

and is the only school in Pinellas County that teaches two foreign languages (Greek and Spanish) daily to all K–8 students.

As a father of four boys, all of whom attended public schools, I am very familiar with the link between a robust public education system and our nation's vitality. Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Mr. Poumakis is a valuable community partner and stands as an example of main street solutions to main street challenges. Through the entrepreneurial approach which brought him personal success in the past, Mr. Poumakis managed to build an academy which will contribute to the success of countless lives in Florida's Twelfth Congressional District for years to come.

I commend the Federation of Hellenic American Educators and the Greek Teacher Association of Florida for recognizing the contributions of Mr. Poumakis, and I hope every American can learn from and emulate the commitment of this Greek entrepreneur to education.

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KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY'S 150TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kutztown University on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. Throughout the past year, Kutztown has celebrated its sesquicentennial, culminating with Founders' Day on 15 September 2016.

In 1866, the residents of Berks County found a need for school teachers while the nation as a whole recovered from the Civil War and sought to prepare itself for a new era. Residents solved their shortage by establishing the Keystone State Normal School.

Over time, advancing industries and professions required students to be trained more broadly, with education covering a diverse range of studies. In order to rise to the occasion, the school grew in size and sophistication, eventually changing its name to Kutztown State Teacher's College in 1928, and later becoming Kutztown State College in 1960.

Today, Kutztown, which achieved university status in 1983, is comprised of four colleges, including Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Performing Arts. The university enrolls approximately 9,000 students from forty states and nations. In addition to providing an outstanding education, Kutztown also offers students the opportunity to participate in vibrant cultural and social events and to compete in athletics at the varsity, club, and intramural levels.

It is my honor to congratulate the students, staff, faculty, and over 72,500 Kutztown Alumni as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. May they enjoy continued success in educating the minds of our future leaders and integral members of society.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF WINE SPECTATOR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wine Spectator, which this year celebrates its 40th anniversary and marks four decades of success and dedication to excellence.

Wine Spectator was first published by Bob Morrissey in 1976 as a tabloid newspaper to educate and entertain wine consumers. Marvin R. Shanken, a publisher and wine aficionado, saw great potential in the publication and, at Morrissey's request, acquired it in 1979. Mr. Shanken and Executive Editor Thomas Matthews have since transformed Wine Spectator into an institution that informs and connects our international wine community.

Wine Spectator editors provide authoritative buying advice, reviewing nearly 20,000 wines each year in independent blind tastings. The magazine puts wine in context, profiling vintners and regions, analyzing vintages and market trends as well as offering travel and dining guides. Wine Spectator has received critical acclaim for its excellent work informing wine consumers. It has been named a finalist in the National Magazine Awards Special Interest category and a top 5 best consumer magazines. Today, Wine Spectator is the most widely read wine publication in the world with a circulation of 400,000 and a global readership of 3.5 million people.

Since 1981, Wine Spectator has also hosted the Wine Experience, a weekend of tastings and seminars which concludes with a Grand Award Banquet honoring top restaurants in 50 states and 70 countries on their excellent wine lists. The event funds the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation, which has raised more than \$20 million to support organizations that invest in the future of our wine community including the University of California at Davis, Sonoma State University, the Culinary Institute of America, and the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Florida International University. Since 1982, Wine Spectator has also honored 34 individuals with its Distinguished Service Award for their contributions to our wine community.

Mr. Speaker, this American institution has been a trusted source for wine consumers for 40 years by maintaining its commitment to integrity and expertise. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Wine Spectator and its visionary leader, Marvin R. Shanken, here today.

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RECOGNIZING BRIE OAKLEY

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brie Oakley for her first place finish in the Colorado 5A Girls' State Championship Cross Country Meet on October 29th, 2016. She has shown dedication and excellence throughout her cross country career, which has brought her to the pinnacle of high school athletics, a state champion.

A Grandview High School Huskies senior, Oakley finished with a time of 17 minutes and 7.83 seconds, smashing the course record at the Norris Penrose Equestrian Center in Colorado Springs by over a minute. I am proud to report that Oakley has become the first girls cross country state champion from Grandview High School.

I would also like to congratulate Grandview coach Allyson Robbins and the teachers and staff of Grandview High School, whom have made Oakley's success possible. Their mentorship and guidance played an important role in her ability to succeed at the highest level of high school athletics.

I am proud to congratulate Brie Oakley on her hard earned state championship and for being a positive role model for other students in Colorado's 6th congressional district.

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HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF BRYAN

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas.

Since its founding on November 18, 1866, thousands of families have called First Baptist Bryan home.

During the early years of the church, services were held in an abandoned saloon under the leadership of Rev. William Bartlett Eaves. The church would begin to grow larger and in 1883 a frame building was erected as a permanent place of worship. As the congregation continued to grow, bigger facilities were built to meet the needs of the church family for the next century. The church would also begin to expand its mission and focus on preaching the Gospel to the students of Texas A&M University. A strong bond was created between the church and the student community that still stands today.

As more families and students joined the church, the importance of Sunday School began to emerge. Pastor John Held began to spread the teaching ministry beyond the church walls by organizing a successful Christ-focused men's Bible Study.

Throughout the years, the church family has never lost sight of its commitment to fellowship, discipleship, worship, ministry, and evangelism. Since its beginning, the church has been involved in numerous mission activities with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Creath Brazos Baptist Association. They have sent missions all across the world including Estonia, Australia, Germany, Zambia, Kenya, and Ghana. First Baptist Bryan has played an important role in planting numerous other churches throughout the area. They have also helped plant the Yurigaoka Baptist Church in Tokyo, Japan.

The success of First Baptist Bryan can be attributed to the outstanding leadership from its Pastors. Since its establishment, 24 Pastors have led the church in worship and growth, each bringing different gifts and abilities to the church family. All of them brought a strong commitment to stewardship, mission,

and leadership to the community. Because of these leaders, the families and students in the Brazos Valley continue to have a place to worship the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating First Baptist Bryan and its congregation on their 150th anniversary.

Before I close, I ask that all Americans continue to pray for our country during these difficult times and for the military men and women and first responders who protect her. God bless the American people, and God bless the congregation of First Baptist Bryan.

**SUGAR LAND SIBLINGS MEDALED  
AT THE AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sugar Land siblings Octavia and DeMario Gee for winning five medals at the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics.

Octavia competed for the Houston Sonics Track Club and won gold in turbo javelin, shot put and triathlon. In the 10 Girls Turbo Javelin she tossed an incredible national record of 86 feet, 8 inches. Her brother DeMario placed fourth in the 11-year-old boy's javelin, with a throw of 110 feet, 6 inches. DeMario was also recently chosen to play for the USA Baseball 12U national team trials.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Octavia and DeMario Gee in their success at the AAU Junior Olympics. We are so proud of such a talented family. Keep up the great work.

**RECOGNIZING ERIN COSKY AS THE  
AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER  
398 HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR FOR 2016**

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Erin Cosky as the Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2016. Ms. Cosky was selected for her dedicated efforts fostering her students' interests and education in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) education; I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

Teachers are amongst our most valuable public servants as they are responsible for educating the future of our country, and Ms. Cosky's selection as Teacher of the Year is evidence of assiduous work ethic and unwavering dedication to her students. As an earth, space science, and biology educator at Gulf Breeze High School, Ms. Cosky's energy and enthusiasm radiates from her classroom, inspiring her students to learn and volunteer in STEAM related areas.

One of the best ways to solidify a lesson is for the student to teach someone else, and Ms. Cosky builds on the STEAM curriculum by coordinating events where high school stu-

dents teach kindergarten, first, and second graders interesting science. As a club sponsor of the Science National Honors Society, she also facilitates volunteer programs with MESS Hall, Navarre Beach marine Science Station, Gulf Breeze and Holley-Navarre Intermediate Science Nights, and tutoring programs throughout the science community in Northwest Florida.

Ms. Cosky's tireless and dedicated efforts to educate our Nation's youth does not stop at her classroom in Gulf Breeze High School. Once a month, Ms. Cosky teaches important STEAM foundational skills to kindergarten and 2nd grade students at West Navarre Primary School. She truly understands the value of math and sciences and sparks her students' interest early in their education with hopes of continuing a lifelong passion.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Cosky on this well-earned achievement, and I thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Cosky all the best for continued success.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF LEGAL SERVICES  
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th Anniversary of Legal Services of Northern California, a non-profit legal aid organization. As staff, supporters and clients gather to celebrate this tremendous milestone, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding dedication to providing quality legal assistance to underserved populations within Northern California.

For six decades, exceptional attorneys have provided pro bono legal aid to many people in our community who would not otherwise have been able to access professional legal assistance. The first Legal Services of Northern California office was established in 1956 in Sacramento County. Legal Services of Northern California has now expanded to eight offices serving 23 Northern California counties. Each office provides crucial access to quality and sophisticated legal services to low-income populations.

Legal Services of Northern California gives a voice, as well as affirmation and protection of legal rights, to my district's most vulnerable populations. Because of the hard work and dedication of the Legal Services staff and volunteers, over 600,000 people have received pro bono legal assistance in crucial areas such as housing, health care, and civil rights. Legal Services of Northern California's sixty year commitment to empowering and seeking justice for the underserved has been nothing short of exemplary.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Legal Services of Northern California. As they gather to celebrate their 60th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Legal Services of Northern California for their invaluable services to the Greater Sacramento Community and Northern California.

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL WALTER  
FRANKLIN GOING, JR.

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on October 2, 2016, South Carolinians gave deserved tribute to an American Hero, Bucky Going. Colonel Going served with distinction at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and the follow-up for the Normandy Invasion of June 6, 1944. His heroic actions during the Battle of the Bulge earned him a Bronze Star. Remarkably, he survived not only the Japanese attack of 1941 but also the German counter-attack of 1944. Reverend L. Craig Wilkes of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia conducted a loving service at historic Elmwood Cemetery of Columbia. The following obituary was published in The State on September 30, 2016:

COLUMBIA.—Graveside funeral services for Walter Franklin "Buck" Going, Jr. will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia, SC. He passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2016 after a brief illness. He was born in Columbia, SC on December 25, 1919 and was the son of Walter F. Going, Sr. and Allie Mack Going. He graduated from Columbia High School where he was a member of the football team. He graduated from The Citadel in June of 1941 and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. He was stationed at Scofield Barracks in Hawaii and was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He was transferred back to the United States and was reassigned to the European Theatre of Operations. He was part of the follow on forces during the Normandy Invasion. He was then assigned to the Third Army commanded by General George S. Patton and fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded a Bronze Star. After World War II, he entered the School of Law at the University of South Carolina where he met and married the love of his life, Eleanor Toole. They formed the law firm of Going and Going, Attorneys and practiced law together for forty years. He remained in the U.S. Army Reserve and became commanding officer of the 360th Civil Affairs Unit. He retired from the Army in 1971 with the rank of full Colonel.

He was a member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the American Legion. He was also active in the Lions Club and was a member of the South Carolina Bar and the Richland County Bar.

He is survived by daughters, Jacquelyn A. Going and Mary Going McIntosh (David); granddaughter, Eleanor Carmen "Carrie" McIntosh; sister, Ethel Going DuBose, as well as a number of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor Toole Going and sister, Jacquelin Maxwell Gambrell.

The family will receive friends in the Atrium of First Presbyterian Church in Columbia following graveside services.

Memorials may be made to The Citadel, 171 Moultrie St., Charleston, SC 29409 or to First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion St., Columbia, SC 29201.

Elmwood Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.