Mr. Speaker, I will miss Don greatly and I know he will be missed by many in our community. I ask that you all join me in honoring his lifetime achievements and service. He will remain in our thoughts and his legacy will live on in Michigan and across our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 254, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF SCHUYLKILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2014 AWARD WINNERS CINDY PETCHULIS, BOB GREENE, MARIA ROWLANDS, THERESA POTHERING, JOSEPH JONES, SR., THE COTLER GROUP, AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE & COUNSELING CENTER OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (SARCC)

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce 2014 Award Recipients. Each year the Chamber selects several individuals and organizations that have contributed to economic and community development in Schuylkill County. The honorees this year are Cindy Petchulis, Bob Greene, Maria Rowlands, Theresa Pothering, The Cotler Group, and the Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Schuylkill County.

Cindy Petchulis of the Providence Place Retirement Community is the 2014 Business Woman of the Year. Cindy was critical in helping expand the Providence Place Facility, and is well known for her positive attitude and love of community. A caring people-person, Cindy excellently maintains Providence Place as a peaceful community where its patients can live and its employees can be productive.

Bob Greene of Pioneer Pole Buildings, Inc. is the 2014 Business Man of the Year. Bob treats all his employees as family, which encourages retention and helps the company grow. He strives to be on the cutting edge of his business and wants his company to be the best. Bob is always willing to help the people of Schuylkill County. He is a sponsor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Wounded Warrior Project, Pottsville Lions Car Cruise, 4–H, and his local community Easter Egg hunt. Under his leadership, his company has been recognized by the National Frame Builders Association with the Building of the Year award.

Theresa Pothering and Maria Rowlands are the Entrepreneurs of the Year, as they established an accounting firm, Rowlands and Pothering. With their strong leadership skills and expertise, they were able to turn a dream into a successful business. Clients enjoy that Rowlands and Pothering is a place where "everybody knows your name," and clients do not hesitate to recommend them.

The Cotler Group is the 2014 For Profit Organization of the Year. The Cotler Group has been family-owned for over 60 years and has contributed significantly to Schuylkill County's quality of life and economic vitality. Through its various holdings, the multifaceted business group provides employment for many in the County. The Cotler Group is well known for the development and expansion of one of Schuylkill County's premier golf courses, Mountain Valley. Their ventures bring out-of-county businesses and individuals into the area, enhancing sales for many local vendors. This company and its owner, Steve Cotler, work quietly behind the scenes and are involved with a wide and varied number of organizations and charities.

The Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Schuylkill County (SARCC) is the 2014 Non-Profit Organization of the Year. This non-profit engages all individuals, families, and communities in healing from sexual violence plus advocates and educates to eliminate sexual violence. It has served approximately 7,500 individuals within Schuylkill County who turned to them for support. SARCC works hard to make Schuylkill County a better and safer place to live. This organization serves its clients on a person-to-person basis and is instrumental in prevention education in schools throughout the county. All of their services are available for free to all men, women, and children in Schuylkill County.

Lastly, the 2014 James Stine Lifetime of Service Award honoree is Joseph Jones, Sr. Mr. Jones exhibits outstanding commitment and achievement, and his efforts have dramatically benefited Schuylkill County. After graduating from the Shamokin public schools, Mr. Jones served three years in the Navy during World War II as a Lieutenant, JG in the Pacific Theater. He then went to Ursinus College, Dickinson School of Law, and New York University law school for an LLM. He served as the editor-in-chief of the Dickinson Law Review and graduated first in his J.D. class. Mr. Jones was admitted in 1950 into the Pennsylvania Bar Association and moved to Pottsville where he began practicing law with Hicks, Williamson & Friedberg. He is now a senior partner with the firm, which is now known as Williamson, Friedberg & Jones, LLC.

Mr. Jones has also chaired successful capital fund raising campaigns for the Schuylkill United Way, Greater Pottsville Industrial Development Corporation, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, Pottsville Free Public Library, Good Samaritan Hospital, Pennsylvania State University—Schuylkill Campus, Ursinus College, Hawk Mountain Council B.S.A., Pottsville Hospital, Pottsville Area Development Corporation, and Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation.

It is a great honor to recognize the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce 2014 Award Recipients. These leaders are creating opportunity and raising the quality of life for others in Schuylkill County. May they continue to flourish for many years to come, and may they continue giving back to the community that supports them.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4745) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the provision within the Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations legislation to fund the contract tower program, which includes the tower at the Dubuque Regional Airport, and for funding of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program. While I voted against the THUD legislation, I do support these provisions. Unfortunately, the overall bill cuts important transportation and housing programs, and on balance, the bill is not a win for Iowa.

The contract tower at the Dubuque Regional Airport is extremely important to commercial air service in the Dubuque region, and helps ensure the safety of passengers flying in and out of the Dubuque airport. The tower is also an important training tool for students at the University of Dubuque's professional pilot training program. Additionally, the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program provides important services to our veterans including housing services for homeless veterans. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that these programs are fully funded, while working to improve the other transportation and housing components of the bill which need significant improvement.

HONORING RABBI DR. JONATHAN AND TZIPPORAH ROSENBLATT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Riverdale Jewish Center has fostered spiritual development and sought to nurture strong bonds between the Shul and the greater Riverdale community for 60 years. Anchored by his wife Tzipporah, Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Rosenblatt has been at the helm of the RJC for nearly 30 years, and their guidance can be felt throughout the lives of those whom they have touched.

Rabbi Rosenblatt is a true scholar. He was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in 1982 after having studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel. Rabbi Rosenblatt earned both a B.A. and M.A. in Comparative Literature from Johns Hopkins and a PhD in Modern British Literature from Columbia University.

Rabbi Rosenblatt has invested in the next generation of Jewish leaders, by training and mentoring young Rabbis. Under this direction,

RJC is now a major training center for Rabbinic interns. Rabbi Rosenblatt is also an instructor at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), as well as programs in Israel that train Rabbis to serve in Jewish communities throughout the world.

He was the first Orthodox Rabbi to serve on the UJA-Federation National Young Leadership Cabinet, and has lectured widely in the United States, the United Kingdom, Israel, and South Africa. Rabbi Rosenblatt also directs Spiritual Care at the Jack and Mollie Zicklin Jewish Hospice in Riverdale.

Tzipporah Twersky Rosenblatt developed a love and passion for Jewish faith and culture at a very young age. Her late father Isadore Twersky was a renowned rabbinical scholar who later taught at his alma mater, Harvard University. Tzipporah is a noted trusts and estates attorney who is very active in the RJC community. Together, the Rosenblatts have four children.

My connection to the Rosenblatts is personal. Rabbi Rosenblatt is a dear friend who was a great comfort to both me and my family after my mother passed away. Rabbi Rosenblatt is truly one of the kindest and most sensitive people whom I have met. He has never proven otherwise, in each and every encounter we have had.

The Riverdale Jewish Center is fortunate to have Rabbi Rosenblatt at the helm of the Shul, and I am fortunate to call him my friend.

DOROTHY IRENE HAWKINS FRYSON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Dorothy Irene Hawkins Fryson, and to honor the many contributions to her family and community throughout her 102 years here with us on Earth.

Dorothy was born on November 28, 1911 in Belmont, West Virginia to Will and Cora Ross. The family later relocated to Charleston, West Virginia, where Dorothy would spend most of her life. Affectionately known to those who loved her as ''Big Momma,'' Dorothy was renowned for her cooking, which included specialties such as blackberry cobbler, sweet potato pie, and pineapple upside down cake. Remembered for her hard work, Mrs. Fryson was the first black female taxi cab driver in Charleston and worked as a popular elevator operator for several retail establishments and the State Capitol. She remained active throughout her life; taking the mound as a pitcher in baseball games, learning to swim at the age of 47, driving her own car until 96 years old, and living independently until 2013.

Dorothy not only left her mark on her family and all who knew her, but she impacted the lives of many people throughout the community who might not have known her at all. Everyone from the communities of Dunbar, Nitro, and Institute are familiar with the I–64 entrance and exit underpass, but not many know the interstate almost passed up their communities. When Dorothy heard her community would be left without immediate access to the new interstate, she went all the way to the top, writing President Johnson to express the concerns of her community. Sure enough, the construction plan was altered to include direct access to the interstate through an underpass at Institute, which her husband Sim affectionately referred to as ''Dot's Tunnel.'' Dorothy continued to give back to her community throughout her life and at the age of 80 volunteered to teach reading at Dunbar Elementary School.

She had been a member of multiple community churches, including Ferguson Baptist, Young Street Baptist, and finally the Berea Seventh-day Adventist in South Charleston, West Virginia.

On Sunday, April 23, 2014, Dorothy Irene Hawkins Fryson passed away at the age of 102. She is survived by daughters Janice Corbett, Cora Heath and her husband Harry; sons John Hawkins and his wife Barbara, Sim Fryson and his wife Susan, Paul Fryson, and David Fryson and his wife Joy. In addition, Dorothy leaves behind a host of extended family, including 31 grandchildren, 61 great grandchildren, and 77 great great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, the state of West Virginia owes Dorothy Irene Hawkins Fryson a debt of gratitude for her devotion to her family and community. It is caring people like Dorothy who make serving West Virginia's Second Congressional District such an honor!

HONORING JEFFERY M. CONRAD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jeffery M. Conrad, who will be recognized at the 6th annual Mount Mercy Academy 5k in Buffalo, New York for his tireless commitment to the local community.

Jeff Conrad has been involved in community service since the age of 19, when he gave his time to serve on the Connor-Kait-Harrity Race Committee. This experience led to his founding of the Jack's 5k. He has served as a dedicated committee member of the Mount Mercy 5k since its inception. Jeff has also played a vital role as coach of both Varsity Cross County and Track and Field teams at Mount Mercy.

In addition to his invaluable volunteer work, Jeffery is a former South District Councilmember in the City of Buffalo, and served as a valuable member of my staff when I served as a Member of the NYS Assembly.

Currently, Jeffery is the Western New York Regional Director for the Center for Employment Opportunities, which assists individuals on parole and probation to find employment. He also holds the position of the Chair of the Erie County Legislature's Safe Neighborhood Committee.

In addition to these great works, Mr. Conrad has been recognized many times over by community organizations. In 2011, he was selected to the 20th Anniversary Business First ''40 Under 40'' class for his work within the public and in government. In 2008, Jeffery was awarded the Tom Sands Community Service Award and the Goin' South Civic Pride Award for his efforts with Mount Mercy, Bishop Timon-St. Jude School, and myriad other worthy regional groups.

A lifelong resident of Buffalo, Jeff is married to Lisa (Nasca) Conrad, and they are raising two wonderful children together—Jeffrey and Giada.

Mr. Speaker, Jeffery Conrad is an exemplary citizen and his service is worthy of our highest recognition. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Conrad and thanking him for his utmost dedication and continuing service to our local community.

A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT FOR KATHRYN DUNBAR—A FELLOW COASTIE

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Coast Guard Commander Kathryn Dunbar. Commander Dunbar, or KD as we affectionately call her, is a native of Columbia, South Carolina, and was graduated from the University of the South and entered Officer's Candidate School in 1992.

A true sailor, she is a Coast Guard Cutterman, having served aboard three Buoy Tenders including USCGC *Sweetgum* in Mobile, Alabama, and USCGC *Red Birch* in Baltimore, Maryland. She also served as the commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter *William Tate* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 2001–2003.

I was privileged to travel to the City of Brotherly Love to attend her Change of Command when she assumed command of the cutter in 2001. I was pleased to be accompanied by my staffers Missy Branson and Ed McDonald at the ceremonies. Missy and KD were such good friends that they climbed Mount Everest together all the way to the base camp on the Nepal side.

CDR Dunbar also served in the Coast Guard Recruiting Command, the Office of Cutter Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters, and at both the National and District Seven Director of Auxiliary Offices. She is best known in Washington, DC, for her exceptional performance of duty in the Coast Guard House of Representatives Liaison Office from 1997–2001. This is where many of my colleagues, my staff and I, came to know KD.

She is a true friend, an outstanding Coastie, and as fine a representative of our service as I have seen. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish KD, Commander Dunbar, fair winds and following seas.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN OREGON AND HONOR FLIGHT OF PORTLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, DC through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Honor Flight of