

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DEBBIE FARRELL ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Debbie Farrell who is retiring from her position as principal of Forest Hills Elementary School after more than 35 years dedicated to education.

Mrs. Farrell began her teaching career at Coweta County School System in Newnan, Georgia in 1979. She showed her commitment to serving students with special needs by teaching Special Education in Des Moines, Iowa from 1980 to 1982 and serving as a learning disabilities clinician from 1984 to 1989. From 1992 to 1999 she worked as a special education teacher then as an Associate Principal in District 101 in Western Springs, Illinois. In 2001–2002 she served as Principal at South Elementary School in Westmont, Illinois. Since 2002 Mrs. Farrell has been the Principal at Forest Hills Elementary School in Western Springs District 101. Under her leadership, the school has been rated a Top 25 school in the State of Illinois four times, including one year in which Forest Hills was the second-highest performing in the State.

Mrs. Farrell received a Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University and Master's Degrees from both St. Xavier University and Iowa State University. She resides in Palos Park, with her husband Kevin, her sons Jim and John, and her daughter Katie.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mrs. Debbie Farrell for all she has done in her 35 plus years as an educator and to congratulate her on her retirement. Thousands of students have greatly benefitted from her dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING APRAXIA AWARENESS

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a speech and communication disorder that causes extreme difficulty in learning to speak, which can affect literacy and school performance. Often times, children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech require frequent and aggressive speech therapy to improve their ability to communicate. Sadly, the cause of the disorder is unknown. More progress must be

made to understand and develop better treatment for this complex condition.

Fortunately, the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association located in Pittsburgh, PA continues to work tirelessly to raise awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech and to provide support to families of affected children. Thanks to their hard work, great strides have been made toward educating the public, and local, state, and federal officials. Increased awareness of this disorder will serve as an impetus toward more effective treatment, as well as to create a more supportive environment for families struggling with this rare condition.

Children with apraxia and their families confront tremendous obstacles with determination and persistence. To all the families and children living with apraxia, I offer my heartfelt encouragement as you deal with the unique challenges you face. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these individuals on Apraxia Awareness Day this May and in thanking the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association for increasing awareness in our communities about this challenging disorder.

DARWIN ANDERSON: INNOVATOR, FIREFIGHTER, AND FRIEND

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darwin Anderson of Brainerd, Minnesota. Last Saturday the tanker base at the Brainerd Airport was named after Darwin, who passed away February 6th 2015, to commemorate his 43 years of service and exceptional work as a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) firefighter.

Darwin was one of the first to see the potential for using aircraft and a network of tanker bases throughout the state to fight wildfires. He was also a pioneer in utilizing a helicopter with a bucket as a tool for fighting wildfires. In addition to Darwin's innovations, his compassion and charisma have earned him the respect of his coworkers. His colleagues speak very highly of Darwin's supervisory skills and the guidance he has given them throughout their careers. Many of his peers attribute their own success to Darwin's mentoring.

Leaders such as Darwin make a positive impact on others' lives and in their communities—so much so one of his colleagues said, "With Darwin, forestry equaled family." His family, wife Janet, sons Jeffery, Ryan, Erik, and daughter Yvette gave him the support he needed to do such a difficult job.

It is an honor to recognize Darwin's many accomplishments, and I know my colleagues will join me in thanking Darwin for his leader-

ship, innovation, and many years of dedicated service to our state.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TWO NICOLE SPROESSER

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer Two Nicole Sproesser for her achievements, contributions, and service in both the U.S. Army and the New Jersey National Guard.

Chief Sproesser joined the Army in 2001. She deployed to Kuwait and Iraq as a Quartermaster, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom from February 2003 to October 2003. She was responsible for transporting all food, water, and supplies to units across Iraq. For her logistical support of 2,496 soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Promoted to sergeant after just two and a half years in the Army, she was awarded the Soldier of the Year for the 49th Quartermaster Group.

After fulfilling her service obligation with the Army in August of 2004, Chief Sproesser joined the New Jersey National Guard in December of that same year. In 2008, she was selected to become a Warrant Officer and now works as the Property Book Officer for the 57th Troop Command, where she manages and maintains 18 units with property totaling 189 million dollars.

While in the National Guard, Chief Sproesser served in numerous major homeland security operations, including Hurricane Sandy, as a Battle Captain, and Hurricane Irene, as an Officer in Charge. She has displayed both tactical and technical leadership abilities numerous times and has been inducted into the International Society of Logistics in 2015.

Chief Sproesser comes from a family committed to public service; her mother also served in the Army and her father is currently serving as President of the New Jersey Fraternal Order of Police. She and her husband, Eric—an Army Purple Heart recipient, also have three children, Christian, Aiden, and Cora Grace with whom they take frequent trips to tour Civil War battlegrounds.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer Two Nicole Sproesser is a great American whose dedication to serving her country in the U.S. Army and New Jersey National Guard is an inspiration to her community. I join with her family, friends, and all of New Jersey in honoring the selfless service of this exceptional woman.

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IN RECOGNITION OF RUTGERS
UNIVERSITY'S 250TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 250th anniversary of one of the greatest academic institutions in New Jersey, the United States and the world.

Since 1766, Rutgers University has forged young minds and prepared our nation's workforce. Students at Rutgers get exposure to the full range of academic disciplines and the kind of trailblazing research that can only be found at the world's top research institutions. Reflecting the assets of the great state of New Jersey, the Rutgers student body is also one of the most diverse in the nation.

Throughout the years, I've enjoyed the privilege of representing the Rutgers community. During my time in Congress, whatever issue comes across my plate, I've always had the nation's experts in every field within arm's reach.

That's especially true in recent years, following the merger with University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and the designation of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey as a National Cancer Institute.

It is Rutgers' tremendous history of academic achievement and national leadership that led President Obama to accept the University's invitation to speak at its 250th commencement this coming Sunday. I was proud to lead two Congressional letters urging the President to accept Rutgers' invitation.

I commend Rutgers for its 250 years of contributions to our country, and I'm excited about Rutgers' future and its accomplishments yet to come.

FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER FIRST
ROBOTICS TEAM 597 ENDS A
YEAR AS WORLD CHAMPION

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to welcome home the Foshay Learning Center FIRST Robotics Team 597, the Wolverines, who have closed out their year as reigning champions at the competition that ended on April 30, 2016.

One year ago, Team 597, coming from an inner-city Los Angeles school in my district, beat out 18,000 students with 900 robots from 40 countries to win the Chairman's Award, the highest honor given at the 2015 FRC World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri. The award recognizes the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate, and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST, including the promotion of not just STEM skills but teamwork, entrepreneurship, volunteerism and resourcefulness.

Under strict rules, limited resources, and the guidance of volunteer mentors including teachers, engineers, business professionals, parents, alumni and more, the Wolverines team had just six weeks to build and program their

robot to perform challenging tasks against a field of competitors. They also had to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and perform community outreach. In addition to learning valuable STEM and life skills, participants are eligible to apply for millions in college scholarships.

Under the leadership of their advisor, Foshay math teacher, Darryl Newhouse, Team 597 not only built a great robot, competed in local and regional events, raised funds to support their work and the trip to St. Louis, but they also excelled in seeding teams at local elementary schools and giving back to their community in multiple ways.

Just last month, Team 597 had the honor of sending two representatives to the 2016 White House Science Fair, initiated by President Barack Obama six years ago to honor the student winners of a broad range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) competitions across the country. And last week they returned to St. Louis as reigning champions.

I salute the Wolverines and the parents, teachers, parents, family, friends, organizations, and professionals who support them.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN A.
MARKEY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John A. Markey for his service to the City of New Bedford and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Mayor of New Bedford. I am also proud to commemorate the apt naming of the city-owned plaza on Front Street in the city he served with such dedication.

Jack Markey, as he is known to most, was first elected to serve the citizens of New Bedford as its mayor in 1971. At that time, there was a great need for strong leadership to preserve and restore the rich tapestry of this historic city. Under his eleven-year tenure over six terms, Mayor Markey ushered in essential investment and restoration projects into the Downtown New Bedford Historic District—serving as a critical turning point for New Bedford and for the perception and image of this tourist destination.

Under Mayor Markey's leadership, the City made several forward-thinking investments in community development, including burying utility lines, resurfacing streets with cobblestone, enhancing landscaping and restoring several historic landmarks. Before leaving office to become the Presiding Judge of the New Bedford District Court in 1982, Markey strongly advocated for the establishment of the New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park. It is for these reasons that he is deservedly recognized by having this plaza named after him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lifelong service and commitment of John A. "Jack" Markey to the City of New Bedford.

HONORING SCOTT CETOUTE FOR
ACHIEVING PERFECT ATTEND-
ANCE WHILE ENROLLED IN THE
BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYS-
TEM FROM KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH HIS SENIOR YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize Mr. Scott Cetoute, a student-athlete and soon to be graduate of Plantation High School. Scott was recently honored at the Broward County Public Schools fifth annual Best-in-Class and Perfect Attendance Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 12, 2016, and will be honored again on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Broward County School Board Meeting.

The Best-in-Class Award is an accolade presented to students who have been continuously enrolled in Broward County Public Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, who have perfect attendance. This is a remarkable achievement and it is an immense honor of mine to recognize Scott for his unwavering devotion to education.

Having never missed a single day of school for a total of 2,340 days is no small feat. Furthermore, in a show of appreciation, various community and business partners have joined together to provide Scott and fellow honorees with an assortment of gifts and supplies that will assist them as they continue their journey towards higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to commend Mr. Scott Cetoute for his dedication and commitment to education. He is a shining example of student success. I wish him all the very best as he begins studying at Broward Community College this summer to earn his Associate Degree, then upon completion he will continue his education further at Florida International University (FIU). Scott has strong aspirations to become a Pharmacist once he completes his education. I know that he will make his community and the state of Florida proud.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR RITA
CATALINA ROSALES GONZALEZ

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Major Rita Catalina Rosales Gonzalez for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our nation. Major Rosales has distinguished herself through her service while serving as a Legislative Liaison in the Army's House Liaison Division from June 2015 to April 2016.

A native of Monterrey, México, Major Rosales immigrated to the United States when she was just ten years old. Feeling a call to service, she joined the Army in 2005 and served the first seven years of her career at Fort Bliss in my district of El Paso, Texas. While at Fort Bliss, Major Rosales served as a Patriot Launcher Platoon Leader; a Patriot Fire Control Platoon Leader and Battery Trainer; a Battalion Fire Direction Section Officer-in-

Charge; a Brigade Chief Air Defense Fire Control Officer; and as a Battery Commander. Following her time at Fort Bliss, Major Rosales would later serve as a Public Affairs Officer in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Major Rosales' service to our country also includes two deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, once to the United Arab Emirates from 2008 to 2009 and once to the Kingdom of Bahrain from 2011 to 2012.

Major Rosales' career has been marked by excellence, as evidenced by her selection as the Distinguished Honor Graduate of her Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course; the Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Patriot Top Gun Course; the Honor Graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officer Course; and the Honor Graduate of her Air Defense Artillery Captains' Career Course.

As Major Rosales transitions to her role as a Battalion Operations Officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, I am confident that she will approach this role with a continued commitment to excellence and selfless service. Her outstanding leadership, strategic vision, and keen judgment are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon her, the Office of the Army Legislative Liaison, and the United States Army.

OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. FRED UPTON,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN UPTON: I am writing with respect to H.R. 4981, the "Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act," which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. As a result of your having consulted with us on provisions in H.R. 4981 that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, I agree to discharge our Committee from further consideration of this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 4981 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and asks that you support any such request.

I would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 4981, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be in-

cluded in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration of H.R. 4981.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GOODLATTE: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4891, the "Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act."

I appreciate your willingness to forgo action on the bill, and I agree that your decision will in no way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation.

I will include a copy of your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 4891 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,
Chairman.

TO HONOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EDNA LANIER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Edna Lanier who passed away on April 17, 2016, at the age of 99. Throughout her life Mrs. Lanier was a fixture in the community of Lexington, North Carolina, and she will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. I send my prayers and sincerest condolences to Mrs. Lanier's family and friends during this difficult time.

By all accounts, Mrs. Lanier was the embodiment of what a North Carolinian should be—she was devoted to her family and friends, kind to every person she met, and passionate about making her community a better place for all to live. Throughout her life, Mrs. Lanier had a giving-spirit and wanted to share her knowledge and experiences with those around her, which led to her mentoring young women in her spare time. She was deeply committed to her faith and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Lanier was also a passionate sports fan, especially of her beloved University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

Mrs. Lanier was also a small business owner and a prominent member of the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1940, Mrs. Lanier and her husband, Ardell, opened Lanier Hardware, which has been a fixture in uptown Lexington since the day it opened. Because Mr. and Mrs. Lanier were partners in everything they did, whether it was in business or in their everyday lives, she helped run the hardware store and would do all of the book-keeping and accounting. They also started Standell Properties, a local real estate business.

In addition to their successful business ventures in Lexington, the Laniers were actively involved in philanthropic efforts to help others

in the community, working with local programs like the Lexington Civitan Club, the Davidson Prison Ministry and the West Davidson Public Library. Mrs. Lanier was often recognized by organizations in Lexington for her devotion to her community and the impact she had on the area. Among her many awards, Mrs. Lanier was recognized by the Lexington Chamber of Commerce as the 2006 "Outstanding Woman of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in remembering the life of Edna Lanier and celebrating her legacy that benefited so many in the town of Lexington, and the state of North Carolina.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER MATTHEW L. DUNLAY, AS HE PREPARES TO RETIRE AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND TO OUR NATION

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Commander Matthew L. Dunlay, as he prepares to retire after 20 years of Commissioned Service to the United States Navy and for his extraordinary dedication to duty and to the United States of America.

I have worked with Commander Dunlay personally over the past three years when he worked as an Appropriations Liaison in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller). I would like to share with you some highlights of his fine career.

Commander Matthew L. Dunlay graduated from the Norwich University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He was commissioned an Ensign upon completion of the NROTC program and reported directly to Pensacola, FL for flight training. He was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1998.

Commander Dunlay has served in a variety of sea and shore assignments during his career. At sea, his assignments include HSL-46 deploying to the Adriatic Sea in support of Operation Noble Anvil during the 1999 Kosovo Campaign onboard USS *Vella Gulf* (CG 72) and to the South Pacific Ocean in support of Counter Narco-Terror operations on board USS *O'Bannon* (DD 987). Serving at HSL-60, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf, Horn of Africa and Red Sea onboard USS *Philippine Sea* (CG 58) in support of OIF and OEF, and then as Officer-in-Charge onboard USS *John L. Hall* (FFG 32) where he led the Navy's first Aerial Authorized Use of Force Detachment deployed with U.S. Coast Guard Aerial Sharp Shooters to the USSOUTHCOM AOR. His assignments while at HSL-60 included Squadron Operations Officer and Squadron Maintenance Officer.

Shore assignments include Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ONE (VX-31), China Lake, CA as a Helicopter Search and Rescue Mission Commander and C-26 Transport Aircraft Commander. Commander Dunlay has also been assigned to the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI, for duty as a Graduate Student enrolled in the College of Naval Command and Staff.

In 2008, he was selected as a Navy Legislative Fellow to the U.S. House of Representatives where as a key staff member he advised a Senior U.S. Congressman on National Security Policy and Foreign Defense Affairs. Following his Legislative Fellowship on Capitol Hill in 2009, he reported to Colorado Springs, CO where served as the Senior Military Advisor to the Commander, NORAD and USNORTHCOM for Legislative Affairs.

After completing his assignment at NORAD and USNORTHCOM, Commander Dunlay reported to his current assignment as a Congressional Liaison in the Navy's Financial Management and Budget Office managing a diverse portfolio containing the Research Development Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriations along with the Missile Defense, Cyber and C4ISR appropriations. For nearly three years, Commander Dunlay has demonstrated exceptional leadership and foresight, engaging Members of the Appropriations Committee and its Staff to provide information essential to resourcing the Navy for its role as the world's dominant sea power. In an increasingly difficult budget environment, Commander Dunlay provided essential support in shepherding three Navy budgets through the appropriations process. Matt served our Navy and nation with integrity, insight and dedication. My office, the subcommittee staff, and I have found him to be a pleasure to work with and all respect his professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Commander Matthew L. Dunlay for his extraordinary dedication to duty and steadfast service to this country throughout his distinguished career. We wish Matt, and his sons Luke and Remington "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he leaves the Naval Service.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BARBARA AND BILL CARNEY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the marriage of Barbara and Bill Carney. On May 14, 2016, Barbara and Bill Carney will celebrate fifty years of marriage, friendship, fun, and family. Those 50 years have taken them on a winding and unpredictable journey—from the Irish Catholic neighborhood of Flatbush, Brooklyn, to the suburbs of Long Island, to the halls of the United States Congress—with unforeseen stops and innumerable joys along the way. With love, respect, and patience, they made it look easy. Their lives together, their love for each other, their generosity of spirit, and their faith and humor have impacted so many people through the years.

Barbara Haverlin and Bill Carney grew up blocks from one another in Brooklyn. They attended the same parish, St. Catherine of Genoa, frequented the same places, and enjoyed overlapping groups of friends. They did not meet, however, until their early twenties at O'Reilly's Pub, where Bill was tending bar and Barbara was dating one of the O'Reilly brothers. On a dare from co-workers, Bill asked out the boss's girlfriend. Within two weeks of the

first date, they decided to marry and were wed twelve months later.

Both having lost their parents in their teens, Barbara and Bill deeply appreciated the importance and value of family. Both were blessed with extensive community and family, where one's brother, cousin, and neighbor were always there for each other. That is the value and spirit that Barbara and Bill maintained in raising their two daughters, Julie Baker and Jackie Carney D'Aquila.

After marriage, Bill held multiple jobs to support his family—always willing to try or learn a new skill. Never one to shy away from challenges or view something as impossible, Bill decided to run for U.S. Congress at 32 years old. In 1977, with Barbara's backing and the support of a handful of what would prove to be life-long friends, Bill beat the odds and was elected to represent the 1st Congressional District of New York. During his political career, Bill enjoyed phenomenal staff, advisors, and friends. He served four terms in the House before deciding to retire and open his own boutique consulting firm in 1986.

Bill and Barbara will be joined in celebrating their 50th Anniversary this month by their daughters, sons-in-law, four grandchildren, and scores of friends and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following Roll Call vote on May 11, 2016 and would like to reflect that I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Number 183: NO.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 189, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 4586, Lali's Law I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keesler Air Force Base on the celebration of their 75th anniversary.

On June 12, 1941 Army Air Corps Station Number 8, Aviation Mechanics School was activated and on August 25, 1941 it was officially designated Keesler Army Air Field in honor of Second Lt. Samuel Reeves Keesler of Greenwood, MS. Lt. Keesler and his pilot were shot down after engaging four German aircraft on

October 8, 1918. Lt. Keesler was seriously injured and died the following day. He was posthumously awarded the WWI Victory Medal with Silver Star for his heroism.

Following the passage of the National Security Act of 1947 the United States Air Force became a separate military service, and Keesler Field became what we know it as today, Keesler Air Force Base. Since 1941, Keesler Air Force Base has served as an irreplaceable training ground for our men and women of the military.

In recognition of their dedication to the mission as well as their dedication to the Airmen stationed there, on April 5, 2013 Keesler Air Force Base was awarded the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence, signifying Keesler as the best Air Force Installation within the Department of Defense.

Once again, I would like to commend the men and women of Keesler on their 75th anniversary celebration.

HONORING MR. LARRY BETTINELLI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Larry Bettinelli, who is being honored as the 2016 Napa Valley Grower of the Year at the Napa Valley Grapewine's 41st annual dinner in Napa, California.

Mr. Bettinelli, a fifth generation Napa Valley farmer, has a long history of successful management and leadership within the vineyard industry in California, as well as a proven commitment to serving his community. He graduated from St. Helena High School before completing his Agriculture degree at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Before founding his successful vineyard management company, Bettinelli Vineyards, Mr. Bettinelli served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a helicopter pilot, and worked as a Vineyard Manager for Beringer Vineyards and Jaeger Vineyards.

Throughout his career, Mr. Bettinelli has exemplified the values of the Napa Valley Grapewine. In his own business, he prioritizes the preservation of vineyards and agricultural resources of the Napa Valley, and also serves on the Napa County Disease and Pest Control District Board. Drawing on his knowledge and success in the vineyard industry, Mr. Bettinelli represents and advocates on behalf of growers as Chairman of the Napa Valley Grapewine's Industry Issues Committee.

Building on his own family history in the Napa Valley, Mr. Bettinelli looks to the region's future by sharing his expertise with the next generation of growers and farmers. He has served as the Founding Chairman of the St. Helena High School Agriculture Establishment Committee and as President of the St. Helena Future Farmers of America boosters. Mr. Bettinelli also finds the time to volunteer with the Yountville Veterans Home chapel and sits on Board of Directors for the St. Helena Choral Society.

Mr. Speaker, Larry Bettinelli has had a remarkable career as a business leader and has

been a lifelong community servant in our Napa Valley community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING EDWARD A. HILL

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Edward A. Hill, a loving husband, son, brother, uncle, friend and colleague. Ed was a member of my staff from 2007 to 2011. His wife, Jessica Zufolo, also served on my staff in the late 1990s. They have been a part of the DeFazio family for many years, and it is with a heavy heart that we mourn Ed's passing.

Ed didn't start out working in politics, but after volunteering to help elect Chris Murphy in 2006 he decided to leave his insurance industry job in Connecticut and move to Washington, D.C. He quickly fell in love with Congress and with Jessica, whom he had met on the campaign trail. I don't think he ever looked back.

Ed was the type of guy everyone liked to be around. He was always smiling and quick with a joke or words of support. His love of craft beer and the home brew he shared made him very popular in the DeFazio office.

About nine months ago Ed was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He fought it hard until the end. Unfortunately he was diagnosed too late, which is not uncommon with this type of cancer. April was Esophageal Cancer Awareness month, and I'm sure in his honor Ed would encourage us all to get tested.

Ed passed away on May 1st at Georgetown Hospital. At only 45 years of age, he was way too young to die. But, he lived those years he had to the fullest. He will be remembered and missed by all whose lives he touched.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE ASSOCIATION

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to discuss the extremely important work done by the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association (NatCapLyme), an invaluable organization representing my district. NatCapLyme has been working tirelessly to help defeat an illness that affects so many in our community. Known for their work improving the living standard for those suffering from tick-borne illnesses, NatCapLyme has empowered and educated countless patients, families, and the community at large about this disease.

I am honored to join NatCapLyme on May 15th, 2016 for their 6th Annual Loudoun Lyme 5K/10K/1K that will drive awareness and raise money to help find a cure for Lyme disease—the number one tick-borne illness in the United States. The Loudoun Lyme 5K/10K will also feature a 1K fun run, as well as an informational fair to educate the public about Lyme

disease, its causes, symptoms and treatments. I look forward to joining them again this year and in years to come in support of their efforts.

NatCapLyme has been working nationally for the past 20 years to further improve the lives of those suffering from tick-borne illnesses while also supporting ongoing efforts to find cures and advocate for patients. In the Commonwealth of Virginia, they worked with local legislators, including myself, to permanently designate May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Virginia. They also built a coalition of constituents across Virginia to help enact landmark legislation HB-1933 to help better diagnose Lyme disease by identifying potential shortcomings in testing methods utilized at that time. I was proud to partner with them on this legislation and introduce it in the House of Delegates.

As a Member of Congress, I have joined the bipartisan Lyme Disease Caucus because I remain committed to raising awareness of this disease and believe in the important work that NatCapLyme does each day. Mr. Speaker, for helping countless American citizens who suffer from tick-borne illnesses, I would like to sincerely thank the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association for all their hard work, and ask that my colleagues join me in doing the same.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THE REVEREND DR. PAUL M. MARTIN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of an extraordinary constituent, the Reverend Dr. Paul M. Martin, who, as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church for 16 years, was a change agent in the Denver community.

Paul's passing in March shocked and saddened the many people he touched in a life filled with love, hope and purpose. We continue to grieve, but with the perspective of these past few weeks, we've also been able to take some consolation in memories of this extraordinary man and the knowledge that his legacy lives on within us.

Paul Martin was a man of the people. Well educated and worldly, he nevertheless found endless satisfaction in working deep within the community, rolling up his sleeves and diving into the day-to-day matters that affect so many lives—from the parochial to the profound. I especially appreciated that the very same man who reached countless numbers of the faithful via a successful radio ministry also chose to serve on the committees to ensure that the development of DIA and Stapleton were done with community interests in mind.

And for my own part, I'll never forget how the friendship and support Paul gave me through my years of public service. I first met Paul and his wonderful wife and soulmate, Agnes, when my church, Montview Presbyterian, partnered in worship with Macedonia. I spent so many special Sundays sitting in the Macedonia choir loft with my fellow choir-mates from both churches, listening to Paul's inspirational sermons.

I am sure there are many others in Colorado, in California and in places around the

world where Paul preached and taught who have similar stories to tell about his influence on the paths they followed.

Paul was a voice of wisdom, consolation and inspiration. He will be deeply missed, but we are grateful that he was such a key part of our community and our lives for so long. Although a family commitment prevents me from being with you today in person, my spirit is there in solidarity. To Agnes, the Martin family, and the entire Macedonia community, I send my prayers and deepest condolences.

IN HONOR OF THE LEGACY OF CARL WHITMARSH

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the memory of a great man and leader in Harris County: Carl Whitmarsh. Mr. Whitmarsh, originally from Brenham, Texas and a graduate of Texas Tech University where he studied political science, untimely passed at the age of 64. Throughout Mr. Whitmarsh's life, he held a variety of positions that allowed him to have significant influence, including president of the Oak Forest Area Democrats, executive director of the Harris County Democratic party, and as an aide to Senator Lloyd Bentsen during his vice presidential campaign in 1988.

Mr. Whitmarsh was not only a community leader, but acted boldly to advocate for the better representation of his community. Mr. Whitmarsh will be specifically remembered for his commitment to democratic principles, impassioned advocacy for the underserved, as well as his many positive working relationships with public officials.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to have the opportunity to honor the memory of a dear friend, a man of character who was also an extraordinary agent for change. May he rest in the peace he so richly deserves.

IN HONOR OF DELBERT NELSON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Delbert Nelson of Camden, New Jersey for his achievements, contributions, and service in both the United States Army and as a pillar of our community.

Delbert was born, raised, and educated in Camden. After high school, he served in the Army's 43rd Infantry during the Korean War. Once he returned stateside, he worked for the Campbell Soup Company for 43 years, before retiring in 1994.

Delbert has dedicated his retirement to improving the quality of life of Camden's citizens. As a founding and active member of Parkside Business & Community In Partnership, Inc., and the Vice President of the Camden Neighborhood Renaissance, he has helped bring commercial development back into the city. He has worked to improve the natural beauty of the area by volunteering at the Camden

Greenway Work Group. Communities around the country need more people like Mr. Nelson that take pride in where they live and devote their time to better it.

He has also been involved in local politics and helping fellow veterans. He has been an At-Large member of the Camden City Democratic Committee and is the Camden Mayor's representative for the Battleship New Jersey Board of Trustees. He has been active in the VFW as the former Commander of Clarence Hill VFW Post Number 1297—Camden and the current Sr. Vice Commander of Lawnside Post 2003. In his time with the VFW, he has achieved the distinguished honor of being named All-State Post Commander.

Delbert and his wife, Doris, have been married for 66 years and have been blessed with 4 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also a father figure to many of his nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, Delbert Nelson is a great American whose dedication to serving his country and community is an inspiration. I join with his family, friends, and all of New Jersey in honoring the selfless service of this exceptional man.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTONIO
THOMAS JAMES RUGGIERO

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sincere recognition of Antonio Thomas James Ruggiero, a decorated veteran of World War II and a personal friend of mine who passed away on April 14, 2016.

Tommy, as he was known to his family and friends, was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts on August 25, 1920 to Vincent and Lucia Ruggiero. After graduating from Plymouth High School, Tommy enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 2nd Ranger Battalion's D Company during the Invasion of Normandy in June of 1944. On D-Day, his landing craft was hit by enemy fire, leaving him one of the 90 surviving Rangers stranded in the freezing Atlantic for hours before joining the fight. Later in the war, Tommy also fought in the fierce Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the famed Battle of the Bulge. The Battle of Hurtgen Forest in 1944 was the longest and one of the fiercest battles fought on German soil during World War II. His company was integral in securing the strategic Hill 400 during this battle. For his outstanding military service, Tommy earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart as well as the highest honor from the French Government, the Croix de Guerre and French Medal of Merit.

His exemplary service did not end there, however, in 1947, he joined the Plymouth Fire Department, rising to rank of Captain before retiring in 1975. In addition, he was an active member of the veterans' community in Massachusetts, participating in local, state and even national events with Presidents and First Ladies to highlight and celebrate the efforts of the men and women who served in uniform. Tommy also worked closely with my office over the years to secure unit citations for the extraordinary efforts of D and F Companies of 2nd Ranger Battalion during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest.

Tommy's perseverance and integrity served as an inspiration for all who knew him and he was an outstanding role model for the community. He leaves behind his wife, Mary, of 68 years as well as a loving daughter, sister, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews, and will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Antonio Thomas James Ruggiero and his distinguished service for our country. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the life of a dedicated and honorable public servant.

HONORING UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE COLONEL DOUGLAS J.
SCHWARTZ'S DISTINGUISHED
MILITARY CAREER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize United States Air Force Colonel Douglas J. Schwartz and honor him for a decorated career serving our nation.

Col. Schwartz began his 34-year career in the United States Air Force after receiving his commission through Officer Training School at Purdue University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in management in 1981. Since then, he has gone on to accumulate more than 4,200 flight hours as a command pilot and receive numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters as well as the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

During his distinguished career, Col. Schwartz has been stationed throughout the country, operating in large part at Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARE) in Miami County, Indiana. At Grissom ARB, Col. Schwartz has commanded the 434th Air Refueling Wing, the largest KC-135 Stratotanker unit in the Air Force Reserve Command. Within this role, Col. Schwartz has directed the efforts of nearly 1,900 military, civilian, and contractor personnel as they work to advance the mission of the United States Air Force. In addition, he has also commanded such aircraft as the B-52 and the C-40.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have seen the impact of Col. Schwartz's work and his commitment to excellence. His passion for serving the greater good is truly remarkable and deserves the praise of many.

From my time working with him, I know Col. Schwartz epitomizes the ideal of servant leadership. Not only that, but he has invested substantially in the Grissom community and has spent his entire career working for the betterment of our country. On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to thank him for his service and sacrifice for our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent passing of my mother I was unable to

cast my vote today for an important piece of legislation. Had I been in the chamber, I would have voted YES on the House amendment to S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016. This legislation will help to strengthen a variety of different treatment and prevention programs to combat heroin and opioid addiction.

DR. JULIA M. McNAMARA, PRESIDENT OF ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to join the Albertus Magnus College community as they pay tribute to the woman who has led this outstanding institution for the last thirty-four years, Dr. Julia M. McNamara. Over the course of her tenure, she has guided Albertus Magnus through a myriad of transitions which have expanded the college in countless ways. Her vision, dedication, and seemingly endless energy have ensured that Albertus Magnus has continually met the changing needs of its students and faculty.

To say that Julia has left an indelible mark on this institution would be an understatement. For perspective, just last year Albertus celebrated its 90th Anniversary which means that for more than one third of its existence, Julia has been at its helm. Shortly after she was appointed President, Albertus Magnus became coeducational after sixty years as a women's college and in that same year, an innovative and highly successful Accelerated Degree Program for adult students was established. Julia oversaw the completion of a \$6 million capital campaign, the largest in the school's history, as well as the construction of state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor athletic facilities that has allowed the College to join the NCAA-Division III. Ensuring that all of their student's needs were being met, Julia was also instrumental in the College becoming a participant in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, where Albertus works closely with veterans to help them succeed in accelerated programs.

Under Julia's direction Albertus expanded opportunities for its students with the establishment of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, the first post-graduate degree in the College's history, and New Dimensions, a degree completion program for adult professionals, was begun in 1994. Today, the College also offers a Master of Science in Management degree, Master of Arts in Art Therapy—the only one in Connecticut—Master of Business Administration, a Master of Arts in Leadership, Master of Science in Education, Master of Fine Arts in Writing and Master of Science in Human Services, Master of Science in Accounting and the Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

Julia's contributions to our community extend far beyond her work at Albertus Magnus. She is a past Chair of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Board of Trustees and currently serves as Vice Chair. She has also served on the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, the United

Way of Greater New Haven and the Shubert Theatre. In 1990, she became the first woman to serve on the Committee of the Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands, which oversees the use of the New Haven Green and she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce's Community Leadership Award, the New Haven YWCA's Women in Leadership Distinguished Service Award, Columbus House's Outstanding Service to the Community Award, the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall's Claven Award, and the New Haven Business Times' Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award are just a sampling of the myriad of awards and recognitions with which Julia has been honored for her service to the community.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to extend a personal note of thanks and appreciation to Julia for her many years of friendship and support. In addition to being a constant resource on higher education challenges and policies, she has served on the Ted DeLauro Scholarship Committee, a scholarship given to high school seniors for service to the community which I established in my father's name, since its inception in 1991. Julia is an extraordinary woman and I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

Today, as she reflects on her career with Albertus Magnus, family, friends, and colleagues gather to pay tribute to unparalleled leadership and commitment, not only to Albertus Magnus, but to higher education and our community. I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Dr. Julia M. McNamara for her invaluable contributions. I wish her, her husband, Dick, as well as the apples of their eyes, their three dogs, Kerry, Fiona, and Nova, all the best for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following Roll Call vote on April 12, 2016 and would like to reflect that I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Number 139: YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOUND CARE CENTER AT CAROLINAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM NORTHEAST FOR RECEIVING THE ROBERT A. WARRINER III, M.D., CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast, located in Con-

cord, North Carolina, for earning the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award from Healogics. The dedicated team at the Wound Care Center should take pride in this significant achievement, and the people of Cabarrus County should take comfort in knowing they have such a distinguished group of individuals providing high-quality healthcare in our community.

The Wound Care Center opened its doors in July of 2012, and has been providing excellent care to the people of our area ever since. In order to earn the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award, the Wound Care Center had to achieve an average patient satisfaction rating of 92 percent, as well as a healing rate of at least 91 percent within a 30-day period. In addition to reaching these high standards, the Wound Care Center had to maintain their performance over a 12-month period. Earning this award is truly a reflection of the staff at the Wound Care Center who are able to provide such exceptional service on a consistent basis.

What is even more impressive is the fact that this is the third consecutive year the Wound Care Center has earned this honor, which is an astonishing feat. By continuing to focus on the patients they are serving, the Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast is able to continually provide the highest quality of care and customer satisfaction in the field of wound healing. Each member of the team is fully invested in developing a personal connection with patients on their road to recovery. This patient-centered approach should be championed as a model for all medical centers in North Carolina and across the country. With nearly six million people affected by problem wounds across the country at any given time, wound care centers remain an important part of our health care system. There is no doubt in my mind that Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast will continue to be a leader in this crucial field.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the entire team at the Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast for earning the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award.

SAVING A LIFE WHILE ON A SUNDAY JOG

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Stolee of Duluth, Minnesota for intervening and ultimately thwarting a suicide attempt.

Thomas's usual Sunday afternoon jog around the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus became a life-saving experience after he spotted a woman standing at the edge of a bridge over the Mississippi River. She appeared ready to jump, and when Thomas asked if she was in trouble, she ordered him to leave.

Despite his best efforts at persuasion, the woman proceeded with her attempt to leap from the bridge. At that moment, Thomas jeopardized his own safety as he lunged forward and pulled her back from the precipice.

Following the incident, a passing campus security patrol stopped to provide assistance. Thomas saved the life of a total stranger that day. However, those close to him were not surprised by the college freshman's compassion and heroism.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Thomas Stolee for his courage in saving the life of a desperate person in need.

IN HONOR OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOHAVE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th anniversary of the Mohave Electric Cooperative (MEC).

MEC is a locally-based, member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative that provides electricity to several communities in rural Arizona. When MEC was originally incorporated in 1946 it served just five miles of line and 90 meter locations. Today, under the watchful eye of its Chief Executive Officer, Tyler Carlson, it serves over 1,500 miles of line and more than 39,000 electric meters in the communities of Mohave Valley, Hackberry, Fort Mohave, Peach Springs, and Wickieup, Arizona.

MEC was established using a loan from the Rural Electrification Administration. These loans were made available to create energy distribution systems for isolated communities that for-profit power companies considered unprofitable. This program brought electricity to communities across the country that may not have received it otherwise—including communities in rural Arizona. In this manner, MEC has brought modern amenities to rural Arizona at affordable rates. It is a true accomplishment and an infrastructure milestone.

Because MEC is a member-owned not-for-profit their rates reflect their expenses—they are not increased to achieve profitability. This has allowed MEC to establish a history of providing excellent service at competitive rates. I am very grateful for their efforts to supply reliable and affordable electricity to my constituents. I look forward to seeing their continued success over the next 70 years.

TITAN ROBOTICS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Titan Robotics from Trinity School at Greenlawn in South Bend. Next week, they will travel to California to compete in the Legoland North American Open Invitational Championship.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with these students about their project, in which they were challenged to find new ways to help the environment. They discovered that recycling labels on plastic wrappers were often hidden or unclear, making consumers less

likely to recycle. After hours of research, they proposed a label that would wrap around plastic wrappers, making it easier to see if the product is recyclable. They proposed another label to inform consumers if the product is not recyclable.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these kids for their hard work and wish them the best of luck at

their competition. I also want to thank the parents, coaches, teachers, principals, and everyone in the community who has supported them. I submit the names of the students and coaches.

Names of Students on Titan Robotics:

Helena Drake
Graham Harding

Jackson Kirby

Ceci Kurdelak

Peter Rossi

Names of Coaches on Titan Robotics:

Gene Harding

Jeff Kirby

Frank Rossi