

athletic and academic scholarship to Rutgers and in 1960 he was recognized as their most valuable football player.

Mike McDevitt is known as one of South Jersey's top coaches. He currently serves as line coach at Haddonfield Memorial. He was previously an assistant line coach at Cherry Hill East, Pitman and Gloucester Catholic dating back to 1987. Coach McDevitt also served as Gloucester Catholic head coach from 1989–1993, making two appearances in state championship games.

Finally, I would like to personally congratulate Jim Doyle, a dear friend and coach of my Alma Mater, Triton Regional High School. I am pleased to honor Coach Doyle for his distinguished service as coach and athletic director. For 35 years he coached football and track at Glassboro, Lenape, and Triton. As football coach, he earned a career record of 91–63–7 at Glassboro and Triton, including a perfect 8–0 record in the 1968 season at Triton. Two of his top high school players went on to play football at the collegiate level for the University of Virginia and Rutgers University.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of these seven inductees to the football community and to South Jersey should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our gratitude for Reggie, Phil, Todd, Brian, Arnold, Mike, Jim, and their families as they celebrate their induction into the South Jersey Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

HONORING MR. SIMMIE JESSE HILL, JR. OF MIDLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Simmie Jesse Hill, Jr. of Midland, Pennsylvania. He was born on November 14, 1946 and grew up to become one of the greatest basketball players to come from Western Pennsylvania.

Simmie Hill starred on the 1965 Midland High School men's basketball team, considered by many to be one of the best in Pennsylvania's history. The Midland Leopards won the State title that year, finishing the season 28–0. Mr. Hill scored over 650 points that season, and he led the team to victory with his thirty-one points in the championship game.

The Sporting News named Mr. Hill a First-Team All-American when he was a senior at West Texas State University. Following his college career, Mr. Hill played four seasons of professional basketball in the American Basketball Association and retired in 1974. In 2010, he was inducted into the Midland Sports Hall of Fame.

Simmie Hill passed away in Pittsburgh on July 14, 2013 at the age of sixty-six. He is survived by four daughters and nine grandchildren, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mr. Speaker, Western Pennsylvania has a strong sports legacy, and I am pleased to honor the memory of one of our greatest basketball players.

CONGRATULATING HON. B. TODD JONES ON HIS CONFIRMATION BY THE U.S. SENATE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate my constituent and friend, the Honorable B. Todd Jones, on his confirmation by the United States Senate to be the director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). As the first permanent director since 2006, Director Jones knows the job well; he has been leading this important federal law enforcement agency as "acting director" since 2011. While serving as acting director, Mr. Jones has also been serving as the United States Attorney for Minnesota. The hefty and time consuming responsibility of leading two important federal offices has proven to be a testament to Mr. Jones' commitment to public service, his stamina, and the gracious support of his wife, Margaret, and his children.

Nominated by President Obama to serve as ATF's permanent director in January 2013, Mr. Jones endured a Senate confirmation process that too often neglected the gun violence crisis in this country and instead degenerated into a partisan political smear campaign with unfounded attacks on an outstanding public servant. The Senate vote to confirm Mr. Jones was very partisan. The six Republicans who voted for cloture thus allowing an up or down vote on this nomination deserve to be commended for their fairness. I also want to commend Minnesota's two Senators, AMY KLOBUCHAR and AL FRANKEN, for shepherding this nomination through very difficult political terrain.

There is no doubt that President Obama got it right when he tapped Mr. Jones to lead the ATE. Todd's career in public service is stellar—a Marine Corps infantryman, Marine Corps Judge Advocate, federal prosecutor, and the U.S. Attorney for Minnesota in both the Clinton and Obama administrations. This is a man of integrity, character, and determination who has never hesitated to serve his country when called upon.

As the director of ATF, B. Todd Jones will have the opportunity to strengthen and offer much needed stability to an agency that has been denied a permanent director by Republicans in Congress even when a nominee was put forth by President Bush. Both ATF staff and law enforcement officials all across the U.S. will have a partner and an advocate in the new director. As gun violence continues to plague America's cities, towns, families, and, most tragically, our schools, ATF needs a leader who will respect gun rights, but champion gun safety and safe communities. That's the kind of leader Todd Jones will be and I am very proud of his on-going service to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO DIANE BRIDGEWATER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Diane Bridgewater for being named a 2013 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Each year, Business Record undertakes an exhaustive review to identify a standout group of women in the Greater Des Moines area who, as the publication notes, "have made a difference." An impressive group of inspiring female leaders are selected annually for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement, career success, and being a role model for other women to emulate. The 2013 Women of Influence honorees join an impressive roster of more than 130 women who have changed and are continuing to change our communities for the better.

Diane Bridgewater has always wanted her work to benefit the community. And so since she began her career at KPMG Peat Marwick in 1985, she has held numerous positions and board memberships to accomplish her goal. Once at DuPont Pioneer for 18 years and now executive VP and chief financial and administrative officer for LCS, in which role she has worked to improve the lives of senior citizens, this successful business executive also has served as a director at the United Way of Central Iowa, ChildServe, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central Iowa, Hospice of Central Iowa, the UNI College of Business dean's advisory board, Casey's General Stores Inc., and Bankers Trust Co.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Diane Bridgewater in the United States Congress, and I am pleased to recognize her for working to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Women of Influence class continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 433 I was unavoidably detained at a personal doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF EAST PALO ALTO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 30th anniversary of the City of East Palo

Alto. I am proud to represent the 28,000 residents of this city in the 14th Congressional District of California. The small community, which has a land area of only 2.5 square miles, was incorporated on July 1, 1983 and became the 20th city of San Mateo County. Voters elected the first city council of Barbara Mouton—the first mayor—Gertrude Wilks, Frank Omowale Satterwhite, Ruben Abrica—the current mayor—and James Blakely, Jr.

I remember the days when the creation of the city was quite uncertain. I was on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors at the time and supported incorporation. We had events in East Palo Alto to educate the public in advance of the vote. We had rallies and voter registration drives. The election's outcome is testament to the work of hundreds who went into their neighborhoods to explain why creating a city would help the residents of East Palo Alto to improve their lives.

East Palo Alto has made great progress in the three decades since its residents choose to create their own path to a better future. The town has many wonderful institutions such as its improving schools, social service agencies, churches, and an outstanding public medical clinic, the Ravenswood Family Health Center. Residents are very engaged in street improvement, school safety and beautification projects. The wisdom of residents, local officials, and law enforcement helped the city overcome a spike in crime in the 1980s and 90s.

What has not changed in the past 30 years is the fact that people are attracted to the area because of its centralized location, its proximity to San Francisco Bay, its desirable weather and its family-centered churches and schools.

For centuries, the original inhabitants were Ohlone Native Americans who lived along the coast from San Francisco to Monterey Bay. In 1849, when the town was founded as Ravenswood, Isaiah Woods tried to make it a major shipping town. In 1868 he sold his operation to Lester Cooley who built a brick factory. After the brick factory, the city became a farming community, largely based upon growing flowers. A large Japanese population dominated the flower growing market until the shameful World War II decision that forced 120,000 Japanese-Americans into internment camps.

After the war, many African-Americans moved to East Palo Alto and made it the largest African American community on the peninsula. In fact, during the civil rights movement in 1968, the city was almost renamed Nairobi. Today, the city has a multi-ethnic population that is over 60% Hispanic, about 15% African American, 7% Asian, 7% Caucasian and 11% Pacific Islander.

Since the late 1990s, East Palo Alto has experienced significant economic development. A quarter of the city's buildings have been replaced with new housing and retail space. This development is what the founders of the city hoped for—a chance to create jobs for residents within the community. In 2008, another step was taken as residents and local businesses established the East Palo Alto Community Farmers Market. The market is allied with the health center, providing wholesome food for residents at affordable prices. In 2009, the first full service supermarket opened in the Ravenswood 101 shopping center. Once again, the residents of East Palo Alto

demonstrated that theirs is a community that knows how to get things done.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 30th anniversary of East Palo Alto as the city is celebrating this occasion with a parade, community festival and fireworks. This diverse Bay Area community welcomes all residents and neighbors with warmth and optimism—today and every day.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ATTACK AT THE OAK CREEK SIKH GURDWARA ON AUGUST 5, 2012

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today, my colleagues and I introduced a House Resolution condemning the attack that occurred at the Oak Creek Sikh Gurdwara on August 5, 2012, and honoring the memory of those who died in the attack. We remember all those affected by the senseless act of violence that occurred one year ago in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. We call to mind the heroic efforts of Lieutenant Brian Murphy and all the medical and law-enforcement officials who responded to the scene. We also recognize the public servants who helped our community heal during this trying time.

Since that fateful day, the people of Oak Creek have come together. They refuse to let violence shake their community. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, and I'm committed to continuing to help the community overcome this tragedy.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of correspondence between myself and Agriculture Committee Chairman FRANK LUCAS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 1, 2013.

HON. FRANK LUCAS,

*Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture,
Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS, I write today to highlight a program of significance to rural Alaska and many of our Alaska Native villages. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Rural Utilities Service, helps provide financing for the construction of water and waste water systems in remote Alaska villages that face unique, significant obstacles to providing residents with potable water and safe sanitation systems. These obstacles include Alaska's extreme climate and geography as well as the fact that most villages are not connected to the road system and are only accessible by air. The water systems assisted by the program are not a matter of convenience for these communities, but meet a critical public health need.

Currently, more than 30 villages in Alaska still use "honeybuckets" as their method of

waste collection. A honeybucket is a five gallon bucket used as a toilet by everyone in a household and emptied by the family on a daily basis. Honeybuckets are a reality for many communities in my state and pose serious health risks for residents, particularly children. Thankfully USDA, the State of Alaska, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium are working together through the program to create better sanitation facilities in rural Alaska and help make honeybuckets a relic of the past.

I would like to bring this issue to your attention and would greatly appreciate your assistance in Farm Bill conference negotiations with the Senate to help reauthorize this important program.

Thank You,

DON YOUNG,

Congressman for all Alaska.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,

Washington, DC, August 1, 2013.

Hon. DON YOUNG,

*Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN YOUNG, Thank you for your letter regarding the United States Department of Agriculture program that helps provide financing for water and waste water systems in remote Alaska villages. I appreciate you bringing this issue to my attention. Given the urgency that you describe in your letter, I would be happy to work with you during the Farm Bill conference regarding this public health need.

Sincerely,

FRANK D. LUCAS,

Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DESERT VISTA H.S. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA CLUB

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Desert Vista High School's Health Occupations Students of America Club for their achievement in the HOSA-Future Health Professionals National Leadership conference.

Desert Vista students won first place in three events and two national service awards, and took home numerous other top ten finishes. Their record is astonishing for one school, and is a testament to their school's leadership and the students' effort. Katelyn Miyaski and Gen Fitzgerald won national championships in pharmacology and medical terminology, respectively, and the team of Jing Liang, Anshuman Bakshi, Sung Kwon Park, and Sanjeev Murty were national champions in biomedical debate. Alex Burton won the Barbara James Service Gold Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The students, many of whom hope to pursue higher education in the medical, healthcare, and biotechnology industries, are to be commended and encouraged in their pursuit of science and service, as well as for their comprehensive knowledge in their fields of interest. Their dedication is reason for faith in our country's future, guided by such innovators and leaders. They represent their state and school well, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.