

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

#### HONORING SUSAN POPOVICH

#### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### TRIBUTE TO SUSAN HATTEN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

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

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

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

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

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

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

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

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

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

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

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