

schools across the nation and I am honored to promote their successes. This week is a time to reflect and celebrate on all the contributions that the National Catholic Education Association and the impact their schools provide to our communities. I look forward to continuing to support Catholic schools and carrying out God's mission of faith, service, and knowledge.

TRIBUTE TO TOM WILSON PAGE,
JR.

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, today I wish to observe and mourn the passing of Tom Wilson Page, Jr. who was called home unexpectedly this past week. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Tom was a pillar of our Nelson County community and his loss will be felt throughout our district.

A small business owner, Tom was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. His passion and love of community were evident in where he spent his time; at his church and on the baseball field. Tom was an instrumental part of the Nelson County Youth Baseball Association, where he mentored young players and taught them the fundamentals of the pastime he loved.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 43 years, Esther W. Page; his sons, Prennis "Lamonte" Page and Brandon S. Page; and two grandchildren. I join all of Nelson County in mourning his loss, and extend my thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies to the Page family.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF DANIEL
STEERE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of Daniel Steere, Chief of Police at the Grandville City Police Department. I would like to express my appreciation to Chief Steere for over 37 years of dedicated services to West Michigan and our nation.

Chief Steere's career in law enforcement began in 1982 when he entered the Tampa Police Department Recruit Academy. After graduation, he quickly rose to become a Field Training Officer. Wanting to be closer to family, he moved back to Michigan in 1985, and soon after, found his professional home in the Grandville Police Department. In 1989, Chief Steere became the department's first vice detective and later would serve as the department's first officer assigned to a collaborative drug team.

In 1993, Dan was promoted to Sergeant and was tasked with overseeing the training program for new officers. Beginning in 1996, he became the department's Detective Sergeant and served in that position until his elevation to Deputy Chief in 2008. He served with distinction as Deputy Chief until being promoted to Chief in 2012.

Under Chief Steere's leadership, the department expanded to 26 sworn officers and added a second School Resource Officer position. Additionally, Chief Steere oversaw a department-wide rebrand, including new uniforms and patches for all officers. Exemplifying his successes, Chief Steere spent countless hours each year with the City Parks and Recreation Board to ensure the well-known July 4th celebrations occurred safely and successfully year after year.

Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Steere served with impeccable integrity even when it proved difficult. Aside from dedicating his life to public service, Chief Steere has proudly served as an active participant in our West Michigan community. He gives back by volunteering his time with Rotary International, the YMCA, the Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy Advisory Board, and the Kent Country Corrections Board. None of the above would be possible without the support of his wife Julie, and now adult children Elizabeth, Adam and Emily.

It is because of the leadership and dedication of community members such as Chief Daniel Steere that I am especially proud to serve Michigan's 2nd Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Chief Steere on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his service to West Michigan and our nation.

HONORING SUSAN RITTER FOR 37
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mrs. Susan Ritter, who is retiring from her position as Executive Vice President of the Home Builders Association of Tennessee (HBAT) after 37 years of service to the home building industry.

Susan has been a tireless advocate for the home building industry—one of the key primary drivers of the American economy. Home ownership has long been one of the linchpins of the American dream, and the home building industry in Tennessee has long been in tune with the housing needs of local communities. I can personally speak of Susan's effectiveness in working on behalf of these goals.

Susan has served as the executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Tennessee since August 2000, serving as the point person for navigating the complex policy and regulatory world that members of the industry deal with as part of their day to day operations. It is not coincidental that a good number of these business leaders happen to be cornerstones of the communities they serve. All of these individuals that I have had the privilege of meeting and ask difficult questions say the same thing: "Susan Ritter is the person to who you need to talk."

There have been many accolades for Susan's service over the years, and her service was appropriately honored by the National Association of Home Builders when they named her the State Executive Officer of the Year. She was also a recipient of HBAT Past Presi-

dents' Special Award for her "dedication and loyalty to the home building industry" in 2005. As the chief officer in charge of Tennessee's association, she ran the daily operations of an association that includes 2,500 members while also monitoring the political and regulatory environments for the industry both in Nashville and Washington.

In addition to being an effective voice for the industry—whether through communicating with Members of Congress or state legislators or with members of the media, Susan also guided their charitable endeavors. She also served as chairman of the Executive Officers Council in 2009, co-chair of the NAHB National Membership Committee in 2000, and was a member of the NAHB Executive Committee in 2000 and in 2009, also serving as a founding member of the EO 20 Club.

Susan has been a successful and professional leader for many years, and while I know the industry will continue to be successful for many years to come, I also know that the home builders of Tennessee will miss her guidance. I would ask all of the Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Susan Ritter for her excellent work and sending best wishes to her and her family in their future endeavors.

HONORING BRONSON FRIELING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bronson Frieling. Bronson is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bronson has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bronson has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Bronson has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Bronson fundraised, designed, and organized community volunteers to install an 8 foot by 10 foot road sign for the Andrew County Museum in Savannah, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bronson Frieling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING HEXAGON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Hexagon, a District of Columbia based original, political, satirical and musical comedy revue, on the occasion of its 65th anniversary. The show often makes fun of Congress here in the belly of the beast.

Over the past six and a half decades, Hexagon has brought laughter and music to the District. This non-profit, volunteer-based company was founded in 1965 by several members of the Princeton all-male Triangle Club, who changed the group's name to Hexagon, representing the group's growth and inclusion of women.

Each year, Hexagon puts on a show and donates proceeds, sometimes as large as \$30,000, to charities, many located in D.C. Last year, the company donated to Dancing Classrooms of Washington, D.C., a local arts education program focused on teaching social-emotional skills to fifth graders through dance. The proceeds of this year's 65th anniversary show, entitled "One State Two State Red State Blue State," will go to SMYL, a non-profit organization serving LGBTQ youth in D.C.

Although all the performers are volunteers, Hexagon is a show of professional quality that sells out to packed-houses of residents from D.C. and the region. I have had the honor of performing with the company, along with several other Members of Congress, over the years, including Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN and Congresswoman DONNA SHALALA.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Hexagon for working to improve the lives of D.C. and regional residents through laughter and charity. As we honor the company's 65 years in District of Columbia, we can only wish for many more.

RECOGNIZING MR. RAY WALKER
FOR AN OUTSTANDING COACH-
ING CAREER

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Ray Walker for his induction into the Alabama Baseball Coaching Association Hall of Fame.

Ray was born in 1946 in Anniston, Alabama. At two years old, his family moved to Huntsville. Ray was a part of the first graduating class at Lee High School, in 1964. At Lee, Ray played baseball, basketball, and football. Upon graduation, Ray attended William Carey College before transferring to Florence State (UNA), where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1968. In 1970, Ray received a master's degree in Physical Education (PE) and Administration from Athens State College.

In 1968, Ray began teaching Biology and PE at Chapman Junior High School, where he coached baseball, basketball, and football. In 1975, Ray transferred to Grissom High School to become a driving instructor. At Grissom, Ray took on two head coaching positions: baseball and freshman football. Ray remained in these two positions until his retirement in 2000.

As the head Freshman Football Coach, Ray's teams won 102 games and eight city championships. Ray served as Grissom's Head Baseball Coach for 25 years, where he led his team to 389 wins. Sixty-eight of the players from his program went on to play in college and three went into the minor leagues. In total, Ray's teams won nine city champion-

ship titles and advanced to the final four during the state baseball playoffs in 1982 and 1991. Ray's Grissom High Baseball team won the 6A State Baseball Championship in 1989. Ray was chosen several times as Huntsville City Coach of the Year in baseball. In 1989, Ray was chosen as Coach of the Year for the State of Alabama. During the last 20 years of his baseball coaching career at Grissom High School, his team made the state playoffs 18 times. In 2004, Ray was inducted into the Huntsville Madison County Sports Hall of Fame for his many achievements.

Ray served in the Army Reserve from 1970 to 1998 and retired as a Master Sergeant. He recalls that as a young man many people had significant influences in his life but none greater than his uncle, Oba Belcher. Ray followed his uncle's career at Athens College with intense interest as he coached many outstanding basketball teams. Ray observed that his uncle always set his standards high, out-worked other teams, and projected a positive attitude through his coaching. Oba was a wonderful role model and mentor, especially when Ray began his coaching career.

After teaching and coaching for 46 years in the Huntsville City Schools, Ray retired, or so one thought. Ray's retirement from the school system led to what was the beginning of his new career as the owner and operator of Coach Walker's Driving School. Ray jokes that because the word "retirement" is not in the Bible, you need to keep on working. Truth be told, he loves what he has felt he was lead to do, and is continuing to fulfill his life's work by teaching and coaching today's young people.

HONORING MR. JUAN LINO
RAMIREZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Mr. Juan Lino Ramirez, a beloved public servant and successful businessman from South Texas, a very special 85th birthday.

Mr. Ramirez was born on January 20, 1935, and dedicated his life to serving others while successfully creating multiple businesses. Juan Lino's contributions to Jim Hogg County and South Texas have been significant, and I am honored to be able to stand here today and share those achievements with my colleagues and the citizens of the United States of America.

Juan Lino started his career like many other Americans, with a small business. When Juan Lino was in his mid-twenties, he opened up his first business, a small car repair shop called T&R Auto Repair Shop. He ran and worked at the shop until he was able to move onto more lucrative business opportunities. In 1967, Juan Lino decided to obtain a Used Car Business Dealer License, which he later used to become one of the best salesmen in South Texas, winning the "Dealer of the Month" award from the San Antonio Auto Auction. Juan Lino acknowledged his business acumen but humbly decided to take a different career path and serve the people of South Texas.

In his twenties, Juan Lino took an interest in Jim Hogg County's public education system

and served on the Independent School District Board. There, he expanded educational opportunities for all students in the district, facilitated a vision for the future of the Jim Hogg Independent School District, and served as a role model to all that knew him in the community.

After serving on the Jim Hogg County Independent School District Board, Juan Lino decided to serve his community in a new capacity by taking on the highest law enforcement post in Jim Hogg County: Sheriff. Juan Lino served as the Jim Hogg County Sheriff twice, first from 1970 to 1973 and then again from 1976 to 1980. During his time as Sheriff, he hired the first female Sheriff Deputy in Jim Hogg County's history, Vila Martinez, acquired the first computer for the Sheriff's Department, and introduced standardized Sheriff Deputy uniforms. These accomplishments helped transform the Jim Hogg County Sheriff's Department into the modern and professional unit it is today. Juan Lino also successfully created one-way streets in school zones to ensure the safety of students on their commutes to and from school as the Sheriff of Jim Hogg.

Juan Lino continued to give back to Jim Hogg County in the 21st Century, serving as the County Commissioner for Precinct 4 for two terms. The first term was from 2002 to 2006, and the second term was from 2011 to 2015. During his time as County Commissioner for Precinct 4, Juan Lino worked to better the lives of people on a daily basis through infrastructure, economic development, and housing projects. I cannot imagine Jim Hogg County without Mr. Ramirez. He helped shepherd the Sheriff's Department into a new era, expanded women's opportunities, enhanced student safety, successfully grew his businesses, and accomplished many more milestones.

Madam Speaker, on January 20, 2020, Mr. Juan Lino Ramirez turns 85. I stand here today to acknowledge the decades of service Mr. Ramirez has given to Jim Hogg County. Mr. Juan Lino Ramirez serves as a leader in our community, and I wish him a very happy birthday.

CONGRATULATING CONGRES-
SIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT NICO-
LAS MABIE

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, Central Virginia is home to some of the most community-centered and service-minded students in the country, and today I am fortunate to recognize one of these students as a recipient of the Congressional Award.

Nicolas Mabie, a constituent of mine from Moseley, earned this national recognition for his work in community service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration of the world around him.

Nicolas's community service centered on volunteering for his community swim team. Through this activity, he helped kids learn a life-long and life-saving skill. He has demonstrated an ability to set goals, make a strategy, and see it through to the end.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Nicolas on his accomplishments. I look forward to seeing