

Southwest State University. Dr. Welty also served at the State University of New York as Director of Residences, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, and Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development. Additionally, he served as Vice President for Student and University Affairs at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and subsequently served as the President for seven years. Dr. Welty's many years of experience and expertise prepared him well to serve as President at Fresno State.

To say that Dr. Welty made a difference around the Fresno State campus is a vast understatement. With the help of faculty and staff, he truly changed Fresno State for the better, and we must express our gratitude for all of his efforts. In the last 22 years, Dr. Welty has increased enrollment, and each year reduced the number of students that drop out. The university currently offers 62 bachelor degrees, 45 master degrees, and three doctoral subject areas. Students from all over the nation are drawn to Fresno State for a number of reasons, including the Smittcamp Family Honors College within the university, an honors program created with Dr. Welty at the helm.

Dr. Welty's leadership ensured that students of all cultures and socio-economic backgrounds knew that there was a place for them at Fresno State—by doing this he served as a catalyst for the success of our Valley and the enrichment of the university environment. Two-thirds of the students enrolled at Fresno State will be the first in their family to graduate from college. Furthermore, Women's athletics and women's intercollegiate sports program have grown and flourished under Dr. Welty's time as university president. His legacy at Fresno State will live on for years to come because of his commitment to student success.

Additionally, several institutes and centers at Fresno State have been created during Dr. Welty's tenure, including the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute, the Central Valley Health Policy Institute, and the Maddy Institute. These centers provide students with imperative resources and knowledge in their respective fields.

With Dr. Welty and dedicated staff at the helm, the university received private gifts totaling more than \$360 million which supported innovative programs, scholarships, faculty chairs, and research facilities. The Campaign for Fresno State surpassed its goal and raised \$214.2 million to help offset declining state resources.

In addition to all of his successes at Fresno State, Dr. Welty has accomplished many feats within the California State University, CSU, System, and he has served in various capacities to help in educational improvements nationwide. He is the former chair of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges senior accrediting commission, and former chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities board.

Dr. Welty has previously served on advisory groups to the United State Departments of Agriculture and Education, and formerly chaired the Renaissance Group, a national organization of universities dedicated to improved teacher education programs. Dr. Welty is also the current Chair of the Cal State Online Advisory Board, as well as the CSU Gender Equity Monitoring Committee. Furthermore, he has

worked diligently on a nationwide effort to reduce substance abuse and improve prevention on college campuses.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join Mr. NUNES and myself in recognizing Dr. John Welty for his great service and commitment to Fresno State and its surrounding community. As a Fresno State alumnus, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments that have been made under Dr. Welty's guidance, and I thank him for his many contributions toward improving California State University, Fresno.

CONGRATULATING THE TELACU
EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation, a non-profit organization based in my 40th Congressional District, on the celebration of their 30th anniversary.

TELACU, which stands for The East Los Angeles Community Union, is a pioneer in empowering and revitalizing communities in our great state of California and throughout our nation. In response to crisis-level dropout rates for Latino students in college, TELACU created the TELACU Education Foundation 25 years ago. Working in partnership with a vast network of colleges, universities, corporations and individuals, the TELACU Education Foundation has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to thousands of deserving students.

As the centerpiece of the foundation, the TELACU Scholarship Program annually provides scholarships to 500 college and graduate students who are the first in their families to access higher education. Realizing that financial resources alone cannot fully meet these students' needs, the program provides the scholars with comprehensive academic and career guidance to ensure that all of them graduate.

The foundation also serves an additional 1,600 middle and high school students, nursing school students, and veterans. Through comprehensive educational programs, these scholars are not only inspired to pursue higher education, but are also equipped to meet the rigorous expectations of college. As a result, 100 percent of TELACU's high school students earn their high school diploma and continue on to pursue post-secondary education and 100 percent of the TELACU college students graduate.

TELACU scholars are recruited from the poorest neighborhoods of Southern California, Chicago, Texas, and New York. In many of these neighborhoods, young African Americans and Latinos are more likely to have been arrested by their 18th birthday than to graduate high school. Yet TELACU scholars have proven year after year—no matter where you were born, the color of your skin, or what language you speak at home—if you study and work hard, you can become anything you want to be in our great United States of America.

And hard work and study are exactly what TELACU scholars do. Scholars like Irma Gorrocino have utilized the benefits of the

TELACU Education Foundation scholarship and the resources provided. She has served on the dean's list for two consecutive semesters while managing to work full-time and tending to the needs of her father, who was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma. She is also an outstanding intern in my district office in California.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the TELACU Education Foundation's 30th Anniversary, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing David and Priscilla Lizárraga for their exemplary leadership and commendable efforts to empower our young people and our communities, and wish them and the TELACU Education Foundation many years of continued success ahead. I also thank Irma and all of the TELACU scholars for their hard work and contributions to our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH PRITTS ON HIS OFFERS OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Joseph Pritts of Cygnet, Ohio has been offered appointments to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Joseph has accepted the offer to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Joseph's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Joseph brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Elmwood High School in Bloomdale, Ohio, Joseph was on the Honor Roll and was President of the National Honor Society his senior year.

Throughout high school, Joseph was active in gymnastics and his school's track and field and golf teams and earning varsity letters for each sport. In addition, Joseph was Secretary of Student Council and a member of the Spanish Club. I am confident that Joseph will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joseph Pritts on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Joseph will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.