

Midkiff of Carter Lake, Iowa for winning the Class 3A, 126-pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament earlier this year. McGwire is a student at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of McGwire, but his family and coaches, as well.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by McGwire demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating McGwire on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and his wrestling career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pacifica, California, a sea-sprayed city in my district blessed by salty breezes, soaring shorebirds and the collective smile of residents that rivals in intensity the warmth of the sun itself. On November 22, 2017, Pacifica is a spritely 60 years old.

Residents love this town, and there's no doubt as to why. The views of the Pacific Ocean are spectacular, the shoreline is captivating. If you wish to stroll through the sand and to hunt for seashells, bring your children to the beach and spend a few hours listening to the waves and gazing at the gulls overhead or the snowy plover nearby, Pacifica is the place to be.

Although sunshine is the predominant feature of Pacifica, fog occasionally arrives. Well, actually, more than occasionally. But it is quiet and serene in Pacifica when fog shrouds the shore and the mountains.

For hundreds of years, Pacifica was home to a village of the Ohlone tribe. Pacifica's creeks and ample supply of fish and nuts fed generations. These residents lived in balance with nature, thriving on the ocean side of the San Francisco Peninsula and trading with other villages on the bay side.

The Spanish explorer Don Gaspar de Portolà arrived in 1769 and climbed the mountain behind Pacifica to a point now known as Sweeney Ridge. From that point, Portolà was the first European to discover the existence of San Francisco Bay. In the next decades, thousands followed, leading to the establishment of Mission Dolores and the creation of early San Francisco. Pacifica fed San Francisco from crops planted throughout the San Pedro Valley. In 1839, a Mexican land grant to Don Francisco Sanchez was made and it almost exactly matched the boundaries of modern-day Pacifica.

While much of modern-day Pacifica might be unrecognizable to the Ohlone or to Don Francisco Sanchez, one characteristic of those

early times would easily be recognized: families. Both in the distant past and today, Pacifica teems with families. The school district is highly regarded and has over 3,000 students from grades K through 8. Parents from biotech companies and other global corporations drive a few extra miles to work every day so that they may live in a community with quality schools and a web of soccer teams and gymnastics programs that allow children to thrive amidst friends. The annual family-friendly Pacifica Fog Fest draws tens of thousands from throughout the Bay Area to enjoy the sun, music, a hometown parade, and all of the cheese and nachos needed to earn a mother's scorn.

Civic life in Pacifica is energetic, to say the least. In recent years, the city has completed such notable projects as the undergrounding of utilities, the creation of a dog park, the commencement of a parking program at state beaches, improvements to the senior/community center, protection of environmental resources around the creeks and on the beaches, and numerous other public improvements that augment Pacifica's natural splendor.

The city's leadership is as strong today as ever, and it meets the challenges of modern governance head on. For example, City government illustrates its love-hate relationship with Mother Nature by joyfully paying to protect the snowy plover's nesting areas while scrambling to pay to prevent the erosion of bluffs to the beaches below. The council knows that if you walk along the beach near Pedro Point, you're probably walking on the sand that once existed as the bluff, a few miles north, that supports Esplanade Boulevard. Such is the duty of leadership in Pacifica where a councilmember must pay to maintain infrastructure in the coin of the realm while delivering sand and refurbished habitats for endangered species for free to the ultimate administrator of Pacifica's fate: Mother Nature.

Congratulations to the City of Pacifica upon 60 years of formal incorporation, from November 22, 1957 to the present. From tail fins on cars to shark fins in the ocean, the city has done well for itself. With its loving population and visionary leadership, there are many more adventures to come for this little place by the sea that 39,000 call home and celebrate as a place to embrace life, family and neighbors.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE AVIATION PROGRAM

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Northwestern Michigan College Aviation Program upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Through innovation, passion, and dedication, NMC Aviation has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Founded in 1967, NMC Aviation came from small beginnings with three planes and five instructors. In just 50 years, it has grown to be one of the most respected aviation programs in the country. Today, they continue to raise the bar of innovation through ground-breaking

courses and program partnerships with Michigan high schools and colleges across the world. Its instructors have real life experience, and its students have access to exceptional training and resources.

As a commercial pilot of 22 years, I know the great need for quality pilots in our global economy, as well as the dedication and skill this profession requires. NMC Aviation has proven itself to be one of the best institutions of its kind at training the next generation of pilots.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the NMC Aviation Program for its 50 years of success and community investment. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to this outstanding institution. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the Northwestern Michigan College Aviation Program all the best in its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM K. "BILL" MCALLISTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bill McAllister of Clarinda, Iowa who recently retired from the Page County Sheriff's Department with 37 years of service in law enforcement.

Bill's service to our country began as a member of the United States Army Military Police. He later began his career in law enforcement in 1980 with the Nebraska City, Nebraska Police Department, as well as graduating from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. He joined the Clarinda Police Department in 1982 as a patrolman and was eventually promoted to Sergeant. Bill graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and was awarded the 1987 Silver Star for Bravery from the American Police Hall of Fame. He was selected Outstanding Officer by the Clarinda Optimist Club in 1997, and that year, joined the Page County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff.

Page County Sheriff Lyle Palmer said, "Bill earned numerous certificates and attended classes every year to continue his knowledge of law enforcement. Bill had the ability to read people and he was a great benefit to the Sheriff's Department. He served the citizens of Page County with dignity and honor."

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF VIRGIL HANKS

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one

of my constituents and an American hero, Corporal Virgil Hanks. Corporal Hanks passed away last week at the age of 96, just a few days before Veterans Day.

Corporal Hanks joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1942 and was honorably discharged from the military at the end of World War II following four years of service. In 2015, in his hometown of Social Circle, Georgia, I had the distinct honor of presenting Corporal Hanks with a certificate of Congressional Recognition and a World War II Victory Medal for his valuable and selfless contribution to our Nation's wartime efforts.

Virgil Hanks will be remembered as an incredibly kind and humble man, dedicated to his late wife, siblings, and children, whom he loved fiercely. His legacy of service survives to this day throughout Georgia's 10th Congressional District, and he will be buried at the Georgia National Cemetery with his other brothers and sisters in arms.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence to honor the life of Corporal Virgil Hanks, a hero who deserves the respect of all Americans and will be sorely missed by so many in the community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HONOR BANK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Honor Bank upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through its trusted services, reliable staff, and community engagement, Honor Bank has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Founded in 1917 as Honor State Bank, just \$20,000 in capital and a determined staff built the bank into the community institution it is today. Over the course of 100 years, Honor Bank forged its path to success through World Wars and financial crises, all while maintaining its commitment to the community it was built upon. Today, the bank's capital has grown, yet it still promotes its ideals of independent community banking.

The bank's Honor Code of integrity, hard work, responsibility, teamwork, and reliability is illustrated through its Giving Back to our Communities program. During each month of this year's anniversary celebrations, Honor Bank is highlighting the work of a local non-profit agency chosen by the bank's employees. Through this Agency Spotlight, customers and employees are encouraged to donate needed items, and employees volunteer on average 100 minutes per month to the selected agency. These charities have included the Betsie Valley District Library, Michigan Blood, and the Benzie Food Pantry. Honor Bank continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when a company is built around a community.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Honor Bank and its staff for 100 years of success, service, and community investments. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Honor Bank all the best in its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BLUE STAR MOTHERS

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Blue Star Mothers in honor of Military Family Appreciation Month. Blue Star Mothers are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, Guard or Reserve, or who are veterans. These women provide support for the service members that make up our military, the veterans on the homefront, and the families of our service members and veterans.

The Blue Star Mothers started in the United States 75 years ago during World War II in Flint, Michigan. On January 22, 1942, the Flint News Advertiser printed a coupon asking mothers of servicemen to return the coupon after filling it out. The following February, 300 mothers came together for their first meeting and decided to form a permanent organization. They started working in hospitals and train stations, packed care packages for soldiers, and became a working part of homeland security during times of war.

Today, Blue Star Mothers have a presence in 40 states consisting of almost 300 chapters nationwide. In the State of Indiana, we have seven chapters that I would like to recognize directly. These chapters are the Blue Star Mothers of Indiana out of Monticello, the Blue Star Hoosier Mothers out of Crawfordsville, the North Central Indiana Blue Star Mothers out of Kokomo, the St. Joe Valley Blue Star Mothers out of South Bend, the Fort Wayne Area Blue Star Mothers out of Fort Wayne, the Hoosier Heartland Blue Star Mothers out of Kokomo, and the Indy Blue Star Mothers out of Indianapolis. Each of these groups has had an incredible impact on our community and on the Hoosier service members and their families.

These women know what it means to serve our country. They live it each and every day. It is with their help and strength that we are able to have the greatest military the world has ever seen. Behind each of our heroes, both at home and abroad, you will likely find a Blue Star Mother providing them the support, encouragement, and courage they need to fight our foes. Mr. Speaker, we need more Americans like the Blue Star Mothers.

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN ALDRICH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Martin Aldrich of Clarinda, Iowa for being selected as the 2016-17 Educator of the Year by Schmitt Music Company. The Schmitt Music Company operates music stores in 7 Midwest states, offering help to over 13,000 students per year with music lessons, and employing nearly 400 people, many who are professional musicians. They are dedicated to recognizing teachers who go above and beyond in their musical careers.

Martin is the Band Director at Clarinda Middle School in Clarinda, Iowa. He has served in that position since 2003. A graduate of Morningside College and the University of Kansas, he serves as the Southwest Iowa Bandmaster's Association representative for middle school affairs and has served as district president of the Southwest Iowa Bandmaster's Association. He also fills a leadership role in the Journey of Excellence Mentor Program for first year teachers and is a member of the District Leadership Team, which focuses on teacher professional development activities for visual arts, music, and physical education.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Martin for earning this award. He is an excellent example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of our youth and their education. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Martin for this outstanding recognition and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
NOVEMBER 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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

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10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anthony Kurta, of Montana, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, both of the Department of Defense, and Gregory E. Maggs, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

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