

RECOGNIZING SILOAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Siloam Springs High School for its national recognition for outstanding achievement in school improvement.

Siloam Springs High School is one of only 30 schools to be named a Pacesetter School by the Southern Regional Education Board, an honor given to schools that exemplify the progress they can make when leaders embrace change and support improvement efforts.

Siloam Springs High School earned this recognition two years ago and continues to advance its curriculum and instruction to create an environment that encourages high achievement of its students.

School leaders attribute this success to block scheduling that allows teachers to work with a fewer number of students during longer class periods and provide students with more individual assistance as well as an increase in the number of Advanced Placement courses offered.

I am very proud to honor and congratulate the students and staff at Siloam Springs High School as well as the school district and the community for this innovative approach to education. I look forward to the academic excellence that will come from Siloam Springs High School in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING DON MARTENS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished tenure of Mr. Don W. Martens, on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law. At the helm of this association, Mr. Martens has brought a wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership—leaving a profound impression on intellectual property law.

Mr. Martens will end his one-year term as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law in early August. With over forty years' experience as an intellectual property litigator, Mr. Martens is a leading voice in intellectual property matters.

Mr. Martens graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in engineering followed by a juris doctorate degree from George Washington University Law School where he was Patent Editor of the Law Review and graduated first in his class.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Martens has served as President of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and three terms as a member of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's Advisory Council. Prior to his current Chairmanship, Mr. Martens also served as Chair of the Section's Patent Law Reform Task Force.

Additionally, Mr. Martens' list of remarkable achievements include being named as one of "The Top 10 Patent Lawyers in the World" by PLC Global Counsel, as one of "the 20 Best Patent Lawyers in the World" in a comprehensive international survey by Euromoney Legal Media Group, one of two "Leading IP Lawyers" in the United States by the Global Counsel's Handbook and one of the "Best Lawyers in America" for both Alternative Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property Law—all impressive distinctions.

In 2005, Mr. Martens and the IP Section of the ABA were asked to put together a Patent Law Reform Task Force to assist in the gathering of information for legislative reform efforts in Congress. As a result, the Task Force developed a White Paper which has since become a well-regarded source for objective and well-reasoned analysis and recommendations on patent reform issues, both in Congress and the private sector.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the celebrated tenure of Mr. Don Martens and applaud his determined efforts as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law to improve the legal process and promote the rights of inventors across the country.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF DEANNA WEEKS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the retirement of Ms. Deanna Weeks from the East County Economic Development Council (ECEDC), located in my congressional district in East San Diego County. For 25 years, Deanna has provided inexhaustible service and dedication to the people and businesses of San Diego's East County. Both as a person and a professional, Deanna will be sorely missed.

One does not have to search very long to find the positive results of Deanna's work, sacrifice and leadership in our community. Like the rest of the nation, our region is going through difficult economic times. I firmly believe, however, it could be much worse for East County if it were not for the significant contributions Deanna made during her time and leadership with the ECEDC. Prior to joining ECEDC Deanna worked at the Center on Aging at San Diego State University followed by Greenwald/McDonald commercial developers. In the early 1990s after joining the ECEDC, Deanna pioneered a grant effort from the Department of Defense that studied the needs of small defense-related firms in the East County, resulting in Connectory.com, an internet connectivity tool that allowed for many San Diego companies to gain business with the U.S. Federal Government and expand and grow into new and exciting areas.

Aside from creating Connectory.com and managing its development and growth from a sub-regional marketing tool into a nationally recognized asset, Deanna was also the lead force behind forming the San Diego Space

and Defense Consortium, which provided vital resources to local companies enabling them to compete with large defense contractors. She created and supported the East County Economic Development Foundation and the Supporting Education and Economic Development partnership, both of which work to create and strengthen career and technical education opportunities in our local high schools and community colleges. Deanna has served in other capacities such as the Boards of the Downtown El Cajon Partnership and the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving on the Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District where she has been a key member of the East County K-16 Collaborative, a joint effort between community education and business that focuses on improving student transition between grade levels and curriculums.

Madam Speaker, in a time when the needs of our community usually score low on our list of priorities, I am always encouraged by the efforts of Deanna and her unending determination and sacrifice to make East San Diego County the special place it is to live. While she will be greatly missed, she has provided us all with a great example of service to the community. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Deanna Weeks on her retirement, I wish her all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for her many years of unyielding dedication to guiding the economic prosperity of San Diego's East County. We will miss you Deanna, enjoy those grandkids!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS' ROBERT J. DOLE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS ON COMPLETION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT PORTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUM'S MUSEUM ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics on the campus of the University of Kansas for completion of the Institutional Assessment portion of the American Association of Museum's Museum Assessment Program, MAP.

Senior Archivist Morgan Davis led the MAP team which included Audio/Visual Archivist Judy Sweets and Assistant Archivists Catherine Riggs and Robert Lay. The team completed an extensive self-study survey which included exercises designed to help improve understanding of museum practices and broaden the scope of services offered in the Dole Archive.

Judith Endelman, Director of the Benson Ford Research Center at The Henry Ford Museum, was selected to assist the Dole Archive in the Museum Assessment Program. During her two-day visit to the Dole Institute, Ms. Endelman met with Dole Institute staff and Dole Archive Advisory Board members to get a better understanding of the programs and services currently offered.

The Dole Archive, which contains the collections of former Senator Bob Dole, is an invaluable research collection documenting Senator