

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NORTH KOREA SANCTIONS ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2016

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters between myself and the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security regarding H.R. 757, the North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act.

JANUARY 12, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCCAUL: Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Foreign Affairs on H.R. 757, the North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act, and for agreeing to forgo a sequential referral request so that the bill may proceed expeditiously to the floor.

I agree that your forgoing further action on this measure does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security, or prejudice its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future.

I will seek to place our letters on H.R. 757 into the Congressional Record. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with your Committee as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,
Chairman.

JANUARY 12, 2016.

Hon. ED ROYCE,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Wash-
ington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROYCE: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Homeland Security in H.R. 757, the "North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015." The bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security.

I recognize and appreciate the desire to bring this legislation before the House of Representatives in an expeditious manner, and accordingly, the Committee on Homeland Security will not assert its jurisdictional claim over this bill by seeking a sequential referral. The Committee takes this action with the mutual understanding that by foregoing action at this time we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation.

This waiver is also given with the understanding that the Committee on Homeland Security expressly reserves its authority to seek conferees on any provision within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference on this or any similar legislation, and requests your support for such a request.

I ask that a copy of this letter and your response be included in the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill on the House floor.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman,
Committee on Homeland Security.

HONORING LOGAN A. LITTLETON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Logan A. Littleton. Logan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Logan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Logan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Logan has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Logan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Logan organized and managed a community Haunted Campground event at Smithville Lake in Smithville, Missouri, that hosted nearly 400 kids and helped collect items for the local food pantry and animal shelter.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Logan A. Littleton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH EAGLE SCOUT OF TROOP 349 OF SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scouts of America Troop 349, which is based out of Smithtown, New York.

It is said that only four percent of all young men involved in Scouting earn the rank of Eagle Scout, which is part of the reason the rank is so prestigious. Recently, Troop 349 recognized its 100th Eagle Scout award over its 45 year history. Thanks to the countless hours volunteered by adult leaders investing in our leaders of tomorrow, the future is looking brighter than ever.

Again, I would like to congratulate the leaders of Troop 349, as well as the 100 young men who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout while in the troop, and thank them for their dedicated service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO HERB SPIEGEL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Herb Spiegel will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Herb has dedicated himself to the Corona community.

Herb has been a citizen of Corona, California since 1958. His company, Corona Industrial Electric, Inc. is a fixture in the business community and was operated by Herb for 36 years. Herb retired in 1994, after receiving numerous awards and recognitions in the electrical contracting industry, and became actively immersed in the local community.

Wanting to give back and stay involved, Herb has been involved in numerous committees, clubs and organizations. Herb has remained active with the Corona Chamber of Commerce for 57 consecutive years. He has been involved as an active member of the Corona Host Lions for over 50 years, serving on the Board and in many other capacities. He is a member of the Corona Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge over 60 years; and an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom of Corona. Herb has also been active in philanthropy, community outreach, and local nonprofits for years including Corona Public Library, Corona Norco Unified School District, and as longtime judge for History Day.

Herb's tireless passion for his family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Herb a close friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Herb on achieving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD E. "GENE" EATON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gene Eaton of Sidney, Iowa, on his retirement as an attorney in Fremont County, Iowa, after serving for 53 years. For over 100 years, Gene, his father, and great-grandfather have been serving the Sidney community as attorneys.

In 1962 Gene joined the law practice that his great grandfather had begun in the 1800s. His father joined the practice in 1928. Gene

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has seen a number of changes in the legal profession over the last 50 years. The most significant change was the creation of the computer and how legal business is conducted today by e-filing casework, briefs, and files. Although there have been changes to the legal profession during his time as an attorney Gene's work ethic and dedication to upholding the law have stayed the same.

Mr. Speaker, Gene has made a difference in his community by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring his accomplishments. I thank him for his service to the city of Sidney and southwest Iowa and wish him and his family nothing but the best moving forward.

HONORING ADAM M. LARSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam M. Larson. Adam is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Adam has led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Adam has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Adam renovated the Dog Park in Liberty, Missouri, removing the old, worn-down apparatuses and installing new equipment.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adam M. Larson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I missed several votes last week to attend a funeral service in Massachusetts. I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present: Roll Call No. 33—No; Roll Call No. 32—Yes; Roll Call No. 31—Yes; Roll Call No. 30—Yes; Roll Call No. 29—Yes; Roll Call No. 28—Yes; Roll Call No. 27—Yes; Roll Call No. 26—Yes; Roll Call No. 25—Yes; Roll Call No. 24—Yes; and Roll Call No. 23—Yes.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES
RAMM HOLM, JR.

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Charles Ramm Holm, Jr. who passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Charlie was born in Savannah, Georgia, to Charles Ramm Holm, Sr. and Ruth Carr Holm. In 1961, Charlie moved away from South Georgia to Washington, D.C. to begin his distinguished 18 year career in the public service. His desire to assist the American people and the U.S. Congress led him to work for Congressman G. Elliot Hagan as well as the Congressional Liaison for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Congressional Liaison for the Executive Office of the President. His commitment to public service continued until his retirement in 1979 while working for the Select Committee on Outer Continental Shelf/Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Charlie was a long time member of the Board of Directors for the Congressional Staff Club, Vice President of the Administrative Assistants Association for the U.S. House of Representatives, and President of the Administrative Assistants Association.

Charlie's efforts still did not end there as he became a mentor to young children and a committed father by coaching his son's Little League baseball teams.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Janet; his two sons, Charles R. Holm III and James Douglas Holm, Sr.; his two grandsons, Christian Clarke Holm and James Douglas "Jimmy" Holm, Jr.; and one great-grandson, Ashton Cross Holm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. HUELKAMP. Mr. Speaker, on January 12, 2016, I was not present for rollcall vote number 38. If I had been in attendance, I would have voted no on roll call vote 38.

CONGRATULATING RALPH
FORQUERA ON HIS RETIREMENT
AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished career of Ralph Forquera, a tireless champion of the health and welfare of American Indians and Alaska Natives living in urban areas.

As Ralph prepares to step down after more than two decades as executive director of the Seattle Indian Health Board, I commend him for his important work and wish him the very best on his next steps.

Under Ralph's direction, the Seattle Indian Health Board has become one of the nation's largest community health programs for urban American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Health Board now provides a full spectrum of clinical care, including direct primary medical, dental, mental health, and substance abuse services, to more than 7,000 individuals. Ralph's leadership has been essential to the Health Board's growth and continued successes.

Throughout his career, Ralph has been a champion of the Native American community, especially those who are Native American but not a member of or affiliated with a federally recognized tribe. Through his advocacy, Ralph never lets us forget about the challenges that urban Indians continue to face, including a 26 percent poverty rate as well as health disparities and chronic underfunding of health services.

Ralph knows it can take a long time for federal policy to be updated and changed, but he is steadfast in his efforts and never gives up. He participated in over a decade of discussions that ultimately led to reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. He played an important role in reauthorizing and making permanent the urban Indian health title of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. And Ralph, to this day, continues to work to extend the 100 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage to urban Indian health programs.

I wish Ralph the best in retirement, and I congratulate him on an outstanding career.

HONORING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 (RET.) HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, a lifelong West Virginian. When the freedom of the United States and the world was in peril during the Second World War, he gallantly heard the call to defend our nation and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1943. After finishing his training in California, CWO4 Williams was stationed in the Pacific Theater and bravely fought in the Battle of Guam in 1944.

What truly distinguishes CWO4 Williams is the exceptional bravery he demonstrated during the battle of Iwo Jima. When tanks became ineffective on the beaches, he fought his way to destroy seven Japanese pillboxes while covered only by four riflemen. His bravery in taking out the pillboxes in the battle of Iwo Jima was a determining factor in turning the tide of the battle in favor of the Americans.

Mr. Hershel "Woody" Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Truman in 1945. The Medal of Honor was "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as demolition sergeant serving with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945." Mr. Williams is the last living Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Known by all as Woody, he had a distinguished career in the military and has spent his life tirelessly helping veterans and their families. His service to America and West Virginia is unparalleled. I have known Woody for decades and am proud to call him not only a constituent but a friend. On January 14, 2016, Woody Williams receives another honor: a ship in the United States Navy will bear his name. I congratulate and commend Mr. Williams on a remarkable and admirable life. Woody Williams serves as a pillar for all Americans to aspire to, a brave man who put his fellow Americans before himself.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETTY
OFFICER DERRICK SUBA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer Derrick Suba, who will receive the Air Medal from the United States Coast Guard for his lifesaving actions on February 15, 2015.

A native of Attleboro, Massachusetts, Petty Officer Derrick Suba is a proud alumnus of Bourne High School. After enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard in 2002 and graduating from Basic Training in March 2003, Petty Officer Suba began his career in the Coast Guard aboard the Coast Guard cutter, USCGC *Spencer*. After a brief tour, he attended Aviation Maintenance Technician School and received orders to report to Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina. A devoted husband and father of two boys, Petty Officer Suba has also been stationed at Air Station Kodiak in Alaska and Air Station Cape Cod in my district in Massachusetts. In addition to his designation as a MH-60 helicopter Flight Mechanic, Petty Officer Suba also has received advanced qualifications as a Flight Mechanic Examiner and is qualified in Vertical Surface, External Load and Advance Rescue Swimmer Operations.

On the morning of February 15, 2015, the Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center in Boston was alerted to a distress signal from the sailboat *Sedona*. Facing dangerous weather conditions, the onset of a severe winter storm, and no available escort aircraft for helicopter missions, the four-man crew of CGNR 6033 left Air Station Cape Cod to aid the *Sedona*. The pilot and copilot of CGNR 6033, Lieutenant John D. Hess and Lieutenant Matthew Vanderslice, expertly navigated despite deteriorating visibility, battling heavy snow, high winds, 25 to 35 foot seas, and severe thunderstorms to fly the over 300 nautical mile journey to and from the *Sedona*.

Hovering above the *Sedona*, Petty Officer Suba remained calm and professional in the face of life-threatening conditions and high-stake circumstances. Successfully, he hoisted his fellow crewman, Petty Officer Staph, seven times to rescue the two victims from the *Sedona*. His helmet visor became covered in snow and ice during the first hoist, so Petty Officer Suba continued to perform his duty without protective gear around his face despite gale force rotor wash and driving snow, sleet, and seawater.

During the third hoist, the hoisting system failed to function, forcing Petty Officer Suba to

execute an emergency procedure. This complicated and dangerous maneuver forced Petty Officer Suba and Lieutenant Hess to carefully coordinate a constant change in aircraft altitude in order to successfully retrieve Petty Officer Staph and the two survivors from the crest of passing swells. This extraordinary communication and concentration ensured that neither survivor spent more than three minutes in the frigid waters—saving their lives. Further, Petty Officer Suba administered first aid to his crewman, Petty Officer Staph, and the two survivors following injuries from the rescue and risk of hypothermia.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Petty Officer Derrick Suba as he is awarded the U.S. Coast Guard Air Medal. I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in recognizing this distinguished member of our Armed Services and wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MACOMBER

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I submit this obituary for George Macomber that appeared in the Boston Globe on December 20, 2015. George was a cofounder of Wildcat Mountain with my father and a lifelong friend.

GEORGE MACOMBER, 88; OLYMPIC SKIER, BUILT FANEUIL HALL SHOPS

(By Bryan Marquard)

Mr. Macomber was named to the US Ski Team for the 1948 and '52 Olympics. He was also president of the George B.H. Macomber Co. and a philanthropist.

George Macomber was the third generation to run the construction company founded by his grandfather, but the initial appeal of his family's business had as much to do with how much time he could spend racing down ski slopes.

In his 1997 memoir, "Plunging In," he wrote that the Macomber contracting firm "was the only company I could find that would let me take winters off! Otherwise I might never have been a builder—or a world-class skier."

He was both.

Competing in the upper echelons of both pursuits, often simultaneously, Mr. Macomber was named to the US Ski Team for the 1948 and '52 Olympics. And after succeeding his father as president at the age of 31, he led the company through major projects including Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston's Four Seasons Hotel, and Yale University buildings including the Center for British Art, and the hockey rink whose design inspired the Yale Whale nickname.

"My goal was to make a mark by building prestigious buildings," he wrote, adding that the company cemented a reputation as "the architects' contractor" through its can-do approach. "The George B.H. Macomber Company didn't say, 'Oh, you can't do that.' We said, 'Let's try it.'"

Mr. Macomber, a US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame member whose philanthropy reached from the slopes to Judge Baker Children's Center and cardiovascular research at Massachusetts General Hospital, died in his sleep Monday in his Westwood home. He was 88.

As a Massachusetts Institute of Technology student, Mr. Macomber envisioned a career at companies such as Lockheed or

Boeing, writing that his passion "was for all things theoretical, things mechanical." Ultimately, that formed his intellectual path into George B.H. Macomber Co.

"Figuring out problems was what drew him to his life work," his son John of Cambridge said. "For him, the construction business was about building things. He liked figuring out multidimensional problems."

One of those dimensions was the boardroom, where proposals were conceived, bids prepared, deals sealed.

"He was one of those people who knew how to make a decision and knew how to make it stick," said Tom Cornu, a longtime friend and real estate development partner. "He was a very bright businessman. I sat in development meetings with him where he had his slide rule—before we had calculators—and he could evaluate a real estate transaction quicker than anyone else in the room. He was just brilliant at it."

Cornu, who served with Mr. Macomber on the board of trustees at Judge Baker Children's Center, added that "George was a man with a huge heart" who applied his business acumen to philanthropic ventures. "He was very careful and precise about where he chose to spend his business time and where he chose to spend his volunteer time, so not a minute was wasted. It all went in the right places for the right reasons."

Through personal example, Mr. Macomber also was an inspirational figure on and off the ski slopes, said US Representative Ann McLane Kuster, a New Hampshire Democrat and longtime friend whose father and Mr. Macomber were among the four founders of the Wildcat ski area in Pinkham Notch, next to Mount Washington.

"It was just always a thrill to be with him on the mountain and to ski with him," she said. "To be with him, you felt like a million dollars. You felt like you could do anything. I'm blessed to have known him. He was a mighty, mighty man."

Mr. Macomber was born in 1927 on the day of the funeral of his grandfather George B.H. Macomber, who founded the family business in 1904. "This coincidence left some members of the family touched by the thought of one spirit leaving and another arriving in its place," he wrote.

He was the older of two children born to the former Jane Eaton and Charles Clark Macomber, who had been an All-American football player for Harvard College, playing offense and defense.

Mr. Macomber wrote that he was "a sickly child—asthmatic, and allergic to almost everything." Winters, free of pollen, provided a respite, and he learned to ski on the hill beside the family's Winchendon home.

He refined his skiing skills while attending Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, for which he later was a lifetime trustee, and Newton High School. His ski racing career blossomed during and after his years at MIT, from which he graduated in 1948 and where he would later endow a professorship. Though named to successive US Olympic ski teams, he was unable to participate in either Olympiad because of injuries. Mr. Macomber won national titles, however, and the prestigious Silver Belt race at Sugar Bowl Ski Resort in California. Decades later, he carried the Olympic Torch in 1984 on the leg through the Faneuil Hall Marketplace his company had built.

In 1947, he met Ann Drummond Leonard, who attended Smith College with his sister, when Ann visited the Macomber family's vacation home in Wolfeboro, N.H. They married in May 1953.

Three years earlier, in "the summer of 1950 I got a closer look at what building was all about when I took part in the project that had a lot to do with reawakening the George

B.H. Macomber Company from its wartime doldrums: Shoppers' World in Framingham."

From that beginning, through the expansion Mr. Macomber led after taking over as president, the company was the contractor for some of the most recognizable projects in Boston and elsewhere, including the MIT biology center, the Harborside Hyatt at Logan Airport, the 775-unit Mission Park affordable housing development, and Robert Frost Library at Amherst College.

Then in 1987, a week before he planned to step aside as president of the company, L'Ambiance Plaza in Bridgeport, Conn., collapsed during construction, killing 28 workers. The Macomber company was a joint venture partner in the project, and the resulting settlement cost the firm millions.

Though the tragedy was heartbreaking, "George was absolutely about personally leading the investigation into what happened and what caused this unusual structural failure—being there himself and looking at the engineering reports, standing up and saying, 'My name's on the door. This is what you do,' his son John said.

He added that from his father's life, "the biggest lesson was: 'Here's how one should be. Here's how one should conduct oneself.'"

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Macomber leaves a daughter, Grace Macomber Bird of Boston; another son, George of Park City, Utah; a sister, Gail Deaver of Stuart, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

The family will announce a public service in the spring.

"The biggest thing my father and I ever built was a reputation for absolute integrity, from the top of the company to the bottom," Mr. Macomber wrote in his memoir, but he added that he "measured success a bit differently."

"I decided early on that I was going to do my best to balance family, business, and community service—in that order of priority. I did not want to be the biggest contractor in the city, because I couldn't do that without losing sight of my priorities."

TRIBUTE TO SALLY CARLSON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Sally Carlson will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Sally has dedicated herself to the Corona community.

At her core, Sally prioritizes community service and her work. Sally is a mainstay at the Settlement House and has continually shown leadership and compassion to the many families who frequent the Settlement House. Many with whom Sally has worked have described her as a faithful servant that has been determined over the years to ensure children and families are clothed, fed and cared for. Additionally, through her work with Settlement House she has become involved with other similar local organizations to assist local families.

Sally's tireless passion for the families she serves and community outreach has contributed immensely to the betterment of the com-

munity of Corona, California. I am proud to call Sally a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Sally for achieving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH RUSHER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Deborah Rusher of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being honored by AARP for her service as a family caregiver during the National Family Caregivers Month. She is the only Iowan to receive this recognition in 2015.

Deborah serves as a professional and family caregiver. She started her career working in a nursing home at the age of 16. She then became a nursing assistant before continuing her education at Iowa Western Community College in nursing. Her training has been vital in providing hospice care for her mother. Currently, Deborah is caring for her 87-year old Father, Carl Belt. Deborah sees her work as a wonderful way to help loved ones and embraces her role as a family caregiver.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Deborah for earning this special recognition. It is because of Iowans like her that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Deborah for receiving this outstanding recognition. I wish her nothing but continued success and the very best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETTY OFFICER EVAN STAPH

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer Evan Staph—the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic actions on February 15, 2015.

It came as no surprise to those who know him, when Petty Officer Staph enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in the fall of 2007. A native of Dana Point, California, Petty Officer Staph was drawn to the water at a young age. Trained by his older brother, Brad, to swim in the ocean and surf before he could walk, he went on to excel on land—cross country and track and field—in high school and throughout his college career. The commitment and discipline he exhibited toward his athletic achievements strongly foreshadowed the determination Petty Officer Staph embodied when he joined the Coast Guard.

Petty Officer Staph transitioned to the U.S. Coast Guard airman program after a year aboard the Coast Guard cutter, USCGC *Maple*, where he graduated in 2010 with orders to report to Air Station Savannah, Georgia. Over the course of his four year tour, Petty Officer Staph flew more than 800 hours in the MH65 helicopter—saving numerous lives as an expert Rescue Swimmer. It was

also during these four years that he met his wife, Kayla, whom he married on November 15, 2014.

Soon thereafter, Petty Officer Staph was relocated to Air Station Cape Cod. While stationed in Massachusetts, Petty Officer Staph has devoted much of his free time to spiritual pursuits and organizes frequent Bible study sessions. He also finds time to give back to his community as an active member of the Big Brother Big Sister program and mentors his "little brother," Jamie. It is this strength of spirit and resolve that served Petty Officer Staph well nearly one year ago.

On the morning of February 15, 2015, the Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center in Boston was alerted to a distress signal from the sailboat *Sedona*. Facing dangerous weather conditions, the onset of a severe winter storm, and no available escort aircraft for helicopter missions, the four-man crew of CGNR 6033 left Air Station Cape Cod to aid the *Sedona*. The pilot and copilot of CGNR 6033, Lieutenant John D. Hess and Lieutenant Matthew Vanderslice, expertly navigated the deteriorating visibility, battling heavy snow, high winds, 25 to 35 foot seas, and severe thunderstorms to fly the over 300 nautical mile journey to and from the *Sedona*.

Hovering above the *Sedona*, Petty Officer Staph was lowered into the water to retrieve the survivors when the primary hoist unit failed—forcing the crew to use a backup hoist and dangerously complicating the rescue mission. During this extended process, static electricity on the rescue basket from the helicopter, weather, and lightning reached life-threatening levels. Before the basket was lowered to retrieve the remaining men, the crew struggled to discharge it against the water. Yet the buffeting winds blew the basket toward the second survivor. Heroically, Petty Officer Staph held himself between the victim and charged basket—and was struck by the static electricity with such intensity that he was knocked unconscious. Throughout the ordeal, Petty Officer Staph never let go of the survivor and completed his duty in rescuing the two mariners.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Petty Officer Staph for his exemplary dedication to his duty. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in thanking him for his selfless actions and for his service in keeping our nation's citizens safe at sea.

CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3762—RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong opposition to the Senate amended budget reconciliation bill.

This vote represents House Republicans' 62nd attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It's also the 11th vote to attack women's health care in the 114th Congress alone. This reconciliation package will undermine important patients' rights and take away critical benefits from Americans.

As we know, the Affordable Care Act has provided health security to nearly 18 million previously uninsured Americans since enacted in 2010. Nearly 9.9 million Americans have enrolled in the health insurance marketplaces, with millions more enrolled in expanded Medicaid programs, including an estimated 2.3 million in California alone.

In addition to repealing the ACA Medicaid coverage expansion, this bill eliminates ACA tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies for households with modest incomes. This poorly conceived bill terminates ACA tax credits available to small businesses, and undermines important community-based programs in the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Overall, the Congressional Budget Office estimates this bill will take affordable health coverage away from 22 million Americans after 2017, without providing a workable alternative to help Americans secure health care coverage.

Additionally, the reconciliation package puts women's health at risk by defunding Planned Parenthood, a provider serving millions of men and women throughout the country, and in some cases serves as the only provider within a given community. Planned Parenthood offers preventive services to millions of women, such as screenings for cancer and sexually transmitted infections, and family planning services.

Mr. Speaker, this ill-conceived reconciliation bill increases the number of uninsured Americans and puts women's health at risk. I strongly oppose this measure that will harm my constituents and prevent millions of Americans from accessing affordable health care.

113TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 113th anniversary of Korean American Day, which commemorates the start of Korean immigration to the United States.

On January 13, 1903, 102 brave souls set course from Korea and landed in Honolulu, Hawaii. Since then, the Korean American community has been a vital part of our country, serving with distinction in the Armed Forces during times of war as well as contributing in every field from science and medicine to entrepreneurship and the arts.

As their numbers have grown over the years, Korean Americans have become involved in local communities, organizations and politics. Our long-lasting and continued partnership has been and continues to be an extremely important one in today's world.

We continue to recognize the crucial role Korean Americans play in maintaining the strength and vitality of the partnership between our two countries and I congratulate and join in with the Korean American community today in celebrating this time-honored tradition and look forward to seeing the continued success of this vibrant community in our country.

TRIBUTE TO MARYANN SHERMAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Maryann Sherman will be honored as the 2015 Citizen of the Year by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Maryann has dedicated herself to the Corona community.

Maryann Sherman has been a pillar of the Corona, California community since 1966. She initially worked in her father's music store on Main Street, while she was an active parishioner and teacher at her church, St. Edwards Parish. Maryann later became employed with the Corona Norco Unified School District in the 1980s, and has recently retired as the Librarian at Jefferson Elementary School.

During her time as Librarian at Jefferson Elementary, Maryann developed ways to help engage and give back to the school community. She helped coordinate funding and programming for parents on how to use the computers, applications and a variety of other programs. Additionally, she always looked for ways to assist less fortunate students through finding resources for them. Maryann also helped serve her community while working as a Corona Public Library Trustee. She utilized the library's resources to help promote literacy to community individuals who may have not had the opportunity otherwise. Her commitment to giving back to the community has followed her from Jefferson Elementary to her new project, heading a fruit and vegetable program for the needy in our city twice a month.

Maryann is also dedicated to her family. She has been married to her husband, Tom, for 43 years. Together they have two children, Colonel Thomas Sherman and a daughter, Nancy Sherman. Maryann is a devoted mother and was very active in both of her children's school Parent Teacher Organizations. It was this involvement that helped lead her to working full time with the Corona Norco Unified School District.

Maryann's tireless passion for her family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Maryann a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Maryann achieving the Citizen of the Year award.

TRIBUTE TO KAY MOCHA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Kay Mocha of Missouri Valley, Iowa, on her retirement as the Director of the Pottawattamie County Planning and Development Department. Kay has served in that capacity for over 30 years.

During her tenure Kay has seen a number of changes in the Planning and Development

Department. Since she was appointed in 1984 the office has grown into a full service planning and development department that focuses on floodplain management, onsite wastewater treatment and disposal, private water wells, and the county's waste transfer station. Kay has served with 22 different county board members during her years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Kay on her retirement and for her many years of dedicated and devoted service to the citizens of Pottawattamie County. It is because of Iowans like Kay that I am proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Kay and in wishing her and her family the very best moving forward.

HONORING MAE DUKE

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mae Duke, who is being recognized by the Century Village Democratic Club for her distinguished service to the West Palm Beach community.

As part of the "greatest generation," Mae's life embodied the American dream. Mae is a first generation Jewish immigrant raised on Coney Island, New York and overcame numerous obstacles to complete her education and work as a laboratory technician. Mae married Sam Duke, a New York City Police officer, in 1947, and together they raised four children in Brooklyn.

Since her youth, Mae has believed in the importance of public service, civic duty, and participation in democracy. After her four children enrolled in public school, Mae ran for the local school board. Later, she and her husband started a youth league at their local synagogue. Today at age 89, Mae lives in West Palm Beach where she is admired by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is still active with local community groups and is the President of the Century Village Club.

Wherever her life has taken her, Mae Duke has selflessly volunteered her time and efforts to better her community. I am pleased to join in honoring Ms. Duke for her enriching, lifelong community service.

BAYLOR'S 2015 SEASON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Baylor Bears football team entered into this season with lofty expectations to go along with a pre-season top-5 ranking in the polls. The coach, the players, and the fans all expected the Bears to vie for a national championship or a berth in the College Football Playoff. However, it wasn't meant to be. Despite an 8-0 start, the Bears went on to drop 3 of their remaining 5 games, finishing with a record of 10-3.

At the start of the season, a 10-win season would have been a huge disappointment for

the Bears. But given what happened in the last couple of months, 10 wins ain't so bad.

With an 8-0 record, one of the best of fenses in recent memory, and perhaps the nation's best quarterback-receiver tandem, this team was looking more and more like a shoo-in for the Playoffs. But, that 8th win came with a price. Baylor's quarterback, Seth Russell, left the game in the third quarter with what appeared to be a strained back. As it turned out, Russell broke a bone in his neck, and would soon be ruled out for the rest of the season. The team now had to turn to a true freshman quarterback in Jarrett Stidham. Stidham—though a highly touted prospect with loads of talent—was still only a teenager and had never played in a meaningful college football game in his young career. His first start came on the road against Kansas State. Stidham would go on to have one of the best performances by a true freshman quarterback in NCAA history, going 23-33 for 419 yards and 3 touchdowns. As a reward for that performance, Stidham got to play top-10 Oklahoma the following week.

In his second career start, Stidham wasn't nearly as fortunate as he was in his first. He threw two interceptions in the game and was punished by the Sooners defense, often seen limping. Baylor would go on to lose on their home turf, 44-34. The season could still be salvaged, especially with a trip to Oklahoma State coming up, ranked sixth in the nation. Stidham was only able to play a half as he left the game in the third quarter, but the Bears would wind up with a win on the road against the undefeated Cowboys, obliterating them 45-35, though the game was never as close as the final score indicated.

After leaving the Oklahoma State game early with an injury, Stidham was soon also ruled out for the rest of the season, meaning the Bears would have to turn to third-string quarterback, Chris Johnson, for the remainder of the season. Given how he played in relief of Stidham against Oklahoma State, the Bears felt pretty confident in Johnson's abilities. But in Johnson's first career start on the road against an equally battered and bruised TCU, he faced an additional opponent—the weather. Near freezing temperatures coupled with non-stop rain and gale-force winds messed up with both offenses, as the typically high-scoring Baylor Bears and TCU Horned Frogs were held to just 14 points each through 4 quarters. TCU would end up pulling off the win in double overtime, 28-21.

In the regular season finale, Baylor played an old rival at home, the Texas Longhorns. After Johnson, Baylor's third-string—and only remaining—quarterback left the game in the first quarter, Baylor was forced to play the remaining game with a receiver at quarterback, almost solely running the football. Baylor went on to lose that game 23-17, though it wasn't for a lack of effort. After falling behind 20-0 in the third quarter, the Bears came storming back with 17 unanswered points. After a Texas field goal made the score 23-17, Baylor would get the ball back with a chance to win the game in the closing minutes, though not having the ability to throw the ball competently made this prospect all the more daunting. After a failed Hail Mary attempt in the closing seconds—which was thrown by the team's third-string running back—the Bears fell to the Longhorns 23-17.

There they were, sitting at 9-3, after coming into the season hoping for a 12-0 record and

a berth in the College Football Playoffs. As disappointing as 9-3 might have seemed, the team and its fans had to be proud of the way this team overcame the many obstacles put in front of it. Coach Briles and his team never gave up, despite all of their setbacks.

Riddled with injuries, the Bears were now looking forward to playing the top-10 ranked, 11-2 North Carolina Tar Heels in the Russell Athletic Bowl, fresh off a close loss to number 1 ranked Clemson in the ACC championship game. About a week before kickoff, the Bears learned that not only would they be without their first- and second-string quarterbacks, but that they would also be without their first-string running back and their best receiver, Bilitnekoff winner and NFL-bound Corey Coleman. Nobody in the world of college football would have batted an eye if the Bears lost, as they were expected to. But, much to the chagrin of the number 10 team in the land, the Bears tossed out the script and wrote their own version of the game.

The Bears put together one of the best performances of the season, amassing a record-breaking 645 rushing yards against a previously stout defense. The Bears, known for their prolific pass offense, only threw for 111 yards. But with the way the team was running the ball they didn't need to throw it. The Tar Heels were no match for Baylor's quick running backs and powerful offensive line. The Bears' physicality and Coach Art Briles' ability to adapt to ever-changing circumstances led to the team's 49-38 victory in the Russell Athletic Bowl, but once again the game was never as close as the final score indicated. With the win, the Bears finished the season at 10-3, their third-straight 10-win season and fourth in the past five years. This is a far cry from where the program was 10 years ago.

Though the Bears came into the season with national title hopes, this team should be proud of what it accomplished. Given the hand it was dealt, nobody would have blamed the Bears if they finished at 8-4 or 8-5. But this team pushed through the pain and battled, defeating two top-10 teams in their last four games of the season, despite missing several of its best players.

I'd like to congratulate the Baylor Bears for their successful 2015 season and exhilarating win over the number 10 North Carolina Tar Heels in the 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl. They made the state of Texas proud. I look forward to watching the team play next season. If the Bears got the injury curse out of the way in 2015, then watch out. I'm not a betting man, but if I were, I wouldn't bet against a healthy Bears squad in 2016.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO CHAD CARLSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chad Carlson, Bondurant-Farrar Middle School Principal, on his recent award as Administrator of the Year from the Iowa Association of Student Councils. Chad has been a dedicated public servant helping to educate the future of Iowa—its students.

Chad was nominated for this award by the Bondurant-Farrar Middle School student council. Students cited his ability to integrate a number of programs to help the students: anti-bullying awareness, welcoming efforts for new students, and assisting with educational student travel to Washington, D.C. Through Chad's leadership, students were able to represent Iowa at the Leadership Excellence and Development Conference in the nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent dedicated public servants like Chad in the United States Congress. It is Iowans like Chad that make me proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Chad on receiving this prestigious award, and wishing him and his students nothing but continued success in the years to come.

HONORING CHRISTENE CHADWICK MOSS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christene Chadwick Moss for her 25 years of service to the students and schools of Fort Worth as a member of the Fort Worth ISD Board of Education.

Mrs. Moss is a product of the Fort Worth Independent School District, having attended Como Elementary School and graduated from Como High School. She continued her education at Tarrant County College, earning an ADA degree before going on to earn her Bachelor of Science at Texas Wesleyan University and a Master's degree from Texas Women's University.

First elected to the Fort Worth ISD Board of Education in 1990, Mrs. Moss's leadership has been critical to the continued success of Fort Worth's schools and students. Long committed to improving community and student input, she created the first FWISD Community and Student Forums in 1994 and 1995.

Additionally, Mrs. Moss was able to balance budget priorities while reinstating art and music into primary school curriculum as well as establishing Fort Worth ISD's first strategic performance plan with high standards and accountability measures.

The Fort Worth community has long recognized Mrs. Moss's contributions to the area's students. C.C. Moss Elementary School was named in her honor and the Salvation Army named its children's library in her honor to commemorate her assistance in establishing a facility for homeless students.

Along with her commitment to education, Mrs. Moss is an active member of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, singing in the church choir and participating in their health ministry. She serves on the Executive Manager's Board, Usher Board, the Nurses' Guild and is president of the Vision of Women Ministry.

As a registered nurse by training and vocation, Mrs. Moss currently works with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. She has also served as an adjunct professor of financial management at Tarrant County College.

In honor of Mrs. Moss's 25 years of dedicated service to the Fort Worth community and its schools, this statement will be submitted on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,891,869,602,125.16. We've added \$8,264,992,553,212.08 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO BOB HEMBORG

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Bob Hemborg will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Bob has dedicated himself to the Corona community.

Bob is the founder and owner of Hemborg Ford, a local business fixture. He initially purchased the Ford dealership in Corona and he quickly realized he wanted more land. He relocated his business to the neighboring community of Norco. Bob has worked tirelessly with a strong work ethic and business practices that have enabled his dealership to grow and thrive in the community. Bob prides himself on having many repeat and multi-generational clients.

Family is also very important to Bob. When it came time for him to retire, he entrusted the day-to-day operations to his son Tor, though he is quick to tell you he is in the office regularly. Since semi-retiring, Bob has become involved in philanthropic outreach and business-related groups.

Bob's tireless passion for his family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Bob a close friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Bob on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO CAREY CROWSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

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

Crowson of Ankeny, Iowa, for being selected to the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame.

This year, Carey Crowson, a 1972 Mount Air graduate, was honored with inclusion in the Rock Hall of Fame for his individual accomplishments in the music industry over the past 40 years. Crowson has performed as part of a duo Jackson/Crowson and has been a member of a number of local bands. Backfire, Cactus Killers, Uncle Walt, and the Cavaliers from 1984–1995. Carey has also written and sung jingles and promotional songs for many major corporations.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Carey for his accomplishments today. His efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him and Iowans like him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carey for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MOTIVATION DAY OF JANUARY 2, 2016

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 15th anniversary of National Motivation Day.

National Motivation Day was originally introduced by my predecessor, Congressman Felix Grucci, in 2001. The goal of National Motivation Day was to call for a renewed sense of national motivation shortly following the devastating terror attacks against our country on September 11, 2001.

As we enter into a new year, many of us will use this time as a moment of reflection. I ask my esteemed colleagues to keep in mind the goal of National Motivation Day and let it continue to inspire us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on two votes cast on January 12th, 2016 on amendments to H.R. 1644, the STEAM Act.

On Roll Call Vote 38 on an amendment offered by Mr. KILDEE of Michigan, I did not vote. My intention was to vote "aye."

On Roll Call Vote 39 on an amendment offered by Mr. CARTWRIGHT of Pennsylvania, I did not vote. My intention was to vote "aye."

TRIBUTE TO NICOLE GRINDLE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicole Grindle of Malvern, Iowa, for her selection as

the 2015 Shenandoah School System Teacher of the Year. Nicole is a teacher at the Shenandoah Middle School where she teaches chemistry, physics, AP chemistry, and AP physics.

Nicole is recognized by her peers as a teacher who has a passion to teach and one who reaches far beyond the status quo in teaching her students. She is committed to challenging her students in academics, leadership, accountability, and responsibility. Nicole has an outstanding skill in instructing her students and building relationships of respect with them. When not teaching Nicole takes an active role in a number of school activities by helping her students develop their talents for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Nicole's leadership and her thoughtful technique. Nicole is an Iowan who is making a lasting impact in the lives of her students and for that we are deeply proud. She has dedicated her life to helping and serving others and so it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service and wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF AGNES ZHELESNIK

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Agnes Zhelesnik, who this week celebrates her 102nd birthday.

Mrs. Zhelesnik holds a very special national distinction—she is the oldest working teacher in America. Mrs. Zhelesnik teaches home economics at The Sundance School in North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Two years ago I visited her at The Sundance School. I was happy to meet her, tour her classroom and get to know some of her colleagues and students. They shared with me how her warm and friendly personality has made The Sundance School a wonderful place to learn.

She is a favorite among the students and her enthusiasm for educating makes her a great teacher and staff member.

On this special occasion, I thank Mrs. Zhelesnik for her years of public service and wish her continued good health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KNEELAND YOUNGBLOOD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the myriad accomplishments of a deeply curious and supremely impressive man—Kneeland Youngblood. Many people outside of the upper crust of Dallas' business community do

not know the name Kneeland Youngblood, and until recently, he would have been satisfied with that fact. However, Youngblood recently decided to expose himself and his story to the greater Dallas community in order to inspire a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

Kneeland Youngblood has found his success in founding Pharos Capital Group LLC. However, his career and life took many steps and progressions before he settled on this career. Youngblood was born in the segregated neighborhood of Galena Park in Houston. His father and mother struggled to make ends meet supporting Youngblood and his six siblings.

From these humble beginnings, Youngblood made his way to Princeton University, and then to UT-Southwestern Medical School. He began his career in Dallas in emergency medicine, and planned to climb his way up in the medical field, until his tastes changed.

Youngblood was integral in organizing a diverse group of young professionals who were fundraising for Anne Richard's initial gubernatorial campaign. During this successful period, Youngblood was exposed to the business community in a way that wetted his appetite. In the impressive and forward way he now operates his business, he approached powerful people in the business community and asked them for help in a career transition. He was forty.

Now, only twenty years later, he has founded Pharos Capital Group LLC, which operated a \$525 million institutional fund in 2014. He serves on several local boards, and recently became the first black member of the Dallas Country Club, where his father waited tables decades ago.

Mr. Speaker, more important to Youngblood than all of these successes, is the success of his family. He has six kids who between them went to Stanford, Harvard, Yale, or Princeton. Today, I want to honor the incredible path Kneeland Youngblood has travelled, and recognize him formally to allow him to serve as the example to young leaders and entrepreneurs he knows he is.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DOWNS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, John Downs will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. John has dedicated himself to the Corona community.

John is the second generation owner of local business icon Downs Energy. The business was started in 1962 by John's father, Elvin Downs. In 1976, Downs Energy made the decision to launch a key lock operation to sell fuel around the clock to trucking companies. John works closely on the day-to-day operations with his wife Catherine.

John is also a devoted father and husband. He and his wife Catherine have two children, Sherry Downs Messner and Mike Downs.

John describes having his children follow in his footsteps as something that makes him smile.

John's tireless passion for his family and the community has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call John a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating John on achieving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO GARY McCLANAHAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gary McClanahan upon his retirement from Central Campus in the Des Moines School System, where he served for 25 years.

Gary served as the director of the Central Campus for 18 years and spent 7 years as the school's supervisor of technology. Central campus is a career and technical education program that provides a diverse educational opportunity for students, from auto body repair to marine biology. Gary's commitment to excellence will be missed by all at Central Campus.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Gary on his retirement from the Des Moines Central Campus. It is because of dedicated Iowans like Gary that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Gary on this incredible milestone and wishing him nothing but the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on roll call no. 43, "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MARY LELIA ECKHART

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a valued constituent of mine in the second district of Ohio. Mary Lelia Eckhart, known by her friends as Lelia, will soon celebrate her 100th birthday on March 22, 2016.

Lelia Eckhart was born into a large farming family in 1916 with six siblings, in Lewis County, Kentucky. Beginning to learn the skills of a homemaker from the age of eight, she quickly became an integral member of her large and loving family.

As her family began moving away, Lelia decided to join her sister in Portsmouth, Ohio during the Great Depression in the 1930s. As southern Ohio struggled along with the rest of the nation during the Depression, Lelia was soon in high demand by many families for her skills. Soon, Lelia was employed by the Bannon family of Portsmouth where she worked for nearly 60 years.

Lelia's significant talents include needlework of all types, from designing to tailoring her wardrobe, and her cooking abilities are legendary. When asked to reveal her secret to creating such great food, she faithfully replies "It tastes so good because I stirred it with my finger!"

Lelia developed many lasting friendships which remain to this day. Central to her life is her devotion to her faith. She worships to this day at Cornerstone Methodist Church, from which follows the guiding principles of her long and story-filled life.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th birthday of Lelia Eckhart.

TRIBUTE TO RITA SCHROEDER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Rita Schroeder for being chosen for induction into the Southwestern Community College Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach. She will be inducted on January 23, 2016 in Creston, Iowa.

Rita was a 1982 graduate of Southwestern Community College and provided leadership to the Spartan volleyball program from 1984–2009. Under her guidance, the Spartans had a record of 704–382. They competed in national championships five times. Under Rita's leadership, each student-athlete was required to put school first, and during her tenure her teams received ten NJCAA team academic awards.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Rita for her well-deserved induction into the Southwestern Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. It is because of Iowans like Rita that I am proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Rita for this achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

HONORING JACQUELINE ANN BERRIEN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jacqueline Ann Berrien, chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from 2010 to 2014, who passed away on November 9, 2015, at the age of 53. I was privileged to know Jacqueline Berrien and to work with her here in the Congress.

A native Washingtonian, Jacqueline graduated from Oberlin College and Harvard Law

School prior to beginning her career as a distinguished civil rights lawyer. Jacqueline cut her teeth while working with the Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in the District of Columbia and with the National Legal Department and Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. After several successful years, Jacqueline became an assistant counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Legal Defense and Education Fund, where she focused on voting rights and school desegregation. She left the NAACP to become a program officer for the Ford Foundation's Peace and Social Justice Program, before returning as associate director-counsel of the NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund.

In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed Jacqueline Berrien as Chair of the EEOC, where she continued the work of combating discrimination, excelling as a public official in combating workplace discrimination. During her tenure, Jacqueline took on the new frontiers in employment discrimination, and despite budget shortfalls and a surge in cases, she helped the EEOC to significantly reduce its case backlog. As a civil rights lawyer and former chair of the EEOC myself, I worked with Jacqueline Berrien here in the Congress and greatly admired her many contributions to the work of the EEOC.

Jacqueline Berrien, in a life cut short by cancer, nevertheless managed to leave a rich civil rights legacy, consummated by a presidential appointment to do that work for the entire nation. Our country is fortunate that this champion for civil rights, rich in talent, short in time, managed to accomplish so much.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Jacqueline Ann Berrien for her exceptional civil rights career, for her service to the United States of America, and for a life well lived.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed the January 12 vote on Roll Call Number 43, regarding the question of passage of H.R. 757, the North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015. Had I voted, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LYNN UBBEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Lynn Ubben, Superintendent of Perry Community School District. Ms. Ubben has been named 2016 Iowa High School Athletic Association Outstanding School Administrator.

Ms. Ubben has been superintendent of the Perry Community School District for seven years. She is a member of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Representative

Council for Central Iowa and a previous Representative Council member of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. The Perry Community School District superintendent also serves on the IHSAA Classification Committee. Ms. Ubben has also been an active participant for students in her own school district, as you will often see her at games and activities, showing her support whenever she can.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Lynn for receiving this award and thank her for her service to the students and families of Perry Community School District. It is because of Iowans like Lynn that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Ms. Ubben and wishing her nothing but continued success in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 42 on final passage of H.R. 1644, the Supporting Transparent Regulatory and Environmental Actions in Mining Act or the STREAM Act, I would have voted Aye, which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

H.R. 3662 AND S.J. RES. 22

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to make today's votes due to important business in my district. Had I been here, I would have voted against both H.R. 3662 and S.J. Res. 22.

S.J. Res. 22, the bill to kill the Waters of the United States rule, is a cynical attempt to endanger the public health to score points with anti-environmental interests.

At this very moment, parents in Flint, Michigan are worried about their children's future after toxic lead exposure in their water. The blame for their concerns belongs here and in Lansing where anti-environmental interests have co-opted elected leaders. Today, Republicans spoke about the governors who have not challenged the Waters of the United States rule, saying they were too afraid to stand up for corporate interests. Bills like S.J. Res. 22 leave me wondering when my colleagues across the aisle will have the courage to stand up to corporate interests and for their constituents.

H.R. 3662 is a similarly wrong-headed bill, which requires the President to certify things he cannot know or prove, and would have the effect of blocking the Iran Deal from going into place. Bills that serve no purpose other than inflaming tensions between the United States and Iran have no place in this body, and I strongly condemn this attempt to derail the Iran Deal.

IN MEMORY OF TAMON ARENCE WILLIS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "loving", "witty", "thoughtful", "prankster", "mama's boy".

These are a few words that came to mind instantly by those who knew and loved Tamon Arance Willis.

Eighteen years old, Tamon had just completed his first semester at the University of Houston. He was working two part time jobs to help ease the financial burden from his parents. Born in The Woodlands, Texas, Tamon graduated from New Caney High School at the top of the Class of 2015. He was proud of his Texas roots, and he held on to them. He lived in a small town, New Caney, just outside of Houston.

As a big brother, Tamon loved his four younger siblings. He was their protector. He was also a self-described prankster whose pranks were usually targeted at his younger brothers and sisters.

With the love and support of his family, at the start of his college career, Tamon had a bright future ahead of him. The world was his oyster. It was until this past Saturday morning, just five days before his 19th birthday. Tamon had woken up early to go to work when sadly and tragically, his life was cut short in a hit and run motorcycle crash.

Like a cold hearted coward, the driver who hit Tamon fled the scene. He had no remorse or compassion for what he did. He just left Tamon in the middle of the road. Another vehicle then came and hit Tamon again, causing the driver to lose control, where he crashed and ended up in the ditch. Tamon died at the scene.

Word spread fast in the small community; tragic events and loss have a way of bringing people together. The Willis family soon found themselves surrounded by friends and family members, while authorities released a surveillance video from the convenience store of the vehicle in question. The search for the cowardly driver was on.

The photo and video of the suspect's vehicle was quickly circulated to news media and shared via social media. By Sunday night, Texas DPS troopers arrested Eric Brian Ellison, an ex-con from nearby Crosby, Texas, and charged him with Accident Involving Death. May justice be swift for this heinous crime.

On Thursday, January 14, Tamon will be laid to rest on what would have been his 19th birthday. Tamon's parents have made the decision to have his funeral on his birthday as a way to celebrate his life. Although they mourn the loss of their son, they wish to celebrate his brilliant life and cherish their loving son.

On behalf of the constituents of the Second Congressional District, I extend my deepest sympathies to the Willis family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them during this most difficult time.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO GREASE MONKEY
AND PETE AND BRAD KRAUSE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pete and Brad Krause of Council Bluffs, Iowa. On December 2, 2015, Pete, Brad, and their staff celebrated 30 years in business at Grease Monkey, an auto shop that offers oil changes and other auto maintenance services.

Pete and his Grease Monkey franchise have become an institution in Council Bluffs, but if it weren't for some unfortunate circumstances, it may never have even been established. Pete became stranded in Council Bluffs in 1960 on his way home to Minnesota from college in South Carolina. He had run out of gas and money. He took a temporary job in Omaha, Nebraska, to make enough money to get back home, but he never made it there. Pete opened his business in 1985 and his son, Brad, joined the family business in 1991. Brad became an owner in 2013 after purchasing the business from his father. The company has 13 employees and serves over 500 vehicles weekly. Pete said the business has gone through many ups and downs, including surviving the 1988 tornado that caused extensive damage to the store. The Council Bluffs Grease Monkey is a very successful franchise and ranks third in sales among Grease Monkey franchises throughout the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Pete and Brad Krause, along with their staff, for the dedicated service they provide to Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Council Bluffs Grease Monkey on this momentous occasion and in wishing Pete, Brad, their families, and employees nothing but the best moving forward.

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 Com-

mittee—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, January 14, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the near-term outlook for energy and commodity markets.

SD-366

JANUARY 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine improving the Federal response to challenges in mental health care in America.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine understanding the goals and ideology of ISIS to better protect the homeland.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Task Force for Business and Stability Operations projects in Afghanistan.

SR-232A

JANUARY 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status of innovative technologies within the automotive industry.

SD-366

JANUARY 26

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the role of the Service Chiefs in defense acquisition in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the presidential memorandum issued on November 3, 2015 entitled, "Mitigating Impacts on Natural Resources from Development and Encouraging Related Private Investment."

SD-366

JANUARY 27

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the substandard quality of Indian health care in the Great Plains.

SD-628

JANUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status of innovative technologies within the nuclear industry.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine energy-related trends in advanced manufacturing and workforce development.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

MARCH 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

MARCH 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service.

SD-366