

solutions to address environmental concerns. It is a priority of mine to have all members recognize the impacts of climate change and our role to leave a cleaner planet for our children and grandchildren. I am committed to ensuring energy independence for our country and North America and ensuring that the use of renewable energy gains a larger share of our overall energy production.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER—JEANNIE KLEVER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeannie Klever, who has an extensive record of service in Sutter County, California, which she has called home for the past 27 years. Jeannie embodies the qualities of a community activist and public servant, and we are proud to honor her today. Growing up in the 60's, Jeannie experienced a mixture of gender and racial inequalities which influenced and shaped her career choices. Her activism began at an early age when during school she protested an end to the Vietnam War. She also advocated for more on-site tutors for students of color and when met with opposition, Jeannie volunteered as a tutor through the rest of her school years. She strongly believes education was and remains the path out of poverty.

Jeannie's desire to help families with special needs children was due to the challenges her family endured after her brother was diagnosed with severe autism. She operated a Family Resource Center that delivered support services and resources to families of low income and special needs adults and children. She taught self-advocacy for the local school's individualized education programs and medical service needs students.

Jeannie's community and public service involvement is extensive. Jeannie has been a member of and continues to support several nonprofit organizations. For the past 15 years, she has sponsored an annual Art Contest for Sutter Union High School students. In 2008, Jeannie joined the local Democratic Party's central committee as a way to increase community engagement where she served three terms. In 2013, Jeannie joined the U.S. House of Representatives as my district representative serving Yuba and Sutter counties until her recent retirement.

Jeannie continues to volunteer in the community and helps families in need when she can. Jeannie has learned to appreciate the art culture and enjoys mixed media arts as a way to relax. She and her husband Dale are enjoying family time with their children and two grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID MAXWELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

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

Maxwell of West Des Moines, Iowa for being named one of West Des Moines Chamber's Citizens of the Year for 2017.

The West Des Moines Chamber every year recognizes a Citizen of the Year, a community member who "demonstrates an unparalleled dedication to service and general betterment of the community." David is the Associate Principal at Valley High School in West Des Moines, a role he has served in since 2005. Over the past year, David, along with Clinical Social Worker Mark Hillenbrand, helped to organize several West Des Moines equity, diversity and multicultural discussions, bringing together the community and students to tackle educational inequality and ensure that all students have equal opportunities to have a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent community leaders like David in the United States Congress 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 David for this outstanding recognition and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING MOISES LOZA

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Moises Loza.

Moises Loza grew up in South Texas in a migrant farmworker family. During his childhood, he traveled with his family throughout the South, Midwest and West coast in search of farm-work. His first-hand experience of how hard families work to survive in this country is the perfect example of the families residing in Mississippi's Second Congressional District.

In fact, while Loza served as Executive Director of the Housing Assistance Council—a national nonprofit corporation that works to increase the availability of decent housing for rural low-income people—he ensured the organization provided technical assistance, training and research to assist with housing development for low-income and hard-working families residing in the lower Mississippi Delta. Loza also serves in leadership roles on many housing related organizations.

Currently, he serves as chairman of the Rural Development Leadership Network and treasurer of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. He also serves on the board of directors for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, the National Housing Conference, the National Rural Housing Coalition, and the Morgan Stanley Advisory Committee.

His selfless work to provide housing opportunities for families in need is something that we all should celebrate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a great public servant, Moises Loza, for his work to provide equal and fair housing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably voted incorrectly on November 1, 2017 during Roll Call No. 596, the Pearce Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 2936.

I inadvertently voted AYE when I meant to vote NAY on Roll Call No. 596.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER—CATHERINE MORRIS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Catherine Morris, who has dedicated her 30 years in Dixon, California to serving her community. As the pastor of the Dixon United Methodist Church, she has had countless opportunities to serve her congregation as well as the community as a whole. Outside of her role as pastor, her passion has been serving the youth of the Dixon community. Through her work with Dixon Family Services, Dixon Advocates for Children, and the Safe Schools Task Force, Ms. Morris works to keep the youth in her community safe and provide them with opportunities for success.

Ms. Morris' leadership also extends to Dixon's senior communities. She is an advocate for securing affordable senior housing and adequate senior transportation services. Her support for senior programs in her community is ongoing, and she regularly assists seniors in finding the programs and services which can best serve their needs.

Ms. Morris is a devoted servant to the people of Dixon. Anyone who knows her will tell you that her generous spirit, endless energy, and genuine warmth make her a beloved and respected member of the Dixon community.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT COLE
NICHOLSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cole Nicholson of Bondurant, Iowa for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately two percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout Project to benefit the community. For his project, Cole saw a need for exercise stations, consisting of