

of good nutrition and exercise is essential to the health of our children.

That is why I would like to take this time to recognize and wish my children's junior high teacher Joe Champley a Happy Birthday. Joe has been a long time PE teacher in my hometown at Taylorville Jr. High School. Happy Birthday Mr. Joe!

CELEBRATING THE RED CAPS OF
THE SAINT PAUL UNION DEPOT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Red Caps who served generations of the traveling public at the Union Depot in Saint Paul, Minnesota. For many years, the Red Caps were the first faces that many travelers saw upon arriving in Minnesota's capital city. These welcoming and dedicated men performed an important role in Minnesota's transportation history and served a vital community role as well—as the backbone of Rondo neighborhood, historically home to many of Saint Paul's African-American families.

The hard work of the individuals who served as Red Caps can be traced to the end of the Civil War, when many former slaves found work on the railroad. The growth of our nation's railroads was made possible by the tireless work of these individuals. By the 1860s Pullman porters could be seen in the station greeting passengers, carrying luggage, serving food and beverages, tending to the sleeper bunks, cleaning, and even shining shoes. The duties of these porters eventually extended to the Red Caps by the time the original Saint Paul Union Depot opened in 1881. The Red Caps filled critical jobs not only on the trains, but in the stations as well, receiving small salaries and earned tips. Many of these men settled and raised families in Saint Paul's old Rondo neighborhood. The Red Caps created a solid African-American middle class in Saint Paul that has lasted well over 85 years until traveling preferences and diminished employment led to many of the Red Caps becoming sky caps at the airport and eventually to the closure of the Saint Paul Union Depot in 1971.

This weekend marks the 30th Anniversary of Rondo Days, a vibrant community festival. As part of this anniversary, the Red Caps will be honored and celebrated for their generations of contributions to the community.

Today Red Caps can still be seen working in several stations throughout the country, continuing their strong legacy. The re-opening of the Union Depot just this past year marks another wave of change in transportation for the region, the City of Saint Paul, and along with it a dedication to the Red Caps. As a child, I remember the Red Caps fondly, and was delighted to be present during the recent commemoration of the Red Cap Room at the Saint Paul Union Depot. It is an appropriate gift for those who gave so much to our community.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the Red Caps, I am pleased to submit this statement to recognize their hard work and contributions to the Rondo neighborhood and the city of Saint Paul.

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MOVIE THEATER SHOOTING IN
AURORA, COLORADO

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow will mark the one-year anniversary of the movie theater shootings in Aurora, Colorado. The 12 killed and 82 injured never thought the midnight screening of a movie would end in violence.

We stand here today as members of the Colorado delegation to remember and honor the victims of this tragedy.

And we stand here today to honor the strength and resilient spirit Coloradans have shown in the wake of an event that sent shockwaves around the world.

The victims included children, members of the military, and people from across Colorado and the country. As accounts of the shooting began to come out, we heard more and more stories of heroics from those inside the theater.

People jumped up to shield their loved ones from harm, putting their lives on the line to save the lives of others. Complete strangers helped bring the wounded outside to safety. And first responders reacted quickly and worked urgently to save lives.

These are the people we honor today, who, in the face of evil, showed true courage.

Mr. Speaker, we will never forget the events of July 20th, 2012. And we will never forget the lives and legacies of those who lost their lives that day.

HONORING RESIDENTS OF THE
NEW JERSEY 1ST CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT KILLED IN AC-
TION OVERSEAS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery and sacrifice of sixteen of my constituents who have been killed in action overseas and were recently honored at the Harleigh Cemetery this past Memorial Day: Corporal Terry P. Allen, Lance Corporal Curtis Christensen, Captain Gregory Dalessio, Specialist Anthony J. Dixon, Sergeant Michael Egan, Private First Class Adam Froehlick, Lance Corporal Jon T. Hicks, Jr., Sergeant Jeremy Kane, Lieutenant Jason Mann, Captain Maria Ortiz, Captain Charles D. Robinson, Corporal Marc T. Ryan, Lieutenant Colonel John C. Spahr, Petty Officer First Class David M. Tapper, Staff Sergeant Joseph Weiglein, and Private Robert White. They join the ranks of countless Americans before them who fought on behalf of this country. These sixteen service members gave their lives in service not only to New Jersey, but the nation as a whole. They will not be forgotten.

Since before this country was even founded, young Americans have stepped forward to defend its ideals. They have fought with distinction in every corner of the globe. From the beaches of Normandy to the deserts of the

Middle East, they have stood shoulder to shoulder in defense of freedom. Unfortunately, not all have returned.

These young service members laid down their lives in the preservation of liberty. They chose to devote themselves to the defense of this country and its people. The patriotism and resolve displayed by these sixteen men and women stand as a model for the rest of us. Their service should be mirrored; their sacrifice honored.

Mr. Speaker, the decision of these young men and women to serve their country will not go unrecognized, nor will their sacrifice fade from memory. I want to personally extend my condolences to their loved ones, who have also sacrificed greatly. We as a nation owe these sixteen brave men and women, and their families, a deep debt of gratitude.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEST
WESTERN ROUTE 66 RAIL HAVEN
MOTEL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel, located in Springfield, Missouri.

Founded in 1938, the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel has a long and storied history of serving Southwest Missouri and travelers from all over the United States. Brothers Elwyn and Lawrence Lippman built the original motel on their grandfather's apple orchard located on the eastern city limits of Springfield and Route 66. From 1938 and on, the Lippman brothers continued to expand their motel to accompany more customers. In 1948, the Best Western motel chain was founded and Lawrence began to serve on their board of directors in 1951, making Rail Haven part of the Best Western family. The motel is the oldest continually operating national branded Best Western hotel on Route 66 and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Throughout the next half century, Rail Haven and the City of Springfield saw vast growth and change. In 1994, local Certified Public Accountant Gordon A. Elliott acquired the property and through his vision and leadership, the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel extensively remodeled and upgraded its facilities. Today vintage gas pumps and classic cars can be found on the Rail Haven grounds, which shed light on the motel's humble beginnings.

Through Gordon's hard work, innovation, and leadership, Rail Haven has seen tremendous success in recent decades. In fact, Gordon was recognized as the 2013 Springfieldian by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel has a very distinct honor to be one of the original Route 66 motels. A very few number of these motels were part of the national chain, and it is very rare to find one that retains that affiliation to this day. I am honored to recognize the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel for its steadfast hard work and dedication over the past 75 years and look forward to watching its success for years to come.

HONORING THE RE-LAUNCH OF
THE CHARLES W. MORGAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the re-launching of the *Charles W. Morgan* this weekend at the Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea.

The *Morgan*, a 172-year-old whaling vessel, was built and launched from New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1841. For more than 200 years, vessels like her were the economic backbone of New England. Since its retirement from the whaling industry in 1921, the *Morgan* has served as a living artifact and a testament to the ingenuity, risk, and entrepreneurship of the United States. Today, the *Morgan* is a National Historic Landmark vessel, the only remaining wooden whaleship in the world, and the oldest commercial vessel in the United States.

The *Morgan* has completed a 5-year, multi-million dollar restoration at the Preservation Shipyard of Mystic Seaport and the Sea and will be relaunched this weekend. Individuals and organizations from 22 States have contributed materials and expertise to make this launch possible. From educational curriculum to whaleboats, research to anchors, the contributions to the restoration of the *Morgan* represent a truly national effort and will help make the *Morgan's* mission that much more meaningful. The reach of these efforts touch literally every region and corner of our nation, with contributions from the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Next summer, the *Morgan* will embark on a ceremonial 38th voyage, embarking on a new mission devoted to history, education, science, and ocean awareness. Most notably, the *Morgan* will sail with the wood from trees blown down from recent hurricanes in her frame and decks—giving new life to these trees as the *Morgan* embarks on her own new life. For instance, live Oak wood from trees in Texas damaged in Hurricane Ike is used in the ship's frame, live oak trees from Florida blown down in Hurricane Ivan, White Oak and White Pine wood blown down by Hurricane Sandy in New York, and live Oak wood from trees in Mississippi damaged during Hurricane Katrina. That we can turn the devastation of these storms in to a positive outcome that will have lasting impact is a unique and special part of this weekend's ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, there is an understandably high level of excitement for this weekend's festivities and the *Morgan's* upcoming mission of education, exploration and discovery next summer. I ask all my colleagues to join me in offering our congratulations to the Mystic Seaport and all those who made the restoration of the *Morgan* possible.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON COOPER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ron Cooper as he retires from Access Sacramento. As his family, friends and colleagues all gather to celebrate his outstanding career, I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to Mr. Cooper's decades of service.

Mr. Cooper selflessly served the Sacramento media, television and radio community for 26 years at the non-profit organization, Access Sacramento. For more than 22 of those years, he was its executive director. Under his leadership, Access Sacramento became nationally recognized as a pioneer in media technology and advocate for voicing unheard, marginalized voices and opinions.

Access Sacramento has succeeded in providing important and timely ideas, thoughts, sights, and sounds, especially for minority programs that commercial and public television and radio did not find economically viable. Mr. Cooper founded and cultivated the annual "A Place Called Sacramento" film festival, which supports local filmmaking and offers training, coaching and production assistance to community filmmakers.

Mr. Cooper also gave a voice to the youth of Sacramento by creating Neighborhood News Bureaus, which initiated ingenious methods of newsgathering and collaborations with neighborhood community centers through the implementation of current media technology and training. He also worked with college students from Cosumnes River College, high school students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, creating and fostering cooperative training arrangements to provide practical media production experience and opportunities in media careers. Mr. Cooper's tireless service enriched our democratic values by offering voter education programming during election cycles.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Ron Cooper, who has served the Sacramento community and its people for more than two decades. His service has greatly contributed to the community and ensured the exercise of free speech. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this man whose leadership has strengthened and broadened Sacramento's very best attributes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, on consideration of H.R. 5, I am not recorded because I was absent due to medically mandated recovery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on final passage of the bill.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH M. POTENZA
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished tenure of Mr. Joseph M. Potenza of the District of Columbia, on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law. At the helm of this esteemed organization, Mr. Potenza has brought a wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership—leaving a profound impression on our country's intellectual property laws.

Mr. Potenza, partner with the firm of Banner & Witcoff, LLP, will end his one-year term as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law in early August. With thirty-eight years' of experience as an intellectual property law practitioner, Mr. Potenza's current practice focuses on litigation, counseling on patent and copyright matters, and preparation and prosecution of patent and copyright applications.

Mr. Potenza graduated with honors from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree followed by a Juris Doctorate degree from Georgetown University's law school in 1975. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Potenza has served as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, the ABA Standing Committee on Publication Oversight, the ABA House of Delegates, and as Chair of the ABA Section of Science & Technology Law, and the ABA Young Lawyers Division. He was also a past President of the Patent Lawyers Club of Washington, and Master of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court.

Additionally, Mr. Potenza's remarkable achievements have led to his being listed in Euromoney's recent "Guide to the World's Leading Patent Law Practitioners." He is also listed in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in intellectual property law, as well as recent editions of The International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers and Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business. In 2009, Mr. Potenza was selected by Washingtonian Magazine as a "Top Lawyer," a designation that represents the top one percent of attorneys in the Washington D.C. area.

During his year as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law, Mr. Potenza guided the Section's work on complex IP policy issues to be considered for adoption by the ABA House of Delegates as ABA policy and subsequently presented in the form of amicus briefs to both the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Mr. Potenza has led efforts within the ABA to develop IP policy submissions to several international government agencies in Europe and China. He has also championed the Section's participation on international delegations, global roundtables, and national and regional liaison efforts all aimed at fostering these relationships and expanding the Section's global reach. At the same time, he spearheaded efforts to provide commentary on IP policy on numerous occasions to U.S. government agencies, including the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Copyright Office, the U.S. International Trade Commission, U.S.