

Speaker RYAN also has consistently made his family a priority, even forgoing political activities on weekends to be with them.

I thank PAUL for his leadership and heartfelt commitment to our nation.

REP. DANA ROHRBACHER FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the gentleman from California for 30 years of service in Congress. He cares deeply for California's Orange County and his constituents.

DANA ROHRBACHER has been an active member of the Science Committee and has been the Chair of the Space Subcommittee. In fact, he was such an able Chairman, I requested a waiver to keep him in that position for two years beyond the regular six-year term limit.

After beginning his career as a speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan, DANA, who is an avid surfer, continued to ride the wave of political service by running and winning his first campaign for Congress in 1988.

A true public servant, DANA has an infectious personality and a sense of humor that brightens any room. In fact, some of his jokes are even funny.

I thank DANA for his friendship and for his service.

REP. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize my friend and colleague, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, or, as she allows me to call her, LILY.

When I first met ILEANA, I asked her if she had a nickname. She told me her friends call her LILY and so could I.

Her accomplishments as a Congresswoman from Florida's 27th congressional district are historic. She was the first Cuban-American elected to Congress and also had the distinct honor of serving as the first Chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

She has left a positive and indelible mark on Congress and on her colleagues. I thank LILY for her dedicated service to our country.

REP. KEVIN YODER FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Congressman KEVIN YODER for his years of service to Kansas's 3rd congressional district.

KEVIN's childhood on a family farm in rural Kansas gave him strong values and a work ethic. As the student body president at the University of Kansas, he showed an early affinity for politics before he entered Congress.

His work here on the Appropriations Committee has focused on balancing the budget, reducing our national debt, securing our borders, and spurring private sector job growth, all in the best interests of our country.

I've enjoyed working with him on these shared goals, and I've also enjoyed our friendship off the Floor when we regularly play doubles tennis matches with BOB GOODLATTE, FRED UPTON, and SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO.

Whether on the tennis court or in the halls of Congress, KEVIN is a team player, exhibiting determination and a good attitude. I thank KEVIN for his service in Congress and for his friendship.

REP. RANDY HULTGREN FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the gentleman from Illinois for his eight productive years in Congress.

RANDY HULTGREN has been passionate about public service from a young age. He got his start as an intern in D.C. and was then elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, the Illinois Senate, and as the representative of Illinois' 14th district.

Over the years, there have been few, if any, members who rival RANDY's steadfast commitment to supporting the U.S. research system. His district is home to a Department of Energy National Laboratory, FermiLab, and he has played a pivotal role in keeping the United States at the forefront of high energy physics.

I thank RANDY for his efforts in promoting American innovation. His service has made an impact that will continue to benefit his constituents and our country.

REP. BARBARA COMSTOCK FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the gentlewoman from Virginia for her years of service in the U.S. Congress.

BARBARA COMSTOCK has been an active and effective member of the Science Committee and Chair of the Research and Technology Subcommittee for four years.

She worked tirelessly to promote STEM education and opportunities for American students. Her commitment to empowering women in STEM fields motivated her to author the INSPIRE Women Act, a law that enables NASA to encourage young women to pursue a STEM education.

No doubt Barbara honed her skills while attending high school in my home state of Texas, where she also met her husband. But I know her heart has always been with her constituents in Virginia. I thank her for her public service and the influence she has had on the education of our young women.

REP. BOB GOODLATTE FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize a best friend in Congress, BOB GOODLATTE of Virginia.

I often cite BOB as an example of an ideal Member of Congress. Over his 26 years, he has proven himself to be a dedicated public servant, resilient leader, and exemplary statesman.

During his congressional career, BOB served as Chairman of both the Agriculture and Judiciary Committees, one of the few members of Congress to chair two committees.

He also is a leader on Internet and high-tech issues. BOB's work to foster innovation in the technology sector has contributed to our nation's economic growth.

He is knowledgeable, smart, persistent, cheerful, and a strategic thinker. That's why he is a great Member, a great Chairman, and an inspiration to friends, family, and colleagues.

It has been a privilege to serve with BOB and know him as a close friend.

REP. TREY GOWDY FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the gentleman from South Carolina for his eight years of distinguished service in Congress and for his successful Chairmanship of the Oversight Committee.

TREY GOWDY has one of the sharpest legal minds I have ever encountered. He possesses that rare combination of smarts, confidence, and humility.

TREY is a skilled debater and a masterful cross-examiner on the Judiciary Committee. Perhaps it goes back to his education at Baylor University in the great state of Texas.

He will leave a legacy as one of the most capable and versatile experts of law we have in Congress.

I thank TREY for his leadership and service that has benefitted his constituents, the Congress, and our country.

REP. DARRELL ISSA FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the gentleman from California for his 18 years of service in Congress.

DARRELL is intellectually gifted, and his knowledge of electronics and technology is unmatched in Congress. And, as a holder of 37 patents, DARRELL knows the importance of protecting the property rights of artists and inventors.

He is also a skilled representative and leader. His time as Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform was one of the Committee's most productive and effective periods. In fact, I appreciate him allowing some of his best staff to join me on the Science Committee.

DARRELL will continue to excel as Director of the Trade and Development Agency and I wish him well with his new responsibility.

REP. STEVE KNIGHT FAREWELL

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the gentleman from California for his long-time service to our country.

STEVE KNIGHT is an active member of the Science Committee and Vice Chair of the Energy Subcommittee. He authored several bills to advance research initiatives, improve STEM education, and promote opportunities for women in aerospace.

His father was an Air Force test pilot who still holds the world record for top speed in a winged aircraft. STEVE also followed the patriotic calling by joining the Army and serving 18 years with the Los Angeles Police Department.

He has dedicated his professional life to the people of California, holding office in the State Assembly, State Senate, and here in the House of Representatives.

I thank STEVE for his commitment and service.

RECOGNIZING KATIE DASINGER OF SIDNEY

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katie Dasinger of Sidney for her efforts to engage young professionals in Eastern Montana to serve their communities and develop their skills.

Dasinger is founder and president of Sidney Young Professionals (SYP), a group focused on community service as well as personal and professional development. The program coordinator for the Richland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) in Sidney, Dasinger launched SYP in 2016.

SYP recently held its annual winter school benefit which was dedicated to helping teachers replenish their classrooms with supplies, equipment, and other items for the new school semester. SYP collected more than 25 large shopping bags of supplies as well as donations from the public and local businesses.

SYP regularly organizes entrepreneurship panels, roundtable discussions, public forums, training programs, and tours of area businesses.

When a court ruling threatened the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) at nearby Intake, SYP and REDC coordinated bus tours,

organized educational outreach, and bolstered community support for the vital irrigation project. Their efforts contributed to a positive outcome for the thousands of area residents who rely on the LYIP to irrigate crops and provide water for their municipal systems.

"We want to engage young adults to invest in their communities, get to know the local business and community leaders, serve on local boards, and take part in community events. It's important young people have a reason to stay connected to the area," said Dasinger, who Montana Young Professionals recognized as the Young Professional Woman of the Year for 2018.

Mr. Speaker, for her leadership, commitment to promoting community service, and efforts to develop young professionals in her community, I recognize Katie Dasinger for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE INNOVATIVE WORK OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN ILLINOIS'S 10TH DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the creative accomplishments of our local municipalities who have gone above and beyond to serve our communities. Innovation is alive and well in the cities, towns and villages of Illinois's Tenth Congressional District.

Some of these local achievements were recently recognized by the Lake County Municipal League highlighting the commitment, vision and ingenuity of our civic leaders.

The City of North Chicago, Illinois won top honors for their work creating a Summer Youth Employment program titled "Learn, Earn and Return." The program has employed over 100 local low-income youth in summer internships through public and private partnerships in its first four years. Working alongside city staff, these summer interns develop valuable leadership and career skills that are crucial in an increasingly competitive job market. According to the City, since "Learn, Earn and Return" started, youth crime in North Chicago has decreased by 80 percent.

The Village of Mundelein was also honored for the successful launch of their revitalized 1–2-3 building permit program that will allow for greater efficiency. The improvement earned an Honorable Mention at the awards dinner.

Other Lake County municipalities made significant strides in the past year to bolster their local small businesses, improve public safety and beautify their communities. In an effort led by Mayor Terry Weppler, the Village of Libertyville highlighted over 100 of their local businesses with personal visits and were featured on the Village website. The Village of Beach Park partnered with the City of Waukegan to design, install and implement an early warning outdoor notification system. Finally, the Village of Buffalo Grove, the Buffalo Grove Park District, and the Living Lands Conservation Company collaborated to construct a nursery to grow native aquatic plants.

We all strive to live in vibrant, healthy and dynamic communities. The work of these, and other, municipalities are helping to realize that dream.

I applaud these municipalities and the dedicated civil servants for their commendable efforts to serve our communities. I look forward to learning more about these innovative efforts, and to continuing to work closely together in the months ahead.

SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 1091

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the House passed H. Res. 1091, offered by my friend from Ohio, STEVE CHABOT. I support this resolution and commend my colleague for his leadership on a pressing issue of concern. If democracy dies in darkness as the Washington Post masthead daily reads, surely the release of the Reuters journalists will bring a little light back to Burma. But only a little light unfortunately.

We all believed that Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Sui Kyi would govern differently from past Burmese leaders. Unfortunately, she has not. The democratic icon has become an extremely disappointing politician. On her watch one of the world's largest ethnic cleansings has occurred—the forced and violent removal of Rohingya from Burma. The blood of Rohingya is on her hands. Over half a million Rohingya were removed and untold numbers killed by a military that long planned for this operation.

I commend the Administration for using Global Magnitsky sanctions to target Burmese military leaders and units. But with atrocities continuing against the Rohingya and other Burmese minorities, more clearly needs to be done. Expanding sanctions against companies and cronies linked to the military leadership is a potential game changer in any punitive approach to this issue. And the U.S. should be urging the EU and other nations to do the same.

I understand the arguments made by those who urge caution, fearing that too much pressure on Aung San Sui Kyi will lead to a military coup, with the full backing of Beijing no doubt. But at what price, silence? Thousands of deaths? Half a million people forcibly removed? Condoning crimes against humanity and genocide? We cannot be bystanders to genocide. As with the mass detention of Uyghur Muslims in China or the genocide experienced by Christians and Yazidis at the hands of ISIS, U.S. leadership is needed to create a global response to this crisis. I again commend the gentleman from Ohio for this resolution. Preventing and addressing genocide and mass atrocities are a core national security interest and a core moral responsibility of the United States.

COMMEMORATION OF THE MITRE CORPORATION'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note that 2018 marks The MITRE Corporation's

60th anniversary. MITRE is a not-for-profit company that operates seven federally-funded research and development centers. Its 8,700 employees work in the public interest, free from commercial conflicts of interest, at two primary locations in Bedford, Massachusetts and McLean, Virginia, and at other sites around the world. MITRE's principal sponsors include the Department of Defense; the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; the Department of the Treasury and the IRS; the Department of Veterans Affairs; the National Institute of Standards and Technology; the Federal Aviation Administration; the Department of Homeland Security, and the federal courts.

The company's staff works on some of the most challenging technical problems facing our nation, performing analysis, planning and concept development; R&D; engineering; and systems acquisition work. Since its earliest work to develop the nation's first air defense system, MITRE has generated countless innovations to address emerging threats, improve healthcare, defend cyberspace, secure our borders, ensure aviation safety, protect financial integrity, support our veterans, and more.

I congratulate MITRE's employees for their vital work over six decades to solve problems for a safer world, and wish them continued success in the years to come.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORDHAM RAM, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY'S JOURNAL OF RECORD SINCE 1918

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to celebrate and honor the 100th anniversary of The Fordham Ram, a publication of true purpose and high achievement, whose exemplary programs and accomplishments have made many contributions to the Nation and our communities.

The Fordham Ram, hosted by one of New York City's distinguished institutions of higher education, Fordham University, is the newspaper of record and student voice at Fordham's Rose Hill Campus. The newspaper has served students, staff, alumni, and The Bronx community through award-winning, fair, and professional journalism since 1918. The staff and alumni of The Fordham Ram have remained dedicated to objective journalism in the public's interest for 100 years.

The Fordham Ram's 100th anniversary is an auspicious occasion to recognize the accomplishments of the distinguished alumni who have also written for the newspaper during their time at Fordham University. Notable alumni include Louis D. Boccardi ('58), the former President and CEO of the Associated Press; Loretta Tofani ('75), Pulitzer Prize winner at the Washington Post; Malcolm Moran ('75), former reporter for the New York Times and USA Today; Thomas Maier ('78), author and prize-winning investigative journalist for Newsday; Jim Dwyer ('79), two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and columnist for the New York Times; Michael Kay ('82), the voice of the New York Yankees on the YES Network and ESPN Radio host; Jack Curry ('86), analyst for the YES Network; and the legendary Vin