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COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROJECT REAP

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Project REAP (the Real Estate Associate Program).

Project REAP, which was founded in the District of Columbia, is celebrating over 25 years of service to the commercial real estate industry and professionals of color. Its silver jubilee event will be held in D.C. on October 16, 2024.

Project REAP was formed by commercial real estate executives who recognized that the industry's workforce was grossly unrepresentative of the demographics of the United States. Project REAP provides professional education, networking and employment opportunities for professionals of color in the commercial real estate industry.

Project REAP's mission is "to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in the commercial real estate industry through education, mentorship and partnerships." Through its work, Project REAP has helped address historic barriers to participation by professionals of color in the commercial real estate industry.

Nearly 2,000 professionals of color have graduated from Project REAP and proudly identify themselves as Project REAP alumni. Project REAP alumni have obtained employment with Fortune 500 companies, as well as major commercial real estate firms. Throughout its history, Project REAP has been supported by or collaborated with some of the nation's leading commercial real estate industry associations.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Project REAP.

CONGRATULATING HORIZON TRANSPORT ON FORTY YEARS IN BUSINESS

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize, congratulate, and celebrate Horizon Transport in Wakarusa, Indiana as they mark 40 years in business and excellence in service.

For four decades now, this 100% employee-owned company has been a staple of Indiana's Second District because of their record of delivering quality service for local RV manufacturers. In 1984, Melvin Schrock and his wife Ruth Ann Schrock founded Horizon Transport after recognizing the need for a transport company that would provide professional, high quality, and prompt deliveries to local RV manufacturers. And for the past 40 years, RV Transport has been doing exactly that.

In Congress, I am proud to represent and be an advocate for the "RV Capital of the

World," a unique industry that is such a source of pride as well as economic activity and opportunity for our area. It takes many dedicated, professional individuals and businesses to make the RV industry fire on all cylinders and operate as well as it does. Horizon Transport is clearly one of those businesses, a business that has been recognized and appreciated for maintaining a family feel after all these years.

As CEO, Marion Schrock has continued his parents' proud legacy and commitment to excellence. He has also demonstrated his commitment to his employees by selling Horizon Transport to his employees through their Employee Stock Ownership Plan, making the company now 100% employee owned.

Congratulations again to the Schrock family, Horizon Transport, and all of their dedicated employees on achieving this impressive milestone and on their even more impressive legacy of excellence. I look forward to celebrating many more milestones, accolades, and satisfied customers of yours in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING U.S. CHESS OLYMPIAD TEAMS DURING NATIONAL CHESS WEEK

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate National Chess Week and recognize the remarkable accomplishments of this year's U.S. Chess Olympiad teams, who recently traveled to Budapest, Hungary. Across the country chess players young and old gather in parks, coffee shops, schools, and dorm rooms to analyze legendary games between grandmasters, play rapid games, and forge lasting friendships.

As a chess enthusiast who has loved the game since elementary school, I have come to understand and appreciate that chess is not just a tremendous passion for millions of people, but a universal language and a powerful tool for the education of young people. Chess stirs and fortifies every player's emotional, psychological, and intellectual development.

Widely considered to be the pinnacle of international chess, the Chess Olympiad is a biennial competition organized by the World Chess Federation where teams from all over the world gather to compete. This September, the 45th Chess Olympiad was held in Budapest, Hungary, with 188 nations and territories competing in the Open section and 169 teams in the Women's competition—both record turnouts.

In just the second time in almost 70 years, both U.S. teams medaled. Teammates Grandmaster Fabiano Caruana, Grandmaster Wesley So, Grandmaster Lenier Dominguez, Grandmaster Levon Aronian, Grandmaster Ray Robson, team captain International Master John Donaldson, and coach Grandmaster Mikhail Antipov secured a silver medal in the Open competition.

Their colleagues on the U.S. Women's team, International Master Gulrukhbegim Tokhirjonova, International Master Carissa Yip, Grandmaster Irina Krush, International Master Alice Lee, International Master Anna Zatonskih, team captain Grandmaster Melikset

Khachiyan and coach Grandmaster Alexander Onischuk, took the bronze. Each of these remarkable chess players embodies the mission of U.S. Chess to "empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess." I have no doubt that the members of this year's U.S. teams will inspire future generations to excel at chess and to spread love of the game.

In my district, the U.S. Chess Center, established in beautiful Silver Spring, has shared chess with 40,000 students at over 150 schools across the National Capital Region. Former world champion and Grandmaster Garry Kasparov, perhaps the greatest chess player who has ever lived, played a significant role in encouraging the creation of this vibrant institution and made short work of the Eighth District's United States Representative when we played, although it was still a great experience. Nearby, the recently established D.C. Chess Association promotes the joy of chess across our Nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, chess is for everyone to play and enjoy. During this National Chess Week, we invite Americans of all backgrounds and abilities to experience the timeless magic and strategic beauty of chess, and I again congratulate both U.S. Chess Olympiad teams on their historic achievements. May their continued success inspire generations of future champions.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of education—the 80th Anniversary of Fresno Pacific University. This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of Fresno Pacific University to improving education in the community.

Fresno Pacific University encompasses a grand and diverse student body which entails many of the students being the first in their families to attend college. This has been possible partly due to the impressive campus locations from North and Southeast Fresno to Visalia, Bakersfield and Merced. These expansive locations have opened up many opportunities to those who believed that higher education was out of their reach. By implementing the proud Hispanic Serving Institution, Hispanic first-generation students graduate at the same rate as students overall.

The implementation of this luminary program has provided countless educational opportunities for Hispanic Americans and underrepresented populations. It has also created a line of success for many career fields such as business, criminology, medicine, nursing, psychology and many other professional fields.

The dedication and devotion to the success of their students is unparalleled with a faculty staff who are active in their professional field and dedicated to student success. Small class sizes encourage student/faculty relationships.

With the School of Arts & Sciences and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies,

Fresno Pacific University has ranked in 78th place recently on the 2024 Best United States Colleges list and ranked 41st overall in the Master's Universities—West category. Having such a glorious performance reputation has yielded an affluent impact on the community with over 66% of students completing their degrees within the four-year time while the national average is only 42%.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the 80th Anniversary milestone of Fresno Pacific University. Let us celebrate the diligence and devotion to the education of others and the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
LEONARD TIPTON

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the life of Dr. Leonard Tipton, who was a remarkably impactful individual until he sadly left us at 84 years old.

Dr. Tipton was an American success story. The first in his family to graduate from high school, he would go on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, ultimately bringing his talents to the University of Florida.

Dr. Tipton made important contributions to Florida and beyond, serving as a Professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida from 1985 until his retirement in 2005.

As a renowned scholar, Dr. Tipton pioneered work on survey research methodology and the role the media plays in setting, not just reporting on, a public agenda.

Dr. Tipton was known to be an extraordinary teacher and mentor. Dr. Tipton's former students have an unprecedented track record of success, going on to become successful academics, Oscar-winning filmmakers, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters, and this Member of Congress.

I was fortunate enough to experience firsthand the teaching and mentorship of this creative enthusiastic educator. He always worked to make sure his students had the resources and tools to succeed, inspiring us to achieve greatness. His generosity and love of teaching were the hallmarks of his career as an educator and will be fondly remembered by all who met him.

May his memory be a blessing.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF
CALALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Calallen Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Texas, as it celebrates 150 years of faithful service to its community. This incredible milestone stands as a testament to the church's enduring commitment to faith, fellowship, and ministry, pointing generations of men and women toward the love of Jesus Christ.

Founded on July 4, 1874, Calallen Baptist Church was established by a group of eleven dedicated believers on a donated parcel of land in Nuecestown. From the very beginning, it became a pillar of the community—a place where neighbors gathered to hear the Gospel and encourage each other in the faith.

For a century and a half, the church has faithfully served Corpus Christi, persevering through adversity and disaster. After the devastation caused by Hurricane Celia, which left countless homes destroyed and damaged the church itself, Calallen Baptist continued to hold weekly services and became a refuge for those displaced by the storm. This is just one example of the church's dedication to serving its community even in the most trying of times.

Calallen Baptist Church stands out with their commitment to ministry through service to the community. Whether through outreach programs, compassionate ministries, or disaster relief, the church has actively sought to care for its neighbors and to be a testimony for the Lord's goodness in trial. In recent years, they have expanded their facilities and ministries to include fellowships, mission trips, and a grief recovery group—furthering their outreach to those in need of spiritual and emotional support.

This anniversary is truly a testament to God's sustaining grace and mercy. Paul's letter to the Philippians made note of how the Lord "shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). Through every trial victory in Christ, it is this principle that defines the story of Calallen Baptist.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Calallen Baptist Church on 150 years of remarkable ministry and service. May God continue to bless and sustain them as they press forward in His work, sharing the Good News of Jesus and serving the community for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY STUDY INSTITUTE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) on its 40th anniversary. Since its inception, EESI has steadfastly worked to provide policymakers with timely, relevant, educational resources about environmental, clean energy, and climate topics. Through seven presidential administrations throughout its forty-year history, EESI has remained dedicated to its mission and providing much needed information to better the lives of Americans across our country.

The story of EESI begins in the 1970s when a bipartisan group of members of Congress—led by then-Rep. Richard L. "Dick" Ottinger—established the Environmental and Energy Study Conference to help policymakers understand sustainability issues that were gaining in importance on Capitol Hill. By 1984, the Conference had evolved into an independent nonprofit organization: EESI.

As climate, clean energy, and environmental challenges have become more complicated

and more urgent over the years, EESI has produced briefings, articles, fact sheets, issue briefs, and podcasts that clearly explain and synthesize issues for policymakers, with an emphasis on Congressional staff, while remaining objective and nonpartisan.

Moreso, I have the privilege of serving as a co-chair of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, which highlights, on a bipartisan basis, the many benefits of clean energy. Each year, EESI works with House and Senate Caucus leadership to organize the Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO and Policy Forum. Dozens of leaders, experts, and practitioners descend on Capitol Hill to exhibit their solutions and raise awareness of how clean energy is creating good-paying jobs, promoting environmental justice, expanding economic development in rural communities, and contributing to national security and resilience. Now in its 27th year, the EXPO and Policy Forum is firmly established as an essential showcase and venue for policymaker education.

Many congratulations to EESI on 40 impactful years on Capitol Hill. As my colleagues in Congress and I consider new policies and investments to meet the climate challenges of today and tomorrow, I have no doubt that EESI will continue to be an essential resource and eager partner. On behalf of the United States Congress and Missouri's Fifth District, I applaud EESI for 40 years of achievements and I look forward to the years of success to come.

HONORING DR. ALBERT LEON
MCHENRY

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Albert Leon McHenry, who we lost at the age of 83 on September 9, 2024. A life-long educator and academic, Dr. McHenry's contributions to advancing engineering technology education will continue to live on through the countless lives he positively impacted.

Albert was born in Ruston, Louisiana to Albert Augusta, a school principal and respected community leader, and Irma Giles McHenry, a homemaker and a devoted mother renowned for her Southern cooking and tireless community service. As a student, Albert excelled in academics and extracurriculars—graduating as Class President and Salutatorian, competing as a soloist in concert choir and playing baseball, all while serving as mentor to his younger siblings Clyde and Hattie.

With many academic avenues closed in the segregated South, Albert began his college education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, an HBCU, where, after being inspired by the advent of the Space Race, he changed his major from chemistry after one semester to Electronics Engineering and Technology. Albert excelled in college, serving as chapter president of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He graduated in June of 1962 and accepted a position with Boeing's Saturn Rocket Booster Branch in New Orleans, and married the love of his life, Annette Bostick, in December of that year. Their marriage was blessed with two