

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.

The Northeast Tarrant Chamber works diligently to connect area business leaders, local city administrators, Tarrant County representatives, elected government officials and area non-profits to aid the growth and advancement of economic development in Northeast Tarrant County.

Established in 1957 as the Haltom Richland Chamber, this organization has enjoyed significant growth in the span of its service. The Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has a rich legacy of dedication to its members. In fact, eight of its members have been a part of the Chamber for more than 50 years. Just last month, it reached a milestone of 1,000 members.

Over the last 60 years, the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has achieved a long list of accomplishments. For example, the Chamber has honored more than 500 local Hometown Heroes from area non-profit and community organizations who give their time and efforts to serve their Northeast Tarrant County neighbors. Additionally, it has awarded more than 200 annual scholarships to area high school seniors totaling over \$200,000 in scholarship money distributed to deserving students, and has educated and graduated over 500 Leadership Northeast participants.

There is no doubt that the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce leaders and members have made meaningful contributions to their communities and the North Texas region, and I am grateful for their steadfast service.

RECOGNIZING THE FULTON FIRE
DEPARTMENT

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave and selfless actions of members of the Fulton, New York Fire Department.

On December 17, 2017, Fulton Firefighters Terry Recore, Allan Baker, and Assistant Chief Shane Laws responded to an incident at the Oswego River in which two individuals had become trapped when attempting to save a dog that had fallen through the ice and into the river.

A man and woman saw a dog drowning, and acted immediately. Both the man and woman entered the water and hoisted the dog into a kayak. However, the pair was then unable to return to shore. Wearing ice suits, Firefighters Terry Recore and Allan Baker helped get the woman and dog out of the freezing water. Assistant Chief Shane Laws threw a rope to the man who in the water and returned the group to shore.

I have the utmost respect for our fire fighters and first responders. I thank them for the long hours, for charging into danger, and for putting their lives on the line to keep us safe each and every day. They guard our cities, protect our towns, and make our communities better.

A TRIBUTE TO LORETTA DERBY

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 Loretta Derby of Council Bluffs, Iowa for her induction into the Iowa School for the Deaf Hall of Fame. Loretta is a 1955 graduate of the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs.

Loretta graduated in 1994 from the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska with a degree in Business Administration. She has had an impressive career working for Northwestern Bell where she assisted deaf customers with TTY calls and helped co-workers understand the needs of deaf customers. Loretta advanced to a computer analyst in marketing at US West and she presented programs to employees on deaf awareness. She retired from US West in 1999, but continued to work for Communication Services for the Deaf as an equipment distribution manager.

Loretta has been a leader in the Deaf community; she helped organize the Birthday Gals, a social club for deaf women, chaired the Iowa Association for the Deaf Conference, and was Vice-President of the Iowa Association of the Deaf. She helped reorganize the Council Bluffs Silent Club, helped keep Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf open and founded the Council Bluffs Deaf Seniors in 2015. Loretta also volunteers her time at the Iowa School of the Deaf Museum, which preserves the School's history.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Loretta on her induction into the Hall of Fame at Iowa School for the Deaf. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Loretta on this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing her nothing but the best.

HONORING JAY MILLER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from Federal service we rise to thank Jay S. Miller for 28 years of outstanding dedicated service.

Most recently Mr. Miller served as the Chief Financial Officer for the United States Capitol Police (USCP). Mr. Miller joined the USCP in 2011 bringing with him extensive experience in tax reporting, financial statement preparation, strategic planning and internal controls which proved to be invaluable to the USCP. Mr. Miller's ability to motivate and lead those that worked around him, often times through an infectious sense of humor, was instrumental in creating positive change. This type of impactful leadership set a tone within the department that will be felt for many years. Mr. Miller provided outstanding assistance to the Committee on Appropriations and set a standard that will be hard to replicate.

Prior to joining the United States Capitol, Mr. Miller served in a variety of roles at the Library of Congress and the U.S. Agency for

International Development. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives we congratulate Jay on a job well done and nothing but success and happiness in his future endeavors.

A THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. SCOTT and the Congressional Black Caucus for hosting the special order.

The Janus case is critically important to public employees—many of whom are people of color—as well as to the millions of Americans who rely on the services these workers provide.

This is a case originating in my state of Illinois, Janus v AFSCME Council 31, an outstanding union that fights relentlessly for working families. The case was originally brought by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, who was found to have no legal standing to bring suit, and who then scrambled to find another plaintiff.

Before becoming Governor, Rauner was chairman of a private equity firm, where he put profits ahead of working families' paychecks. As Governor, he has made it his number one priority to attack unions, including the wages, benefits and well-being of his hardworking AFSCME employees.

Janus is about freedom—not the freedom of Mr. Janus to get the benefits of union representation as a free rider—but the freedom of workers to join together to bargain for a better deal for their families: better wages, better benefits and a better future.

COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this February we recognize and celebrate the 40th commemoration of Black History Month.

This month we celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the history of our great nation, and pay tribute to trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders like the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; U.S. Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce; U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland; Astronauts Dr. Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. and Mae C. Jemison; activists, intellectuals, authors, and artists like Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks just to name a few of the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union.

The history of the United States has been marked by the great contributions of African American activists, leaders, writers, and artists.