

of all ages be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING HARRY WAMPLER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize one of the most admired public servants in my District on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Harry Wampler has served my State with distinction for many decades, and he has one of the most well-known last names in my District.

His family founded Wampler's Sausage in 1937 with just \$38 worth of supplies, and today, most folks in East Tennessee could probably sing the Wampler's Sausage jingle—"made on the farm in Tennessee."

Wampler's Sausage is an iconic Tennessee company that Harry helped lead. During his successful business career, he has also served as President and CEO of Family Brands International and as a member of the Board of Emeritus of Sun Trust Bank and the Board of Trustees of Baptist Hospital. He is a longtime member of the Civitan Club, serving as President twice and named Civitan "Man of the Year."

For several decades, Harry Wampler has also served the people of Lenoir City in public office, including the Lenoir City Council, the Loudon County Planning Commission, and the Tennessee State Legislature.

He has also held the post of Vice Mayor of Lenoir City, member of the Lenoir City Utilities Power Board, Chairman of the Republican Party of Loudon County, and Deacon of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, where he served as Chairman several times.

Harry's hard work, personal faith and love of East Tennessee is very well known by his constituents.

He is a very patriotic American and one of the finest public servants I have ever known.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other Readers of the RECORD to join me in wishing a very happy birthday to my friend Harry Wampler and celebrate his impressive service to the people of Loudon County, Tennessee.

APPLAUDING THE PEARLAND OILERS—A TEXAS FOOTBALL POWERHOUSE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland Oilers for winning the 2014 South Texas Youth Football Association championship.

Their overpowering performance highlighted the athletic ability and relentless work ethic that carried the Oilers past tough opponents all season. The lessons of previous seasons and defensive greatness have helped these terrific athletes achieve success at the highest level of youth football and will continue to serve them well in future challenges.

On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the Pearland Oiler sophomore football team for winning the South Texas Youth Football Association championship. We look forward to their continued success both on and off the field.

JAMES L. OBERSTAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4926 and to honor the life of a truly remarkable man that we lost this year, Jim Oberstar. This legislation would designate the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway" and the "James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway" in the State of Minnesota, but more importantly, it would honor the legacy of one of our most beloved former colleagues.

Jim grew up appreciating the value of hard work and he innately understood the importance of cultivating strong relationships and tirelessly fighting for what was right.

He left the House of Representatives and the nation quite frankly, in a better place than when he found it. He was the consummate public servant and has an incredible lasting legacy.

In the 18 terms he served in Congress, he had a remarkable impact on the transportation industry in America and upon all of his colleagues. He was uniquely aware of the value of jobs, the economy, and the interconnectedness of goods and people throughout the country.

In a profession not always known for brevity of remarks, his speeches, as we can all attest, were amongst the most lengthy. However, when delivering remarks, he spoke passionately and with great intellect, never failing to effectively convey his point to a wide variety of audiences.

More importantly, he understood the value of bipartisanship in Washington and never let politics get in the way of good policy.

While we mourn the loss of our dear friend, we celebrate his life and service to this nation. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE "KELLY" KRAUSER KNOTT

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a wonderful young woman, Katherine "Kelly" Krauser Knott, who passed away last week after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. We will miss Kelly dearly. She brought grace and warmth to everything she did. She was a great colleague, a great wife and mother, and a great friend to all she knew.

Kelly was one of the best parts of the fabric of life for those of us who have the privilege

of serving the people here on Capitol Hill. Every day, lawmakers and staff interact with dozens or even hundreds of people who are representing their issues or interests in Congress; but few of these people make the kind of lasting impression that Kelly made on many of us. She was a tireless advocate for her members at the Associated General Contractors of America and later at the National Retail Federation. Many of us had the pleasure of working with Kelly on tough policy issues over the years, and we appreciated her patience, her perseverance and her friendship through all.

Kelly came to Washington, DC from Connecticut with a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame in Indiana, and she earned a master's degree in political management from George Washington University. She got her start on Capitol Hill with the late Representative Mel Hancock from southwestern Missouri, and I'm sure it didn't take long for her colleagues in Mr. Hancock's office to recognize that Kelly was a team player and a quiet leader who was always eager to pitch in and help.

The staff and members of the Associated General Contractors of America were fortunate enough to work with Kelly through her marriage to Stewart and birth of her three children. She was a thoughtful, informed and aggressive member of the AGC team. She had a unique way of asserting her position without being too disagreeable. She made friends in the association, became a favorite of members who came to town and had a good way of guiding constituent comments back to the topic of concern without getting in their way. Most of all she was a friend and a person who used her warmth and charm to make others feel good.

Later on, even though her own family was still quite young, Kelly's effective leadership was again at the fore as she became a mentor mom to other young working mothers who learned to count on her as a source of wisdom on balancing work and family responsibilities. While her work was important to Kelly, family always came first. In the last hours of her fight, her thoughts were not about the business of continuing resolutions, issue briefs or committee assignments, but of simply ensuring that the right Christmas tree was brought home to her house so that her treasured children would have all that they needed for Christmas.

Kelly was a wonderful friend and colleague to so many, a trusted advocate on many issues, a loving wife, and a beautiful and enduring role model for her children. We have worried about and prayed for Kelly and her family during the course of her illness. We will continue to worry about and pray for her family as we all deal with the hole in our lives that comes from her passing. We know that her shoes will be impossible to fill; we are privileged to say that we were given the opportunity to call her a friend and colleague.

I am sure that many of my colleagues join me today in saying that our hearts go out to Kelly's husband Stewart, her three beautiful children, Carson (9), Halle (6) and Kendall (6), her loving family, and her friends, too numerous to count.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF BOSCOV'S

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in partnership with my colleagues, Representative CHARLIE DENT, Representative PAT MEEHAN, and Representative JOE PITTS, to recognize Boscov's, one of the nation's largest family-owned department store chains, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Boscov's, headquartered in Berks County, Pennsylvania, was founded by Solomon Boscov in 1914 at 9th and Pike Streets in Reading, Pennsylvania. Solomon emigrated to the United States in 1911, purchased \$8 worth of merchandise, and traveled on foot through Lancaster and Berks Counties selling his wares. Within a year, he had saved enough to purchase a horse and wagon and increase his inventory.

From these humble beginnings, Boscov's has grown to a chain of 43 stores in 6 states with a yearly revenue of over \$1 billion. Currently headed by Solomon's son, Albert, who serves as Chairman and CEO, Boscov's is one of the last family-owned department store chains in the United States. In addition to offering fine merchandise at outstanding value, Albert Boscov has been a tireless advocate for the Greater Reading area and his devotion to the community, through civic and charitable activities, is unrivaled. Throughout its long and storied history, Boscov's has exemplified the notion that quality never goes out of style. And Albert has exemplified the principle of corporate leaders being involved in their community's life and reaching beyond the company office to help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of its 100 years of faithful service to its customers and community, I and my Pennsylvania colleagues ask that the House join us today in recognizing Boscov's on the exciting occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 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 \$17,991,068,498,107.32. We've added \$7,364,191,449,194.24 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE DESERT VISTA
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS
COUNTRY TEAM

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Girls Cross Country Team of Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, Arizona, home of the Thunder. On November 8, 2014, the team won the Division One State Championship in Cross Country, and the team's captain, Senior Dani Jones, set a new course record for Arizona.

This year, for the first time in Desert Vista High School history, the team qualified for the Nike Cross Nationals, a meet that brings together the fastest high school cross country teams and individuals from around the country. On Saturday December 6, 2014, the team took 5th place at this meet, and Dani Jones took 3rd place in the individual category.

This past year, I have had the great honor of running with the team during their early morning practices. The focus, dedication and spirit of these exceptional young women are inspiring.

Congratulations to the Desert Vista High School Girls Cross Country Team, to Team Captain Dani Jones, and to Head Coach Jeff Messer and his dedicated coaching staff. This amazing team consists of exceptional young female athletes, dedicated coaches, and supportive parents.

I am very proud to represent the students and families of Desert Vista High School, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of these remarkable young women.

HONORING MR. TONY ROACH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable American Soldier, Sergeant First Class Tony Roach, a resident of Shaw, Mississippi.

Sergeant First Class Roach entered the Army Reserves on February 9, 1990, and completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training as an armor crewman at Fort Knox, Kentucky directly after graduating from Shaw High School. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. His overseas assignment include Log Base Seitz in Iraq.

SFC Roach was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, OIF 2004–2005, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, OEF 2006–2014. Most recently, he served eight years as an Observer Controller Team Leader at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

SFC Roach has served with overwhelming admiration at every level within a Tank Platoon to include: Tank Gunner, Tank Commander, Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant. He has served as an Interim Observer Controller Team Leader, Battalion Operations Sergeant, and Observer Controller Group Leader.

His military education includes 19K (Tanker) OSUT, 88M (Truck Driver), Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Basic Instructor Course, Recruiting and Retention School, Driver Training Course, Mind Resistant AP Instructor Course.

He furthered his civilian education at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi where he graduated in 1999 with a technical certification in Barbering.

His awards and decorations include: the Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3RD Award), National Defense Service Medal With Bronze Star (2ND Award), Iraqi campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal with Campaign Star, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device (2nd Award).

Sergeant First Class Roach has two daughters: Laliya and Brianna; and one son, Tony Cordale. Sergeant First Class Roach is the son of Freddy Bryant and Gloria Roach and has 6 siblings: Gloria, Dellia, Nicole, Lee, James, and Isaac.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing American Soldier.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAN
BRUNO CENTENNIAL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th birthday of the city of San Bruno, California, a city of about 40,000 residents spreading over 5.5 square miles between the flat lowlands near San Francisco Bay and the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains rising 700 feet above the Pacific Ocean. San Bruno is adjacent to San Francisco International Airport and bestrides the Golden Gate National Cemetery. San Bruno is located in my Congressional District and its scenic beauty and community life make it one of the most beloved cities on the Peninsula.

San Bruno is filled with natural beauty and stunning views of the ocean and bay. It has superb schools, a beautiful main city park, and top-notch businesses. The city has also contributed to popular culture and sports as it is the hometown of actress Suzanne Somers, soprano Luana DeVol, musician Ron "Pigpen" McKernan and three famous baseball players: Wally Bunker, Keith Hernandez and Pablo Sandoval.

Long before the city of San Bruno was incorporated, the Ohlone people lived in a village here named Urebure. In 1769, the area was explored by a Spanish expedition led by Gaspar de Portola, followed by a more extensive exploration by Bruno de Heceta. That second exploration resulted in the naming of San Bruno Creek which eventually gave the community its name.

When Mission San Francisco de Asis was established to the north, much of the land around today's San Bruno became pasture for livestock. Grazing continued even after the decline of the missions.