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