting as Fire Captain for Aptos since 1990, Mr. Hansen has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public safety over the course of his prolific career, now ending with his retirement from Fire Captain position.

Since he began his career as a firefighter in 1977, Mr. Hansen has worked tirelessly to ensure public safety. Not only has Mr. Hansen continued to respond to the public's fire safety issues with bravery and urgency, he has also worked to better the community he serves through education and outreach, such as his provision of CPR training for middle school students. Through this ability to combine efficient public protection with significant public engagement, he has fostered an admirable commitment to public safety in his community and effectively utilized his position as Fire Captain to ensure the wellbeing of his neighbors.

Throughout his career, Mr. Hansen's outstanding contributions have earned him many accolades, including the VFW's Firefighter of the Year on three occasions, Man of the Year from the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, California State Assembly, and California State Senate on four occasions, and the Congressional Award from the United States Congress. He was also honored with the National Gold Medal Award as EMT of the Year for directly saving the life of an injured young man.

Now, Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the dedication and incredible service of Greg Hansen. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join in me in thanking him and all that he has done for our community.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF GREENVILLE, MO

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Greenville, Missouri as it celebrates its 200th anniversary. Greenville's history can be traced as far back as 1541 when the De Soto Expedition explored the upper reaches of the St. Francis River. In 1819, the city was laid out by David Logan and Elijah Bettis, Jr. in a cornfield in the area known as Bettis Ford. Greenville is the seat of Wayne County and was named for the Ohio town where General Anthony Wayne signed a treaty with Native Americans.

In the Civil War, the town was the scene of the "Surprise on Greenville" when Confederate soldiers captured the Union encampment and took away horses, guns and supplies in 1862. In the decades since, Greenville has grown as churches, schools and businesses were established and some of them are still in operation today.

Floods and fires have forced the city to band together to rebuild and it is that community spirit that keeps Greenville thriving today.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate Greenville, Missouri as it begins its second century today before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WRIGHTSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIVISION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wrightstown Community School District for receiving recognition as a Patriotic Employer by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Patriot Employer Award reflects the efforts made to support deployed employees through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, family care, and granting leaves of absence.

Wrightstown Superintendent of Schools, Carla Buboltz, was recognized for supporting newly-employed teacher, Logan Gruszynski, during his deployment to the Middle East with the National Guard. Community members in Northeast Wisconsin have an incredible tradition of looking out for one another, and our community is fortunate to have employers such as Ms. Buboltz who recognize the sacrifices of service. I am confident that the Wrightstown Community School District will continue to thrive under her leadership.

I would also like to thank Logan Gruszynski for his service with the National Guard. His service took him away from his work and family, he honorably represented his community and the State of Wisconsin. As a dedicated service member and teacher, Mr. Gruszynski is a positive role model to us all.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of the Wrightstown Community School District

and thanking Mr. Gruszynski for his service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH WITHERS RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS TEACHERS TURN KEY AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elizabeth Withers on receiving the Teachers Turn Key Award from the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

Agricultural education plays a vital role in shaping the future of the farming industry and ensuring that the legacy of Wyoming farmers and ranchers continues through the generations. Elizabeth, serving as agricultural educator at Green River High School, has mentored and guided members of the Future Farmers of America chapter there. This award recognizes her hard work to foster leadership skills among her students, and to provide them with practical experience through hands on projects.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Elizabeth Withers on this national recognition, and thank her for all that she does to inspire the next generation of farmers.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL NICHOLAS HALUPKA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Halupka for his outstanding contributions as a United States Air Force officer for his more than 22 years of service. In May 1997, he received his Bachelor of Science from Auburn University in Auburn, AL where the Auburn University "Flying Tigers" Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps commissioned him into the U.S. Air Force as a nuclear and missile operations officer. He then joined the 10th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base leading some of America's most important strategic nuclear deterrence forces as a missile combat crew commander. After advanced training in space operations, he transitioned to a space operations officer and was assigned as a defensive counterspace flight commander at NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, in Cheyenne Mountain where he was in charge of protecting America by providing early missile warning and space object detection.

Branching out, he was selected to deploy to Afghanistan to set up a new training command for the Afghan National Army. His efforts yielded clear results with the Afghan Army meeting their training requirements to fight the Taliban. Returning to America, he took on the role of director of operations for missile warning at

Beale Air Force Base, boosting U.S. and Allied awareness of space by tracking nearly two million space objects. He then took his accumulated knowledge to work as a space and counter-space senior advisor and analyst embedded with the State Department, where his advice and analysis informed some of our nation's most important strategic foreign policy decisions.

In his relentless pursuit of excellence, Lieutenant Colonel Halupka dedicated his free time to pursue additional educational opportunities, earning a Master of Science in Business Management in 2006, and a Master of Arts in International and Security Studies in 2012 from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Lieutenant Colonel Halupka concluded his career serving as a congressional liaison at the Defense Intelligence Agency. It was during this last assignment that I had the opportunity to get to know Nick. His tireless efforts ensured members of the House Armed Services Committee received timely and critical intelligence that was crucial to informing lawmakers during both moments of crisis and everyday legislative operations. These efforts supported the creation of many bills and enabled the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act. I am personally thankful for the time he has devoted to this task and the vigor and professionalism with which he executed it.

I thank Lieutenant Colonel Halupka for his dedication in service to the security of our nation. While many pursue careers in military, Lieutenant Colonel Halupka viewed the military not as a job, but a calling to service. He is in the less than one percent who serve in the nation's military, and an even smaller percent who give their full service until retirement. The United States owe him a great debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, I honor Nicholas A. Halupka for his lifetime of public service. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him a happy retirement as we celebrate his legacy of selfless service to the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, on the evening of July 9, 2019 I was on the House Floor participating in the evening vote series. I cast a YEA vote on Roll Call No. 433 but unfortunately, my voting card did not register the vote.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER OF GEORGE "TONY" MORRISON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement and service of George Morrison, a treasured principal who has impacted the lives of innumerable students at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.