

condition receipt of Court Improvement Program funding on the provision of training for judges about new federal policies on placement of foster children in non-family settings;

amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require a state plan for academic content and achievement standards to describe how the state will ensure the educational stability of children in foster care and include assurances that: a foster child will remain or be enrolled in the child's school of origin absent a determination that such enrollment is not in the child's best interest; if such a determination is made, the child will be immediately enrolled in a new school, which must immediately contact the child's previous school to obtain relevant records; and the state will designate a point of contact for child welfare agencies; and

allow states to certify that the state will provide assistance and services under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program to youths who have aged out of foster care and have not attained age 23; and

Whereas, state courts, in their oversight role, have a responsibility to insure that state child welfare agencies are complying with these new federal policies and requirements; and

Whereas, while these added responsibilities will lengthen the time of court hearings, the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators are committed to working with Congress and the United States Department of Health and Human Services to effectively implement the new policies and requirements: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators urge Congress to give favorable consideration to these legislative proposals; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators further urge Congress and the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide adequate funding to state courts to: provide training for judges and court personnel so that they understand and comply with the federal policies and requirements; develop resources and best court practices; and fully implement these resources and best practices.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Courts, Children, and Families Committee at the Conference of State Court Administrators 2015 Midyear Meeting on December 5, 2015 and at the Conference of Chief Justices 2016 Midyear Meeting on February 3, 2016.

HONORING COMMAND SGT. MAJ.  
TONIA WALKER

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Command Sgt. Maj. Tonia Tuwarne Walker on her retirement from the United States Army.

Tonia is a native of Columbia, S.C., and enlisted in the Army in 1987. Tonia has served our nation honorably over her long and distinguished career spanning numerous assignments, most notably two deployments to Iraq. A decorated combat veteran, Tonia earned dozens of awards, including a Bronze Star.

In 2012, Tonia joined the Pentagon as a Congressional Legislative Liaison. I was fortunate to have her on my staff as a Department

of Defense Fellow. Her hands-on experience and in-depth knowledge of national security affairs assisted me greatly in my role as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Tonia has dedicated herself to the United States Army every day for nearly 30 years. I want to thank Tonia, her husband Ray, and their beautiful family for serving our community and country and for the many sacrifices they have made. I also want to thank Tonia for her friendship, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE APPLESETH

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate George Appleseth, a member of the 2016 Iowa Boys 2A State Golf Tournament Championship Team.

George, and his teammates at Panorama High School, persevered through a tough season. With steady and consistent play at the state tournament, these students showed the state of Iowa that they were worthy of a state championship two years in a row.

Mr. Speaker, George's determination, hard work, commitment and teamwork is what contributed to the stellar success of his team. His willingness to give it his best effort is what will be valuable later in life and I am honored to represent George in the United States Congress. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating George Appleseth and his team for competing and winning this rigorous competition. We all share in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING BOETJE'S STONE  
GROUND MUSTARD'S SUCCESS  
AS 2016 GRAND CHAMPION

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Boetje's Stone Ground Mustard, which recently was named Grand Champion in the 2016 World-Wide Mustard Competition.

In the late 19th century, Fred Boetje began making stoneground Dutch mustard in his garage in Rock Island, Illinois. To this day, Boetje's is still a Quad Cities-based company and is gaining international recognition for their excellent and unique product. In fact, Boetje's is the first grainy mustard to win the Grand Champion award in the World-Wide Mustard Competition's history. Previously, in 2008, it took first prize in the "Best Coarse Grained" category at the World-Wide Mustard Competition, and in 2002, their mustard was named the "Best Illinois Food Product" by Illinois Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again recognize Boetje's Mustard's victory in being named Grand Champion at the 2016 World-Wide Mustard Festival, and I wish them even more success in the future.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAMES  
MEREDITH MARCH AGAINST  
FEAR

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a bipartisan resolution I introduced today with my colleagues TRENT KELLY, BENNIE THOMPSON and GREGG HARPER in honor of the 50th anniversary of the James Meredith March Against Fear.

Senator ROGER WICKER recently offered a similar resolution in the Senate with his colleagues Senator THAD COCHRAN and JEANNE SHAHEEN. The Senate swiftly passed that resolution, and I hope the House will do the same with the one we introduced today.

Fifty years ago last month, after already making history at the University of Mississippi, James Meredith risked his life once again by organizing a march from Memphis, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi to encourage African Americans to register to vote. This was not long after passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act, and a march like this—into the heart of Mississippi—was anything but safe.

Sure enough, Meredith was brutally shot and wounded.

Civil rights leaders quickly met at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Memphis to plan a resumption of the march. They were aided by the church's courageous Reverend James M. Lawson.

They were also aided by the Memphis chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. and civil rights leaders Maxine and Vasco Smith, Jesse Turner, Russell Sugarmon, and A.W. Willis, among others.

The next day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Floyd McKissick, and Stokely Carmichael resumed the Meredith March Against Fear.

By the time marchers reached Jackson, 4,000 African Americans in Mississippi had registered to vote.

This was a great moment in the history of voting rights in our country, and I urge my colleagues to help us pay homage to it by passing this resolution.

RECOGNIZING KAREN J. LEE

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Karen J. Lee, a Community Programs Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Karen retired on June 30, 2016, after 33 years and 11 months of federal service.

Karen started her federal career working for the Department of Defense from 1980 to 1992. In May of 1992, she began working as a Temporary Clerk Typist within the Rural Housing agency of USDA Rural Development. Later that year, she was converted to a permanent member of the Community and Business Programs staff. In December of 1993, she was promoted to State Loan Technician and in January 2002, further promoted to Community and Business Programs Specialist.

During 2005, she was assigned to her current position as Community Programs Specialist.

Throughout her career, Karen assisted Illinois in processing loans and grants to rural communities and nonprofit organizations to improve and construct infrastructure projects. The projects she assisted on ranged from water and wastewater systems, public safety, and health and community services. She received numerous awards for outreach, marketing, and processing, and served on various national task forces which ultimately benefited residents in rural Illinois.

I am proud to honor Karen for her work on behalf of the people of Illinois, and I wish her the best in her retirement.

HONORING BLAIR FREDERICK  
KARGES

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Blair Frederick Karges of Douglas County, Missouri for his lifelong care and service to this country.

Mr. Karges graduated from Pine City, Minnesota High School in May of 1939. At the age of 20 he was drafted into the United States Army. He served with the 544th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, 4th Engineer Special Brigade as a Company Armor & Squad Leader in the Cargo Control section moving cargo, troops, and anything else the army might need. He served on islands in the Netherland East Indies, Luzon, Philippines, and the occupation of Japan following their surrender. He received numerous awards, including the Philippine Liberation Ribbon Bronze Star, before being discharged on January 9, 1946. He later went on to serve in the Colorado Air National Guard as a Staff Sergeant from October of 1953 until October of 1956.

Mr. Karges then worked as an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. until he retired in April of 1981. He married his loving wife, Pamela, on November 21, 1984 and they have lived happily together since.

Mr. and Mrs. Karges moved to Douglas County thirty years ago in May of 1986. Here he has remained very active in the community. Mr. Karges distributes meals for the Senior Center every week, works at Heart of the Hills distribution center one day a week, and is a member of the Douglas County Veterans Memorial Association. For his outstanding career and community achievements, it is my pleasure to recognize Blair Frederick Karges before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JACQUELINE A.  
YOUNG

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Jacqueline A. Young on her retirement from the

Essex Regional Educational Services Commission in June 2016.

Dr. Young has been an educator for 42 years. She received her B.A. from Douglas College and her M.Ed. and Ed.D. from Rutgers University Graduate School of Education. Dr. Young began her career as an Elementary School Teacher in the Newark Public Schools. She then worked as an Elementary School Teacher and a Reading Resource Teacher for the East Orange School District. In 1980, she joined the New Jersey Department of Education as a Basic Skills Consultant and soon became a School Program Coordinator. In that capacity, she served as a facilitator between the Essex County Office of Education and the special needs urban districts for school improvement activities.

Since 1982, Dr. Young has been at the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) where she has held several positions including Supervisor of Instruction and Director of Services to Nonpublic Schools. In 1992, she assumed the position of Superintendent. Under her leadership and direction, the ERESO has grown into the largest educational services commission in the State of New Jersey. The ERESO provides services to local school districts, agencies and nonpublic schools throughout northern New Jersey.

Over half of Dr. Young's career has been spent championing the needs of special education and at risk students. During her tenure at the ERESO, she has assisted school districts by developing programs and establishing schools to meet the needs of those students who have difficulty functioning in traditional school settings. These schools incorporate strategies and techniques conducive to the educational and emotional needs of the students in an environment with a low student/teacher ratio. In September 1997, Dr. Young assumed the responsibility of establishing a school for pre-adjudicated adolescents in the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center in Newark which is now called Sojourn High School. Sojourn High School addresses the specific needs of the students using a combination of thematic instruction and service learning. For the past 19 years, she and her staff have provided these students with the opportunity to earn high school diplomas from their resident school districts or GEDs. Presently, the ERESO operates the following schools: Essex Campus Academy in Fairfield; Essex Junior Academy in Cedar Grove and Essex High School in Passaic in addition to Sojourn High School.

Dr. Young has received awards from a variety of organizations and communities for her work with this population of students. She was inducted into the Rutgers African American Alumni Alliance Hall of Fame Award in October 2011 and received the Shirley Chisholm "Catalyst For Change" Award. She is a member of the National Association of School Administrators, New Jersey Association of School Administrators, New Jersey Network of Superintendents, New Jersey Superintendents' Study Council, Essex County Superintendents' Group, Association of Educational Service Agencies, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, International Reading Association and Phi Delta Kappa. In addition, she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Montclair Alumnae Chapter. At this time, she is Co-Chairperson of Delta GEMS which stands for "Growing and Em-

powering Myself Successfully". This program services teenage girls between the ages of 14 and 18 in grades 9–12 addressing the following areas: sisterhood, community service, scholarship, college preparation and career options. Dr. Young's sincere concern for these young people and dedication to helping them has been a source of inspiration throughout her career.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow members of the U.S. House of Representatives agree that Dr. Jacqueline A. Young deserves to be recognized for a job well done and for many years of service to the people of New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF WEST  
DES MOINES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of West Des Moines, Iowa for its recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program (the Forest Service).

The City of West Des Moines has met the core standards for tree care during the past year. Over 135 million Americans live in Tree USA communities. In its 40th year of celebration, the Tree City USA program is critical to the U.S. Forest Service. This federal partner delivers technical and financial resources to states, cities and communities across the nation with each community adhering to a State Action Plan, guiding investments in each state while accomplishing local projects and programs.

The U.S. Forest Service and Arbor Day Foundation cooperate with communities to establish healthy forests, improve air and water quality and contribute to important national energy conservation goals. These local investments create long term major environmental improvements nationwide.

I commend the City of West Des Moines and urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the community on this award and in wishing the city nothing but continued success.

POPE COUNTY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I wish to acknowledge the residents of Pope County celebrating their Bicentennial Anniversary.

Pope County was established on January 10, 1816, when it received its name from Nathaniel Pope, then Secretary of the Illinois Territory. In 1818 when Illinois entered the Union as a free state, the population of Pope County mostly reflected the emigration of Europeans to America that occurred in the 19th century.

Pope County has since been the home to many notable citizens including: American