

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMBATING TERRORIST RECRUITMENT ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, the agreed upon mission of the Countering Violent Extremism Taskforce “to review terror travel programs, and issue a report that may include recommendations based on this review.”

I agreed to serve on the task force because I agree that we must do everything we can to prevent acts of terrorism on our homeland, and terror travel programs is one of many terrorism-related threats we must address.

The bipartisan Taskforce Report I signed included general recommendations related to terror travel programs—it did not include specific legislative proposals nor did it suggest that we should prioritize the threat of foreign terrorist organizations over the threat posed by domestic terror organizations.

As a Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Representative of a diverse Congressional district in New Jersey, I recognize that we must do everything in our power to prevent our communities from being terrorized, regardless of the motivation.

We need to prevent the radicalization of people inspired by anti-government ideology who might ultimately try to occupy Federal facilities.

We need to prevent the radicalization of people inspired by racism who might ultimately sit through an evening prayer service at a predominantly black church and then shoot the other attendees.

And we need to prevent the radicalization of people inspired by a perverse interpretation of religion from carrying out attacks on American soil.

No one version of radicalization is more dangerous than another.

And we cannot treat them differently.

That is why I cannot support H.R. 4820.

STATE HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT CUTS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following list of States, and their loss of Health Preparedness grants.

Grantee	Cuts (dollars)	Cuts (%)
Alabama	–613,733	–6.90
Alaska	–194,836	–4.63
American Samoa	–6,600	–1.82
Arizona	–915,853	–7.74
Arkansas	–377,461	–5.70

Grantee	Cuts (dollars)	Cuts (%)
California	–3,979,850	–9.35
Chicago	–530,926	–5.42
Colorado	–706,343	–7.21
Connecticut	–490,363	–6.35
Delaware	–143,256	–3.27
District of Columbia	–142,165	–2.23
Florida	–2,653,185	–9.00
Georgia	–1,351,184	–8.44
Guam	–19,345	–3.98
Hawaii	–196,065	–4.01
Idaho	–211,568	–4.20
Illinois	–1,422,463	–8.51
Indiana	–872,687	–7.66
Iowa	–393,286	–5.80
Kansas	–388,911	–5.77
Kentucky	–568,480	–6.72
Los Angeles	–1,575,170	–7.98
Louisiana	–613,015	–6.89
Maine	–177,231	–3.77
Marshall Islands	–8,413	–2.21
Maryland	–856,366	–7.60
Massachusetts	–937,359	–7.14
Michigan	–1,310,210	–7.86
Micronesia	–12,798	–3.03
Minnesota	–744,017	–6.61
Mississippi	–384,621	–5.74
Missouri	–818,745	–7.52
Montana	–139,375	–3.21
N. Mariana Islands	–6,172	–1.72
Nebraska	–245,839	–4.58
Nevada	–390,223	–5.77
New Hampshire	–187,880	–3.90
New Jersey	–1,303,734	–8.36
New Mexico	–275,903	–4.09
New York	–1,564,792	–7.90
New York City	–1,158,820	–6.27
North Carolina	–1,240,926	–8.32
North Dakota	–194,836	–4.63
Ohio	–1,548,159	–8.65
Oklahoma	–499,358	–6.40
Oregon	–522,990	–6.51
Palau	–2,546	–0.78
Pennsylvania	–1,716,179	–8.79
Puerto Rico	–433,740	–6.06
Rhode Island	–155,523	–3.45
South Carolina	–605,876	–6.16
South Dakota	–118,947	–2.87
Tennessee	–857,750	–7.62
Texas	–3,598,615	–9.55
Utah	–380,115	–5.71
Vermont	–194,836	–4.63
Virgin Islands (US)	–12,633	–3.00
Virginia	–1,149,940	–7.64
Washington	–948,052	–7.81
West Virginia	–242,010	–4.54
Wisconsin	–742,890	–6.41
Wyoming	–194,836	–4.63
TOTAL	44,250,000	7.23

CONGRATULATING SINCLAIR OIL FOR 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sinclair Oil for celebrating 100 years of success in the oil and gas industry. Headquartered in Utah, Sinclair Oil has served as a shining example of American excellence for a century. Harry Ford Sinclair was 25 when he lost his father’s drugstore in 1901 and began selling lumber for oil derricks. An incredibly savvy individual, Sinclair was soon buying and selling small oil leases, eventually attracting investors. Sinclair’s immediate success was remarkable, he became a millionaire by the age of 30 and founded the Sinclair Oil and Refining Corporation in 1916.

The success of Sinclair Oil has stood the test of time and bolstered the United States economy. Sinclair saved hundreds of jobs during the Great Depression era by buying up dying competitors. During World War II, Sinclair’s oil supported the Allied effort, and Sinclair’s Dinoland exhibit was a highlight of the 1960s World’s Fair. In 1976, self-made legend Earl Holding acquired Sinclair Oil. Under Holding’s leadership, Sinclair Oil continued its growth as a beacon of American excellence. Holding’s work at Sinclair is revered for his commitment to the company’s culture and his incredible dedication to hard work. I look forward to the future of Sinclair Oil, as it continues to fuel the economy and provide jobs to hardworking Americans.

I am proud to congratulate Sinclair Oil on achieving 100 years of success today. Sinclair’s accomplishments have not only been of great benefit to Utah, but to the United States. I thank CEO Ross Matthews, Earl Holding, and the Sinclair Oil family for their contributions.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. GLADYS TARVER COLEMAN

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a true trailblazer in the Fairfield, Alabama community and an Alabama heroine—Mrs. Gladys Tarver Coleman. A lifelong resident of Fairfield, Mrs. Gladys Coleman was born there on May 15, 1917. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Miles College and her Master’s degree from Alabama A&M University. Mrs. Coleman also received educational training from Tuskegee University and the University of Southern California. She was married to the late Jerry D. Coleman, the first black President of the Fairfield City Council.

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Mrs. Gladys Coleman is best known for her tireless efforts around voter registration and voter mobilization. She was one of the founding members of the Fairfield Democratic Women, an organization created over 60 years ago to help educate voters, mobilize the Fairfield community, and elect candidates supportive of the community's needs. Mrs. Coleman was passionate about impacting the political dialogue in her community and it showed through her efforts to help elect council members, judges, state representatives and even members of Congress—all of whom Mrs. Coleman knew on a personal level.

Mrs. Gladys Coleman's political affiliations were numerous. She served as president of the Fairfield Democratic Women, and a member of the Jefferson County (AL) and State Democratic Executive Committees. In April 2015, she was one of seven honorees inducted into the Alabama Democratic Party Hall of Fame. Mrs. Coleman was a member of the Alabama Democratic Delegation to the 1984 National Democratic Convention in San Francisco, CA, the 1992 convention in New York City, and the 1996 convention in Chicago, IL. She was also present in Washington, DC for the January 2009 inauguration of our Nation's first black president, Barack Obama.

Besides politics, Mrs. Coleman's other passion was education. She believed in educating children about life, as well as book knowledge. She was a retired teacher from the Jefferson County (AL) and Birmingham City School Systems. Mrs. Coleman was the first black member appointed to the Fairfield Board of Education during the crucial years of desegregation in the city's school system. In 1975, she was appointed by the Alabama State Superintendent of Education to serve on the Accreditation Committee for Elementary Schools. Mrs. Coleman was a member of the Alabama and National Education Associations, and the American Federation of Teachers.

Mrs. Gladys Coleman was a lifelong member of her beloved Miles Chapel CME Church and served in many capacities over the years, including as choir member, Christian Board of Education, Ladies Guild, Missionary Society, and Steward Board.

Mrs. Coleman believed her "life's work" was educating her community about the importance of voting. She also enjoyed music—big bands, jazz and The Temptations, as well as shopping, and spending time taking care of her family. She was preceded in death by her late husband of 44 years, Jerry D. Coleman, and her brothers, Lawrence (Alberta), William, and John Tarver. She leaves to cherish her memory numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

On a personal note, I was blessed to call Mrs. Gladys Coleman a political mentor, distant relative and an important ally. When I decided to run for Congress in 2009, everyone told me there was only one person whose support in Fairfield would determine my success. When I went to her house to ask for her vote, she drilled me for hours on every issue affecting the Fairfield and Birmingham communities. She was dedicated to her beloved Fairfield Democratic Women and I will always be grateful for her support and the support of this influential group, including her honoring me with her presence at my swearing-in ceremony on Capitol Hill in January 2011. Mrs. Gladys Coleman was the real matriarch of the Fairfield community and the rock of her family.

She instilled a sense of pride in all who knew her and had a sincere passion to better her community through public service and political activism. She was a committed servant leader and demanded the same excellence from others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an icon of Fairfield and an Alabama treasure—Mrs. Gladys Tarver Coleman. Her legacy will continue to live on in the countless lives that she touched. May the Blessing of God be with her family and provide solace in their loss.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to the International Festival of Language and Culture, which is having its 14th Annual celebration in Washington, DC on April 28, 2016.

This celebration brings 100 students from 20 countries who will perform at the festival and demonstrate their traditions, their culture and their talent with poetry, songs and dance. The celebration is intended as an expression of friendship, optimism and hope. The IFLC has as its mission the impressive goal to use music and art in order to promote cultural understanding, cultural tolerance, and to seek peace.

I congratulate the participants, and the IFCL, for coordinating and hosting this event.

HONORING SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JAMES BROWN

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Chief Petty Officer James Brown's tireless commitment to serving our nation.

Senior Chief Brown first enlisted in the United States Navy on February 2, 1961. During his tenure in the U.S. Navy, Senior Chief Brown has served in numerous locations, including Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Naval Air Station Roosevelt, Puerto Rico in 1962, and Sigonella, Sicily in 1963. He was discharged from active duty on January 25, 1965. After being initiated as a Chief Petty Officer on September 16, 1989, he advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer on January 15, 1995. In recognition of his exemplary service, he has received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Naval Reserve Meritorious Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Navy Expert Rifle Medal, and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal. These accolades speak volumes to the distinguished dedication and valor with which Senior Chief Brown has served our nation.

After being discharged from active duty, Senior Chief Brown returned to New York, where he worked for the New York Telephone Company for a decade. He then moved on to positions with the American Satellite Corporation, Western Union, Satelco, Greenwich Air Services, the Telexport Communications Group, and AT&T. In 2000, after thirty-five years of working in the private sector, Senior Chief Brown began his well-deserved retirement. Currently, Senior Chief Brown serves as the president of Staten Island's Fleet Reserve Association Branch 226, an organization that conducts patriotic activities to honor veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Senior Chief Petty Officer James Brown has devoted his life to serving his country and his community, and it is only right to take this opportunity to recognize him and thank him for all that he has done. I am proud to honor this great American from New York's 11th District.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM "BILL" TURGEON FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF RIVER BEND MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bill Turgeon for his contributions to his community both inside and outside the classroom at River Bend Middle School. The positive influences he has had on young children running the youth after school program go well beyond the classroom in preparing them as they face the challenges of real life. Parents and others in his community are proud to call him their own and there is no question, he is very deserving of their praise.

Mr. Turgeon is a fine example to his fellow citizens of dedication, selflessness, and commitment to the common good around the world. I thank him for his devotion to go above and beyond the call to mentor the youth of Sterling, Virginia.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the annual Days of Remembrance, and specifically of the Burbank Human Relations Council's 2016 Days of Remembrance program.

The Holocaust was the planned, systemic attempt by Nazi Germany to annihilate the Jewish people and to eradicate every vestige of Jewish life. The genocide resulted in the death of an estimated 6 million Jewish people, Romani people and hundreds of thousands of others who were considered unworthy of life. In 1980, the United States Congress unanimously passed legislation to establish the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Among their other responsibilities, the Council was entrusted with creating an annual national day of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust; thus the Days of Remembrance was established.

Each year schools, governments, workplaces, religious and other organizations all across the country host observances and remembrance activities for their communities. For many years, the Burbank Human Relations Council has partnered with local temples and churches and presented the Days of Remembrance program, a Community Commemoration of the Holocaust to the Burbank community. In addition, the council has provided an array of Holocaust teaching materials to Burbank's middle and high schools, including films, speakers and books, educating students about tolerance, inclusiveness and compassion. This year alone, over 2,500 students have been given an invaluable lesson in this living history.

There are few periods of time in humankind's history that are more appalling and sinister than the Holocaust. We must always recognize the Days of Remembrance, paying tribute to those who perished and those who courageously tried to save Jewish lives, and ensure that a tragedy of this nature will never happen again.

I ask all Members to join me in acknowledging the Days of Remembrance commemoration, and in particular, the Burbank Human Relations Council's program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday afternoon, April 27, 2016, I was required to be in my congressional district in Fairfield, Alabama in order to attend a memorial service for Mrs. Gladys Coleman. Mrs. Gladys Coleman was one of the founding members of the Fairfield Democratic Women. She served as president of the Fairfield Democratic Women, and a member of the Jefferson County (AL) and State Democratic Executive Committees. In April 2015, she was one of seven honorees inducted into the Alabama Democratic Party Hall of Fame. Mrs. Coleman was the first black member appointed to the Fairfield Board of Education during the crucial years of desegregation in the city's school system. In 1975, she was appointed by the Alabama State Superintendent of Education to serve on the Accreditation Committee for Elementary.

As a Member of the Alabama congressional delegation, attending the memorial service was directly related to my representational, legislative, and committee responsibilities. Because of this absence I was not present for Roll Call Votes 166 through 169. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

YES on H.R. 4923—American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016

YES on H.R. 699—Email Privacy Act

NO on Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4498—Helping Angels Lead our Startups Act, and

NO on H. Res. 701—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4498—Helping Angels Lead our Startups Act.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. JOSEPH E. KUTZ

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of world-renowned surgeon and Louisville resident, Dr. Joseph E. Kutz, as he retires after 52 years of practice.

For more than a half a century, Dr. Kutz has worked to help heal the lives and limbs of countless patients. Joining forces with a fellow accomplished surgeon, the late Dr. Harold E. Kleinert, in 1964, Dr. Kutz helped found what is now KentuckyOne Health's Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center.

Through the leadership of Dr. Kutz and his colleagues, Louisville has become the pre-eminent center for hand transplantation in the world and a city at the forefront of new medical technologies and progress. His commitment to our city runs deep, as Dr. Kutz has served as Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Louisville's School of Medicine, past director of the Christine M. Kleinert Fellowship in Hand Surgery, past president of both the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery and the Greater Louisville Medical Society, and past treasurer for the International Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery.

But in addition to his own practice, he has also worked throughout his career to help prepare more of his fellow surgeons for hand and microsurgery. His work with the Christine M. Kleinert Institute has helped train scores of surgeons and made the Kleinert Institute—and the city of Louisville—the place where many of the biggest and most important breakthroughs in hand surgery have occurred.

Dr. Kutz has spent his life helping others, in and out of the operating room, and he will leave behind a field of medicine that is better off because of his hard work and vision. I thank Dr. Kutz for his devotion to this important medical field, for his passion in transforming the lives of his patients, and for his dedication to our community.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and the City of Louisville, I extend my best wishes to Dr. Kutz as he begins his much-deserved retirement.

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM FLORIDA'S PALM BEACHES AND TREASURE COAST FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 39 high school seniors from the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches of Florida for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces following their graduation this year. Of these 39 enlistees, one is an Air Force enlistee, nine are Army enlistees, nine are National Guard enlistees, ten are Marine Corps enlistees, eight are Navy

enlistees, and two are Army Reserve enlistees. These young men and women have demonstrated the utmost patriotism by answering the call of duty. They should know that they have the full support of their communities, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the American people.

With a deep appreciation for each student's service, I ask my colleagues to join me in personally recognizing: Kamarley Campbell, Alexander Harre, Rebecca Wise, Ivy Gagner, Shannon Hunter, John Reid, James Turner, Christopher Labeach, Melissa Martinez, Chelsea Cobb, Nickolas Poskin, Dylan Reinhardt, Nicolas Sangricco, Jacob Crawford, Brett Marshall, Nicolas Key, Luke Spadafora, Lazaro Palenzuela, Zachary Odell, Kenneth McDonald, Nicolas Rivero, Sean Saake, Cameron Manochi, Carlton Epstein, Karina Derouen, Victor Marques, Colton Mullins, Sarah Fairchild, Anthony Brito, Jacob Barber, Corey Boyce, Justo Rolando Alvarez, Logan Griffith, Cristian Nicolls, Cristian Hodges, Alex Mahan, Myles Wilkerson, Chase Krusbe, and Elizabeth Bonhomme. These enlistees will be recognized on May 3, 2016 at the fourth annual Our Community Salutes Enlistee Recognition event in Delray Beach.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful to each of these fine men and women, and to all who commit to defending our great nation by serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is my honor and privilege to recognize their courage, dedication, and commitment to service here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was absent for roll call vote No. 165 on H.R. 4096 that took place on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT HADDON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Dr. Robert Haddon who passed away in California on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Dr. Haddon was a renowned authority in nanotechnology research and a professor at the University of California, Riverside, and he will be deeply missed.

Raised in Longford, Tasmania, an island state of Australia, Dr. Haddon obtained his undergraduate degree in chemistry in 1966 at the Melbourne University, Australia. Dr. Haddon then moved to the United States where he would obtain his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1971 at Pennsylvania State University. After obtaining his Ph.D., Dr. Haddon joined AT&T (Lucent) Bell Laboratories where he worked on materials research as a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff in the Materials Chemistry Research Department. In 2000, Dr. Haddon joined UC Riverside to launch and

serve as the director of the university's new Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

Dr. Haddon was best known for the prediction and discovery of superconductivity in alkali-metal-doped carbon-60, for his preparation and characterization of a stable crystal of phenalenyl radicals, and for his pioneering research in nanotechnology. His research has earned a number of distinctions in his field, including the James C. McGroddy Prize for New Materials, American Physical Society (2008), and being named Person of the Year by Superconductor Week in 1991. Dr. Haddon was also named a Fellow by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (1998), American Physical Society (1996), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1993).

Dr. Haddon's dedication to his work and improving our understanding of an exciting field of research, are a testament to a legacy that will continue long after his passing. I was proud to call Dr. Haddon my friend and I will miss him. I extend my condolences to Dr. Haddon's family and friends; although Dr. Haddon may be gone, the many incredible contributions he made to nanotechnology will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO ERIN WETZEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Erin Wetzel for being named one of the IOWA STEM Teachers of the Year by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council. The award was created in 2014 to celebrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) teachers who are "Innovative in their methods, Outstanding in their passion for education, Worldly in how their students see that STEM is all around them and Academic in engaging students both in and out of the classroom."

Ms. Wetzel, of Southwest Valley School District in Corning, Iowa, teaches design and modeling, automation and robotics, as well as computer classes to seventh and eighth grade students as part of Project Lead the Way. Her love of teaching science and technology shows as she is always encouraging her students to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Wetzel is an Iowan who has made her community and the school district she serves very proud. She has worked hard and dedicated herself to making STEM education a priority. It is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ms. Wetzel for this award and wishing her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CARTER COREY NORTON ON RECEIVING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carter Corey Norton, of Ozark, Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Eagle Scout rank.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning. An extremely exclusive honor, less than two percent of the 112 million scouts since the BSA's founding in 1910 have achieved the Eagle Scout distinction.

Since the age of 6, BSA has been a formative factor in Carter's life. He has been working towards achieving the Eagle Scout rank for most of his life, seeking to actualize the ideals of community service and integrity upheld by the organization. His recently completed "Eagle Project"—an Eagle Scout rank prerequisite—involved constructing several benches for his local church to be used by parishioners and scouting groups for years to come.

Becoming an Eagle Scout requires a significant amount of determination and self-discipline, traits which will no doubt serve Carter well in the future.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Carter has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Carter luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

HONORING THE COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the County College of Morris (CCM), located in Randolph, New Jersey, for its remarkable record as an institution of higher learning.

Since its foundation in 1968, the County College of Morris has been a model of success, and has represented the standard of the academic excellence associated with the great state of New Jersey. CCM offers more than 50 associate degrees and more than 25 certificate programs, in addition to a wide selection of career and professional programs. The institution has one of the highest graduation and transfer rates among community colleges in New Jersey.

The County College of Morris has a diverse campus and enriching academic and social

environments that have created a culture ripe for personal and academic growth. CCM has become a place for students to reach their true potentials, as well as a community resource for those seeking to further their careers through additional education.

In the classroom, students at the County College of Morris have repeatedly excelled in every department, from the math and sciences, to business, to the liberal arts. Graduates have pursued respected careers, going on to become doctors, engineers, nurses, teachers, and civil servants. CCM's dynamic academic programs have challenged students, and pushed them to produce high-level work.

Students at CCM are not limited to just academic success. With more than 45 active student organizations, nine intercollegiate varsity sports teams, and countless community service opportunities, students have demonstrated excellence outside of the classroom. The County College of Morris is home to two award-winning student publications: its newspaper, The Youngtown Edition and its graphic arts and literary magazine, The Promethean. In the performing arts, students have the opportunity to participate in high-quality musical theater and drama productions, or can join CCM's acclaimed Dance Theatre troupe.

Under the exceptional leadership and vision of its president for 30 years, Dr. Edward J. Yaw, CCM has continued to modernize and has become one of the finer academic institutions in New Jersey. The college ensures that its students have all of the necessary resources to develop the skills crucial for success in the world beyond the classroom.

Since its founding, CCM has been a driving force in the lives of thousands of successful students who have passed through its halls. Graduates over the years continue to serve as leaders and role models in their communities all over the country. Thanks to the work of its renowned faculty and staff, like Dr. Yaw, CCM will continue to offer a first class education to those who seek to pursue higher learning.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the achievements of the County College of Morris and those who devote themselves to its continuing success as an institution of higher learning.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE VOGEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Maxine Vogel on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Maxine's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Maxine has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Maxine in the United States Congress and it

is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Maxine on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her continued health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF THE RECIPIENTS OF
LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE MERITORIOUS ACTION
AWARD

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of some of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents. The Loudoun County Sheriffs Office held their 2015 Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, February 19th to recognize the daily services and sacrifices provided by our local law enforcement. Selected from America's finest, and nominated by their peers, the following award serves as a testament to each officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting our community. The following individuals deserve the thanks of not only the communities which they serve, but also that of their elected officials.

The Meritorious Action Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional action in response to both routine and emergency situations. The following members merit special recognition: Deputy Eric Turner, Deputy First Class Joshua Colburn, Deputy First Class Matthew Steinfurth, Deputy Jillian Brock, Deputy Michael Ramirez, Deputy Jeffrey Rima, Sergeant Nathan Zilke, Deputy Evelin Valladares, Deputy Harry Elliott, Johnique Moseley, LPN, Yvonne Savala, RN, Sergeant Dylan Foscato, Deputy First Class Derrick Franz, Sergeant Brett Phillips, Sergeant Gregory Rogers, Deputy First Class Casey Johnson, Deputy First Class Joseph Gass, Master Deputy Richard Garis, and Loudoun County Public School teachers Mrs. Linda Merola, Mrs. Jennifer Piccolomini, Mrs. Christina Karmara, Mrs. Mary Hummer, Senior Deputy Amy Harper and resident Mr. Rick Allison, Sergeant Jeffrey Haig, Master Deputy Francis Trinh, Deputy First Class Donovan Reid, Deputy First Class Edward O'Toole, Master Deputy Charles Rounds, Deputy First Class Aaron Taylor, Deputy First Class Dawn Taylor, Deputy First Class Chad Braun, Dispatcher Christopher McDonald, Deputy First Class Dustin Moon, Deputy James Maguire, Deputy Ruben Cardenas, Deputy Jeffrey Rima, Deputy Jillan Brock, Deputy Joshua Edney, Detective Steven Schochet, Detective Tommy Rodriguez and Special Agent Eric Vega, Virginia State Police.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these members of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department for protecting and serving our community day-in and day-out.

2016 14TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Alyssa Marsh from Springdale High School. Ms. Marsh is the winner of the 2016 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Ms. Marsh's artwork, a drawing in colored pencil entitled "American Reflection," was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition. In fact, 74 works from 16 different schools in Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to Ms. Marsh's skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition.

Ms. Marsh's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Marsh's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Miranda Miller from Woodland Hills High School was awarded second place for her untitled oil and acrylic painting. Incidentally, Ms. Miller received third place last year for her acrylic on board painting entitled "Corner of Hanover and Church," and she won the top prize in 2014 for her charcoal composition "City Built on Hope." Hannah Schwartz from Penn Hills High School received third place for her Boise acrylic composition entitled "Pup Kaiyai." Sabrina Davies from West Mifflin High School was awarded fourth place for her white charcoal, watercolor, and acrylic artwork entitled "The Lingering Past," and Nicole Bonomo from Wilson Christian Academy received the fifth place award for her acrylic composition "Snowy Owl."

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Zachary Blanner from Baldwin High School; Ada Griffin and Sagar Kamath from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School; Leah Berman-Kress from the Ellis School; Kerry Dietrich from Montour High School; Sara Weir from Riverview High School; Macy K. Ernst and Nick Lasica from South Allegheny High School; Lauren Boyd and Alyssa Tocco from Springdale High School; Haley Peretic from Wilson Christian Academy; and Kobe Sanders of Woodland Hills High School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery:" from Baldwin High School, Zachary Blanner, Casey R. Conboy, Natalie Weida, and Jasmine Wicks; from CAPA, Ada Griffin, Sagar Kamath, Victoria Kipiller, Todd LaQuatra, Mia M. Stanton, and Abigail Sullivan; from East Allegheny High School, Sarah

Cornell, Kylee Fazek, Daneille Foscoe, Katlyn McArdle, Kacy Neiderlander, Mark Robinson, and Santino Runco; from the Ellis School, Leah Berman-Kress, Lela Krackow, Mishon Levine, and Alexandra Papernick; from Montour High School, Kerry Dietrich, Emily Kortisky, and Olivia Trevenen; from Penn Hills High School, Marieme Diop, Seanna Dutrieuille, YaKira Porter, Hannah Schwartz, and Katarina Marie Shields; from Propel School, Constance Alexander, Diamonne Fuller, Breeonia Prioleau, and Jordan Todd; from Riverview High School, Viktoria Kutunina, Emma Patterson, and Sara Weir; from Serra Catholic High School, Tyler J. Gedman, Jen Pricener; from the Shuman Center, Kimberly Andrews, Walter Hodge, and Zaire Mauro; from South Allegheny High School, Jared Brysh, Macy K. Ernst, Nick Lasica, Madison Pastore, and Nicolette Ruhl; from Springdale High School, Lauren Boyd, Taylor Frantz, Alyssa Marsh, Andrew Strawinski, Alyssa Tocco, and Alyssa Vansach; from Sto-Rox High School, Amber Bayton, Julia Black, Shan Lin, Allana Molter, Katelyn Parker, and Beauty Williams; from West Mifflin High School, Nicole Beres, Michaeline Bost, Sabrina Davies, and Jordin Waugaman; from Wilson Christian Academy, Andrew Arovits, Nicole Bonomo, Jessica Hinchman, and Haley Peretic; from Woodland Hills High School, Juliette Gough, Miranda Miller, Kobe Sanders, Rayven Smith, Roni J. Taylor, and Dejon Young.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING CENTRAL VIRGINIA
STUDENTS FOR THEIR PRAISE-
WORTHY DECISION TO ENLIST IN
THE UNITED STATES ARMED
FORCES

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor 90 students from the Central Virginia area for their praiseworthy decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of the 90, 36 have chosen to join the U.S. Army to include the U.S. Army Reserves and U.S. Army National Guard: Benjamin P. Arrington (NG), Alexander Barton, Ethan R. Bernier, Colton Breedan, Sean Brenneisen, Hannah T. Brock, Tanner C. Brooker (NG), Eric M. Calvert, Jason D. Cooke, Anthony Cruz, Terra D. Daniels, Scott M. Dice, Christian Donavant, Ryan Eckert, Steven Gandy, Michael R. Hampson, Ruston L. Hill, II (NG), Robin G. Jat, Minjung Kim, Youjung Kim, Britany Maddox, Francisco Leiva Magana, Alejandro J. Mastrapa, Mardin Mohammadzadeh, Aaron E. Molloy, Mason L. Plum, Michael L. Robinson (NG), Jonathan C. Shifflet, Aaron M. Spurlock, Caleb A. Staff, Matthew J. Sullivan, Maria Torres Trujillo, Chihao Wang, Kaiying Wang, Lorenzo Wells and Cheyenne Williams.

Thirty-two have selected the U.S. Marine Corps: Derek Alewine, Jacob Alderman, Brian Alvarado, Lilian Booyen, Jonathan Bowman, Sim Brand, Wendy Bustillo, Joshua Campbell, Dylan Chenault, Jacob Clark, Chase Cline, Jacob Green, Noah Hallen, Chester Harvey III, Matthew Hill, Charles Hite, Collin Ingles, Tylore Jones, Dakota Kelley, Christopher Leake, Rickey Langhorne, Patrick Mayo, Isaiah Meadows, Kyle Rochefort, Jacob Shaver, Edward Sher, Benjamin Showalter, Andrew Smith, Dylan Snyder, Gaines "Randall" Thomas, Jerod Williams, and John Weatherman.

Eighteen have elected to join the U.S. Navy: Jesse R. Bast, Devin M. Carter, Storey A. Collier, Nicholas S. Finnan, Nathaniel Fisher, Colin D. Grimsley, Christian N. Hoffman, Steven Howard, Christopher S. Keller, Raymond G. Markle, Alexander N. Ostrowski, Devin O'Neal Richardson, Tayvaun D. Richardson, Taylor M. Stark, Katelyn R. Shafer, Lucas J. Valteau, Devin L. Walker, and Andrew H. Williams.

Four have elected to join the U.S. Air Force: Hunter Brittle, Jordan Stracener, Martha Wells, and Jackson Winum.

These 90 young men and women will be recognized on April 30, 2016, as part of the "Our Community Salutes" Recognition Ceremony, and Albemarle High School Guidance Counselor, Jacquelyn Perry, will be awarded The General Colin L. Powell Service Award. This prestigious citation is given to a high school educator who best supports young adults desiring to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces after graduation from high school.

Every citizen of the United States of America owes his or her freedom to the men and women that have served, are serving or will serve this nation in the uniform of one of our military services. The future of our Nation remains strong because of young men and women like these 90 individuals who have stepped forward to serve in the defense of our country and to uphold the ideals and principles upon which it was founded.

These young Virginians from the home of Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson, represent all that is good in our Nation. They depart with the full faith and support of the U.S. Senate and the American people. They will experience good days and they will experience challenges and we will support them in both environments.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to these young patriots who will take the Oath of Enlistment and serve in their respective service. It is because of their decision today that the United States remains secure and a beacon of liberty throughout the world.

CONGRATULATING AUSTIN BAILEY SWEARENGIN ON RECEIVING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Austin Bailey Swearengin, of Springfield, Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) top rank of Eagle Scout.

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the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning. An extremely exclusive honor, less than two percent of the 112 million scouts since the BSA's founding in 1910 have achieved the Eagle Scout distinction.

Austin's promotion to Eagle Scout is even more significant given that his brothers, Ethan and Logan, also achieved the Eagle Scout rank. To have one Eagle Scout in a family is remarkable, but to have three is beyond exemplary. Austin and his brothers' achievements are a testament to their family's reverence for focus and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Austin has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Austin luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

TRIBUTE TO LONDON VAIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate London Vais for being named First Team All-American in women's basketball by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

London is a member of the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's basketball team. She was named ICCAC Athlete of the Week on four different occasions during this past basketball season, leading DMACC to a 26-7 overall record in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, London has made Des Moines Area Community College and the great State of Iowa very proud. She has worked hard and dedicated herself to being a part of a successful team. It is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating London for receiving this award and in wishing her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

CHIEF CHRIS CARTER RETIRES FROM BISHOP POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the law enforcement career of Bishop Police Chief Chris Carter, who retired from the Bishop Police Department on September 30, 2015. On June 4, 2016, there will be a long-awaited retirement party to celebrate Chief Carter's distinguished career.

Chief Carter's time in law enforcement began in 1983 while serving as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army. He

served two years on active-duty and an additional nine years in the California National Guard. His military awards include the Army Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter, Hand Grenade Sharpshooter, and Pistol Expert.

After leaving active-duty service, Chief Carter was hired as a police officer with the City of Barstow, where he eventually obtained the rank of corporal. His service with the Barstow Police Department earned him a number of accolades, including the California Highway Patrol/AAA "10851" Award for stolen vehicle recoveries, the Meritorious Service Award, and the Medal of Valor.

In 2003, Chief Carter was hired by the Bishop Police Department and received promotions to the ranks of sergeant and lieutenant. In 2010, he was sworn in as the Chief of the Bishop Police Department, a position he held until his retirement.

I want to congratulate Chief Carter on his well-deserved retirement. It is an honor to represent people like Chief Carter who dedicate their lives to making our communities better and safer.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT KENNETH DONDERO

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

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The Sheriff's Excellence Award recognizes both senior civilian and sworn officer supervisors for superior job knowledge, devotion to duty, and dedication to the community which they serve. Sergeant Kenneth Dondero's actions over the years resulted in his nomination and selection for this award.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department for protecting and serving our community day-in and day-out.

CONGRATULATING LOGAN MARTIN SWEARENGIN ON RECEIVING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S EAGLE SCOUT RANK

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OF MISSOURI

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COMMUNITIES ORGANIZED FOR
PUBLIC SERVICE (C.O.P.S.)

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Communities Organized for Public Service (C.O.P.S.) and the Metro Alliance as they celebrate over 40 years of organizing in San Antonio. COPS/Metro are a coalition of congregations, schools, and unions coming together with the goal of making San Antonio a better place for families.

COPS/Metro are part of the Texas Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Network, which traces its roots back to San Antonio. The Industrial Areas Foundation is the oldest and largest organizing and leadership development network in the United States, and includes COPS/Metro in San Antonio, TMO in Houston, Valley Interfaith in the Rio Grande Valley, EPISO & Border Interfaith in El Paso, Austin Interfaith, ACT in Fort Worth, Dallas Area Interfaith, the West Texas Organizing Strategy, and The Border Organization in Del Rio and Eagle Pass.

This non-partisan network of community organizations trains leaders to organize a powerful constituency to improve their quality of life and teach ordinary people to do extraordinary work for the common good. The Texas IAF Network has created nationally recognized workforce development, job training, living wage and other economic development strategies. Thanks to the network's efforts over the decades, Texas communities have benefitted from successful educational initiatives and significant investments in colonias, parks, libraries, after school programs, sidewalks and innumerable other local and statewide efforts.

I commend COPS/Metro and the Network of Texas Industrial Areas Foundation organiza-

tions on their commitment to helping families, developing leadership of Texas residents, and promoting civic engagement in the public life of our communities and state. On the occasion of this anniversary, I extend to its members best wishes for a memorable celebration of over 40 years of organizing.

RECOGNIZING DENT MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENTS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, recently, students from Dent Middle School in Columbia competed in the South Carolina History Day regional competition at the South Carolina State Museum.

Their presentation topics ranged from politics and government to historical discussions on some of our nation's greatest Presidents. I am honored to say that eight remarkable students from the Second District won awards during this competition and will compete in the national competition this June.

Tessa Giusto won in the Junior Historical Paper category for her work discussing Plato and Locke and how they influenced U.S. politics. Hannah Hedley won in the Junior Individual Documentary category for her entry on Oskar Schindler. Sofia Crowley and Gabby Snow won in the Junior Individual Performance category for their project on Japan. And finally, Katie Pittman, Lauren Price, McKenna Wright, and Mariya Medvedchikova won in the Junior Exhibit Group for their project on Adolf Hitler.

Congratulations to these students, their principal Dr. David Basile and teacher Ms. Jill Carroll.

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF
DELL URBAN

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, last week, on Monday, April 18, 2016, I rose to honor Dell Urban, the Chief of the North Chicago Fire Department, on her more than 25 years of service to the department. Ms. Urban is the first female fire chief in Lake County, and is one of only two female fire chiefs in the State of Illinois.

During my remarks, I incorrectly stated that Chief Urban was retiring. I would like to correct the record, congratulate Chief Urban for her dedicated service to the community of North Chicago for more than 25 years, and thank her for her service in the years to come. Here is the speech as it should have been delivered:

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As fire chief, Ms. Urban has been responsible for saving countless lives and has done her duty protecting the community of North Chicago. We should all aspire to be as brave as the firemen who lay down their lives each and every day to ensure our safety.

In addition to performing her duties, Ms. Urban has been a mentor and a friend to many firefighters throughout her time as chief, and the station today is far better off than before she was chief.

I want to thank Ms. Urban for her service and wish her the best as she continues to serve the community of North Chicago.

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH N. SEALOCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Hannah Sealock of Underwood, Iowa, for being awarded the Good Citizen Award by the Council Bluffs Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). Hannah is a senior at Underwood High School in Underwood, Iowa.

Hannah exhibited all of the talents and skills needed to qualify for this award. They include dependability, service to others, leadership, and patriotism. Judges took into consideration several areas in grading her application including high school achievement, home and community activities, future plans, extra-curricular activities, and good citizenship. A second requirement was to write an essay on Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It. The essay was to focus on our American rights and freedoms and the rights she would select to celebrate.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Hannah for earning this award. She is a shining example of the future of our youth. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Hannah for her interest in preserving our rights and freedoms. I wish her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE AMERICAN HERITAGE
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL
TEAM

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a team of exemplary students I represent who are paving the way for the future of math and science achievement in this country.

Students from the American Heritage School in Plantation, Florida have the honor of representing their region in the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl taking place in our nation's capital this week. These South Florida scholars are among 550 students from around the country competing for prizes and awards in this year's competition.

The National Science Bowl offers middle and high school students the chance to test

their math and science skills, and enhance their knowledge through seminars and workshops.

I congratulate these incredible students—Jared Shulkin, Christopher Hermens, Jacob Carbone, Saaketh Vedantam, and Jared Lassner—on their success, and I thank their coaches and teachers for their dedication to molding young minds and shaping America's future thinkers and creators.

CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAVERY PRESENTED TO COBB COUNTY HERO

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, it's not every day that we get to recognize a true hometown hero. Last month, I was given the great honor of presenting the Congressional Badge of Bravery to a very deserving hero.

Officer Tony Luong, of the DeKalb County Police Department, and a resident of the 11th Congressional District, puts on his uniform each day, knowing the dangers he may face. However, his commitment to serving his fellow man is greater than the risk.

In December, 2014, during a home invasion with two heavily armed suspects, Officer Luong arrived on the scene, ready to do whatever it took to keep his community safe. The two suspects ignored police orders and began shooting at the law officers. The policemen took cover and returned fire. As Officer Luong attempted to detain one of the suspects, he sustained a near fatal bullet wound to the leg, just prior to the officers apprehending the suspect and taking him into custody. While Officer Luong was undergoing life-saving measures in the hospital, the second suspect was captured after a four-hour manhunt with the assistance of surrounding police jurisdictions.

During this incident, Officer Luong showed uncommon courage in the face of imminent danger, protecting DeKalb County residents against a violent home invasion. Even though Officer Luong was shot in the line of duty, his commitment to protecting innocent lives is unwavering. Today, Officer Luong continues to serve on the DeKalb County Police force, and I'm proud to know such a brave officer, who even in the midst of danger, does not cower in fear, but courageously takes action to serve and protect his fellow citizens.

CONGRATULATING ETHAN LYNN SWEARENGIN ON RECEIVING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S EAGLE SCOUT RANK

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IN HONOR OF PAUL MORIN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

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The Distinguished Training Officer Award recognizes Deputy First Class Paul Morin who consistently demonstrated superior performance in training others within his respective division. His work ensures that the community will continue to be protected by some of the most highly trained officers in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department for protecting and serving our community day-in and day-out.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 164 and 165.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND JOHN REGAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate John and Helen Regan of Braddyville, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 7, 1951.

John and Helen's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, John, Claudia, and Cathy truly embodies Iowa values. It is Iowans like the Regan's that make me proud to represent our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th 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.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LOUDOUN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STEM CLUB

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge a group of my constituents who have proudly represented Loudoun Valley High School—located in Purcellville, Virginia—in Samsung's Solve For Tomorrow STEM Education competition. The team was led by José Rodriguez and Erin Wissler, and won the competition after being named one of the final five national finalists. Members of the team include Gwen Eging, Morgan Freiberg, Summer Harvey, Riley Herr, Carter Hunt, Jackson Kennedy, Sean Lohr, Blake Messegue, Malcolm Miller, Ethan Rodriguez, Riley Schnee, Graeson Smith.

Samsung's Solve For Tomorrow competition is designed to give schools across the country the opportunity to raise students' interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects by awarding their schools with new technology products. It also encourages some of America's brightest high school students to create their own applications and further their interest in advancing modern technology. I know that the experience of developing new technologies, and engaging in friendly competition with their fellow students, serves as a valuable learning tool.

The winning technology developed by the Loudoun Valley High School team was a solar powered safety alert system that allows students and their families to contact the police if they are in danger on the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park, which is a 45 mile paved trail that runs between Shirlington and Purcellville, Virginia. These students value our community's safety and wanted to create a more secure route for those who enjoy this park.

In today's world, it cannot be stressed enough how important science, technology, engineering, and math are for the future of our nation. It is young STEM leaders, like these constituents, who will continue to help the

United States compete in the global economy. I strongly encourage these students, and the rest of my constituents, to continue exploring and developing their talents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the 2016 Solve For Tomorrow champions from Loudoun Valley High School for their incredible achievement, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING MS. PAM CHATMAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Pam Chatman.

For as long as Pam Chatman can remember, she's been coming in first. She was the first of 3 children born to parents in the heart of the poverty-stricken Mississippi Delta. She was the first of her siblings to graduate from college. She was the first African American Woman to steer a course through the chaos of a broadcast news career to achieve the position of News Director at WABG.

But little did Pam know in 2006, when she became News Director, she was achieving yet another first: Mississippi's first-ever female African-American News Director, an honor she wears proudly.

Recently the Tru TV network chronicled Pam's seemingly unlikely journey from poverty to power, which is its hit new reality series "Breaking Greenville". Pam's starring role in that show underscores her passion, not just for her profession, but for the people who work for her as anchors, reporters and producers. Kids right out of college, who are hungry to learn the ropes of an often cut-throat career, find comfort in Pam's approach to leadership and management.

Pam was raised up in Shaw, Mississippi in a small rural community outside of the city limits called "Choctaw" a dirt-poor town of about less than 2-thousand people that sits in the heart of Bolivar County. Her grandmother, Marie Fly, raised her, and while poverty pulled at every corner of their lives, Pam relishes her adolescent years, coming of age in the Deep South. From its rich farming heritage, to its lakes and rivers teeming with catfish, to its red-clay hillsides that give a hint of color to an otherwise difficult existence, the Mississippi Delta to this day holds Pam's heart.

Pam graduated from Shaw high school in 1988 and enrolled in Rust College, one of Mississippi's oldest and most prestigious colleges for African-Americans.

Pam pledged to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, the first inter-collegiate Greek-letter sorority established for Black colleges. Pam graduated from Rust College in 1994 with a degree in Broadcasting Mass Communication, and returned to the Delta, degree in hand, with her heart set on making a difference close to home. She landed her first television job at Greenville's WXVT where she worked as a Production Assistant and then later moved to the Newsroom. She eventually went to work for WXVT's competitor, WABG, where she worked her way up from Assignment Manager to ultimately News Director, a position she's held for 10 years.

Her notoriety as Mississippi's first female African-American News Director also convinced the state legislators to dedicate a portion of Highway 61 in her honor and to proclaim January 18th as Pam Chatman Day.

In addition to leading a winning news team, Pam is a tireless community volunteer and advocate for teens and young women. She's also a motivational speaker, teaching women of all ages to accept and appreciate their uniqueness within the human race. She especially has a big heart for women who have come from small rural communities and are victims of abuse and drugs.

Yes, Pam Chatman is indeed a woman of firsts: the first to volunteer when there's a need; the first to offer comfort when someone is hurting; a first-class example of what a little faith and a lot of love can accomplish.

Pam also has a Mentoring, Consulting and Training Organization; the organization believes that every person you meet is a Diamond in the Rough. The organization provides workshops to educate and empower teens to get an education; strive for success; and to let no one define their dreams or destiny. The organization provides food and clothing to needy families. Once a month Pam herself does random acts of kindness where she pays for people's groceries or their utility bill. Yes, she is a servant determined to impact everyone she meets in life with a smile or an act of kindness. The organization has a doll called the PChat Doll that has a curriculum that comes along with it to teach young girls to love the skin they're in as well to deter bullying. The focus of the curriculum is Character Education, Literacy and Parental Involvement.

Pam does consultant work for the Mississippi Department of Education Federal 21-Century Program's after school projects. In addition, Pam is also an entrepreneur. Pam has a cosmetics and spa line to enhance women of color and beauty called "Boss Lady PChatman" which was developed to assist in healing the totality of a woman from her inner beauty to her outer beauty.

Pam loves to help women break the chain of hurt and pain. So, she wrote a monologue gospel play entitled "Lord Show Me How to Heal My Scars". The play allows women from all walks of life to share their story through testimonials and songs.

Pam is the daughter of Louise Henry and the late Joseph Henry and has three siblings: Joseph, Jr., III; Evelyn and special niece Karris Henry, which she is assisting her family in raising.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing News Director, Actor, Motivational Speaker, Author, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist who has been instrumental in magnifying strides of America's black history.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
DOWNRIVER CAREER TECHNICAL
CONSORTIUM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Downriver Career Technical

Consortium on their 50th Anniversary. As a Member of Congress, it is an honor and privilege to recognize their commitment to providing first class career development and vocational training to students from across our community.

In 1965, the school districts of Flat Rock, Gibraltar, and Grosse Ile launched eight jointly funded and supported vocational education programs, beginning the efforts of working and coordinating together these types of services between school entities, to better leverage and utilize resources among them. In the next few years, more school districts joined the effort including; Huron Schools, Airport Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools, Riverview Schools, Trenton Schools, Allen Park Schools and Southgate Schools. In 1978, the then current coalition of schools was approved as the Downriver Area Vocational Cooperative and was renamed the Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC) in 1991. This type of cooperation and coordination is a hallmark of the success our Downriver communities, where leaders from across municipal, non-profit, business and educational institutions, have had in understanding the importance of working together to support and build our regional economy.

Today, the DCTC provides vocational programming in over 24 different career pathways including building and construction trades, accounting and finance, aviation, automotive services, communications, hospitality, dental occupations, and computer aided design, just to name a few. Not only is it important for our economy, but this type of vocational training is instrumental to the futures of our students who pursue these pathways. In an ever changing global economic environment, programs such as the DCTC allow our students and future workforce to be trained for the jobs of the 21st century and realize the American dream.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the DCTC on their 50th Anniversary and to wish them many more years of successful education and collaboration.

TRIBUTE TO KENT MUYSKENS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kent Muyskens for being named Northwest Iowa STEM Teacher of the Year by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.

Kent lives in Yale, Iowa and teaches chemistry at Carroll High School. He was selected because of nominations from colleagues that praised him for his hard work and innovation in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. He worked with the community, engaged students in the process and used innovative instructional methods. Kent was also praised for his work with Project Lead the Way, taking students to a NASA space shuttle competition and writing new curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, Kent is an Iowan who has made his community and school district very proud. He has worked hard and dedicated himself to making STEM education a priority. It is with great honor that I recognize him

today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kent for this award and in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

REGARDING THE ENSURING USEFUL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES IS KEY FOR ALZHEIMER'S (EUREKA) ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Ensuring Useful Research Expenditures is Key for Alzheimer's Act—also known as the “EUREKA Act”, a bill I introduced earlier today with my fellow Tennessean JOHN DUNCAN, which would establish a prize competition to accelerate the discovery and development of treatments to alleviate, prevent, and/or cure Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

This is a bipartisan House companion to a bipartisan bill introduced previously by Senators ROGER WICKER, KELLY AYOTTE, JOHN BARRASSO, SHELLEY CAPITO, SUSAN COLLINS, ANGUS KING, and BRIAN SCHATZ.

Alzheimer's disease is a tragic disease affecting millions of Americans, and it has reached crisis proportions.

There is no effective treatment, no means of prevention, and no method for slowing the progression of the disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, five million Americans were living with Alzheimer's in 2013, and those numbers have swelled since then.

Because of the large numbers of patients and the length of time living with the disease, the Alzheimer's Association has called it “the most expensive disease in America.”

They estimate that the U.S. will spend \$236 billion in 2016 on patients who have Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Earlier this month, I and over 70 of my colleagues in the House signed a letter to the House Committee on Appropriations to request a \$500 million increase in National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) funding for Alzheimer's research in fiscal year 2017.

And while funding Alzheimer's research directly by the NIH is important to combating the disease, it is not the only way that Congress can act to stimulate discovery and development of new treatments.

The creation of prizes to be awarded for solving difficult problems is a new strategy for U.S. agencies to tap into the limitless ingenuity and creativity of the American people.

Prize competitions are run by more than 80 agencies across the federal government.

The EUREKA Act builds upon these efforts to seek innovative solutions from the public, and bring the best ideas and talent together to solve difficult problems.

If enacted, the EUREKA Act will provide \$10 million for the NIH and other agencies to create prizes for new prevention measures, treatments, and cures for Alzheimer's disease.

I urge my colleagues to join our bipartisan effort and help pass the EUREKA Act.

IN HONOR OF MASTER DEPUTY SHANNON CODERRE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of some of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office held their 2015 Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, February 19th to recognize the daily services and sacrifices provided by our local law enforcement. Selected from America's finest, and nominated by their peers, the following award serves as a testament to the officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting our community. The following individual deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which she serves, but also that of her elected officials.

The Master Deputy Program Achievement Award recognizes Master Deputy Shannon Coderre within the Master Deputy Program for superior job knowledge, devotion to duty, dedication and loyalty to the community as well as to the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving our community day-in-day-out.

MEDIA IGNORE DISAGREEMENT ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the national liberal media promote the fiction that scientists all agree the earth continues to get warmer and that climate change causes severe weather events. However, there is little scientific consensus to support these claims.

For example, one often-cited statistic comes from one author who examined abstracts of articles to conclude that 75 percent of scientists believe in global warming.

But the author omitted abstracts from global warming skeptics. And the author never specifies how many of the abstracts actually endorse her conclusion that a “consensus” of scientists believes in climate change.

Slanting data on climate change is contrary to the respected scientific method.

Americans deserve all the facts that surround climate change, not just those that fit the view the national liberal media want to promote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 165 on H.R. 4096, I am not recorded because I was absent for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JODI MARTI

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Major Jodi Marti for being awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Maj. Marti spent fifteen months planning a domestic operations exercise called VIGILANT GUARD, conducted by the Iowa Army National Guard in conjunction with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The operation partnered with over 45 federal, state, regional and county agencies, involving simulated scenarios of flooding, tornados and widespread power outages. Maj. Marti is now serving in Kosovo, mentoring and training members of the Kosovo Security Forces.

Mr. Speaker, Maj. Marti is an Iowan who has made her state and nation proud. She has worked hard and dedicated herself to serving her country. 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 congratulating Maj. Marti for this award and wishing her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on roll call Numbers 164 and 165, on H.R. 4820 and H.R. 4096, I was unable to make it to the vote series.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on both.

CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge.

In 1866, the community decided it was time to build a church.

And like good Louisianans, they set out to build one.

Members of the church harvested wood from the forests north of Baton Rouge, floated the logs down the Mississippi River to their chosen site and used them to build the congregation's first church a house of worship built by hands of her parishioners.

Throughout the dark days of segregation in our nation's history, the Wesley Methodist Church was a beacon of light and played an important role serving the African American in the heart of Louisiana's capital.

Sadly, the original structure was destroyed by a storm in 1883, and shortly after being rebuilt, the church was again destroyed by a fire in 1892.

But as a testimony to the church's importance in the community and to the perseverance of the spirit of Louisiana, Wesley United Methodist was rebuilt in its current location.

Today, the Wesley United Methodist Church continues a proud tradition of service, fellowship, and ministry—as a church at the heart of the city, with the city at heart.

IN HONOR OF THE RECIPIENTS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Meritorious Service Award recognizes exceptional performance by a member within the scope of normal responsibilities. The following individuals deserve special recognition: Detective Nicholas Altom, Investigator Julian Berger III, Deputy Joseph Hacay and Deputy First Class Daniel Martynowicz. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these exceptional members of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving our community day-in and day-out.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF HECLA MINING COMPANY

HON. RAÚL R. LABRADOR

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LABRADOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Hecla Mining Company. Formed in 1891 for the purpose of acquiring and trading mining claims in north Idaho's Silver Valley mining district, Hecla is the last of this district's pioneer mining companies and is now the largest primary silver producer in the United States.

Over the past 125 years, Hecla has weathered numerous storms including the Panic of 1893, the Great Depression, and two world wars. Minerals produced by Hecla, such as zinc and lead, have played key roles in our national defense while silver is a key ingredient for solar voltaic cells and modern electronic and medical devices. These resources provide the raw materials needed for economic growth across a myriad of sectors.

Today, Hecla is a vital part of Idaho's economy and communities. Hecla employs 1,300

individuals and has provided over \$1.5 million to support education, youth activities, community health and infrastructure through its charitable foundation in recent years. Additionally, Hecla employees serve on local school boards, as EMTs, elected officials, and firemen.

I recently visited Hecla's Lucky Friday mine in Mullan, Idaho, and saw firsthand the state-of-the-art mining practices that are used to extract silver from deep in the earth. Hecla is currently taking the Lucky Friday mine to 10,000 feet below the surface to open up more than 20 years of additional resources. Hecla has maintained an uncompromising commitment to better mining and worker safety and plays an important role in meeting the nation's mineral demands. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this great milestone for Hecla Mining Company.

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH D. LARSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Hannah Larson of Minden, Iowa, for being awarded the Good Citizen Award by the Council Bluffs Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). Hannah is a senior at TriCenter High School in Neola, Iowa.

Hannah exhibited all of the talents and skills needed to qualify for this award. They include dependability, service to others, leadership, and patriotism. Judges took into consideration several areas in grading her application including high school achievement, home and community activities, future plans, extra-curricular activities, and good citizenship. A second requirement was to write an essay on Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It. The essay was to focus on American rights and freedoms and the rights she would select to celebrate. Hannah was chosen to advance and represent the Council Bluffs Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in the southwest Iowa district competition.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Hannah for earning this award. She is a shining example of the future of our youth. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Hannah for her interest in preserving our rights and freedoms. I wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING COLTON KEY ON RECEIVING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colton Key, of Willard, Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) top rank of Eagle Scout.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning. An extremely exclusive honor, less than two percent of the 112 million scouts since the BSA's founding in 1910 have achieved the Eagle Scout distinction.

Becoming an Eagle Scout requires a significant amount of determination and self-discipline, traits which will no doubt serve to make Colton a better employee, family member, and American throughout his life. To achieve the rank, he demonstrated active teamwork in his troop, underwent numerous wilderness training tests, dedicated time to his community, and has adhered to the BSA oath's reverence for character, citizenship, and personal wellness.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Colton has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Colton luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

GIRLS OF STEEL

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Girls of Steel robotics team on winning the Engineering Inspiration award at the 2016 Queen City Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is the most prestigious award at FIRST, and it honors the team that does the most to increase appreciation for engineering in its community and embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST.

The Girls of Steel also won the Entrepreneurship Award at the 2016 Greater Pittsburgh FIRST Robotics Competition in California, PA. This award recognizes the team that developed the best business plan to identify, manage, and accomplish its objectives.

I think that winning these awards speaks volumes to the dedication with which these young women are pursuing "STEM" careers, along with the hundreds of hours they have spent conducting outreach in their community.

FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," is an organization dedicated to engaging our students in STEM fields. Hundreds of thousands of students gain practical, team-based engineering experience through FIRST every year. The FIRST Robotics Competition allows these students to apply creativity and critical thinking in the demanding and competitive field of robotics, all while instilling a strong sense of pride in participants.

As a founder and co-chair of the Congressional Robotics Caucus, I believe competitions like these are incredible tools for helping the next generation to explore potential careers in STEM. I've witnessed firsthand the incredible

economic growth and development that these fields can bring in my home district, and I strongly believe that they are crucial to our nation's future prosperity. For encouraging young people in these pursuits, I want to commend organizations like FIRST for their important work.

In addition to their success at these competitions, the Girls of Steel have also been featured in American Girl Life: Get Your Science On!, Xploration Earth 2050 "The Future of Robotics Makers and Innovators", and they will be featured this year in an original documentary series called "What We Teach Girls," which takes a close look at what girls are being taught around the globe. Recently, they even met with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at Carnegie Mellon University and had the opportunity to speak with her about the design of their robot and why they joined Girls of Steel.

Sixty-one young women from 8th through 12th grades associated with schools located in and around the Pittsburgh area are members of this year's Girls of Steel. In recognition of their hard work, intelligence, and teamwork, I would like to mention each of these inspiring young ladies by name. They are Alexandria Adams, Vishni Agrawal, Arushi Bandi, Margaret Begg, Emilia Bianchini, Kimball Bruning, Julia Bukowski, Emma Burnett, Melissa Burnett, Hanna Chen, Mulin Chen, Claire Cummings, Hope DiGioia, Samantha Eppinger, Clarisa Espinoza-Delgado, Rozie Fero, Corinne Hartman, Kristina Hilko, Sydney Hnat, Madelyn Human, Anna Jablonowski, Katelyn Johnson, Isabelle Kowenhoven, Jisue Lee, Sophia Lee, Shiyu Liu, Huiyun Liu, Sofia Liövet-Nava, Gayathri Manchella, Jordan Martinez, Svea McCann, Sree Mekala, Cheyenne Meyers, Claire Morton, Gigi Nieson, Anne Kailin Northam, Jimin Oh, Maddie Oppelt, Helen Paulini, Lehka Pendyala, Eden Petri, Riley Pottinger, Priya Ray, Isabella Salvi, Lauren Scheller-Wolf, Cate Seay, Sarah Seay, Anzu Sekikawa, Alexa Selwood, Swathi Senthil, Kriti Shah, Makayla Shreve, Kavya Soman, JeanMarie Trichel, Mikayla Trost, Langley Turcsanyi, Molly Urbina, Anja Vogt, Becca Volk, Ziya Xu, and Natalie Young.

Additionally, I want to convey my sincere appreciation to the faculty and staff of Carnegie Mellon University's Field Robotics Center, who have mentored the Girls of Steel since 2010. Because of their efforts, more young women can experience real-world technological challenges and learn from some of the nation's best at solving these problems. These experiences will certainly benefit these young women in the future.

I look forward to hearing about their progress as they advance to the FIRST Championship in St. Louis—the final and largest competition of its kind, a.k.a. the Super Bowl of robotics. This will be their sixth consecutive trip in six years, and they will be competing against top teams from all over the world. I congratulate the Girls of Steel and wish them all continued success in their academic and professional endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE SOL
BLATT, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the citizens of South Carolina are mourning the loss of one of its most respected judges with the death of Judge Sol Blatt, Jr., on April 20, 2016. He was nominated by President Richard M. Nixon. The Blatt family, of Russian-Jewish heritage, is beloved in Barnwell County for their dedicated service. His passing was recognized in an editorial in the Charleston Post and Courier on April 23, 2016:

Sol Blatt, Jr., earned his stellar reputation not for making big headlines but for his long tenure as a fair, courteous and intelligent federal judge—a standard that all judges should aspire to attain.

Judge Blatt practiced law in his native Barnwell for 25 years before 1971 when he was appointed a U.S. District Court judge in Charleston. He became a chief judge in 1986.

And in 2006, he became the longest-serving federal judge in South Carolina history.

In honor of that distinction the U.S. district judges in South Carolina signed a resolution naming the first-floor courtroom in Charleston's federal courthouse the Solomon Blatt Jr. Courtroom.

Would that every judge in that courtroom, where he usually presided, could conduct himself as impressively.

Judge Blatt's father was the prominent speaker of the S.C. House for 33 years. Like his father, Sol Blatt, Jr., attained prominence for public service, which he handled with grace and competence.

Mr. Blatt, 94, died Wednesday night at his home in Charleston.

He will be remembered for his remarkable judicial temperament.

Indeed, it was as if the American Bar Association had him in mind when it outlined the tenets of judicial temperament: "compassion, decisiveness, open-mindedness, sensitivity, courtesy, patience, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 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 \$19,210,345,265,252.22. We've added \$8,583,468,216,339.14 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO LEONA AND GEORGE
HOLLINS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Leona

and George Hollins of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on March 21, 1956 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

George and Leona's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, George, Cheryl, Greg, and Jamie, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. It is families like the Hollins' that make me proud to represent our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th 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 and in wishing them nothing but the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL DIS-
TRIBUTORS' RESPONSIBLE DIS-
TRIBUTION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the National Association of Chemical Distributors' Responsible Distribution program. I want to congratulate NACD and its members for their commitment to continuous performance improvement in every phase of chemical storage, handling, transportation, and disposal.

Chemicals are the building blocks of our modern world. They make most aspects of our lives easier, safer, and better. Chemical distributors formulate, blend, re-package, warehouse, transport, and market the chemical products produced by large-quantity manufacturers. In my district, 15 chemical distribution facilities, including Douglas Products and Packaging Company, have a total economic impact of more than \$18 million and provide more than 112 high quality jobs. Throughout the country, the chemical distribution industry accounts for close to \$15 billion in economic impact.

In December 1991, the member companies of NACD embarked on their most important mission—the inception of Responsible Distribution. Responsible Distribution is a mandatory, third party verified environmental, health, safety, and security program. Responsible Distribution provides a proven framework for the health, safety, environment, and security aspects of handling storing, and delivering chemical products and is mandatory for all NACD members, who represent 90 percent of all chemical distribution industry sales.

NACD and its nearly 450 member companies are vital to the chemical supply chain, providing products to more than 750,000 end users in industries as diverse and essential as construction, healthcare, electronics, pulp and paper, water treatment, and many others.

With Responsible Distribution, NACD members deliver 80 tons of product every minute, maintain a safety record that is nearly twice as good as all manufacturing combined, and pursue continuous improvement in every phase of the chemical distribution process while demonstrating sensitivity and responsiveness to public concerns.

I am proud of NACD member companies for the commitment to Responsible Distribution and for their contributions to the economy in Missouri and throughout the U.S.

IN HONOR OF THE RECIPIENTS OF
LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE COMMENDATION AWARD

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Commendation Award is presented by the Sheriff to individuals for acts that contribute to the accomplishment of the Sheriff's objectives or for an act that warrants special recognition in the public interest. I would like to recognize the following recipients: Deputy First Class Robert Heller, Sergeant Jay Conner, Deputy Ruben Cardenas, Deputy Jesus Diaz, Deputy Jillian Brock, Virginia State Troopers Rolando Curiel and Enzo A. Diaz, Deputy First Class Dawn Taylor, Detective Michael Hall, Sergeant Jeffrey Lockhart, Sergeant Michael Beatty, Detective Larry "Rob" Reed, Detective Jeffrey "Tyler" Brown, Deputy First Class Victor Lopreto, Mrs. Jacqueline Gallman, Detective Dana Cresswell, Detective Elissa Wilk, Detective Patrick Beaver, Detective Jeffrey Cichocki, Detective Justin Oksanen, Detective Corinne Czekaj, Sergeant Sara Tresselt (Posthumous), Sergeant Kevin Tucker, Detective Paul Loconti, Detective Christopher Staub, Detective Jenna Sullivan, Detective Timothy Lambert, Detective Christopher Salter, Detective Thomas Mengel, Detective Duane Rosa, Deputy First Class William Sullivan, Lieutenant Jamie Sanford (Leesburg Police Department), Sergeant Douglas Duhl, Deputy First Class Matthew Vess, Deputy First Class Kristopher Dawson, Deputy Joshua Carter, Detective Ron Colantonio, Deputy Sean McCormack, Deputy Eric Turner, and Assistant Commonwealth Attorney's Amy McMullen and Eric Pohlner and members of the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these members of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department for protecting and serving our community day-in-day-out.

TUDOR HOUSE SELECTED AS
PLACE OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an important dedication ceremony taking place this weekend in my district. On Sunday, May 1, 2016, the Billy Holcomb Chapter of E Clampus Vitus will dedicate the Tudor House as a place of California historical interest. The Tudor House is one of only two locations in all of California that will receive this designation from E Clampus Vitus this year. Over 750 members of E Clampus Vitus, or "clampers" as they prefer to be called, will attend the festivities in Lake Arrowhead, California.

The Tudor House has a long and storied past in the mountains of San Bernardino County. Constructed in 1926 as the Club Arrowhead Villas, the property served as a luxury resort for wealthy travelers. It boasted many amenities, including a dining club house, market, and sports facility.

Following the Great Depression of 1929, Club Arrowhead Villas became known for its moonshine, gambling, and dance hall girls. There are even rumors that famous mobster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegal was involved in managing the resort.

By the early 1950s, the resort returned to more respectable forms of business and became an integral part of the Lake Arrowhead community. Today, the resort has been renamed the Tudor House and serves as a venue for mountain residents and visitors to enjoy various forms of art and entertainment.

I would like to thank the Billy Holcomb Chapter of E Clampus Vitus for selecting the Tudor House as a place of historical interest. I look forward to participating in this weekend's festivities.

IN MEMORY OF WARD CORRELL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of my dear friend, Ward Correll. We have lost a giant in Somerset, Kentucky—a gentle giant, a generous giant, a business giant, a God-fearing giant.

Ward came up from the poorest of origins, but he had that drive and ambition to succeed. He overcame tremendous obstacles. He reminds us of what Churchill once said, "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." He had a profound positive attitude, always looking to the upside of life.

When I first ran for this office, to represent the good people of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, I went to see Ward about my chances. I'll never forget what he advised: "Get out in the middle of the stream where the current is the swiftest. That's the only way to get where you want to go."

This man was a business genius, the most generous man I've ever known, the truest friend of all of us, a visionary for his commu-

nity, a dynamic personality, and he was the most skilled Rook player in all of Somerset.

My most vivid recollection of Ward was when he undertook his very first business venture—the development of Tradewinds Shopping Center. It required the huge movement of dirt from the slim hilly plot of land to create enough space for the endeavor. Driving by, I saw just one piece of machinery—a bulldozer, being driven by the only person on the project—that driver was Ward Correll; shirtless and sweating profusely. But that drive and determination yielded a historic first for Somerset—a modern shopping center, bringing new life to a new Somerset and the beginning of the business empire he built. He later established a thriving oil and gas distributorship, invested in a life insurance company and founded a bank, creating much-needed jobs and boosting the economy in the Lake Cumberland area.

Despite all his drive and his many skills, Ward had the most unexpected and almost child-like sense of humor—simple and warming little mannerisms—and he loved the simple, but meaningful pleasures: family, friends, his devout religion and especially his church—and its pastor, Dr. French Harmon.

His most enduring legacy will be the success he engendered in others. His generosity was unending, especially for children. Helping those in desperate straits, or at a critical time in their lives. His monumental gifts to education are legendary—whether the Somerset Christian School or the University of the Cumberlands, or any of hundreds of other institutions, churches or playgrounds for children. We'll never know just how much he gave to others, because he didn't brag.

He gave new meaning to the Biblical admonition that it is more blessed to give than to receive. He believed what Mark Twain said, "to get the full value of joy, you must have people to divide it with." Leonard Nimoy, the actor, said, "the miracle is this—the more we share, the more we have."

We may not see his likes again on this Earth, but I'm sure of one thing—we will see him again—in Heaven, thanks be to God—his and ours.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a loyal friend and true patriot, but his footprint in our region will be visible for generations to come. My wife Cynthia and I offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Correll family.

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Auto-Owners Insurance Company—headquartered and founded in mid-Michigan.

In 1916, a young Vern V. Moulton, along with four other associates, started the Insurance Company in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

The startup agency operated out of one room in a bank building and had no capital.

A year later, the small company—with only \$174 in assets and one book of policyholders' names—made the big jump to the city where it is headquartered today—Lansing, Michigan.

During the tough years of the Great Depression, Auto-Owners demonstrated its corporate toughness and financial stability by paying all claims promptly, daily, and in cash.

In 1940, the company moved into the general causality insurance field, while also expanding operations into Indiana and Ohio. This growth was only the start, and over the next several decades the company would begin operations across the country.

Today, Auto-Owners operates in 26 states throughout the United States and has opened offices from Arizona to Virginia.

The company that originated with only five associates in a one room office now employs more than 4,500 associates and operates out of an expansive complex. The combined premium of all companies exceeds \$6 billion and total assets exceed \$20 billion, with more than 5 million policies in force for over 3 million policy holders.

Throughout the company's history, Auto-Owners has upheld a high reputation for excellence. The Fortune 500 Company has the highest possible ratings from A.M. Best Company, A++ (Superior), and the Auto-Owners Life Insurance Company is rated A+ (Superior).

I offer my best wishes to Auto-Owners Insurance as they continue to maintain their reputation of being the "No Problem" people.

HONORING MILITARY ENLISTEES

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 37 high school seniors in Florida's 22nd District who have decided to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of the 37 from my district, seven have joined the Army; their names are the following: Gabriel Reis, Tyler Risko, Dave Marshall, Joan-Manuel Diaz Frias, Austin Budney, Matthew Disarle, and Jeremy Gonzalez.

Thirteen have joined the Marines; their names are the following: William Harding, Jordy Dejesus Garcia, Gina Cornejo, Matthieu Martelly, Moises Gonzalez Visoso, Antonio Smith, Kesley Juste, Adrian Rendon, James Ricer, Alexander Alvarez, Rolph Duplan, Kenneth Deangeles and Kaneisha Pinkney.

Two have joined the National Guard; their names are the following: Connor McClure and Merisanda Carstea.

Nine have joined the Navy; their names are the following: Hannah Pieciewicz, Robert Maldonado, Connor Schmitt, Rosalyn Ovale, Jack Schwencke, Michael Jones, Jennifer Janvier, Nicolas Cruz Velez, and Elsa Bello.

Five have joined the Air Force; their names are the following: Nicholas Antonucci, Matthew Core, Pedro Franco, Kacper Palej, and Joshua Marquez.

One has joined the Coast Guard; his name is Marcus Tauber.

It is in thanks to the dedication of patriots like these that we are able to meet here today, in the United States House of Representatives, and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our country. On behalf of myself and all of my constituents in Florida's 22nd District, thank you for your service and best of luck as you pursue this challenging endeavor.

INTRODUCING THE HADIYA PENDLETON AND NYASIA PRYEAR-YARD GUN TRAFFICKING & CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I proudly introduce The Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking & Crime Prevention Act of 2016, the House companion legislation to Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND's bill in the Senate.

This legislation would establish gun trafficking as a federal crime. Specifically, it increases the penalties for those directly involved in the illegal movement of guns across state lines, those who organize the gun trafficking rings and those who conspire to traffic guns.

Additionally, this legislation enforces gun trafficking as a federal crime punishable of up to twenty years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines under Title 18. This legislation tackles firearm trafficking at each stage by also increasing the penalties for all personnel involved in the illegal movement of guns, including those who participate in trafficking rings and those who conspire to traffic guns.

Only 1 out of 10 guns used in a crime is welded by the original purchaser and 1 in 3 guns used in criminal acts cross state lines. Ninety percent of guns found at crime scenes in New York City were originally purchased out of state and illegally brought to the city. Unfortunately, current crime laws are arbitrary: the act of selling guns without the necessary federal license carries the same punishment as trafficking chickens and cows across state lines. This critical legislation would not only make gun trafficking a federal crime, but it will also provide tools to law enforcement to get illegal guns off the streets, away from criminal networks and street gangs, and prosecute those who traffic firearms.

The bill was named after Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard—two high school students who were killed in recent years. In both cases, the individuals were killed by people that were in illegal possession of a firearm. Hadiya Pendleton was killed in Chicago, when shots were fired into a crowd of people. The shots were intended for members of the shooter's rival gang. Nyasia Pryear was killed in Brooklyn, while with friends. Witnesses said the shooting was gang related.

The Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking & Crime Prevention Act of 2016 is common sense legislation that should be supported by all Members of the House. I ask my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this legislation.

HONORING 33 PALM BEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 33 high school seniors from Palm Beach County who plan to enlist in the military

after graduation this spring. Their maturity and courage are a testament to their dedication to our country.

I am proud to represent a Congressional District that is home to veterans of every major conflict since World War II. I feel tremendous gratitude to these men and women in the armed services, veterans, and their families. My father, the late Bernard Deutch, volunteered to fight in World War II as a teenager where he earned a Purple Heart at the Battle of the Bulge. It was his example of service to our nation that motivated me to serve in Congress.

Congratulations to Roberto Montoya Bravo, Franchesco Garcia, Stephen Gordon, Alex-Lamar Stone, Niko Notare, Cristian Mccusker, David Coleman, Manolo Vallejo, Jonathan Burrage, Garianne Baucicut, Jessica Hole, Susana Hoyos Cuervo, Isaiah Ortiz, Carlos Avila, Rafael Mitre, Uriel Najera Merino, Harrison Magyarosi, Enrique Cadiz, Kaiden Parker Bolley, Daniel Machado, Jordan Norwood, Neslency Delice, Joshua White, Michael Rosa, Marek Gawel, Joshua Richardson, Nicholas Cutter, Lamar Butler Jr, Robert Del Carpio, Logan Peluso, Christopher Coronel, Sabrina Kutenits, and Camilo Rosado. I am pleased to honor them and I thank them for their future service.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD "DICK" AND ANNETTE GARIN WARREN ON THEIR PASSING

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dick and Annette Warren of Hayward on the occasion of their passing away on March 23 and February 20, 2016, at the ages of 89 and 86, respectively.

After serving in the Army during World War II and graduating from Cal, Dick joined his father's company, Warren Transportation, later becoming the company's president until his retirement.

Dick was dedicated to the Hayward community where he lived, learning the value of giving back from his parents. He was a member and president of the Hayward Rotary Club, receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship for his contributions. Dick was also a member of organizations like the Hayward Area Historical Society, the California Trucking Association, and Rowell Ranch Board of Directors, among many others.

Annette, an alumna of the year from Holy Names High School in Oakland and a graduate of the San Francisco College for Women Lone Mountain, served as a teacher at Sherman Elementary in San Francisco. Annette was a member of the All Saints Parish in Hayward, hosting a Bible study class, the Order of Malta, where she served on projects to help the sick and the poor, and the St. Rose Hospital Foundation.

Dick and Annette were married in 1956, initially living in Castro Valley. They later moved to Hayward and raised their five sons, Guy, Richard, Jr., Rex, Garin, and Rob. They loved their family and friends, delighting in parties and celebrations.

The Warrens' commitment to the Hayward community was truly extraordinary. I want to

acknowledge them for their remarkable work and pass along my condolences to their family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2016, I was unable to be present for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on roll call no. 164, passage of H.R. 4820, the Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016, and “yes” on roll call no. 165, passage of H.R. 4096, the Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TIFFANY JOSLYN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, as Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, I join with my colleagues, Chairman BOB GOODLATTE of Virginia, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Chairman F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR. of Wisconsin and Subcommittee Ranking Member SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas, in celebrating and recognizing the life and accomplishments of Tiffany May Joslyn, who sadly passed away on March 5, 2016.

A 2004 graduate of Clark University and a 2007 graduate of George Washington University Law School, Tiffany was a dedicated public servant, highly-respected counsel to the Committee, and beloved colleague.

Tiffany worked diligently and with distinction for nearly seven years as an attorney for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). As a co-author of numerous studies and reports, she played a critical role in the NACDL’s efforts to fight for effective representation of the accused.

After her work with the NACDL, Tiffany joined the House Judiciary Committee Democratic staff as Deputy Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations in 2015. In her time serving the Committee, Tiffany helped Crime Subcommittee Ranking Member JACKSON LEE and other Committee Members make historic advances in the cause of reforming our broken criminal justice system.

She was dedicated to addressing youth justice issues, recognizing the need to value all of our young people and allow them to grow into adulthood without the burdens of the mistakes of their youth. Among her most prominent accomplishments while working for the Judiciary Committee are important bills such as H.R. 3713, The Sentencing Reform Act; H.R. 1854, The Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act; H.R. 3406, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 759, the Corrections and Recidivism Reduction Act of 2016. She was also vital in assisting Ranking Member JACKSON LEE draft several youth justice bills: H.R. 3158, the Reforming Alter-

natives to Incarceration and Sentencing to Establish A Better Path for Youth Act of 2015 (RAISE Act), H.R. 3156, The Fair Chance for Youth Act of 2015, and H.R. 3155, The Effective and Humane Treatment of Youth Act of 2015.

Though her life was cut short by tragedy, Tiffany had a profound and positive impact on her community and our country. Today and always, we remember and appreciate her devotion to public service, her drive to make our nation more equal and fair, her wise and dedicated counsel, and the friendships she developed with us and her colleagues.

We are grateful for the time we were able to spend with Tiffany, and for her invaluable work on the Committee. It is in her honor and spirit that we continue the fight to reform our criminal justice system.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 164 on H.R. 4820, I am not recorded because I was absent for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

ISRAEL THREATS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the State of Israel has always been threatened by nations and terror groups that hate Israel simply because it is a Jewish state. In recent years, the threats to Israel have become even more dangerous. Just this week, 16 people were wounded in a bus bombing in Jerusalem.

The volatile civil war in Syria has allowed the region to become a full-blown terrorist haven which directly threatens Israeli security. Al-Qaeda’s Syrian affiliate, the al Nusra Front, has literally straddled the Syrian-Israeli border. ISIS, which is even more brutal than al-Qaeda, controls large parts of Syria and Iraq, and it won’t be long before they turn their sights on Israel. Lebanese Hezbollah, which is also heavily imbedded in the Syrian civil war, acts as Iran’s terrorist proxy. Iran has moved advanced weapons systems into Lebanon, including anti-ship cruise missiles, air defense systems, and precision-guided surface-to-surface missiles. That means Hezbollah has an estimated 150,000 missiles sitting in their stockpile. Equally concerning is that Hezbollah is amassing valuable tactical experience while fighting in this Syrian civil war that could be used against Israel.

Compounding the terrorist threat in Israel is the recent spate of Palestinian lone-wolf attacks, which include stabbings, vehicle ramming, and shootings. The latest wave of attacks has killed 34 people and injured over 400. Among those killed were two American citizens: Ezra Schwartz of Massachusetts and Taylor Force from my home state of Texas. These attacks are directly fueled by the hateful incitement of the Palestinian Authority which must be stymied.

Meanwhile, down in Gaza, Israeli officials now believe that Hamas has completely replenished its rocket supply that Israel depleted in 2014. Just recently Israeli officials announced the discovery of a new tunnel built by Hamas into leading into Israel. The sole purpose of these tunnels is to secure arms supply lines and then strike at the heart of Israeli population centers.

Aside from terrorism, the global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement has led an onslaught of de-legitimization campaigns targeting Israel in recent years. Five American scholarly associations have already joined this cause citing what they refer to as Israel’s “violation of human rights.” Interestingly, the organizations only boycott Israel and not other countries with much worse human rights records.

Israel must also deal with the fallout from the Iran nuclear deal made by this Administration. Iran’s most recent ballistic missile test launched missiles marked with the words “Israel must be wiped off the earth.” Thanks to this deal, it is only a matter of time before the mullahs in Tehran develop a nuclear weapon and aim it towards Israel. It’s no wonder why Israeli leaders call the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action a “bad deal” that threatens Israel’s survival.

You would think that with all these threats facing our ally Israel, the United States would draw closer to its friend and help it protect itself. But that has not happened. Despite these threats, our relationship with Israel has become strained under this Administration. We must do more to repair our partnership and protect our friends and allies in Israel from the growing dangers that surround them. We must recognize that the threats that confront Israel also confront the United States. The same terrorist groups that want to destroy Israel also want to destroy the United States. The same Iran that calls Israel the ‘little Satan’ also calls the United States the ‘Great Satan’. We must face these common threats together.

And that’s just the way it is.

ESSAY BY KANIKA DRAKSHARAM

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 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.

Kanika Draksharam attends Clements High School in Sugar Land, Texas. The essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past year and explain how that event has changed/shaped our country.

Amid a flood of controversy in June 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a long-standing controversial law. Five justices affirmed LGBT American's Constitutional right to wed, leading to many changes for not only those who supported the bill, but the entire country as well. Undoubtedly, in the past year, the legalization of same sex marriage has brought many differences to the United States, and has helped shaped us into a more accepting country.

The legalization of same sex marriage has brought various economic benefits in addition to the obvious social ones. Due to the law being passed by Congress, the economy has seen a sudden boost. Take New York for example; whose economy was boosted by over two and a half million dollars due to same sex marriage couples being able to get married in state. Since the law being passed, marriage license fees, local celebrations, and wedding related purchases, have contributed greatly to the economy. We can see that this law has helped our economy in a positive manner, which is a good change our country required. The income being brought in by this new change is aiding in curbing the economic deficit as well. Contributing to this, is also the fact that insurance companies are being used more, since people are able to utilize the advantages of being married that these companies provide. Additionally, the passing of this law raises tax revenues by bringing in between twenty and forty million dollars more than average per year, helping the economy greatly. Fiscal benefits are a large factor in what our economy has gained. The government would have to spend more on Social Security and Employee Health Benefits, but it would actually end up saving money when the attention is turned to medical health programs, by almost a hundred million dollars. It's clear that passing this law has resulted in positive impacts on the economy.

Large corporations have advocated for this, making it something that is widely advertised as a positive change in society, going from being condemned in the past. Many of these companies such as Google, Apple, Verizon, Morgan Stanley and Microsoft have recruited people from this community to work for them, sending society an accepting message.

Marriage equality is a freedom that many groups across American have long strived for in the past. Now that the past year has brought this rightful prospect to our country, it has also brought positive changes for not only them, but all of American as well.

HONORING MR. DONALD GREEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Donald Green.

A Coahoma County native, Donald Green is a dedicated and seemingly tireless community leader and business owner who has committed his career to creating economic and educational opportunities for farmworkers and families in the Mississippi Delta.

As Executive Director of Mississippi Delta Council for Farm Worker Opportunities, Inc., Mr. Green leads a staff of 22 providing job training and placement services to thousands of individuals every year. His organization also hosts a monthly food distribution and offers a civilian relief distribution staging area following

weather emergencies and disasters. Currently, his team is transforming an existing warehouse and property into a farmers market, commercial kitchen, produce aggregation and food hub to raise incomes for dozens of limited-resource and beginning farmers. Prior to becoming the organization's chief executive, he was its Chief Financial Officer for 21 years.

He served as one of three Associate Tax Commissioners for the State of Mississippi and is the second African American in the State of Mississippi to do so. An accountant, Mr. Green also owns and operates an independent accounting service business.

Throughout his career, Mr. Green has been an ambassador between working people and local businesses. His board service includes: Clarksdale/Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce; member of National Exchange Club; member of Clarksdale Industrial Foundation; member of Coahoma Community Development Organization; and member of Clarksdale/Coahoma County Airport Board. He has served as a State Treasurer of the Magnolia Council; Vice President of The Delta Council; member Delta State Alumni University Association; former President of National Alumni Association; Founder and former President for Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact; Treasurer for Mississippi Blues Foundation, former President of Friendship Community Federal Credit Union. He was recognized in 2004 as Delta Regional Minority Businessman of the Year, inducted into the Delta State University Alumni Hall of Fame in 2009, and received the Freedom Team Appreciation Certificate for Services to Members of the Armed Forces. He is a member of the Clarksdale Rotary Club.

Committed to making higher education more accessible, Mr. Green became president of Delta State National Alumni Association in 1995 and led a five million dollar capital campaign. That funding has more than doubled in the years since and has a significant endowment. He has served on the university's foundation board. In 2001, he was appointed to a six-year term on the Mississippi State Board of Community and Junior Colleges. Co-Founder and President of the Ronald Hoss Bennett Foundation, which awards college scholarships to football players from local high schools.

He is known to be a steady, hardworking leader in efforts to increase understanding and build relationships in social and economic diversity. Mr. Green helped negotiate the partnership between Delta State University and Coahoma Community College to purchase the Cutrer Mansion, which has evolved into a continuing education center for history, culture, and the arts. In 2014, he worked with the City of Clarksdale officials, business owners, and community activists to honor the life and work of civil rights leader Aaron Henry with a historical marker on the Mississippi Freedom Trail. He has served on the board of Clarksdale-Coahoma County Library and supports the Delta Blues Museum.

The son of sharecroppers, Mr. Sylvester and Aree Green, Mr. Green grew up operating farm equipment in Coahoma County, Mississippi. A graduate of Coahoma Agriculture High School, he earned college degrees from Coahoma Community College and Delta State University. Mr. Green is the first African American to serve as President of Delta State University National Alumni Association.

He and his wife, Nelia, have two sons: Donald, Jr., a biomedical engineer living in Ann

Arbor, Michigan; and Adam, a high school student, who participated in Youth Leadership Clarksdale and who is currently a freshman at Delta State University majoring in commercial design.

Mr. Green is Chairman of the Deacon Board and Chairman of the Building Fund at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Jonestown, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Entrepreneur and Economic Developer that has been instrumental in magnifying strides of America's black history.

HONORING JUDGE PETER DILTZ

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Peter Diltz for his service on the Door County Circuit Court for Wisconsin. Mr. Diltz has been an integral member of the Door County community and I am proud to recognize his dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin.

Judge Diltz was born in Winnetka, Illinois and spent many of his childhood summers in Door County. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University, Judge Diltz attended the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Judge Diltz returned to Door County to practice law and serve as the Door County Family Court Commissioner from 1976 to 1994, at which time he was first elected Circuit Court Judge. It is truly an honor to represent an extraordinary citizen who has dedicated his career to serving the people of Door County in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 8th District of Wisconsin, I congratulate Judge Diltz on his retirement and sincerely thank him for his service to Wisconsin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: "Yes" on roll call vote No. 164, and "Yes" on roll call vote No. 165.

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH M. CAROLUS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Hannah Carolus of Treynor, Iowa, for being awarded the Good Citizen Award by the Council Bluffs Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). Hannah is

a senior at Treynor High School in Treynor, Iowa.

Hannah exhibited all of the talents and skills needed to qualify for this award. They include dependability, service to others, leadership, and patriotism. Judges took into consideration several areas in grading her application including high school achievement, home and community activities, future plans, extra-curricular activities, and good citizenship. A second requirement was to write an essay on Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It. The essay was to focus on our American rights and freedoms and the rights she would select to celebrate.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Hannah for earning this award. She is a shining example of the future of our youth. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Hannah for her interest in preserving our rights and freedoms. I wish her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TIFFANY MAY JOSLYN, A PASSIONATE CRUSADER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND TRANSCENDENT LIGHTBEAM OF JOY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it's with mixed emotion that I rise in remembrance of Tiffany May Joslyn, one of the most beloved, talented, and effective members of the House Judiciary Committee staff, whose life tragically was cut short on March 5, 2016, in a car accident that sadly also claimed the life of her brother, Derrick. She was just 33 years old.

Although the years of Tiffany's life were short, the life of Tiffany's years was full. In a journey of a little more than three decades, Tiffany May Joslyn, traveled from the little schoolgirl who was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, on November 9, 1982, to Deputy Chief Counsel of House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, where she played a central role in crafting pioneering legislation to reform the nation's broken criminal justice system.

Tiffany was a Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude graduate of Clark University. She graduated with honors from The George Washington University Law School and was admitted to the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Bars after serving clerkships with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Before bringing her exceptional talent and servant's heart to Capitol Hill, Tiffany was Research Counsel for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Washington, D.C., where she was the lead researcher and principal investigator for several major studies of the criminal justice system. Her work for the NACDL was so outstanding that she earned the reputation as one of the most thoughtful and forward-thinking policy experts of her generation in the area of criminal justice reform, which brought her to my attention when I became Ranking Member of the Judiciary Sub-

committee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful that I was able to secure for the Judiciary Committee, and this House, the services of Tiffany Joslyn. In the short time she was with us, she left an indelible impression on the Members of the Committee, her staff colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and most importantly on the criminal justice reform legislation produced by the Committee on the Judiciary.

Tiffany was a brilliant writer and was highly respected for her expertise, energy, dedication, loyalty, kindness, and perhaps, most of all, her persuasiveness as an advocate.

Mr. Speaker, Tiffany had a passion to help the most vulnerable and those who were caught up in the criminal justice system unfairly, but also those who deserved restoration and rehabilitation.

Together we were on a journey to continue to find a way to reform the criminal justice system.

She made great progress. Two of the bills we worked on have already passed out of the Judiciary Committee, and I am praying that they come to the floor not only in her name, but in the names of all the vulnerable people that would benefit from her great work.

I hope Tiffany's family can take comfort during the difficult days ahead in the knowledge that Tiffany and Derrick were the light of so many lives. May God bless them.

Mr. Speaker, to quote Maximus Decimus Meridus: "What we do in life echoes in eternity."

In her too short sojourn on this earth, Tiffany May Joslyn did so much good that I can say with confidence, and in the certain knowledge, that the glory of Tiffany's work will echo in eternity.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Tiffany Joslyn.

MISSION JR. HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a team of students from Mission Jr. High School for earning the opportunity to compete in the National Science Bowl.

The National Science Bowl was created by the Department of Energy in 1991 to encourage students to expand their knowledge within the subjects of mathematics and science, and pursue careers in such fields. Since its inception, approximately 265,000 students have participated; helping the National Science Bowl grow into one of the largest science competitions in the nation.

The competition is comprised of Middle and High School teams of four students, one alternate, and a teacher advisor. The teams will compete with each other in the topics of biology, chemistry, life science, earth science, physics, energy, and math. The competition is a fast-paced question and answer session and will be held on April 28th, 2016 through May 2nd, 2016 in Washington, D.C.

The team from Mission Jr. High School includes: Briana Diaz, Lucas Dovalina, Rodrigo Moran, Paul McCoy, and Damian Gonzalez,

along with their coaches and sponsors Carolina Barrero, Jesus Razo, and David Land. They recently won the Regional Science Bowl Championship and were one of only forty-seven teams across the nation that qualified for the National Science Bowl. This will be the third time in a row that a team from Mission Consolidated Independent School District will compete. However, they are the first team to represent Mission Jr. High School.

I applaud these bright students and look forward to seeing what they will accomplish in the future. As students begin to consider which career path to choose, it is important to provide increased support and learning opportunities so students are able to graduate and compete in a globally competitive workforce. I believe competitions such as the National Science Bowl bring awareness to students about a possible STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) career. I am proud to have this team of students from Mission Jr. High School represent the 28th District of Texas.

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 28, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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 Na-
- tional 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
- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.
SR-222
- MAY 13
- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.
SR-222
- MAY 24
- 10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal.
SD-538
- MAY 25
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal, focusing on Administration perspectives.
SD-538