

that make up our great state. The refuge is a shining example of our partnership with the federal government to preserve these beautiful natural resources in the heart of our Metropolitan Region. Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the forty years of dedicated work by the federal employees and volunteers of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service whose efforts will continue in order to protect Minnesota wildlife and habitat at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANASSAS PARK CITY SCHOOLS

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Manassas Park City School system as they celebrate their 40th anniversary as a School Division in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Manassas Park City School system was the last school division to be approved for formation by the Virginia Department of Education in 1976, as the City of Manassas Park became the last town in the Commonwealth of Virginia to receive City status.

The beginnings for the school system 40 years ago were not ideal. After a last minute move for independence from Prince William County, both the government and the schools were created with no infrastructure or financial support. In spite of these obstacles, the four schools which make up the Manassas Park City School system have become a successful part of a thriving community. Thanks to dedicated faculty and staff, Manassas Park City Schools are achieving remarkable things: a one-to-one digital conversion, a new balanced calendar, improved community engagement, and outstanding academic performance.

Coming from a family of educators, I appreciate the invaluable role that administrators, teachers, and support staff play in inspiring our students. The work Manassas Park City Schools have done, and continue to do, with young men and women will be of great value to our community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the importance of the Manassas Park City School system's 40th anniversary and what it represents for the city's residents, students, and staff. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Manassas Park City Schools and to thank them for their service to the children of Manassas Park. I wish them all well in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF EL CENTRO

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of El Centro in

Kansas City, Kansas. El Centro was established in 1976 as a place where the Kansas City, Kansas' Hispanic population could come together and form a sense of connectedness within their communities.

El Centro began with just a \$10,000 grant from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and with the hard work and dedication of caring community members it has grown to 3 locations in my district, serving more than 12,000 individuals and families per year.

El Centro could not be what it is today without the efforts of its President and CEO Irene Caudillo. Irene has a long history of improving our community by creating children and youth programs for nonprofit organizations, including El Centro and Wyandotte Mental Health Association in Wyandotte County.

I've had the privilege of getting to know Irene over the years during my visits to El Centro's Head Start program, Academy for Children, which aims to help Pre-K students receive strong early-childhood educational opportunities and set them up for success. Irene also serves on my Hispanic Advisory Committee, is a school board member in Kansas City, Kansas, and a great leader and role model in the Kansas City community.

Mr. Speaker, our community is stronger because of El Centro, where their mission is to strengthen communities and improve lives of Latinos and others through educational, social, and economic opportunities. I look forward to our continued work together.

IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALABAMA FARM-CITY WEEK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 60th Anniversary of Alabama Farm-City Week.

Over the past 60 years during the week of Thanksgiving; Farm-City week is observed to express gratitude for the bounty with which God has blessed our land while recognizing our farmers and communities who help make the Agriculture industry so successful.

In our great state, Agriculture and related industries provide over half a million good-paying jobs. During Farm-City week, I hope everyone in East Alabama will recognize our farmers and be appreciative of all they do.

In Alabama, the 2016 Farm-City theme is "Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 60th Anniversary of Farm-City week.

OUTDOOR RECREATION'S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I commend the House on its adoption of the Out-

door Recreation's Economic Contributions Act, which directs the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis to assess and analyze the U.S. outdoor recreation economy and the effects attributable to it on the overall U.S. economy.

In Oregon and across the country, an increasing number of Americans enjoy recreating outdoors. In fact, at least two-thirds of Oregonians participate in outdoor recreation each year. From the magnificent Columbia River Gorge to trails and creeks throughout our forests, canyons, and deserts, these open spaces and recreation areas are vital to individuals, families, businesses, and communities.

Outdoor recreation opportunities in Oregon and nationwide support healthy communities, create jobs, generate tax revenue, and support a high quality of life. Americans spend \$646 billion per year on outdoor recreation gear, vehicles, trips, and more. In Oregon, outdoor recreation generates over \$12 billion in consumer spending, tens of thousands of jobs, and \$4 billion in wages and salaries. Additionally, supporting sustainable outdoor recreation can also help protect important ecological, watershed, and fish and wildlife values that underpin high quality recreation experiences.

Outdoor recreation is vitally important to Oregonians and Oregon's economy, and this legislation will provide us with the information needed to guide our land and water policy to support this important industry.

TRIBUTE TO CARL THEODORE WOLF, JR.

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my friend and proud Navy veteran Carl Theodore Wolf, Jr., who passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Carl was a caring member of his community, and he will be deeply missed.

Carl served in the U.S. Navy for ten years with honor and distinction. While serving in Germany on the Rhine River Patrol, Carl met his wife Anneliese. After their marriage on November 6, 1955, Carl and Anneliese made their first home in San Diego, California. A few years later, they would celebrate the birth of their daughter Brigitte. In 1967, the Wolf family picked up and settled down in Reseda, California.

Carl loved his country and his family. He was an avid reader and especially enjoyed history books. Carl truly enjoyed talking to people and relished recounting stories about his travels around the world while serving in the Navy.

Carl's dedication to his work, family, and country are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I was proud to call Carl my friend and I will deeply miss him. I extend my condolences to Carl's family and friends; although Carl may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remains and will never be forgotten.

RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF LA COMUNIDAD
NEWS

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize La Comunidad News and its founder and publisher, Rafael Viscarra on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Latino newspaper's publication. In the 2nd Congressional District of Wisconsin, we are fortunate to have such a longstanding newspaper focused on "helping, empowering and serving the Latino community," as its mission states.

The newspaper began when Rafael Viscarra and his son, Dante Viscarra, sought a way to keep our growing Latino community informed and participating in the community and the democratic system.

The newspaper was Madison's first Spanish-language newspaper, beginning publication under the name Spanish News/La Nación. Today it continues to celebrate Latino holidays and culture. It honors the achievements of community members, as well as connecting people within the Latino community and informing our broader community.

In its 25 years of publication, La Comunidad has been an important voice as the Latino population has grown from several thousand people to more than 30,000 residents from diverse nationalities in the newspaper's Dane County readership area.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize La Comunidad News for its service and contributions to our community.

IN HONOR OF ELIZABETH HILL
MORROW'S PARTICIPATION IN
THE 2015 UNITED STATES POLICE
AND FIRE GAMES AND 2015
WORLD POLICE AND FIRE
GAMES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Elizabeth Hill Morrow for her participation in the 2015 United States Police and Fire Games in San Diego, California and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax, Virginia.

Morrow, a Jacksonville State University Police Officer, participated in these two events by competing in a total of five individual events and received a total of five Gold Medals.

Elizabeth is a native of Randolph County, Alabama. She is a graduate of Handley High School in Roanoke, Alabama and a graduate of Troy University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Jacksonville State University with a Master's in Emergency Management. Elizabeth joined the Jacksonville State University Police Department in 2006. She and her husband Fred currently reside in the Jacksonville area.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Elizabeth on her accomplishments in the 2015 United States Police and Fire Games and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable travel delays, I missed two roll call votes. Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 985, the Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015, as amended (Roll Call No. 575), I would have voted "aye." This bill will allow concrete masonry producers to establish a "check-off" program at the Department of Commerce. This coordinated program will fund research, education and promotion to improve, maintain and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 2669, the Anti-Spoofing Act (Roll Call No. 576), I would have voted "aye." This bill will extend the prohibition on transmitting inaccurate caller ID information to anyone located in the United States—including through Voice-over-Internet (VoIP) calls or text messages sent to mobile phones. Current law only covers voice calls.

PASSING MENTAL HEALTH
REFORM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of passing mental health reform in the Senate prior to the end of the 114th Congress. As the original lead democratic cosponsor of H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, I was proud to work on the legislation for three years as to see it pass the House in July.

As the days remaining in the 114th Congress dwindle, there is still a long list of unfinished business that Republicans in the House and the Senate must make a priority. Since the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act was bipartisan and passed the House with a vote of 422–2, mental health reform is something we can all agree on right now.

We can all agree that the severely mentally ill are largely untreated and undiagnosed in this country. We can all agree that the homeless and prison population are particularly vulnerable to mental illness, and that these are the individuals that get the least amount of attention and access to mental health services. We can all agree that unnecessary barriers exist between physicians and caregivers who only want to help their loved ones. We can all agree that there are not enough psychiatric hospital beds available for individuals experiencing a crisis. We can all agree that additional federal coordination is necessary to change and elevate these issues.

The need for change to how we operate our federal mental health system and how we treat patients with severe mental illness is now. Patients, families, and physicians cannot wait any longer. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to consider and pass mental health reform before the end of the 114th Congress. Our individuals with mental illness cannot afford to start over again.

INAUGURATION OF REBECCA
KOENIG ROLOFF AS THE 11TH
PRESIDENT OF ST. CATHERINE
UNIVERSITY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Ms. ReBecca Koenig Roloff, who was inaugurated as the 11th President of St. Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota on October 11, 2016. Throughout her career, Ms. Roloff has earned the respect of her peers and colleagues by her extraordinary leadership abilities, quickly rising through the ranks of every organization she has been a part of, and leaving legacies of success along the way.

The first time that ReBecca Roloff set foot on the campus of St. Catherine University, she was a teenage prospective student. Growing up in Dickinson, North Dakota, she had never met a female doctor, engineer, or lawyer. However, when she arrived at St. Kate's as it is known, she was astounded to see that the entire institution, from the administration to the professors, was led by highly educated professional women. The impact on Ms. Roloff was both immediate, and long lasting. She went on to graduate cum laude from St. Catherine University in 1976 and later earn a Master's of Business Administration with distinction from Harvard Business School in 1982.

Beginning her career as a grain merchant for Cargill, Ms. Roloff moved up to senior management positions at Pillsbury and later became senior vice president of Global Financial Advice and Systems at American Express Financial Advisors in Minneapolis. In this role she oversaw the \$90 million core business and transformed the sales systems used by over 10,000 advisors.

Ms. Roloff's success in business was coupled with a growing desire to serve in a position with a broader mission to impact the community. She was named Chief Executive Officer of the Minneapolis YWCA, a role where she would directly work to empower women and girls and achieve success by breaking down barriers of class and race.

Ms. Roloff's sharp business acumen, passion for social justice, and impressive credentials were qualities that put her at the top of a national search by the University of St. Catherine Board of Trustees when they were seeking the candidate to be named the 11th president. As an alumna of St. Kate's, Ms. Roloff deeply understands and embodies the institution's foundational principles of advancing women's education through the Catholic traditions of intellectual inquiry, social justice, and liberal arts. As a fellow alumna myself, I have no doubt that she will bring her deep passion, intelligence and leadership to this position. The faculty, staff, and especially students of St. Catherine University will benefit from her caring guidance and stewardship of the institution that thrust her on to the path that would eventually lead her back home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. ReBecca Koenig Roloff, the 11th President of St. Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota.