

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C. HARRISON

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Robert C. Harrison of Huntsville, Alabama in my district. He passed this life on October 25, 2017 at age 74 and leaves behind a wife, two children, their spouses, and four grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Mr. Harrison exemplified hard work, commitment, and service. He established and owned multiple local business efforts, including the Bob Harrison Ford & Lincoln Mercury Dealership and USA Land Development & Consulting. Mr. Harrison was also a steadfast community volunteer, civil rights activist, and member of many civic and charitable organizations. He served as Vice President of the National Association of Black County Officials, Subcommittee Vice Chair of the National Association of County Officials Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee, and a lifelong member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

To North Alabama's lasting benefit, Mr. Harrison was also elected to three terms as County Commissioner of Madison County, Alabama between 2004 and 2012. From that position, Mr. Harrison worked to bring economic improvement to the northwest area of Huntsville. A few examples of his legacy there include the Northwest Huntsville Community Service Organization, the Northwest Community Learning Center, and the Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness and Advocacy Center.

I am confident that the 5th Congressional District of Alabama is better today for Commissioner Harrison's dedicated service. Today, I join with all of those touched by his life in offering my condolences and prayers to his family.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER-KATE MELLON-ANIBABA

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Kate Mellon-Anibaba of Davis, California, who has made it her mission to bring people together in the name of tolerance and spread support for marginalized groups within her community. Following this year's attacks on Muslim communities throughout California, Ms. Mellon-Anibaba organized an event she called a "Statement of Love." Her idea was to bring people together to show their support for Muslims in her community. In response to the hateful words and actions she saw directed at certain minorities, Ms. Mellon-Anibaba created her own demon-

stration of support, solidarity, and acceptance. She was determined to make a positive impact in her community, and she succeeded.

Following a particularly disturbing attack on the Islamic Center right in her own community, she brought together over 1,000 people to show their support for their neighbors. She helped raise tens of thousands of dollars to help pay for repairs to businesses and places of worship targeted by hate-driven vandalism.

Ms. Mellon-Anibaba brought people together to show their support, tolerance, and acceptance of a marginalized community within their community. Her message of peace, tolerance, and support has spread to surrounding communities and inspired similar demonstrations of solidarity. Her determination to bring her community together in the face of hatred is inspirational.

TRIBUTE TO ROSE BASS

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 Rose Bass of Adel, Iowa on receiving the Volunteer of Excellence Award from the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa.

The Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa strives to help give girls the courage, confidence and character necessary to make the world a better place, and they rely on countless volunteers to help instill these values. The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes those volunteers who have given outstanding service to help guide girls directly through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience or supporting the mission of the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa. Rose leads Girl Scout Troops 468 and 505 in the Adel area.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent community leaders like Rose in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Rose for this outstanding recognition and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

REMEMBERING MR. GIDCUMB

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the passing of a very special individual and true patriot: Mr. Edward Earl Gidcumb. Mr. Gidcumb was 92 at the time of his passing on October 25, 2017. He was born in Harrisburg, KY, and raised by his maternal grandparents, Broughton Temple and Nancy Ann Cummins.

Mr. Gidcumb attended Harrisburg Township High School, graduating in 1943. And in 1965, he received his business degree from Paducah Junior College. During World War II, he served our nation honorably as a member of the U.S. Navy, holding rank of storekeeper second class. He was assigned to two different ships, the USS Indianapolis and USS Bottineau. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy in February 1946.

Mr. Gidcumb served in the Illinois National Guard for two years as a sergeant and squad Leader, was a member of the American Legion, and received several honors throughout his life, including being named Duke of Paducah, Honorary Patriot Guard Rider, and Honorary Mustang. In his military endeavors, he was also awarded six battle stars, an honor one should be immensely proud of. Mr. Gidcumb was truly an outstanding leader and contributor in both his military and civilian life.

After his time in the military, Mr. Gidcumb retired as a purchasing manager at Westvaco. He also served as president of the National Association of Purchasing Managers. A participant and supporter of the Kentucky Veteran and Patriot Museum, many people from across the country had the opportunity to learn about his service to the U.S. But beyond his military and career accomplishments, many will remember Mr. Gidcumb as an avid golfer and also a professional trumpeter. He directed his own Big Band dance band, "The Townsmen," for 30 years. The band played at numerous community events and regularly at First Baptist Church of Wickliffe. He enjoyed sharing his joy of golf with his friends, especially at Ballard County Country Club.

I am honored to recognize the memory of an individual whose life represented such patriotism, civic engagement, joy and compassion. Mr. Gidcumb will not soon be forgotten, as his remarkable life of accomplishments, skills and experiences will live on.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER—JUDITH HOLZAPFEL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Judith Holzapfel of Orland, California, whose leadership and civic spirit has no bounds. Her service to country and community began when she enlisted in the United States Air Force after having graduated from Marquette University with a degree in nursing. Following basic training, Judith was stationed at Beale Air Force Base where she met her husband. Following the birth of her son, she began her civilian career working in area hospitals.

After pursuing further education, Mrs. Holzapfel eventually became Glenn County's school nurse and continued in that role for the next 30 years. Her many years of work and

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dedication has made a difference in health education and quality of life for thousands of students and their families.

After retiring from her many years of service to Glenn County, Mrs. Holzapfel decided to continue her public services. She ran for a position on the Glenn County Board of Education, and won by an overwhelming majority.

Mrs. Holzapfel is an active member of many community service organizations throughout the county and devotes her time to helping youth, veterans, and the impoverished. Above all, as a mother, grandmother, community activist, and veteran; Mrs. Holzapfel is passionate and dedicated to upholding the values of her family, and of her country.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of the 175th Anniversary of Foley & Lardner LLP:

Whereas, Foley & Lardner LLP is celebrating its 175th anniversary and has made a distinct impact in the state of Wisconsin through economic investment and community engagement; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner traces its roots in Wisconsin to 1842 when Asahel Finch and William Pitt Lynde opened the doors to their law firm in Milwaukee six years prior to Wisconsin gaining its statehood; and

Whereas, the firm, from its humble beginnings, has grown along with the state of Wisconsin, expanding to the city of Madison, and becoming the state's largest law firm; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner opened an office in Washington, DC, in 1971, becoming the first Wisconsin law firm to open an office outside the state;

Whereas, the firm has since expanded to include 19 offices in the United States, Belgium, and Japan; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner attorneys and staff have helped Wisconsin industries grow and thrive locally, nationally, and internationally; and

Whereas, the firm's attorneys have served the state and its communities by providing leadership in elected offices and helping shape public policy; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner has played a significant role at critical times in our nation's history, including during the Civil War, the Great Depression, the New Deal; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner attorneys and staff are a pillar in the community, providing many hours of pro bono and volunteer efforts; now, therefore, I, U.S. Representative MARK POCAN, do hereby proclaim Foley & Lardner on this special 175th anniversary, a leading Wisconsin business, as well as a keystone to the ongoing growth and development in our congressional district.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin, I wish Foley & Lardner continued growth and success in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MARK HILLENBRAND

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 Mark Hillenbrand 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." Mark is a Clinical Social Worker who owns a private practice in Des Moines. Over the past year, Mark, along with Valley High School Associate Principal David Maxwell, 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 for a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent community leaders like Mark 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 Mark for this outstanding recognition and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER—CHRISTINE IVORY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Christine Ivory of Live Oak, California, who has dedicated herself to serving her community by advocating for its agricultural industry. After serving on the Board of Directors for the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau for six years, she is to become its President. She has immersed herself in the issues of the agricultural community by serving on eleven of the farm bureau's committees. In her work at the Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau, Ms. Ivory takes particular pride in educating youth on the importance of agriculture. She has been instrumental in maintaining and growing her community's agriculture education programs, such as FFA and 4-H.

Ms. Ivory is also committed to the preservation of agricultural lands and serves in many organizations working towards this goal. She dedicates her time to many community organizations providing for economic development and community improvement. Through her extensive involvement in the agricultural industry and many service organizations, Ms. Ivory has demonstrated that she is invested in the Yuba and Sutter county communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 591.

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues in the Climate Solutions Caucus in recognition of a problem that concerns many of us—climate change.

It is hard to deny that our climate is changing. Whether caused by cyclical weather changes or impacted by man's role, it is clear we are seeing changes in the polar ice and a rise in temperatures. It is one of my goals in Congress to keep the momentum we have seen in previous decades of continuing improvement in our environment. We all want to leave our planet cleaner for our children and grandchildren.

It is my hope to advance the dialogue and advocate for more renewable and diverse energy sources. Top defense authorities, such as Secretary Mattis, have been vocal on how climate change has affected the DoD's threat assessments, resources, and operation readiness, but Congress must do more to combat this threat.

As an incoming freshman in the 115th Congress, I have made it my mission to get things accomplished. I have joined the Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, and have advocated for an incremental improvements approach to address climate change, while recognizing that the issue is a matter of national security. During the FY18 National Defense Authorization Act debate, I as well as some of my other House colleagues, led the charge to ensure adoption of Section 336, which recognizes climate change as a national security issue, and allows the DOD to assess its risks and determine next steps to mitigate such threats. This section ensures that the Armed Forces are prepared to handle the effects of a changing climate as it relates to military operations. By conducting studies within the Services and Combat Commands, DoD will be able to better understand the problem. Congress has a duty to ensure that the DoD is resilient and prepared for anything that may threaten its mission and operations and I hope to see the text of Section 336 in the final NDAA bill.

It is in America's best interest to improve clean energy technology and expand production of renewable energies. Environmental practices do not need to come at the expense of economic growth though. We must encourage greater environmental stewardship amongst the private sector and foster economic success. Omaha now has 30 percent of energy from wind and it's growing. I support continued use of solar, ethanol, and sources of hydrothermal.

As members of the Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, we proactively seek pragmatic

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

items like bars, boxes, and balance beams, around Lake Petocka in Bondurant. After going through the approval process with the city and raising the \$1,600 from friends and local organizations, Cole led a team that installed the equipment last October, and has already seen people using them. He completed his Eagle Scout journey at the young age of 14, years younger than most Eagle Scouts earn their ranking. The work ethic Cole has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and throughout his scouting career speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Cole and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING SCOTT RASMUSSEN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Scott Rasmussen, an important member of my team for many years who will be leaving my office after this week to travel and pursue his varied interests.

Scott is a native Californian who graduated from Brown University in 2010, then returned to the Bay Area where he worked in the areas of law and technology. I was soon fortunate to have him join my campaign team, where he demonstrated the confidence, intellectual curiosity, diligence, and political instincts that have served him so well over the years I have known him—and which I am sure will continue to bring him success in the future.

Scott helped to form the initial core of my congressional staff in 2013, showing a willingness to pitch in and cover any topic that was thrown to him, from answering phones to tackling policy questions. Over the ensuing years, Scott has taken on new roles and regularly delivered results for my constituents and the planet. Notable successes include the passage of the Point Reyes Coast Guard Housing Conveyance Act, which will allow a former property in West Marin to be repurposed as affordable housing and community space, and his work on our successful bipartisan effort to strike a nearly half-century old congressional earmark that cost taxpayers millions of dollars each year to ship Pennsylvania coal 3,000 miles to American bases in Germany.

With diligence and finesse, Scott has helped to develop a number of key legislative initiatives, and his intellect and maturity have allowed me to entrust him with sensitive foreign policy matters as well. Major projects have included my work to expand broadband access to rural communities, and our ongoing efforts to make sure that homeowners are protected from an unexpected tax bill when they work to reduce water use. Finally, he has worked on the tribal policy portfolio that is a priority in my

office, helping to devise several complex and meaningful bills for the tribal members I represent.

For six years I have had the benefit of Scott's good work, and I am deeply appreciative. Along with my family and my staff, I wish Scott the best of luck as he moves on to the next phase of his career.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER—CHRISTINE PONCE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Christine Ponce of Woodland, California, who has dedicated 27 years to California's agricultural industry. She has worked cultivating many crops, ultimately becoming California's first female rice miller. In that role she managed many facets of rice production, ensuring that the plant operated at full capacity. In her 27 year career she overcame many challenges—from low wages to serious injury—and inspired many women that they too could pursue a career once considered only for men.

A proud descendent of a Bracero, Ms. Ponce has strong ties to the California agricultural community. In her time as a rice miller she helped advocate for the rights of agricultural workers by serving the local chapter of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. In addition to working long, demanding hours, she took time to serve as a secretary for the ILWU Local 150. Ms. Ponce's long and distinguished career has demonstrated her devotion to California's vibrant agricultural community.

HONORING CORPORAL PETE ARANDA, JR., U.S. ARMY

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Pete Aranda, Jr., U.S. Army, a decorated soldier from Round Rock, TX. In all aspects of life, CPL Aranda goes beyond the call of duty. It is my honor to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

CPL Aranda enlisted in the Army in 1988 and served a short stint in the 3/64 Armor, 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. He then deployed in the spring of 1991 as a medic to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Kuwait. As testament to the quality of his service, CPL Aranda received numerous medals and commendations, including the Combat Field Medical Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, and two Southwest Asia Campaign Medals. A true patriot, Corporal Aranda continued to honorably serve after his discharge from active duty as a Respiratory Therapist at the 349th General Hospital, U.S. Army Reserve.

In 1995, CPL Aranda returned home to Port Arthur, Texas where he worked for the Beau-

mont Health Department. In civilian life, CPL Aranda has served those around him with boundless altruism. His commitment to his community can be seen through his involvement in and leadership of many organizations, including the Greater Houston Red Cross, Camp Allen, the Talking Book Program and the Texas Stream Team. CPL Aranda's tireless efforts have touched the lives of many and have helped make Central Texas a place people are proud to call home.

A reflection of the best values of our nation, CPL Aranda's service to his community and country has made a resounding impact on those around him. I thank CPL Pete Aranda, Jr., a leader with a servant's heart, for his dedication and service.

TRIBUTE TO CARRIE SMITH

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 Carrie Smith from Summerset Winery in Indianola, Iowa for being named the 2017 "Winemaker of the year" by the Iowa Wine Growers Association.

Carrie has spent the last 10 years working at Summerset Winery, serving as winemaker and vineyard manager. She is responsible for making over 20 different wines every year. Carrie has been recognized at the local and national level for her winemaking prowess, winning the Dick Peterson award for best Iowa wine twice, along with numerous gold medal wines and other awards.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Carrie, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carrie for this outstanding recognition and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY 1LT ROBERT CHARLES ONETO-SIKORSKI

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen Mississippi soldier Army First Lieutenant (1LT) Robert Charles Oneto-Sikorski who gave his life while in service to our great nation on October 31, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. 1LT Oneto-Sikorski was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol in Iskandariyah, Iraq. 1LT Oneto-Sikorski was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry, Mississippi Army National Guard, Biloxi, Mississippi.

1LT Oneto-Sikorski was born on September 1, 1972, in New Orleans, Louisiana, but called Bay St. Louis his home. According to the Associated Press, while 1LT Oneto-Sikorski was serving in Iraq, his home was flooded from the

storm surge caused by Hurricane Katrina. Despite his loss, Elaine Oneto, 1LT Oneto-Sikorski's mother, said her son looked to the future and talked about his homecoming which would have been in December 2005. "He was devoted to his children. He is so much more than any of us could say," Mrs. Oneto said. "He was a wonderful man who loved everyone and his loss is going to devastate this whole community."

Patrick Rager, 1LT Oneto-Sikorski's son, recently said he will always be remembered for his service and sacrifice. "I am proud of his service, and to this day, I strive to make him proud through hard work and getting good grades in school," Patrick said. "Many people go through this life and have little to no impact. Because of his sacrifice, he will not be forgotten."

1LT Oneto-Sikorski was remembered by a fellow soldier on a memorial website. "I was serving with Ski in Iraq. He was my XO and my close friend," SFC Gene Dufrene said. "Ski was by far the best officer that anyone could serve with. He was what we NCOs called a real soldiers' officer. He would break his neck to take care of us. He took care of each and every soldier under his command. We all miss our brother and we will always remember Ski for the man he was to each of us soldiers."

1LT Oneto-Sikorski was employed at Northrop Grumman's Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where he worked in the engineering department.

1LT Oneto-Sikorski was buried with full honors at the Biloxi National Cemetery.

1LT Oneto-Sikorski is survived by his parents, Elaine Marie Oneto and Robert Charles Sikorski, II; his wife, Kristine Seamans Sikorski; his three children, Robert Charles Sikorski, II, Patrick Rager, and Hannah Rager; the mother of his children, Clare Rager; and his two sisters, Shawn Durfey, and Kathleen Sherlock.

1LT Oneto-Sikorski demonstrated courage and bravery protecting the freedoms we all enjoy. His service and sacrifice for America will not be forgotten.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER—JODY SAMONS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Jody Samons of Willows, California, who has dedicated over 37 years to serving her community of Glenn County. She has touched the lives of countless people through her work and volunteer activities. In her current position as Glenn County's Community Development Director, Ms. Samons has secured over \$200,000 in grants and worked with numerous companies to create over 200 new jobs in the area. Her overwhelming success in this role has had, and will continue to have, an undeniably positive impact on her community.

In her volunteer capacities, Ms. Samons has worked to support the youth of her community by creating opportunities and guiding them to success. Ms. Samons was instrumental in the creation of the Orland High School Booster

club which helped support youth athletic programs in her community. She has also spent many years supporting youth in FFA or 4-H programs in any way she could. Ms. Samons served for many years on the Glenn County Junior Livestock Auction Committee and went on to found a non-profit organization to support the program when its future was in jeopardy. She also served for 7 years on the Glenn County Fair Board and worked tirelessly to ensure its continued success. Ms. Samons has spent many years supporting the youth in her community and never passed up an opportunity to help out.

HONORING FIRST LIEUTENANT PHILLIP DUPREY

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor First Lieutenant Phillip Duprey of the United States Army for his dedication and service to our country. 1LT Duprey's extraordinary patriotism, citizenship, and commitment to community and service reflects the best values of Central Texas. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

During his deployment to Vietnam, Phillip Duprey faced grave and mortal danger while conducting intelligence collection as a member of the Army Security Agency for the IV Division of the 101st Airborne Division. 1LT Duprey's leadership, dedication, and bravery undoubtedly saved the lives of many. For his service and valor in combat, 1LT Duprey received numerous medals including the Bronze Star and the National Defense Service Medal.

1LT Duprey's service and sense of duty did not finish with the end of his military career. Upon returning to the great state of Texas, 1LT Duprey dedicated his civilian life to the uplifting and betterment of his community. As a highly respected citizen, he is active in numerous community organizations, including twenty-two years on the Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he served on the Cedar Park City Council for six years, the last two as Mayor pro tem. 1LT Duprey has dedicated himself to serving his community and is an embodiment of the Army values of honor, loyalty, and selfless service. For these reasons and many more, his community came together to honor 1LT Duprey as Cedar Park Citizen of the Year in 2000 and 2014.

I commend First Lieutenant Phillip Duprey's selfless service to the U.S. Army, the nation, and his community. He is a hero who has devoted his life to defending our freedoms abroad and serving his community at home. I join 1LT Duprey's family, friends, and neighbors in celebrating his outstanding achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER STAFF SERGEANT (SSG) JOE NATHAN WILSON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) Joe Nathan Wilson who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on November 2, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Wilson was mortally wounded in an attack on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter near Fallujah, Iraq. Fifteen other servicemen were killed in the crash. He died from his injuries in a Kuwait hospital. SSG Wilson was assigned to Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

According to the Associated Press, an Ohio serviceman said he survived because of the heroic act of SSG Wilson. Sergeant (SSG) Joe Minar said SSG Wilson cradled his head with his body to shield him when the helicopter crashed.

SSG Wilson was remembered on a memorial website by a fellow soldier. Staff Sergeant (SSG) Benjamin Dunlap of Stroud, Oklahoma, said SSG Wilson was a leader, "I served with SSG Wilson during our tour in Iraq. He was the epiphany of the NCO corps. He was always leading by example. He could never be seen without a smile on his face. I considered him to be my friend. He was a friend to all who knew him."

SSG Wilson graduated from Crystal Springs High School in Crystal Springs, Mississippi in 1992. Robert Green, the Crystal Springs High School athletic director, said SSG Wilson was a standout student, "He was a nice young man, especially on the football field." Shortly after graduation, SSG Wilson enlisted in the U.S. Army. Maxine Adams, SSG Wilson's mother, said he always wanted to be in the military, "He was a great son. It was important to Nate to be an accomplished person." Patricia Fortenberry, SSG Wilson's sister, is proud of her brother's service, "He was a great brother. He was my best friend."

Shortly after SSG Wilson's death, the city of Crystal Springs designated November 2nd as an official day to recognize his service to our nation. His family hosts a picnic and speakers are included at the event. It is held at the Joe Nathan Wilson Sportsplex and Memorial Fire Station in Crystal Springs which is named in his honor. Sally Garland, mayor of Crystal Springs, said the city will begin a new tradition in honor of SSG Wilson. Beginning this year, flags will be lowered to half-staff on the anniversary of his death.

SSG Wilson was buried at Brushy Creek Cemetery in Hopewell, Mississippi. SSG Wilson is survived by his mother, Maxine Adams; his wife, Erica; his daughter, Yasmin; his three nephews, Jaydan Adams, Jordan Adams, and Specialist (SPC) Jerrick Wilson; his two nieces, Kawanza Fortenberry and Latria Wilson.

SSG Wilson's bravery under fire demonstrated his devotion to his comrades and to our nation. His service will always be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO ANDY AND AMY
WALSH

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 Andy and Amy Walsh of Wauke, Iowa for being named the 2016 Wauke Citizens of the Year.

Andy and Amy own and operate Mickey's Irish Pub in Wauke, Iowa. The establishment is known as a place for an after work getaway and a place to get a good bite to eat. But what makes the Walsh's stick out is how much they give back to the community. Several organizations, including Wauke Crime Stoppers, Wauke Police Citizens' Academy, the Racoon River Valley Trail Bike Association and the annual BACoon Ride, have seen countless hours of their involvement outside of work. They have helped many charities and organizations through discounted and donated food and drinks from their business, and every year they host a free Thanksgiving dinner for city residents. It is because of people like Andy and Amy, and their kindness and generosity, that Iowa communities are some of the strongest in the country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent community leaders like Andy and Amy 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 Andy and Amy for this outstanding recognition and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER—JASWINDER SANDHU

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jaswinder Sandhu of Sutter County, California, who has spent her career focused on improving the lives of people in her community. At a young age, she joined her farmworker parents in the fields to earn extra money during the summer. It was during those times that she realized the plight of the poor and became determined to make a difference.

Jaswinder's passion to help others has always been her priority. Having left a job in the private sector in 2003, she began her career as Site Manager for Mahal Plaza, a low income multi-family farm labor complex in Yuba City. Since then, she's been credited with securing \$313,000 in grant funding to build a safe passage route for children from Mahal Plaza as they walk to school. She also implemented several community programs and services at the property, including a community garden, day care, and ESL and exercise classes. She also offers Mahal as a venue for community gatherings such as the annual National Night Out, which is one of the most largely attended community events in Yuba City.

A testament to Jaswinder's commitment to the community and her excellence in property

management, she was honored as Site Manager of the Year for Farm Labor Housing for the State of California. In 2011 and 2014 Jaswinder was presented with the national award for excellence in Washington, D.C.

RECOGNIZING WELLS MIDDLE
SCHOOL AS A 2017 NATIONAL
SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Wells Middle School in Dublin, California for its designation as a 2017 National School of Character.

Wells Middle School is the only school in California to receive the 2017 National School of Character Award. The administration of Wells Middle School has worked diligently to meet the stringent standards necessary to receive this distinction. It has minimized incidences of cheating and bullying while maximizing student and parent engagement.

At Wells Middle School, character education is made a priority by the administration and teachers. The character education program focuses on bringing relevant, engaging and versatile resources directly to the students. The school makes an extensive effort to prioritize the success of its students.

One example is the Response to Intervention program. This program provides a network of instructional sessions for teachers and students, which work to address academic and behavioral concerns. This programming stresses inclusivity and adaptability as it seeks to meet the needs of all Wells Middle School students.

In addition to the National School of Character designation, Wells Middle School was named a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School by the California Department of Education and a 2017 California School of Character.

I am honored to have such an incredible school within my district, and as a Wells Middle School student, benefited myself from its focus on character. The continual effort of Wells Middle School to promote the success of its students both academically and behaviorally, serves as a statewide example of an ideal institution for holistic student growth. Our community is better and stronger as a result of its tireless dedication.

I want to congratulate Wells Middle School on receiving the 2017 National School of Character Award, and I wish the school and its students continued success in the years to come.

HONORING SERGEANT LARRY
BUSH, U.S. MARINE CORPS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Larry Bush, United States Marine Corps. SGT Bush's extraordinary commitment to his country, his community of Jarrell, Texas, and his service in the

Marine Corps reflects the best values of Central Texas. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

SGT Bush began his career in the Marine Corps by serving in the Vietnam War in 1969. His deep commitment to serving his country can be seen through his extensive list of medals and awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Rifle Expert Badge.

After leaving the Marines in 1975, SGT Bush lived his life for the betterment of Jarrell and its citizens. He served his community in the City Council for six years, the Economic Development Board for two years, and as Mayor of the City of Jarrell since 2014. His commitment to community doesn't stop with elected office. SGT Bush is a devoted member of several advisory boards including water, roads and finances, as well as the Williamson County Road Bond Program. Committed public servants like him have made Jarrell a great place to live and work.

SGT Bush deserves to be celebrated, as he is a man of intelligence, compassion, and integrity. With admiration and deep respect, I pay tribute to SGT Bush for his service to our country and the lasting impact he has had on his community and beyond.

HONORING JEFF GARNSEY, THE
2017 CLAYTON CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Jeff Garnsey as he is named the 2017 Clayton Citizen of the Year.

Jeff began his long career of service to both his country and community upon entering the United States Navy in 1983. Throughout his 26-year military career, he served on seven different submarines, one of which broke the endurance record under the North Pole by spending 97 consecutive days submerged in water. He also served on the Navy's most decorated warship, the USS *Parche*, where his crew received the Presidential Unit Citation, as well as the USS *Cheyenne*, which participated in the Iraq war's first shots and strategic strike. Jeff was ultimately advanced to the Navy's highest enlisted paygrade of Master Chief Petty Officer.

Now retired from his naval career, Mr. Garnsey is the proud owner of Garnsey's Classic Island Cruises and holds several leadership positions in the Clayton community, including Board President at Save The River and Director of the Muskies Hall of Fame. Truly committed to giving back, he also volunteers at many local organizations such as the 1000 Islands Museum, the Clayton Rotary Club, the Clayton Opera House, and the Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

I would like to thank Mr. Garnsey for the sacrifices he has made in serving our country and the people of the North Country. His commitment to others is a reminder of the strength that veterans bring to our local communities and sets a wonderful example for residents of New York's 21st District.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER—CATHIE WICKS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cathie Wicks, whose entire professional career has been spent in Yolo County, California advocating to improve the quality of life for rural children, families, and communities.

Cathie is the founder and immediate past Executive Director of RISE, Inc. (Rural Innovations in Social Economics, Inc.). Ms. Wicks has over 35 years of non-profit administrative experience, including extensive grant project development and supervision, rural program design, implementation and project based fund control experience. Cathie is also a lifetime mission-builder in innovative leadership programs for teens, with an interest in intervention models for motivated at-risk youth.

Cathie's early work history includes raising sheep, which began as a hobby. In the early 1970's, she started her career in the anti-poverty upward mobility programs focused on continuing education and diversified education. She also co-founded a non-profit to leverage grants from outside the community. Cathie served as Executive Director of RISE for the next 25 years. Her work didn't stop there, Cathie integrated her grant writing skills to assist Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in grant writing, policy development and programs designed to enhance the community.

Cathie is the face of non-profit success in rural Western Yolo County, building programs, trends, strong organizations, and fiscal success modes that have improved the quality of life in rural communities. Cathie enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, still raises sheep with her son, enjoys golf and travels with friends, family and colleagues.

RECOGNIZING "COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: PROTECT OUR STUDENTS, PASS THE DREAM ACT,"
AUTHORED BY ANGEL CABRERA;
JOHN J. DEGIOIA, DERIONNE P. POLLARD, AND SCOTT RALLS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD an Op-Ed by Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, John J. DeGioia, president of Georgetown University, DeRionne P. Pollard, president of Montgomery College, and Scott Ralls, president of Northern Virginia Community College. I am proud to represent George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. This important and eloquent piece, titled "College presidents: Protect our students, pass the Dream Act," was published in the Hill on October 16, 2017:

"One month ago, the lives of 800,000 young people around our nation were put in jeopardy, with the decision by the White House to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This decision fails

to understand the overwhelmingly positive impact that the DACA program has had for so many students, and the devastating consequences that rescinding it will have on them, their families, our schools, our communities and our country.

We cannot set aside the invaluable contributions of these students and their passion and commitment to the work of our colleges and our country.

We cannot forget the impact of their contributions to our economy—estimated at \$460 billion over the next decade.

We cannot ignore the joy they bring to our communities and the degree to which we are strengthened by their presence.

We believe, as presidents of colleges and universities, it is imperative that we protect these young people through the passage of the Dream Act. They have grown up here in America. They've gone to grade school, middle school and high school with our children. They are student body presidents, medical students and doctoral candidates. Some serve in high school ROTC and volunteer in their churches. Others help single parents raising younger siblings and tutor their peers as they prepare for college. They are members of our communities. They have done all the things we expect of our young people, and for their efforts so many have been able to earn places on our college campuses. They want—and deserve—the chance to continue learning and living in America without the constant fear of deportation.

We have seen the contributions that these extraordinary young people make to our campuses and our communities. Colleges and universities are about opportunity and the pursuit of each and every student's version of the American dream. No matter who they are—or where they came from—every student deserves an equal shot at success. We take responsibility for fostering academic and social environments that give every student the means and opportunity to pursue a better future.

Across our nation, our higher education community is coming together in support of our Dreamers. This week, the American Council on Education and colleges and universities around the country are contributing their voices to a national campaign: "Higher Education Week" in support of Protecting Dreamers. To launch this week, our institutions—which represent public and private as well as two- and four-year institutions in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.—have come together to reflect on the invaluable presence of these students on our campuses. Our region has approximately 23,000 DACA recipients and we know that almost half of all DACA recipients are in school or pursuing a college degree.

These young people belong here. They have played by our rules since the day they arrived as minors with their parents. They have done everything we could expect of them. They have earned their places on our campuses. They are poised to contribute to the future of our nation. We have the capacity, and responsibility, as a nation to provide a permanent bipartisan legislative solution.

We call upon Congress to pass the bipartisan DREAM Act so that these talented and hardworking students, brought here as children by parents who only wished for a better life, are able to get the shot at success and the American dream that they so rightfully deserve."

Mr. Speaker, I agree wholeheartedly with Presidents Cabrera, DeGioia, Pollard, and Ralls. I invite my colleagues to read their thoughtful piece, and I urge them to take its message to heart.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JAMES (JIM) MARTIN

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I received the sad news earlier this week that the Honorable James (Jim) Martin passed away from this life at the age of 99, in Gadsden, Alabama. Jim Martin was not only a former member of this body, but he was the Congressman for the district of Alabama, which I now represent.

James Martin was born in Tarrant, Alabama on September 1, 1918, the son of a railroad engineer and school teacher. Martin attended school in a log cabin. After graduating high school in 1936, he attended a business college, and then started a job as a clerk at Pan-American Petroleum in Birmingham.

In 1941, shortly before America was drawn into World War II, Martin decided to join the U.S. Army. Martin served as a captain and was part of the American effort to liberate Europe from the Nazis.

Martin and his men liberated concentration camps and saw the horrors of war firsthand. In an interview with the Library of Congress, Martin said, "I'm not the same person I was before World War II."

After fighting in that war, he came back to Alabama and settled in the city of Gadsden. It was in Gadsden where he met his future wife Pat Huddleston.

It was in 1962, that Martin decided to enter politics. He challenged then U.S. Senator Lister Hill, the incumbent Democrat. Martin came within 6,000 votes of upsetting Hill.

Alabama voters elected Martin to the U.S. House of Representatives in November of 1964. Martin took office as the Member of Congress from Alabama's 7th Congressional District in 1965 which was the year I was born. He served one term, from January 1965 to January 1967.

To say that Congressman Martin was a trailblazer in Alabama politics is an understatement. His election in 1964 marked a change of course in a state that had been dominated by a single party for decades.

During his time in Congress, Martin worked diligently to represent the wishes and interests of his constituents back in Alabama. He was a great leader and one of those rare individuals who could convey his conservative message in words like few others.

In 1966, Martin chose not to seek reelection to Congress, but instead decided to seek the Governorship of Alabama. While Martin did not win the election against the wife of George Wallace, Lurleen Wallace, his showing was remarkable. Martin received more support than any Republican candidate for governor since Reconstruction.

Then in the 1990s, Martin served as Alabama's Conservation and Natural Resources director under Governor Fob James. Just as Martin had been a trailblazer in politics, he did the same during his time serving in this capacity.

Martin convinced the state to purchase Cathedral Caverns in Marshall County. It has since become a state park. He also started Alabama's Forever Wild Program. Its mission

is to secure Alabama's wild and natural wonders and to save them from development.

After leaving public life, Martin remained active, engaged and involved in his community. I would regularly see Congressman Martin around the Gadsden area as he always had a lot of advice for his congressman.

Martin is survived by his wife, Pat, two sons Douglas Martin, Jr. and Richard H. Martin, and one daughter, Annette Graham Martin, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

James Martin's remarkable life and legacy will live on for many generations. It is my honor and privilege to recognize him and his accomplishments and have this statement included in the RECORD of the Congress in which he served, a tribute to his service, his love for his state and country and his faith in his creator.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STAFF SERGEANT JAMES HARRELL, U.S. MARINE CORPS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Staff Sergeant James Harrell, U.S. Marine Corps, who served his country and continues to selflessly serve his fellow veterans and his community following his retirement. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

SSG Harrell served six years in the United States Marine Corps, including two tours in Vietnam. During his service, SSG Harrell was a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Marine Combat Action Ribbon. After being Honorably Discharged, SSG Harrell returned to Texas where he rose to become the Assistant Chief Deputy for Williamson County's Sheriff's Department.

SSG Harrell's love for his country is matched only by his commitment to his fellow service members. After recognizing the needs of our county's less fortunate veterans, SSG Harrell joined his good friend Major Barry Richard, United States Air Force, Retired to help over twelve Williamson County veterans by rebuilding homes, bringing them up to code, doing repairs, and more for over five years. Together, they've made real and lasting impacts on the lives of their fellow veterans.

SSG Harrell serves his fellow men with the same dedication, honor, and humility with which he defended his country. He exemplifies what it means to be an American, consistently placing his country and fellow men before himself. I thank and commend SSG Harrell, a passionate leader with a servant's heart, for his dedication and service.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER—K. PATRICE WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize K. Patrice Williams, who has

dedicated her twenty-year career to strengthening small business in Solano County, California, and her advocacy illustrates her talents as a true public servant. She is currently the principal advocate for BrandGov; an agency offering targeted outreach, messaging, social media marketing and more to small businesses, non-profit organizations and government entities in the Solano area.

K. Patrice's experience as an activist has given her a deep understanding of economic and workforce development, infrastructure, energy and transportation challenges and a business approach understanding of proposed solutions. Working in partnership with public and private organizations, Solano College Small Business Development Center, Solano College Workforce Development Center and Solano College has allowed her to develop a strategic plan to diversify and maximize Solano County's local economy utilizing stakeholders as a resource.

K. Patrice's professional experience includes Chief Brand Strategist for Brand Gov.; she was an Adjunct Professor at Napa Valley College; Director of Marketing for WH Holdings LLC, Manager for DoubleClick, and Team Leader-Business Development for IBM. She holds a Juris Doctorate, Business Concentration from San Francisco Law School and a Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Marketing Concentration from Sonoma State University.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF
JEREMIAH GRANT**

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me to honor the life of Jeremiah Grant, an eight-year-old boy from my district who lost his life on October 28, 2017.

Jerry was a student at the Ollie Culbreth Junior School in Jersey City, New Jersey. He excelled in academics and in the world of competitive jump rope. At only eight years old, Jerry was the youngest member of the Jersey City Honey Bees double dutch team. Earlier this year, the Honey Bees earned the title "world champions" at the American Double Dutch League's 44th International Competition.

"Jerry Prince Bee", as his friends called him, was all smiles during his double-dutch performance on The Tonight Show in August. That smile and his legacy of love will live on in North Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO BOB KALDENBERG

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 Bob Kaldenberg of Winterset, Iowa for being named the Rotarian of the Year by the Winterset Rotary Club.

Bob has been a member of Rotary for 29 years. He worked hard to increase club membership in the early 1990's and many current

members are active in the club and community because of his encouragement. He has been instrumental in the success of the Rotary youth exchange and has served as president twice.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like Bob 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 Bob for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW JERSEY BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the New Jersey Broadcasters Association (NJBA) as its members gather to celebrate its 70th anniversary this year. This milestone and the NJBA's efforts to support radio and television stations in New Jersey are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Since its inception, the NJBA has represented the common interests of New Jersey's broadcasters. It continues to be the leading voice in Trenton, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. on broadcast issues and priorities and is an effective advocate on behalf of its member stations. In addition to its advocacy, the NJBA's training and educational programs are invaluable resources to radio and television stations and its understanding of compliance rules and procedures help its members navigate the changing broadcast landscape.

Initiated by New Jersey radio stations, the NJBA's success is evident in its growth to include both radio and television stations throughout the state as well as several stations in New York City and Philadelphia. Its current President and CEO, Paul Rotella, maintains the NJBA's mission, while also adapting to meet the complex changes of technology in the broadcast field.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in marking the 70th anniversary of the New Jersey Broadcasters Association and recognizing its outstanding efforts to promote New Jersey's local broadcast stations.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAVY PIER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Navy Pier and commemorate the beginning of the Pier's second century as a public community resource and treasured Chicago landmark. After 100 years of significant impact, Navy Pier has been reimagined and adopted the new mission: Navy Pier is the

People's Pier, Chicago's lakefront treasure, welcoming all and offering dynamic and eclectic experiences through partnerships and programs that inspire discovery and wonder; Navy Pier opened to the public in 1916 and originally named "Municipal Pier No. 2; Navy Pier was built under nationally-known architect Charles Sumner Frost, based on Daniel Burham's "Master Plan of Chicago." Municipal Pier was the first of its kind to accommodate both the commercial shipping industry and recreation and entertainment for the public drawing over 3 million visitors annually.

In 1917 it was adapted to house several regiments of soldiers, Red Cross, and "Home Defense" units and served as a barracks during World War I. It was officially renamed Navy Pier in 1927 as a tribute to the Navy personnel who were housed at the Pier during the conflict. From 1941 to 1947, the Pier was leased to the U.S. Navy as a naval training center for 60,000 recruits. One of those pilots who qualified for military service was President George H. W. Bush.

Navy Pier was the original home to the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1946 to 1965, and more than 100,000 students attended classes during that time. Dubbed 'Harvard on the Rocks,' the University shared the space with the Chicago Police Department's Traffic Division, the North Pier Terminal Company, and several military detachments. The Pier was designated a Chicago historic landmark in 1977; between the years of 1978 through 1982, Navy Pier was host to ChicagoFest, a summer music festival full of food, fun, and festivities. ChicagoFest eventually grew to become the Taste of Chicago, drawing millions of guests to the Pier and spurring millions of dollars in economic impact.

The Pier re-opened in 1995 following a \$150 million redevelopment having improvements made to nearly every aspect of the three-quarter mile long public Pier. Since that renovation, year-round entertainment, shopping, dining, attractions and exhibitions have positioned the Pier as one of the most unique settings in the world; in July of 2011, Navy Pier, Inc., the newly formed nonprofit entity entrusted with the operation and redevelopment of Navy Pier put forth The Centennial Vision, a framework for reimagining Navy Pier as a unique public space and cultural mecca. The Centennial Vision's purpose is not only to expand the Pier's audience, but to enrich the experience of its guests. The Vision, divided into two phases, establishes a framework befitting Chicago, a world-class city, with a vibrant architectural, cultural, and recreational landscape and includes a 30-year Sustainable Master Plan to address the Pier's long-term environmental impact.

With the completion of the Centennial Vision's "Phase 1" in 2016, a record 9.26 million guests enjoyed new amenities such as the state of the art Centennial Ferris Wheel, Chicago-centric food experience, redesigned south dock promenade with increased access to the waterfront and recreational boat experiences, and over 245 free public arts and cultural programs.

As the Pier now enters "Phase 2" of the redevelopment with extensive plans to upgrade the built environment and Pier structures such as the Family Pavilion and Crystal Garden. In 2017, with the completion of 13-acre Polk Bros Park, the new Chicago Shakespeare Theater and expanded Chicago, Children's

Museum, the Pier projects to see attendance increase by as much as 26 percent as guests enjoy innovative, free public programming, participatory arts, cultural showcases, and the Pier's sustainable, recreational footprint; and the Pier currently employs over 3,000 individuals, is home to 77 businesses and 5 nonprofit organizations. The redevelopment is expected to generate 1,565 permanent and 1,659 temporary jobs across the city.

I am honored to represent Navy Pier and congratulate Marilynn Gardner, President & CEO; Patrick Sheehan, Chief Development and Strategy Officer, the Board of Directors and the multitude of individuals working that make the Pier a fascinating and enjoyable destination. Enjoy this landmark celebration and always remember, "To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

HONORING MAJOR BARRY RICHARD, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, (RETIRED)

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major Barry Richard, United States Air Force, Retired. Maj. Richard, who answered the call to defend our great nation for 20 years, continues to dutifully serve his community of Georgetown, Texas in civilian life. An exemplary serviceman and citizen, it is my honor to award Maj. Richard with the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

His military service began in 1968 where his skills were utilized in various capacities as an engineer, pilot, and manager. He wore many hats during his years with the Air Force, including working as a technical design engineer for modifications to EC-135 aircraft and Hound Dog Air-launched missiles, as pilot and rated staff officer, and as Chief of numerous Air Force Safety Units. Maj. Richard saw much combat, and as a testament to the quality of his service, he received numerous awards including the Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and numerous Commendation Medals.

Maj. Richard's love of country is matched only by his commitment to his fellow service members. After the end of his service in 1988, he and his friend Staff Sergeant Jim Harrell, United States Marines Corps, have worked to improve the lives of veterans in Williamson County. Maj. Richard has contributed to building wheelchair ramps and making considerable home improvements to the homes of local veterans in need. This dignified work has made a lasting impact on the community he proudly serves.

I commend Maj. Barry Richard's selfless service to the United States Air Force, his nation, and his community. His patriotism, citizenship, and commitment to excellence reflect the very best values of Central Texas. I join his friends and family in celebrating his outstanding achievements.

HONORING PATRICIA DONNELLY AND THE AWARDEES OF THE 2017 LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA RECOGNITION EVENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) and to congratulate the volunteers, instructors, students, community partners, and others who will be recognized at the 2017 LCNV Recognition Celebration.

The mission of LCNV is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities. LCNV serves low-literacy and limited English language proficient adults with a selection of low-cost, moderately intensive courses to help them transition into the workforce or other educational opportunities. LCNV provides the crucial first steps of language and literacy learning for workplace, citizenship, and community integration to help adults make measurable improvements in their lives.

Each year LCNV gathers at its Annandale headquarters to recognize students and members of the community who have achieved exceptional milestones. I am proud to include in the RECORD the following 2017 LCNV honorees.

Community Partnership Awards: Accenture Consulting, Crestwood Elementary School, Paul M. Engell Family Foundation.

Volunteers of the Year: Liz Castillo, Alexandra Roncal, Valerie Sutter.

I would also like to give special recognition to Patricia Donnelly, who is retiring from her role as Executive Director of LCNV after leading the organization for more than 15 years. She has three decades of experience in the nonprofit sector, most of which has been in education and the performing arts. In addition to her role as Executive Director of LCNV, Patti serves on the Board of the Virginia Literacy Foundation, the Virginia Adult and Continuing Education Board and WETA's Community Advisory Council. Her selfless efforts on behalf of others were recognized when she received the 2007 Nancy Jiranek Award for Leadership Excellence in Literacy. Though she may be retiring from her role as Executive Director, I am confident that she will continue to be engaged in our community and in the causes that are dear to her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Patricia Donnelly for her service to our community and in congratulating each of the honorees of the 2017 LCNV Recognition Celebration. I wish all of them great success in all their future endeavors.

HONORING ST. MATTHEW ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Matthew Original Free Will Baptist

Church in my hometown of Farmville, North Carolina. This congregation recently celebrated 61 years of serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The passion and commitment from this church has helped to spread the Word and Humility of Christ throughout the town of Farmville and surrounding communities for many years.

The ministry and community outreach performed by the people of St. Matthew have helped meet the needs of so many. I am proud and honored to call these people my neighbors.

I want to thank the church family of St. Matthew and Pastor Jesse F. Warren III as they continue to improve the quality of life for so many people and commend them on this milestone in their ministry. I pray that they will be blessed with many more years of service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As it is written in the book of Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust, He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you helped His people and continue to help them."

Congratulations on your 61 years of service.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2017 WINTERSET HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

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 the Winterset High School Softball team for winning the Iowa Girls State Class 4A Softball Tournament on July 21, 2017.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Team:

Players: Macy Johnson, Ainsley Gurwell, Mia Olson, Danny Barker, Ava Lowden, Abby Benshoof, Natalie Hansen, Malia Messerschmidt, Grace McDonald, Natalie Drake, Corry Pickering, Madison Berns, Mariah White, Jessie Nicholson, Ally Pickering, Taylor Lincoln, Jennifer Lopez, Emma Lowden, Marie McDonald, Sophie Stover

Head Coach: Steve Corkrean

Assistant Coaches: Jennifer Devine, Karly Olson, Taylor Benshoof

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating these young women for competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF COLONEL RAUL VILLARONGA, U.S. ARMY (RETIRED)

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service and achieve-

ments of an esteemed and valued citizen of Killeen, Texas. Colonel Raul Villaronga, U.S. Army Retired, has dedicated himself to serving his community and is an embodiment of the Army values of honor, loyalty, and selfless service. He is a deserving recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

His commission as an Infantry 2nd Lieutenant in 1959 began his 24 years of service in which he completed assignments in Fort Bragg, the Panama Canal Zone, Vietnam, Germany, and Fort Hood. While assigned to the 8th Special Forces Group, he participated in numerous classified Mobile Training Teams in Central and South America. COL Villaronga deservingly received awards including the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal as a testament to his exemplary service.

COL Villaronga is a respected citizen serving in numerous roles showcasing his commitment to community and nation. Returning from the Army, COL Villaronga served three terms as Mayor of Killeen. As Mayor, he founded the Killeen Youth Advisory Commission and worked on the Joint Use Agreement for the Robert Gray Army Airfield. As Chairman of the Killeen League of United Latin American Citizens Council 4535 Foundation, COL Villaronga has been responsible for the donation of over \$175,000 in scholarships for local graduating seniors. He continues to serve veterans in his community alongside his wife. His tireless efforts have made Central Texas a place that we're proud to call home.

COL Villaronga's patriotism and commitment to service reflect the very best values of Central Texas. He is a hero who has devoted his life to defending our freedoms abroad and serving his community at home. I join his wife, Julia, along with his family and friends in wishing him the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL OBESITY CARE WEEK

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Obesity Care Week on behalf of the over 90 million adult Americans living with obesity today.

Treating obesity is more than just eating right and exercising and is caused by a number of factors that are often out of that person's control. These include genetics, socioeconomic status, and physiological, psychological and environmental factors.

As important, obesity is also linked to over 50 disorders including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease. In fact, over \$1.42 trillion is spent in the U.S. on direct and indirect costs for health related conditions related to obesity a year.

National Obesity Care Week aims to advance an evidence-based understanding of obesity and widespread access to comprehensive and appropriate care. Unfortunately, at 31.6 percent, Illinois has the 18th highest adult obesity rate in the nation—4 million people—almost a third of our population. This must change. I urge my fellow Members, the scientific community, and researchers, to treat obesity seriously—as the chronic disease that

it is—and I urge the medical community to have conversations with their patients, their students, and their colleagues about obesity and how we can effectively treat this disease.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL WOOD

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 Carol Wood of Council Bluffs, Iowa for receiving the Rotary International Vocational Service Leadership Award. The award was presented to Carol at the Rotary District Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Carol has been a Rotary member since 1993 and is a member of the Noon Rotary Club of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Carol received this award for exemplifying integrity and high ethical standards in her vocation and in the community. She is President and CEO of Children's Square U.S.A. in Council Bluffs, a non-profit organization that has helped children and families in need for 135 years. Carol's dedication and leadership has helped youth succeed in their vocational pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent community leaders like Carol in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carol for this outstanding recognition and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH- DAY OF MRS. THELMA KOUZES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my constituents in celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Thelma Kouzes, a truly remarkable woman and a beloved member of the Northern Virginia community. Mrs. Kouzes was born Thelma Virginia Loss on July 26, 1917 in Audubon, Iowa. She proudly says she is a first-generation American, the daughter of immigrants whose parents came to the United States from Denmark. She grew up in Iowa, was raised by hardworking parents, and experienced the hardships of the Great Depression. She moved to Washington, D.C. in 1938 to work for President Roosevelt's Administration. There she met her late husband Thomas Kouzes—also a first-generation American whose parents came to the U.S. from Greece.

Mrs. Kouzes has led an amazing life. Shortly after she moved to D.C., she experienced culture shock when she attended a segregated religious service. Because of experiences like this she became a proud and passionate civil rights activist. She remained steadfast in her commitment to justice and equality—including marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963—even when others in her community criticized her efforts. She was an active member of the

American Field Service, UNICEF, the UN, the American Cancer Society, and American Mothers. She is proud to say that she helped to save the public schools in Virginia during the period of desegregation, along with hundreds of Northern Virginian mothers.

She and her late husband hosted 174 international students from 34 different countries between 1960 and 2004. She also placed more than 400 international students with American families. After her husband died, she continued her devotion to hosting international students.

Mrs. Kouzes was elected the 53rd National Mother by the American Mothers organization, chosen by a jury composed of representatives from local government as well as religious and educational leaders.

These are just a few examples of the many accomplishments of her life.

Mrs. Kouzes has been part of our great American story, lending her voice to the vibrancy of our community and offering her experience and wisdom to those around her. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mrs. Kouzes for her decades of contribution to the Northern Virginia area, and in wishing her a happy and healthy 100th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great privilege to recognize St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church—located in Allentown, Pennsylvania—on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.

In 1842, St. Peter's Union Congregation organized and purchased a tract of land for a physical building and cemetery in what was formerly known as Rittersville. On November 5th, the Lutheran sect of the congregation began conducting services in the new building; however, both the Lutheran and Reformed congregations shared the meeting space, holding alternating services. The surrounding area was mostly comprised of German and Dutch immigrants, many of whom worked at nearby Bethlehem Steel Mill. The United States offered them a chance of a new life, and St. Peter's served as a focal point for a community of shared faith and family ethics.

Until 1897, the services were primarily conducted in German, but soon after, the Church purchased an English pulpit Bible. That same year, electric lights were installed, indicating an embrace of modernity as the Church entered the new century.

On June 29, 1913, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church placed the cornerstone for the current church at 1933 Hanover Avenue in Allentown. The first service was held on November 2nd.

As St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrates its 175th anniversary as a congregation and its 104th anniversary in its current building, the Church continues to serve the east side of Allentown and its ever chang-

ing neighborhood. May the next 175 years bring continued congregational growth, community impact, and diligent ministry.

TRIBUTE TO COLLIN NELSON

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 Collin Nelson of West Des Moines, Iowa for being named the West Des Moines Chamber's Emerging Citizen of the Year for 2017.

The West Des Moines Chamber every year recognizes an Emerging Citizen of the Year, a community member under the age of 30 who "demonstrates an unparalleled dedication to service and general betterment of the community." Collin works in the real estate business, and has been active in numerous metro area organizations that aim to better the community. These organizations include the West Des Moines Accelerate Advisory Committee, Downtown Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Emerging Leaders Collaborative, the Iowa Commercial Real Estate Association, the Iowa Corporate Games, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like Collin 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 Collin for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN HONOR OF MR. BRADY KEYS, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I pay tribute to a respected athlete, an ambitious franchiser, and a friend of longstanding, Mr. Brady Keys, Jr. Mr. Keys passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at Rejoice in the Lord Ministries in Apopka, FL and will be followed by a funeral service and burial on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Inglewood Park Cemetery Chapel in Inglewood, CA.

Brady Keys, Jr. was born on May 19, 1937 in Austin, Texas. He attended Kealing High School in Austin, before moving to California, to attend Polytechnic High School.

After graduating high school, he enrolled at East Los Angeles Junior College, where he played semi-pro football and gained the attention of Fido Murphy, a scout for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Murphy offered Keys a position on the Steelers taxi squad, which he declined. Murphy then offered Keys an education at Colorado State University with the hope that he could be legally drafted as a free agent.

During his junior year, he was ultimately drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and played with them for six years. He played as a defensive back for a total of eight seasons with the National Football League, also playing for the Minnesota Vikings and St. Louis Cardinals.

Brady Keys, Jr. was not only a natural athlete, but he was also a very successful entrepreneur, owning numerous enterprises and franchises. After leaving the NFL, Brady was determined to start his own restaurant franchise but was denied business loans as bankers were reluctant to lend to businesses with African-American management. However, he did not let that stop him. In 1967, with the financial help of Art Rooney, then Coach of the Steelers, he opened his first All-Pro Chicken restaurant in Detroit, Michigan. As All-Pro Chicken expanded, Mr. Keys became the first African-American to establish a national franchise.

After the opening of his first All-Pro Chicken restaurant, Mr. Keys' business empire expanded beyond his All-Pro restaurants. His businesses included several Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in Albany, Georgia; the Urban Talent Development Corporation; The Keys Group; Pennky Mining and Oil Company; Brady Keys, Jr. Athletic Foundation, Inc.; Keys Communications Group, Inc., (formed upon purchase of WJIZ 96.3 FM and WJYZ 96.0 AM radio stations in Albany, Georgia); Alpha-Keys Orlando Retail Associates; Keys Technology Group, Inc.; Keys News and Gift Shop; Keys-Watt Productions, Inc.; and Keys and Sons Jewelers. Brady was truly an asset to the Albany, Georgia, Orlando, Georgia, and Detroit, Michigan communities, and his companies contributed over \$40 million to the economies of those states.

A prominent sports figure and successful business owner, Brady Keys, Jr. received several awards and appointments including an appointment to the Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise by President Nixon; an award for Outstanding African-American Albanian of the Year; and several rankings on Black Entertainment Magazine's list of 100 largest minority owned businesses between the years of 1972 to 1979.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Brady Keys, Jr. committed a prodigious amount of time and love to the service of others, and he shared his own enthusiasm and wisdom in order to better those around him. In life and in death, Brady has left a lasting impact on all those whose lives he has touched.

Brady Keys, Jr. leaves behind his wife of many years, Anna, and a large loving family and a host friends who will miss him dearly.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, salute Brady Keys, Jr. for his outstanding entrepreneurship, untiring commitment to minority business ownership, and community development in the urban communities where he lived. I ask my colleagues to join all of us in extending our deepest condolences to the Keys family during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.