

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER PEPLER

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and life of the late Deputy Chief Christopher Pepler, who passed away on November 1, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. Pepler was a member of the Torrington Fire Department since 1999 and had served as Deputy Fire Chief. He was a beloved member of the Torrington community and a model public servant.

Deputy Chief Pepler was a Torrington native, and he dreamed of becoming a firefighter from a young age. He began volunteering with Torrington Fire Department when he was only 15, and he was hired by the Torrington Fire Department in 1999. The Department recognized his leadership and commitment to keeping the community safe, and Pepler was appointed Deputy Fire Chief in 2013.

He was an active member of the department and worked hard to support his fellow firefighters. He served as the Assistant Director of Training for the Wolcott Regional Fire School, sharing his expertise with young and aspiring firefighters. Pepler also worked on behalf of his fellow firefighters as the president of the IAFF Local 1567 prior to his appointment as Deputy Chief.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Chief Christopher Pepler brought a passion for serving his community and helping others to the Torrington Fire Department, and his work leaves a legacy of service that will inspire future generations of firefighters in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his life here today. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Lori, and all those who knew and loved Christopher.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF ELAINE ROBERTS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Elaine Roberts, who is retiring from her service to the Ohio aviation community this month.

Elaine has been a leader for Columbus, for Ohio, for the aviation industry, and for women in leadership roles in the transportation industry everywhere.

Fourteen years ago, Elaine was recruited to serve as the first ever CEO of a combined aviation authority—the passenger facility serving Columbus and Central Ohio, a dual-use freight/military facility outside Columbus, and a general aviation field.

Over the last decade and a half, she led all three with distinction and has been a catalyst

for growth at Port Columbus, overseeing a major renovation and life extension of the facility.

At Rickenbacker, our dual-use facility, she has worked with government partners at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as the private sector, to transform the area into one of the country's leading intermodal facilities.

International and domestic freight operations—served by rail, highways, and international aviation—help provide a livelihood to 20,000 plus residents in our area.

Elaine has been an inspiration to her fellow executives in aviation and transportation, and the region as a whole. She was nominated and selected by the White House in 2015 as a “Champion of Change” for her work at Rickenbacker.

Elaine will be missed in the region, but I join the entire Ohio community in wishing her well.

IN MEMORY OF SHADY SHORES MAYOR OLIVE STEPHENS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of former Shady Shores Mayor Olive Stephens. Mayor Stephens, who passed away on October 30 at the age of 101, was known for her commitment to her family, her neighbors, and the Shady Shores community. She was a dedicated public servant who helped Shady Shores grow from a small weekend fishing and camping spot to an incorporated city with a population of more than 2,800.

An East Texas native, Mayor Stephens and her late husband moved to Shady Shores in 1956 and opened a general store. In 1963, Olive Stephens began her public service career when she volunteered to serve on the Town Council. After 10 years as a council member, she ran for higher office, and in 1973 won a successful bid to serve as the first elected mayor of Shady Shores. Mayor Stephens served her community in this capacity for almost 40 years until she retired from full time public service at the age of 94.

A pioneer of local Texas politics, Olive Stephens left a legacy of lifelong commitment to public service. We will miss her leadership and passion for her Shady Shores community and all of Texas.

RECOGNIZING MICHELE BLAKE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michele Blake, a proven leader in the Yuba City, California community with a

strong desire to make a difference. Michele currently serves as the Executive Director of the Sutter County Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 Sutter.

Michele has been a strong advocate and was instrumental in making positive changes in her role as executive director. She is responsible for ensuring children ages 0–5 reach their full potential by administering and coordinating community programs and activities that have a positive effect on their development. She has collaborated with Friends of the Sutter Library to implement a program which delivers books directly to preschool children's homes to increase literacy awareness; she has worked with the Sutter Sheriff's Department to implement a children's lifejacket loaner program which increases water safety; and working alongside healthcare clinics, she was instrumental in implementing breastfeeding friendly practices in existing Commission programs. Michele is also a strong advocate for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and, together with her family, established the Nicole Bull Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Michele's experience includes her previous work as the Health Education Director and Public Information Officer at the Sutter County Public Health Department where she planned, created, budgeted, developed, and implemented comprehensive health education programs and was instrumental in securing federal funding to develop IGNITE Yuba City, a program to help people make healthy choices.

Michele continues to support the Yuba Sutter community and as a single mom finds time to contribute to the activities of her 8 and 12-year-old children.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARNOLD ANDREWS

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Arnold Andrews from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Andrews served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Andrews, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Arnold Andrews for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Friday, November 3, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 605 and Nay on Roll Call vote 606.

I was absent in the House Chamber due to travelling to the devastated island of Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. A vote was called on the floor for H.R. 3922 to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program and other public health initiatives under the Affordable Care Act. I would have voted Nay on this legislation because this bill would raise premiums for seniors, limit benefits for Medicaid recipients and slash grace periods from 90 days to 30 days, which would result in thousands of Americans losing their healthcare. Furthermore, this bill funds a mere \$1 billion dollars to Puerto Rico in the midst of a dire crisis on the island.

RECOGNIZING DR. LAURIE GOODMAN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Laurie Goodman of Meridian, California, who has dedicated herself to the education, health, and safety of children. As Superintendent and Principal of the Winship-Robbins Elementary School District, Dr. Goodman has worked to implement many programs designed to serve children in need. In partnership with Sutter County Public Health, she has implemented a nutrition education and obesity prevention program which aims to promote healthy eating and exercise habits in youth.

Dr. Goodman was also an instrumental partner in the effort to establish the "Food For Thought" pilot project which works to minimize child hunger by providing families with healthy foods to take home over the weekend. Her efforts on behalf of these programs make a clear positive impact in the lives of children in her community.

Dr. Goodman's passion and commitment to the students and families of Winship-Robbins Elementary School goes beyond academic success. Dr. Goodman is truly dedicated to the complete health and well-being of each and every one of her students, and never passes up an opportunity to provide them with any help they may need.

HONORING ETHEL T. WINFIELD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a late member of the Co-op City community, Mrs. Ethel T. Winfield, who passed away this year at the amazing age of 94 years

old. Though Ethel is no longer with us, the legacy she has left with her family, friends, and the community will last forever.

Ethel and her beloved husband, Claude, lived in Co-op City and were quite active. After moving to the area in the 1960's, Ethel, a devoted Catholic, was instrumental in establishing and building the new church, St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church. While the church was being built, Ethel held services in her home at 920 Baychester Avenue.

Professionally, Ethel worked as a Sample Hand at Vanity Fair in New York City. In 1971, she received certification at the prestigious Mayer School for Fashion Design. Amazed by her skill and talent, she rose from a Sample Hand to become an Assistant Designer at Vanity Fair; the first time anyone ever received this promotion. While at Vanity Fair, Ethel was concerned with equal rights of all workers. She was a shop steward, and as a union leader, she assisted fellow workers. Ethel enjoyed designing, draping and sewing dresses. She wanted her community residents to experience wearing beautiful fabrics and well-fitted clothes. She was committed to providing designer quality fitted clothing and often said, "The small amount I charged the bride did not yield a profit for me. However, I wanted my community to feel like they were walking down a runway."

Though Ethel's story is full of inspiration, there was tragedy. In July 1957, Claude and Ethel were driving to Virginia with their son, Willie. During the trip, the car over turned in a ditch. Willie lost his life and Claude was injured badly. He had sustained internal injuries and almost every bone in his body had been broken. Ethel visited her husband for 2 years in the Veteran's Administration Hospital and never doubted her husband would live. She encouraged him to complete his therapy which included learning to use his left hand and arm to shave and complete other tasks. It was her belief and encouragement in those terribly tragic moments that gave Claude the strength to recover.

As you might imagine from hearing that story, Ethel's true passion was her family, which includes sons, Claude L. Winfield, and Siddique Ali Shahbaaz; daughter-in-laws Michelle Deal Winfield and Cynthia Ali Shahbaaz; grand children Gary Winfield and wife Rasheed Winfield, Marie Winfield and spouse Konrad Pust, Michael C. Winfield, Nikkea Winfield, Jason Winfield and Makeda Winfield; nieces Katherine Miles and Vida Hinton with cousin Janett Baughaum; and great grandchildren Sophie and Koemi Winfield-Pust. She loved each of them dearly.

Ethel Winfield lived a long and blessed life. In later years, she took art classes at the Baychester Visual Arts class on Tuesday evenings. Like many budding artist, Ethel gave away sketches and drawings, making friends along the way. That was Ethel—an artist, always thinking of others.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM CAMP

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, William

Camp from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Camp served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Camp, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking William Camp for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MRS. LYNN JEWELL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lynn Jewell of Vacaville, California, who has been a vibrant servant of our community since coming from San Antonio, Texas as one of three young daughters of an Air Force Veteran. As a youth, Lynn was active in the Girl Scouts, church groups, and the Fairfield High School Scarlet Brigade Band before graduating from California State University, Sacramento with honors. After marrying Jeff Jewell, her service member husband, Lynn became active in supporting multiple local Veteran's Groups.

Mrs. Jewell served as President of the Vacaville American Legion Auxiliary, Secretary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and served at the Vacaville Veterans' Memorial Hall as secretary, treasurer, Bingo volunteer, and co-chair of the Annual Holiday Dinners for over 20 years.

In 2006, Lynn became involved in the North Bay Homeless Veterans Standdown writing grants, raising funds, and serving as volunteer coordinator. Her passionate commitment to this program grew and she now serves alongside her husband on the Standdown Board of Directors. Lynn is the driving force of the North Bay Standdown and most everyone would say that without Lynn, the years of providing supportive services to our homeless veterans in the form of a "hand-up, not a hand-out" would not have happened.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLIFTON

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of the great City of Clifton as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary on November 4, 2017.

On April 26, 1917, the City of Clifton was carved out of Acquackanonk Township and incorporated by an act of the New Jersey legislature. Named after the towering cliffs of Garret Mountain, Clifton is composed of many endearing neighborhoods. They are Albion, Allwood, Athenia, Botany Village, Delawanna,

Dutch Hill, Lakeview, Main Mall, Montclair Heights, Richfield, Rosemawr, Stvertowne, West Clifton, and Yanticaw Pond. Just as Clifton's geography is diverse, so too are its citizens. Clifton's 84,136 residents speak over seventy languages and trace their heritage to all parts of the world.

Today, we thank those who played a part in the founding of the city, and those leaders who guided the city in the years that followed. Since 1934, Clifton has been governed by a City Manager and seven City Council members, one of whom is selected by his or her colleagues to be Mayor. The residents of Clifton are some of the most involved citizens, and make their voices heard by electing all members of the City Council.

Mayor James Anzaldi has served in his current position for 27 years, making him the city's longest tenured mayor. His love for his hometown and dedication to public service set remarkable examples for all Cliftonites to follow.

Students at Clifton High School boast their "Mustang Pride" in the classroom and at competitions throughout the North Jersey area. Mustang varsity sports teams have won multiple state championships throughout the decades, and the Mustang Band has been dazzling crowds since the 1930s. The band has earned such a reputation that it has been nicknamed, "The Showband of the Northeast."

The City of Clifton has been essential to the growth and development of Passaic County and the State of New Jersey overall. After the closure of the Morris Canal in 1924, Clifton began a mission to rapidly modernize. Over the next few decades, shopping centers, hotels, roads, and other vital infrastructure were built at a remarkable rate. By 1952, Clifton was designated as New Jersey's fastest growing city. The city continues to champion economic progress and development today.

It is my great honor to represent the residents of Clifton in the United States Congress. This is a city where people work hard to support their families, improve their community, and honor their history. When I visit my neighbors in Clifton, I never cease to be inspired by acts of ingenuity, compassion, and good will. I can always count on Cliftonites to be some of the friendliest constituents in my district, and the country as a whole.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet little compares to recognizing and commemorating 100 years of rich history in Clifton, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues in celebrating 100 years of service, dedication, and excellence from the residents of Clifton.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DUFFY HEALTH CENTER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the Duffy Health Center.

The Duffy Health Center has been serving as Barnstable County's primary health care provider for homeless adults since 1997. What started as a small volunteer organization in

1988 has now turned into a major pillar of this community, working to serve the homeless men and women of Cape Cod.

This clinic is made up of an incredible group of people that are working tirelessly to better the Ninth Congressional District. Over the past twenty years they have helped those suffering from addiction, mental health issues, and other serious medical problems find their way to applying for master's degrees, retaining full-time employment, and building new lives. They have provided vital assistance to people trying to apply for benefits, receive counseling, or find a support group.

By treating people with dignity and respect, the hope they have restored in countless members of our community is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the 20th anniversary of the Duffy Health Center for their dedication to bettering their community. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their invaluable service and wishing them all the best in the many years to come.

RECOGNIZING MS. MIRIAM MILLER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Miriam Miller of Woodland, California, who has spent many years serving her community and truly loves volunteering. In years past, Ms. Miller has worked to revitalize the Woodland Downtown area through a program called "Main Street" and helped facilitate renovations to the Woodland Opera House State Historic Park. While working to bring Woodland's facilities into the future, she also worked to ensure her community never lost sight of its history. Ms. Miller was instrumental in the running of the Yolo County Historical Museum, worked as a docent at the museum and historical Opera House, helped others research their own history, and to this day still helps put out the Woodland Historical Society newsletter. If there was an opportunity to serve the Woodland community, Miriam Miller seized it.

Ms. Miller's service and volunteerism was not limited to her community of Woodland. She traveled the world with her husband as he served in the U.S. Navy and State Department, supporting him and caring for her family. During World War II, Ms. Miller became very aware of the injustice of Japanese internment camps, leading her to live a life in support of immigrants and social justice. Ms. Miller has housed refugees in her home and made them a part of her family. She continues to fight for immigrant and refugee rights. Ms. Miller is dedicated to the betterment of her community, locally, nationally, and internationally.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUSSELL COBLE

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Russell

Coble from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Coble served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Coble, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Russell Coble for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SRUTHI SRINIVASAN

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I remember and honor the life of Sruthi Srinivasan who unexpectedly passed away on October 24th this year at the young age of 34.

So many people knew Sruthi's passion for design and her amazing ability to dance. Sruthi's laugh, smile and warm soul could light up a room. She was easy to love and will be missed beyond measure, not only in the community of Downer's Grove, but across the nation.

Sruthi was known as an incredible designer at her work with Ted Moudis in New York and was successful in the variety of roles that she had in the design industry. She was generous, kind, and her spirit was infectious.

The Srinivasans and my family have known each other for decades, and they are all cherished friends. Mr. Speaker, I hope we might all keep in our thoughts and prayers the Srinivasan family and friends as they mourn their loss. In that spirit, I celebrate Sruthi's life and think about what an impact that life made on so many people.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM M. FLY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on November 13, William M. Fly will celebrate his 100th birthday in a newly refurbished home thanks to the selfless efforts of volunteers from across the country, responding to the damages caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Over the course of a century, Bill, as his friends and family know him, has traveled the country and the world, but his home has always been in the State of Texas.

Following his graduation from the University of Texas in 1940, Bill joined the U.S. Army Air Force, where he served honorably as a First Lieutenant in the European Theater of the Second World War.

Upon completing his time in the service, Bill and his wife, Mary Beth, moved to Houston, TX, where he began a thirty-seven year career in the oil and gas industry. Despite moving to

New York City, Chicago, and St. Louis during his career, Bill and his wife of sixty-nine years returned to Texas in 1972, to settle in Harris County.

Blessed with four loving daughters, eleven grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, Bill and his loving wife lived together for another forty-five years, until Mary Beth passed away on May 13th, 2017.

In August of 2017, the flooding brought by Hurricane Harvey left over three feet of water in Bill's family home of over forty years, severely damaging his house and ruining irreplaceable mementos of his and Mary Beth's family.

In response to this tragedy, volunteers led by former Navy SEAL, Markus Luttrell and his wife, Melanie, rallied around Bill and made it their mission to rebuild his home by his 100th birthday.

Just two months after the effort began, people from across the country raised almost \$90,000, \$15,000 more than their original goal, to fund the recovery. Thanks to the tireless efforts of these volunteers, Bill will be able to return to his home by his birthday.

As he settles into his newly refurbished home to celebrate his 100th birthday, I join Bill's family, his friends, and his community to thank the volunteers who quickly returned him to his home and wish him a happy birthday as he begins his second century of life.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN RAMOS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathleen Ramos, who has been a vibrant leader in the community since arriving in Vacaville, California with her young family in 1986. She quickly fell in love with the charm, generosity and spirit of Vacaville and immediately decided she would devote her time and talent to making Vacaville a great place to raise a family.

Kathleen's passion to help others is evident through her community and public service. Throughout her two decades as a top realtor for Solano County, she's helped countless families find the home of their dreams. Her desire to help the community didn't stop there; Kathleen has held leadership roles in thirteen boards and commissions, including serving five consecutive terms as president and past vice-chair on the Community Services Commission for the City of Vacaville. She also volunteers in student education programs, was past president for the Solano Community Symphony League and is a Charter Member for 100 Women Who Care About Solano County and the Vacaville Soroptimists Twilight Club.

Kathleen is married to her husband Steve; together they have three adult children and six granddaughters. She enjoys an active lifestyle and when she's not helping in the community, you can find her on the bike trails or racquetball courts.

HONORING KATHLEEN GILSON

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true community servant and long-time pillar of the Riverdale Community Center, Ms. Kathleen Gilson. Kathleen has worked at RCC since 1982, rising through the ranks from Administrative Assistant all the way up to Executive Director. She has done it all at RCC and this year, after 35 years of service to her community, she is celebrating her retirement.

In 1985, three years into her career at RCC, Kathleen became the Fiscal Officer and the Director of Finance and Program Operations by 1997. Then, in 2004, she became the Center's Executive Director. During her tenure as the Executive Director, RCC programs and budgets have tripled, serving over 1,000 people of all ages each year in their free youth programs and Adult and Youth Education Center. Kathleen has overseen an RCC after school program that has become one of the most successful free programs in New York City—receiving “Excellent” ratings from all funders and identified as “Exemplary.” Kathleen was also quite active outside her work life. She served on her local school board for 13 years, eight as the president, and is currently president of her homeowners' association.

Of course, Kathleen's true passion is her family. She is happily married with three children, and two grandchildren. She currently lives in Orange County, though she is a former Bronxite herself.

Kathleen Gilson has been instrumental to the success of RCC, and its amazing growth can be directly linked to her efforts, in addition to the efforts of her team. I want to congratulate Kathleen on her decades of service and thank her for all the incredible work she has done for Riverdale residents. I hope she enjoys a well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY DUNCAN

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Jerry Duncan from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Duncan served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Duncan, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Jerry Duncan for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on October 31 and November 1, 2017. Had I been present for the following roll call votes:

H.R. 2521—South Carolina Peanut Parity Act of 2017—I would have voted Yea on to allow South Carolina the ability to appoint members to the Peanut Standards Board.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2936—I would have voted no because this motion prevented proceeding to debate a problematic forestry bill, and allowed Congress to debate and vote on the Dream Act to protect DREAMers.

H. Res. 595—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2936—Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017—I would have opposed this rule because it only allowed debate of seven amendments, and blocked the consideration of 10 germane amendments. This rule does not maintain regular order I strive for.

RECOGNIZING MICHALLE SHOWN-RODRIGUEZ

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michalle Shown-Rodriguez of Fairfield, California, who has dedicated her career to community service and is a pillar of the community. Michalle currently serves as the Development Director for Child Haven, where she brings 30 years of experience in development, grant writing, and executive leadership.

Michalle's work with non-profits began with the birth of her son and subsequent involvement in co-founding a support organization in Idaho that served families with medically fragile children. She has been involved with the National Foster Parents Association, the Sierra Association of Foster Families and Ronald McDonald House Charities. Being an adoptive parent of four elementary school-age children, she had a passion to serve in an education-focused environment where she can have a direct impact on children and their parents.

Michalle's previous experience includes working for the Crisis Support Services of Alameda County where she was responsible for developing programs to support suicide prevention, crisis intervention and public education. Ms. Shown-Rodriguez holds a degree in social psychology and earned the Non-Profit Certificate at Stanford Graduate School of Business' Center for Social Innovation among other professional credentials.

HONORING JASPER COUNTY
VIETNAM VETERANS

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of Vietnam veterans from my district. I stand to thank the Jasper County Vietnam Veterans for their honorable service to our great nation.

While serving, these patriots fought for, protected, and renewed the liberties and values upon which our great country was founded; fundamental values and freedoms that make our country the greatest nation on earth. The Jasper County Vietnam Veterans group works to honor all of those that have served.

It is a privilege and honor to represent the fine Jasper County Vietnam Veterans, along with all the veterans in Iowa's second district.

HONORING RACHEL RADNA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize a member of the Riverdale Temple community, Dr. Rachel Levi Radna, who this year is being honored by the Temple at their annual Gala Dinner.

Rachel was born in Tel Aviv, Israel. She moved to the United States with her family when she was 12 years old. Rachel attended George Washington High School and then Hunter College in the Bronx for her undergraduate degree. She went to CUNY for her doctoral degree in Biochemistry. While at Hunter, she met her husband, Dr. Richard Radna, with whom she has three wonderful children, Rudolph, Rebeka, and Raphael. She recently became a grandmother to Rebeka's baby son, Julian Avi. Rather than pursuing a career in Biochemistry, Rachel managed her husband's Neurosurgical Practice, as it allowed her to take care of her family. Rachel's family is the legacy that she has created, and they are her true pride and joy.

Rachel was not a regular worshiper until she started to go to services at Riverdale Temple. There was something at Riverdale Temple that sparked a light in her that continues to shine. She went from congregant to member of the Board of Directors, and she has been the President of the Congregation for the past 10 years. With such continuity, Rachel is the glue that seems to keep the Temple held together. She has worked closely with Rabbi Lewis and, most recently, Rabbi Gardner. When the clergy are on vacation in the summer, Rachel coordinates and leads lay-led services, at which she often functions as both Rabbi and Cantor.

Aside from her involvement in Riverdale Temple, Rachel loves to knit, bake, and cook. She enjoys opera, karaoke, Israeli music and dancing. Her favorite part of being President is being on the Bimah during these past 10 years and watching our religious school children grow to become B'nai Mitzvah. She is also the co-President of the Riverdale Temple, a wonderful honor in and of itself.

Rachel has done so much for our community and is most deserving of this recognition. Congratulations to her on receiving this great honor.

RECOGNIZING MRS. RENEE
TADLOCK

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Renee Tadlock of Fairfield, California, who is the Operations Director of The Leaven, a faith-based afterschool tutoring and mentorship program focused on serving the underserved youth in our high-risk communities with educational assistance, physical play, nutrition, and character development. Before becoming the Operations Director, Renee was a Leaven Site Director and served to help grow the Leaven Organization from one center in 2009 to sixteen different locations throughout Solano and Napa Counties and three sites in Southern California with more scheduled to open soon.

Mrs. Tadlock's role at the Leaven has been vital to the organization's success and secondary positive impact of raising the quality of life within each neighbor served by a Leaven Center. Recognized by community leaders and law enforcement officials, Leaven Centers through their development of community relationships have proven over and over to positively impact crime rates, drive out negative influences, and empower residents to participate in neighborhood watch and re-vitalization programs.

Renee developed her passion for education and serving our youth during her prior service as a pre-school teacher in Fairfield and a substitute para-teacher for Solano County Office of Education. Renee and her husband, Mike, serve as Pastors at Real Life Church in Fairfield where she also serves as an inspiring role-model to the church, youth group, and community members.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVA INGRAM
FORTUNE

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Reva Ingram Fortune from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Air Force veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mrs. Fortune served her country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mrs. Fortune, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with her family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Reva Ingram Fortune for

her dedicated service to the United States of America.

CELEBRATING KEISER
UNIVERSITY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keiser University on the commemoration of their 40th anniversary, which they will celebrate on November 10, 2017.

Keiser University was founded in 1977 by Dr. Arthur Keiser and his mother Mrs. Evelyn Keiser, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. By establishing Keiser University, Dr. Keiser and Evelyn sought to provide individuals the necessary educational tools for successfully navigating their chosen careers.

Over the past 40 years, Keiser University has been a shining example of what one can achieve through hard work and dedication. It has grown to become the third largest not-for-profit university in Florida, bolstering 66,000 alumni, over 100 degree granting programs, and 18 campuses across the state. Keiser University has even stretched beyond U.S. borders, establishing campuses abroad in Nicaragua, Moldova, and China.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have watched Keiser University grow and expand its reach. Today, it has an annual economic impact of approximately \$3 billion in Florida, while benefiting our residents with over 30,000 direct and indirect jobs each year.

Keiser University's philosophy of putting students first and treating them as individuals is to be commended. Their diverse student body includes veterans, first-generation students, parents, caregivers, and students who have already joined the workforce. Keiser University provides the skills necessary for students to be successful within our global economy, while maintaining flexibility through an impressive online curriculum, which allows non-traditional students the ability to access the quality education they rightly deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Keiser University's co-founders and family, Dr. Arthur Keiser, his mother Mrs. Evelyn Keiser, and Ms. Belinda Keiser, and the independent Keiser University Board of Trustees, for their enduring commitment to providing students with a superior education. Over the past 40 years, Keiser University has proven itself to be a home for quality higher education, and a source of great pride to the people of Florida. I am truly honored to represent Keiser University in my Congressional district, and wish them many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING MS. LOUISE
WALKER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Louise Walker of Dixon, California, who has been a strong leader in her roles in both private and public organizations.

She consistently proves that she does not shy away from leadership roles. She is a valued partner of the Solano Economic Development Corporation, President and CEO of First Northern Bank. She serves as chairperson of the Solano EDC Board of Directors, and just completed her term as Chair of the California Bankers Association, making her the third woman to chair the association in the organizations 125 years. Ms. Walker also serves on the national Board of Directors for the American Banker Association.

Ms. Walker also lends her considerable leadership expertise to several nonprofit organizations. She serves on the boards for both Valley Vision and the Yolo Food Bank, is a former President of Soroptimist International of Dixon, and a member of the Dixon Rotary Club. With her extensive leadership experience and skills, as well as her commitment to serving her community, Ms. Walker is an outstanding role model for women of every age.

RECOGNIZING ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WOODHAVEN, QUEENS ON THEIR 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize All Saints' Episcopal Church of Woodhaven, Queens on their 120th Anniversary. This longstanding place of worship has a rich history as a congregation that embraces diversity and community service.

All Saints held its first service and Sunday school at a store-front in Richmond Hill, Queens on November 26, 1897. Initial offerings collected by the service totaled \$22.00, which became the initial contribution towards the purchase of a permanent church. A few years later, the church laid its first cornerstone on Lefferts Blvd., where it served for more than a century.

The Church has a long history of providing guidance and comfort to new arrivals and families faced with hardship. For decades, All Saints enjoyed the leadership of Rectors dedicated to its parishioners and the greater community. Later on, the former St. Matthew's Church, a beautiful gothic revival building became its new home.

Today, All Saints is a bedrock of the Woodhaven community. The Church continues to provide spiritual and physical comfort by offering social and community services. Initiatives like the senior lunch program, youth projects, the St. Hilda's Guild women's outreach program, and the Community Cemetery Project all promote fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, our churches, temples, and mosques are the cornerstones of our communities, the bedrock on which our faith, values, and sense of purpose rest. On this special occasion of its 120th year anniversary, I congratulate the All Saints Episcopal Church congregation and wish them many more years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES JACKSON GAILEY

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, James Jackson Gailey from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Navy veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Gailey served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Gailey, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking James Jackson Gailey for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING NANCY WELLS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Wells of Davis, California, who has dedicated her twenty-year career to education and exemplifies the true meaning of public servant, volunteer and advocate for school aged children, adults and senior citizens in the community.

Nancy was instrumental in implementing many innovative programs during her professional career. She instituted "Just for Kids," a program that matched at risk elementary students with adult volunteers, who would spend time helping students having difficulties with school subjects. She also started the "Latch Key Program" an afterschool program that provided a place for students to do their homework in a safe environment while their parents were at work. As director of Special Education, she was able to provide outstanding programs for children with special needs offering them academic training at a level in which they would be successful.

Nancy is also involved in various community organizations. She was a founding member of the Dixon Family Services agency, where she started a Grief Intervention Program for children. She's also a member of the Dixon Advocates for Seniors as well as a member of Dixon's Community Care Home Auxiliary.

Nancy is considered a kind, compassionate and devoted person who is always willing to volunteer wherever she is needed. Nancy serves on the St. Peter's parish leadership team and is a long-time community servant.

BALFOUR DECLARATION

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Balfour Declaration and the significance it played in the formation of the state of Israel.

This significant sixty seven word statement, that came to be known as the Balfour Declaration, was the stepping stone in the reformation of a modern Jewish sovereign state. It was the first public recognition addressing the need to recognize the rebirth of a national home for the Jewish people and their historical link to the land of Israel. This concept was later reaffirmed by the international community at the Treaty of Sevres, San Remo, League of Nations and United Nations. This declaration represented the Jewish peoples' strong desire to return to their eternal homeland. This deep passion gave the Zionist movement widespread international recognition that few movements have ever seen.

In 1922, the United States Congress passed a joint resolution, the Lodge-Fish Resolution, which committed the United States' support of the establishment of a Jewish State, by reproducing the exact text of the Balfour Declaration.

Mr. Speaker, Israel has since become one of the United States' greatest allies and hopefully the bond between our two great nations will only continue to grow stronger.

IN RECOGNITION OF WALTER SIMMONS

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Walter Simmons from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Simmons served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Simmons, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Walter Simmons for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATRICIA ZETAH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Patricia Zetah of Vacaville,

California, who has dedicated many years to the public education system, continuing to volunteer after her retirement. Ms. Zetah retired as a school principal from Travis Unified School District, having worked as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, program manager, and vice principal. During her time as a teacher, Ms. Zetah went above and beyond what was required of her. She served as a mentor to many new teachers and provided professional development workshops for others throughout the district and state. She served as President and board member of the Solano County Reading Association and to this day volunteers giving reading tests at Center Elementary School.

Ms. Zetah currently serves as President of the local chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society for Women Educators, where she organizes charitable programs to benefit children's education. For the past seven years she has worked with St. Mary's Church and Vacaville Unified School District to put on Education Forums where participating children receive free books. Ms. Zetah is so devoted to this project that she has donated hundreds of her own books.

Through both her career and her volunteer work, Patricia Zetah has demonstrated her dedication to children's education.

TRIBUTE TO PAT GREGG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pat Gregg of Council Bluffs, Iowa who recently retired from the Council Bluffs Fire Department after 25 years of service to his community. Pat joined the Council Bluffs Fire Department on August 31, 1992.

Council Bluffs Fire Chief Justin James said, "Pat was one of the first firefighters I promoted to Captain when I became Chief, because his patient care always went the extra mile." Pat served as a paramedic and firefighter during his career. Pat said he has seen many changes in the Fire Department through the years but one thing that did not change was that the men and women of the Fire Department are still dedicated to the community.

Mr. Speaker, Pat has made a difference by helping and serving others and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for this momentous occasion and in wishing him nothing but the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB WILLIAMS AND RANCH HANDS RESCUE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Williams and the non-profit animal rescue and counseling center he founded as Ranch Hands Rescue in Argyle, Texas.

Founded in 2008, Ranch Hands Rescue came to life as an outcome of a year-long recovery from a debilitating stroke Bob had suffered. With his background as a Motorola executive and a challenging recovery process, Bob was inspired with the recognition of the need for rescuing animals that would otherwise be euthanized. Rescuing the worst-of-the worst farm animal abuse and neglect cases, Ranch Hands Rescue was initially envisioned as a place that would provide a loving, caring and safe sanctuary to the animals that cannot be adopted due to special care needs.

Through his own experience with the rescued animals, Bob realized the therapeutic impact they could also have on mental health. In 2010 he started the Ranch Hands Rescue Equine and Animal Assisted Counseling (EEAC) program. Through the work of animal partners and Licensed Professional Counselors, Ranch Hands Rescue provides hope and healing for children, women, veterans and others suffering from painful mental health symptoms brought on by sexual assault, physical abuse, domestic violence, and other traumatic life experiences. In relating with the trauma experienced by the rescued animals at Ranch Hands Rescue, clients of the non-profit from across the entire Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex benefit from the unique trauma-informed animal assisted psychotherapy provided by highly-trained Licensed Professional Counselors.

Thanks to the commitment and ongoing passion for rescuing abused and neglected farm animals that would otherwise be considered "throw aways," Ranch Hands Rescue is "animals helping people and people helping animals" to provide a special sanctuary for healing in the heart of Texas 26th Congressional District.

HONORING LANDON VRANES

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Landon Vranes, a 10-year-old Albuquerque student who represents the spirit of learning and innovation. As a 5th grade student, Landon has dedicated much of his time learning about, and building robots.

Landon recently built a robot that is able to solve any combination of the popular Rubik's Cube puzzle. His creation was part of a class project led by Albuquerque Public Schools teacher, Ms. Amy Nevitt. Landon's robot was featured during recent TV news broadcasts, which highlighted his passion for technology and robotics.

During an interview with KOB-4, Landon explained, "Any scramble out of the 43 quintillion can be solved in 20 moves or less and it's trying to find out the quickest possibility."

As the home to three federal research laboratories and distinguished research universities, New Mexico has a reputation for fostering innovation and exploration. It is my hope that students like Landon Vranes continue to have opportunities to thrive and succeed in New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Landon on this achievement and wish him all the best in his future scientific endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO TONI URBAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Toni Urban, for being named a 2017 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, Business Record.

For 18 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Almost 50 years ago, Toni and her husband Tim decided to plant their roots in Des Moines. During that time Toni has been a leader in the greater Des Moines area, volunteering her time and talents to organizations she believes in. Her most recent volunteer work has been on the board of the Food Bank of Iowa, a nonprofit organization dedicated to combatting food insecurity across the entire state of Iowa. They are currently working to expand their operations, and Toni has taken a lead role in raising the \$8 million dollars necessary to upgrade their facilities.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Iowans like Toni in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her for receiving this esteemed designation, thank those at Business Record for their great work, and in wishing Toni nothing but the best.

HONORING JOSEPH M. MCDADE

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Congressman Joseph McDade, who passed away on September 24, 2017, at the age of 85.

Mr. McDade, a Republican, represented Pennsylvania's 10th district from January 3, 1963 to January 3, 1999, the same district that I have the honor of representing.

Mr. McDade served on the House Appropriations Committee, where he served as the vice chairman of the full committee, and chairman of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee.

He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame and received his LLB from the University of Pennsylvania. He founded his own law practice in 1957 and was elected Scranton City Solicitor in 1962.

Mr. McDade worked tirelessly to bring federal resources to northeast Pennsylvania, create jobs, improve the environment, and to improve education. Most notably, Mr. McDade was pivotal in establishing the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area as well as the creation of the Steamtown National Historic Site.

Mr. McDade was a tremendous public servant and advocate who had a positive impact on thousands of people. He dedicated 36

years of his life to represent Pennsylvanians in this chamber and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our former colleague, Joseph McDade, for his service and accomplishments. He will be missed.

HONORING ANTHONY CHAVEZ

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism and bravery of Albuquerque native, Anthony Chavez, also known as the "Red Hat Hero". He helped five women escape gun fire during the deadly attack in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 1, 2017.

Chavez was among thousands in the crowd at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival when a gunman fired at the crowd from the 32nd floor of the nearby Mandalay Bay Casino and Hotel. Chavez did not hesitate to help the women who were standing near him.

He made a selfless and courageous decision to help his significant other and four strangers over the fence in front of them so they could retreat to safety. Without his help, it is likely that the women would not have gotten out unharmed.

Chavez then stayed in the area for an additional hour, helping direct people to ambulances and safe locations. He won't refer to himself as a hero, but it is undeniably clear that without his help many could have been injured or killed.

Chavez was dubbed the "Red Hat Hero" because one of the women he saved recognized his unique, red Albuquerque Dukes hat in a photo on social media.

Chavez was one of many heroes during an otherwise tragic night in Las Vegas. As such, he deserves our gratitude for his actions.

TRIBUTE TO TIFFANY MENKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Tiffany Menke, president of the Urbandale Iowa Chamber of Commerce, for being named a 2017 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 18 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Tiffany has spent her life dedicating her time and talents to serving others. It all began during her time in customer service and as vice president of marketing and tourism for the Newton Chamber of Commerce. She oversaw a number of areas and projects while in Newton, helping lead them down a path of sustained success. After Tiffany's time in Newton she moved on to serve as president of the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce for the past

13 years. Her talents and abilities have been instrumental in tripling the chamber's membership, making it one of the best in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Tiffany in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community, and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tiffany on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and in wishing Tiffany nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF BURNETTA SLOSS-TANNER

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a dynamic political activist, Burnetta Sloss-Tanner, who passed away on October 23, 2017. She was my confidant, drill instructor, surrogate, auntie, war time general and tireless campaigner. She was a dear friend to me and my family and a friend to Hoosiers everywhere, especially the powerless.

"Ms. Burnetta", known for her trademark sequined hat, was a pillar in Democratic politics throughout Indianapolis. She long served as the 4th Ward Chair for the Marion County Democratic Party and had a deep love for grassroots politics, holding monthly meetings in her home to train candidates, elected officials, and volunteers on strategy and mobilizing our community. Without Ms. Burnetta, neither me, nor my grandmother, Congresswoman Julia Carson, would have been elected to Congress. I am certain many local and state elected officials can credit her for their successes as well.

Not only was Ms. Burnetta a legend in political circles, she was also beloved by the community. She worked with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, the Center Township Trustee's office, and countless other organizations.

She was a woman of great faith with a passion for gospel music. She studied under several notable gospel artists, mentored countless others, and was a founding member and director of the award winning Jordan-Aires Gospel Choir. She will always be remembered for her work as a gospel radio personality, hosting The Heartbeat of Good Gospel Music on WTLC. Her passion for, and contributions to, gospel music earned her the title of "The First Lady of Gospel Music" of Indianapolis.

Ms. Burnetta served as a source of change, strength and faith for so many, leaving a lasting impression on generations to come. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to know her.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring our beloved Burnetta Sloss-Tanner for her remarkable service to the City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO JEFF NOLAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeff Nolan, of Winterset, Iowa for being named the Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year at this year's Madison County Chamber Banquet.

The Business Person of the Year award is given out annually to a member of the community who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the economy and the business climate of Madison County. Jeff exemplifies that commitment and has worked tirelessly to improving the lives of all residents of Madison County, whether it was his work as President of Union State Bank or his service to the community. He also volunteers his time to the local hospital board, the Chamber Ambassadors and the Greater Madison County Community Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Jeff's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am proud to represent him, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jeff for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING ALEX BREGMAN

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Albuquerque's Alex Bregman for his stand-out performance in the 2017 World Series. Bregman's heroics on the baseball diamond helped the Houston Astros win its first World Series in franchise history. Alex also made his hometown and the state of New Mexico proud as he fulfilled his childhood dream and showed the entire world the value of hard work.

Bregman's baseball talent was the stuff of legend in Albuquerque, where he played for Albuquerque Academy. During his sophomore year at the Academy, Bregman was named USA Baseball Player of the Year.

Bregman took his talent to Louisiana State University, where he played baseball with the Tigers from 2013 to 2015.

The Astros drafted Bregman as the 2nd Overall pick in the 2015 Major League Baseball Draft. He quickly rose through the Astros system and during his first full year in the Major Leagues, Bregman hit .284 with 19 home runs and 71 RBI.

In the World Series, Bregman produced 5 runs, 7 hits, 2 home runs, 5 RBI and a stolen base. He produced his biggest moment in what may be the most exciting game in the history of the World Series. With the score tied in the bottom of the 10th inning, Bregman hit a walk-off, RBI single that gave the Astros a pivotal, 13-12 win and the momentum they rode to the championship.

While his offensive prowess contributed to the team's record-breaking statistical performance, Bregman's brilliant defense helped give

the Astros an edge throughout the playoffs. He made several critical plays at third base, including an aggressive catch and throw to home plate in Game 4 to prevent a run.

Following the end of the World Series, the Baseball Hall of Fame announced that Bregman's glove is one of three artifacts from the Series that will be enshrined in Coopers-town.

RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNI-
VERSARY OF CHRISTIAN LIFE
CENTER AT FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF FORT WALTON
BEACH

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 10 year anniversary of the Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. This 13,000 square foot center was built in 2007 to serve as a community service outreach to residents in the Fort Walton Beach area. Any member of the community is welcomed to hold membership at the Christian Life Center and take full advantage of the multitude of resources they offer.

With approximately 200 members thus far, the center is able to host a wide array of sporting options and programs including Upwards Sporting Program for children and the Special Olympics. In addition to sporting leagues the Christian Life Center offers over 15 exercise classes and programs to members of the community. CLC also offers physical training equipment to assist less mobile individuals with health and wellness. The community has access to the CLC as it serves as the meeting place for the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce in addition to holding various seminars, drives and job fairs.

I would like to personally extend my gratitude to the Christian Life Center and the congregation at First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach for their sincere love for the community and the resources they offer to provide a higher quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate the Christian Life Center on their 10th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MERLIN AND SYLVIA
MCALLISTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

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

Merlin and Sylvia have enjoyed many adventures together throughout their 70 years of marriage. Merlin said, "We've been here, there, and everywhere, and just have a good time and enjoy life. We work together and we

make a good team." They have visited all 50 states and have ventured overseas to Europe. Merlin said throughout his career he has been a jack of all trades and master of none.

Merlin and Sylvia's lifelong commitment to each other, their two children, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but the best.

HONORING DAVID SEELY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Seely who is retiring as the President and CEO of Kirtland Federal Credit Union (KFCU). Throughout his 27 years at the head of the lending institution, Seely oversaw tremendous success as the credit union grew from \$80 million in assets to nearly \$800 million. KFCU now serves more than 48,000 clients, including many men and women in uniform.

Seely also earned a reputation for combating predatory lending practices and promoting financial education. When the federal government shut down for several days in 2013, Seely ensured his members had access to services such as extended loan due dates and fee waivers while they were furloughed.

In addition to his work with the credit union, Seely volunteered his time to help promote economic growth, as well as support military personnel serving at Kirtland Air Force Base. He served on the Kirtland Partnership Committee, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and the New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry. Recently, Seely received a Humanitarian award from the Jewish Community Center of Greater Albuquerque for his service to non-profit organizations and leadership at Kirtland Federal Credit Union.

His work at the credit union and support for Kirtland Air Force Base was also recognized by Col. Michael Duvall, 377th Air Base Wing Commander, who singled out KFCU as the "Best in the Air Force" for its commitment to improving the quality of life of Kirtland personnel.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend Mr. David Seely for all of his success and his contributions. We wish him well in his retirement. I thank David. He is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING DENISE M. FORTE ON
HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank and pay tribute to Denise Forte, who is my staff director on the Committee on Education and the Workforce. After a remarkable 20 plus year career in federal service, today is Denise's last day with us.

Denise first came to Capitol Hill as a Women's Research and Education Institute fellow in my personal office in 1994. While she received her degree in computer science from Duke University, Denise's fellowship on Capitol Hill made her realize her true professional calling—helping ensure America's children have equality access to a quality education. I recognized her talent and; at the conclusion of her fellowship, hired her as a full-time employee where she excelled at several positions, including as my legislative director.

Her passion and talent eventually caught the attention of Congressman George Miller, the former Ranking Member and Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee. Denise seized an opportunity to join the Committee in 2001, where she served in successively senior roles, eventually becoming Congressman Miller's director of education policy. During her initial service with the Committee, Denise played integral roles in major reforms, including the No Child Left Behind Act, the College Cost Reduction Act, Child Nutrition Reauthorization, reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act, and the Student Aid and Responsibility Act, amongst others.

Denise left the Committee in early 2011 to join the Obama Administration at the Department of Education's Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development as a deputy assistant secretary. In that capacity, she provided strategic advice and counsel to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Denise also directed and managed several policy portfolios, including overseeing budget, higher education, and early education policy development.

In late 2014, my colleagues in the House Democratic Caucus elected me to succeed George Miller as Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. I immediately knew who I wanted to help me assemble a staff and lead my team—Denise Forte. As my colleagues know, Denise is well-regarded and respected by Members and staff on both sides of the aisle. She is known to care deeply and fight vigorously for what she believes in, but Denise always remains focused on achieving what's possible. She understands the importance of building bridges and working to identify policy areas on which Committee Democrats and Republicans can agree.

The best example of that is the most recent reauthorization of our nation's landmark education law, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Despite an increasingly polarized environment, Denise believed in the possible and led my team to realize a full rewrite of the law in the Every Student Succeeds Act, which was enacted last Congress with overwhelming bipartisan support. Denise led our

team's effort and helped us accomplish something that hadn't been done in nearly 15 years.

Denise Forte built her career in public service on getting results, making meaningful progress for America's students and working families, and helping this institution function effectively. She cares deeply about Congress and our Committee's mission, and she will be greatly missed. I wish her well as she gets to spend a little extra time with her husband, Kyo, and her beloved sons, Gabe and Johnny, before she starts her next adventure at the Century Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for my staff, Chairwoman VIRGINIA FOXX, and all the members of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in thanking Denise Forte for her more than two decades of honorable service to this institution and the American people.

TRIBUTE TO DELORIS STENZEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Deloris Stenzel and her late husband Glen, of Hamburg, Iowa, for receiving the 2017 Farm Family of the Year Award by the Shenandoah Chamber and Industry Association.

Deloris and Glen were college sweethearts and they attended Northwest Missouri State University. They returned to the family farming operation where they managed their farms for decades and were blessed with two children, Deb and Steven. Deloris and Glen were active in their community, and Glen served on numerous area boards and committees. Together, they were always eager to lend a helping hand to neighbors, whether it was pulling someone out of a ditch, delivering meals, or helping combine a neighbor's field.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like the Stenzels in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Stenzels for this outstanding achievement and in wishing them nothing but the best.

LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, five years ago, Colorado voters chose to amend the State Constitution to legalize the cultivation, sale, and personal use of marijuana for people 21 years of age or older. Today, Colorado is home to a growing marijuana economy which has created 23,000 jobs in the industry and in excess of \$200 million in tax revenue which helps to fund our schools.

States like Colorado, and now dozens of other states, have proven that allowing responsible adults to legally purchase marijuana, gives money to classrooms, not cartels; creates jobs, not addicts; and boosts our economy, not our prison population.

Colorado ought to be an example for the nation, and it is past time we lift the federal prohibition on marijuana. That's why I'm proud to sponsor the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act, which allows each state to decide for itself whether to legalize marijuana. In addition, I will continue to attempt to restrict the Department of Justice from enforcing federal marijuana laws in states where it is legal.

Earlier in 2017, I launched the bipartisan Cannabis Caucus with Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER, Rep. DANA ROHRBACHER, and Rep. DON YOUNG. The caucus will serve as an important working group to discuss marijuana policy and its future, moving Congress into the 21st century on drug policy.

I applaud the pioneers of the cannabis industry in Colorado and nationwide. The perseverance and hard work to create a new model of legalization is commendable.

TRIBUTE TO MALVERN BANK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Malvern Bank of Malvern, Iowa, for celebrating 125 years in business. The bank was founded in 1892.

Kate McGann, Executive Vice President said, "after 125 years, we're hitting the refresh button with a new name and logo." Throughout its existence, Malvern Bank has gone through a number of name changes beginning in 1906 when it became Malvern National Bank, and in 1929, when Iowa banking laws changed to permit expanded trust offerings, the bank became the Malvern Trust & Savings Bank. Finally, it was in 1946 that Eugene W. Burdick became president of the bank, and since then his family has retained ownership. They have remained at their original location on 404 Main Street, continuing to providing the same type of customer service and community leadership the bank was founded on.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent Malvern Bank in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them for this outstanding achievement and in wishing everyone at the Malvern Bank nothing but continued success.

RETIREMENT OF JUSTICE PHILIP G. MINARDO

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of Justice Philip G. Minardo.

Justice Philip Minardo was born and raised in Brooklyn where he later attended St. Michael's Diocesan High School. In 1963, he graduated from Manhattan College with a B.A. in Economics, and later received his J.D. from St. John's University of Law in 1967. In December 1968, John M. Braisted, Jr. appointed

Philip as an Assistant District Attorney for Richmond County. He served in this position for over seven years and played a role in the successful prosecution of countless felony cases in Staten Island. After leaving the Richmond County District Attorney's office, he started his own law firm in September 1976 focusing on civil and criminal cases.

After Philip's election to the Richmond County Bar Association's (RCBA) Board of Directors, he became President in 1987, and as such represented then-Supreme Court Justice Frank Ponterio on behalf of the RCBA in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Board of Estimate of City of New York v. Morris*. In 1995, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, 2nd Judicial District, which serves Brooklyn and Staten Island. After serving on the Supreme Court, Justice Minardo returned to Staten Island where he was appointed as the first Administrative Judge of Richmond County and thereafter, the first Administrative Judge of the newly created 13th Judicial District.

Justice Minardo has also been the recipient of prestigious honors throughout his successful career. In 2010, he received the Rapallo Award by the Colombian Lawyers of the First Department. In addition, he was a recipient of the Good Scout Award for outstanding service while serving on the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Council of the Boy Scouts of America. While his accomplishments are impressive, Justice Philip Minardo places an immense amount of pride and joy in his family.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Justice Philip G. Minardo on his retirement and on his exceptional career. He has been an outstanding jurist, and I laud him for his lifetime of dedication and success.

TRIBUTE TO JANET PETERSEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janet Petersen, Iowa State Senator and Co-Founder of Healthy Birth Day, Inc. for being named a 2017 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, *Business Record*.

For 18 years, the *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Janet didn't always believe she was someone who wanted to be at the forefront of public policy. It was through her life experiences that she was ultimately called to public service. During her time in the Iowa State Legislature, she has been a formidable advocate on the issues she is passionate about. Janet is also the founder of a nonprofit organization called Healthy Birth Day, which teaches prospecting parents how to track the movements of their child in the third trimester.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Janet in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her for receiving this esteemed designation,

thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and in wishing Janet nothing but the best.

HONORING SUSAN POPOVICH

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a woman who was dedicated to public service and advocacy. Susan Popovich focused on the needs of her community throughout her life and was a source of hope for many in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Susan began her career as an educator in Pennsylvania and taught in Arizona for 14 years. After teaching, she continued her career in education by working for the National Education Association, where she worked for 23 years in several roles. She started out as an organizer and moved into the position of Regional Executive Director. She was also a Negotiations and Organizational Development Specialist with the NEA. Eventually, political activism became an important part of her life.

Susan participated in political campaigns and completed hundreds of hours canvassing. In doing so, she became a friend to many in Santa Fe and deeply understood hardships the community faced.

I also admire Susan for her work as a caregiver for her mother and brother through the end of their lives. She was selfless and giving, proven by the work she dedicated herself to and her care for others.

Her life will continue to inspire educators, activists, and politicians. A life led by such a devoted woman will be remembered and felt in the community for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 2017 INDUCTEES TO THE WYOMING BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Lois Herbst, Patrick and Paul Hladky, and Maury Brown on being inducted into the Wyoming Business Hall of Fame.

The Wyoming Business Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 by the University of Wyoming's College of Business, the Wyoming Business Alliance/Wyoming Heritage Foundation, and the Wyoming Business Council. It recognizes those who go above and beyond for their businesses and their communities. Lois, Patrick, Paul, and Maury each have made an excellent example for their families, friends, and residents across the state through their hard work, leadership, and tenacity.

This year's inductees have been successful in their businesses and have become integral parts of their communities:

Throughout her impressive career, Lois Herbst has helped run her family's ranch, the Herbst Lazy TY Ranch LLP, and has served on many state agriculture boards. She was in-

ducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1999, and has served as the president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, the first and only woman to hold that post, as well as on the Wyoming State Grazing Board.

Since taking over operation of their father's business, Cyclone Drilling, Patrick and Paul Hladky have expanded it into a business that employs more than 700 people, operating throughout the Rockies. They are active in their community and believe that economic development depends on an educated workforce. This belief has driven their commitment to supporting educational opportunities throughout Gillette and the state.

Maury Brown is the owner of two businesses in Wyoming: Town and Country Supermarket Liquors, and Maurice Brown Exploration. He is dedicated to philanthropy, receiving multiple local awards, including the 2013 Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year award. I would like to thank Lois, Patrick, Paul, and Maury for their continued dedication and significant contributions to Wyoming's economy and community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to the 2017 inductees to the Wyoming Business Hall of Fame. Lois, Patrick, Paul, and Maury deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN HATTEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Susan Hatten for being named the 2017 Emerging Woman of Influence by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, Business Record. Susan has shared her talents and abilities through decades of service to organizations including, Variety, WineFest Des Moines, and The United Way of Central Iowa.

For 18 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Susan began her career in marketing and public relations with the Sigler Company and later joined Holmes Murphy and Association in 2014 as a senior consultant. According to Susan, both organizations have been nothing but supportive of volunteer efforts in the community allowing her to make the necessary time commitment to have a real, lasting impact on her community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent community leaders like Susan in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Susan Hatten on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Susan nothing but the best.

RECOGNIZING FALLING SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING HONORED AS A 2017 NA- TIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Falling Spring Elementary School on being honored as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School. The outstanding nomination from the Pennsylvania Department of Education comes after a vast amount of activities and efforts which were implemented at the Falling Spring School for the betterment of their students.

Falling Spring Elementary School has shown outstanding academic achievements through continual improvements of resources and materials provided to the students, the application of strategies that engage students in their learning, maximizing instructional time with students, and presenting a model of expected outcomes for students to follow. The integration of SMART boards and iPads in each classroom allows for teachers to better incorporate realistic examples of materials, motivate students with fun activities, and provide more direct communication.

Not only is Falling Spring Elementary laser focused on student learning, but it also offers additional opportunities for students to grow. The school garden allows students in grades K-5 to come together as one through planning, planting, and maintaining garden beds, and provides them the chance to have fresh produce tastings in the fall and spring. In addition to the school run garden, they also have a recycling and composting program where students assist with composting and recycling of materials from within the school cafeteria.

Falling Spring Elementary School offers a wide variety of clubs that appeal to the interests of all students. These clubs range from the STEM club with activities focused on science, technology, engineering and math, to the Compassion in Action club which has raised awareness for kindness in the school and the community. One exemplary program offered at Falling Springs is the SOAR or Student Leadership club. Over the years, SOAR has developed the school pledge, addressed bullying issues, and organized a positive incentive program. The school has also incorporated a Parent Teacher Association which consists of parents who are deeply committed to supporting students and contributing to the success of the children within their community.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to congratulate the students, staff, and parents of Falling Spring Elementary School for this outstanding nomination. The level of care and dedication to the success of the students necessary for an award such as a Blue Ribbon School is clearly shown in Falling Spring Elementary School, and it is an honor to recognize them for this wonderful achievement.

HONORING EVAN CLARK

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Evan Clark, a student at Sandia Prep in Albuquerque, N.M., who has made a name for himself as an advocate in the fight to eliminate Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes. Evan was diagnosed as having diabetes when he was 7 years old. Now, at age 15, Evan is bringing awareness to the disease at a national level.

Evan currently serves as New Mexico's delegate to JDRF 2017 Children's Congress. He was one of 164 delegates chosen by JDRF, the leading global organization funding Type 1 Diabetes research. He recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Children's Congress, which included a Town Hall forum with delegates, professional athletes, actors and news anchors.

Evan also participated in a hearing before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, where he and other delegates urged Congress to continue to fund diabetes research. They emphasized the organization's key principles for healthcare reform, and the need for robust annual funding for the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

In New Mexico, Evan is a frequent speaker at JDRF events, such as the walk, the gala, Type 1 Nation, and other events that raise awareness and money for diabetes research. In 2012, Evan's family was named the "Eternal Hope Honoree Family" during that year's gala, where 400 guests raised more than \$300,000 for JDRF. Evan was most proud of the fact that his own school and classmates donated money to fund a cure to help him.

When he's not advocating for JDRF, Evan enjoys the outdoors. He is an avid fisherman, rifleman and marksman. He also enjoys flag football, basketball and track.

Evan is an inspiration to his family, friends and the entire community in New Mexico. He has taken on a major challenge in the battle against Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes. I am confident we can find a cure as long as we invest in research. And I have no doubt Evan will ensure that those investments continue.

TRIBUTE TO NISHNA VALLEY
CREDIT UNION**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nishna Valley Credit Union of Atlantic, Iowa, for celebrating 60 years in business.

Tim Marcsisak, CEO of the Credit Union said, "they literally started out raising capital by asking folks to join the Credit Union and put deposits in there, and when they had enough deposits, they turned around, and started loaning it back out." Today, 26 counties in Iowa and Missouri are eligible to join the credit union. Fourteen employees work in their two locations, and there are 5,000 mem-

bers who have joined the Credit Union. New technology has been the greatest change in the operation of their business and that has allowed them to continually grow.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent businesses like Nishna Valley Credit Union in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them for this outstanding achievement and in wishing them all nothing but the best.

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 Tuesday, November 7, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 8

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1693, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking. S. 1668, to rename a waterway in the State of New York as the "Joseph Sanford Jr. Channel", and the nominations of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, and Nazakhtar Nikakhtar, of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Bruce Landsberg, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Raymond Martinez, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation, and Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine protecting consumers in the era of major data breaches.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the impact of lawsuit abuse on American small businesses and job creators.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1400, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, and S. 465, to provide for an independent outside audit of the Indian Health Service.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To receive a closed briefing on a readout of Ambassador Haley's recent trip to Africa.

S-116

NOVEMBER 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, and Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

SR-328A

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary, R. D. James, of Missouri, and Bruce D. Jette, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2070, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nominations of Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Emily Coody Marks, and Brett Joseph Talley, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Holly Lou Teeter, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Bobby L. Christine, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, and David J.

Freed, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security,

Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, and James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Jonathan H. Pittman, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

NOVEMBER 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

SD-366