

Extension during the centennial year of the Smith-Lever Act.

On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Smith-Lever Act, creating the Cooperative Extension. The Smith-Lever Act established a partnership among federal, state, and county governments, as well as the United States Department of Agriculture and land-grant universities, in order to provide educational opportunities for youths and adults concerning issues of agriculture. A state-by-state network of extension educators brings to the people science-based knowledge and research in areas such as agriculture, sustainability, environment, health, and nutrition.

The Rutgers Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension uses this science-based knowledge and education to help New Jersey residents improve their lives and communities. The Cooperative Extension provides several programs for both young people and adults in areas such as healthy lifestyles, food safety and nutrition, environment and natural resources, and economic growth and agricultural sustainability in Essex, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and other counties in New Jersey.

One of the areas focused on by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension is 4-H Youth Development programs. Through educational outreach, Rutgers faculty and staff along with volunteers, bring their knowledge and expertise to the young people of New Jersey from kindergarten through high school and one year beyond. Among the 4-H programs are 4-H clubs, overnight camping trips, and afterschool child care education programs.

In addition to 4-H youth development, the Cooperative Extension also delivers assistance, information, and consultation to businesses, residents, and government agencies through the Department of Agricultural and Resource Management Agents. Two of the department's major programs are Rutgers Master Gardner and the Environmental Stewards Program. The Rutgers Master Gardner program accepts volunteers and trains them to help the Cooperative Extension in its efforts to spread information to the public about horticulture. The Environmental Stewards Program trains and educates people so they can contribute in the effort to find solutions to environmental issues facing New Jersey communities.

The Department of Family and Community Health Sciences is another branch of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Its mission is to promote healthy lifestyles for individuals, families, and groups in New Jersey. Through workshops and other resources, Family and Community Health Sciences bring information about nutrition, exercise, wellness, and family development to those communities that are involved. One major program run by this department is, "Walk Point to Point NJ." Through this, the Cooperative Extension encourages young people and adults in New Jersey to walk, or do other physical activity, that would be the equivalent of traversing the entirety of the state.

Through its many programs and divisions, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension network, provides assistance, research, education, and involvement opportunities for New Jersey residents so that they may be healthier and better informed about agriculture, sustainability, environment, health, and nutrition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rutgers New

Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension during the centennial year of the Smith-Lever Act.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF TERRY REARDON

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. GEORGE MILLER, to pay tribute to the life of Terry Reardon, who passed away on July 1, 2014. Terry led by example as his love and appreciation for life made him a mentor and friend to many.

Terry was born in Oakland, California to John and Marian Reardon. The Reardons were loyal Democrats, and from a young age, Terry was out walking precincts with his parents. His love for politics never wavered as he worked on every Presidential campaign from John F. Kennedy to President Barack Obama. Terry always showed his support of the Democratic party at their National Conventions, and later worked for his family friend, Congressman GEORGE MILLER. Congressman MILLER will always remember Terry as a wonderful friend who cared about policy and the possibility of creating change.

Terry graduated from California State University, Fresno, and was an active member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity which is where my lifelong friendship with Terry began. He was my confidant, best friend, and honorary brother. He served as my chief of staff for 24 years when I was in the California State Legislature and we continued to participate in political campaigns together until the very end. He worked diligently on legislation relating to comprehensive transportation, water, and housing policy. Terry's service to the State of California deserves to be commended. Every day, he proudly served the residents of our San Joaquin Valley.

When Terry was not working, he was exploring other parts of the world. He had the pleasure of visiting almost every continent. Terry's travels gave him a unique perspective and ability to empathize for others. He was an amazing individual whose kindness, compassion, and generosity were evident to all of those who had the pleasure of knowing and crossing paths with him. He touched the lives of countless individuals including my own.

Terry's strength and resilience were a testament to the life he lived and to the person he was. He lived each day to its fullest, and we can all strive to live life as he did. His sense of humor and vibrant spirit were contagious. He will be greatly missed by his brother, Tim and his wife, Julie; his nephew, Christopher; his niece, Stacey; his former spouse, Linda, and many relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that Mr. GEORGE MILLER and I ask our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of our dear friend, Terry Reardon. Terry's presence will undoubtedly be missed, but the contributions he made to make this world a better place will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MONTALVO FAMILY REUNION AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONTALVO'S BARBER SHOP

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Montalvo's Barber Shop of Long Branch, New Jersey as it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. I would like to join with the Montalvo family, many of whom will be gathered from across the country for the 3rd Family Reunion, in honoring the barber shop for its continued service to the local community.

I would also like to welcome the members of the Montalvo Family to Long Branch, New Jersey for their 2014 Montalvo National Family Committee Family Reunion. I am honored that you have chosen our community and state to be the host of your family's ongoing traditions and continuing legacy.

The theme of the Montalvo 3rd Family Reunion is a fitting tribute to Montalvo's Barber Shop's 50 years. "A gathering of generations remembering our past, living today, embracing our future" embodies the background and values of the barber shop. Montalvo's Barber Shop has been a mainstay in Long Branch since it opened in 1964, providing countless residents and visitors with outstanding customer service. Throughout its long history, Montalvo's Barber Shop has remained committed to tradition and proper technique.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Montalvo's Barber Shop. The Montalvos' hard work and dedication to quality services are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,588,757,555,596.18. We've added \$6,961,880,506,683.10 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

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RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM AT BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the work that Buffalo State has done to enhance and facilitate education in Buffalo.

They have done this through the creation of the Buffalo State Challenge. This initiative was first implemented in the fall of 2010 and will now usher in its first graduating seniors in 2014.

This program enlists students in their freshman year from McKinley High School of the Buffalo Public Schools and Oracle Charter School, and serves them throughout their four years of high school. Buffalo State has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to the community through its efforts to stem the rising tide of high school drop outs.

The "Challenge" program not only seeks to aid students within the community during high school, but aims to set these students up to take advantage of their potential through higher education. Students participating in this program who graduate with an 85 or higher average and have combined SAT scores of 1000 or higher in reading and math are awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to attend Buffalo State.

Education is the key to success, and Buffalo State has acknowledged its understanding of this concept through the "Challenge" program. Given the means to succeed, students will succeed and Buffalo State is giving students the means to accomplish this. These achievements make me proud to honor my alma mater for its involvement in working towards making higher education a realistic possibility for so many students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Buffalo State's efforts to help make higher education more accessible to many students within the local community and also the outstanding accomplishments of the participants of the Buffalo State Challenge. I am grateful that there are institutions like Buffalo State working so hard to help improve the area that I represent.

RECOGNIZING THE 377TH AIR BASE WING AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 377th Air Base Wing located at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico for their continued dedication to our nation's security.

From May 28, 2014 to June 6, 2014, the Air Force Material Command and Defense Threat Reduction Agency Inspector General teams visited Kirtland AFB to evaluate the 377th Air Base Wing's ability to manage nuclear deterrence and global strike resources while complying with strict nuclear surety standards.

Nuclear surety inspections are extremely detailed and demand the highest standards of performance, compliance and accountability. The IG teams methodically evaluated numerous scenarios, special interest items and conducted a formal assessment across the 377th Air Base Wing during their Nuclear Surety Inspection.

Not only did the 377th Air Base Wing complete this demanding inspection successfully, but they received the highest nuclear surety inspection rating possible. The inspectors found that the Airmen of the 377th Air Base Wing demonstrated their ability to ensure the

safety, security and reliability of our nation's strategic deterrence capability, all while maintaining extremely high motivation, professionalism, and proficiency throughout the rigorous inspection process.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally congratulate the Airmen of the 377th Air Base Wing not just for their stellar completion of this demanding inspection, but more importantly, for the great work they do every day to deter our adversaries, assure our allies and protect the American people.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WINNAKEE LAND TRUST

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Winnakee Land Trust, an organization dedicated to preserving the beautiful history and nature of northern Dutchess County, New York. This Saturday, July 12, the Winnakee Land Trust will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, marking a tremendous achievement in land conservation and care for New York's natural resources.

Founded in 1989, the Winnakee Land Trust was born out of the desire of local Dutchess County residents to protect open spaces and agriculture. The name "Winnakee", meaning "good land," comes from the name of a Native American tribe that roamed Dutchess County. In 2011, Winnakee earned accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance, a national conservation organization with high standards for membership.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, and as an Upstate New Yorker, I am honored to have the privilege of recognizing this great organization. The Winnakee Land Trust has worked hard to engage our community all over the region and build relationships with stakeholders in the towns and villages of Clinton, Hyde Park, Milan, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli, among others.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Winnakee again on twenty-five years of excellence. I look forward to attending their anniversary gala this Saturday, July 12. I urge my colleagues in the House and Senate, and all Americans, to look to their example as a beacon of historic land conservation in our great nation.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STUART E. EDGAR POST 493 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Veterans of Foreign Wars Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Women's Auxiliary located in the Township of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a national organization, established in 1899, that sup-

ports and honors veterans and their families across the United States. Throughout the organization's history, the VFW has played a large role serving American veterans, including its strong support for the establishment of the Veterans Administration, creation of the National Cemetery system, and the passage of legislation for veterans, such as the G.I. Bill for the Twenty-First Century. In 1996, the VFW launched Operation Uplink, a program that allows deployed service members to call home, free of charge, on three designated days each month.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War was established in 1924 and brings together the mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of veterans in order to celebrate those who have served in the military. In 2010, the Post 493 Women's Auxiliary found itself in serious financial trouble. However, through the dedication of its members, coupled with help from local community, the Auxiliary was able to raise the funds to allow the organization to continue and flourish. Today, VFW Post 493 and the Women's Auxiliary continue to bring together about 100 men and women from the Township of Nutley, as well as the Township of Belleville.

In addition to advancing the broader mission and goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 493 and the Women's Auxiliary carry out a number of duties throughout the year. These duties include marching in local parades as well as performing services at war memorials on holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They also hold events to raise funds for scholarships, services for veterans, and other goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 2010, through the Adopt-A-Unit program, Post 493 sent packages of goods to two Army units—the Second Battalion, 113th Infantry of Newark and First Battalion, 102nd Cavalry of West Orange. Twice a year, members host parties and serve dinner to patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in East Orange, New Jersey.

The Auxiliary's efforts and contributions have made an enormous impact on the community, local veterans, their families, and the VFW at large.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Veterans of Foreign War Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Women's Auxiliary as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

HONORING DR. JOHN HAEGER ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

**HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2014*

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and extraordinary educator in my community of Flagstaff, Arizona, Dr. John Haeger, who is retiring after 13 years as president of Northern Arizona University (NAU).

NAU is one of the great universities in my state and, with Dr. Haeger's vision and commitment, has become one of the best universities in the country.

Collaborations and partnerships were a hallmark of President Haeger's leadership and