

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL CEREAL DAY

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Cereal Day, which occurred last week on March 7th. As several cereal producers have facilities in my district, I want to recognize the importance cereal has played in the everyday lives of Americans since the 19th century.

According to recent polling data, cereal is America's most popular breakfast food. Not only is cereal a part of a nutritious way to wake up, but it can be enjoyed at all times during the day alone or used to create delicious cuisine.

I am proud that the First District of Iowa is home to two prominent cereal facilities which have provided tasty cereal to Americans for generations. The largest cereal plant in the world, located right in Cedar Rapids, and owned by Quaker Oats employs around a thousand hardworking Iowans and produces many of the products in your bowl on a daily basis. Just across town, General Mills has a facility which makes Cheerios and other delicious staples of your morning breakfast. Both of these companies are important to the economy of Cedar Rapids and I celebrate their contributions to the community.

I raise a spoon and a glass of milk to all fellow cereal lovers and the hardworking Iowans in the First District which produce healthy, wholesome, and nutritious products for families around the world.

ST. JOSEPH-OGDEN BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding success of the St. Joseph-Ogden Boy's Basketball Team.

The St. Joseph-Ogden Spartans defeated Rockridge 61-43 on March 11 to give the school its first ever Class 2A boys' basketball state title. After struggling for much of the season, and their season on the brink, the Spartans put together an improbable ten-game winning streak which culminated in a state championship.

I would like to congratulate boys athletic director Dick Duval, head coach Brian Brooks, assistant coaches Kiel Duval, Mike Bialeschki, and Isaiah Olson, and athletic trainer Casey Hug, who worked hard to help St. Joseph-Ogden achieve this victory.

Members of the state championship team include: Ty Brown, Brandon Trimble, Brandon Dable, Drayke Lannert, Kolten Taylor, Garrett

Grimsley, Aaron Schluter, Tegan Poole, Jake Pence, Kohlten Johnson, Jordan Brooks, Brody Trimble, Eli Oltean, and Ryan Ferriman.

I look forward to the continued success of the St. Joseph-Ogden Boy's basketball team and I extend my best wishes for another outstanding season next year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 15, 2016, I regret that I was otherwise detained and unable to cast a vote on roll call vote no. 118, on an amendment offered by Rep. PALLONE to H.R. 3797, the Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE THE NATIONAL NORDIC MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution to designate the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, Washington as the National Nordic Museum of the United States.

The museum celebrates a heritage with strong and proud ties to the region, with many Seattleites claiming ancestry from Nordic countries.

As the only museum in the United States that encompasses a broader focus on all Nordic countries—including Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden—the museum's prominence as a source of exhibits on Nordic culture and history is unparalleled. The museum's collections include not only items brought by Nordic immigrants from 1840 to 1920, but also contemporary objects from their descendants.

The Nordic Heritage Museum has outgrown its current location, now undertaking the laudable albeit considerable effort to modernize its setting to suit its growing needs. The new location will include upgraded facilities and enable a broader series of exhibits in a more spacious setting. I am looking forward to seeing the museum expand its reach and thrive in its new location.

I am fortunate and proud to represent a district that is home to such a rich array of cultural and historical gems. The Nordic Heritage Museum adds to the city's—indeed the region's—wealth of museums, and I am pleased to support an effort to strengthen its national esteem and recognition. I urge my colleagues

to support this resolution to designate it as the National Nordic Museum of the United States.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. HARRY D. JOHNSTON

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the self-described "Last of the country doctors," Dr. Harry D. Johnston, who passed away on March 15, 2016 at Pine-nacle Health in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Johnston, a native of McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, was a general practitioner in his hometown for nearly 46 years. In 2013, he was named the "Outstanding Citizen" of his community for his untiring dedication as a community leader and care-giver, healer, and one who makes every effort to ease a person's pain. In the community he was thought of as a trusted, extended family member. Over the years Dr. Johnston took an interest in all the individuals he came in contact with, paying special attention to their concerns, medical treatment, and everyday issues.

He also was a community leader serving on the Boards of the First National Bank of McConnellsburg, the Arthur Schmidt Charitable Trust, the Fulton County Medical Center, and the Fulton County Home Nursing Services Association. His vision led to the creation of the Tri-State Community Health Center, the county's 911 system, and the funding of a state-of-the-art hospital with modern equipment, staff and specialty physicians.

His interests included antique cars, farming, hunting and flying.

Dr. Johnston was born on September 19, 1936, was graduated from the Mercersburg Academy, attended the University of London, was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, and the University of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife Darlene Pierce Johnston, a son Harry Pierce Johnston (husband of Winter), two granddaughters Ella and Maggie, a sister Alice Walker and nephews William and Kenneth Walker.

HONORING ALEX JOSEPH NELSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Joseph Nelson. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alex scraped and spray painted 28 fire hydrants in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Joseph Nelson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus, I'm proud to support Brain Awareness Week to highlight the importance of neuroscience research as one of the most promising and productive areas of science today. Understanding the brain is not only important for understanding speech, memory, pain, or decision-making, but could lead to treatments that have a transformational impact on millions of individuals who suffer from neurological and psychiatric disorders like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. We must continue to make robust and sustained investments in agencies like the NIH to continue the tremendous progress we've already made, both to improve public health, and to maintain our leadership in the scientific enterprise.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, on March 14th & March 15th, 2016, I was unavoidably detained because I was attending to matters in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On roll call no. 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, I would have voted NO.

On roll call no. 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 123, I would have voted YES.

HONORING MS. LINDA PARKS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Linda Parks, whom I have named Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. For more than four decades, Ms. Parks has worked to build Napa-based Lixit Animal Care Products into the major manufacturer and employer it is today.

Currently serving as President and CEO of the company, Ms. Parks joined Lixit in 1971 as a buyer, three years after the company's

founding. At the time, it employed only ten people. In 1994, Ms. Parks and other employees purchased the company using an Employee Stock Ownership Plan, allowing employee stakeholders to participate in business's future and success.

Under Ms. Parks's leadership, Lixit maintains international markets in Canada and Mexico, and employs more than 100 people in its downtown Napa, California location. Lixit employs many people with developmental disabilities, helping them participate in the workforce and gain independence through the company's Adults with Disabilities program.

Ms. Parks has earned a distinguished reputation in the California business community. In 2015, the North Bay Business Journal named her one of the Women in Business award winners of the year. A graduate of the Building a Minority Business program at the Tuck School of Business, Ms. Parks has led Lixit to become a certified women-owned company.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Linda Parks for her dedication to building a successful business and diverse workforce that enlivens the Napa County business community. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP ALFRED A. OWENS, JR.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr., who this week is celebrating 50 years of pastoral ministry in the District of Columbia at Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church, where he has provided outstanding service to not only residents of the District, but throughout the country.

As pastor of one of the largest churches in the District, for five decades, Bishop Owens has been among the nation's most prominent pastors. His reputation for serving his community, humor, and messages of hope has allowed him to grow from a membership of only seven members in 1966 to more than 7,000 today.

Bishop Owens, a native Washingtonian, has a heart for the community, establishing, among other social service programs an alcohol and drug abuse program and free mental and emotional counseling through certified professionals, and becoming one of the first church HIV/AIDS healthcare programs in the nation. In addition, he is passionate about helping our returning citizens and making them productive community members. He lives by his mantra, "It's just nice to be nice." But, he understands the responsibility he has as a pastor to ensure his ministry goes beyond the four walls of the church and serves those most in need.

Among Bishop Owen's many accomplishments are serving as the Dean of the Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops since 2000. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Howard University School of Divinity.

Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues know of the ministry of Bishop Owens and many congressional staff attend his church. There-

fore, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr., for 50 years of extraordinary contributions to the national capital region and the nation and to wish him many more years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL—WASHINGTON, DC

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the World Affairs Council—Washington, DC (WAC—DC). WAC—DC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to expanding awareness among the American public and international community of geopolitical, business, and civil society issues in our interconnected world.

Since its founding in 1980, the World Affairs Council—Washington, DC has positively impacted the professional development of hundreds of thousands of teachers, educators, and students (high school and college) in the DC metro area, across the United States, and internationally through its global education, international affairs, and global communications programs. In 2009, WAC—DC launched its own weekly one hour international affairs program, World Affairs TODAY, that is filmed in front of a live audience in the Horizon Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center and broadcast nationally throughout the United States.

The Council provides a neutral, independent and non-partisan forum for speeches by presidents, prime ministers, cabinet officials, Members of Congress, and other prominent political leaders. Additionally, economists, diplomats, scholars, corporate leaders, authors, governors, researchers, journalists, and Nobel laureates are invited to participate. American and international speakers join Council members, VIP guests, online and television audiences, and the public for in-depth discussions on major foreign policy and education issues that have a global impact.

To prepare young people to compete in the 21st century, the Council educates students on international affairs and encourages a national dialogue on "The Importance of Global Education." The Council's teacher development workshops and seminars, youth leadership forums, Academic World Quest competitions, internships, and international study abroad programs foster a balanced view of global issues. The programs facilitate worldwide knowledge transfer, multicultural understanding, and analytical insights for American and international educators, teachers, and high school and college students.

The March 29, 2016 World Affairs HONORS: Global Education Gala is an annual event that recognizes organizations that demonstrate their commitment to best practices in global education, international affairs, and global communications. The WAC—DC will present five distinguished honorees with awards that exemplify the global education mission of the Council, which is to empower educators, students and citizens to effectively compete, communicate, travel and lead in our diverse and interconnected world.

The Republic of South Africa will receive the Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award that will be accepted by H.E. Mninwa J. Mahlangu, Ambassador to the United States. The IBM Corporation will receive the Global Education Award that will be accepted by Daniel S. Pelino, General Manager—Global Public Sector. The George Mason University will receive the Educator of the Year Award that will be accepted by Dr. Angel Cabrera, President. The National Geographic Society will receive the Global Communications Award that will be accepted by Gary E. Knell, President and CEO. The Keynote Address will be delivered by the United States Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Ashton Carter, who will also receive an International Public Service Award.

The World Affairs Council—DC Board of Directors is composed of an outstanding and dedicated voluntary group of individuals, many of whom are nationally and internationally recognized civic, corporate, education, and former diplomatic and government leaders. Along with a dedicated professional staff, strategic partners, members, and volunteers, the WAC—DC is committed to helping make our nation and world a better place for this and future generations through its global education, international affairs and global communications programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding programs that are being provided nationally and internationally by the World Affairs Council—Washington, DC.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, I missed Roll Call Votes 124 through 126 due to my necessary attendance in Massachusetts at a memorial service for Ms. Tiffany Johnson, who ably served the House of Representatives and the nation as my Democratic Counsel for the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations of the Committee on the Judiciary. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On Roll Call 124, I would have voted AYE—(Final Passage of H.R. 4596, Small Business Broadband Deployment Act).
2. On Roll Call 125, I would have voted AYE—(H.R. 4416, To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project).
3. On Roll Call 126, I would have voted AYE—(H.R. 4434, To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project).

HONORING KELLAN CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kellan Campbell. Kellan is a very special young man who has

exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kellan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kellan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kellan contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kellan remarked 131 curbs for Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Raytown, Missouri. Since the cemetery has no headstones, the curbs markers assist families in locating their deceased loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kellan Campbell for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBERTY COUNTY MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Liberty County men's high school basketball team on their State Championship title.

On March 3rd, 2016, the Panthers defeated Jonesboro High School from north Georgia to win the Class AAAA State Championship and the school's first ever State Championship in any sport.

Davion Mitchell, an impressive player for the team all year, scored 14 points—all in the second half. The Macon Coliseum crowd erupted during the game when Mitchell, who has already committed to play basketball at Auburn University, scored his first points of the game in the second half.

The team's scoring was led by Richard LeCounte with 20 points and Will Richardson with 19 points. Jaalon Frazier helped the team tremendously on the defensive end by grabbing 15 rebounds.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Liberty County men's basketball program as well as their coach, Julian Stokes, on all of their hard work this year. I wish them the best of luck in future seasons and many more State Championships to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICHARD G. LUGAR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE SERIES

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series in celebration of its 25th anniversary. The Lugar Series is a political leadership development program aimed at increasing the number and influence of Hoosier Republican women in

local, state, and national elected and appointed offices. It is my privilege to honor this strong Hoosier organization as it celebrates 25 years of excellence.

The Lugar Series is named after former Indiana Senator Richard Lugar, but his involvement with the group goes far beyond his namesake. In 1989, Judy Singleton, an Indiana businesswoman and volunteer on Senator Lugar's campaign, shared her dream of seeing more women in key roles in our government and in the Republican Party with Senator Lugar. She told him about her idea to start a program to educate women on the ins-and-outs of getting involved with public service. He was immediately enthusiastic and from there the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series was born. Senator Lugar, Judy, and fellow co-founders Teresa Lubbers, Melissa Martin, Barbara Mayes, and Sue Ann Gilroy put this idea into action and in 1990 the Lugar Series graduated their first class of 12 women.

Since its creation, 449 women have graduated from the Lugar Series. Women who are accepted in this program have demonstrated long-term success and leadership ability in their careers or in community service and have a keen interest in participating in public service. Hundreds of these women have gone on to serve in an elected or appointed office. They have served on and led numerous boards and commissions, served as staff members in various political and governmental offices, and/or been elected mayors, state legislators, county clerks and treasurers, school board members, city and town councilors, county commissioners, superior court judges, State Treasurer, State Auditor, and Lt. Governor of Indiana. Additionally, the success of the Lugar Series in Indiana led to the implementation of 19 similar programs across the country. To date, there are over 2,000 graduates nationwide.

As a long-time advocate for women in public service and a current Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am familiar with the history of women in politics and the barriers to entry women face. When the Lugar Series was founded in 1990, there were 29 women serving in Congress out of 535 members, with only 13 being Republican. Today, there are 104 women serving in Congress, including 28 Republicans. State legislatures, local offices, and other elected and appointed positions see similar trends. We have made small strides, but there is still much work to be done.

As part of their program, the Lugar Series selects one outstanding Hoosier woman each year to receive the Nancy Maloley Outstanding Public Servant Award. Recipients have served in the public sector for a minimum of 5 years and display dedication to public service, a creative approach to problem solving, intellectual competency, and effective management and leadership. I was humbled and honored to receive this award in 2014. While there is still progress to be made, I am thrilled at the Lugar Series continued growth and success and look forward to seeing more women leaders emerge.

On behalf of all women, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Judy, Teresa, Melissa, Barbara, Sue Ann, and particularly Senator Lugar for recognizing the importance of educating and empowering women to enter public service and starting this exemplary organization. The Lugar Series has experienced

an exceedingly successful 25 years and I look forward to many more dreams being realized for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES PLACIDO SANCHEZ AND ERICK AMBROISE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputies Placido Sanchez and Erick Ambrose. On February 10, 2016, these deputies responded to a home in Western Loudoun County. At this location, they located an adult male who was unconscious and indications were the incident was drug-related.

The deputies observed the individual go in-and-out of consciousness before becoming completely unresponsive. Based on his training, Deputy Ambrose recognized the symptoms of a potential heroin overdose. Deputy Ambrose then utilized his agency issued naloxone to help revive the man. The individual was taken to the Cornwall Campus of Inova Loudoun Hospital where hospital personnel advised the actions taken by the deputies likely saved the man from a fatal overdose. This is the first-time naloxone was administered by a Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Deputy.

I would like to commend Deputies Placido Sanchez and Erick Ambrose in potentially saving the life of a man who was overdosing on heroin by putting their new training into action and using naloxone. The use of heroin is gripping our community; we will continue to fight this scourge on all fronts with law enforcement action and community involvement.

H.R. 3716, THE ENSURING REMOVAL OF TERMINATED PROVIDERS FROM MEDICAID AND CHIP ACT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3716, the Ensuring Removal of Terminated Providers from Medicaid and CHIP Act, which would improve the integrity of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and expand access to patients.

Today's bipartisan bill would strengthen our federal and State healthcare systems by ensuring patients are protected from fraudulent health providers that have been terminated from participating in Medicaid or CHIP. If a bad actor is terminated from CHIP due to fraudulent practices in one state, this legislation guarantees that provider is prohibited from crossing state lines and opening a practice elsewhere. This fraud is unacceptable and jeopardizes not only patients but States' health programs to waste and abuse. Additionally, H.R. 3716 would create a patient friendly electronic provider database for Medicaid bene-

ficiaries. The database would make it easier for patients to know and choose health care options that work best for them.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that this commonsense legislation, which builds on our health care system, would reduce direct spending by \$28 million over the next ten years. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING MS. EVELYN CHEATHAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Evelyn Cheatham whom I have named Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Since Ms. Cheatham moved to Sonoma 27 years ago, she has served Sonoma residents in a variety of ways, including opening a culinary training program that focuses on empowering young people to pursue a successful future.

After establishing her reputation as a high-profile chef cooking for celebrities, Ms. Cheatham decided to start a new venture that would help the young people of Sonoma County. She started Worth Our Weight (W.O.W.), which provides free training to individuals 16 to 24 years old who have dealt with challenges such as foster care, homelessness, or legal trouble. In addition to enabling young people to pursue a skilled profession in culinary training, Ms. Cheatham offers a social circle to the young people at the restaurant, where they are less likely to be exposed to gangs or violence. Furthermore, she ensures the young people get at least one solid meal a day, a necessity many of her students lack.

Her work has not been limited to teaching cooking. Ms. Cheatham serves on the Community and Local Law Enforcement Task Force, where she facilitates communication between law officers and citizens of Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, Evelyn Cheatham has selflessly invested her time and energy into bettering the futures of many of Sonoma County's most vulnerable young people. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we thank and honor her dedication here today.

CONGRATULATING TIM HAWKINS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a longtime member of my staff, Tim Hawkins, on his new position as Government Relations Administrator with the State of Indiana's Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning.

Tim is a dedicated public servant who has worked diligently on behalf of the people of the 6th District. Tim has been on our team from the very beginning and helped set up our district operations when I was first elected to Congress. During his time as a Congressional staffer, Tim has helped countless individuals navigate the complex federal bureaucracy and

receive the help they need. He was instrumental in developing the Lawrenceburg job fair and continuing the long tradition of the Muncie job fair. These events have connected hundreds of people to employers and have helped many of our constituents find jobs.

Tim has always been a fun member of our team—from his affinity for bow ties and all things IU to his legendary hair styles. He is a pleasure to work with and was always ready to lend a helping hand. Although I will miss having Tim on my staff, I know the State of Indiana has gained an excellent public servant.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Tim Hawkins as he begins the next chapter in his career of public service. I know he will bring the same devotion and enthusiasm that he has shown as part of my staff to his new position with the State of Indiana.

IN HONOR OF BERT STEPHEN CRANE

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of a beloved leader in the Merced Community, Bert Stephen Crane. Bert passed away at the age of 84 on Sunday, March 13, 2016 surrounded by his loving family.

On November 29, 1931, Bert was born to fourth generation California farmers and ranchers. Raised on a cattle ranch, he was up before the sun and out until it came down. During his youth, Bert achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Boy Scout troop Number 101.

At Merced High School, Bert was the drum major in band and played basketball. After high school Bert studied at Stanford University and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from U.C. Davis.

During his college years Bert met Nancy Magnuson who he fell in love with and later married in 1957. They remained married for over 58 years and raised three children who would follow the family tradition of ranching and farming. Bert spent most of his life farming walnuts which he ventured into in the early 1970's after his early career in the beef industry. Bert went on to own and operate a successful walnut processing plant.

Bert lived an impressive and inspirational life. He was known to have ridden horses with Ronald Reagan, was extremely involved in the community, and had a passion for healthcare. He led fundraising events for Mercy Hospital and was instrumental in the development of the Mercy Cancer Center. Bert served on the Merced County Planning Commission for 28 years. His service to his community, agriculture and research is one of great respect and integrity.

Bert valued and treasured the time he was able to spend with his family above all else. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, and their three children, Bert A. Crane, Jr., Mary Crane Couchman, and Karen Crane-McNab and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Bert Stephen Crane for his unwavering leadership, and recognizing his accomplishments and outstanding contributions to the community. God bless him always.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID
PRINGLE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional business leader and outstanding citizen, Mr. David Pringle, on the occasion of his retirement as Aflac's Senior Vice President of Federal Relations.

David earned a bachelor's degree in insurance and risk management from Mississippi State University and then built an impressive career in this industry. As a representative of Aflac and the insurance industry, David's ability to work with everyone, regardless of political leanings, made him a familiar face on Capitol Hill and a source of counsel for Members of Congress and their staffs.

David has worked for Aflac for a remarkable 36 years. For nine of those years, he worked with Aflac's sales forces in the states of Mississippi, North Carolina and West Virginia, where he was a state sales coordinator. As Senior Vice President of Federal Relations, David is primarily responsible for coordinating Aflac's government relations and lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C.

As one of Georgia's most renowned and respected companies, Aflac, which is based in my district, exemplifies the meaning of corporate citizenship. Aflac has consistently found its name on prestigious lists such as Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For and Ethisphere's list of World's Most Ethical Companies. I am proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of Aflac and its people on behalf of the citizens of my district.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." David never hesitated to offer his guidance, knowledge, or advice on the nuanced aspects of the complex insurance industry. A man of great integrity, his efforts, his dedication, and his expertise in his field are unparalleled, but his heart for helping others is what makes these qualities truly worthy.

David has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would be possible without the love and support of his wife, Linell, their children, and their grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to David Pringle upon the occasion of his retirement from an outstanding career spanning 36 years at Aflac.

TRIBUTE TO LILLIE ALMA
PATTON DEVLIN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Lillie Alma Patton Devlin, a lifetime resident of Greenwood County, South Carolina, on the occasion of her upcoming 100th birthday.

Born April 13, 1916 into the Jim Crow South, Mrs. Devlin overcame obstacles that

often seemed insurmountable to lead a remarkable life. She and her late husband, John C. Devlin, raised their family with strong determination that their children would have a better life than they had experience and enjoy a greater slice of the American dream. It is very clear that they were successful. Six of their surviving children, earned college degrees, three of them have earned Masters' Degrees and one has earned a doctorate. These accomplishments were made possible by the selfless sacrifices and perseverance of Lillie and John.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Devlin has maintained an unwavering faith, which has emboldened her through good times and sustained her through difficult periods. She has combined her faith with works, serving her beloved Mount Sinai African Methodist Episcopal Church with unwavering dedication, and boundless energy. She continues to serve as a Sunday school teacher, steward, and trustee.

Mrs. Devlin has been equally committed to serving her community. During her tenure as the delegate to the State Education Association from the former Promised Land Elementary School, her reports to the PTA were meticulous, informative, and engaging. When Lillie Devlin embarks upon any task, she completes it enthusiastically and with excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing Mrs. Devlin a very happy 100th birthday. It is a remarkable milestone and she is a remarkable woman. I wish her continued good health and Godspeed.

HONORING CAMERON PRATER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron Prater. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cameron has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cameron scraped and spray painted fire hydrants in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron Prater for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RETIREMENT OF THOMAS S. KAHN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas S. Kahn, a long-tenured staffer

who is retiring from federal service after 32 years of dedicated, trusted work for the House of Representatives. He has spent the last 19 of those years as the Staff Director for the House Budget Committee Democratic staff, and Democrats here in the House have come to rely on Tom's work on the ins and outs of federal budgeting. We will miss his experience and insight, along with his good humor and friendship.

Tom is a loyal Boston Red Sox fan from Massachusetts but started and ended his career on Capitol Hill with Members from the Maryland delegation. Tom came to Capitol Hill as legislative assistant to then-Representative BARBARA MIKULSKI. After time out to earn his law degree from Georgetown University and a brief foray into the private sector, Tom returned to Congress to begin his long service to Representative John Spratt as legislative counsel. Tom served Mr. Spratt throughout the remainder of Mr. Spratt's tenure in Congress, working on both the Government Operations Committee and then later becoming Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the House Budget Committee in 1997. I was pleased when he agreed to stay on as Staff Director when I joined the Budget Committee as Ranking Member.

This year marks Tom's 19th year of service to the Committee as Staff Director, and during that time he has been instrumental in advancing major legislation, including the 1997 budget agreement with President Clinton that led to the first budget surplus in 30 years. He also played a pivotal role in crafting the 2010 budget resolution which paved the way for passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing Tom inevitably also know about the lights of his life: his sons, Benjamin and Daniel—regularly displayed in photos on Tom's tie—and his accomplished wife, Susana Sanchez. If Tom isn't talking about the budget, he's likely conversing about his family.

While Tom is retiring from federal service, he will maintain his dedication to public service in his new role leading government affairs for the American Federation of Government Employees. I thank Tom for his service to our nation and the difference he will continue to make in fighting for federal employees.

HONORING MS. JOSEPHINE OROZCO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Josephine Orozco, whom I have named Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County, California. During her more than two decades living in Rodeo, California, Ms. Orozco has freely offered her talents to improve her community through numerous community endeavors, all while managing a successful restaurant.

A California native and graduate of The University of California at Berkeley, Ms. Orozco and her husband run El Sol Restaurant in Rodeo, California. As a business owner herself, she has worked to revitalize the downtown community and local small businesses. During her tenure as President of the Rodeo Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Orozco drew on

her expertise as a planning and landscape designer to launch an improvement project enhancing small business connectivity and providing recreational space.

Her community work and events engage many Rodeo residents and offer city residents opportunities both to contribute to worthy causes and connect with their neighbors. Ms. Orozco chairs committees for occasions such as the Community Holiday Tree Lighting, and she plans events such as the Rodeo Crab Feed and Chili Cook-Off and Car Show to raise funds to provide local young people with scholarships. In the past, she has also served on the Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council and the R10 Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Josephine Orozco has spent more than two decades generously offering her talent, time, and resources to improve the lives of her neighbors in Rodeo and Contra Costa County. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOWNRIVER FAMILY YMCA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Downriver Family YMCA on their 75th anniversary.

The Downriver Family YMCA was established in Wyandotte, Michigan on January 7, 1941. It was the very first "family" YMCA branch including both boys and girls, and men and women in its mission to build healthy spirits, minds, and bodies for all. Committed to these principles of unity and togetherness, in 2003 the Downriver Y expanded its facilities and currently resides in the Southgate Fun and Fitness Centre. Over the past 75 years, the Downriver Y has served as the place where the community gathers and its newest facility continues to extend the reach of its impact.

The Downriver Family YMCA serves as an inclusive organization committed to nurturing potential in our children and fostering a sense of social responsibility. The organization models the belief that providing an environment in which citizens can grow and thrive is the best way to promote lasting personal and social change. From athletics to education to health services to safe spaces, the programs offered by the Downriver Family YMCA help people from all walks of life improve their well-being and, through this, builds a stronger community.

The celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Downriver Family YMCA is a testament to the YMCA's service to over 16,000 members of the Downriver community and daily support of over 175 children. Through its longstanding partnerships with organizations and business in our neighborhoods, the Downriver Y commits to mentoring our youth and instilling in them the values of citizenship. The Y's investment in our children is vital to ensure a healthy future. All our lives are enriched by the Downriver Family YMCA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in gratitude to honor the Downriver Family YMCA and congratulate them on their

75th anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING W. BRUCE BEATON

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, W. Bruce Beaton has been honored as "Person of the Year" by the Feasterville Business Association, which is celebrating its 67th year. As president of his family-owned insurance business for many years, Bruce Beaton established a respected reputation as a local business owner, while being involved in the activities of the Feasterville Business Association. He also was honored this year for his participation in other regional Chambers of Commerce, the local Police Advisory Board, Centennial Education Foundation and Community Care of the Northeast. In addition, Bruce Beaton has been an elder and treasurer of Bridesburg Presbyterian Church for the past 15 years. His combined work for the betterment of the community, coupled with his business activities demonstrates his dual sense of citizenship and service and so we join in congratulating this year's FBA honoree and thank him for setting an example for others to follow.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE BRENT DICKSON FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE ON THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Indiana Supreme Court Justice Brent E. Dickson on the occasion of his retirement. Justice Dickson was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in 1986, served as Chief Justice for two years, and is the second longest-serving justice in the history of the Indiana Supreme Court. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Justice Dickson's contributions to the Hoosier community and it is my privilege to honor him today.

A lifelong Hoosier, Justice Dickson was born in Gary, Indiana, attended the public schools of Hobart, Indiana, and received his Bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1964. He later attended Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law, of which I am also a proud alumna. Justice Dickson worked full-time as an insurance claims adjuster during law school and took classes at night. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1968.

Prior to his time on the Indiana Supreme Court, he worked as a general practice lawyer in Lafayette, Indiana for seventeen years. In addition to private practice, Justice Dickson dedicated himself to serving others as an educator and a mediator. Upon graduating from law school, Justice Dickson worked as an adjunct professor at both of Indiana University's law schools—the Maurer School of Law in Bloomington and the Robert H. McKinney

School of Law in Indianapolis. He taught evening classes specializing in Indiana Constitutional Law.

Justice Dickson became the Indiana Supreme Court's 100th justice when he was appointed to the court in January of 1986 by then-Governor Robert Orr. During his tenure on the Indiana Supreme Court, Justice Dickson has served with 12 other justices. He served as chairman of multiple committees throughout the years and served as Chief Justice to the Indiana Supreme Court from May 15, 2012 to August 18, 2014.

In total, Justice Dickson wrote 884 opinions in civil and criminal cases, many of them precedent-setting opinions. He authored opinions that led to major reforms of Indiana's property tax system and upheld the state's school voucher program. Among the significant contributions he is most known for was the court's adoption of a rule that kept police interrogations of suspects from being presented in court unless they were recorded. He also is known for his efforts to encourage civility among attorneys and increase legal services for Hoosiers who can't afford them.

During his time on the bench he also co-founded the Sagamore Chapter of the American Inns of Court, was elected to be a member of the American Law Institute, and continues to be an active participant in a host of local, state, and national judicial and legal organizations.

Throughout his career, Justice Dickson served Indiana with commitment and honor. His decades of hard work and public service did not go unnoticed; he received the Indiana State Bar Association's Litigation Section Civility Award in 2015 and the Indianapolis Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award in 2014. He's also an accomplished legal writer, having published several articles during his judicial career on constitutional law, capital punishment, and a variety of other issues in the justice system.

Anyone who knows Justice Dickson knows that his partner in life, his wife Jan, has been an integral part of his success. As founder of the Judicial Family Institute, Jan is a nationally recognized leader in the judicial world. The two of them are passionate about their work with the Institute, which is a national organization dedicated to providing information on topics of concern and importance to the families of judges. They work as a team and Jan is an equal partner in her husband's long and illustrious career.

Justice Dickson is a truly wonderful example of public service and has left a profound and lasting impact on the court. Though I am sad to see Justice Dickson retire from the court, I am happy to know he will continue his work as a mediator and have more time to focus on one of his favorite hobbies, playing the piano. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I'd like to congratulate Justice Dickson on his success and wish him, his wife Jan, and his entire family the best as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING LIAM ANDREW HUNTSUCKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Liam Andrew

Huntsucker. Liam is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Liam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Liam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Liam has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Liam scraped and spray painted fire hydrants in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Liam Andrew Huntsucker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on March 15, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NO on Roll Call Number 118.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECREATION NOT RED-TAPE ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, along with my colleague in the Senate and fellow Oregonian Senator RON WYDEN, I am pleased to introduce the Recreation Not Red-Tape (RNR) Act. This bill helps to support and promote sustainable outdoor recreation on public lands by removing barriers to access and making recreation more of a priority for federal land managers.

In Oregon and across the country, an increasing number of Americans enjoy recreating outdoors. In fact, at least two thirds of Oregonians participate in outdoor recreation each year. Recently, I joined Senator WYDEN for a portion of his tour of Oregon's Seven Wonders—some of our state's most treasured outdoor recreation destinations—and we heard from dozens of Oregonians about how important open spaces, trails, and recreation areas are to individuals, families, businesses, and communities. From the magnificent Columbia River Gorge to lesser known trails and creeks throughout our forests, canyons, and deserts, having access to these places for hiking, nature-watching, biking, and other activities is good for our souls and for our economy.

Outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands in Oregon and nationwide support healthy communities, create jobs, generate tax revenue, and support a high quality of life. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, Americans spend \$646 billion per year on outdoor recreation gear, vehicles, trips, and more. In Oregon, outdoor recreation generates over \$12 billion in consumer spending, tens of

thousands of jobs, and \$4 billion in wages and salaries. Not only that, but supporting sustainable outdoor recreation on public lands can also help protect important ecological, watershed, and fish and wildlife values that underpin high quality recreation experiences.

While public lands are open to all Americans, unfortunately sometimes it's not as easy as it should be to enjoy the great outdoors. Recreation permitting can involve confusing, complicated, and lengthy processes, and federal land managers need support in maintaining trails to facilitate use. We need to prioritize sustainable outdoor recreation for the important, powerful role that it plays in our economy, in our communities, and in our environment.

This bill helps to promote and support sustainable outdoor recreation on public lands by simplifying recreation special use permitting, facilitating access for our youth, seniors, and veterans, prioritizing maintenance of trails through collaborative partnerships, making environmentally responsible outdoor recreation a priority for land management agencies, and more. These changes will help get more people outside to enjoy our environment, nurturing our important bond with the natural world. The next step will be to complement these efforts by continuing to conserve and protect the special places that provide us with recreation opportunities, so that those opportunities can be available for generations to come.

GOVERNMENT OF KAZAKHSTAN'S COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Kazakhstan has been tireless in its commitment to nuclear non-proliferation. The steadfastness their government has shown in this area is a key part of our bilateral relationship and a clear example of Kazakhstan's leadership to the global community. This issue is particularly timely as the President of Kazakhstan; Nursultan Nazarbayev will be participating in the upcoming Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, DC on March 31st and April 1st.

President Nazarbayev's efforts to lead Kazakhstan to unilaterally surrender its nuclear stockpile under the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program were historic and helped to create today's non-proliferation framework. More recently, Kazakhstan together with the International Atomic Energy Agency and other outside partners established the world's first Low-Enriched Uranium (LEU) Fuel Bank. This Fuel Bank, which Kazakhstan has committed to support through facilities and resources as the host nation, provides a secondary market for LEU to guarantee that all nations have an energy source for peaceful civilian nuclear power—and as importantly—have no reason to develop nuclear enrichment technologies of their own.

Additionally, Kazakhstan is preparing to host an international exposition in the city of Astana next year titled, Expo 2017. The theme will be "future energy" and include contributions from national governments, non-governmental orga-

nizations and private companies on how mankind can provide the power to support ever increasing levels of human development.

Lastly, this year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kazakhstan's independence after the Soviet Union and the start of bilateral relations with the United States. We mark this occasion in celebration of what has been achieved and note the areas where we can seek progress. The U.S. commitment to Kazakhstan and the region will continue to endure and taking steps such as repealing the outdated Jackson-Vanik restrictions will help to maintain the strong relationship. As we mark this occasion I look forward to a bright future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 124, I would like to be recorded as voting Yea. On Roll Call 118, I would like to be recorded as voting No.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 16, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Numbers 124, 125, and 126.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT CONNER CHAPPELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Conner Chappell of Van Meter, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Conner cleaned the hiking trails and painted the shelter ceiling at Trindle Park in Van Meter. The work ethic Conner displayed all throughout his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Conner

and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING MS. MONICA
ROSENTHAL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monica Rosenthal, whom I have named Woman of the Year in Lake County, California. In her two decades living in Middletown, California, Ms. Rosenthal has dedicated countless hours to community service, even while running a successful business.

Born in Hawaii and raised in towns across the country, Ms. Rosenthal settled in California after meeting her husband Dave. Together, Monica and Dave manage their 40 acre vineyard in Lake County. Beyond her business experience, Ms. Rosenthal invests her time and resources to improve the lives of her neighbors.

No stranger to organizing her neighbors in support of a cause, Ms. Rosenthal has served on two Save the Lake campaigns and assisted her community with recovery efforts after the Valley Fire devastated the southern portion of Lake County. Ms. Rosenthal drew on her experience as a small business owner and a community servant to plan a successful Economic Outlook and Forecast event in December 2015, which brought together government, business, education, and healthcare leaders to stimulate the economic recovery process.

Ms. Rosenthal has supported a wide range of both local environmental and social programs. She represented District 1 on the Lake County Planning Commission from 2007 to 2009, and, for the past five years, has represented District 1 on the Lake County Farm Bureau, lending her practical expertise to County leadership. Additionally, she supports foster youth and senior programs such as Redwood Children's Services and the Middletown Senior Center.

Mr. Speaker, Monica Rosenthal is a key part of the Lake County community and we thank her for her dedication to community service and her active participation in social programs. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CONGRATULATING COLUMBUS
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Columbus North High School on its 2016 IHSA state championship in girls' gymnastics.

The Bull Dogs faced off against two-time defending champion Valparaiso High School on March 12th at Ball State University's Worthen Arena. During their tenth straight appearance at the state meet, the team made their mark by breaking the state record for total points and beating the runner-up Valparaiso Vikings 114.850 to 113.250. In fact, three of Columbus North's female gymnasts placed in the top five performances in Saturday's meet and Senior Katrina May was notably awarded the Mildred M. Ball Mental Attitude Award.

I am proud of these young women for not only their remarkable win, but also for the Hoosier sportsmanship that they displayed throughout their undefeated season. I want to commend Coaches Sandy Freshour and Bob Arthur as well as all of the assistant coaches who led these young women through this historic victory.

Congrats, Bull Dogs, on a perfect season.

HONORING JACOB MATTHEW
PEARSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Matthew Pearson. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jacob constructed a brick patio under an existing bench and pavilion in the playground at First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob Matthew Pearson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE
POOR VS. THE FEDERAL GOV-
ERNMENT

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I speak today in defense of the Little Sisters of the Poor in their stand for religious liberty in America. Next week, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case between the Little Sisters of the Poor and the federal government. The Little Sisters' ministry is to care for the elderly poor all over the world. The Little Sisters here

in the United States run a nonprofit to take care of America's elderly poor. They are now fighting the federal government in order to be able to preserve their ministry.

The federal government's argument is this: The Little Sisters of the Poor must violate the tenets of their Catholic faith and authorize their third-party health care administrators to provide contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients to recipients of their health insurance. Never mind that the government has granted complete exemptions of this mandate to massive, secular companies such as Exxon and Pepsi. The government would rather force the Little Sisters of the Poor to reject their sincere and righteous religious beliefs than grant them a full exemption like larger, secular companies have received. The government would rather force the Little Sisters out into the streets when they can't pay the oppressive fines if they don't comply with this unjust mandate. It's morally disgusting, and it's insulting to any lover of freedom.

I urge my colleagues to pray with me that the Supreme Court upholds religious freedom in America and sides with the Little Sisters of the Poor.

CONGRATULATING GARY
GRINNELL

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gary Grinnell on his recent appointment to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Grinnell currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Corning Credit Union, located in my hometown of Corning, New York. Prior to this appointment, he served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Grinnell has nearly 25 years of experience in the financial services industry and has held numerous positions involving internal audit, consumer and real estate lending operations, risk management, and member services.

Mr. Grinnell serves on NAFCU's Legislative Committee and has testified before Congress on behalf of the Association. He has a deep understanding of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions across the country. I am confident that his expertise and years of experience will benefit the NAFCU Board and local credit unions for years to come.

Mr. Grinnell has lived in the Corning community for 18 years, where he and his wife Melissa have raised their three children. Mr. Grinnell's commitment to our community is evident by his leadership on the Southern Tier Economic Growth Board of Directors and the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gary Grinnell and wishing him the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors.

CONGRATULATING THE CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM TEAM ON THEIR NATIONAL RECORD BREAKING 30TH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Carmel High School Girls Swim team for winning the 2015–2016 Girls Swimming State Championship title. Last year, I was proud to honor this team for their 29th consecutive state championship title, which tied the national record for the most consecutive state championship wins in any sport. This year's win is even more momentous, as it marks their 30th consecutive state title and broke the national record for most consecutive state championship wins in any high school sport.

This tremendous national record breaking win has been 30 years in the making. This state championship concluded the Greyhounds' already impressive season, and marked the teams' place in history as the best sports program in our nation's history. The Lady Greyhounds won 9 out of 11 events at the State Championship for a total of 438 points, far overshadowing the second-place team, which finished with 193.5 points. In accomplishing their 30th state title, there were other notable individual achievements. Senior Veronica Burchill broke her own state record in the 100-yard butterfly event, which she set at last year's state championship. Senior Claire Adams won the 100-yard backstroke, making her the first woman to win the 100-yard backstroke all four years of her high school career and the first swimmer in Indiana history to win 16 state titles (4 team championships and 12 individual). Claire also took home the Mental Attitude Award.

Throughout the years, the Lady Greyhounds have demonstrated incredible dedication to their sport—training year-round and putting in countless hours in the pool and the weight room. They have been supported by their committed parents, coaches, and trainers, and led by head coach Chris Plumb. Coach Plumb has been coaching the Lady Greyhounds since 2006, leading them to 10 of their last 30 consecutive titles. He works tirelessly to inspire, teach, and motivate his swimmers to dream big and reach their goals. High school sports are a special experience. They teach discipline, build character, and allow young men and women to have experiences they will remember for a lifetime. This team exemplifies the wonderful attributes that high school sports teach, and I am proud to represent such a hardworking and highly regarded group of young women and coaches.

The Greyhounds' 30th state championship title is momentous for each and every member of the Carmel High School swim team, both past and present. This team has been building a legacy for decades and I am thrilled that the current coaches and swimmers and all those that came before them are able to see this legacy come to fruition. I look forward to cheering the team on through another great season next year.

INTRODUCTION OF WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN STEM BOOSTER ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Women and Minorities in STEM Booster Act—important legislation to address the troubling underrepresentation of these groups in growing career fields.

Companies that harness America's advantages in science and technology continue to grow and create high-paying jobs, yet the pipelines for these careers often leave out women and under-represented minorities. Indeed, according to the American Community Survey, women make up half of the workforce but hold only 26 percent of STEM-related jobs.

The STEM Booster Act tackles this disparity head-on through efforts to include women and minorities in the STEM workforce. The bill authorizes a competitive grant program so that professional organizations, universities, non-profits, and others can develop innovative programs to foster interest and participation in these subjects among young women and minorities.

Studies have shown that women and minorities have just as much interest in science and math as other students, but are much less likely to declare a STEM major or complete a degree in one of these subjects. Mentoring programs, internships, and outreach efforts can help to ensure that these students can translate an interest in STEM into a degree and a career.

I want to thank Sen. HIRONO for her partnership on this issue, and urge my colleagues to support this important effort.

HONORING JEFFREY ALAN MACKKEY, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey Alan Mackkey, Jr. Jeffrey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1309, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeffrey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jeffrey has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and become a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow. Jeffrey has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jeffrey coordinated the reconstruction of a large retaining wall in the resident's courtyard at the Excelsior Springs Convalescent Center in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeffrey Alan Mackkey, Jr., for his

accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. QUENTIN YOUNG'S LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember my mentor and precious friend Dr. Quentin Young, who passed away last week.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle called him, "a relentless advocate of fairness and justice for all citizens." In his book, *County, Dr. David Ansell* describes Dr. Young as a "legend," a role model who attracted residents from all over the country to train with him at Chicago's Cook County Hospital. I am proud to have known Quentin Young as an advocate and as my personal physician.

Throughout his life, Quentin Young fought to eliminate discrimination and to create a society rooted firmly in justice. As a young doctor, he was deeply troubled by the segregation he saw in Chicago hospitals, and he founded the Committee to End Discrimination to end it. He founded the Medical Committee for Human Rights to provide medical care to civil rights and anti-war advocates. He served as president of the American Public Health Association. And he helped lead other physicians in the push for universal health care, creating the Physicians for a National Health Program, which continues his legacy for medical care where "everyone is in, and nobody is left out."

Quentin Young inspired many of us to agitate for social and economic change, to literally go the extra mile. In 2001, he walked 167 miles across Illinois to champion the call for universal health care.

Where Quentin Young saw problems, he also saw solutions. When patients came to him after suffering serious medical problems from back-alley abortions, he joined the battle to win legal abortion. Today, at a time when abortion rights continue to be attacked, it is important to remember his words to us, "It's not a choice of abortion or no abortion, but safe abortion or unsafe abortion."

Quentin Young also understood that the fight for universal health care is part of a larger fight: to eliminate poverty, to make sure that every child receives quality education and to guarantee democracy throughout our society. As a young man, he registered African American voters during Mississippi Freedom Summer and participated in one of the 1965 marches from Selma to Montgomery. Throughout his life, he pushed for voting rights and to make our electoral system responsive to the needs of voters, not the demands of the wealthiest campaign contributors.

In Chicago and across the country, there are countless individuals like me whose lives have been made better because of Quentin Young and who are committed to paying-forward the lessons he taught us. He has inspired us not just to fight for economic and social justice but to build the movements that will bring results. While he will be greatly missed, we will continue that fight.

HONORING MS. MARIA GUEVARA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Guevara, whom I have named Woman of the Year in Solano County. Ms. Guevara is a tireless advocate for the rights and needs of homeless individuals in Vallejo, California.

Ms. Guevara has spent much of her life in California, and attended Solano Community College, Napa Valley College, and St. Mary's College of California. From volunteering with Filipino American Social Services to serving as a board member for Vallejo Community Access Television, Ms. Guevara has dedicated her time to causes close to her heart. She also enjoys volunteering in her faith community as a religious education teacher at St. Basil the Great.

In 2010, Ms. Guevara founded Vallejo Together, a group of dedicated volunteers, to address the unmet needs of homeless people in her community. Vallejo Together provides many services, including serving meals, connecting individuals to resources, and sponsoring events such as a "Youth and Parent Expo" and "Unity Day" to celebrate Vallejo's diversity and families. The volunteer group aims to empower those in need to become self-sufficient so they can enjoy an independent and fulfilling life.

Mr. Speaker, Maria Guevara selflessly spends her time and energy caring for others in our community. Everyone Ms. Guevara works with enjoys her warm and compassionate nature, and Vallejo continues to benefit from her inspiring dedication to service. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CELEBRATING THE PLANTING OF
A TREE ON THE U.S. CAPITOL
GROUNDS HONORING CONGRESS-
MAN EDWARD R. ROYBAL

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I led the planting of a tree on the U.S. Capitol Grounds in honor of my father, the late Congressman Edward R. Roybal. The tree, a red oak (*Quercus rubra*), was planted on the south side of the House of Representatives along Southwest Drive, near the intersection of Independence Avenue SW and South Capitol Street.

For helping to make this planting a reality, I extend my most sincere thanks to Speaker PAUL RYAN, Senate Rules Committee Chairman ROY BLUNT, Architect of the Capitol Stephen R. Ayers, and all my congressional colleagues who signed the letter in support of the tree planting ceremony.

On behalf of my family, I also extend my deep gratitude and appreciation to three congressional leaders who spoke at yesterday's ceremony: Senator HARRY REID, whom my father admired and considered a very dear friend; Minority Leader NANCY PELOSI, whom

my father often referred to as the gentleday from California and predicted would one day become a great leader; and Minority Whip STENY HOYER, whom my father respected and proudly served with as a member of the Appropriations Committee. I also want to offer my heartfelt thanks to House Chaplain Fr. Patrick J. Conroy, S.J., who blessed the tree during the ceremony.

In celebration of the centennial of my father's birth, I can think of no greater tribute than the planting of this red oak tree on the U.S. Capitol Grounds.

Adding to this occasion is that it is also the 40th anniversary of my father's founding of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, better known as NALEO.

If my father were alive today, of all the tributes he has received, including the Medal of Freedom from President Obama, the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Clinton, the naming of the CDC Campus in his honor, and many others, this would be among his most cherished, because this tree is being planted between the House of Representatives, which my father truly believed is the people's house, and the Rayburn Building, where he spent much of his 30 years in Congress doing the people's work.

The magic of this tree is that it will be a living testimony of my father's work to ignite beacons of hope and opportunity for all Americans.

As a poet once wrote, "A tree is the greatest human service provider. It provides shade while standing, comfort when converted, and fire when burned."

To all who made yesterday possible, and to those who honored us with your presence and made this occasion even more special, my family and I are extremely grateful, and we thank you.

CELEBRATING RICHARD A.
LEYENDECKER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Richard A. Leyendecker, a decorated war hero and successful business owner.

Mr. Leyendecker was born to Peter P. Leyendecker Jr. and Emma Jordan Leyendecker. A lifelong resident of Laredo, Texas, he attended St. Peter's Memorial School and Martin High School. He enrolled in Texas A&M University until, at the age of 19, he enlisted into the Army Air Corps to serve his country during World War II.

Mr. Leyendecker was a heavy bomber in the European Theater during World War II. In August of 1944, while he was flying a mission in support of the Normandy invasion, he was shot down and declared missing in action. He endured prisoner of war camps for nearly a year before American troops were able to liberate him. In recognition of his service and sacrifice, Mr. Leyendecker received the Prisoner of War Medal, the European-African Middle Eastern Ribbon with 4 bronze stars, and the WWII Victory Ribbon, among other honors.

After returning home, Mr. Leyendecker resumed his studies at Texas A&M University,

earning a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Upon graduation he began working with his father at their family construction business in Laredo. He and two of his four sons, Gary and Mark, founded Leyendecker Construction, Inc. in 1980. Another son, Paul, also joined the company in the 1990's. Mr. Leyendecker worked tirelessly to build a successful family business and valued the work of his employees.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Mr. Leyendecker was a proud husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Flores, and their four sons Richard, Gary, Paul and Mark.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to remember the legacy of Richard A. Leyendecker: a hero to his country, a successful business leader, and a loving family man.

RECOGNIZING MARTIN E.
HELLMAN AND WHITFIELD
DIFFIE, RECIPIENTS OF THE
TURING AWARD

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Martin E. Hellman and Whitfield Diffie for receiving the 2015 Association of Computing Machinery's A.M. Turing Award for their major contributions to modern cryptography.

Mr. Hellman is Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering at Stanford University and Mr. Diffie is former Vice President and Chief Privacy Security Officer of Sun Microsystems. Named in honor of Alan M. Turing, the influential British mathematician who articulated the mathematical foundation and limitations of computing, this annual award is often described as the Nobel Prize of computing.

Forty years ago, Mr. Hellman and Mr. Diffie's groundbreaking paper, "New Directions in Cryptography," introduced the idea of public-key cryptography, which has proven critical for safely transmitting information across the Internet. Public-key cryptography ensures that a message can be securely transmitted online such that only the intended recipient is able to view the message. This is achieved through a pair of mathematically related keys, one that is public and one that is private. Although anyone wishing to send a message to a certain recipient can use that recipient's readily available public key to encrypt the message, the message can only be decrypted with the recipient's securely held private key. Today, thanks to Mr. Hellman and Mr. Diffie's crucial work, we are able to send emails, submit payments on e-commerce websites, and use online tools to check our bank statements and health records, while ensuring that the information transmitted remains private.

Mr. Hellman and Mr. Diffie have also received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Hamming Medal, the Marconi International Fellowship Award, the Franklin Institute's Levy Medal, and the IEEE Donald G. Fink Award for their work on public-key cryptography. Additionally, they have each been recipients of other prominent awards and honors for their significant contributions to the important area of digital security.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Hellman and Mr. Diffie and thanking them for their outstanding work.

HONORING KYLE ANTHONY
DOWNES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Anthony

Downes. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kyle contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kyle refurbished several

terrace steps on the White Tail Trail in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary, making the trail safer for hikers.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Anthony Downes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.