

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### FORCED ARBITRATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I stand with Representatives JOHNSON, SÁNCHEZ, and my other colleagues to discuss a well-known scourge on the rights of everyday Americans: forced arbitration clauses.

People talk about how the rules are rigged. They say the deck is stacked in favor of powerful interests. Forced arbitration clauses are a perfect example of an unfair system. Powerful corporations rig the rules to make it more difficult for people to hold companies accountable for wrong doing.

Nearly all companies add non-negotiable clauses in contracts that people are required to sign when we open a bank account, get a credit card or a cell phone or choose a financial advisor. Virtually any product and service that requires we sign a contract that includes fine-print will limit our ability to seek damages in open court.

If consumers have a complaint, we are limited to secret arbitration forums. These arbitration forums are controlled by the corporation. The corporations decide the venue and the arbitrator. Even if the arbitrator makes a terrible ruling or makes egregious errors, the ruling likely cannot be appealed or reversed. In fact, arbitrators' decisions in prior cases are not publicly available.

How did we get to this point? How is it possible that nearly all consumer and investment contracts include forced arbitration clauses? Why are consumers forced to resolve disputes after they arise in secret courts, not in the public courts?

We should look across the street. No entity has done more to expand forced arbitration clauses than the Supreme Court. Numerous anti-consumer rulings have restricted people's freedom to take a company to court.

Last year the Supreme Court ruled that DirecTV California customers could not band together to fight an early termination fee assessed by DirecTV. Instead, each customer had to file individually and use arbitration. They could not seek a class action lawsuit.

In 2013, *American Express v. Italian Colors* preserved the monopoly powers of American Express so it could continue to charge retailers high fees. Retailers who had sought a class action lawsuit were restricted by arbitration clauses in their contracts.

In 2015, *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion* had the same outcome; people who were offered a "free cell phone" realized they were actually charged \$30. Consumers sought damages as a class but the Supreme Court ruled that the customers had to pursue their claims individually through arbitration.

As you would expect, these anti-consumer rulings were decided on ideological lines. In fact, the late Justice Antonin Scalia wrote

many of these decisions which were unfair or onerous to consumers.

But we are not giving up. We are pushing back hard against these mandatory arbitration contracts.

Congress barred forced arbitration clauses in residential mortgage terms.

Military members now have the right to go to court for disputes involving many types of loans.

Small-business auto dealers can choose to go to court when locked in disputes with the big auto manufacturers. Unfortunately, most auto dealers have deprived their own customers of this benefit.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is working on a rule that could curb mandatory arbitration in consumer contracts. The CFPB could restore our ability to join our claims together to hold financial companies accountable when they break the law.

But there is still more work to do. The Securities and Exchange Commission has the authority to eliminate forced arbitration clauses that brokerage firms and financial advisors require their customers sign. But the SEC hasn't acted.

Therefore, I have sponsored legislation, the Investor Choice Act, (HR. 1098). My bill restores the rights of investors who are simply trying to save for retirement and other life goals. The bill says investors must have access to court to seek justice if advisors and brokers, who typically have the incentive to charge outsized commissions and fees, do not act in their customers' best interests. The bill has 21 cosponsors.

I am also a proud cosponsor of the Arbitration Fairness Act, Mr. JOHNSON'S bill eliminates forced arbitration for all consumer and worker disputes;

I am also a cosponsor of the Court Legal Access & Student Support (CLASS) Act. This bill bans forced arbitration and class action prohibitions from college enrollment contracts.

Minnesota's own attorney general Lori Swanson has been a leader in trying to level the playing field for all Minnesotans. She worked to stop a corrupt arbitration provider from operating its business against consumers across the country; and she has urged federal regulators to eliminate arbitration clauses from nursing home contracts.

In closing, let me say, my colleagues and I are not seeking to do away with arbitration as a way for parties to work out their problems. We just think arbitration should be voluntary not mandatory.

I simply ask "If arbitration is so fair, why force it? Why not present it as an alleged "fair" option when a dispute has arisen—where both parties can consider all alternatives and agree on an appropriate forum?"

We know why: Because companies like forced arbitration clauses because they are a perfect tool to avoid liability for their actions.

If you want a fair system, if you want people to be able to accumulate wealth, then we need to stop these forced mandatory arbitration clauses in consumer and investor contracts.

### HONORING MR. ROY DEDA UPON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to applaud Mr. Roy Deda and wish him well upon his retirement. Roy has dedicated his life to public service through his career with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). He has served in numerous capacities throughout his illustrious career and is retiring from his position as the Deputy for Project Management for the Chicago District. I am grateful for his expertise and leadership, and I honor him for his many years of outstanding service to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond.

In 1975, Roy earned his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Notre Dame. He began an internship with the Chicago District that same year. Mr. Deda worked in various positions in the Construction-Operations Division for the Chicago District until 1983, when he became a civil engineer for the North Central Division's Construction and Operations Directorate. In 1993, Roy was named chief of the Construction-Operations Division for the North Central Division and then for the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. In 1988, he returned to the Chicago District, where he took over as the chief of the Chicago District's Construction Operations Division. As the Deputy for Project Management for the Chicago District since 2002 Roy has excelled in his responsibilities and will be greatly missed upon his retirement. In addition to his remarkable work with the Army Corps, Mr. Deda is also a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is involved with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

During his tenure with the USACE—Chicago District, Roy Deda has been particularly instrumental in the development and implementation of projects within Indiana's First Congressional District, projects that have changed the landscape of this region. Under his leadership, the levees along the Little Calumet River were constructed, and to date, the obligation to pay substantial flood insurance premiums have been removed for more than 4,000 home and business owners. The dredging of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, a project many in the community believed would never occur in their lifetime, is underway and will increase the efficiencies of the canal users and significantly improve the quality of the water entering Lake Michigan. Federal, state, and local partners are working to restore the Grand Calumet River, one of our country's most polluted waterbodies, thanks to the research undertaken by the USACE under Mr. Deda's oversight.

Finally, residents of Northwest Indiana are able to recreate and enjoy the beauty of Lake

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Michigan through the Portage Lakefront Park, which Roy Deda helped spearhead. The scope of the Portage Lakefront Park project has been further expanded to include the restoration of an additional sixty-nine acres recently acquired by the City of Portage. Thanks to Roy's direction, the Portage Lakefront Park embodies the essence of the Lake Michigan Waterfront Authority, the intent of which is to increase public access to the Lake Michigan shoreline in Indiana. The success of these transformational projects improve the quality of life in Northwest Indiana and increase opportunities for economic development in our region, and for that I am grateful for Mr. Deda's exceptional work and dedication to bring these initiatives to fruition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all our colleagues join me in commending Roy Deda for his exceptional career, and in wishing him well as he spends time with his friends and family in retirement, including his children Erin and Donald. Roy's work and life of dedicated public service will enrich generations to come, and for his many contributions, he is worthy of the highest praise.

#### ENCOURAGING NATO PARTICIPATION FROM MEMBER NATIONS

### HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a disturbing trend that deserves increased scrutiny in the wake of Russia's growing aggression in the Baltics, Ukraine, Eastern Europe, and the South Caucasus. Recently, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg met with members of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees to discuss how to counter an assertive Russia, a phenomenon he describes as "a chief threat."

To be sure, recent events have led some to question the relevance of the NATO alliance. Indeed, that the U.S. accounted for more than 72 percent of NATO members' total defense expenditures, spending about \$649.9 billion last year, exemplifies the need to reform the 28-member defense alliance to restore it to a body that collectively wields the power to deter aggression and secure peace.

Currently, only 5 members of the 28 nation alliance spend the NATO recommended 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense. This statistic is troublesome and indicative of a vastly disproportionate burden sharing that has existed for far too long and has potentially compromised NATO's effectiveness.

Perhaps as a result, Putin has successfully increased pressure on NATO's perimeter in an attempt to solidify control of the "Near Abroad." Moscow's invasion of Georgia in 2008 set in motion what has become an increasingly obvious pattern. Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, ongoing military campaign in the eastern part of Ukraine, and most recently, its confrontation with Azerbaijan through its proxy Armenia, epitomize Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs Witold Waszczykowski's characterization: Russia is "an aggressive neighbor that is openly proclaiming the redrawing of the borders of Europe."

As NATO members in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe continue to face antagonism from Russia, including a substantial military buildup in Armenia where it has deployed advanced fighter aircraft and attack helicopters to bases in Armenian territory just 25 miles from the Turkish border, the time to address the systemic issues that have plagued the NATO alliance is now.

European countries must step up to the plate to counter aggression and send a clear message to Russia that their actions will not be allowed to continue.

#### CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON'S FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the University of Mary Washington celebrating their 75th anniversary as a Federal Depository Library on Thursday, March 10. The public has a right to information contained in Government documents, which have been published at public expense and the Government has an obligation to ensure the availability of, and access to, these documents at no cost. Federal Depository Libraries serve that goal by providing free, ready, and permanent public access to Federal Government information for present and future generations. UMW has shown true service to the community by highlighting the diversity and excellence of government information. I am thrilled to have the UMW Federal Depository Library Program as a part of the First District and want to again congratulate them on this amazing achievement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ALUMINUM INDUSTRY

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, two days prior to Earth Day, in my capacity as a member of the bipartisan Congressional Aluminum Caucus, to note the many ways in which the aluminum industry has contributed to the environmental goals we all share.

The list of contributions the aluminum industry has made to protect our nation's air and land is long, but allow me to mention just two ways in which aluminum deserves recognition on Earth Day.

Let's start with recycling. The aluminum industry's record as a contributor to driving up the nation's recycling rate is formidable. In the United States, 70 percent of all aluminum produced is recycled. And recycling that aluminum requires only 8 percent of the energy it took to make it the first time.

Because the metal is infinitely recyclable, as well as durable, a remarkable 75 percent of all aluminum ever made is still in use. Recycled

aluminum is so valuable that it more than pays for itself in the consumer recovery stream.

We all benefit from clean air, and aluminum has a lot to be proud of here, too. As auto companies commit to increased fuel economy, many are realizing that using aluminum in the bodies of cars and trucks significantly increases performance because it's strong and light weight.

This, in turn, means that drivers go further on a tank of gas, saving vast amounts of money over the life of a vehicle. It means that a lighter weight vehicle will be responsible for reduced greenhouse gases and increased fuel efficiency, which benefits everyone. And aluminum is increasingly being used in modern building construction, which in turn makes buildings more energy efficient.

I am proud to have major aluminum plants in my district that generate \$755.7 million in economic output. It creates great jobs, and is putting into commerce a material that is being used increasingly in all aspects of our lives from cars, planes and buildings and construction.

On this day, when we take note of the great strides we have made in protecting the planet, but also realize the work ahead of us, I wanted to take special note of the contributions made by my friends in the aluminum industry. I applaud their efforts.

#### JOHN ENGLANDER TESTIMONY TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

### HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the July 28, 2015 testimony of John Englander to the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Chairman Lamborn, Ranking Member Lowenthal, and members of the Committee: I am John Englander, an oceanographer, independent consultant, and author of the book, *High Tide On Main Street: Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Crisis*. (2nd Ed, 2013, The Science Bookshelf)

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the implementation of the Coastal Zone Management Act. Your oversight of that important legislation is a good opportunity to consider the profound changes in the coastline that are just beginning to occur and will almost certainly accelerate in the decades ahead. I believe that looking forward to new perspectives about our coastal zone management is a truly important role for your subcommittee and the Natural Resources Committee and deserves a high priority.

Throughout human civilization we have recognized the highly dynamic aspects of the broad coastal zone, particularly the varying tides and storms, and shoreline erosion or accretion. Yet, it was generally assumed that the base sea level was rather stable. That was a commonsense belief as the fundamental height of the ocean had changed little in all of recorded human history, going back some five or six thousand years.

Understanding of the ice age cycles, however, gives a critical perspective that is key to recognizing the new era we are now entering. Thus I would like to briefly explain the ice ages and the implications for future sea level change, as that will directly impact how we define and manage the coastal zone.

Over long periods of time, centuries and millennia, the amount of ice and sea level vary inversely, in response to climate shifts, that is, long-term average temperature change.

With the natural cycles of glacial advance and retreat, sea level moves up and down roughly 300 to 400 feet, moving typical coastlines many miles inland or seaward. This phenomenon has been occurring in a regular pattern roughly every hundred thousand years (more precisely varying between 95 and 125 thousand years).

The most recent ice age extreme (Last Glacial Maximum) was some twenty thousand years ago. At that time ice sheets miles thick covered much of the northern hemisphere. Sea level was 390 feet lower than at present. As the ice melted, the sea rose for some fifteen thousand years when it stabilized at roughly the current height. That sea level change is shown in attached Exhibit A, illustrating how sea level rose since the last glacial maximum.

In Exhibit B, a chart of the last four hundred thousand years, that last glacial warming period is put in a larger perspective, looking at several full ice age cycles with the accompanying up and down of sea level. The red graph in the middle, shows global average temperature, and easily identifies four ice age cycles. The blue graph at the bottom shows the respective sea level. The green graph at the top, represents the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) concentration.

At the last warm point in the cycle, 120,000 years ago, average global temperature was approximately the same as present and base sea level reached a height approximately twenty-five feet above the present. It is almost inevitable that our future sea level will eventually exceed that height. The key question of course is how long it will take to occur. The consensus thinking among scientists is that it will take centuries, though the evidence of increased melting in key locations continues to accumulate in recent years.

Over the last twenty-five years, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has published projections for SLR, though even they have rather consistently been on the low side. In Exhibit C, the 1990 projections are shown in blue with various spreads of possibility. The 2002 projections are shown in green, a little higher than the previous projection. Actual sea level is shown in gold, with a smoothed out trend line in red. While there is considerable variation, it is clear that even for the last decade or two, that official projections for sea level, underestimate the rise, more often than not.

The fact is that there is large uncertainty as to just how quickly the glaciers and ice sheets on land will melt. That depends on how warm the planet becomes, which in turn largely depends on the levels of the 'greenhouse gases' (GHG) and the unknown tipping points and feedback loops for the collapse of the ice.

Again referring to the three-part chart in Exhibit B, there is a long-term close correlation of sea level, average global temperature and carbon dioxide levels, with CO<sub>2</sub> being the GHG of greatest concern.

In that regard, I was very pleased to see the statement by your subcommittee featuring the support of alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, hydropower, biomass, and nuclear. They are most likely the key to reducing the growth of GHG and slowing the warming.

However, it needs to be noted that even if all GHG emissions were stopped today there is enough heat already stored in the ocean to guarantee sea level will rise for centuries. The rate of rise can be slowed but it can no longer be stopped in the foreseeable future.

We need to recognize that rise sea level rise is quite different than the temporary

flooding from storms along the coast. The damaging wave action of storms is typically confined to the shoreline with storm surge affecting adjacent coastal waterways, all of which recedes in a very short time.

With rising sea level saltwater percolates through porous rock, getting into the fresh water table, flooding highly productive and ecologically sensitive marshlands, and extending up tidal rivers. Though not as dramatic as a severe storm, the affected area is far broader. As a result for each foot of vertical sea level rise the average shoreline is estimated to move inland roughly three hundred feet.

Given the importance of higher sea level to coastal facilities such as refineries, transfer terminals, wind farms, hydropower, ocean energy, and the infrastructure associated with traditional energy sources, I submit that this is a very important topic for consideration by your Committee.

There will be tremendous losses of assets, "write offs", as vast areas of land go underwater with increasing frequency during flood events, and eventually permanently. What is often overlooked is that there will also be tremendous opportunities for economic growth as we adapt to this new reality.

Now is the right time to see the future that is just over the horizon and will soon be at our shores—just like a tsunami racing invisibly across the sea at four hundred miles an hour, only becoming visible moments before impact. In this case I am using the tsunami as a metaphor for the relatively slow sea level rise.

But make no mistake the speed of the ice that is now melting on Greenland and Antarctica is happening at "warp speed" in geologic time. The pace of warming is tens or even a hundred times faster than at any known period in the last five hundred million years of geologic history.

Since this is without precedent in recorded human history and is often misunderstood, it may be worth reviewing the factors that contribute to sea level rise. Primarily it is the melting of ice on land, the glaciers and ice sheets, which can enter the ocean as icebergs (glacier fragments) or melt water. Another factor is the slight expansion of seawater as it warms. Such thermal expansion has been a major factor in the last century causing nearly four inches of global sea level increase, but that will almost certainly be overwhelmed by the ice melt in the coming century. (There are also other nuanced factors that can affect sea level, such as changing ocean currents and global mass redistribution, though I suspect those are beyond the scope of the subcommittee's inquiry.)

Certain locations vary considerably from the global average sea level change and warrant special attention even sooner. Over the last century, global average sea level has been approximately eight inches as shown in Exhibit D. However during the same period of time the New Orleans region has had approximately forty six inches of SLR, Norfolk thirty inches, Miami twelve, but Los Angeles only four. Most of Alaska has had lower SLR in the same period. The differences are mostly due to land subsidence or uplift, which increases or reduces the global average sea level change. The point is that historical and future sea level change will not be the same everywhere and in fact will vary greatly.

The effects of sea level rise are often confused with storm surge, coastal erosion and the regular extreme high tide events, ("king tides"). Except for erosion, those other types of flooding are temporary, making it possible to rebuild and recover. Sea level rise is different in that it is essentially permanent, and will not recede for at least a thousand years.

I trust you will see that this insight has strong relevance for critical assets and infra-

structure including ports, power plants, and military bases that have long durability and are difficult to elevate or relocate. Of course there will be an even broader effect on homeowners, businesses, communities, local and regional economies in the vulnerable low elevation coastal areas, where a majority of the US population resides.

I encourage this Subcommittee, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Congress to revise and reauthorize the CZMA taking this seminal change in the land ocean boundary—the coastline—into full consideration.

I would expect that your subcommittee is also interested in the changing Arctic given its potential role for energy exploration and shipping. Regardless of the associated concerns with those activities, it is worth noting that the melting of the polar ice cap has no effect on sea level, as it is floating sea ice. The disappearance of that perennial ice across the Arctic Ocean does however illustrate some key points. The fact that it will be essentially ice-free for increasing periods of time starting in some late September, almost certainly within the next decade or two, points to the profoundness of this new era. The sea around the North Pole has been frozen for roughly three million years.

I recall my first expedition in 1985 diving under the polar ice cap, when we had to drill through ten feet of ice. That multi-year ice is almost gone. Now we just have thin ice that builds up and then melts each year. That thin ice, or lack of ice, has very different energy characteristics, which has a huge impact on the planet's weather.

The changes to the Arctic are truly profound and raise new issues. As I am sure you have considered there is the opening of sea routes, the challenge of treacherous waters for our Navy and Coast Guard to operate, and new areas of shoreline rapidly eroding as the coastline is exposed by the disappearing ice and melting permafrost.

Your subcommittee has the opportunity to mark a place in our nation's history by recognizing and planning ahead for the dynamic changes in store for our coastal zone. Sea level will almost certainly reach the upper limit cited in the 2014 National Climate Assessment regardless of exactly when it occurs. That report explicitly said they had a 90 percent confidence that SLR this century would be between upper and lower bounds of 8 inches and 6.6 feet. It is difficult to quantify the collapse rate of the West Antarctic marine glaciers, due to the phenomenon of "tipping points", which defy accurate modeling until they can be observed in detail.

That challenge leads to an inadvertent conservative or low figure, not because of a lack of risk, but rather due to the inability to put a precise number on it. With other phenomena where we have had prior experience such as earthquakes, tornados, and hurricanes we plan for low probability high-risk events. In the case of sea level rise, the worst-case scenarios for this century now exceed ten feet, yet hardly anyone is putting that scenario in their range of planning.

A key point in that National Climate Assessment that is often overlooked is that they acknowledge a one-in-ten chance that it will not be within those bounds. In risk terms, a ten percent chance is huge. In fact a risk assessment is exactly how we should be considering the effect of rising sea level on the coastline and our management thereof.

We are already seeing the destructive effects of sea level rise today. Just to cite a few examples: In Miami Beach, they recently installed \$15 million of pumps to keep salt water off the streets that now occurs every 28 days with the full-moon high tide. It is just the first phase of a \$400 million plan

that they admit has limitations as sea level continues to rise. In Hampton Roads, both military and private locations are seeing steadily worsening flooding, a combination of higher global sea level, a slowing of the Gulf Stream, and subsidence.

From the Carolina banks to Cape Cod, coastal changes are noticeable from year-to-year. Along San Francisco's seven-mile Embarcadero well inside the Bay, saltwater now comes over the seawall onto the street with increasing frequency. I could cite examples from Annapolis, Boston, Seattle, and the Gulf Coast or dozens of others. These are manifestations of rising sea level already increasing the problem of storm impacts and abnormal high tides. It will continue to get worse.

In the longer term, mid-century and beyond, rising sea level will dramatically change the coastal zone, probably beyond what most of us can imagine, within the lifetimes of our children and grandchildren. We can ignore reality and leave future Americans to suffer the consequences.

Or we can see the future in front of us and plan for intelligent adaptation. Recent evidence from Antarctica makes clear that the melting forces are well ahead of nearly all the models and projections, similar to the way that the melting of the polar ice cap is far ahead of the models. Those who understand the dynamics of glacial collapse and the uncertainty of specific projections, appreciate that the models will almost certainly continue to underestimate the rate of their collapse, and the sea level rise that will directly result.

To close my remarks, the sea does not care what we think or want, or what laws we pass. Throughout history the ocean has taught man humility. We ignore its power at our peril. Along with crisis, there is opportunity. There can be tremendous innovation and adaptation in the coming decades as we anticipate and change our coastal oriented society and economies. But getting a good return on investment requires that we see where things are headed.

I often cite the Dutch as an example of how it is possible to do bold engineering, but also to illustrate the potential trap of inadequate design. Many have seen pictures of the amazing gates at Rotterdam harbor, the Maeslantkering. Designed in the 1980's with construction finished in the early 90's, it is a key part of their innovative coastal defense system. The cost was almost a billion dollars. It was designed for a one-in-ten thousand-year storm, and the worst historical downstream flooding from the three rivers that merge there.

Plus they added an allowance for one foot of sea level rise, as that was the worst they considered possible when it was designed. Now they recognize that will soon be inadequate. If they had been able to foresee the possibility of five to ten feet of SLR back in the 1980's they admit they would have designed the barrier with greater height for longer effectiveness and a better ROI—return on investment.

Our coastline is largely unchanged since the founding of the United States, a nation founded in recognition of truth and science. Our founders specifically recognized that the world of man and nature was dynamic and would need to adapt accordingly.

Our changing coastline, a significant feature of the United States, is an appropriate place to implement that attitude, respecting the collaborative relationship between the Federal government and the States. From my perspective the CZMA seems like the right forum to have that discussion about public policy. The sea is rising and the shoreline is shifting. We have time to adapt, but no time to waste.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I would be pleased to answer questions.

#### HONORING REAVELYN PRAY

### HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, Reavelyn Pray is among 60 students selected from across the country out of 300 highly competitive applications for Council on Undergraduate Research "Posters on the Hill" presentations in Washington, D.C. Pray's selection is the first time a Del Mar College student has been accepted for Council on Undergraduate Research's "Posters on the Hill," and she will present her research findings illustrated on her poster titled "Engineering Plants to Produce Petrochemical Alternatives in Vegetative Tissues." Research projects submitted for "Posters on the Hill" went through a rigorous review process and were selected as the best from around the country.

#### RECOGNIZING MASTER-AT-ARMS 1ST CLASS CARL S. RANDOLPH ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. NAVY

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Master-at-Arms 1st Class Carl S. Randolph. He will be retiring from the Navy on May 1, 2016 after 22 years of dedicated service to our nation.

On July 10, 1995 Mr. Randolph joined the U.S. Navy and reported to Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. After graduating from recruit training he attended Ships Serviceman Class A School where upon graduation, MA1 Randolph was assigned to the USS *Russell* DDG 59 in Pearl Harbor, HI. In 1996 and 1998, Randolph was deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Northern Watch. During his time assigned to the USS *Russell*, Petty Officer Randolph received numerous awards which included: a Maritime Unit Commendation, a Navy Unit Commendation, and a Meritorious Service Medal.

On March 20, 2000, MA1 Randolph reported to NTTC Pensacola, FL for Aviation Machinist Mate Class A School. After graduation, MA1 Randolph received orders and was then assigned to VF-211 at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA. MA1 Randolph was assigned to the USS *Stennis* CVN 76 and was deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Northern Watch. In August 10, 2001, MA1 Randolph was honorably discharged from active service duty to attend college. On December 18, 2004, MA1 Randolph graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, in Criminal Justice and a minor concentration in Sociology, from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. MA1 Randolph began his employment as a Federal Police Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Louis, Missouri, after graduation from college.

MA1 Randolph was voluntarily mobilized to Bagram Afghanistan for a Detainee Operation mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on October 15, 2007. During this deployment, MA1 Randolph earned his Aviation Warfare Specialist Pin from VAQ 134. MA1 Randolph had numerous responsibilities during his deployment including: cell guard, escort guard, segregation cell guard, and main floor NCO.

MA1 Randolph was assigned to COMNAVFORKOREA Det D on February 7, 2012. Then on November 6, 2014, MA1 Randolph was assigned to NSWDG in Virginia Beach, VA. From there he was deployed to support AFRICOM and returned back to COMNAVFORKOREA Det D in November of 2015. Additionally, MA1 Randolph has completed numerous Navy schools: Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor, Security Reaction Force Advanced, Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor, Anti-Terrorism Training Supervisor, Reserve Career Information, Beamhit Instructor, and Security Reaction Force Basic.

Since September of 2009, MA1 Randolph has been employed as an Inspector for the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Protective Service. With this employment, MA1 Randolph oversees the law enforcement of all federal buildings in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. The primary assignment location for MA1 Randolph is the St. Louis, MO area.

There are numerous professional schools that MA1 Randolph has graduated from; including: Department of Veterans Affairs Police Academy, Federal Protective Service Advance Individual Training Program, Department of Homeland Security Active Shooter Threat Instructor Training Program, Federal Protective Service Contract Officer Technical Representative, and the Federal Protective Service Electronic Control Device Instructor training.

MA1 Randolph has received many personnel awards including: Letter of Commendation from Rear Admiral G. R. Jones Commander of Amphibious Forces U.S. Seventh Fleet, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Award Ribbon, Afghanistan Service Medal, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Pin, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

With this retirement, MA1 Randolph can now spend more time with his family which includes: his wife Terri, 11-year-old son William, and 5-year-old daughter Katherine.

I ask you to join me in recognizing MA1 Randolph on his retirement after 22 years of commitment to his country, community, and state.

#### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF COLLIN KEIL ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that

Collin Keil of Whitehouse, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Collin's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2020. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Collin brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2020. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Collin earned scholastic honors, served as a link leader, and was named an AAU All-American in wrestling.

Throughout high school, Collin was a member of his school's football, wrestling, and crew teams, earning multiple varsity letters. I am confident that Collin will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Collin Keil on the offer of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Collin will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

H.R. 4161 SCRA RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, as members of Congress, one of our most sacred responsibilities is to serve those who protect our nation. As far back as the Civil War, Congress has enacted laws to safeguard the rights of our military men and women, so they may devote their full attention to the defense of the United States.

These laws, like the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and the Military Lending Act, provide protection from repossessions, foreclosures, predatory lending, and other civil actions that could occur while a servicemember is on active duty or deployed. Those protections allow the servicemember to remain solely focused on protecting the nation while on active duty or deployed. One of the protections the SCRA provides is to require banks and businesses to obtain a court order before repossessing a servicemembers' car or home. Requiring a court order ensures that any action to take away a servicemembers' property will be reviewed by a judge, where the judge can evaluate whether the servicemembers' military duties will inhibit him or her from responding to the action in a timely manner. Through the court system, the judge can also ensure the servicemember wasn't victim to predatory lending practices, or other actions protected under the SCRA.

Unfortunately, banks and businesses have found a way around those protections. Many

mortgages, car loans and other financial agreements now include fine print that requires any dispute over the property to be resolved through a new process that avoids the courts: Forced arbitration. By including that clause in the fine print, banks can still threaten servicemembers' homes, cars and other property by requiring them to enter into a costly arbitration process while they are still in active duty service. This process has resulted in men and women finding out that a bank is taking away their family car, or home, while they are in Iraq or Afghanistan. For example, Army National Guard Sergeant Charles Beard was serving in Tikrit, Iraq when he found out that his family car had been illegally repossessed. His wife was threatened and told she would be imprisoned if she resisted. Sergeant and Mrs. Beard spent four years fighting the case, and ultimately did not get back their car or receive compensation. Sadly, they are not alone. In 2012, the Government Accountability Office found 300 cases of improper foreclosures on servicemen and women while they were still on active duty, along with 15,000 other violations of the SCRA. We must ensure that our brothers and sisters in combat don't have to worry about whether or not their families will not become homeless while they are gone. We must close this loophole.

I am proud to partner with Congressman JONES as the Democratic lead sponsor of H.R. 4161, the SCRA Rights Protection Act of 2015, to do just that. The SCRA Rights Protection Act restores the rights enshrined in the SCRA by not allowing forced arbitration for contracts governed by the SCRA unless the servicemember agrees to that process after a dispute has arisen.

Our military men and women sacrifice so much in the service of our nation. It is our duty to defend their rights here at home.

LANE JUDSON—EVA MURILLO UNSUNG HERO AWARD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus (VRC) works as an advocate for crime victims. JIM COSTA (CA) and I founded the VRC 10 years ago when we were first elected to Congress. During its 10 year existence, the VRC has taken the lead in protecting programs that provide critical support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA). Each year the members of the caucus join together to honor outstanding individuals who have given their time and service to helping victims. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Caucus.

On behalf of Congressman COSTA (CA) and myself, we are proud to honor Lane Judson with the Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award. Mr. Judson was nominated for the Unsung Hero award by Congressman DAVID REICHERT of the 8th District of Washington. This award honors the memory of Eva Murillo, a prominent crime victim advocate in the state of California. Murillo, who passed away in 2005, was

best known for her twelve years of distinguished service to the Kings County Victim Witness Assistance Program, where she pioneered efforts to help women in abusive relationships. The honoree is a crime victim or survivor, who has experienced a personal tragedy and triumphed over adversity. This award recognizes a person who has utilized his or her experiences as a crime victim or survivor to promote public education and awareness, public policy development, and/or greater awareness about crime victims' rights and needs. Through his or her efforts, the recipient has given hope to other crime victims and survivors.

Mr. Lane Judson has done just that—on April 26, 2003, Lane Judson's daughter, Crystal was fatally shot by her husband who also happened to be the Police Chief of the Tacoma, Washington Police Department. The shooting came one day after city officials publicly announced that Crystal's claims of abuse and threats would not be investigated because it was a "private matter." After losing his daughter, Mr. Judson dedicated his life to helping and supporting victims of domestic violence.

He was instrumental in the creation of the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center in Tacoma, WA, which was established in 2005 to serve the needs of the domestic violence victims and their children by providing comprehensive victim services in order to help families heal and bring them hope. Mr. Judson also led the fight to incorporate the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program into the 2006 Violence Against, which created a grant available to law enforcement agencies to use in training their officers in the area of domestic violence.

Mr. Judson has turned unimaginable tragedy into positive action to advocate on behalf of all domestic violence victims. Mr. Judson is an incredible person. We know his daughter's memory lives on in his fight to end domestic violence. We are proud to honor him with the Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award.

And that is just the way it is.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ADAM HUG ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Adam Hug of Bryan, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Adam's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2020. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Adam brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2020. While attending Bryan High

School in Bryan, Ohio, Adam was named an Outstanding Scholar-Athlete Academy Award winner, earned academic booster club awards, served on student council, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was ranked first in his class.

Throughout high school, Adam was a member of his school's cross country, track and field, and swimming teams, earning varsity letters. Adam was also selected to attend Buckeye Boys State. I am confident that Adam will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adam Hug on the offer of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Adam will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

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HONORING THE LATE RANDY  
NAYLOR, SR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a philanthropist, the late Randy Naylor, Sr. Mr. Naylor has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Randy Naylor, Sr. was born June 23, 1953, in Vicksburg, MS to George Washington and Lillian B. Naylor. He was a humble and caring man who was always in good spirit.

Randy was a graduate of Rosa A. Temple High School Class of 1973, where he served as a Drum Major. He also attended Hinds Community College where he studied Criminal Justice.

Randy was employed with Vicksburg Warren School System as a bus driver and ISD Teacher. He also worked nights at the Merchant Company as well as a security guard for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He joined the Vicksburg Police Department in 1988. Randy was the recipient of the "Officer of the Year" award on numerous occasions. He had extensive training in all aspects of law enforcement, criminal and juvenile investigation. In 2008, Randy was elected Constable for Warren County where he served until his death. Naylor was also a Notary Public for the state of Mississippi.

Randy volunteered his time to the Salvation Army, Kings Head Start, which he later adopted and provided clothes and books to the kids at the center. He also volunteered at the River City Rescue Mission. Randy spoke to various youth groups at churches throughout the city.

Randy also worked diligently with the city summer program, "Street Ball" which is now called the Randy Naylor Summer Youth Program. He secured various partnerships throughout the city for supplies for the program. Mr. Naylor's work as a Resource officer in the Vicksburg/Warren School District allowed him to develop good relationships with the youth that made his impact on the "Street Ball" program extremely important in the realm of community policing. Students and young

people would listen to him when no other officer could get them to cooperate. Parents trusted him with their kids and criminals knew better than to cross him all because of the relationships he built through his work in the community.

As a member of Calvary Baptist Church he served as an Usher and the President of the Layman's Ministry. He was married to Dorothy Naylor for 40 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mr. Randy Naylor, Sr. for his dedication to serving our great city in the Vicksburg/Warren community.

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ANTON ZHOU IS A MASTER OF  
THE ARTS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anton Zhou of Sugar Land, Texas for being named a Texas Young Master in visual arts for the spring of 2016. This is one of the most impressive awards given to a young artist in their state.

Anton currently attends Clements High School and previously attended the XinSheng Wang Art School. At 17 years of age, Anton has won multiple awards and recognition for his well-known impressionist and contemporary art style. Founded in 2002, the Texas Young Master program was developed by the Texas Cultural Trust and the Texas Commission on the Arts. They recognize students from 8th through 11th grade who have proven incredible artistic talent in either visual, performing, or literary arts. Students recognized as a Texas Young Master are awarded \$5,000 in scholarships each year for two years, to assist with continuing education in their selected art form.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Anton Zhou for being named a Texas Young Master. We can't wait to see what the future brings for him.

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IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
ALEXANDER DOLAN ON HIS  
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-  
TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI-  
TARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Alexander Dolan of Bryan, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. Alexander's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2020. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Alexander brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2020. While attending Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio, Alexander was named an Outstanding Scholar-Athlete Academy Award winner, earned academic booster club awards, served as class president, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was ranked first in his class.

Throughout high school, Alexander was a member of his school's soccer and track and field teams, serving as the teams' captain and earning varsity letters. Alexander was also active and excelled in orchestra and was selected to attend Buckeye Boys State. I am confident that Alexander will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Alexander Dolan on the offer of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Alexander will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

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RECOGNIZING THE COLUMBIA  
MUSEUM OF ART

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Columbia Museum of Art received the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums for service to their community.

For decades the Columbia Museum of Art has been revitalizing the city center of Columbia. Today, it is the center of a vibrant and culturally diverse Main Street community. The museum engages students in creative and new ways that showcase the importance of the arts in our school system. As the 2016 Co-Chair of the Congressional Art Competition, I am grateful for their role in encouraging and developing the talents of young artists.

This award highlights the Columbia Museum of Art's long-standing commitment to outreach efforts in at-risk, rural, and underserved communities. I am grateful for the tireless work of Executive Director, Karen Brosius, President of the Board, Claude M. Walker, Jr., museum staff, and all of their dedicated volunteers for their commitment to promoting art in our community. Congratulations to the Columbia Museum of Art on this well-deserved honor; I am grateful to serve you in Congress.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and may the President by his actions never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

BETH HASSETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WEAVE—ED STOUT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCACY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus (VRC) advocates for the silent voices of crime victims. During its 10 year existence, the VRC has taken the lead in protecting programs that provide critical support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPPRA). Each year the members of the caucus join together to honor outstanding individuals who have given their time and service to helping victims. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Caucus.

On behalf of Congressman COSTA (CA) and myself, we are honored to present Sacramento resident Beth Hassett with the Ed Stout Memorial Award. Nominated by Congresswoman DORIS MATSUI of the 6th Congressional District of California, Beth is incredibly deserving of this award. The award honors the memory of Ed Stout, the Director of Aid for Victims of Crime of St. Louis, MO, one of the nation's three oldest victim assistance organizations—who died in 2005 following a 30 plus year career of inspiring crime victims and those who serve them. The honoree is a professional or volunteer whose efforts directly benefit victims and survivors of crime.

Beth has been an outspoken and effective champion for women and children in Sacramento through her leadership as the Executive Director at WEAVE. Beth leads a team of advocates who share a common goal of creating a community that does not tolerate domestic violence and sexual assault and offers victims the support they need to be safe and thrive. Established in 1978, WEAVE is Sacramento's oldest and most comprehensive domestic violence agency and sole Rape Crisis Center. The agency provides in-person and telephone support to more than 12,000 survivors each year.

For 23 years, Beth has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in the Sacramento Region. Beth has been an active volunteer in our community, received several community leadership awards, and served as the Governor's appointee to the statewide Domestic Violence Advisory Committee from 2010 through 2015. She has made it her mission to educate our community and spread the word about violence prevention and intervention. Her leadership on behalf of survivors has made such a difference in Sacramento. She could not be more deserving of the Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING THE THOMPSON-CLEMONS POST NUMBER 200

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Thompson-Clemons Post Number 200 of Greenwood, Mississippi.

The Thompson-Clemons Post Number 200 of Greenwood, Mississippi was the first African American Post established in the State of Mississippi and came about due to the perseverance of eighteen determined Black Veterans of World War I and World War II in the Mississippi Delta.

These veterans attempted to join Keeler-Hamrick-Gillespie Post Number 29 which refused them membership. Given that this was the 1940s and Mississippi being a segregationist state, Post Number 29 could not get a majority vote of its members to allow black veterans to join their post.

The eighteen black veterans filed a petition to start a new post and presented it to the Mississippi Department of the American Legion. Mr. Solomon N. Dickerson, a black veteran, postal worker and co-worker of Mr. Author H. Ritcher, the Adjutant of Post Number 29, worked to get the petition through the District. It was due to their vigorous and persistent correspondence to the District and the Mississippi Department of the American Legion that they were allowed to form a separate post if they could find a sponsor.

Keesler-Hamrick-Gillespie Post Number 29 agreed to serve as a sponsor to assist Thompson-Clemons Post Number 200 in getting the temporary charter, paving the way for other charters to be granted to other black veteran's groups throughout the state of Mississippi.

Originally, the post was called the Mississippi Delta Post Number 200. Mr. L.H. Threadgill, principal of Stone Street High School, a veteran of World War II, proposed that the post be named after two former students of Stone Street High School, that were killed in action during WWII. The motion carried and the name was adopted. Thompson-Clemons Post Number 200 was granted a permanent charter on July 28, 1949, becoming the first Black post in the State of Mississippi. The first Post Commander was Mr. Solomon N. Dickerson.

Mr. L.H. Threadgill and others in the community were instrumental in purchasing the property, obtaining a deed, and getting a building to establish a post headquarters where it is still located today.

The Thompson-Clemons Post Number 200 of Greenwood, Mississippi has a distinct track record of encouragement to veterans with issues, be they be from serving abroad; in combat situations or statewide service. Issues range from transportation to Regional Office and VA Hospital for medical disability claims, educational and skill training, housing and other activities including establishing collaborative partnerships with community organizations to provide emergency services such as utilities, homes for the homeless, counseling and assistance in understanding the myriad of services provided by the VA.

The VA community activities include sponsorship of little league baseball teams, voter

education classes, veterans day celebration, adopt a school program, donations to needy families, Boys State Program and the National American Legion Oratorical Contest, where candidates sponsored by Post Number 200, have won the Mississippi State Championship four times, and three out of the past four years.

Leadership activities include a weekly live call in radio talk program aired on WGNL 104.3 FM in Greenwood, Mississippi where veterans can actually dial up and talk about issues that affect them and their community. Partnering with organizations such as the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Greenwood Voters League, Mississippi Valley State University and other community based groups that advocate for social justice.

Thompson-Clemons Post Number 200 is well integrated into the fabric and culture of the Mississippi Delta and should be recognized as a Post that has the interest of our service men, their families and community at heart.

The American Legion Post Number 200 is moving forward to continue the legacy of those early veterans who honorably served their country and had the vision that through the American Legion and its core principles, they could continue to protect and build an America and Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a remarkable organization, The Thompson-Clemons Post Number 200, for its dedication to serving our veterans and giving back to the African American community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THOMAS KOIZUMI ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Thomas Koizumi of Findlay, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Thomas' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2020. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Thomas brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2020. While attending Liberty-Benton High School in Findlay, Ohio, Thomas earned top student of class awards, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was ranked first in his class.

Throughout high school, Thomas was a member of his school's cross country team, serving as its captain and earning his varsity letter. Thomas was also active and excelled in gymnastics and Kendo. I am confident that Thomas will carry the lessons of his student

and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Thomas Koizumi on the offer of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Thomas will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEX THOMSEN

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alex Thomsen of Underwood High School for winning the Class 1A, 126-pound bracket at the Iowa High School Athletic Association State Wrestling tournament on February 20, 2016.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning two state championships back to back is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Thomsen, but also his parents, his family and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Alex demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent him 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 Alex on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing him continued success in his education and high school wrestling career.

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PRE-LAW PROGRAMS AT CARL WUNSCHER SR. HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on February 22, 2016, the Criminal Justice and Pre-Law Programs at Carl Wunsch Sr. High School, a Career Academy operating within my district, were selected for Advance Career Technical Education's (CTE) 2016 Excellence in Action Award in the Law Career Cluster. The following day, Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman visited the campus Law Enforcement Explorers meeting to evaluate the programs and congratulate and encourage the students. Exemplary programs such as these cannot go unnoticed; Advance CTE understands this, which is why they honor and award programs who meet their high standards.

Advance CTE's Excellence in Action Award recognizes programs who "show a true progression from secondary to postsecondary education, provide meaningful work-based learning opportunities, and have a substantial and evidence-based impact on student achievement and success." Each program chosen for recognition is honored in an award

ceremony, in an active blog series, in a monthly Congressional newsletter, and in the 2015 Celebrating Innovations in Career Technical Education ceremony at the White House. Carl Wunsch Sr. High School's Criminal Justice and Pre-Law programs are deserving of all of these honors, but the programs wouldn't be where they are without the instructors who cultivated them.

Great programs reflect the experience and leadership of the instructors who run them. This could not be truer for Curtis Doss who heads up the Criminal Justice program and Mary Scherzer who directs the Pre-Law program. Mr. Doss has over 25 years of law enforcement experience serving in a myriad of roles. His career stretches as a U.S. Marshall, 8 years as a member of SWAT, as a member of the honor guard, as OIC of the national fugitive recovery unit, and as an undercover agent.

Instructors and programs like this develop our young men and women into competent, experienced graduates ready for their careers. Our criminal justice system is well served to have graduates of Carl Wunsch Sr. High operating within its ranks. It makes me proud to represent students and instructors who conduct themselves with such distinction.

And that is just the way it is.

#### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JAMES RENEAU, JR. ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that James Reneau, Jr. of Findlay, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

James' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2020. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

James brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2020. While attending Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio, James was a member of the National Honor Society, the Distinguished Honor Roll and a Scholar Athlete.

Throughout high school, James was a member of his school's football and track teams, serving as his teams' captain. He also volunteered with community youth sports teams and Special Olympics. I am confident that James will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating James Reneau, Jr. on the offer of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that James will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask

my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

#### THE VIRGINIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP (VWIL) AT MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE

### HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia is home to a number of first-rate educational institutions. The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va., is no exception. In addition to rigorous academic standards and leadership training, VWIL is the only all-female corps of cadets in the nation.

VWIL has been developing women leaders for 20 years through its elite program. Opened in 1995, VWIL is a public-private partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia and Mary Baldwin College. This four-year program integrates academics, fitness, leadership development, ethics, and military training. Following graduation, VWIL cadets have the opportunity to receive a commission into any branch of the United States military.

The mission of VWIL over the past 20 years has been to prepare and develop women to become active and engaged leaders in the military, public service, and private sector. This is a mission they have lived up to today. VWIL demands that cadets achieve their highest level of performance, and that is seen clearly in the caliber of graduates produced by the program. To date, 382 women have graduated from the VWIL program. This community of alumnae has gone on to seek higher education as well as careers in a variety of fields, including government and management. Additionally, 130 graduates have been commissioned into military service. A VWIL alumna also made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. USAF 1Lt Sarah K. Small, a member of VWIL's Class of 2002, was killed in the line of duty in 2005 and is interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

On Friday, April 22, VWIL will hold a 20th Anniversary Parade and Awards Ceremony to commemorate the history and achievements of the Institute, honor the program's alumnae, and celebrate the future. I congratulate Brigadier General Teresa Djuric (USAF, Ret.), Commandant of Cadets, as well as faculty and staff, current cadets, and alumnae on this milestone. I wish VWIL many more years of success in developing future leaders.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK J. SOLANO, RECIPIENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE COMMONWEALTH AWARD

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick J. Solano, who will receive the Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award on April 22, 2016 during the

118th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Society. Since 1976, the Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award has been bestowed upon an individual whose actions have stood out in benefiting the Commonwealth. Mr. Solano is renowned across Pennsylvania for dedicating a lifetime of service to his country, state, and community.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Solano was with the Eighth U.S. Air Force Heavy Bombardment Group from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Solano completed twenty-three combat missions aboard a B-17 named "Hangover." His valor earned him the Group Presidential Citation, the Air Force Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European Combat Theatre Medal with two Bronze Stars.

Following his military service, Mr. Solano advised nine governors of Pennsylvania. He offered counsel to William Scranton, Raymond P. Shafer, Milton Shapp, Dick Thornburg, Robert P. Casey, Tom Ridge, Mark Schweiker, Ed Rendell, and Tom Corbett, as well as Pennsylvania State Senate Majority Leader Dominick Pileggi. Mr. Solano earned a reputation for working behind the scenes to find bipartisan solutions and funding for projects. In addition to advising Pennsylvania's chief executives, Mr. Solano served as Deputy Secretary for Parks and Forests at the Department of Environmental Resources and as the Acting Secretary of the then newly created Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

After forty years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Mr. Solano retired in 2002. Today, he resides in Hughestown with his wife Marie. They are the parents of six daughters and have eleven grandchildren.

It is an honor to recognize Patrick J. Solano for receiving the Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award. I am deeply grateful for his outstanding service to Pennsylvania.

TRINITY SETS THE PACE AT QUICK DRAW ART CONTEST

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Trinity Pace for winning first place in the 2016 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Quick Draw Art Contest.

Trinity is in eighth grade at St. Laurence Catholic School in Sugar Land, Texas. This talented student won both first place in the Quick Draw Art Contest and was also titled "Junior High Champion," where she earned a cash reward, scholarship to the Glassell Junior Art School, and finally a Junior High Gold Ribbon of Excellence. Out of 600 students who applied for the contest, only 26 were selected to move forward. The Houston Rodeo Art Programs have produced 50 years of talented students and phenomenal art. We are so proud of Trinity, and look forward to seeing the fantastic art she will create in her bright future.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Trinity for her success at the Quick Draw Art Contest at the Houston Rodeo. We can't wait to see what she does next.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ANDREW HAMMOND ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Andrew Hammond of Van Wert, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Andrew's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2020. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Andrew brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2020. While attending Van Wert High School in Van Wert, Ohio, Andrew was a member of the National Honor Society, a Renaissance Program—Gold Card Recipient, a member of the Spanish Club, and a choir district participant.

Throughout high school, Andrew was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams, earning various awards. He was also active with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I am confident that Andrew will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Andrew Hammond on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Andrew will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING MEGAN Huddle ON RECEIVING THE BRIGHTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD'S GOLD MEDAL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Megan Huddle, who was recently honored with the Brighton Assembly of God's Gold Medal Award, the highest achievement in the Assemblies of God Girls Ministries program.

To be honored with the Brighton Assembly of God's Gold Medal is the culmination of a 13-year journey of devotion to God that begins in kindergarten and finishes at the end of high school. The Girls Ministries program strives to instill Christian values and virtues in the young women who will be the future of our nation.

To be honored with a gold medal, girls must go above and beyond the requirements for completing the five levels of clubs offered by the ministries. Medal awardees must also have read the Bible twice, the New Testament three times, memorized portions of scripture and have met weekly with a sponsor who helps to guide them spiritually.

Mr. Speaker, Megan Huddle has not only displayed an uncommon level of spiritual devotion during her time in the Girls Ministries program, but also a measure of determination and commitment that will undoubtedly serve her well through her life. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I urge my colleagues in congratulating her on this well-earned achievement.

TRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN IOWA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority (SIRHA), Creston, Iowa on their 40-year anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to southern Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

SIRHA provides rent assistance and rent subsidy to low income citizens, elderly and disabled persons of the Third Congressional District in Iowa. They also rent apartment units to citizens in communities that are scattered throughout a six-county area. SIRHA programs have helped to create a positive environment to promote self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, throughout its many years of service, Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority has successfully provided necessary services to the communities of Iowa's Third Congressional District. I congratulate SIRHA on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish SIRHA nothing but continued success for another 40 years and beyond.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TREY SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Trey Smith of Delphos, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Trey's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2020. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Trey brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming

Class of 2020. While attending Delphos Jefferson High School in Delphos, Ohio, Trey was a member of the National Honor Society, an Honor Roll selection every quarter, earned the Best in Class Award for three consecutive years, and was ranked first in his class. He also served as a class officer.

Throughout high school, Trey was a member of his school's basketball team, earning various awards and becoming Delphos Jefferson High School's all-time leading scorer. I am confident that Trey will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Trey Smith on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Trey will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL D.  
ANTONOVICH'S SERVICE TO THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, who has served the people of the County of Los Angeles and the State of California for over four decades.

Since 1980, Supervisor Antonovich has effectively represented the two million residents of Los Angeles County's 5th Supervisorial District, which includes all or part of the San Gabriel, San Fernando, Crescenta, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys.

As a government and history teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District in 1966, Mike credits his fifth grade teacher for the inspiration to enter public life. He entered the teaching profession as a government and history teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District in 1966, and subsequently, he was elected to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees in 1969. In 1972, he was elected to the California State Assembly, where he served three terms and rose to the rank of Republican Whip, before serving the County of Los Angeles.

His 36 years as a County Supervisor has been characterized by his dedication to public safety and support for foster children, seniors, veterans and the mentally ill. He has been a strong advocate for the environment, successfully preserving thousands of acres of open space and enhancing parks, trails and recreational programs and facilities. The Supervisor also serves on the Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Metrolink (Southern California Regional Rail Authority), Southern California Association of Governments, San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

His experience and accomplishments have been recognized nationally. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush appointed

Antonovich to numerous presidential committees and commissions, including the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the U.S.-Japan Advisory Committee, the Commission on Privatization, and the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees.

His many significant accomplishments over the years include:

The High Intensity-Criminal Alien Apprehension and Prosecution Program, involving federal, state and local law enforcement collaborative efforts targeting repeat criminal illegal alien offenders which served as a prototype for future federal law enforcement programs;

The DISARM program which has seized over 10,000 weapons and \$700 million in illegal drugs and money from convicted felons on probation;

The construction of a state-of-the-art courthouse expanding access to justice for the residents of the Antelope Valley;

The Child Abduction Regional Emergency (CARE) Alert program, a model for the nationwide Amber Alert system;

State legislation extending foster care services for emancipated foster youth between the age of 18 and 21 and the Youth Self-Sufficiency Initiative providing housing, education and job training for emancipating foster youth;

The co-founding of the award-winning L.A. County High School for the Arts;

The Veterans Internship Program and the annual "Salute to Veterans" event providing programs and services to veterans and their families;

Laura's Law which provides treatment for the chronically homeless mentally ill;

The Quality and Productivity Commission to streamline government services and programs saving taxpayers more than \$4 billion;

The rebuilding of the Olive-View/UCLA Medical Center which had been destroyed by the 1971 Sylmar earthquake;

The development of the Gold Line rail system serving the San Gabriel Valley;

The expansion of the county's parks and trail system including the preservation of over 2,300 acres of open space;

The Pet Adoption program rescuing over 1,000 dogs, cats and other pets;

The restaurant and nursing home grading system protecting public health;

Successful economic development and job creation efforts including attracting international companies to the region.

Over the years, I have had the distinct honor of being able to work with Supervisor Antonovich to help our community and constituents in the Antelope Valley. His advice and counsel have been invaluable—whether offered in Washington or Los Angeles or from the back of a horse in chaps and cowboy hat during one of the famous Antonovich Trail Dusters Rides.

On behalf of the State of California, the County of Los Angeles, and our constituents, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for Supervisor Antonovich's commitment to public service and inestimable contributions as a member of the Board of Supervisors. As he completes his final Board term this year, I look forward to Mike's continuing contributions to our communities, and wish him, his wife Christine, and his children Michael and Mary, all the best in this next chapter of his life.

IN SUPPORT OF APRIL AS NATIONAL FINANCIAL CAPABILITY MONTH

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join President Obama in recognizing April as National Financial Capability Month, and highlight the vital role that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or AICPA, state CPA societies, and CPAs across the country play in educating all Americans about their personal finances.

National Financial Capability Month is a yearly reminder of how important it is to improve Americans' understanding of their personal finances. The Great Recession showed the need to support informed financial decision-making and help ensure economic security for all. Financial education is an essential component to making smart financial choices and protecting hard-earned income.

In May 2004, the CPA profession launched a unified financial literacy initiative: 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy. The effort brings together the AICPA, state CPA societies and individual CPAs to address a growing public issue: financial illiteracy. The program combines grassroots financial literacy efforts with free resources for the public and tools that CPAs can use at a local level to volunteer to educate Americans of all ages on financial topics. CPAs are deeply concerned about Americans' high financial illiteracy levels and are working to ensure they have tools and knowledge to make educated financial decisions. The initiative sends the message that financial education should be a lifelong endeavor—from encouraging children to save their allowance to helping adults plan for a secure retirement.

The AICPA National CPA Financial Literacy Commission is leading the CPA profession in a national effort to advance the financial literacy of Americans. Toward this end, this group works to increase awareness of the importance of financial literacy education, builds liaisons within the financial literacy community, and serves as media spokespeople.

Educating young adults about their finances is a difficult task. To help solve this problem, the AICPA recently launched a new financial literacy version of the Bank On It game for high school students. Bank On It is a free, online game. The financial literacy version covers topics students need to master to be money-savvy in the real world, such as balancing a checkbook, understanding credit scores and student loans, and even investing in a cool startup company. Game questions were reviewed by CPAs across the country, giving students have an opportunity to learn financial management skills in an engaging and positive way.

This year is the 10th anniversary of Feed The Pig, the AICPA's public service campaign with the Ad Council that provides Americans ages 25–34 with free tools and resources to make smart saving decisions. Over the past 10 years, millions of young adults have benefited from AICPA's free resources by creating and keeping personal financial goals. And the profession's leadership in this area is working. According to a new survey from the AICPA

and the Ad Council, one in three millennials (34 percent) ranked saving as their number one goal for the year—ahead of living a healthy lifestyle (20 percent), paying off debt (19 percent), and losing weight (14 percent). But while saving was a top priority, a majority of millennials attributed their lack of saving to impulse buying (65 percent).

Additionally, according to recent data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, young people now have less debt overall than they did in 2003, even in the face of significant increases in college tuition since that time. But there is still much work to be done. The same Federal Reserve survey shows that debt held by borrowers between the ages of 50 and 80 increased almost 60 percent over the same time period.

We must ensure that everyone, from elementary school to older Americans, has the knowledge to make educated decisions about their finances. It is essential to restoring the faith in our financial system and keeping the American dream alive.

A.R. WILFLEY & SONS, INC.

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud A.R. Wilfley & Sons, Inc. for receiving the 2016 Commerce City Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. This fifth-generation manufacturer of heavy duty centrifugal pumps for chemical and mineral processing has been in business for almost 100 years. In 2014, the company acquired a site in Commerce City with two buildings totaling 121,000 sq. ft. Extensive capital investments were made at the site and helped create 90 new manufacturing jobs. A.R. Wilfley & Sons also takes part in extensive community service work with the Boys and Girls Club and the George M. Wilfley Club, and looks forward to further developing their relationship with the Commerce City location.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the A.R. Wilfley & Sons, Inc. for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

WOMEN OF HISTORY—MARGARET UTINSKY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are some truly remarkable women in history. History helps us learn who we are, and where we came from. Margaret Utinsky is one such woman.

In the heat of an August summer of 1900 Margaret Utinsky was born in St. Louis, Missouri. 40 years later, World War Two broke out. When the Japanese invaded the Philippines on January 2nd, 1940 Margaret was serving as a volunteer nurse with the Red

Cross. As all strong women seem to do, she worked not only as a nurse, but also became the manager of the servicemen's canteen.

My mother, Dorrace Poe, served as a volunteer nurse with the Red Cross during World War Two in Temple, Texas. Nurses like my mother and Margaret were called upon by Congress in the 1905 congressional charter to "furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war" and to "act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy."

As the U.S.S. *Washington* sailed off into the murky ocean waters, Utinsky stood resolved. She did not leave with the Army wives, ferried off to safety. Her husband returned to serve in Batann as a civil engineer, safe from harm. Utinsky is best known for her work with the Filipino resistance movement to provide medicine, food, and other items to aid Allied prisoners of war in the Philippines during World War II.

As the Japanese took the capital city of Manila, Margaret rushed off, hid in an abandoned apartment complex, and stocked it with food and medicine that she stole from the Army and Navy commissaries. For 10 weeks she hid out, desperate to save herself from the internment camps, teaching herself to type and listening to the radio.

Undiscovered after ten weeks in hiding, Utinsky ventured out and sought help from the priests at Malate Convent. Through her various contacts, she obtained false papers, creating the identity of Rena Utinsky, a Lithuanian nurse. (Lithuania was a nonbelligerent country under armed occupation by Nazi Germany.)

With her new identity she finally was able to find work in a Red Cross unit that was headed to Bataan. Upon her arrival she was able to help American Soldiers who were captured by the Japanese. While treating the soldiers, she found and concealed an American flag and documents describing spy activity. After witnessing the Bataan Death March, she resolved to do all that was in her power to aid those in need. She helped build a clandestine resistance network that provided food, medicine and money to those in the POW camps at Camp O'Donnell and then later at Cabanatuan prison camp. After learning of her husband's death in a prison camp she redoubled her efforts, determined to avenge her husband's death.

Suspected of aiding and saving prisoners, the Japanese arrested her. She was subjected to 32 days of torture at Fort Santiago prison. She survived daily beatings, was hung with her arms tied behind her back and was sexually assaulted. Cold bloodily, five Filipinos were beheaded directly in front of her cell. On another night, an American soldier was tied to her cell gate and beaten to death, his body disintegrating as they beat him. She then was confined to a dungeon cell, starved and malnourished for four days. Not once did she reveal her true identity.

She was finally released after signing a statement attesting to her good treatment. Utinsky spent six weeks in a hospital recovering from a multitude of injuries. The doctors wanted to amputate her gangrenous leg, but she refused, terrified that she would reveal secrets while under anesthesia. The hospital was full of Japanese spies. She directed the

surgeons to remove the gangrenous flesh without any type of anesthesia. Despite not having fully recovered, she left the hospital and escaped to the Bataan Peninsula. She continued to serve as a nurse with the Philippine Commonwealth troops, moving from camp to camp until liberation in February 1945.

When the Allies arrived, Utinsky was taken through the Japanese lines to the Americans. She had lost 45 pounds and an inch in height. Her hair had turned solid white and she appeared to have aged 25 years. Within a few days she wrote for the Americans a list from memory, of soldiers she knew had been tortured, the names of the torturers and the names of collaborators and spies.

In 1946, Utinsky was awarded the Medal of Freedom for her heroic actions, defending the lives of Americans abroad. Strong women like Utinsky are the backbone of America. They fought valiantly against those who seek to kill, destroy, and harm our men. They are unsung heroes of the Second World War.

And that is just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH LAIRD

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Elizabeth Laird, fondly known as Fort Hood's beloved "Hug Lady." While she became an angel late last year, the impact she had on our soldiers will live on.

It all began in 2003, when Elizabeth volunteered with the Salvation Army to shake the hands of deploying soldiers. One day, instead of a handshake, Elizabeth received a hug from a soldier. From that moment on, her handshakes became hugs, and the "Fort Hood Hug Lady" was born. Over the next thirteen years, she would go on to hug over 500,000 servicemen and women as they deployed from and returned to Fort Hood.

Without fail, Elizabeth would be there upon the soldiers' deployments and later for their homecomings, often waiting at the airport in the middle of the night for their arrival. Elizabeth became a beloved figure to these American soldiers as they shipped out for deployment. Her simple gesture of a hug provided them with comfort and a powerful reminder of what they are fighting for.

She described hugging as something the Lord guided her to do. Along with her hugs, Elizabeth handed out cards etched with the stirring words from Psalm 91: "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty . . . you will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day." How reassuring these sentiments must have been to our brave warriors venturing forth to defend freedom. All who've been blessed by Elizabeth's presence know that these words weren't a meaningless expression but a deep and lasting creed that was the guiding force of her life.

When she became bedridden due to breast cancer, many of the soldiers came to visit her in the hospital to return the gesture and show their appreciation. Sadly, Elizabeth Laird passed away on Christmas Eve of last year,

leaving behind both a loving family and a legion of admirers.

Some people go through life wondering if they made a difference. Elizabeth Laird, the Fort Hood Hug Lady, didn't have that problem. Her kindness and commitment to being of service to others touched thousands and reminds us how the simplest of gestures can have the largest of impacts.

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STRYKER BY DESIGN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stryker by Design for receiving the 2016 Commerce City Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award recognizes a company or entrepreneur that demonstrates a pioneer spirit toward new product development, a business start-up, or growth into new markets. Stryker by Design is a woman-owned, contract manufacturing company that has been in business since 2000.

Stryker by Design specializes in "soft-sewn" products, made by highly-trained and talented operators including refugees from war-torn countries in Africa and the Middle East. Stryker manufactures backpacks, military and tactical gear, fashion bags and more at their facility located on Monaco Street in Commerce City. The company uses an innovative approach to contract manufacturing. The owners not only make their clients' products, but they also offer office, design and warehouse space to some of their clients and even allow the companies access to their production floor. Their success has enabled them to double their employee count, invest in new machinery, and fully utilize their 10,000 square foot space.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Stryker by Design for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

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THIS "HOLY COW" WINS "BEST IN SHOW"

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emily Fiedler for her artwork earning the title of "Best in Show" at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Junior High Contest.

Emily is in eighth grade at St. Laurence Catholic School in Sugar Land, Texas. This talented student earned the Junior High title of "Best in Show" for her artwork, "Holy Cow." In addition to this elite award, Emily received a scholarship to the Glassell School of Art. The Houston Rodeo Art Programs have produced 50 years of talented students and phenomenal art. We are so proud of Emily, and look forward to seeing the fantastic art she will create in her bright future.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Emily for her success at the Houston Live-

stock and Rodeo Junior High Art Contests. We can't wait to see what she does next.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF RABBI  
HERBERT BAUMGARD

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, who passed away this past Friday, at the age of 95.

Rabbi Baumgard founded Temple Beth Am, which is an important institution in my congressional district that has brought the South Florida Jewish community together for over 60 years.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Rabbi Baumgard served as an assistant to a Chaplain in World War II.

He credited that experience with his motivation for becoming a Rabbi.

One of Rabbi Baumgard's strongest ideals was the continuing friendship and alliance with the State of Israel.

The Rabbi was committed to not only strengthening our ties with our great ally, but to seeing that the United States continues to support and defend the Jewish State, which is an idea that I shared with him.

I am so honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to represent Temple Beth Am and to experience all that Rabbi Baumgard has done to improve South Florida.

May his memory be a blessing.

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TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA AND MERLIN  
MCALLISTER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sylvia and Merlin McAllister of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 7, 1946.

Merlin and Sylvia have enjoyed many adventures together throughout their 70 years. Mr. McAllister said, "We've been here, there, and everywhere, and just have a good time and enjoy life. We work together and we make a good team." They have visited all 50 states and traveled throughout Europe. Merlin and Sylvia are active members of the Farragut United Methodist Church in Farragut, Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, Merlin and Sylvia's lifelong commitment to each other and their two children, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE,  
INC.

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. for receiving the 2016 Commerce City Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Old Dominion Freight Line is a motor carrier providing regional, inter-regional and national less-than-truckload (LTL) and value-added logistics services. The company has been in Commerce City for 20 years. In 2015, the company expanded its footprint to a 65,000 square foot facility which enabled them to add 70 jobs and 125 trucks departures a day, delivering 275,000 packages annually.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

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HONORING SANDRIDGE FOOD CORPORATION ON RECEIVING THE  
2016 SMART BUSINESS EVOLUTION OF  
MANUFACTURING AWARD

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Sandridge Food Corporation on receiving the 2016 Smart Business Evolution of Manufacturing Award. Sandridge Food Co. is a family-owned refrigerated foods manufacturer located in Medina, Ohio.

For more than 50 years, Sandridge Food Co. has produced fresh deli salads, soups, entrees, desserts, sauces, and dips for the food service and retail sectors. A leader in the refrigerated foods industry in North America, Sandridge has built its rich heritage with an unparalleled commitment to food safety, culinary excellence, and innovation.

Small businesses across the country work hard every day to produce the goods and services needed to drive our nation's economy.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to this valued business and community partner.

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HONORING NORTH PANOLA HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable school, North Panola High School of Sardis, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under.

North Panola High School is a rural high school situated on the eastern edge of the Mississippi delta. For many years the high

school has been a part of a school district that had been plagued by low test scores, violence and a negative school culture. The school district had been taken over by the state several times due to year after year of low test scores.

In July of 2011, Robert King, Conservator of the North Panola School District, hired Jamone Edwards as the principal of North Panola High School. Jamone Edwards, a graduate of Mississippi State University and The University of Mississippi, was the youngest principal the school had ever witnessed. He brought innovative ideas and worked tirelessly to increase teacher morale and create a positive school culture. Under his leadership and the staff's support, the school has made significant gains in the accountability model in which schools are rated. Prior to the new leadership, for many years the school was considered low performing and on academic watch. During his tenure, the school rose to Successful, which is equivalent to a C school. In the 2013–14 school year, Mr. Edwards led the school to its first ever High Performing Status, which is equivalent to a B school. This is a remarkable achievement as the school had never experienced such success and recognition.

Additionally, since 2010, the school has many successes to celebrate. The school's graduation rate was at an all-time low of 49 percent in 2010. Since that time, the graduation rate has risen to 73 percent for the 2013–14 academic school year. Currently, the high school is projected to have a graduation rate of 85 percent for the 2014–15 accountability rating. In addition, Algebra I and U.S. History subject area test scores have surpassed the state's average, and English II and Biology I state test scores are slightly trailing the state's average.

North Panola High School has also made significant improvement in preparing students for college and acquiring scholarships. In 2010, the mean ACT score was 14.8. Since that time, several students of North Panola High School has scored 20 or better on the ACT. In 2010, the high school graduating seniors had generated \$150,000 in scholarship monies. In 2014, the high school graduating class of approximately 80 students received in excess more that \$2 Million in scholarship monies creating more opportunities for our children to succeed in college and careers after high school.

In March 2015, North Panola High School received an award from the State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Carey M. Wright and the Mississippi Department of Education, for closing the achievement gap between black and white students in the area of English/Language Arts and Mathematics. North Panola was one of the only predominantly minority high schools to be recognized with the Distinguished School Award. As a result, North Panola High School received \$23,750.05 to further enhance the students' overall educational experience.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing North Panola High School for its dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi and country.

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE (UPS)

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud United Parcel Service (UPS) for receiving the 2016 Commerce City Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award is given to a company showing leadership within its industry and the community. UPS has been in the Commerce City community for over 44 years and employs 2,700 people as the largest private-sector employer in the city. They recently added 90 full-time jobs and constructed a large high capacity Compressed Natural Gas fueling station for their local fleet of 300 UPS cars and tractors.

The employees at the UPS facility are an integral part of the transportation and logistics sector in Colorado and in the western U.S. but also an integral part of the local community. They give countless hours in volunteer services, donate to local charity programs and are stewards of the economy and the environment. They have assisted in many community projects including the relocation of the old Commerce City Civic Center to the new Historical Society Property, the renovation efforts in local schools, and the remodel of the Hope Center, which helps individuals with developmental disabilities and at-risk children and adults.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the United Parcel Service for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

HONORING 41 PALM BEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENLISTING IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 41 high school seniors from Palm Beach County, Florida for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces after graduating this year. Of these 41 enlistees, nineteen are Army enlistees, three are Army Reserves enlistees, eleven are Marine Corps enlistees, four are National Guard enlistees, and four are Navy enlistees.

These young men and women have demonstrated a tremendous sense of bravery and patriotism in their commitment to our nation. I am proud of them, this institution is proud of them, and their families, friends, and communities are proud of them. Their dedication reminds us that in the face of a diverse set of challenges, the United States remains an example of freedom, justice, and perseverance throughout the world.

I want to personally thank these 41 local graduating seniors for their commitment to our nation and recognize their selflessness. They are: Dylan Smith, Cristian Machuca, Bradley Scaccia, Denzel Persaud, Christon Fitzpatrick, Breana Williams, Jean Decime, Mark Brown, Shantel Johnson, Lashonda Darrisaw, Davarie McCarthy, Precious Montgomery, Emerson

Charles, Lawrence Hamilton, Mayco Saincere, Jahnque Miller, Keisha Oreste, Reginald Mehu, Bailey Federer, Richard Rodriguez, Moses Louis-Charles, Joshua Brewer, Nicklaus Lawrence, Delinson Tomas Velasquez, Destinee Allen, Joshua Cruz Pozuelos, Joshua Wilkes, Oshane Wilson, Allen Gonzalez, Kristen Dodd, Luis Sepulveda, Wadson Dieujuste, Montus Desulma, Ian Little, Natalia Ruiz, Maikyria Lawson, Francis Fevrier, Cristy Guillen Beltre, Fritznick Thelusca, Carlos Gonzalez Vega, and Raja Pargan.

Mr. Speaker, our nation is blessed with the best trained and strongest fighting force in the world. We owe a debt of gratitude to each and every American serving in our armed forces, and to the many veterans who have served before them. Their spirit of service is something we can all be proud of. It is my distinct honor to recognize these young leaders here today, and to thank each of them for stepping forward on behalf of this great nation.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the National Association of University Women of Houston, Texas for hosting their 57th South Central Conference in serving young women.

The National Association of University Women (NAUW) was established in 1910 in Washington, DC by Mary Terrell, Dr. Sara Brown, and Mary Cromwell. The internationally known, non-profit organization directs their efforts toward young women, inspiring them to strive for success regardless of their circumstance. The NAUW works to accomplish this by granting high school seniors with scholarships and advocating women's rights, educational issues, and inspiring young women of tomorrow to make a difference. The 57th South Central Sectional Conference will be held from June 16th to the 18th at the Hilton Westchase Hotel in Houston, Texas.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the National Association of University Women for hosting their 57th South Central Conference in Houston. We appreciate their public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN GREG KEITHLY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Greg Keithly on his retirement from the United States Navy after thirty five years of dedicated service.

Captain Keithly enlisted in the Navy in July of 1981 and began his long career of loyal service to our nation. After his completion of U.S. Hull Maintenance Technician School at Treasure Island, California and later Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he would go on to serve

as a Hull Technician on the USS *McKee* and the USS *Fletcher* which was deployed to the Western Pacific.

Captain Keithly later attended the University of San Diego under the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. Upon his graduation in 1989, Captain Keithly continued his career with the United States Navy as a commissioned officer.

Captain Keithly subsequently began his first fleet tour, during which he served aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* in support of Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, as well as Operation Southern Watch in Iraq. Additionally, he completed a second tour duty in the Western Pacific.

His faithful service continued in 1997 with his assignment as the squadron Training Officer and Operations Officer to the "Black Knights" of Atsugi, Japan. In December 2000, Captain Keithly moved on to serve as the Operations Officer for the Navy's first Super Hornet Fleet Replacement Squadron in Lemoore, California.

In July 2002, Captain Keithly furthered his education at the United States Naval War College located in Newport, Rhode Island where he received a master's degree. He simultaneously completed the Naval Operations Planners Course and was designated a Naval Operational Planner.

After his graduation from the Naval War College, Captain Keithly reported to the "Black Aces" where he diligently served as the Commanding Officer until July 2008. During his time with the "Black Aces," he was deployed twice onboard the USS *Nimitz* where he lead his squadron during combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain Keithly reported to the Third Fleet in August of 2008 and served in various roles including Chief of Plans, N5 Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy, and Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for the N5/N7.

In 2012, Captain Keithly was promoted to Deputy-Commander of the Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Lemoore, California and he would soon thereafter assume full command of the largest type wing in the U.S. Navy. He would serve in this position until December 2014.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Captain Greg Keithly for his years of dedicated and unwavering service to the United States Navy.

#### DENVER MACHINE SHOP

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Denver Machine Shop for receiving the 2016 Commerce City Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Denver Machine Shop is a fourth generation family business that was founded in 1916 and services the Rocky Mountain region in the mining, petroleum, and

manufacturing industries with replacement parts and heavy machinery rebuild services. They repair industrial machinery including heavy mining equipment, rock crushers, steel making production lines, food industry equipment, and sand and gravel screening equipment. In 2013, they moved to a 30,000 square feet facility allowing for a full service machine shop, welding service trucks, field machining, and welding capabilities. Since their move, they have hired eight new employees.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Denver Machine Shop for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

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 \$19,208,277,938,656.01. We've added \$8,581,400,889,742.93 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### TRIBUTE TO ELVERA AND WENDELL JOHNSON

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elvera and Wendell Johnson of Red Oak, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their wedding anniversary on March 17, 2016.

Wendell and Elvera's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. It is because of Iowans like them that I'm proud to represent our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55th year, weathering Iowa's many seasons in their lifelong journey. Much has changed since that spring day in 1961. It is with great pride that I wish them many more years together. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

#### RECOGNIZING HAZLETON LODGE NUMBER 200, BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS, UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to help commemorate the 125th Anniversary

of the establishment of the Hazleton Lodge Number 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. With its humble roots in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the order was founded in 1891 and has continued to reflect the founding principles of charity, justice, and brotherhood. The Elks work to empower the communities around them through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, institute projects that address local needs, and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans. Having been formally inducted into the club during my time as the mayor of Hazleton, I can attest first hand to the humanitarian and philanthropic services provided by the Elks.

With help from members of Philadelphia Lodge Number 2, Hazleton Lodge Number 200 was formally instituted in 1891 with the initiation of 26 members. Occupying several locations over the course of its history, Hazleton Lodge Number 200 settled into its current home in 1956. With such a vast network spanning across diverse communities, the Elks have exemplified an unwavering commitment to Pennsylvania as they continue to expand their membership and community services.

Deeply rooted in principle and character, Hazleton Lodge Number 200 embodies the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.'s motto, "Elks care and Elks share." Through 125 years of service to the Hazleton community, the Elks have encountered over a century's worth of diverse issues and unmet needs. Whether it was through youth programs, educational scholarships, aid to disabled children, food for the less fortunate, or due acknowledgement for our veterans, the Elks have raised the standard of living for all Pennsylvanians. The veterans committee hosts VA picnics and donates Christmas gifts to the veterans in the local nursing homes through the Veterans Christmas Giving Tree. The Flag Day Program salutes the flag, Boy Scouts, and veterans, with the ultimate goal of recognizing those that have sacrificed so much in the past, and to inspire the next generation of valiant leaders.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Hazleton Lodge Number 200, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish to thank the Elks Lodge and its members for their tireless service to the community and unwavering commitment to our nation's veterans.

#### COMMERCE CITY FAMILY DENTIST

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Commerce City Family Dentist for receiving the 2016 Commerce City Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Commerce City Family Dentist is a woman- and minority-owned business that provides orthodontics, cosmetic dentistry, and pediatric dentistry in the Derby area. It has made an impact in Commerce City since the August 2012 opening, growing to 22 employees. Because they believe in giving back, Commerce City Family Dentist offers

services to low-income residents and those who do not have health and dental insurance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Commerce City Family Dentist for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

HONORING ETHEL C. MANGUM

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Ethel C. Mangum who is a native of Madison County. Many of her formative years were spent in the Virden Addition Area. She attended school at Walton Elementary and Brinkley High School. At Jackson State University she earned a B.S. and Masters degree in Social Work and Guidance.

For twenty-eight years she has been an active member of Farish Street Baptist Church and its E. B. Topp Missionary Circle.

Mrs. Mangum has done extensive volunteer work which included: teaching and reading at Powell Middle School; serving as Co-Chairperson of Lake Hico Eubanks Creek Neighborhood Association; working as an HIV/AIDS educator for the American Red Cross; working with children to prevent teenage pregnancy; and motivating them toward moral and academic excellence.

Mrs. Mangum has been a "first" in opening opportunities for others by becoming the first African-American woman to hold a professional position at Baptist Children's Village; the first African-American woman to work for Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. Consulting Engineers; and for SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect). She was one of two females who integrated the lunch room at St. Dominic's Hospital.

Mrs. Mangum currently strives for excellence in the community through her position as Administrative Assistant for Ward 3.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Ethel C. Mangum for her dedication to serving others.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF PENN STATE EXTENSION IN ADAMS COUNTY

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 100th Anniversary of the Adams County Penn State Extension Program. From its beginnings at the Adams County Courthouse in 1916 until today, Adams County Extension has provided practical agriculture education to empower the citizens, businesses, and local communities in Adams County to solve problems, develop skills and build a better future.

The Adams County Penn State Extension program has been a community leader in supporting productive, profitable, and competitive businesses as well as a strong agriculture and food system. The Extension has helped to ensure the long-term vitality of our natural resources and strengthened families and communities throughout Adams County.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I'm proud to have this program in our District and congratulate the staff, volunteers and supporters on the 100th Anniversary of the Adams County Penn State Extension program.

KIMBERLY HUNOLD EARNS NURSE OF THE QUARTER AWARD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kimberly Hunold, RN, for being the first recipient of the Pearland Medical Center Nurse of the Quarter Award on March 29, 2016.

Kimberly was selected for this special award by Emergency Room Director Rhonda Abbe. It was awarded to her by the Pearland Medical Center CEO Matt Dixon and Chief Nursing Officer Jody Noiro. Kimberly earned this distinguished award thanks to her daily efforts to serve her patients, and her commitment to Pearland Medical Center and its residents.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Kimberly Hunold for being awarded the Nurse of the Quarter Award. We appreciate her hard work and all that she does for the city of Pearland.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia on its 150th anniversary.

Founded in 1866, St. Mark's was originally a mission church of St. James and the congregation grew rapidly. After outgrowing three buildings in their first 50 years, church leaders moved the congregation to a new building in the West End of Richmond. The Georgian Revival style building opened in 1922, was consecrated in 1946, and is still in use today.

Under the leadership of Rev. Edward Meeks "Pope" Gregory, St. Mark's was the first Episcopal church in Richmond to integrate its parish in 1967. Rev. Gregory invited the members of the Osgood Memorial Episcopal Church, to join St. Mark's congregation after they were displaced by the building of the downtown expressway.

Over the last 150 years, St. Mark's has continued to be a leader in the Richmond community. In the 1980s, the church offered compassionate responses and funeral services to victims of HIV/AIDS, as well as starting the Richmond AIDS Ministry. More recently, St. Mark's has proudly performed wedding ceremonies for all couples.

Today, St. Mark's hosts fundraisers for the Fan Free Clinic, provides cooling centers in the summer months, serves as a food pantry twice a month, provides school supplies to a nearby school, and is continuously involved

with the Richmond community. Additionally, this summer, in honor of their 150th anniversary, St. Mark's will re-launch a neighborhood summer reading program for elementary school students.

Mr. Speaker, as St. Mark's Episcopal Church celebrates this historic anniversary, the congregation can rejoice in 150 years of fellowship. I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the Richmond community.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Food for Thought for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Image Award.

With support and initial funding from the Arvada Sunrise Rotary Foundation, Food for Thought today serves a tremendous need with free or reduced meals in public schools across the Denver metro area. The Food for Thought program has expanded into Denver and now delivers more than 1,600 weekly "Powersacks" and has delivered over 4,300 tons of food in total to children in need. The support from the Arvada Sunrise Rotary Foundation was instrumental in this program and the expansion of the program into Denver.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Food for Thought for this well-deserved recognition by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING MR. JAMES HALL AND MR. TIMOTHY LAVALLEE

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. James Hall and Mr. Timothy Lavallee. Mr. James Hall is a World War II veteran who had the opportunity to participate in Honor Flight Syracuse's fifth mission in April, 2015. Mr. Timothy Lavallee is a VNA Homecare Physical Therapist who works with Mr. Hall and accompanied him as his Honor Flight Guardian.

Mr. Lavallee encouraged Mr. Hall to apply for the Honor Flight mission and together they embarked on an adventure that deepened the strong bond the two men share. At 90 years old, Mr. Hall embarked on a journey during which he and Mr. Lavallee spent a day in Washington, D.C., exploring our nation's monuments and spending time at the World War II memorial. Mr. Hall describes his experience as "bittersweet." Mr. Hall states that the "trip brought back a lot of memories, both happy and sad."

Mr. Hall enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942, at just 17 years old. Mr. Hall was stationed on submarine chaser PC 1119 in the Pacific Theater and participated in five major battles during the invasion of the Philippines.

Mr. Lavallee is a veteran of the Air National Guard. Mr. Lavallee has made a profound difference in the lives of his patients, especially

that of Mr. Hall. He believes the success of caring for someone at home goes beyond clinical care, saying, "It's about caring for the whole person, not just the patient."

It is evident that Mr. Hall and Mr. Lavallee share a very special bond and I am pleased to honor both men today. I wish both men the best and I want to personally thank both Mr. Hall and Mr. Lavallee for their service to our country.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during the votes held on April 20th, 2016, I was inescapably detained and away handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted YES on the Motion to Re-commit to H.R. 1206, the No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act, NO on Final Passage of H.R. 1206, and NO on Final Passage of H.R. 4885, the IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending Act of 2016.

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TRIBUTE TO SUE AND DAVID  
STROUGH

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sue and David Strough of Gravity, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on March 17, 2016.

David and Sue's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. It is because of Iowans like them that I'm proud to represent our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55th year, weathering Iowa's many seasons in their lifelong journey. Much has changed since that spring day in 1961. It is with great pride I wish them many more years together. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

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CONGRATULATING THE INDIANA  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY MEN'S  
BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Indiana Wesleyan University Men's Basketball team for winning the 2016 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship. Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU), a Christian university located in Marion, Indiana, has a long history

of excellence in academics, spiritual guidance, and athletics. The IWU men's basketball team defeated the Saint Francis Cougars to claim their second national title in three years.

The Wildcats played in the spotlight of the NAIA throughout this astounding season, with an impressive final record of 33–5. In his eleventh season with the Wildcats, Head Coach Greg Tonagel was instrumental in leading the team to victory. Coach Tonagel joined the Wildcats as head coach in 2005 and has demonstrated exceptional leadership, mentorship, and commitment throughout his years as head basketball coach. His notable guidance both on and off the court was publicly recognized when he was honored as the 2009 Best NAIA Head Coach, as well as the NABC/NAIA Division II Coach of the Year in both 2014 and 2016, both years he led the team to national titles. As the daughter of a high school football coach, I understand the tireless dedication, time commitment, and personal sacrifices required to lead young athletes to victory, and I applaud Coach Tonagel's dedication to excellence.

In addition to the Wildcats' national title, individuals from the team were recognized for excellence. Senior Jonny Marlin was named 2016 Championship Most Outstanding Player, recipient of the Pete Maravich Award, NCCAA Player of the Year, and was the first player in the history of Indiana Wesleyan men's basketball program to be selected twice for the NAIA All-American First Team. Two additional Wildcats, Sophomores Lane Mahurin and Bob Peters, were selected for the 2016 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball All-Championship Team. An impressive three players on the team were recognized as 2016 NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Jonny Marlin added this to his long list of individual accomplishments along with Junior Josh Mawhorr and Freshman Aaron Murray. Being a student athlete is no easy feat, and I am proud of these young men for their commitment to their sport and their academics. These significant distinctions exemplify the incredible quality and character of IWU's athletes as well as their momentous athletic talent. The coaches and players of the IWU men's basketball team display a strong commitment to their faith and demonstrate the highest virtues of the community: teamwork, integrity, sportsmanship, and dedication.

On behalf of Indiana's 5th Congressional District, I'd like to extend huge congratulations to the Indiana Wesleyan Men's Basketball Team. I am proud to represent such a distinguished group and I look forward to cheering the team on through another spectacular season next year.

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HONORING LANIER HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lanier High School. It takes its name from the late, distinguished, William Henry Lanier, a former President of Alcorn College and the first Supervisor of Jackson Colored Public Schools.

Lanier was born a slave in Huntsville, Alabama in 1851. He attended Tougaloo College, Oberlin College, and Fisk University and re-

ceived his B.A. degree from Roger Williams University. He served as president of Alcorn A&M for six years. Lanier taught school in Forest, Winona, Black Hawk, Carrollton, Yazoo City, and Jackson. He was principal of the Robertson School from 1912–1929.

Lanier was first organized as a junior-senior high school in 1925, providing instruction for pupils from the seventh through the twelfth grades. A new chapter was added to our history when, on February 8, 1954, they transferred from the old Lanier at 136 East Ash Street and occupied the new Lanier Junior-Senior High School building at 833 West Maple Street. On January 27, 1972, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that Lanier School be designated as a center for the enrollment of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. In 1991, 9th grade students were added to the enrollment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lanier High School.

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IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF DAVID  
O. FRAZIER

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of legendary actor David O. Frazier whose extraordinary career in the theatre spanned a half century rousing and enchanting audiences around the world with an artistic repertoire which one critic described as bringing "fire from the sky."

David O. Frazier appeared in more than 150 theatrical productions, many at the Cleveland Playhouse through four decades. He co-wrote 30 original musicals with his life partner and husband, Joseph Garry. One revue, "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," received such rave notice that though booked for only a few weeks audience response kept it at Cleveland's State Theatre for two and a half years. Frazier's stellar performances in Jacques Brel helped spark a renewal of a performing arts complex at Playhouse Square which stands today as one of the largest in America.

Frazier's memorable role as playwright Brendan Behan in "Conversations With an Irish Rascal," also directed by Joseph Garry, went from 90 performances at Playhouse Square to cheers at the Edinburgh Festival, to a rollicking reception off-Broadway and then to audiences worldwide. David Frazier infused his magic into every performance and added to his fame as a performer of great magnitude which "grabbed the audience by the throat."

The native of Kankekee, Illinois journeyed to the Cleveland area as a young man where he met the love of his life, Joseph Garry, who was directing "Carnival." Joe took on a new capacity, directing David to audition at the Cleveland Play House which led to him starring in 50 theatrical productions and to nearly 50 years as a couple with Joe, in an eternal partnership of love which marked Joe and David as courageous, celebrated and beloved with great intensity by all who know them.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues in the House of Representatives, please join me in honor and recognition of the life and the memory of actor David O. Frazier and to celebrate a man, a

couple and a career which has enriched the lives of people everywhere. I submit the following article.

LEGENDARY 'JACQUES BREL' ACTOR DAVID O. FRAZIER REMEMBERED AS A TITAN OF THE CLEVELAND STAGE (APPRECIATION)

(Andrea Simakis, The Plain Dealer)

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—There is a fine musical to be written about the life and times of David O. Frazier, who died Sunday at age 76.

It would be filled with music both sad and joyous, and feature lavish costumes and exotic locales to reflect his love of travel, a passion he indulged with Joseph Garry Jr., his collaborator in art and life for 49 years.

The two spanned the globe like characters plucked from a Jules Verne novel, Cleveland's version of Phileas Fogg and his resourceful French valet, Passepartout.

The tuner would be a resounding hit, one audiences would want to return to again and again, a show as warm, witty and wise as Frazier himself, as anyone lucky enough to spend even minutes in his orbit can attest.

During his tenure as one of Cleveland's most notable artists, Frazier appeared in more than 150 productions—many at the Cleveland Play House, where he acted for nearly four decades—and co-wrote 30 original musicals with Garry. Despite that resume, he is best known for his part in "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," the revue directed by Garry and performed in the lobby of the dilapidated State Theatre in the pre-renovation 1970s.

A showcase for the songs of Belgian composer and enigmatic showman Jacques Brel, the cabaret opened in April of 1973.

Though booked for a few weeks, it proved so popular it ran for an astonishing two-and-a-half-years, launching what critics called "the Brel era," the beginning of a renaissance that not only saved Playhouse Square and its grand, crumbling houses from the wrecking ball but led to its becoming the second-largest performing-arts complex in America.

Gina Vernaci, architect of the KeyBank Broadway Series at Playhouse Square, offered her sympathies by celebrating that remarkable legacy.

"David and Joe Garry have been beloved fixtures at Playhouse Square since the days of 'Jacques Brel,'" Vernaci wrote.

"With his cast mates Cliff Bemis, Terry Piteo and Prov Hollander, and under the direction of Joe and musical director David Gooding, David gave his all in 522 performances of the show that was the catalyst for the saving of our historic theaters. His passing leaves a hole in our hearts that will not be filled. Our condolences go out to Joe and to David's family, friends and all those who knew him."

And so many did.

As news of his death spread, emails began arriving to Garry's inbox—from Nepal, Rio, Paris and London. There was even a note from the Princess of Kuwait, the result of Frazier and Garry's performing on cruise ships, a run that lasted 10 years, from 2000 to 2010.

Their residencies aboard the Queen Mary and other storied vessels took them from Tierra del Fuego to the North Pole, Frazier mostly doing cabaret, Garry onstage also as narrator and storyteller. Their shows weren't the usual "Love Boat" cliché.

"For example," remembered Garry, "we would perform a musical piece on Gauguin and then take the audience to his gravesite [next to Brel] in the South Pacific."

Though they stayed closer to home as Frazier's health declined, they were never far from the Cleveland theater scene they helped create, attending performances in and around Playhouse Square, Frazier balancing

on a cane and then later, ferried along by Garry in a wheelchair.

"During David's long illness, Joe was the perfect caretaker," said longtime Cleveland critic Roy Berko, recalling how Garry carefully transferred Frazier to his seat in the orchestra.

Ever the performer, Frazier "worked at an illusion of wellness," said Garry. "Even in the wheelchair."

Without Frazier, there might well have been no "Brel era" and, consequently, no gala unveiling of the world's largest outdoor chandelier, no home for touring Broadway, no downtown arts mecca. There would only be more parking lots.

"As a matter of fact I didn't like 'Jacques Brel' at all when I first saw it in London," Garry explained to The Plain Dealer's theater critic Peter Bellamy in 1977, "and only after hearing David play the recording for five years did I consent to direct the musical. Then I grew to love it."

First staged by Garry for the Berea Summer Theatre before taking up residence at the State, "Jacques Brel's" devotees flocked to it with the zeal of "Rocky Horror" groupies. Bill Rudman, founder and artistic director of the Musical Theater Project, was among them.

"My girlfriend and I saw it six times—it was Our Show!" Rudman remembered in an email. "And the same could be said for hundreds of other couples in town."

"David was just plain riveting. Whatever he was doing on stage—whatever he was saying—he was so present that you felt you were right there with him."

"Just ask Clevelanders who were here when 'Brel' ran," wrote John David Sidley in The Plain Dealer's magazine on the occasion of a 10th anniversary revival in 1985. "And if you can find some who never attended, you will discover them almost apologetic—as if they were being forced to admit they voted for Nixon."

In his rave, Bellamy explained the oddball allure of "Jacques Brel."

"The production has no plot, consisting of a little dialogue and many songs. They treat of angels and devils, of dreams and hope, of despair and the hell of war. They also deal with youth, old age, drunks, prostitutes, dogs, rainbows, cotton candy, carousels and calliopes.

"Brel is a poet and philosopher as well as a composer. He is concerned not only with man's atrocities, but his nobility. He comments, but does not preach. He mentions Vietnam and Hiroshima, but is not bitter. He has compassion for the human condition.

"... Frazier, remembered for his many fine roles at the [Cleveland] Play House, has a voice of great power and provides many moments of hilarity with his clowning and pantomime."

Fans so identified Frazier with the project they often thought he was the Belgian songwriter himself, remembered friend Frank Dutton in a Facebook tribute to Frazier. Dutton was a self-described "mangy teenager" in the 1970s, working coat check during the initial run of "Brel."

"For some reason some people thought David was Brel!" Dutton wrote. "They would usually say things like 'I just love that Jacks Brel (sic), you tell Mr. Brel how much we enjoyed his show.' We always wondered why no one thought Cliff was Brel. In actuality, neither of them looked like Brel, but maybe David is what people thought Brel would look like."

Frazier followed that success with his turn as playwright and personality Brendan Behan in "Conversations With an Irish Rascal" in 1975, a musical biography filled Irish songs and ballads that Frazier wrote with the late publicist Kathleen Kennedy.

Bellamy dubbed Frazier, who learned to play the harmonica for the role, "magnificent." After clocking a healthy 90 performances at Playhouse Square, "Rascal," also directed by Garry, went on to a celebrated stand at the Edinburgh Festival and an off-Broadway premiere at the Top of the Gate Theater, later known as the Village Gate, a famous Greenwich Village spot that once hosted jazz greats John Coltrane and Dizzy Gillespie, rockers Patti Smith and Jimi Hendrix, and Broadway darling Tommy Tune.

Frazier tore his pants the night of the opening, sending Garry running to find a costumer at a show that was playing downstairs. No luck, quipped Garry, as "Let My People Come" was an explicit musical about sex that featured a nude cast.

Though The New York Times' Clive Barnes dismissed "Rascal," it won fans on tour.

"We performed 'Rascal' all over the world," Garry wrote in a guest column for The Plain Dealer in 1976, "everywhere from the National Theatre of Scotland to a brothel in the Caribbean. We have performed it before 50 people and 1000 people and its ability to leave an imprint on your soul never dies. There is that kind of nakedness to it."

Certainly, that had something to do with the man himself. Despite his celebrity, Frazier threw himself into parts with the eagerness of a novice, no matter the size of the stage.

As the star in a production of "The King and I" for Berea Summer Theatre in 1977, Frazier shaved his head, pierced his ear ("at a Miss Bojangles' establishment," Frazier reported), grew a "Fu Manchu mustache" and lost 40 pounds. ("I did not wish the show to be known as 'Anna and the Fat of Siam.'")

He also nearly severed a middle toe colliding with a metal coat rack racing to the dressing room for a quick change on the second night of the show. He wrapped the injured digit in masking tape and made it through the polka in "Shall We Dance."

Inspired by pain, his death scene that night "was the best . . . of my career." He was admitted to the hospital as "King of Siam."

The only member of Actors' Equity, the professional actors' union, in the production, Frazier, in order to defray costs, helped sew his own costumes and styled the hair of his 12 stage wives.

In an especially delicious anecdote, the Kankakee, Illinois, native dropped out of hairdressing school to join the resident company of the Cleveland Play House in 1966.

(He also picked cotton in Texas; worked as an Air Force supply clerk in Missouri; sold stationery in Kansas City, Missouri, where he once moonlighted as a female impersonator; and hawked men's sportswear at Higbee's in Cleveland, among other pursuits.)

The versatile song-and-dance man who could also rivet in straight plays became an elite member of the Tony Award-winning theater's Hall of Fame in July of 2001.

Frazier "sings with zest and acts with gusto," Bellamy wrote in his review of the "King and I," another Garry production, and those who knew and loved him best say he approached his days the same way.

"David Frazier had a raucous, ebullient love of life, on stage and off," said Cleveland Scene theater critic and performer Christine Howey.

"His performances in 'Jacques Brel' as well as many other productions were always fiery, intense and memorable. But more than that, he was a loving and compassionate friend. I can still hear his booming laughter that punctuated most conversations, and I trust I always will."

But no one knew him better than Garry. In truth, there is no way to celebrate one without speaking of the other.

They met at Berea Summer Theatre, where Garry was helming "Carnival." With a keen eye for talent, Garry advised him. "to give up all this other nonsense," including those barbershop dreams, and audition for K. Elmo Lowe, then artistic director of the Play House.

Frazier did, appearing in some 50 productions, everything from Garry's rocked-out version of Aristophanes' "The Birds" to the Sam Shepard modern masterpiece "Buried Child." He was known, said managing director Kevin Moore, for his immense talent to create a wide variety of characters and as "a gregarious and loving gentleman."

In a short, poignant video shot during the 100th anniversary celebrations at Cleveland Play House in October 2015, Frazier recollected his almost 40 years as an actor there, holding the theater's Tony.

"I had great moments here," he said, surrounded by Garry and artistic director Laura Kepley, "too many to mention, so I just think this is the best moment of all," he said, spinning the little silver disc on the statuette.

After the first rehearsal of "Carnival," he asked to store some of his things at Garry's place for a weekend during a move. The stuff—and Frazier—stayed. "His timing," said Garry, "was always perfect."

Their sultanate of a condo in Bratenahl is legendary, a museum of artifacts from their voyages—elaborate masks and statuary and rainbows of wall hangings—and framed photos of the couple with friends they'd met: Patricia Neal, Rue McClanahan, Elaine Stritch, Tony Walton and Cliff Robertson. They threw Kitty Carlisle a birthday party when she turned 92 and swam laps with her in the pool. ("She won," Garry said.)

"He lived his life in Capital Letters . . ." Garry wrote in an email addressed to "Dear Family and Precious Friends" the morning of Frazier's death.

" . . . as Peter Bellamy, the PD Drama Critic said 'He brought fire from the sky.' I witnessed his life for 49 glorious years and I cherish every golden moment. David had an intensity and energy that infused everything he ever did. When he performed 'Irish Rascal' at The National Theatre of Scotland a critic said 'his towering performance grabbed the audience by the throat.' He grabbed my heart in the same way."

Though the pair married two years ago on March 18, they would have celebrated 50 years together on Aug. 1.

"David kept pushing to make plans but I knew we would never reach the date," Garry wrote.

"We lived our lives as one . . . we were singular. The first gift I gave David included a card which read 'You are the We of Me' and so he will remain."

"Brel, above all, is concerned with the power of love," wrote Bellamy of their most famous collaboration. "One of his lines is: 'Without having anything else but the strength of loving, you have in your hands the whole world.'"

That they did.

"Celebrating A Rascal," a memorial to David O. Frazier, will be held in the State Theatre on Monday, April 25 at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

ESSAY BY SMRITI AHUJA

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in

the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight from across the political spectrum that sheds a light on the concerns of our younger constituents. Giving voice to their priorities will hopefully instill a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Smriti Ahuja attends Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas. In your opinion, what makes the political process in Congress so challenging?

From 5140 bills in Congress every year, less than five percent of them are passed and become laws. That is only 257 bills. The United States Congress has been known to be extremely slow in terms of passing laws, but what most people don't realize is that passing a law is harder than it sounds. There are many obstacles that result in the political process in Congress being so challenging.

First, the process to pass a law itself is extremely long winded. First, the bill is assigned to a committee for study. This study could take months in order to fully develop the bill completely. Then, if the committee releases the bill, it must be debated on, revised, and approved by a simple majority. After approval, it moves to the Senate where it is assigned to another committee, and another simple majority is needed for the bill to move to the joint committees of the Senate and the House to work out any tweaks that are necessary. Then, the resulting bill goes to the House and the Senate to be approved. Overall, this whole process could take months which is why the process is so challenging. Every single aspect of the process has to go smoothly in order for the process to flow well.

Second, Congress members must work together even with different opinions. Most Congress members are split between two political parties, Republican and Democrat. These two political parties tend to have opposing views which results in political polarization, and laws aren't able to be passed because of conflicting opinions. Even more than that, Congress members usually have their own opinions as well, that can also result in incompatible ideas between not just parties, but specific members. Also, Congress members are split between the House and the Senate, and these two parts of Congress have their own agenda. Since both houses must approve the bill, different agenda can lead to challenges and obstacles.

The political process in Congress is extremely challenging, with 535 individuals all debating and advocating for their own opinions. Hopefully, in the future, Congress can become less polarized and pass more laws for the benefit of the nation.

IN HONOR OF LEEANNE  
HASBROUCK

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Leeanne Hasbrouck on her retirement from my Congressional Office and to thank her for nearly 26 years of

dedicated service to the people of the First Congressional District of New Jersey.

Leeanne began her career working for the First District in December of 1990 for my predecessor, then newly elected Congressman Robert Andrews. She quickly rose through the ranks to become his Director of Casework, a capacity in which she still serves. Caseworkers are the heart and soul of Congressional offices. They advocate on behalf of constituents and help navigate the maze of agency bureaucracy to deliver life changing assistance. Over the years, Leeanne has helped thousands upon thousands of our friends and neighbors obtain social security benefits, get the care they earned at the VA, and access emergency aid programs in the wake of disasters like Super Storm Sandy. These are only a few of her many accomplishments. It takes a huge amount of love and patience to do casework. Fortunately for my office and the constituents we serve, Leeanne has an abundance of both.

For Leeanne, serving our community was not merely a day job, it was a calling. When she wasn't working, she was an active member of the Gloucester County Parks and Recreation Commission, where she acted as Chairwoman of Scotland Run Park; she served as the President of the Friends School Mullica Hill PTA, chairing the school's annual fundraising auction and annual Art and Craft Fair; and she was the Vice President of both the Greater Woodbury Area Junior Woman's Club and the Woodbury Old City Restoration Committee. Leeanne was even the President of the Woodbury Soccer Club and found time to coach her children's soccer teams.

Active in local politics, she also served as a member of the Gloucester County Democratic Committee and as Chairwoman of the Woodbury Democratic Committee, where she left a legacy of success and service.

Born in New Milford, Connecticut, Leeanne graduated from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, with an Associate's Degree in Science. Married to Bruce Hasbrouck for 37 years before his passing in 2015, they have three children, Ethan, Seth, and Heidi and three grandchildren, Tyler, Dylan, and Francis.

Mr. Speaker, Leeanne Hasbrouck exemplifies the sort of dedication and selfless service that makes America great. She will be sorely missed by not only my staff and I, but also the countless constituents whose lives she touched. I join my staff, our community, and all of South Jersey in thanking her for her outstanding service and wishing her well in her retirement.

96TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH  
NATIONAL DAY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call our attention to the 96th anniversary of Turkish National Day on April 23rd, 2016. On this day 96 years ago, the Grand National Assembly was established, which led to the founding of the modern Republic of Turkey and the election of the first President, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. I am pleased to join my colleagues in recognizing

the unique contributions to America's culture from those of Turkish and Turkish-American decent.

As you may know, the Republic of Turkey has been paramount in its stride towards secular democracy since 1920. Turkey is the first secular democracy with a predominantly Muslim population in the world. As a key ally to U.S. for over 60 years, Turkey is a critical U.S. partner in countering terrorism, security and defense, trade, education, science, and innovation. Turkey has been invaluable in its role of hosting over 1.7 million Syrian refugees during the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. Turkey also stands as a vital NATO ally in a region with escalated accounts of violence and tension and has been a partner in pushing back ISIL's control of certain territories.

Since 1927, Turkey has also designated April 23rd as Children's Day to signify the role of future generations in the modern Turkish statehood. Turkey commits every year by emphasizing the important role the younger generations have in succeeding their predecessors. As I and many of my colleagues acknowledge, children are the future of our nation. On this day, children from all across Turkey come together and take over the Grand National Assembly to voice their concerns.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that the Congress has set aside this national day of celebration again in 2016. Turkish-Americans have left a unique imprint that has positively contributed to America's diverse cultural spectrum. Each year, it seems, we have a greater appreciation for the remarkable contribution of Turkey to our American values and democracy. We stand in deep appreciation and gratitude with our ally, Turkey on this Turkish National Day.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JANET HART HEINICKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Janet Hart Heinicke of Indianola, Iowa, as a 2016 Artist Art Within Everything Award winner.

Dr. Heinicke has been an artist and educator all of her life with her artwork on worldwide display. She exhibits her work internationally and has been a visiting artist in Vietnam, China, Tanzania, Malaysia, Philippines, Russia and Africa. Simpson College students have benefitted directly as she developed their full potential as artists. Dr. Heinicke holds a Doctorate of Education and Master of Science in Art Education from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Janet Hart Heinicke is an Iowan who has made its citizens very proud. She has dedicated her life to teaching, and creating art for the world. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Dr. Heinicke for her work, and wishing her continued success in all her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS E. CIRILLO III

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Ms. ESTY. Mr Speaker, last weekend, the State of Connecticut lost a true champion, and I lost a friend, with the unexpected passing of Francis E. Cirillo III. A lifetime Waterbury resident, Frank passed away just days before his 56th birthday.

A graduate of Wilby High School, Frank proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Cold War. He served aboard the USS *Ranger* from 1978 to 1982 and earned the rank of Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class. He was awarded the Naval Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

After his military service, Frank returned home to Waterbury where he began his civilian career at Connecticut Light and Power (now known as Northeast Utilities). Frank fell in love with Milena, his wife of 31 years, and together they raised a wonderful family, which he was immensely proud of—as anyone who spent time in Frank's office immediately learned through photos and mementos.

After 20 years at Northeast Utilities, Frank became a full-time union official in March 2004. He was famous and admired for his strong advocacy for the members of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 420 in Waterbury. Frank's outspokenness and passion served him well in his positions with the CT AFL-CIO, the Western CT Central Labor Council, the New England Utility Council, and the Local 420's COPE. His commitment to working families helped ensure that they received the services, benefits, and recognition they deserved. In 2013, he received the Paul A. Loughran Memorial Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Frank was frequently recognized for his hard work and community service. He was actively involved in civic and charitable organizations, serving as Waterbury's Good Jobs Liaison Commissioner, a member of the Waterbury Democratic Town Committee, and a member of Waterbury's American Italian Civic Club. He was honored in 2014 by the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee for his outstanding service to the city, state, and nation.

And I also note that Frank was frequently "recognized" as Al Pacino—his resemblance to the famous actor was so striking that Frank proudly hung a large Godfather poster behind his desk. Frank will be sorely missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know him. His contributions to the City of Waterbury and the State of Connecticut will not be forgotten. My heart and condolences go out to his family and friends as we remember the legacy and the glorious life of Frank Cirillo.

On a personal note, I will miss Frank's friendship, his directness, his guidance, and his love of life. He inspired and challenged me in all the best ways. And it simply will not be October without chilly Saturday morning door knocking with Frank. It's hard to imagine that Frank is not still with us—passionately advocating for working families, cracking jokes, and freely offering his assessment of anyone who he believed to be "full of it."

I have no doubt that Frank is stirring things up in heaven, letting St. Peter know exactly what he thinks.

HONORING LILLIE V. DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lillie V. Thompson Davis.

Mrs. Lillie V. Thompson Davis, a life time resident of Quitman County, MS, has a strong belief in God; she is a friend to education, a retired school teacher of 42 years, and lives in Marks, MS. She has a teaching experience of more than forty-two years which include seventeen years as assistant principal, Adult Education teacher, teaching in the prison system, and in the state of Indiana. She is a graduate of Rust College Holly Springs, MS and earned a Master of Education from the University of MS Oxford, MS. She was one of the first of four teachers who taught in an integrated school system in an all white school in Marks, MS. Mrs. Davis is an advocate for education and has tutored students in reading and math without a fee, and made generous donations to an educational program. She is sustaining her teaching career as an advanced adult Sunday School teacher at her membership church in Marks, MS.

She initiated the idea to build a much needed gym for the Quitman County Middle School, by the passing of a bond issue. The first attempt to pass the bond issue failed by 23 votes November of 2013, but because of her fervent prayers, profound determination, and help of many dedicated hard working individuals, the bond issue of four million dollars was tried a second time and passed in November, 2014. She has been a member of the Quitman County School Board since 2006, and has worked untiringly trying to bring about positive changes for the boys and girls of the Quitman County School System. And also since she wanted to share her knowledge of some undocumented history of the early life of Blacks in the Delta, she wrote a book entitled "Drifting Into Falcon."

Mrs. Davis is the mother of three daughters: Pamela, Jamesetta and Wanda, who is deceased. She has five grandchildren: Larry, Brandon, Darnell, Steve and Ashley; and four great grandchildren: Debrisha, Marian, Lauren and Laila.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Lillie V. Davis because she is definitely the epitome of an unsung hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday during the last series of votes. Had I been here, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call Vote No. 155, I would have voted NAY.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RICK  
HOFFENBERG AND THE MARY-  
WOOD CAMPUS CHOIR

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marywood Campus Choir under the direction of Dr. Rick Hoffenberg. The choir filled the rotunda on Marywood University's campus on May 2–3 2015 for a program entitled "Almost A Cappella." The performance was unique in that it featured musical accompaniment for the first time in the four years that the University has been giving choral concerts inside the rotunda.

The concert opened with Richard Rodney Bennett's "A Farewell to Arms" with the Campus Choir singing to cello accompaniment, beginning with a cello solo elegy performed by Mrs. Christiane Appenheimer-Vaida. This memorable piece was followed by Henryk Gorecki's "Lobgesang" featuring the glockenspiel performed by Christopher Morrison.

Next on the program were two selections by Stephen Chatman, "Alas, that Spring should vanish with the rose" and "Thou whose harmony is the Music of the Spheres." The former featured the florid accompaniment of a clarinet performed by Ms. Katie Morell who did ascending scales and trills as part of the flowery duet with the choir. The latter featured accompaniment by oboe performed by Mr. Thomas Heinze, and here the musical embellishment was melancholy and blended with the wistful sounds of the choir.

The Chatman selections were followed by Stephen Paulus' "Meditations of Li Po." The piece concluded with a draining of the voices to the sound of hand bells performed by Ms. Mary Ann Rutkowski. The concert concluded with two selections of Giovanni Gabrieli, his "O Quam Suavis" and his "Angelus Domini Descendit," to the accompaniment of oboe courtesy of Thomas Heinze, clarinet courtesy of Katie Morell, bassoon courtesy of Alyssa Speicher, and horn courtesy of Sarah Schouten. These selections were caught in the jaws of articulation between the Renaissance and Baroque periods of music and sounded a bit like music from both time periods.

It is an honor to recognize Dr. Rick Hoffenberg and the Marywood Campus Choir for their excellent performance. May they continue to contribute to the cultural value of Marywood University and its surrounding community in greater Scranton, Pennsylvania.

ESSAY BY SAKU GOPINATH

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

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a light on the concerns of our younger constituents. Giving voice to their priorities will hopefully instill a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Saku Gopinath attends Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas. In your opinion, what makes the political process in Congress so challenging?

Anyone can see that Congress as it operates today is largely ineffective, failing to represent its constituents, and the numbers support this opinion. As a Gallup poll stated, the approval rating for Congress was at an all time low during the 2013–2014 period at 14.5%, indicating the lack of faith the American people have developed in it. In my opinion, it is the attitude towards politics that makes the political process in Congress so challenging—an attitude that sacrifices democratic values to pursue victory above all else.

The political process of Congress is essentially the rules, procedures, and practices by which the majority organizes the institution to achieve its goals of policymaking and resource allocation; this process creates a power struggle, five different struggles to be exact, but each is necessary for Congress to function per its design. Of the struggles between the President and Congress, the House and the Senate, the political parties, the elected majority party leaders and majority party committee chairmen, and the individual members to get the most for their districts and states from the Federal government and thereby ensure their reelection, I will focus on that between the political parties. A clash of contrasting ideals is an old story in America, its origins dating back all the way to America's creation with the opposition between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists with differing ideas of the scope and purpose of the new government. At that time, however, the parties chose to compromise, and incorporated principles from each belief to create stronger policies. The fact is that the rivalry between these two broad philosophies often proved highly productive, and this cooperation was able to take place because they shared a commitment to democracy.

The competition between opposing views has begun to degenerate into something toxic, however, creating an environment in which politics is treated as war, and compromise is seen as a weakness. While it is unclear what the exact cause of this problem is, its symptom is clear: ineffectiveness. Evidence of this is provided by the 234 bills passed by the 113th Congress, the lowest recorded total in congressional history. It is obvious that the fervor to win too often trumps everything else—including respect for opponents, the integrity of institutions, and even the health of the democracy itself. A clear example of the detrimental effect this attitude is having on the political process of Congress is the 16 days the government was shut down in October of 2013 due to Congress's inability to compromise. The time has come to remedy this problem, and for politicians to adopt a new attitude—or rather, return to an old state of mind.

The only way to simplify the political process of Congress is to create a renewed sense of commitment to democracy—above party interests and ideology, or economic interests. It is only in the context of such a shared commitment that differences in opinions and beliefs can be fruitful and benefit the American people.

CONGRATULATING NETHALINE  
HOPE NOTHNAGEL ON HER 90TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nethaline Hope Nothnagel, of Willard, Missouri, on her 90th birthday. Hope, as she's known by loved ones, has led a truly remarkable and full life over the course of her 90 years.

Starting in her home state of Minnesota, she has lived in states far and wide, ranging from Alaska to North Carolina due to the military career of her husband Ervin—to whom she has been married for more than 50 years. Hope has 6 children: Ervin, Monica, Nelda, Joe, Jim and Norm. She additionally has 7 grandchildren: Renee, Eric, Perrin, Adam, Matt, Sam and Katie. Finally, Hope has 9 great-grandchildren: Cassie, Cruize, Kelsey, Kylie, Brooks, Owen, Davis, Gavin and Everrett.

Even with a family this large, Hope was not content to merely serve as a matriarch. She worked various jobs during her life, ranging from executive secretary, to managing libraries and bookstores to serving as a professional seamstress for many years. Currently, Hope keeps occupied through her passion for reading and love of the outdoors. She often feeds and observes the wildlife on her 18 acre farm, and still shows off her green thumb with her love of gardening.

Mr. Speaker, Nethaline Hope Nothnagel has lived an accomplished life and raised a wonderful family. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hope for reaching this tremendous milestone and living her life as a role-model for the younger generations in her family.

CONGRATULATING TORI MCCOY

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tori McCoy on being selected as a member of the 2016 McDonald's All American Basketball Team.

Since 1978, the McDonald's All American Basketball Games have helped raise more than \$11 million for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Tori will join athletes like Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, and Shaquille O'Neal in this distinguished honor.

She was selected from more than 750 nominees to represent some of the best high school basketball talent in the country. Born and raised in Champaign, Tori is a senior who currently plays as a forward for the St. Thomas More Sabers. She first earned the attention of many college recruiters two years ago when she helped the Sabers win a state title as a sophomore. Since then, she has been considered a top prospect for many basketball programs across the country, but will join the Ohio State Buckeyes after graduation.

The first Girls Game for the McDonald's All American Basketball Games was held in 2002,

and Tori is the first from my district to achieve such an honor. I am very proud of Tori's talent as a student athlete. I congratulate her on the outstanding accomplishment of being a member of the 2016 McDonald's All American Girls Game winning team, played at the United Center on March 30th.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS—COY GARDNER

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coy Gardner from Katy, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology leaders.

Coy attends Katy High School and is one of 13 high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This program was designed for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school, as well as to support their aspirations of working in a science or technology field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 29th through July 1st. Coy was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to his dedication to his academic success and goals pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Coy and all of his hard work, and know he will make Katy proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Coy for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

HONORING SUNFLOWER COUNTY FREEDOM PROJECT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, Sunflower County Freedom Project.

Founded in 1998, the Sunflower County Freedom Project was started by three Teach for America teachers who saw a need for an educational program in the Mississippi Delta that would challenge and engage young people in the area. Initially, the organization was a summer program at Mississippi Delta Community College that grew into a year-round program at the University of Mississippi. In 2002, the organization purchased the LEAD Center in Sunflower, which houses all of their programs. They target students in Sunflower County to complete a six-year fellowship with the organization beginning with the summer before they begin seventh grade. The overall

goal is to have 100 percent of their "fellows", also known as students, go on to enroll in four year colleges and universities. To this date they have met that goal.

The Freedom Project is for students in 7th–12th grade who want to discipline themselves into becoming leaders in their homes, schools and communities. The middle school students partake in Freedom Summer, which is named for and rooted in the Civil Rights history of Freedom Summer '64. The high school students can participate in ACT Camp or summer opportunities around the country including Philips Exeter Summer Academy and Explo at Yale University.

They seek to provide students with opportunities and challenges that will allow them to grow and mature into leaders for the Mississippi Delta. The multi-faceted approach includes rigorous academic work, arts enrichment, fitness and wellness training, educational travel and character development for every student. They travel the country, live in college dorm rooms, and camp in the wilderness to develop our students and enrich their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sunflower County Freedom Project for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

CASA OF MERCED COUNTY— ALLIED PROFESSIONAL AWARD

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus (VRC) advocates for the silent voices of crime victims. JIM COSTA (D-CA) and I founded the VRC 10 years ago when we were first elected to Congress. During its 10 year existence, the VRC has taken the lead in protecting programs that provide critical support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA). Each year the members of the caucus join together to honor outstanding individuals who have given their time and service to helping victims. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Caucus.

On behalf of Congressman COSTA (D-CA) and myself, we are proud to recognize an organization that makes a big difference in the San Joaquin Valley: Court Appointed Special Advocates also known as CASA of Merced County. Nominated by Congressman COSTA, the CASA of Merced County is the recipient of the VRC Allied Professional Award.

With a mission to place every child in a safe, loving, and permanent home, CASA relies on the work of volunteer advocates for the interests of children overlooked by society. In order to ensure that every child is properly taken care in the eyes of both the law and the community, these volunteers provide judges with detailed information of a child's home life and legal situation to help judges better understand each and every child's unique story.

The Executive Director, Shar Herrera and her staff work diligently to support children

who are victims of abuse and neglect. Sadly, children who are victims of neglect and are in the foster care system are too often in a situation where they do not have a single person in their life that they can trust and rely on. But Merced CASA has changed that horrible reality for hundreds of children throughout Merced County.

CASA volunteers are often there for the children beyond just the courtroom; they are friends, mentors, and confidants for the children they support. The volunteers who are trained by CASA for Merced County change children's lives for the better every single day. CASA and their advocates have done right by their community, and, most importantly, right by children in need. I am proud to recognize them as the recipient of the Allied Professional Award.

And that is just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD FORRISTALL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Richard Forristall of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on his recent retirement as a Deputy with the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Department. For more than 33 years, Deputy Forristall has served Pottawattamie County citizens. He began his career in court security, later joining the road division where he became a K-9 handler.

Deputy Forristall said, "When I started, I was one of the only K-9 handlers in the area. I helped other surrounding counties, the Iowa State Patrol, and the Department of Transportation." He said he enjoyed meeting and helping people. Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jeff Danker said, "He's done a great job. He's done a lot of things for us. You hate to see him go, but I know he's done a great job for the citizens of Pottawattamie County."

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Forristall made a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments. I thank him for his service to Pottawattamie County and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GLEN AND POLLY BARTON

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Mr. and Mrs. Glen and Polly Barton for their tireless contributions to Peoria, Illinois and the surrounding communities. Glen and Polly Barton have dedicated their time, money, and most importantly their passion to making the community a better place to live. The Barton's are recognized as leaders and philanthropists where their generosity and guidance have touched the lives of so many.

Polly Barton's steadfast work and leadership within the Peoria Park District made the vision of Peoria Zoo a reality. Her fundraising expertise combined with her commitment to serving the community led the way for the beautiful entryway, Barton Pavilion, of the Peoria Zoo that opened in 2012. Her active involvement with the Junior League of Peoria made the Peoria PlayHouse a reality where children are given the opportunity to explore, imagine, and play.

WTVP, the PBS station for Peoria and surrounding areas, was also impacted by Glen and Polly's generosity and financial support. The campaign, assisted by Caterpillar during Glen's CEO tenure, raised enough money to move the station into the beautiful downtown studio on State Street, where it resides today.

The Barton's have contributed considerably to their community, but their focus has always been to improve education by providing the resources necessary for students to excel. Illinois Central College and Eureka College have been fortunate to receive patronage from the Barton's through scholarships, mentorships, and fellowships. Their strong support has awarded students an educational opportunity to engage in their field of study, volunteer within the community, and exceed in their schoolwork. Understanding the importance of education for all students, Glen and Polly played a leadership role with their time and financial support to create Quest Charter Academy in Peoria.

As former CEO of Caterpillar, Inc., Glen noticed that there were a shortage of technical skilled workers and realized that the school district was facing challenges in meeting the basic requirements in math and sciences. Glen expressed that, "College education was a springboard to another world and set of opportunities," that children in his community were not receiving because of their limited education. Quest Charter Academy prepares students for secondary education by focusing on an innovative education rich in math, science, and technology. The school prides itself on their six core values: respect, responsibility, integrity, courage, curiosity, and effort, principles that have made the Barton's such successful and charitable people. Quest has given students, who otherwise would not have the opportunity, the resources available to be prepared for the competitive global world.

Our Peoria Area is lucky to have people like Glen and Polly who have tirelessly given back to our community. Central Illinois has benefited immensely under the leadership, contributions, and generosity from the Barton's. Their efforts have made the community, just like Quest Charter Academy, a better place to grow, learn, and play.

BLANCA KLING, HISPANIC LIAISON, MEDIA SERVICES DIVISION MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD DEPARTMENT OF POLICE—SUZANNE McDANIEL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus

(VRC) is a proven and effective leader in advocating for crime victims. JIM COSTA and I founded the VRC 10 years ago when we were first elected to Congress. During its 10 year existence, the VRC has taken the lead in protecting programs that provide critical support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPR). Each year the members of the caucus join together to honor outstanding individuals who have given their time and service to helping victims. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Caucus.

On behalf of Congressman COSTA (D-CA) and myself, we are pleased to honor Ms. Blanca Kling as this year's Suzanne McDaniel Memorial Award recipient and recognize all of her hard work for the community. Nominated by Congressman CHRIS VAN HOLLEN of the 8th Congressional District of Maryland, Ms. Kling is deserving of this recognition for all of her hard work in her community. This award honors Suzanne McDaniel, one of the first prosecutor-based victim advocates in Texas and in the nation. McDaniel created Harris County's first community interagency council on sexual assault and family violence and the first rape exam protocol for Houston Hospital and Medical Associations. She also formed the Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse, the first statewide resource in the nation, and helped draft and pass the Texas Crime Victim Bill of Rights, the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Act, and the Texas Constitutional Amendment on Crime Victim Rights. McDaniel passed away in May 2012 after an eight-year battle with pancreatic cancer. This honoree is an individual or organization that has used her voice, throughout the media, to promote and to bring about change at the National level for crime victims.

Ms. Kling's role as the Hispanic Liaison for the Media Services Division of the Montgomery County Maryland Police Department qualifies her for this distinguished recognition. Since 2005, Ms. Kling has worked tirelessly to develop open and productive lines of communication between the police department and various communities, particularly to the Hispanic community. Previously, MCPD recognized that there was significant distrust between their department and the Hispanic community. This caused a detrimental impact on the effectiveness in responding to crime and community issues.

Ms. Kling conducts outreach to more than 170,000 Hispanics who live and work in Montgomery County, Maryland. She is instrumental in supporting the Hispanic community, particularly newly arrived immigrants who face challenges in assimilating to a new culture, language, and legal system. Thanks to her outstanding work, people are less fearful about reporting crimes that have been committed against them or that they have witnessed. These efforts have had a significant impact on individual and public safety in Montgomery County.

Ms. Kling has been extremely effective in disseminating information to Spanish-language media in order to provide support to victims and prevent crimes in the Hispanic community. She has also worked with local, national, and international leaders to ensure that they have the tools to ensure safety for their con-

stituencies. Her work as a media spokesperson, community leader, and a victim rights advocate has helped thousands of victims and survivors of crime, and their families.

On behalf of the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, I would like to congratulate Ms. Blanca Kling and the Montgomery County Maryland Police Department for all that they do to keep our communities safe, each and every day.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING MRS. FLORINE LEWIS

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Unsung Hero, Mrs. Florine Lewis.

For some retired educators, retirement means a time to relax and take it easy. Not for longtime Holmes County, Mississippi resident, Mrs. Florine Lewis. She served the Second Congressional as an outstanding educator for 37 years. Now retired for 15 years, she is still going like the "Energizer Bunny."

Mrs. Lewis continues to actively serve her community. She volunteers at the UMC Hospital of Holmes County; is active in the Holmes County Teachers Association, the Mississippi Valley State University Holmes County Alumni Chapter, and in her church, Asia Missionary Baptist Church of Lexington. She annually serves as a Spelling Bee judge for the Community Students Learning Center's Spelling Bee contest in which she has received several awards. "I am just always willing to serve where I can and when I can," she said.

In addition to her busy community service, Mrs. Lewis is also the principal caregiver for her elderly mother, who lives miles away in Greenville, Miss.

The Itta Bena, Mississippi native began her teaching career at Montgomery Elementary School in Mount Bayou, Mississippi and later relocated to Holmes County where she has taught at the former Tchula Attendance Center (TAC) and the Holmes County Vocational Center. She is the widow of the late Robert Earl Lewis, who was also a principal and teacher in Holmes County. The two of them have six children who are adults in various professions such as teaching, librarian, business and engineering. During her own teaching career, Mrs. Lewis was recognized as a STAR teacher.

Former students and community members alike say that whenever they see Mrs. Lewis, she always greeted them as "Florine Lewis." She just keeps on going and going and going . . . doing what she can to help others, never looking for anything in return. She is truly an unsung hero.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Florine Lewis for her dedication in serving the community.

RECOGNIZING DON KNABE'S SERVICE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Supervisor Don Knabe, who has served the County of Los Angeles for the past two decades.

Supervisor Knabe was first elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in November of 1996 and has represented the Fourth District, a uniquely diverse area that is home to over two million residents and includes two of the nation's largest economic hubs: the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the Los Angeles International Airport.

Supervisor Knabe has spent much of his political career working to protect innocent and vulnerable children in Los Angeles County. He established the Safe Surrender program in Los Angeles County, which allows for the surrender of an infant within 72 hours of birth at a County hospital or fire station. Since 2001, over 140 babies have been safely surrendered in Los Angeles County. In 2015, Supervisor Knabe launched a scholarship program to benefit children who have been safely surrendered.

Supervisor Knabe also is a national leader on combating child sex trafficking. He launched a County-wide awareness campaign to bring attention to the heinous practice of young children being sexually exploited in southern California. In 2013, he testified on the issue of child sex trafficking at a hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C.

In 2007, Supervisor Knabe was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council, which worked with the White House to establish national programs to prepare and protect communities across the nation from terrorist attacks.

Supervisor Knabe has a passion for the arts and attributes his own personal success to an early involvement with music. His enthusiasm for the arts has led to the creation of several innovative youth programs, such as the Pediatric Arts Program at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and the Arts Education Partnership Program that provides grants to schools and community-based organizations to fund visual art, dance, music, and theatre programs for students.

In addition, Supervisor Knabe has led the County's efforts to improve overall water quality, including 19 projects within the Fourth District that will lower pollution and divert storm water from the ocean, including the Dominguez Gap Wetlands Project that was completed in 2008. This also enhanced recreation opportunities for residents and visitors through environmental cleanup efforts, creating an open space habitat for the community.

Supervisor Knabe is an avid golfer and hosts the Knabe Cup in cooperation with the California Interscholastic Federation, a golf tournament for high school boys and girls. He also supports junior golf clinics for kids to develop a love for golf at a young age.

While these are just some of Supervisor Knabe's significant accomplishments, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and the State of California, I want to extend my gratitude for his valuable contributions throughout his illustrious career to helping our communities. With sincere best wishes, I congratulate Supervisor Knabe upon his retirement from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and wish him and his wife, Julie, well as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

CONGRATULATING KELSIE ELTRINGHAM ON RECEIVING THE BRIGHTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD'S GOLD MEDAL AWARD

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kelsie Eltringham, who was recently honored with the Brighton Assembly of God's Gold Medal Award, the highest achievement in the Assemblies of God Girls Ministries program.

To be honored with the Brighton Assembly of God's Gold Medal is the culmination of a 13 year journey of devotion to God that begins in kindergarten and finishes at the end of high school. The Girls Ministries program strives to instill Christian values and virtues in the young women who will be the future of our nation.

To be honored with a gold medal, girls must go above and beyond the requirements for completing the five levels of clubs offered by the ministries. Medal awardees must also have read the Bible twice, the New Testament three times, memorized portions of scripture and have met weekly with a sponsor who helps to guide them spiritually.

Mr. Speaker, Kelsie Eltringham has not only displayed an uncommon level of spiritual devotion during her time in the Girls Ministries program, but also a measure of determination and commitment that will undoubtedly serve her well through her life. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I urge my colleagues in congratulating her on this well-earned achievement.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AVANTI'S RISTORANTE

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Avanti's Ristorante of Peoria, Illinois for celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Avanti's Ristorante first opened their doors in 1966. Founder and CEO Albert Zeller, by embracing the American entrepreneurial spirit, successfully expanded his business and now employs nearly 500 people and currently operates five Avanti's Ristorantes in the Greater Peoria area.

Avanti's Ristorante is known throughout Central Illinois for their famous Italian cuisine, from their pastas to pizzas and, most notably, the beloved Gondola sandwich. Zeller's fa-

mously delicious creation, the Gondola, a submarine-like sandwich, features freshly baked sweet bread only found in his restaurants. No party in Peoria is complete without a platter of Gondolas.

The Greater Peoria area has benefitted from Avanti's corporate goodwill and generosity. I extend my sincere congratulations to Avanti's Ristorante, Albert Zeller, and staff and I hope Avanti's keeps fulfilling the appetites of Central Illinoisans for another fifty years.

TRIBUTE TO BRADY KYNER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brady Kyner of Southeast Warren/Melcher Dallas High School for winning the Class IA, 120-pound bracket at the Iowa High School Athletic Association State Wrestling tournament on February 20, 2016.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning two state championships in a row is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Brady, but also his parents, his family and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Brady demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent his family and him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Brady on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and high school wrestling career.

CONGRATULATING THADDEUS HUGHES

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thaddeus Hughes on winning the 4-H Youth in Action STEM Award.

The 4-H Youth in Action Award honors 4-H'ers who have excelled in one of four areas: agriculture and animal sciences, citizenship, healthy living, and STEM. I'm very proud that, out of six million 4-H youth nationwide, Thaddeus was chosen as the Youth in Action STEM winner for his work to advance education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

In the past year, he spent over 300 hours volunteering and mentoring. He currently serves as a mentor for the FIRST Lego League and the Illinois State Robotics Competition. He also created the curriculum for Spinning Robots, a 14-week after school organization focused on engaging students who lack the resources for involvement in the STEM fields. Last year, Thaddeus was selected among twenty individuals to be named one of Illinois' High School Innovators of 2015.

Thaddeus is a wonderful example of the many talented students in my district. I look forward to celebrating many more of this bright young man's accomplishments in the future.

Congratulations, Thaddeus. I wish you the best of luck as you continue your education studying Mechanical Engineering.

YASMIN VAFA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
RIGHTS4GIRLS—LOIS HAIGHT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus (VRC) is a proven and effective leader in advocating for crime victims. JIM COSTA (D-CA) and I founded the VRC 10 years ago when we were first elected to Congress. During its 10-year existence, the VRC has taken the lead in protecting programs that provide critical support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVRA). Each year the members of the caucus join together to honor outstanding individuals who have given their time and service to helping victims. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Caucus.

The Lois Haight Award for Excellence and Innovation pays tribute to California Judge Lois Haight. She was the Chair of President Ronald Reagan's 1982 President's Task Force on Victims of Crime. Judge Haight led pioneering efforts on behalf of crime victims that resulted in significant public policy advances to promote crime victims' rights and services. The honoree who receives this award is a professional whose efforts have had a significant impact on local, state, national or international public policy development and implementation that promote dignity, respect, rights and services for victims of crime.

Yasmin Vafa embodies the vision, drive and accomplishment of Judge Haight. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of Rights4Girls, a human rights organization focused on gender-based violence against young women and girls in the U.S. As the award recipient that my office nominated I am proud to recognize her significant contributions in advocating for Victims' Rights. She is a fearless fighter against injustice, educating not only my office, but offices across the Capitol about the scourge of human trafficking—especially on the unique needs of domestic victims and the need to prosecute buyers.

The voice of survivors like "T" Ortiz Walker Pettigrew that Yasmin and Rights for Girls brings to the Hill changes the conversation on human trafficking. Yasmin knows and works with these survivors both in DC and around the country through advocacy, trainings, and survivor retreats, and won't stop until victims are treated as victims and we put all the bad guys where they belong.

Yasmin's principled passion, activism and persistence have been critical in the passage of a number of bills to fight human trafficking and protect vulnerable women and girls. One bill especially close to my heart, which would

not have crossed the finish line without her help is the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. Yasmin helped conceive, advocate and fight for the bill through ups and downs until the right thing was done and the bill became law. In addition to the incredible accomplishments she's had for victims of crime on Capitol Hill, she has also designed and implemented a national judicial institute on child trafficking, co-authored a seminal report mapping girls' unique pathways into the juvenile justice system: *The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls' Story*.

She also currently serves as a faculty adjunct educator and consultant for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, served on the Advisory Board for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's National Girls Initiative, and was as a member of the Department of Justice's National Task Force on the Use of Restraints with Pregnant Women and Girls under Correctional Custody. Yasmin is so deserving of the Lois Haight Award for Excellence and Innovation Award, we are grateful for her persistence and passion.

And that is just the way it is.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS—MARIA BENNETT

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maria Bennett from Katy, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology leaders.

Maria attends Cinco Ranch High School and is one of 13 high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This program was designed for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school, as well as to support their aspirations of working in a science or technology field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 29th through July 1st. Maria was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to her dedication to her academic success and goals of pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Maria and all of her hard work, and know she will make Katy proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Maria for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

HONORING MR. HAROLD WARD, JR.

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Unsung Hero, Mr. Harold Ward, Jr. a resident of Winstonville, Mississippi.

Harold Ward, Jr. was born and raised in the small town of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, where he graduated from John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in 1999. After graduating from high school, Harold attended Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi. Harold is a member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Mound Bayou. He is the son of Judge Harold Ward Sr. and Patricia White-Ward; the youngest of four children: Ms. Chauncila M. Ward (deceased), Dr. Kendria Ward, and Attorney Yumekia Ward; the grandson of the late Napoleon White Sr. and Mrs. Earline J. Hill, Reverend Henry Ward and Mrs. Lola Ward.

Mr. Ward was born with sickle cell disease. At the age of 25, Harold's oldest sister, Chauncila, passed away from complications of sickle cell disease. Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that affects nearly 100,000 Americans. Sickle Cell Disease causes red blood cells to form into crescent shapes like sickles that cuts off the oxygen supply to the blood causing excruciating pain. Even though Mr. Ward suffers from this debilitating disease, he does not allow it to completely make him bedridden and on his good days he does volunteer work.

Always unselfish with his time and immensely involved with community service activities in the City of Mound Bayou and the town of Winstonville, Mississippi, Mr. Ward has been a constant inspiration to others.

In 2007, he began volunteering his services at Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, where he assisted nurses with triage patients, filing documents, and read Christmas stories to patients' children. He also aided in the recruitment of patients to the facility by going door to door informing people of the services available at Delta Health Center. In 2014, Mr. Ward was lead sales representative with Humana and guided qualified individuals through the sign-up process for Obamacare.

Mr. Ward reorganized the town of Winstonville Volunteer Fire Department where he currently serves as Fire Chief. He encouraged people in the community between the ages of 21–35 to volunteer their services to the town by becoming a volunteer fire fighter.

On February 22, 2015, he received an award from Chi Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, in recognition for his outstanding contributions and dedicated services in the field of health.

Mr. Ward compassionately volunteers with the City of Mound Bayou serving as assistant to Mayor Darryl Johnson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this amazing Unsung Hero.

CONGRATULATING COURTNEY ELTRINGHAM ON RECEIVING THE BRIGHTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD'S GOLD MEDAL AWARD

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Courtney Eltringham, who was recently honored with the Brighton Assembly of God's Gold Medal Award, the highest achievement in the Assemblies of God Girls Ministries program.

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Mr. Speaker, Courtney Eltringham has not only displayed an uncommon level of spiritual devotion during her time in the Girls Ministries program, but also a measure of determination and commitment that will undoubtedly serve her well through her life. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I urge my colleagues in congratulating her on this well-earned achievement.

TRIBUTE TO WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the West Central Community Action of Harlan, Iowa for 50 years of service to southwest Iowa. The 50th anniversary is a testament to the great work performed daily by the staff professionals at the West Central Community Action Agency.

Established 50 years ago, West Central Community Action provides program services to low-income families and individuals in ten southwest Iowa counties (Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby). The mission of West Central Community Action is "empowering families and individuals to achieve their highest potential." During 2015, the agency received grant revenues of over \$17 million to provide services to 7,203 families and 17,206 individuals. The agency has 200 employees which provides work experience and training opportunities to 70 senior aide participants. West Central focuses on assisting low-income families and individuals to acquire useful skills and while gaining access to new opportunities to have economic self-sufficiency.

I commend West Central Community Action of Southwest Iowa and its staff for providing

dedicated, committed and crucial services to families and individuals. There is great work being accomplished every day at West Central Community Action. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating West Central Community Action for achieving 50 years of service. I wish them and all of the staff continued success in the future.

MAUREEN MAHONEY—EVA MURILLO UNSUNG HERO AWARD

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus (VRC) advocates for crime victims. JIM COSTA (CA) and I founded the VRC 10 years ago when we were first elected to Congress. During its 10 year existence, the VRC has taken the lead in protecting programs that provide critical support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPPRA). Each year the members of the caucus join together to honor outstanding individuals who have given their time and service to helping victims. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Caucus.

On behalf of Congressman COSTA and myself, we are proud to honor Maureen Mahoney with the Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award. Nominated by Congressman SETH MOULTON, Maureen is recognized for her efforts in preventing domestic violence. This award is named for Eva Murillo—an individual who cared deeply about advocating for victims and survivors of violent crime. Each year, an award bearing Eva Murillo's name recognizes an individual—or pair of individuals—who utilized his or her experiences to triumph over personal tragedy and raise awareness for the needs of crime victims.

Maureen tragically lost her parents, Dr. Hugh and Ruth Mahoney, and her brother John to an incident of violent crime in December 1975. On the 40th anniversary of this tragedy, Maureen and her family organized a community event in Tewksbury, Massachusetts to celebrate and honor the lives of their parents and brother. This event tribute was dedicated to addressing domestic violence, as Maureen recognized that violent criminals are often impacted by domestic violence situations in their youth.

Maureen donated all of the money raised at the event to local organizations in the Tewksbury area, including the Center for Hope and Healing, The Michael B. Christensen Community and Family Support Center, The United Teen Equality Center, and the Tewksbury Police Department. Maureen's own experiences translate in her work as a life coach, where she works with survivors of tragedy like herself. I am proud to recognize her efforts today with the Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award.

And that is just the way it is.

CLAIRE LEFEVERS EARNS GIRL SCOUTS GOLD AWARD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Claire LeFevers for earning the prestigious Girl Scouts Gold Award, their highest honor.

Claire is a senior at St. Thomas Episcopal School in Sugar Land, Texas. Her extraordinary community service project that earned her the Girl Scouts Gold Award consisted of a group effort, led by Claire, to fix up the outer grounds of a Care Center, located in Schulenburg, Texas. There, the service group built outside furniture and brought decorative potted plants. In addition to this project, Claire also worked with outside organizations in the community, in efforts to provide the Care Center with necessary materials for their residents. Through her hard work, Claire's group directly helped 70 people. The Gold Award is administered to less than five percent of high school aged scouts who exemplify incredible leadership measures through practical, yet impactful projects. We are so proud of Claire, and we thank her for graciously serving her community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Claire LeFevers for receiving the Girl Scouts Gold Award.

HONORING JERUSALEM OUTREACH CHILD & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jerusalem Outreach Child and Adult Learning Center in Charleston, MS. It is locally referred to as JOCI (Jerusalem Outreach Center Incorporated).

JOCI was established as a nonprofit organization in the year 2000. JOCI was one of the partners in a county wide effort to provide service to citizens living in hard to reach and underserved communities in Tallahatchie County like Paynes and Glendora. JOCI's goal is to meet the educational and health and social welfare needs of both children and adults regardless of race. Their partner Glendora Economic and Community Development Corporation (GECDCo) focused on the development needs of the communities like housing, recreation, jobs, and more.

In order to achieve the above goals JOCI hosts health fairs and provides a long list of services. The services include, but are not limited to: personal counseling, referrals to outside resources, depending on the issue; social therapy for special needs clients; child care; after school care and services; educational classes; tutoring; and more. Since 2000, JOCI's record of achievement has attracted new partners to their effort: Mississippi State University Early Childhood Institute, Quality Stars, the Department of Human Services,

and the Tallahatchie Early Learning Alliance (TELA).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Jerusalem Outreach Child & Adult Learning Center in Charleston, MS for their work in those hard to reach communities in Tallahatchie County, MS.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BRUCE HUGHES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Bruce Hughes, as the 2016 Art Within Everything Award winner.

Dr. Hughes received this award because of his contributions to art through leadership roles at the Des Moines Art Center and Des Moines Metro Opera. He is known for founding the Iowa Shakespeare Experience. For 20 years, Dr. Hughes has served as the Director of the Ruan Multiple Sclerosis Center at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. As a neurologist, he recognizes the positive effects that the arts can have on the brain and nurturing the human soul.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hughes is an Iowan who has made its citizens very proud. He has dedicated his life to medicine while ensuring that the arts are an important part of central Iowa's quality of life. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Dr. Hughes for his work and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine challenges and opportunities for oil and gas development in different price environments.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine navigating business tax reform.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, focusing on the need for more timeliness and transparency.

SD-226

APRIL 27

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine government reform, focusing on ending duplication and holding Washington accountable.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine counterfeits and their impact on consumer health and safety.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the waters of the United States rule and the case for reforming the Renewable Fuels Association.

SR-428A

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine better budgets and better results.

SD-608

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States-China relations, focusing on strategic challenges and opportunities.

SD-419

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on "Telecommunications: Additional Coordination and Performance Measurement Needed for High-Speed Internet Access Programs on Tribal Lands."

SD-628

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Valeant Pharmaceuticals' business model, focusing on the repercussions for patients and the health care system.

SH-216

APRIL 28

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of invasive species on the productivity,

value, and management of land and water resources; to conduct oversight on the National Invasive Species Council's new framework for early detection and rapid response; to examine improved cooperative tools for control and management, including S. 2240, to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

MAY 9

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

MAY 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

5:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

MAY 12

MAY 13

POSTPONEMENTS

9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10 a.m.

APRIL 26

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

To hold hearings to examine terror in Europe, focusing on implications of ISIS's Western external operations.

SR-222

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SD-342