

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge and thank the ITWomen of Tampa and Girls Incorporated of Pinellas After School Enrichment Program for working hard to achieve equity in fields of engineering and technology. Their spirit and passion inspires our community, and ask that this body join me in thanking them for their efforts.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
FRANK HART, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Frank Hart, Jr. Mr. Hart was born in 1926 in Sharpsburg, Kentucky. While a student at Sharpsburg High School in January of 1944, he enlisted as a reserve in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He graduated in May of 1944.

Mr. Hart entered the U.S. Army Air Corps for active duty on August 8, 1944. He was in training as an aviation cadet, but was physically unable to serve. He then volunteered for gunnery school and was shipped to Florida for training. As a new corporal, he was sent in June of 1945 for training on a B-29 bomber crew as a "Right Scanner" on an Overseas Training Unit. The training was to end on August 21 and all crews were set to be sent overseas. August 14 was V-J Day and the war with Japan ended. Mr. Hart was promoted to sergeant and later earned another stripe as staff sergeant. Mr. Hart was discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas on June 26, 1946.

Following his time in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Mr. Hart enrolled in the University of Kentucky along with many other veterans. The legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant began his first year at the University of Kentucky that same year.

Mr. Hart married Beulah Moore in 1947 and began his farming career. They have been married more than sixty eight years and have two adult children, three grandchildren, and a new great-grandchild.

Mr. Hart, now retired, farmed and raised tobacco crops for fifty years. He also worked in highway construction, ran a service station, and worked at the Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot.

As a part of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Hart is to be commended for his service to his country. Because of his willingness to sacrifice, and the willingness of his fellow men and women in uniform, our freedoms are secured. Mr. Hart truly is an outstanding American and an inspiration to us all. I am proud to recognize his service before the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD (DICK) L.
ROYER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard (Dick) L. Royer, who passed away on May 27, 2016 at the age of

77. Royer was an MAI appraiser and realtor who also served as President of the Columbus Realtors, The Ohio Association of Realtors, and the Columbus Rotary Club for significant portions of his lifetime.

Royer was born in 1938 in Canton, Ohio, where he attended Canton Lehman High School. He earned his degree from The Ohio State University College of Business in 1962, and soon after, joined the real estate company Kohr and Kohr where he would spend his entire business career. Over 50 years later, the firm still operates today as Kohr, Royer, Griffith Inc. (KRG). Royer's service to the real estate industry in Columbus was fueled by his love for the city.

Outside of KRG, Royer held many offices and board positions over the years. He served as President of the local Appraisal Institute Chapter and was an active member at the King Avenue United Methodist Church in Columbus. Royer was a resident of the suburb Upper Arlington, which he cherished as his home and held as high in his heart as he did the City of Columbus.

There is no doubt of the enormous legacy Dick Royer has left behind on the real estate industry and the greater Columbus community. I'm extremely grateful for his service to our city and state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately was unable to be present for several votes taken on the House floor on June 10, 2016, missing Roll Call Vote Number 289 through Number 296. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call Number 289: YEA, Roll Call Number 290: NAY, Roll Call Number 291: YEA, Roll Call Number 292: NAY, Roll Call Number 293: YEA, Roll Call Number 294: NAY, Roll Call Number 295: NAY, Roll Call Number 296: NAY.

HONORING COLONEL LEE HUDSON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Colonel Lee Hudson. He currently serves as commander of the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky and is retiring from military service following a long and distinguished career.

Colonel Hudson was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1990 following completion of a BS degree from Auburn University. He holds an MBA from Hawaii Pacific University and a Master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Colonel Hudson has served our nation in many leadership positions over his career, including Commander of the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) Support Battalion from 2008-2010 and Commander of the Mission

Support Element, United States Army Office of Military Support from 2010-2012, supporting strength-of-force and counterterrorism missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Philippines, and North Africa. It has been my honor to know him as Commander of Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky, where he has led in an exemplary manner and his service is greatly appreciated by the community.

Colonel Hudson's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Korea Defense Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War On Terror (GWOT) Service Medal; and Master Parachutist, Ranger, Pathfinder, and Air Assault Badges.

Colonel Hudson is to be commended for his service, dedication, and loyalty to our nation through his years of leadership in the United States Army. I join with a grateful nation in thanking him and wishing him the best in the years to come. It is my honor to recognize this great American before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER CATHI LONG

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a member of the Clearwater Police Department who was named our 2016 School Resource Officer of the Year for Pinellas County Schools. Officer Cathi Long was awarded this great honor on May 17, 2016 for her devotion to students living in our community.

Officer Long has been a member of the Clearwater Police Department since 2004 and has served as a School Resource Officer for Countryside High School since 2013. During that time, she has been a part of multiple school initiatives including Teen Court and Students against Drunk Driving. She is a hero to the families of our community.

Officer Long has also used her own personal time to help mentor seniors who are struggling to graduate and is instrumental in the coordination of the Operation Graduate program that helped at-risk students plan for their future. Additionally, the Teen Court initiative that she is a part of helps students defer from the judicial system and potentially avoid permanent marks on their records.

Officer Long is known to her students as a "Second Mom". Recently she received a letter from a student thanking her for always being there for guidance and support. Additionally, a hallway banner created by the students has been hung up above lockers to honor Officer Long for what she does. She is a role model for her students and Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and recognize Officer Long for being an inspiration to our kids and for being a caring and supportive individual in our community. I am proud to have her in our Clearwater Police Department. I ask that this body join me in recognizing the efforts of Officer Long as she continues to help students within our community.

FCC STB RULE IMPACTS ON
SMALL PROVIDERS

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my deep concern with the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) proposed rules on set-top-boxes. On May 5th, I along with Rep. CRAMER (R-ND) and 58 of our House colleagues sent a letter to Chairman Wheeler at the FCC. That letter focused on the burdens these rules would impose on small cable operators.

I've heard from several of my rural cable operators, and they are worried the FCC is failing to fully understand the impact these rules will have on small providers. Many of them will spend over a \$1 million per system in order to comply with these rules, diverting resources that would otherwise be spent investing in broadband. Furthermore, it is estimated these costs could cause as many as 200 cable operators nationwide to go out of business or simply exit the video market place.

We all support and want to encourage increased innovation and competition. In fact, many small operators are heavily investing in upgrading their existing networks to provide faster high-speed broadband. They also support innovative boxes from TiVo and apps that work on Roku boxes.

The Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy agrees the proposal "will be disproportionately and significantly burdensome" for small cable operators. The SBA went on to say the "FCC has not adequately attempted to quantify or describe the economic impact of its proposed rules" nor did the FCC make "any attempt to explain what kinds of costs small operators might incur in order to comply" with the rule. Mr. Speaker, it is inconceivable to me that the FCC would propose new rules and seek to impose new regulations without fully understanding the economic impacts of their actions—especially when it comes to the many small rural providers in my district.

Recognizing the burdens these new rules would have on small providers, consumer groups like Public Knowledge and innovative companies like TiVo support taking a different approach with small operators. I urge the FCC to reconsider imposing these rules on small operators because of the tremendous burden it would impose on them. If these new rules cause operators to go out of business or limit video services the Commission may end up hurting the very people they are seeking to help and that's the consumer.

HONORING THE CITY OF
CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the City of Carlisle, Kentucky as it celebrates its bicentennial. The City of Carlisle was founded in 1816 as the county seat of Nicholas County, Kentucky. Carlisle has rich history and its citizens are very proud to call Carlisle home.

They have done a wonderful job preserving several historic buildings and keeping the history of the community alive.

I always enjoy visiting Carlisle and Nicholas County, where the people are friendly, hard-working, faith-centered, and family-oriented. I congratulate all the citizens of Carlisle on the two-hundredth anniversary of their town's founding and I wish them the best for the future. It is my honor to recognize the occasion before the United States House of Representatives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 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 \$19,218,850,296,387.20. We've added \$8,591,973,247,474.12 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO CHILDREN'S DREAM
FUND

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Children's Dream Fund on their 35th anniversary.

The Children's Dream Fund was established in 1981 as the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund. Franise Geringer, a small South African boy with aging disease, had a dream to meet his hero, Pinocchio. The Sunshine City Jaycees of St. Petersburg raised funds for the family to visit Disneyworld and any excess funds raised would go to the family. However, the family denied the extra funds and instead chose for the money to go to helping other children.

After twenty years, the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund was renamed to the Children's Dream Fund. It now serves children in West Coast Florida who are referred to by neighboring children's hospitals. It helps children between ages three and eighteen with life threatening diseases and has fulfilled over two thousand dreams. These dreams range from a celebrity meet, a trip, a gift, or most frequently, a week at the Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Children's Dream Fund for their excellent work over the past 35 years. They have given hope to so many kids and their families in Pinellas County and West Central Florida. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts.

HONORING FATHER JIM SICHKO

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Father Jim Sichko. He has served as Pastor of St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish in Richmond, Kentucky for the past twelve years. He leaves Richmond soon to begin a one-year appointment from Pope Francis as a Missionary of Mercy.

Father Sichko is the youngest of five children. He received an undergraduate degree in vocal performance from the New England Conservatory of Music and performed as an opera singer before deciding to enter the priesthood. He studied theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology and was ordained into the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 23rd, 1998.

As pastor of St. Mark's Parish, Father Sichko is well known for his storytelling. He travels throughout the United States and presents retreats, missions, and days of recollection. He once disguised himself as a homeless man as part of his ministry. He authored a book entitled "Among Friends." Father Sichko has invited many celebrities to his parish for fundraising events over the years, including Dolly Parton, First Lady Laura Bush, Donnie Osmond, and, most recently, Jay Leno.

Father Sichko has made quite a difference in his parish and in the Richmond community. He will be greatly missed and I wish him well as he leaves to serve God in a different role. I am proud to recognize and honor him before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 13, 2016, because of airline delays I missed roll call votes No. 297 "To increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, and for other purposes" and No. 298 "To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both bills.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 2016, I was unavoidably detained due to a traffic accident and was unable to record my vote for roll call No. 283. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on consideration of the resolution.