

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE S.S. "EASTLAND" DISASTER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today to pay tribute to the victims of the S.S. *Eastland* disaster, which occurred in Chicago 100 years ago. On the centennial of this solemn event, the family of one of the victims, Anna Kubiak, will lay down a ceremonial wreath in remembrance of Anna and the other victims of the disaster. The S.S. *Eastland* Memorial dedication ceremony will take place at the Old Light-house Museum in Michigan City, Indiana, on July 25, 2015.

The S.S. *Eastland* disaster occurred on the morning of July 24, 1915, near the Clark Street Bridge in Chicago, Illinois. The S.S. *Eastland* was chartered by the Western Electric Company to transport employees, families, and friends across Lake Michigan to Michigan City for a day of celebration that was to include food, a parade, sporting events, and other festivities.

Unfortunately, the S.S. *Eastland* never left the Chicago River that tragic morning. While the S.S. *Eastland* was still docked, it slowly began to roll over into the river with more than 2,500 passengers and crew members on board. Eight hundred and forty-four people lost their lives in the disaster, including twenty-two complete families, and many more were injured. The immense loss sustained that day will be recalled by generations to come, and the tragedy of that fateful morning will be remembered as one of the most catastrophic maritime events in American history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commemorating the centennial anniversary of the S.S. *Eastland* disaster. We honor the victims and their families as we remember this devastating day in our nation's history. I would like to commend the efforts of the many people who dedicated their time and efforts to make the S.S. *Eastland* Memorial dedication ceremony possible.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S MARION CLIFTON "M.C." DAVIS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's Marion Clifton "M.C." Davis, who lost his battle with lung cancer on July 11, 2015. A longtime resident of Walton County, Florida, M.C. had an abiding love for Northwest Florida. He dedicated much of his life to pre-

serving the Gulf Coast's natural beauty for current generations and future generations to come, and the Northwest Florida community mourns his passing.

Born October 18, 1944 in Douglas, Georgia, M.C. graduated with a Political Science degree from the University of North Carolina in 1970 and his J.D. from Samford Law School in 1973. After an immensely successful business career, which saw him pursue many different career paths, M.C. decided to use his success to help restore and preserve the land that he loved. Northwest Florida is blessed with immense biological and ecological diversity, with a high concentration of plants and wildlife alike, and in 2000, M.C. purchased more than 50,000 acres of land in Walton County to create the Nokuse Plantation, the largest privately held nature preserve east of the Mississippi River.

As a result of his dedication to conservation, M.C. has helped lead efforts to restore several native plant and animal species, including longleaf pine, which once blanketed millions of acres in the Southeast, and gopher tortoises, which are listed by the state as a threatened species. In addition, countless plants and animals from diverse parts of nature can be found on Nokuse Plantation, including eagles, ospreys, bobcats, foxes, raccoons and armadillos, among others. Indeed, M.C. has called this project a 300-year effort to help restore the full biological wealth bestowed on Northwest Florida.

Nokuse Plantation also sits in a critical area of Northwest Florida, serving as a link between several important sites, including Eglin Air Force Base Reserve, Blackwater River State Forest and the Conecuh National Forest. By helping to preserve this critical resource, Nokuse Plantation also helps ensure that sufficient base buffering exists to support critical military missions at Eglin Air Force Base.

In addition to his work establishing Nokuse Plantation, M.C. also founded the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center. Located on the Nokuse Plantation, the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center provides students in the 4th through 7th grades, as well as their teachers, the opportunity to study in one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the United States. Each year, more than 5,000 students from across Northwest Florida study at the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, which helps integrate into the State of Florida's curriculum, particularly in the important Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields.

Throughout his life, M.C. touched the lives of many and without question, his generosity and commitment to nature will be felt in Northwest Florida for many generations to come. While many will remember M.C. for his dedication to preserving Northwest Florida's natural beauty, to those who knew him best, M.C. will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of M.C. Davis. My wife Vicki and I extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to his wife and high

school sweetheart, Stella; his children Crystal, Lisa, and Wendy; his granddaughters, Claire, Alex, Julia, Mary-Shelton; and the entire Davis family.

CELEBRATING ELOISE BRONAK'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Eloise Bronak on her 100th Birthday, which she will be celebrating on July 28, 2015.

Eloise Bronak was born in Decatur, Illinois. She has lived in Texas and Michigan, and eventually settled in St. Clair, MO. For the past seven years, she has lived at Willow Brooke Assisted Living Facility in Union, MO. Eloise served our nation during World War II as a Navy nurse. In 1944, Eloise joined the Navy as a registered nurse, but was unable to serve overseas due to her height. "They wouldn't let me go overseas because I was too little—I couldn't stretch enough," she joked. "I was to take what was left over." During her service of three years in the Navy, Eloise took care of wounded soldiers who returned to the United States. After her time in the service, she continued to serve in the medical field by working in public health, at the medical department at Chrysler in St. Louis, MO, and in health care in St. Louis County. Eloise had the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. with the Franklin County Honor Flight.

Birthdays are a very special time. It's a time to come together and celebrate your life and accomplishments and recognize the impact that you have had on the lives of those around you.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Eloise Bronak on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING VIETNAM VETERANS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE VIETNAM WAR

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the veterans of the Vietnam War on the 50th anniversary of the start of the conflict.

U.S. ground combat operations began in South Vietnam in 1965, with the last troops being pulled out in May 1975. Over three and a half million Americans served in Vietnam during that period, and more than 58,000 lost

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their lives. It is my honor to recognize the veterans of Vietnam and their families for their patriotism and sacrifice.

While this anniversary presents a clear opportunity to remember the sacrifices of our veterans, I want to make sure our nation does not forget their contributions in the generations to come. The immense perseverance and bravery of our soldiers both in the face of conflict and in the decades following exemplify the American commitment to service and democracy. We owe these veterans our profoundest gratitude.

I would particularly like to recognize the contributions of Michigan veterans. Over 400,000 men and women of our state served in the Vietnam War, with 2,654 paying the ultimate sacrifice.

On July 18th, we honor our state's veterans at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. It is my honor to represent many of these men and women, and my duty to respectfully preserve their memories with the same dedication with which these veterans defended our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the veterans of Vietnam and extend my deepest appreciation to them for their years of service to our great country.

THE GOLDMAN ACT TO RETURN
ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN:
ENSURING ACCURATE
NUMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION
ACTION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of everyone—especially all of the left-behind parents I saw in the audience—for joining me at a hearing I held last week to discuss how the U.S. Department of State's first annual report under the Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act can better correspond with the mandate set by Congress and achieve the return of abducted American children, which is the ultimate objective of the Goldman Act.

Every year, an estimated 1,000 American children are unlawfully removed from their homes by one of their parents and taken across international borders.

International parental child abduction rips children from their homes and families and whisks them away to a foreign land, alienating them from the love and care of the parent and family left behind.

Child abduction is child abuse, and it continues to plague families across the United States.

For decades, the State Department has used "quiet diplomacy" to attempt to bring these children home. But we know that less than half of these children ever come home—even from countries that have signed the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

In a hearing I held on this issue back in 2009, former Assistant Secretary of State Bernie Aronson called quiet diplomacy "a sophisticated form of begging." Thousands of American families still ruptured and grieving from

years of unresolved abductions confirm that "quiet diplomacy" is gravely inadequate.

Last year, Congress unanimously passed the Goldman Act to give teeth to requests for return and access. The actions required by the law escalate in severity, and range from official protests through diplomatic channels, to extradition, to the suspension of development, security, or other foreign assistance.

The Goldman Act is a law calculated to get results, as we did in the return of Sean Goldman from Brazil in late December, 2009.

But the new law is only as good as its implementation.

The State Department's first annual report that we reviewed last week is the first step in moving past "quiet diplomacy" to results. The State Department must get this report right in order to trigger the actions above and for the law to be an effective tool.

Countries should be listed as worst offenders if they have high numbers of cases—30 percent or more—that have been pending over a year: or if their judicial or administrative branch, or central authority for abduction fail in their duties under the Hague Convention or other controlling agreement, or; if their law enforcement rarely fails to enforce return orders or access rights.

Once these countries are properly classified, the Secretary of State then determines which of the aforementioned actions the U.S. will apply to the country in order to encourage the timely resolution of abduction and access cases.

While the State Department has choice of which tools to apply, and can waive actions for up to 180 days, the State Department does not have discretion over whether to report accurately to Congress on the country's record, or on whether the country is objectively non-compliant.

As we have seen in the human trafficking context—I authored the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as well as the Goldman Act—accurate accounting of a country's record, especially in comparison with other countries, can do wonders to prod much needed reform.

Accurate reporting is also critical to family court judges across the country and parents considering their child's travel to a foreign country where abduction or access problems are a risk.

The stakes are high: misleading or incomplete information could mean the loss of another American child to abduction.

For example, a judge might look at the report table filled with zeros in the unresolved cases category—such as in the case of Japan—and erroneously conclude that a country is not of concern, giving permission to an estranged spouse to travel with the child for a vacation. The estranged spouse then abducts the child and the left-behind parent spends his or her life savings and many years trying to get the child returned to the U.S.

All of which could have been avoided with accurate reporting on the danger.

I am very concerned that the first annual report contains major gaps and even misleading information, especially when it comes to countries with which we have the most intractable abduction cases.

For instance, the report indicates that India, which has consistently been in the top five destinations for abducted American children, had 19 new cases in 2014, 22 resolved cases,

and no unresolved cases. However, we know from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, or NCMEC, that India has 53 open abduction cases—and that 51 have been pending for more than 1 year.

While the State Department has shown willingness to work constructively on making the report better—for example, meeting last week with staff—our June 11 hearing left many questions unanswered as to why this report failed to hold countries accountable for unresolved cases.

We wrote the law with the belief that the State Department was formally raising these cases by name with the foreign ministries of destination countries, and asked that cases still pending one year after being raised would be counted as "unresolved."

But these cases were not included in the report. A few parents who reported their cases to the State Department years ago and who have been consistently begging the Department for help were told by their case officers recently that the cases were formally communicated to India in May of 2015.

May of 2015—delay is denial.

The Goldman Act also requires the State Department to take actions against countries such as India and Japan if they refuse to resolve abduction and access cases.

The Goldman Act also requires the State Department to begin negotiations with countries like India and Japan for a bilateral agreement to secure the resolution of the more than 100 open cases we have pending with those two countries—cases that are not listed as "unresolved" in the report.

The Goldman Act requires an end to the status quo—but the first step toward change is telling the truth in the report.

Which is why I am so concerned that Japan was not listed as showing a persistent failure to work with the U.S. on abduction cases. Japan has never issued and enforced a return order for a single one of the hundreds of American children abducted there.

It holds the world record on the abduction of American children never returned.

And yet it got a pass on more than 50 open cases, most of which have been pending for 5 years or more.

Among such cases is that of Sgt. Michael Elias, who has not seen his children, Jade and Michael Jr., since 2008. Michael served as a Marine who saw combat in Iraq. His wife, who worked in the Japanese consulate, used documents fraudulently obtained with the apparent complicity of Japanese consulate personnel to kidnap their children, then aged 4 and 2, in defiance of a court order, telling Michael on a phone call that there was nothing that he could do, as "my country will protect me."

Her country, very worried about its designation in the new report, sent a high-level delegation in March to meet with Ambassador Jacobs and explain why Japan should be excused from being listed as "non-compliant," despite the fact that more than one year after signing the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, Japan has ordered zero returns to the U.S.

Just before the report was released in May—two weeks late—Takashi Okada, Deputy Director General in the Secretariat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told the Japanese Diet that he had been in consultation with the State Department and "because we strived to make an explanation to the U.S. side, I hope

that the report contents will be based on our country's efforts."

In other words, Japan understood it would get a pass from the State Department and escape the list of countries facing action by the U.S. for their failure to resolve abduction cases based on what Mr. Okada euphemistically refers to as "efforts," not results.

Sgt. Michael Elias's country has utterly failed to protect him. He has seen zero progress in his case over the last year—the 7th year of his heart-wrenching ordeal—and yet the State Department cannot even bring itself to hold Japan accountable by naming Japan a worst offender in the annual report.

The Goldman Act is clear: All requests for return that the State Department submitted to the foreign ministry and that remained unresolved 12 months later are to be counted against Japan—and followed up with action.

The Goldman Act has given the State Department new and powerful tools to bring Japan, and other countries, to the resolution table. The goal is not to disrupt relations but to heal the painful rifts caused by international child abduction.

The question still remains, will the State Department use the Goldman Act as required by law?

RECOGNIZING COLLIN HORAN FOR
EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE
NORTH POINT VETERANS PRO-
GRAM

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Collin Horan, a Greencastle-Antrim Middle School student, for his dedicated service to the North Point Veterans Program.

Mr. Horan chose to work with the North Point Veteran's Home, a housing, employment, independent living, and recovery-oriented service provider for displaced veterans, out of a sense of gratitude for our former service members, and given his family's ties to the military.

After speaking with the home's 23 current residents, Mr. Horan set out with the help and support of his parents, Don and Lauren Horan, to provide the veterans with an impressive donation, which included home living essentials like towels and toiletry items, as well as significant funds for the home to purchase a refrigerator and laptop computer.

Garnering support from the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Funkstown and a number of local businesses, Mr. Horan worked tirelessly and even overcame a health setback to complete the service project in conjunction with his church confirmation.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Horan, a selfless young man, and congratulate him for his committed service to the North Point Veteran's Home, our country's service members, and his local community.

RECOGNIZING DR. RON KRUSE FOR
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Dr. Ron Kruse. He retired as Executive Director from the Developmental Services of Franklin County on June 8, 2015. Dr. Kruse has contributed to the county for 28 years.

Dr. Kruse was the first employee and executive director hired in 1987, and under his leadership DSFC expanded to a team of 142 employees. He served 38 years in the field, 28 of those serving the people of Franklin County with developmental disabilities. His work provided case management at the local level by developing the Franklin County Dental Network, Behavioral Services Early Intervention programming, and by partnering with county agencies to meet the residents' transportation needs. This showcases his ability to make a positive impact and leave behind a strong legacy with an organization that provides quality, innovative services.

DSFC enhances employment opportunities, educational and developmental programs, family support programs, and community living options. The organization also promotes public awareness and community collaboration to serve individuals with developmental disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, or a similar condition diagnosed before the age of 22. Thanks to Dr. Kruse's efforts, Franklin County will continue to move in the right direction for people with development disabilities.

With this retirement, Dr. Ron Kruse can now spend more time with his family which includes: his wife Pamela, daughters Jill and Kate, and grandson Ellis.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Ron Kruse on his retirement after 28 years of commitment to his community.

HONORING MR. ROY LEE SEAY

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Roy Lee Seay, who has been honored for his services in the Vietnam War. Through his service in the United States Army, Mr. Seay earned several medals and awards such as the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Marksman Badge with Auto Rifle Bar, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with "60" device. Mr. Seay was also recently surprised to find out he has been recognized with the following awards: the Silver Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle and Machinegun Bars, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unity Citation with Palm Device.

Mr. Seay was born July 12, 1947 in Mer Rouge, Louisiana to the late Robert Seay and

Elizabeth Seay. In October 1970, roughly eight months after returning from the war, Mr. Seay and his wife, Maggie Seay, moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he worked for Food Machinery Corporation/United Defense Industries for twenty-nine years until his retirement in 1999.

Mr. Seay is a dedicated member of his church, New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Minneapolis, where he also works as a Sunday School Teacher. Mr. Seay's family is of utmost importance to him. He is the proud father of three daughters: Debra Brinkley, Sandra Moore, and Lawanda Moore; and one son: Lonnie LaValias.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Seay and his entire family, on a lifetime of service—to his county, to his family, and to his community. Thank you, Roy, for your service.

DIGNIFIED INTERMENT OF OUR
VETERANS ACT

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on an issue plaguing our nation's veterans, and to thank two of my constituents from Fayette County, Mr. Lanny Golden, a Vietnam Veteran, and Mr. Ron Metros, a member of Rolling Thunder's Pennsylvania Chapter 5, for working with me on legislation to return dignity and respect to our country's heroes.

There are an estimated 47,000 unclaimed veteran remains that have been left to collect dust on funeral home shelves because the next of kin has not or could not be identified. Existing legislation directs the Veteran Affairs Administration, veteran service organizations, and funeral directors to work together in identifying veteran status for the deceased and making every effort to locate the next of kin. Unfortunately, there are a host of barriers that prevent effective collaboration among these stakeholders. For example, in my state of Pennsylvania, the Missing in America Project found nearly 100 unclaimed veterans within a couple years' time. Some of those veterans were sitting on shelves for more than 20 years awaiting burial.

We can speculate regarding the reason for this disgrace but we cannot know for sure without giving this issue the attention it deserves. That is why I have introduced H.R. 1338 "Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015." My bill requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the claiming and interring of unclaimed veteran remains. The intent of the study is to confirm the scope of this problem, uncover any barriers associated with claiming and interring veteran remains, and solicit recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs on potential program improvements. This is the first step in returning honor to our country's heroes.

Again, I would like to thank Mr. Metros and Mr. Golden for their dedicated work in service to our country's veterans. When asked why he is so passionate about this issue, Mr. Golden, who served with the First Air Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War, simply replied that these are his Brothers in Arms and they deserve to be buried beside those that have walked the same path.

I fully agree with Mr. Golden and would like to say thank you to all who have served this great nation. I will make every effort to ensure your final resting place be of dignity and honor. We will not forget you.

HONORING JUDGE MICHAEL
POLLARD

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the hard work of Judge Michael Pollard and his tremendous impact on the Tucson community.

His selfless work for the American people started when he was drafted into the United States Marine Corps in 1967. He was assigned to the Echo Company 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, proudly serving his country in Vietnam.

Following his time in the military, Judge Pollard graduated from the University of Arizona, College of Law in 1972. He then worked tirelessly in private practice as a prosecutor and public defender for 20 years before being appointed as a Tucson City Court magistrate in 1994.

Since that appointment, Judge Pollard has worked relentlessly to improve his community through his service on various committees, including as chair of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence in the Courts, as the state judicial representative to the Arizona Full Faith and Credit Team, and as co-chair of the Tucson/Pima County Homeless Plan Implementation Task Force, continuing to direct homeless courts in the region.

Judge Pollard's most recent contribution to Tucson can be found in his honorable and dedicated work with his fellow veterans. In 2009, along with a handful of other judges, he developed the Regional Municipalities Veterans Treatment Court. This organization works to provide veterans an opportunity to avoid jail time and clear any misdemeanor charges they may have on their record. In return, the veteran must complete court-mandated rehabilitation and support courses, many times working with the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System and other local organizations that provide those services. Since its inception, this program has allowed over 600 veterans to work towards a healthy, clean lifestyle without the difficulties of possessing a criminal record.

Thanks to Judge Pollard and his team, countless veterans have been able to move past their misdemeanors and progress to non-violent, healthy lives. He sees these misdemeanors not as permanent hardships, but as potential turning points for those who accept them. He provides a second chance for those who have fought for our country, and for this I am grateful. Judge Pollard demonstrates an individual who truly works for the betterment of his community, both among Tucsonans and his fellow veterans.

IN TRIBUTE TO UMOS ON THEIR
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to UMOS, a nationally renowned agency whose corporate headquarters is based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In July, 2015, UMOS will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

UMOS began as a single-focused, single state, migrant and seasonal farm worker serving agency only. Today, UMOS offers various programs and services to diverse populations with a diverse staff. Currently, UMOS employs 300 people and operates 40+ programs with more than \$25 million grant and performance-based contracts from federal, state, and local funding sources.

UMOS operates programs throughout the state of Wisconsin, as well as in Minnesota, Missouri, and Texas, along with a housing consortium in an eight-state area. It provides programs and services in three major categories: workforce development, child development, and social services including: farm labor, housing, HIV prevention services, domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking supportive services, home energy assistance, food pantry and Head Start. In addition to these programs, UMOS sponsors and organizes a number of cultural and community events in Wisconsin.

Much of the success of UMOS can be attributed to its longtime President and Chief Executive Officer, Lupe Martinez. He has led the agency for over 40 years and spent most of his professional career at UMOS. Mr. Martinez is dedicated to advocating and providing programs and services to improve employment, provide education opportunities as well as health and housing supports for UMOS' clientele whether they are migrant and seasonal farm workers or other underserved populations. Lupe Martinez has always gravitated toward leadership roles even as a child; he was one of 10 siblings in a family of migrant workers and accepted the responsibility of paying bills and managing the family finances. Today he manages the largest Hispanic non-profit organization in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say the UMOS hails from the 4th Congressional District, and pleased to give praise to Lupe Martinez, their Board of Directors and staff. I wish them many more years of success.

RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER
AND RETIREMENT OF MR.
MARTY BEIL

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career of Mr. Marty Beil, who will retire this week after having served as Executive Director of the American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees (AFSCME) Council 24, the Wisconsin State Employees Union since 1985. Over the

course of his 30 years at the helm of AFSCME Council 24, Marty has come to be known by many as the face of public employee unions in the State of Wisconsin.

Marty began his career in public service in 1969 working for the state's Division of Corrections as a probation and parole officer. It didn't take long for Marty to become involved with the union, and in 1973 he became president of the local chapter. In 1978 Marty was then elected president of the Wisconsin State Employees Union, a position which he held until 1985 when he was chosen to take over as executive director. Throughout his time as director, Marty was appointed by Wisconsin Governors to many high level committees and commissions on which he served as the spokesman for Council 24 and an outspoken advocate for state employees.

The hallmark of Marty's career was perhaps during the highly divisive 2011 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature when Governor Scott Walker introduced Act 10, the controversial legislation suspending most collective bargaining powers of the state's public unions. The bill was unprecedented in Wisconsin, which was the first state in the country to provide collective bargaining rights to public employees in 1959, and the legislation drew significant public dissent. Marty provided pivotal leadership and was a constant presence throughout the weeks of protests at the State Capitol where crowds of demonstrators numbered over 100,000 at times.

It is a true honor to recognize the career of Marty Beil, a tireless advocate and leader for state employees and working families in my district and across the state. His contributions are an important legacy in the longstanding tradition of fighting for workers' rights and protections in the State of Wisconsin.

HONORING BOB FALLSTROM

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Fallstrom, a friend, veteran, and newsman, who passed away on July 10, 2015 at the age of 88. Mr. Fallstrom served as an integral part of life in central Illinois by delivering the news to countless Central Illinoisans for 66 years. He left a lasting impact on many throughout the entire state of Illinois.

As a young man, Mr. Fallstrom worked at a movie theatre with the dream of a career in the news. Despite never having earned a college degree, he eventually achieved his dream, landing a position with the Herald & Review, a local newspaper in Decatur, Illinois.

Mr. Fallstrom put his professional dreams on hold to serve his country during World War II—a testament to his dedication to service and putting others first in all aspects of his life.

After the war, Mr. Fallstrom returned to central Illinois and once again picked up his reporter's notebook. He worked for decades as a sports editor for the paper and kept regular attendance at sporting events throughout the region. Known as the "good news editor," he was also described as a "talking encyclopedia" of central Illinois history.

I am proud to honor Mr. Fallstrom for his service to his country and his community. He

was a devoted husband, father, veteran, and newsman that left an indelible memory on the lives of so many. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Fallstrom's family as central Illinois has lost a truly bright and impactful leader.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.
ALGIN ROBERTS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Algin Roberts, of Frankfort, Kentucky. Mr. Roberts celebrates his ninetieth birthday on July 26th, and I want to honor that special occasion by acknowledging his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Roberts, a part of the greatest generation, served our nation in the United States Army.

Mr. Roberts joined the Army when he was just fifteen and he turned sixteen while crossing the Atlantic to fight. He was a member of the Army's 1st Infantry Division. They took part in the invasion of North Africa and Sicily. They were later sent to England for R&R and were a part of the D-Day invasion in 1944. Mr. Roberts' unit was among the first to land on Omaha Beach where the fighting was fierce. Mr. Roberts later came down with malaria and spent a long recovery time in England.

After the war, Mr. Roberts returned home and became a Kentucky State Police officer where he had a long and distinguished career.

The bravery of Mr. Roberts and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of the courage of individuals from Franklin County and from all across our great nation, our freedoms have been saved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all. On the special occasion of his ninetieth birthday, he and his family can reflect proudly on his contributions to the world through his brave military service.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
THE VICTIMS OF THE SENSE-
LESS SHOOTING IN CHAT-
TANOOGA, TENNESSEE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to speak out against the senseless loss of innocent lives resulting from another unthinkable act of violence.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who were affected by the shootings on Thursday morning, July 16, especially the victims, the families, and our military community affected by this catastrophe.

From current reports, we know that gunshots were fired at a military recruiting center and a Navy Reserve center in different parts of Chattanooga, Tennessee, late Thursday morning, tragically taking the lives of four Marines and wounding several others.

I want to commend the law enforcement and emergency service agencies for their

prompt response and management of this morning's tragic shootings and for carrying out the investigation thereafter.

Americans come together at such times of tragedy to support each other.

So at this time, I ask all Americans to keep the victims, their families, and our military members, in their thoughts and prayers.

There is no place in a civilized society for such senseless acts of violence.

Changing a culture of violence will not happen overnight but that is no excuse for failing to try.

We must keep trying. We must work tirelessly. For the sake of the victims of Chattanooga, Tennessee, we must not give up.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims in Tennessee, and victims of gun violence everywhere.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

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 \$18,151,862,792,175.02. We've added \$7,524,985,743,261.94 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY AND JOYCE
MEZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry and Joyce Mez, owners of the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. Since 2005, Jerry and Joyce have greeted visitors to their museum, home of over 200 International Harvester tractors. Visitors from all 50 states and at least 16 countries, including Australia, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, have viewed this outstanding collection of tractors.

The Farmall tractors are known as "reds" due to their distinctive color. Though the museum opened 10 years ago, it has been Jerry's dream for some 40 years. He started collecting International Harvester tractors in 1970. His museum idea followed shortly thereafter. The oldest Farmall tractor in his collection is a 1914 model and the newest model is dated 1985. Joyce also takes an active role in the museum. She helped develop a lounge so patrons could rest during the museum tour, which covers 26,500 square feet. The lounge is known as the "Tractor Widows Lounge." Jerry and Joyce take great pride in sharing their collection with the hundreds of visitors each year.

I commend Jerry and Joyce for establishing the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. The museum is a great addition to the City of

Avoca and to the State of Iowa. I am proud to represent Jerry and Joyce in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating them for achieving their dream and for sharing their collection with us. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING EMMA SHIREY'S
FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR ACHIEVE-
MENT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emma Shirey on receiving a renowned Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Emma, a native of Nixa, Missouri, was awarded the Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to teach in Taiwan, where she has gained valuable career experience serving as an English Teaching Assistant. The award has allowed Emma to interact with young Taiwanese students and make valuable contributions to Taiwan's youth after her graduation from Truman State University with a degree in Sociology.

A Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship allows individuals to teach English and serve as a cultural ambassador for the U.S. by being placed in a classroom abroad. In doing so, Emma has successfully played a big role in spreading the value of American ideas and education.

I am extremely proud that talented, hard-working and dedicated individuals, such as Emma, represent the Seventh District of Missouri. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Shirey for her service and for receiving this esteemed award.

IN HONOR OF BECKY MOELLER,
PAST PRESIDENT AND SEC-
RETARY-TREASURER FOR THE
TEXAS AFL-CIO

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Becky K. Moeller for her service to the organized labor movement as Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Texas AFL-CIO. Ms. Moeller's retirement comes after her long tenure within the Texas AFL-CIO, where she worked to advance hands-on political and legislative educational programs and fight for working people against tough odds.

In 2003, Ms. Becky Moeller was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for the Texas AFL-CIO, making her the first woman to hold a statewide elected office in the Texas AFL-CIO. During her four year tenure as Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Moeller used her budgetary expertise to keep many of the organization's signature programs despite a decline in funds.

In 2007, Ms. Moeller was elected President of the Texas AFL-CIO, effectively overseeing the 235,000-member labor federation's legislative, political education and community service programs.

During her tenure in these two positions, Ms. Moeller helped introduce a revamped and revised education program that enabled organized labor leaders to contact union members more effectively during “Get Out the Vote” campaigns. This particular initiative proved successful for labor-supportive Texas Legislature and Congressional candidates.

Ms. Moeller’s dedication to organized labor goes beyond her work within the AFL–CIO. Before her leadership in the Texas AFL–CIO, Ms. Moeller served as president of the Communications Workers of America Local 6137, the Corpus Christi local union representing workers at SBC (now AT&T). Ms. Moeller served in several capacities, including job steward, chief steward, Executive Board member, vice president and secretary-treasurer.

Ms. Moeller also served as President of the Coastal Bend Labor Council and as a member of the Texas AFL–CIO Executive Board. For several years, Ms. Moeller chaired the Texas AFL–CIO Scholarship Committee. She also traveled the state of Texas to promote unions and assist in a variety of worker actions.

In addition to her commitment to organized labor, Ms. Moeller served as a member of her local United Way Board of Governors and the Corpus Christi Workforce Development Board and also worked a number of voter registration drives. She was appointed by Governor Ann Richards as Chair of the Texas Department of Licensing Regulation commission.

TRIBUTE TO GREENFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa institution, Greenfield Municipal Utilities. On June 12, 2015, Greenfield Municipal Utilities celebrated 125 years of business.

A short ten years after Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, a group of Greenfield city councilmen and businessmen began planning a municipal light plant to provide the town with electricity. In the fall of 1890, their idea became a reality when Greenfield was one of the first towns in Iowa to have a plant. Members of the Board of Trustees today include Lynne Don Carlos, Terry Schneidder and Bob Guikema.

I applaud and congratulate the Greenfield Municipal Utilities for their 125 years in Iowa’s Third Congressional District. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating and wishing the Board of Trustees and their employees nothing but success in the future.

RECOGNIZING COLIN THOMAS, SAM LAFFEY, AND MOSES WEISBERG

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colin Thomas, Sam Laffey, and Moses

Weisberg for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado’s Fourth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the Summer 2015 session of Congress.

The work of these young men has been exemplary and I know they all have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation’s legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these three and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

Our interns have made plans to continue their work with various organizations in Washington, Colorado, and Kansas. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Colin Thomas, Sam Laffey, and Moses Weisberg for their service this summer.

CONGRATULATING THE TAYLORVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Taylorville Optimist Club on their 50th anniversary this year. The Optimists have shown inspiring dedication to their mission of fostering an optimistic way of life in my hometown.

The Optimist Club was chartered in 1965, and there are currently over sixty active members. Since their charter, they have been a force of good in the community. They instigate a meaningful difference in the attitudes of our community’s youth at events throughout the year; bringing out the best in kids by providing hope and a positive vision.

Over the past five decades, the Optimist Club has been resilient in pursuit of their mission. The club makes various important contributions to the people of Taylorville throughout the year. Fitting for this time of year, they honor our freedom by providing the fireworks for the Independence Day celebration. In the spring, they host their annual Easter Egg Hunt for children in the community. During the school year, they assist local students who exemplify their mission with scholarships.

The Taylorville Optimist Club has shown that a positive outlook is essential in facing everyday life. Their commitment to service has helped make my hometown community what it is today. As a past member of the Optimist Club, I am proud of this club’s reputation. Its legacy can be seen in the lives of all those it has enriched over the past fifty years, and I look forward to another fifty.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. THOMAS FRITZ

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Mr. Tom Fritz, who tragically passed away last week in a

devastating fishing accident. A leader who helped to bring countless jobs and collaborative healthcare to Eastern Washington, Tom was a pillar of strength and generosity in our Greater Spokane community and will be greatly missed.

A beacon in our community, Tom tirelessly led Inland Northwest Health Services for the last 16 years before retiring last December. Founded as a joint venture of the area’s largest hospitals and their parent companies, under his guidance, INHS grew to over 1,000 employees and brought in more than \$200 million in gross revenues, becoming one of the region’s largest employers and one of its most active businesses. Having the vision to partner with community entities, Tom led INHS to provide exemplary access to health services not only in Spokane but all across our country. He drove their efforts through forward-thinking solutions, unique partnerships and innovative technologies. Tom’s vision for INHS was to provide a collaborative approach to health care that is unlike any other.

Tom had a heart of gold. He tirelessly advocated for programs and initiatives that benefited the community he loved. A tremendous leader, Tom will be remembered for his years of service to our community in Eastern Washington and for his commitment to INHS’s collaborative mission. To those he worked with on a daily basis, he will forever be remembered as a great friend and colleague. Although Tom Fritz’ passing has left many heavy hearts in Eastern Washington, the memory of this actively passionate and engaged individual has left a lasting impact on the lives of many back home in the Inland Northwest.

Thank you, Tom for your years of dedication and service to our community and state. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends during this difficult time.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE “FEDERAL CIGARETTE LA- BELING ACT” OF 1965

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the “Federal Cigarette Labeling Act” of 1965.

Passed by the 89th Congress, the “Federal Cigarette Labeling Act” was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 27, 1965, in response to the mounting scientific evidence that smoking cigarettes causes lung cancer and is a serious public health concern for the nation.

At the time this act was being debated in Congress, cigarette smoking was simply not viewed as a public health concern.

Cigarette smoking was viewed as a norm, with virtually no harmful effects.

Tobacco companies often falsified data to make the claim that some cigarettes were even healthy for you to smoke.

One famous advertisement campaign was for the Lucky Strike cigarettes made by the American Tobacco Company in the 1930’s which used advertisements that stated “20,679 physicians say Luckies are less irritating.”

Another advertisement campaign by the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company was called the "More Doctors" campaign which attempted to reshape the image that cigarettes were safe.

These are just a few of the false advertisements about the implications of smoking on an individual's health by the tobacco industry and which were a contributing factor in the rise of lung cancer mortality rates in the United States.

To assist in educating the American people about the dangers of smoking the "Federal Cigarette Labeling Act" required the entire tobacco industry to adapt to new regulations mandating that cigarette packages have a health warning label that stated, "Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous to Your Health."

By implementing this simple warning label on cigarette packing, the public was given a notice on every box of the potential harm these tobacco smoking products may cause.

This legislation also required the Federal Trade Commission to report to Congress annually on the effectiveness of cigarette labeling for the public.

Along with labeling, this legislation created a framework of how the current promotional practices were to be employed by the tobacco industry for promoting their products.

This legislation accelerated the American public's knowledge of the true dangers of smoking cigarettes.

In 1986 Congress continued this endeavor to educate the American public on the harms of tobacco use by passing the "Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act," which extended the health warning labels from just cigarettes to include smokeless tobacco products, along with the advertisements for them.

In my city of Houston, Texas, lung cancer has become the deadliest cancer for my constituents, affecting not just former smokers but also nonsmokers.

Progressive legislation like the "Federal Cigarette Labeling Act" has helped inform the American people of the potential danger of using tobacco products.

Mr. Speaker, this is why I am proud to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the "Federal Cigarette Labeling Act" of 1965 and to recognize its remarkable contributions to American public's access to information that allows them to make the best informed decision for their personal health.

MARKING 41 YEARS SINCE THE TURKISH INVASION AND OCCU- PATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 41st anniversary of the Turkish government's illegal invasion of Cyprus in 1974. This tragedy of that aggression continues to this day. Northern Cyprus continues to be occupied by Turkish troops. More than 216,000 Cypriots continue to be displaced or their descendants denied their rightful property claims in ancestral homelands—and this includes 5,000 Americans of Cypriot descent.

Sadly, the occupation authorities continue their direct attacks on the religious freedom of Orthodox Christians and the island's rich Orthodox Christian cultural heritage. Cyprus's ancient Christian heritage goes back to the mission of St. Paul and St. Barnabas in 45 A.D.—Barnabas is remembered as the founder and patron saint of the Church in Cyprus. Even in recent years, Turkish security forces have continued to disrupt the religious services of Orthodox believers in northern Cyprus, and, sadly, the desecration and destruction of religious sites continues. Forty-one years after the Turkish government's invasion, Christian believers still cannot freely visit all religious sites on the island, nor use Christian religious sites for their rightful purpose. Sites looted of revered icons remain vacant, and sacred objects of Cypriot Orthodoxy regularly turn up on the international art market or are held in museums against the wishes of the Orthodox community. The services for the faithful that do take place remain tightly restricted by Turkish authorities through special permitting or other challenges to registering congregations. These violations of basic rights are a legacy of intolerance wrought by the 1974 invasion.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in urging the administration to vigorously promote meaningful settlement negotiations that affirm the fundamental freedoms and human rights of those Greek Cypriots who are displaced or enduring in northern enclaves.

RECOGNIZING EVAN MCCARTNEY'S FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR ACHIEVE- MENT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Evan McCartney on receiving a renowned Fulbright Study and Research Award for the 2014–2015 academic year.

Evan, a Nixa, Missouri, native and United States Air Force Academy graduate, was awarded the Fulbright grant to study the field of political science in Ukraine. There, he has learned the country's military aviation history and future through Ukraine's National Aviation University.

Fulbright Study and Research grants allow recipients to design projects and work with advisers and foreign universities to pursue a particular field of study. Given the ongoing conflict in the region, I am certain Evan's bright mind and American military background has shed new light on the ongoing situation there.

I am extremely proud that talented, hard-working and dedicated individuals such as Evan have great opportunities to represent the Seventh District of Missouri. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Evan McCartney for his scholarship and for receiving such an esteemed award.

TRIBUTE TO KID ZONE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kid Zone Early Learning Center for the opening of their new facility in Adair, Iowa.

Kid Zone strives to enrich the lives of young children in the Adair community with a faculty of dedicated teachers and caregivers. Their focus on cultivating a positive learning experience and a nurturing environment will be a great asset to the residents of Adair.

I commend Kid Zone Early Learning Center and their staff for the service they provide to families in Adair and southern Iowa. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Kid Zone for their new location. I wish them and their staff nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING PHILIP A. CLEMENS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Philip A. Clemens, a constituent of mine and community leader who is retiring after serving almost 50 years with the Clemens Family Corporation. Mr. Clemens has spent his entire working life with his family business, The Clemens Family Corporation, headquartered in Hatfield, Pennsylvania.

Over the years, Mr. Clemens has worked in all areas of the business—from the clean-up crew to Chairman and CEO, a position he served in for 15 years. With Mr. Clemens' leadership, the Clemens Family Corporation has grown into one of the largest companies in the industry, employing hundreds of my constituents with good-paying, family-sustaining jobs.

Mr. Clemens has devoted his knowledge and expertise to not only the growth of his own business, but the future of the meat industry as a whole. His lifelong contributions to the industry are unmatched. For his influence, he's received the highest award given in the industry—the North American Meat Institute's Industry Advancement Award, the Knowlton Award for industry innovation, and the Research Institute of America's outstanding management award.

However, Mr. Clemens isn't just known for his business accomplishments, he's also an active volunteer known by many in our area for his dedication to the Indian Valley and North Penn communities. Some of those roles include his work as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lancaster Bible College, his work with the North Penn United Way, and his efforts with the Profit Sharing Council of America. In addition, he is also very active at the Calvary Church of Souderton, where he serves on the Elder Board.

Mr. Clemens is a dedicated family man, a highly successful entrepreneur and a man who generously donates his time to better our community. I am proud and privileged to honor

him today and appreciate all he has done for the people of our community. On behalf of the constituents of the 8th District of Pennsylvania, I wish Mr. Clemens a happy, relaxing and pleasant retirement.

HONORING MR. DAVID SCHLEGEL,
MR. PEIDONG YANG, MS. CAROLYN
BERTOZZI, AND MR.
JIZHONG ZHOU

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of four scientists, affiliated with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, who have been named by U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz as recipients of the 2015 Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award, the Department of Energy's highest scientific honor.

The Department of Energy's Ernest Orlando Lawrence Awards were established by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1959, to honor Ernest Lawrence, the Nobel Prize-winning inventor of the cyclotron, the forerunner of today's particle accelerators, and the founder and namesake of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory—located in my very own 13th Congressional District of California.

The four winners associated with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and their accomplishments are as follows:

David Schlegel, an astrophysicist who serves as the Principal Investigator for the BOSS project on the Sloan Telescope, the Co-Principal Investigator for the DECaLS sky survey, and the Project Scientist for the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI). He was recognized for his "exceptional leadership of major projects making the largest two-dimensional and three-dimensional maps of the universe, which have helped ascertain the nature of Dark Energy, test General Relativity, and positively impact fundamental understanding of matter and energy in the universe."

Peidong Yang, a faculty chemist who holds joint appointments with Berkeley Lab's Materials Sciences Division, the University of California (UC) Berkeley, where he holds the S.K. and Angela Chan Distinguished Professor of Energy chair, and the Kavli Energy Nano-Sciences Institute (Kavli-ENSI), for which he is a co-director. He was recognized for his "seminal research advancing the synthesis and understanding of nanoscale materials, including semiconductor nanowires and metal nanocrystals, and their impact to structures and devices for applications in nanophotonics, nanoelectronics, and energy conversion."

Carolyn Bertozzi, also a faculty chemist with Berkeley Lab's Materials Sciences Division, a professor of chemistry and of chemical and systems biology at Stanford University, and an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She was recognized for her "significant scientific research contributions at the interface of chemistry, biology and nanoscience, including major advances in the chemistry and biology of complex carbohydrates, including the development of nanotechnologies and chemistries for probing biological systems, optimizing bioreactors, and innovating tailored devices and materials."

Jizhong Zhou, a Presidential Professor in Botany and Microbiology and Director of the Institute for Environmental Genomics at the University of Oklahoma, a guest researcher with Berkeley Lab's Earth Sciences Division, and a principal investigator for ENIGMA (Ecosystems and Networks Integrated with Genes and Molecular Assemblies). He was recognized for his "outstanding accomplishments in environmental genomics and microbial ecology, including the development of innovative metagenomics technologies for environmental sciences, for groundbreaking discoveries to understand the feedbacks, mechanisms, and fundamental principles of microbial systems in response to environmental change, and for transformative leadership to elucidate microbial ecological networks and to link microbial biodiversity with ecosystem functions."

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I salute you all. I thank you for your contributions to the scientific field and congratulate you on your many achievements in research.

TRIBUTE TO EDD LEACH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Edd Leach of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Edd is the owner of Leach Camper Sales in Council Bluffs.

Leach Camper Sales was opened in 1962 by Edd's father. Edd joined the business in 1969 when his Dad offered him a deal: if Edd would work at the business for five years, he would end up owning half the business. Since then, Edd and his wife, Donna, have built a very successful business together. They offer RVs of all sizes, and a complete parts and repair department to service their customers' needs. The family owned business includes their daughter and grandsons. Leach Camper Sales is home to a number of employees who have spent years helping serve the area.

I commend Edd and his staff for their dedicated service to Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Leach Camper Sales for their many achievements in the recreational vehicle industry. I wish Edd, his family, and his employees all the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF DR.
MEI BAI FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR PHYSICS

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Doctor Mei Bai, whose innovation and leadership at the Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, New York, in my district, has greatly impacted the field of nuclear physics. This month she receives the E.O. Lawrence Award,

a prestigious award bestowed by the Department of Energy for exceptional scientific achievement.

Dr. Bai joined Brookhaven National Lab in 1999 as a research associate in the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) Accelerator Physics Group, was promoted to Associate Scientist in 2001, and to Scientist in 2004. In 2000, she was the recipient of the American Physical Society's Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Beam Physics Award. In 2010, the Asian Committee for Future Accelerators and the organizing committee of the 2010 First International Particle Accelerator Conference awarded Bai a prize for her significant and original contributions to the field of accelerator research. Dr. Bai recently joined the Nuclear Physics Institute in Germany, which conducts experimental and theoretical basic research in the areas of nuclear, hadron, and particle physics.

In the 1990s, Dr. Bai and her colleagues devised a way to keep protons circulating in an accelerator polarized, or all spinning in the same directions on their axes. This was a crucial development which was successfully demonstrated at Brookhaven National Laboratory's Alternating Gradient Synchrotron, which is an accelerator that is a key part of the RHIC complex.

This week, Dr. Mei Bai is being honored with an E.O. Lawrence award for her outstanding research, which has allowed for the first direct measurement of the contributions of fundamental particles known as quarks and gluons to the spin of the proton.

Physicists from around the world study polarized protons at RHIC to determine the answer to a fundamental question—how protons get their spin, an intrinsic property of the particle that is not completely understood. Dr. Bai's work enabled RHIC researchers to successfully accelerate individual beams of polarized protons to 255 billion electron volts of energy. The beams were collided at a total mass energy of 510 billion electron volts, making RHIC the world's first and only high energy polarized proton collider.

Today, I thank her for her enthusiasm and the inspiration she provides to other scientists at Brookhaven National Lab and the international community. I congratulate Dr. Bai on her accomplishments and this very significant award.

RECOGNIZING TOM KERR ON
BEING NAMED "PAUL KROEGEL
REFUGE MANAGER OF THE
YEAR"

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Tom Kerr for his leadership and attention to our community's and our nation's wetlands.

As the manager of Wisconsin's St. Croix Wetland Management District and Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Mr. Kerr understands that environmental conservation isn't something that can simply be purchased; it requires local engagement. This is why he's organized working programs such as Conservation Day, a collaborative event that educates students about what's involved in sustaining our ecosystems.

I am proud that Mr. Kerr's outstanding years of service and dedication are being recognized with the National Wildlife Refuge Association's "Paul Kroegel Refuge Manager of the Year" award—one of the nation's highest honors given to conservation leaders.

While overseeing thousands of acres of marshes, grasslands, and oak savanna throughout Northern and Central Wisconsin, Mr. Kerr finds unique ways to engage his neighbors and to lend a hand to many bird species in the process.

I appreciate this opportunity to honor Mr. Kerr for putting conservation at the forefront in our community. On behalf of Wisconsin and this entire body, we thank him.

RECOGNIZING MS. SOFIA BILSKI

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Sofia Bilski of Windermere, Florida, for her acceptance to the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Ms. Bilski was selected for her academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship.

The mission of People to People Leadership Ambassador Programs is to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange. To this end, People to People offers domestic and international educational programs that promote cooperation, cross-cultural understanding and leadership. It is my hope that Ms. Bilski benefitted greatly from her participation in the World Leadership Forum, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MACKENZIE ELLIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mackenzie Ellis of Johnston, Iowa. Mackenzie will be representing the United States as an educational ambassador through the Ameson Year in China (AYC) program.

Mackenzie, a recent graduate of Iowa State University, will be traveling to China to spend a year teaching, studying, and working with public schools in an effort to make a difference. She will have the opportunity to learn new languages and immerse herself in the Chinese culture through a number of different programs offered through AYC.

I commend Mackenzie for seizing this opportunity to expand her knowledge of different cultures and explore what the world has to offer. I am proud to represent Iowans like Mackenzie in the U.S. House of Representatives. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating her and wish her nothing but the best as she embarks on this new adventure.

HONORING MR. ARMAND
CHARBONNET

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Armand Louis Charbonnet, the Vice President of Charbonnet-Labat-Glapiion Funeral Homes, who passed away on July 9, 2015, at the age 84.

Mr. Charbonnet was a United States Army veteran, a lifelong Catholic, member of the Vikings Krewe, patriarch of his family, and a leader in the New Orleans community. He directed numerous funerals in New Orleans and surrounding parishes in one of the oldest continuously operating African-American funeral homes in the country. Known for its traditional jazz funerals, horse drawn glass hearses, and the famous saying "My Soul Goes to Heaven but take my body to Charbonnet," Charbonnet-Labat-Glapiion Funeral Homes has served Louisiana for more than 132 years.

To honor Mr. Charbonnet, who was affectionately known by family and friends as "Big Daddy," today we recognize the fulfillment of his mission. In commemoration of his life and achievements we strive to put the needs of others first as he did for countless families through the painful process of laying a loved one to rest.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACH
SAFE RELATIONSHIPS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Teach Safe Relationships Act along with my colleagues SUZANNE BONAMICI and ALMA ADAMS.

Too often, young Americans engage in abusive, unhealthy relationships. In fact, young women between 16 and 24 years old are victims of intimate partner violence at three times the national average of all women. These statistics and the stories of sexual abuse and dating violence among teens and college students demand that we examine innovative approaches to curb unhealthy relationship behavior.

The Teach Safe Relationships Act, introduced by Sen. TIM KAINE of Virginia, takes a strong step to address this problem by ensuring that American students discuss safe relationship behavior as part of sex education. Through comprehensive curricula that use effective approaches to prevent teen dating violence, sexual assault, and harassment, we can ensure that our young people have the tools they need to make safe decisions in relationships and identify unhealthy or abusive behavior.

I am encouraged that key provisions of this legislation have been included in the Every Child Achieves Act in the Senate, and hope that my colleagues in the House will build on that momentum by supporting the Teach Safe Relationships Act.

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS HALLMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicholas Hallman of Des Moines, Iowa for receiving a coveted Fulbright award during the 2014–2015 Academic Year. Nicholas is a recent graduate of the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, History, and French. He will travel to Turkey in September 2015 and begin his work in one of the newly-established state universities.

While in Turkey, Nicholas will be teaching English and plans to establish an American film and television club. He hopes to bridge the gap and make comparisons between American and Turkish society. Nicholas would also like to spend time organizing relief efforts for war refugees and volunteer at refugee camps.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize Nicholas today. It is the young people like him who are willing to work hard and make sacrifices for the betterment of society that will lead our future generations. I know my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Nicholas on this outstanding achievement and wish him nothing but continued success moving forward.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLEAN
SLATE FOR MARIJUANA OF-
FENSES ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation that will allow certain federal marijuana offenders the opportunity to clear their record.

In 1973, Oregon became the first state to decriminalize the personal possession of a small amount of marijuana. Since then, an additional 15 states have adopted similar policies. 23 states, the District of Columbia and Guam have passed laws that allow for the use of marijuana for certain medical conditions. In 2012, Washington and Colorado legalized the adult use of marijuana and in 2014, Oregon and Alaska followed suit. Oregon also recently led the nation in passing legislation to reduce penalties for marijuana offenses and qualifying certain marijuana offenses for expungement that could not previously be expunged.

Under the Controlled Substances Act, however, marijuana remains a Schedule I substance, classified as severely as heroin and LSD and defined as having no medical value. As a result, at the federal level, possessing or distributing marijuana, regardless of the amount and regardless of state law, remains illegal.

While the current Administration's policy is not to prosecute those who are operating in compliance with state law so long as they meet certain federal enforcement priorities, this was not always the case and may not always be the case going forward. Until recently, too many people were wrongly caught

up in the conflict between federal and state law.

In 2013, after a state-legal marijuana industry began to emerge in Montana, a federal investigation responded with a series of 33 sentences against individuals, many who argued they were abiding by that system. The federal government also pursued drug trafficking charges against a family in Washington claiming to grow marijuana within the bounds of Washington's medical marijuana law. The \$10 million trial ultimately resulted in a manufacturing charge that will remain on their record.

In addition, while the federal government generally devotes more resources to large-scale drug trafficking and lets local jurisdictions enforce marijuana possession offenses, federal possession charges occur. Over the past 10 years, at least 1,100 people have been sentenced for marijuana possession at the federal level.

The Clean Slate for Marijuana Offenses Act of 2015 creates a pathway for two groups of federal marijuana offenders to expunge—or clear the criminal record of—their marijuana offense: those who were federally charged for activity that was legal in the state they were in at the time; and those whose offense was the possession of an ounce or less of marijuana.

A federal drug conviction, no matter how small, can follow a person for their entire life, potentially limiting education and employment opportunities. As more and more states legalize different uses of marijuana, no one should be saddled with a record for activities related to marijuana that were legal in their state.

In addition, the possession of a small amount should not ruin a person's chances at significant opportunities later in life. While the number of people charged with federal possession offenses is low, over seven million people have been arrested with marijuana possession when totaling state, federal and local law enforcement statistics over the past 10 years. This legislation sends a strong signal to state and local jurisdictions that allowing a pathway for expungement for certain marijuana offenders should happen at all levels of law enforcement.

TRIBUTE TO WHITEROCK CONSERVANCY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Whiterock Conservancy for the opening of their new Whiterock Conservancy Backcountry Trail.

At nearly forty miles, the Whiterock Conservancy Backcountry Trail is one of the largest destination trail systems in Central Iowa. After raising funds for seven years, 20 miles of the trail, two new campgrounds, and many other new visitor experiences are complete. Six miles of new equestrian trails will take riders to new vistas, and the double track trail now loops along both sides of the Raccoon River, providing all users, including the mobility challenged or drivers in low power ATV's, with a wonderful background for enjoying their leisure time. These trail improvements allow hikers, snowshoers, bikers, and nature lovers alike the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful landscape of central Iowa.

I applaud and congratulate Whiterock Conservancy for achieving their goals and opening this wonderful destination for Iowans and all Americans to enjoy. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Whiterock Conservancy and their board of directors and wishing them all continued success in the future.

CLASS 6A PLAYER OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kourtney Coveney of Katy High School for being named Class 6A Player of the Year by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Kourtney led her team to the first state softball title in district history. Throughout the season she had a 3.32 earned run average as well as 79 strikeouts in 135 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. Not only is she an excellent pitcher, Kourtney's batting average is .511 with 17 doubles, a home run, and 54 runs batted in. She will continue her softball career at West Texas A&M University. Kourtney has made her parents, coaches, and the town of Katy proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Kourtney Coveney on all of her achievements. We look forward to hearing more about her continued success.

REMEMBERING LOU LENART

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a true hero of the United States and Israel, Lou Lenart. I would like to recognize his heroic efforts and great sacrifice in keeping both countries safe during World War II and Israel's War of Independence.

Lou began his incredible journey as Layos Lenovitz in a Hungarian village near the Czech border. When he was 10 years old, he moved with his family to the United States in order to escape increasing anti-Semitism. At age seventeen, Lou enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he became a fighter pilot. He served in the U.S. military valiantly, flying in the Battle of Okinawa and other engagements in the Pacific.

After the war, he learned that fourteen of his relatives who had remained in Hungary had been killed in Auschwitz. This prompted him to join a clandestine effort to smuggle surplus American aircraft into Israel. He also helped recruit other war veterans like himself to fly for the Israeli Air Force (IAF).

After surviving the treacherous journey smuggling aircraft into Israel, Lou led his comrades Ezer Weizman, Eddie Cohen, and Modi Alon in the IAF's first mission. On May 29th, 1948, two weeks after Israel declared its independence, Egyptian soldiers and tanks were advancing to Tel Aviv. With Lou at the helm, the secretly assembled IAF was able to force the Egyptian troops to retreat. This mission gave Lou the most accurate nickname I have ever heard, "the man who saved Tel Aviv."

Lou served bravely throughout Israel's War of Independence and later participated in Operation Ezra and Nehemiah, which airlifted Iraqi Jews to Israel. After leaving the military he became a pilot for El Al Airlines and a film producer.

Lou passed away on Monday of this week at age 94, but his life will forever be remembered as one of exceptional service and commitment to both the United States and Israel. His sacrifices and achievements are great, and I hope Lou's heroic efforts will serve as a reminder to us all that one individual can truly make a difference.

LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Stafford, Texas's own Living Water International on its upcoming 25th anniversary. Over the last 25 years, Mike Mantel and his team have drilled over 15,000 wells and provided clean water to people in more than 23 countries.

After taking a water well drilling trip to Senegal, Mike was inspired to provide clean water to people around the world. To Mike, getting people water was the foundation for a successful life. A life where agriculture could develop, people would be healthier, and women could spend less time hauling water and more time in school. Living Water International's mission to share the love of God and provide access to clean drinking water to countries around the world is inspiring. As a community, we are humbled and grateful by the work Mike and his team at Living Water International are doing.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we thank you for 25 years of dedication to bringing clean water to people around the world.

DODD/FRANK 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the five-year anniversary of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This critically important piece of legislation has strengthened oversight of the financial sector, given regulators the tools to end the era of "too big to fail," and has eliminated loopholes that allowed risky and abusive practices to go unnoticed and unregulated.

As we mark this five-year anniversary, we must recognize that the "Great Recession" of 2008 did not occur naturally as a part of the regular financial cycle, but as a result of the lack of transparency and accountability in the financial sector.

During the "Great Recession" the American economy lost over 4 million jobs, 13 trillion dollars in household wealth and approximately

5 million homeowners lost their homes to foreclosure.

Consequently, Dodd-Frank implemented reforms to prevent the bad actors from continuing to commit the types of deceptive and harmful practices that led to these catastrophic results. Most notably, Dodd-Frank created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which over the past five years has returned over \$10.1 billion dollars to over 17 million con-

sumers that were subjected to unfair treatment.

No legislation is perfect, and there is still room for minor tweaks to be made in order to ensure Dodd-Frank achieves its original goal of increased transparency, market efficiency and consumer protection. However, we must continue to defend against Republican attacks to completely dismantle this critically important legislation. The sad reality is that Republican

majority has spent countless hours attempting to weaken the financial regulatory system, and to reverse many of the important reforms made by Dodd-Frank.

We must continue to protect our recovering economy, promote stability in our financial markets, and ensure that regulators have the tools to protect the American people.