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Mr. Speaker, Beau Loyd has displayed the ability to not only excel in the classroom, but to balance his interests in science and medicine with his athletic endeavors as an athlete. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Beau the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RICHARD  
HERRICK

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding constituent in the field of health care, Richard Herrick of Lenox, Massachusetts. Mr. Herrick has been selected this year as one of the recipients of the prestigious Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award. The American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) bestows this annual award on Association members who have worked diligently to educate Members of Congress about the needs of long term care patients and residents, and to advance quality in the long term and post-acute care community.

Mr. Herrick's commitment to improving long term care continues today as the President and CEO of the New York Health Facilities Association, Inc. (NYSHFA) and the New York State Center for Assisted Living, representing over 350 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities.

At the national level, Mr. Herrick serves on the Board of Governors of the American Health Care Association and on their Business Management Committee. He also serves as President of the Affiliated State Health Care Association Executives. Mr. Herrick is past member of AHCA's Council of States and Board of Directors of the National Center for Assisted Living. AHCA/NCAL is the nation's largest association of professional long term health providers.

Prior to joining New York Health Facilities Association, Inc., Mr. Herrick spent seven years as President and COO of Wingate Health Care, Inc., which operates seven nursing facilities in Massachusetts and three in New York. Mr. Herrick is active on the Boards of Berkshire Healthcare Systems which operates 19 skilled nursing facilities and Berkshire Place located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He is the past chairman of the Board of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association.

The award presentation will take place during the AHCA/NCAL Congressional Briefing on May 23rd. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Richard Herrick for his years of dedication and care to our nation's frail, elderly and disabled. His career and life accomplishments truly reflect the ideals embodied in the Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY SHIPP  
HARROW AND MARTHA SHIPP  
AVERETT

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Mary Shipp Harrow and Mrs. Martha Shipp Averett, both of whom will celebrate their 100th birthday on Saturday, July 2, 2016. On that special day, the sisters will be honored with a birthday celebration at the Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center in Columbus, Georgia.

The identical twins were born on July 2, 1916 in Cusseta, Georgia to the late Martha Walker Shipp and the late Quilbert Pinchback Shipp. They were raised in a Christian home where the twins were the oldest of eight children. From an early age, the sisters were active in their community and in their first church home, Harmony Baptist Church in Cusseta, Georgia. They completed their primary and secondary education in the Chattahoochee County School District.

Mrs. Averett was married to the late Reverend Jessie Averett, Sr. and is the mother of six daughters: Geraldine Parris, Lucy Mae Baldwin, Essie Francis, Amanda Thornton, Ida Mae Boykins, and Martha Ann Patterson; and four sons: Jessie Averett, Jr., James Averett, Jeffrey Averett, and the late John Henry Averett. She has 21 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Averett remains in the Cusseta community and is a dedicated and faithful member of Saint Paul CME Church.

Mrs. Harrow was married to the late Isaac Daniel Harrow, Sr. and is the mother of five daughters: Evelyn Gash, Christine Jones, Pauline Talley, Beverly Caldwell and Gerri Jones; and two sons: the late Isaac Harrow, Jr. and the late Marion Harrow. She is the grandmother of 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Harrow is a dedicated and faithful member of Galilee Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Where there is love there is life." Mrs. Harrow and Mrs. Averett are a true testament that giving and receiving great love has resulted in long and prosperous lives. Their legacy is a love for God, a love for family, and a love for each other.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Averett and Mrs. Harrow continue to run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed them over their lifetimes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring these devoted sisters, beloved matriarchs, and outstanding women of

faith, Mrs. Mary Shipp Harrow and Mrs. Martha Shipp Averett, as they, their families and their community prepare to celebrate their 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO CASSIDY WAGNER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cassidy Wagner for being named Southwest Iowa Regional Academic All-State Standout by the Des Moines Register. Cassidy is a senior at West Central Valley High School.

Each year, the Des Moines Register editors ask Iowa high school officials to nominate seniors for this honor. They choose only those students that stand out among their peers for achievements in academics, community involvement and leadership. Cassidy exemplifies all that is right about Iowa's well-rounded students.

Mr. Speaker, Cassidy Wagner is an Iowan who has made her school and her community very proud. She has worked hard and dedicated herself to being a great student and a good citizen. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Cassidy for this award and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK  
STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Thurgood Marshall High School track and field team for winning the University Interscholastic League (UIL) 5A state track championship for the second year in a row.

The Marshall Buffalos were led to victory by their coach Lloyd Banks. Their overall score of 52 points outperformed the competition by a substantial 16 points. Junior sprinter Shamon Ehiemua helped lead his team to success by defending his state title in the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.62 seconds. In addition to Ehiemua's efforts, teammate John Isom placed fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.19 seconds. Teammates Cedarian Lynch, Ehiemua, Jarmaiz Whitaker and Isom were awarded a gold medal in the 4x100-meter relay with an astounding time of 40.13 seconds. Their win is even more impressive considering runner Jeremy Smith was recovering from a foot injury during the relay.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Fort Bend Marshall Track and Field Team for winning the 5A state track championship for the second time. Thank you for bringing this championship title back to Fort Bend County.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted No on Roll Call No. 222.

THE LANTOS FOUNDATION FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE'S  
SOLIDARITY SABBATH

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Lantos Foundation's second Solidarity Sabbath, which highlights the deplorable human rights violations committed by the People's Republic of China against its citizens who simply wish to openly and sincerely practice their respective faiths.

Many of us will attend worship services in the coming days and we will do so without fear of arrest, torture, or forced re-education. I hope that those of us attending services this weekend will take time to meditate and pray on the importance of religious freedom here at home and around the world. The human spirit is remarkably resilient. This resiliency is undoubtedly strengthened through religious faith and practice and cannot and will not be extinguished through the draconian state action we see taking place in China. Indeed, as I am sure the Chinese government is realizing, its draconian tactics to suppress and intimidate the religious faithful do not diminish the numbers of those seeking to practice their faith but rather multiplies their number exponentially.

Sadly, there are myriad cases of people of faith being harassed, intimidated, and arrested today in China. Indeed, Protestant, Catholic, Tibetan Buddhist, Uyghur Muslim, Falun Gong, and other religious minorities face such a reality every day. A recent survey of religious intimidation in China noted that Chinese officials oversaw the demolition of over thirty churches, the removal of more than four hundred crosses from houses of worship, and the detention of over three hundred worshipers with half of these people suffering injuries sustained during their arrests. It should be noted that this paints a picture for just one province in China; there are many similar stories across China where those seeking to simply practice their respective faiths are consistently harassed, detained, and injured for exercising a basic human right.

While we must certainly lend our support to the religious faithful in China as they strive to exercise their basic human right to worship where, when and what they so desire, we must also applaud and support the brave human rights lawyers in China who champion the rights of the religious faithful in the face of unthinkable intimidation as practiced by the Chinese government. These brave men and women have provided rule of law training to church members throughout China. Indeed, this past year these lawyers were able to conduct over one hundred trainings for over one

hundred thousand religious practitioners. This has resulted in these practitioners filing important administrative lawsuits against the government in an effort to quell the Chinese government's acts of religious persecution.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the Lantos Foundation for its inspired work to bring light to the plight of the religious faithful in China. I will this weekend, as I always have and will continue to do, stand in solidarity with my brothers and sisters of faith in China. Their right to practice their religion is a fundamental right and it must be protected.

HONORING JENNY SHUNYAKOVA  
ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE  
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE  
PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCI-  
ENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO  
THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE  
MEDICAL LEADERS

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Laurel Springs High School student Jenny Shunyakova, of Springfield, Missouri, on her being accepted as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

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Mr. Speaker, Jenny Shunyakova has not only excelled in her academic studies, but also shown a persistent interest in biology and other fields related to medical professions that will serve her future aspirations well. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Jenny the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO EVELYN AND JIM  
WHIPPLE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Evelyn and Jim Whipple of Clarinda, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on April 22. They were married in 1951.

Evelyn and Jim's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies

Iowa values. It is because of Iowans like them that I'm proud to represent our great state.

I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE MS  
GULF COAST 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Gulf Coast on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

In serving the citizens of Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District, I am proud to meet people of all kinds, especially young people who have their hopes and dreams still ahead of them. As part of their daily routine, they must decide what actions they will take that day which will, in turn, affect their future. The Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast plays a vital role in shining a ray of hope into the lives of young people who may not see a bright future ahead of themselves.

Originally named the Biloxi Boys Club, the organization began in 1966, with the help of the Biloxi Jaycees, to serve 15 young men. Today, there are over 1,700 registered members, five locations, and a daily attendance of approximately 800 young men and women of the Gulf Coast region.

It is our responsibility, as a community, to invest in the lives of our future leaders. The Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast strives to develop productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

The organization leads our community's efforts to improve academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character in our young men and women. This is accomplished by offering our young people a safe and supportive place to go and by providing them with quality programs to teach responsibility, positive character development, sports, and academic progress, among other important aspects of leadership.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast is a valuable asset for our Coast children. Once again, I commend the Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast as they mark the 50th anniversary of improving young lives along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT  
MICAH WELINTUKONIS UPON HIS  
RETIREMENT

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished military service of Army Sergeant Micah Welintukonis of Coventry, Connecticut who will retire on May 19, 2016 after 16 years and 5 months of active duty. Sgt Welintukonis' record reads like a history book of U.S. military action over the last