

losing their parents they are exhibiting signs of PTSD and depression.

During this holy season, instead of celebrating the gifts of their faith, immigrant parents are having to develop emergency plans so their children will know what to do if their parents are taken away and don't make it home one night.

As a mother, I can't imagine the physical and emotional toll it takes to try and reassure your children while at the same time having to tell them they may not see you again or that they may have to leave their friends and their home for a country they do not know or remember.

Congress has the power to stop this terror by passing the Dream Act but the Republican leadership once again lacked the courage to take a stand and have a vote.

Protecting our Dreamers is the moral and right thing to do and it is in the best interests of our nation.

Tragically, instead of living up to our American values and giving Dreamers the gift of hope for a better and more secure future, Republicans have left them and their family with a lump of coal laced with fear and uncertainty.

Mr. Speaker, you and your leadership should be ashamed of yourselves.

HONORING SAM PACK AND HIS
CHARITABLE WORKS ACROSS
NORTH TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Sam Pack of Carrollton, Texas for his tremendous and continuous work to better his community throughout his life.

Sam Pack's presence in North Texas is hard to miss. His commitment to community service and public involvement has touched the lives of many in the 24th District and across the State of Texas. Mr. Pack's personal involvement in the community is apparent in the numerous awards he has received including being named the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year" as well as being recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International.

Mr. Pack's charitable donations and work are known well throughout North Texas, ranging from donations to diabetes research facilities to establishing a museum in his community. Mr. Pack is a dedicated supporter of Metrocrest Services and Kidd's Kids, to name a few of the many philanthropic organizations he supports throughout North Texas. Metrocrest Services provides critical services to those coping with crisis situations, those who need help stabilizing their lives, or require other forms of support. Kidd's Kids provides tremendous support to children and their families who are dealing with life altering conditions. Mr. Pack has also created the Sam Pack Cares program, which works to provide assistance to those who serve our nation in various ways.

For nearly forty years, the Sam Pack Auto Group has worked hand-in-hand with communities, businesses, and individuals across North Texas to provide outstanding service

and support to customers. Mr. Pack's commitment to excellence and dedication to customer service has resulted in the Sam Pack Auto Group receiving countless awards and recognitions for their efforts. Most notably among these recognitions is TIME Magazine's "Quality Dealer of the Year", Ford Motor Company's "Salute to Dealers Award", and the Texas Automobile Dealers Association's "Legends Award" which, to date, has been awarded to less than twenty outstanding auto dealers within the State of Texas. Since Mr. Pack first opened a dealership in 1980, he has provided vital support to those in need, and in the 36 years since that first dealership opened, Mr. Pack has continuously proven that he is an ardent supporter of his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Sam Pack for his many years of dedicated service and charitable works. I wish him continued success and congratulations as the Sam Pack Auto Group opens the Sam Pack Five Star Chevrolet Dealership in Carrollton, Texas.

HISTORY IS MADE IN DAYTON,
OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate two pieces of history from Dayton, Ohio.

Firstly, last week marked the 22nd anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords. The Dayton Peace Accords brought an end to years of bloodshed and created a framework for lasting peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I served as mayor of Dayton during those Accords and witnessed firsthand American diplomacy bring adversaries to the negotiating table.

Recently, however, I fear the peace found in Dayton is threatened. Now is a critical time for the region. I wrote this week to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson encouraging him to host a Dayton Peace Accords II. The United States has an obligation to lead and support the peace we helped create in 1995.

The second piece of history I proudly recognize today is the anniversary of flight. This Sunday marked Wright Brothers Day, the 114th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' invention of flight.

The Wright Brothers did the bulk of their research in Dayton, Ohio, eventually leading to their creation of flight. Dayton continues to maintain the Wright Brothers' spirit of innovation.

IN HONOR OF JOHN
TROHKIMOINEN FOR RECEIVING
CALIFORNIA CASUALTY'S NA-
TIONAL AWARD FOR TEACHING
EXCELLENCE

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to John Trohkimoinen on receiving California Cas-

ualty's National Award for Teaching Excellence. This outstanding accomplishment is a sign of his hard work, leadership, and commitment to his students.

For the past thirty years, John has dedicated his time to ensuring that Natrona County High students build a strong educational foundation that will benefit them long after they leave his classroom. As just one of thirty-eight educators to receive this award, his commitment to education and the impact he has on those around him is apparent. I thank him for his contributions to Wyoming education and to Natrona County High School.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to John Trohkimoinen for earning the National Award for Teaching Excellence. He and his family deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

HONORING DR. ROBERT GUNN

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate my friend, Dr. Robert Gunn, for being awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Award for Faculty for his work on American Horologics. Literature, Timekeeping, and the Production of Space in Early Western North America.

Though it will be above my level of comprehension, given Dr. Gunn's past work and the success it has achieved, I am confident that this will be an important addition to the study of North America and the indigenous cultures of the American West.

Dr. Gunn's work at the University of Texas at El Paso has helped to distinguish UTEP and the larger El Paso-Juarez community. It has helped to deepen and expand our insight of the people of North America, and it has contributed to a richer understanding of America and the American West.

I am extraordinarily fortunate to represent Dr. Gunn in Congress and to have the opportunity to congratulate him for this high achievement. Even better, I have the pleasure of calling him a friend and personally bearing witness to his kindness, wit, wisdom and the inspiration he takes from, and love he gives to, his beautiful children, Frances and Henry, and his wife Jonna, incredibly accomplished in her own right as the Director of the English Education Program at UTEP.

We are lucky to have Dr. Gunn in El Paso, lucky to count him and his family as friends, lucky that he has contributed his outsized talent and drive to a better understanding of who we are.

Congratulations Robert.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST,
NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of the Town of Amherst, New York upon