

their homes with a hot meal and to support Red's Restaurant in Essex. Little Red Wagon provided nearly 2,000 meals in 2015 alone.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Jeannine for the dedicated service she provides to the citizens of Essex and Page County, Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jeannine and wishing her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF RICHARD ALLEN

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Richard "Dick" Allen.

Dick dedicated his life to educating and empowering California's youth. Through his 41 years of service as a teacher, principal, and district administrator, Dick touched the lives of thousands of students through his leadership and deep affection for his students.

As you may know, Dick spent the first decade of his career in the classroom, followed by a transition to the administrative team where he rose from Vice Principal to Director of Elementary Education and ultimately retired in 1997 as the Director of Continuing Education.

After retiring, Dick was elected to the Board of Education to continue his dedication to public service.

Included among his many accomplishments in service to the Bay Area are graduating 2,298 students, opening technology centers, expanding tutoring and mentoring services. He also helped implement a classroom for a language lab, fought to replace playground equipment, and began districtwide training in emergency preparation and crisis management. During his tenure, Walnut Acres Elementary was named a Federal No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School, the Board of Education received a California Council for Adult Education's "Friend of Education" award, and improved test scores at almost all grade levels.

In addition to his role in our schools, Dick was a District Delegate to the California School Board Association, a Chair-elect of the Concord Chamber of Commerce, a Court Appointed Special Advocate on the Board of Directors, and a foster child educational advocate.

Dick's long and decorated career is a testament to his values and dedication to education. I am saddened to hear of his passing, but his legacy will live on in Contra Costa County.

TRIBUTE TO IDA MEHLMANN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ida Mehlmann of Griswold, Iowa, on the celebration of her 100th birthday on September 4, 2016. Ida celebrates this special day with her

twin brother, Ira Spieker, who lives in Michigan.

Ida resides at the Griswold Care Center in Griswold, Iowa, and enjoys embroidering and working on puzzles. Ida tells her friends of her simple philosophy: she takes life day by day and tends to do whatever she wants to do. Ida and her late husband, LeRoy, were married on March 8, 1939 at the Atlantic Methodist Church parsonage. They had six children including twin daughters. Ida was born and raised on a farm, helped with the daily chores of farm life growing up, and later married a farmer. She said she has seen many changes throughout her life, but the biggest change was having access to electricity. Ida is also known for her baking skills and her famous sour cream raisin pie. Her talent in the kitchen has given her the reputation as one of the best pie makers in southwest Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and pleased to congratulate Ida Mehlmann on her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ida on this incredible milestone and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF ATHENA INTER-
NATIONAL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of Athena International. Athena International strives to create balance in leadership worldwide by seeking to encourage, educate, and support our next generation of female leaders. Its roots trace back to Michigan where it began as a local program, and it has grown into a global movement, serving to inspire female leaders both domestically and throughout the globe.

Founded in 1982 by Martha Mertz, Athena International began as a small non-profit organization in Lansing, Michigan. Recognizing a need for stronger female leadership in her business community, Mertz launched the Athena Award program. This award would go to individuals who not only excelled at their professions, but who also gave back to their communities and helped motivate others in their communities to lead, particularly women.

Additionally, the organization developed the Athena Leadership Model, a program seeking to best prepare women to be successful leaders. This model identifies eight distinct attributes for women in leadership: Authentic Self, Relationships, Giving Back, Collaboration, Courageous Acts, Learning, Fierce Advocacy, Celebration and Joy. These personal traits are intuitive for women, and when paired with traditional leadership characteristics, prepare them to become leaders.

Martha Mertz's vision has become a global movement. There have now been over 7,000 recipients of the Athena Award, with these awards presented in 500 communities throughout 8 countries. The organization continues to provide awards to individuals who empower women and best position them to become our future leaders, and provides an

annual leadership forum and luncheon for female leaders to make meaningful connections with one another.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Athena International Organization. Their commitment to preparing our future leaders deserves praise, and we wish them many more years of success and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO OAKLAND MANOR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oakland Manor of Oakland, Iowa, for its 50 years of service in providing high-quality healthcare in Oakland and southwest Iowa.

Oakland Manor was established in 1966 and offers skilled nursing care and assisted living to its resident community. The facility also offers a special ventilator unit and provides continuum of care with a dedicated staff and medical team. The Oakland Manor staff is committed to helping their residents live a quality life every day.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Oakland Manor and its staff for reaching this milestone in dedicated and devoted service to Oakland and southwest Iowa. Their highly skilled team makes a difference by helping and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize Oakland Manor today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them and in wishing the entire staff nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO GARY HERRICK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gary Herrick of Van Meter, Iowa, for his 40 years of service to the Van Meter Fire Department.

Mr. Herrick recently retired from the department after four decades of service to the community of Van Meter. Throughout his tenure he has held every rank in the department, including chief, and has been an invaluable source of information for all other members of the fire department. His vast experience not only helped train fellow firefighters on how to best fight fires and rescue people, but also how to show compassion to victims, and how to interact with the community. Current Fire Chief Jon Bruen told the Dallas County News that Mr. Herrick has been a mentor to him during his years on the department.

Now retired, Mr. Herrick will continue his service by working to construct buildings with World Mission Builders, a mission which has built over 230 churches and related buildings in 88 countries. Even still, he plans to be only a phone call away if the Van Meter Fire Department should have any questions.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Gary for his forty years of service to his community. I urge my

colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him and wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD
VORTHMANN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Richard Vorthmann of Treynor, Iowa, for his selection as Iowan of the Day at the 2016 Iowa State Fair. Richard's recognition day was August 16, 2016. Richard received this honor because of his many years of service in the Treynor community. This award is given by the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation and recognizes Iowa's most outstanding citizens, who demonstrate the Iowa values of dependability, integrity, hard work, and sense of community.

Richard Vorthmann is described as "a pillar of the Treynor community." He has served for 35 years as a township trustee, clerk, and fair board member, and 25 years as a 4-H leader and member of the Treynor school re-organization committee. He helped build the first tanker truck for the volunteer fire department, and is very active in his church. Richard is best known for his work with the Treynor Optimist Club, where he oversees the Treynor Can Kennel, a redemption center for cans that helps raise money for local youth groups, raising over \$135,000 for community projects.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Richard Vorthmann for receiving this well-deserved recognition. He is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can affect the future of so many. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Richard's accomplishments and service to his community. I wish him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CHERYL WESSELS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cheryl Wessels of Anita, Iowa, for her recognition as Iowan of the Day at the 2016 Iowa State Fair. Cheryl received this honor because she has

made a difference in the lives of others while demonstrating the Iowa values of dependability, integrity, hard work, and sense of community. This award is given by the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation to recognize Iowa's most outstanding citizens. Cheryl's day of recognition was held on August 13, 2016.

Cheryl plays an active role in her community. Her service includes serving on the library board, church treasury, P.E.O. and Cass County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Cheryl Wessels is most noted for her passion for the Little Dresses for Africa program. The 3,000 dresses she makes are distributed in Africa to orphanages, churches, and schools, to provide relief to children in Africa and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Cheryl Wessels for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can affect the future of so many. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing her accomplishments and her service to her community. I wish her nothing but continued success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO KEN WEST

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ken West, of Perry, IA, for his quick thinking and heroic actions that saved a man's life.

Mr. West was eating lunch at the Hy-Vee in Perry on July 14, 2016 when he noticed that a store employee had started to choke. Mr. West jumped into action, performing the Heimlich maneuver which removed the obstruction. He told the Dallas County News that he was trained in the life-saving procedure "a long time ago" but that it was the first time he has ever needed to perform it. His father served as an ambulance emergency medical technician and fire chief when Mr. West was a young man. He credits watching his father perform similar work and said his father was the source of that instinct to rush to the rescue.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mr. West and Iowans like him. I encourage every American to learn such life-saving procedures in case we should find ourselves in a similar situation. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ken for his exemplary actions.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific,
and International Cybersecurity Policy
To hold hearings to examine the per-
sistent threat of North Korea and de-
veloping an effective United States re-
sponse.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Immigration and the Na-
tional Interest

To hold an oversight hearing to examine
the Administration's fiscal year 2017
refugee resettlement program.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine an assess-
ment of the economic recovery.

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 29

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the regional
impact of the Syria conflict, focusing
on Syria, Turkey, and Iraq.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and
Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine under-
standing the Millennial perspective in
deciding to pursue and remain in Fed-
eral employment.

SD-342