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Throughout high school, Olga was a USA gymnastics competitor and participated in karate, archery and cross country. She also obtained her private pilot's license. I am confident that Olga will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Olga Budke on the offer of her appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Olga will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

JOHNNY SPIRES NAMED  
PEARLAND POLICE CHIEF

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Johnny Spires of Pearland, TX, for being named Police Chief of the Pearland Police Department.

Johnny has over 27 years of law enforcement experience, having worked as a police officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Assistant Chief of Police. As Chief, he'll oversee the budget, 17 divisions and over 200 Pearland City employees, while further strengthening community ties and ensuring its safety. His years of distinguished service in the Police Department will serve him well in his new role.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Johnny Spires, the new Police Chief of the Pearland Police Department. All of Pearland will benefit from him and his commitment to safety.

RECOGNIZING THE SALVATION  
ARMY OF MONROE COUNTY

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salvation Army of Monroe County for 100 years of service in the community.

The Salvation Army of Monroe County actively ministers to both the physical and spiritual needs of those in our area.

Under the leadership of Maj. Louise Blessing and Lt. Karl Blessing, the organization cur-

rently provides a wide range of programs, including a food pantry, homeless shelter, youth programs, emergency assistance, casework services, worship services, and much more.

Through all these initiatives, they offer a helping hand to the most vulnerable and spread God's love in their sphere of influence.

Mr. Speaker, organizations like the Salvation Army of Monroe County are woven into the very fabric of our community. They play a critical role in rebuilding lives, restoring hope, and serving those in need.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Salvation Army of Monroe County's 100 year anniversary, and I pray for many more years of fruitful contributions to the community.

H. RES. 187, RELATING TO EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO THE FAMINE IN SOUTH SUDAN

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Congresswoman BASS, for bringing forth this critical resolution. I am proud to join my colleagues today in support of H. Res. 187, Relating to efforts to respond to the famine in South Sudan.

Mr. Speaker, as many of us know, the famine in South Sudan is one of the worst humanitarian crises since World War II. Fighting and violence has forced over 3 million people from their homes, driven the South Sudanese people into famine, and threatens the country's independence. As we approach South Sudan's winter season, communities facing famine will become inaccessible to humanitarian groups as roads become flooded, proving a dire need for our support and relief.

Our responsibilities as elected officials extend much farther than the boundaries of our districts. It is our congressional responsibility to support U.S. Agency for International Development in its efforts to provide aid for those facing this devastating crisis and collaborate with relief organizations to ensure that families are receiving essential resources.

If we do not act now, we jeopardize the millions of lives, put the long term security of South Sudan on the line, and threaten our goal for global peace.

While a resolution and aid alone cannot solve this problem, it can save lives. We must continue our bipartisan efforts, and move forward to allocate \$1 billion in aid to ensure that all people have access to fundamental needs.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRENTON J. CONNER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE NATION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the service of Lieutenant Colonel Trenton J. Conner, who has served his nation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania admirably as Commander of the Letterkenny Munitions

Center (LEMC) in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Conner was installed as commander of LEMC in 2015, and has since led a dynamic effort to modernize both the facilities and logistical technology that allow Letterkenny to operate as one of our nation's most efficient and effectual munitions centers. His leadership has helped turn LEMC into the Army's premier munitions center, orchestrating the distribution, maintenance, and demilitarization of munitions from around the globe.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 9th District, I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel Conner for his selfless service, and moreover highlight the sense of purpose with which he has handled every project managed in his time at Letterkenny Munitions Center. His leadership and the progressive changes he has made will live on, and it is with the utmost appreciation with which I wish him the best as he continues to serve his nation in new capacities.

As he passes the guidon, I take great pleasure in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Conner on his prodigious accomplishments. I thank him for his tireless devotion to duty and continued service to the state and to the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALLENA ROSE ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Allena Rose of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Allena's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2021. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Allena brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2021. While attending Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio, Allena was a member of the National Honor Society, student council and was ranked in the top five percent of her class.

Throughout high school, Allena participated in varsity and club volleyball, including serving as a floor captain. Allena also participated in the Spirit Club and Mu Alpha Theta honors society. I am confident that Allena will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Allena Rose on her offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Allena will excel during her career at West Point, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.