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HONORING MR. JOHN F.  
TRENTACOSTA

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Trentacosta upon his retirement as President and CEO of Newtown Savings Bank in Newtown, Connecticut. For two decades, John has provided experienced and insightful leadership at Newtown Savings Bank, and his contributions have been crucial to guiding the institution through both successful and challenging economies.

John is a native of Bronx, New York, and completed his undergraduate degree at Manhattan College before going on to earn his Master of Business Administration at Iona College. He began working in finance in New York before moving with his wife Linda to Connecticut in 1988. Throughout his long and successful career in the financial industry, John has served in a number of leadership roles, such as Chief Financial Officer, for a variety of institutions. Following a decade of working at the Bank of New Haven, John joined Newtown Savings Bank as President and CEO in 1998. His experience and leadership have been instrumental in continuing the organization's success for the future.

In addition to his successful career, John has shared his time and expertise with a number of community and professional organizations in Connecticut. He currently serves on the Western Connecticut State University Foundation Board, and has previously been Director of Habitat for Humanity of New Haven and Chairperson of the Newtown Rotary Golf Fundraiser Event. John has also served as a board member of the Connecticut Society of CPAs' Educational Trust Fund, a member of the Connecticut Community Bankers Association's Executive Committee, and a member of the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce board.

Mr. Speaker, in his two decades of leadership at Newtown Savings Bank, John Trentacosta has been a successful leader in Connecticut's financial services industry, and he has also been a true partner to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN ROBERTS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stephen Roberts of Des Moines, Iowa, for being named one of *dsm Magazine's* 2017 "Sages Over 70."

The "Sages Over 70" award honors community leaders who continue to serve as men-

tors and leaders when others have retired. Stephen, a senior shareholder in the Davis Brown law firm, was an early advocate for women at the firm which lead to the quick hiring of its first five female attorneys. Stephen is well-known for his past service as chairman and national committee member for the Republican Party of Iowa, and has also been active with the American Cancer Society for over 40 years. One of the many words of advice he gave to the magazine included to "give something back to the community. You'll get more out of it than what you put in."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Stephen for being named a "Sage Over 70" by *dsm Magazine*, and applaud him for his service to his community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Stephen for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2017*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote today on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 2396 (Roll Call No. 681), I would have voted aye. The motion would require financial institutions found to have engaged in deceptive or fraudulent practices to continue to annually report their policies and practices regarding the disclosure of nonpublic, personal information.

Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 2396 (Roll Call No. 682), I would have voted no. This bill would ease the annual privacy notice requirements for financial institutions that share consumers' non-public personal information with nonaffiliated third party companies, weakening important consumer protections.

I'm deeply frustrated that the House has, yet again, decided to take up a measure intended to violate U.S. obligations under the Iran nuclear agreement. Though the nuclear agreement explicitly commits the United States to resuming the licensing of new commercial aircraft sales to Iran for civilian use, H.R. 4324 would impose additional certification requirements on the Treasury Department in order to carry out these current obligations.

Given Trump's clear disdain for having to take affirmative action to keep the agreement intact, this attempt by Congressional Republicans to force his administration to act further on the sale of commercial aircraft is shameful. Thus, had I been present for the vote on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 4324 (Roll Call No. 683), I would have voted aye. Had I been present for the vote on final passage of H.R. 4324 (Roll Call No. 684), I would have voted no.

RECOGNIZING THE RIVERDALE RAMS' GOLF TEAM FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2017*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Riverdale Rams' Golf Team for winning the state championship in the Class 1A tournament.

Riverdale won by six shots over Hillsboro. The boys played through gusty winds and occasional rain showers and witnessed their lead slip to a mere two shots, but held strong to pull out a victory. This title makes school history, both as the Rams' first-ever golf title and first-ever state team title. I congratulate the Rams on their outstanding victory in their Class 1A win—a testament to the impressive leadership provided by Coach Trent Groves and teammates Tyler Bussert and Anthony Ruthey.

Mr. Speaker, as a former athlete, I understand how important this is to the young men, the coaches and the community. Their efforts and resilience should inspire us all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL.  
WESLEY L. FOX, USMC (RET.)

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2017*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Col. Wes Fox. Col. Fox enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1950 at the start of the Korean War to begin his 43-year career. Wes served 16 years as a noncommissioned officer before commissioning as a second lieutenant and retiring as a colonel.

Col. Fox valiantly served the nation and became a recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam. He led his men through heavy fire, even picking up the weapon of a Marine killed in action, to continue fighting the enemy. Col. Fox sustained severe injuries from shrapnel, continued to lead his Marines, and called in air support. After the battle was over, Fox refused medical treatment, set up and supervised a defensive perimeter, and remained until all the Marines were evacuated. According to his Medal of Honor citation, "his indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger inspired his Marines to such aggressive actions that they overcame all enemy resistance and destroyed a large bunker complex." Col. Fox retired from the Marines in 1993 with decorations including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

After retirement, Col Fox served as the Deputy Commandant of First Battalion in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. Col. Fox authored two books: "Marine Rifleman: Forty-Three Years in the Corps (Memories of War)" and "Six Essential Elements of Leadership: Marine Corps Wisdom from a Medal of Honor Recipient." I am honored to have known Wes and to have served as a witness to the countless lives he touched through his selfless service and leadership. He is survived by his wife,