

McCown's boyhood dreams of becoming a soldier were realized before he was 18. During extensive and dangerous deployments in Iraq, he distinguished himself as a warrior and leader. On numerous occasions, he put his own safety at risk to protect his fellow soldiers. Sadly, due to injuries incurred during combat he severely damaged his knee and back, and was ultimately medically separated from his beloved military. Yet his faith in his mission, his love of country, and his status as a leader of his fellow soldiers never wavered.

McCown's departure from the military didn't stop his drive to serve, defend, and protect. He soon responded to the noble calling of law enforcement. The road back to service was not an easy one as McCown had to rebuild a body damaged by war. Yet he soon joined the elite Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team of the Killeen, TX Police Department. On occasions too numerous to count, McCown rushed headfirst into peril and put his own safety on the line to protect citizens and fellow officers. A recent incident resulted in further injuries to his knees and has him temporarily out of commission. But anyone who knows McCown is certain he won't be out for long.

I send my deepest and most heartfelt wishes for McCown's speedy recovery so he can resume his life of extraordinary service. Brave men like him remind us all what true heroes are.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

**HON. RUSH HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2014*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of what is now the Congressional Research Service (CRS). Since its founding in 1914, this legislative reference service unit of the Library of Congress has served as a repository of information and expertise for Members of Congress and their staff.

The CRS was an idea first championed by Senator Robert M. LaFollette Sr. and Representative John M. Nelson, and established on July 16, 1914 by former Librarian of Congress, Herbert Putnam. Previously known as the Legislative Reference Service (LRS), this service unit provided basic reference services for Congress in its early years.

As a result of rising demand for LRS services following World War II, the Legislative Reorganization Act (LRA) of 1946 expanded the size and scope of LRS by hiring policy experts in issues consistent with the new committee system. A second transformation of the Service occurred in 1970 when the LRA was amended to mandate that LRS provide reliable and objective research and analysis, and strong support for Members and committees. LRS became what we know today as CRS.

Over the past 100 years, the contributions of CRS have been invaluable to the efficiency and effectiveness of Congress. Today, CRS provides broad, non-partisan research and analysis for members of Congress on all legislative and oversight issues of interest. Its utmost priority is to certify that Congress has uninterrupted access to the nation's best thinking.

The Service employs a diverse workforce of over 600 analysts, data professionals, counselors, and support staff who are dedicated to supporting our Federal legislative process. In Fiscal Year 2013 alone, CRS provided more than 630,000 briefings, reports, and analyses for Members and committees.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the past and present staff of CRS for decades of invaluable contributions and service.

HONORING JACOB CHRISTIAN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Christian. Jacob 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 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob 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, Jacob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROGER WILLIAMS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2014*

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 414 on final passage of H.R. 5021, the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014, I would have voted "aye," which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS W. DEWITT ON HIS ELECTION TO THE NAFCU BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**HON. AARON SCHOCK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2014*

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Thomas W. Dewitt on his election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). This is just the latest chapter in a long and productive career in financial services, and I know he will be a great asset to NAFCU.

The core mission of credit unions is to serve their members, and Thomas Dewitt has embodied that spirit throughout his career. For nearly the past two decades, he has served 130,000 members in Central Illinois and

around the country as the President and CEO of State Farm Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Bloomington, Illinois.

In addition to his role at State Farm, Mr. Dewitt has been an active participant in the activities of the NAFCU, most notably in the regulatory and legislative committees. In all, he brings 40 years of financial services experience to his new role at NAFCU, and he has consistently demonstrated his firm grasp and understanding of the issues important to credit unions and their members.

Once again, congratulations to Mr. Dewitt on his election to the Board of Governors, and to NAFCU for gaining such a capable and seasoned addition. I look forward to working with Mr. Dewitt in his new role and wish him all the best.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2014*

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 40th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus by Turkish armed forces. While there has been some progress made regarding a resolution, thousands of Greek Cypriots continue to be denied their fundamental right to return to their homes.

Turkey must live up to its international responsibilities and return all of Cyprus' territory to the Cypriots. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have supported a variety of initiatives in support of this outcome, including sending letters to President Obama applauding the administration's commitment to exercise U.S. leadership in the negotiation for a just solution on Cyprus. This solution should result in a single, sovereign country within a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation. Forty years of discord is long enough; Cypriots deserve a government for them and by them.

I applaud President Anastasiades' proposal from early 2013 that, if adopted, would significantly contribute to creating an atmosphere that would facilitate the negotiating process. Unfortunately, the Turkish side has continued to reject proposals that would enhance cooperation and move the two sides toward a resolution.

Despite continued pressure from the United States, Turkey continues to obstruct Cyprus from exercising its basic sovereign rights including accessing its own natural resources.

With the situation in the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean growing more volatile each day, it is paramount that Turkey and Cyprus come back to the negotiating table, and that Turkey return occupied territory back to the people of Cyprus.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. LILLIAN K. KURTZ

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2014*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mrs. Lillian K.