

for their success in inspiring and cultivating extraordinary mentor relationships within our community.

A TRIBUTE TO LAURA AND
MILTON AMOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Laura and Milton Amos of Griswold, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 25, 2017.

Laura and Milton's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

SUPPORTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of National Catholic Schools Week, and in recognition of the outstanding contributions that Catholic schools make to our educational system and our country. I am a proud graduate of St. Symphorosa Grammar School and St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, and have been a lifelong supporter of Catholic education.

Earlier this month, I introduced H. Res. 692 honoring January 28th through February 3rd as National Catholic Schools Week. I would like to thank the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. SMITH for working with me on this resolution, along with 29 additional cosponsors.

This year marks the 44th anniversary of Catholic Schools Week, which, since 1974, has celebrated the important role these institutions play in America. They provide both a strong academic education, with a graduation rate of 99 percent, and strong moral grounding, while also teaching community responsibility and outreach. This year's theme—"Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."—highlights the values that are the centerpiece of a Catholic school education.

I urge my colleagues to take time this week to recognize the Catholic schools in your districts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS' 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) upon its one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

Founded in 1868, the B.P.O.E. is a nationwide fraternal order comprised of nearly one million men and women who promote service, justice and fraternity through activities and charities supported by local Elks Lodges. Of the order's numerous lodges, which provide a place for neighbors to come together, the state of California houses the largest number. The B.P.O.E. is one of the premier charitable and patriotic organizations in the United States, raising billions of dollars in donations, which allow Elks to invest in their communities.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) is best known for its support of children with disabilities. The fundraising arm of the association allows the Elks to hire therapists and preschool vision screeners to provide disabled children with the care they need. In addition to its remarkable work with children, CHEA also donates to organizations that assist with recovery efforts for natural disasters like the recent hurricanes, fires and floods.

Another hallmark of the order is patriotism, as evident in CHEA's involvement in raising funds for the National World War II Memorial, as well as its emphasis on honoring the American Flag. A main focus of B.P.O.E. is to assist veterans, whether by adopting Veteran's Villages, performing at the United Service Organizations (U.S.O.), or building monuments to honor fallen heroes.

Through programs such as the Americanism Essay Contest, Hoop Shoot, Scholarship Programs, the Dictionary Project and Scouting, CHEA encourages our youth to exemplify leadership, patriotism and compassion. The Elks also promote a drug-free environment for our youth by working with the Drug Enforcement Agency to provide scientific-based prevention programs and drug awareness information.

The time, effort, and care that the Elks have given to the community is outstanding, and the residents of the San Gabriel Valley have benefited greatly from their dedicated work.

At this time, I ask all members to join with me in commending the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for one-hundred and fifty years of committed service to the San Gabriel Valley.

CELEBRATING THE SARATOGA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce in celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce was founded by local business leaders in 1918 and has been making Saratoga County a great place to live, work, and play ever since. Comprised of over 2,700 businesses, the Chamber has experienced great success in fulfilling its mission of initiating and providing programs and services in support of its members and Saratoga County as a whole.

The Chamber celebrated its centennial year at its annual dinner on January 25, 2018, where nearly 1,000 members and supporters attended. At the event, the 2017 Chair of the Board, David Collins, was thanked for his year of volunteer leadership and the incredible contributions he has made that have fostered growth in Saratoga County. For its 100th year, the Chamber also began a new tradition of presenting the Joe Dalton Community Service Award, named after a longtime leader of the Chamber. The award was presented to Steve "Sully" Sullivan, owner of The Olde Bryan Inn and Longfellows Inn & Conference Center, for his extensive efforts in assisting those in need in the community.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and its dedicated leaders and members as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. I would also like to thank them for their years of hard work. I look forward to hearing about the Chamber's successes in Saratoga County in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARON AND
LARRY HAYES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sharon and Larry Hayes of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 24, 2017.

Sharon and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NORTHEAST TARRANT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce as it marks 60 years of service to the North Texas community.