This new facility will feature flexible teaching and learning spaces, as well as a variety of courses in transportation and manufacturing. These fields play an important role in local economic development, and the addition of this facility will continue Clinton Community College’s legacy of bringing education and opportunity to the North Country.

On behalf of New York’s 21st District, I want to congratulate Clinton Community College on the opening of the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing. We are grateful for the College’s commitment to educating our community, and hope that this addition serves it well for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. SULLIVANS DD–537/DDG–68 ASSOCIATION’S 27TH REUNION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 21, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and welcome the USS The Sullivans DD–537/DDG–68 Association to my hometown of Buffalo. New York on September 20th, 2017 as they celebrate their 27th reunion at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park.

On November 13, 1943, following the First Naval Battle of Guadalcanal during the Second World War, five brothers tragically lost their lives at sea when a Japanese torpedo struck and sunk the USS Juneau while sailing the Solomon Sea. Upon learning that George, Francis, Joseph, Madison, and Albert Sullivan had all perished, President Roosevelt honored their memory by renaming DD–537 in their namesake as USS The Sullivans.

Since the Second World War, two ships, DD–537 and DDG–68 have proudly shared the name USS The Sullivans and the motto of “We Stick Together” in order to exemplify the courageous and enduring spirit of the Sullivan brothers. For over 70 years a USS The Sullivans has patrolled the world’s waterways, thus preserving the peace and promoting international stability.

In the years since it was decommissioned, DD–537 has become Erie County Naval and Military Park home. Located in Buffalo’s Canalside district, USS The Sullivans DD–537 has served as a floating monument to the Sullivan brothers’ enduring legacy as well as to the countless men and women who have served aboard a USS The Sullivans since 1943.

Mr. Speaker, it is again with great pride that I welcome the 27th reunion of the USS The Sullivans DD–537/DDG–68 Association to Buffalo, New York as they celebrate the storied legacy of their vessels in the company of fellow veterans and current service members.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR BETTY TSAI

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 21, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, I rise today to recognize Betty Tsai, a retired Bucks County Community College professor who started the Salute to Mothers Scholarship. The scholarship allocates funds for women who are attending Bucks County Community College while raising at least one child. This year is the tenth anniversary of the creation of the Salute to Mothers Scholarship, and it has raised over 120,000 dollars to date. This scholarship is vital to providing mothers with greater career opportunities, and encouraging women to participate in our workforce. It is only available to mothers who possess a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, and are enrolled in at least six credits for the upcoming semester. I appreciate the philanthropy that recognizes the struggles of balancing family and school, and thank Betty Tsai for her work to that end.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON TOAST-MASTERS POTOMAC CLUB

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 21, 2017

Mr. BEYER, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Booz Allen Hamilton Toastmasters Potomac Club, a ten year Arlington, Virginia communications and leadership club, achieving significant success in its club and membership. Toastmasters International is a global, international communication community founded in 1904 by Dr. Ralph Smedley. Dr. Smedley, the director of a local YMCA, observed several young men who were not getting jobs. He took it upon himself to form a...
I congratulate Mr. Coughlin on a successful and impactful career and wish him all the best during his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Mr. John C. Coughlin on his retirement after an accomplished career, having served as a federal employee for 28 years.

Mr. Coughlin was born and raised in Bethesda, Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Naval Academy, was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, and served in the Navy’s Aviation and Intelligence Office Program as a Command Pilot and Program Manager. After serving his country, Mr. Coughlin joined the Department of Energy in 1989, where he began an impressive career working with the Department’s radiological emergency response assets. He served in various prestigious capacities, including the Director of the Office of Emergency Operations and Response, the Special Assistant to the Office of Self-Assessment and Emergency Management, the Director of the Threat Assessment Division for the Department’s Programmatic and Nuclear Threat Programs, the first Director of the Office of Emergency Planning Preparedness and Operations here, within the U.S. House of Representatives, and most recently, the Assistant Sergeant at Arms for the U.S. House of Representatives. His work over the past 28 years has greatly benefited our nation’s security and preparedness in the event of an emergency, and we are grateful for all he’s done to ensure the safety and readiness of our country.

Mr. Coughlin has had an outstanding career in public service, and I am pleased to recognize him both as an upstanding citizen and an exemplary resident of Maryland’s 6th District. I congratulate Mr. Coughlin on a successful and impactful career and wish him all the best during his well-deserved retirement.