

leader in advocating on issues that directly impact the company and the travel and tourism industry.

On behalf of the citizens of the 24th District of Texas, I want to thank Mr. Bruce Charendoff for his service and dedication to maintaining a strong and vibrant travel and tourism industry. As we all know, travel is vitally important to our nation's and Texas's economic growth so it is good to know we have a strong advocate looking out for our interests. Again, congratulations to Mr. Charendoff on his appointment to the TTAB.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICAELA  
DEGENERO

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Micaela DeGenero of Granville High School for winning the Girls 1600 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Micaela's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Granville High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Micaela DeGenero on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON S. 2845

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters with the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary regarding S. 2845, the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
*Washington, DC, June 29, 2016.*

Hon. ED ROYCE,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROYCE: I am writing with respect to S. 2845, the "Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016," which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. As a result of your having consulted with us on provi-

sions in S. 2845 that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, I agree to discharge our committee from further consideration of this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of S. 2845 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation and that our committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and asks that you support any such request.

I would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to S. 2845, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration of S. 2845.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC, June 29, 2016.*

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,  
*Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Foreign Affairs on S. 2845, the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016, and for agreeing to be discharged from further consideration of that bill.

I agree that your forgoing further action on this measure does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, or prejudice its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future. I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation.

I will seek to place our letters on S. 2845 into the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with your Committee as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
*Chairman.*

RECOGNIZING THE BEMIS COMPANY'S WEST HAZLETON PLANT UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the employees of the Bemis Company's West Hazleton plant, who, for 50 years, have supplied innovative packing materials that are used to safely transport food. The West Hazleton plant has played an important role in my district over the last five decades, employing over 400 people in the greater Hazleton area. They are an active sponsor of community events and exemplify the strong partnership that can exist between private employers and a local region.

The Hazleton plant has operated under several names throughout the years, becoming Bemis in 1993. The company prides itself on promoting a family-friendly environment, and for several families this has been a multi-generational employer. When you go to the grocery store or bakery, you're seeing the work of Hazleton employees—they make the bags for bread, rolls, buns, and bagels for thousands of products. Their Hazleton employees produce approximately 2.5 billion bread bags annually and use their expertise in polymer chemistry to supply the global food supply chain with reliable packaging.

I am also honored to recognize Mrs. Emily Logan upon the occasion of her 50th anniversary with Bemis. Such a milestone is increasingly rare in today's society, and this milestone speaks both to the talent of the employee and the work environment of the employer. Bemis also understands the importance of engaging with the broader community to create lasting bonds. The company is a member of the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, participates in local food drives, supports Relay For Life, and participates in career fairs at Hazleton High School. These community initiatives have created lasting partnerships and continue to provide opportunities for my constituents and all residents in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Bemis Hazleton upon 50 years of operation in my district and hometown. Bemis Hazleton has enjoyed continued success because of their unwavering commitment to their employees and the community in which they operate. This productive manufacturing facility continues to bring prosperity and employment opportunities to my constituents, and I look forward to the facility's continued success and innovation in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES  
RUTAN

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Charles A. "Chuck" Rutan on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Rutan currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Airlines Federal Credit Union, located in Dallas, Texas. He has 40 years of experience in the financial services industry, serving as a credit union CEO for over 25 years, including the last 8 years at Southwest. Mr. Rutan is a passionate leader in the credit union community, having served in numerous volunteer positions. This includes 14 years on the Illinois Credit Union League Board, where he chaired numerous committees and served as Board Chairman in 2000–2001.

Mr. Rutan currently serves on NAFCU's Legislative Committee and attends several NAFCU events every year, including the annual NAFCU Congressional Caucus. He has a deep understanding of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions across the country. I am confident that his expertise and years of experience will benefit the NAFCU Board and local credit unions for years to come.

Mr. Rutan received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1975 and his CPA certification from the University of Illinois in 1976.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chuck Rutan and wishing him the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I look forward to working with him in this regard.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANNA  
WATSON

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Watson of Olentangy Orange High School for winning the Girls Pole Vault Event at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Anna's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Olentangy Orange High School can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Anna Watson on her state championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Colorado Delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am highlighting an issue of importance to Colorado and its community of senior citizens. Earlier this year, Congress passed the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 and sent it to the President for his signature. This reauthorization ensures that a wide range of social and nutritional services directed to assist senior citizens is not disrupted. While the reauthorization improves the status quo for the state of Colorado, I still have concerns about the continuing inequity in funding going to our state in comparison to the rest of the country.

In an attempt to protect certain states with shrinking senior populations, in 2006 Congress changed the Older Americans Act funding formula to ensure states received a guaranteed funding level. This is known as the "Hold Harmless Funding Formula." Due to Colorado's growing senior population and this

provision from 2006, Colorado (among other states) saw massive cuts during sequestration when other states did not.

Instead of allowing the funding to go to states with growing senior populations, the hold harmless funding formula in the current reauthorization continues the disproportionate trend by preventing funding in states with lower senior populations from going to states with growing levels of senior citizens. While I am supportive of the services provided by the Older Americans Act, Congress' priority should be ensuring the stability of the programs upon which millions of seniors around the country depend.

I believe that moving forward, it is imperative that steps are taken in future reauthorizations to safeguard services for all seniors regardless of their state of residence. It is my hope that as Congress continues to address issues that are important to all senior citizens we find a path forward to address the issue I've raised today.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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OLDER AMERICANS ACT

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Colorado Delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am highlighting an issue of importance to Colorado and its community of senior citizens. Earlier this year, Congress passed the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 and sent it to the President for his signature. This reauthorization ensures that a wide range of social and nutritional services, directed to assist senior citizens, is not disrupted. While the reauthorization improves the status quo for the state of Colorado, I still have concerns about the continuing inequity in funding going to our state in comparison to the rest of the country.

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OLDER AMERICANS ACT

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

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