

and more. He also successfully commanded the first Active and Reserve Component integrated headquarters to serve in Bosnia.

Along with his Army National Guard service, MG Halverson continued his life of service in the State of Texas, where he served in the Governor's Division of Emergency Management and as a Deputy Insurance Commissioner for Safety. Following his retirement from military service in March 2002, MG Halverson continued to serve as a mentor for other National Guard Division and Brigade Commanders and Staff.

MG Halverson's skills as a strategic leader have improved every organization he's associated with. His commitment to community and his role as a mentor and friend to his colleagues make him a valuable asset to improving the quality of life in the Lone Star State.

I commend Major General Robert Halverson's selfless service to both the United States Army and his nation. His patriotism, citizenship, and commitment to excellence reflect the very best values of Central Texas. I join MG Halverson's friends, family, and colleagues in celebrating his outstanding achievements.

SHIVAM ALBEE SHINES WITH
SCHOOL PROJECT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shivam Albee of Sugar Land, TX for his enthusiasm about government and in particular Congress.

Shivam has expressed a keen interest in how our government works. He and his parents recently visited Washington, DC with stops in their congressional office and our nation's Capitol building. As a result of his trip, he completed a school report on how Congress operates. His eagerness to learn and contribute to our representative democracy is heartwarming and gives us hope for our future leaders. America is at its best with an engaged and active citizenry. We hope more students and young leaders emerge as they become adults.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you Shivam Albee for reminding us of the importance of youthful enthusiasm. We are proud of his hard work and look forward to his future success.

TRIBUTE TO PAM AND CHARLIE
MANNING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pam and Charlie Manning of Glenwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 20, 1966 in Gary, Indiana.

Pam and Charlie's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, and their grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE AIR FORCES
ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, every November 11th, we stop to recognize the brave men and women who have served our country in our armed forces. Having just marked Veterans Day, I would like to recognize one group of extraordinary servicemembers in particular, the United States Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society, or AFEES.

Since the United States military first began using airplanes in foreign wars, members of the United States Air Forces have been forced to eject, crash land, or abandon their aircraft in an occupied country or territory. Once downed, these airmen had to evade capture by enemy forces, oftentimes while suffering from critical injuries.

Of the downed aircrew members that were captured, many escaped from the enemy who were holding them in captivity. Many times, downed servicemembers were aided in their escape and evasion by resistance organizations in those occupied countries. Thousands of brave, ordinary people took extraordinary risks at huge costs to both them and their families to help these brave Americans and help them return home.

In 1964, the United States Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society was created by the downed aircrew members who evaded capture. Today, AFEES includes downed aircrew members and people who directly aided them in escape and evasion and has more than 600 members, including members from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

I am proud to represent one brave AFEES member, the group's President, John Katsaros of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Today, I would like to recognize the United States Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society and the achievements made by its members: to never accept captivity and to constantly strive for their freedom. Thank you for your service and for the inspiration you are to all of us.

GENE CHILD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gene Child

for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

For decades, Gene has dedicated his time, resources, and abilities to preserving our community's history. He co-founded the Golden Landmarks Association to save the Astor House from demolition, assisted in converting the old Presbyterian Church into the Foothills Art Center, and helped move the Guy Hill School from the former Mitchell Elementary site to the Clear Creek History Park, then helped restore it. Even now he cares for the chickens that live in History Park. Gene and his beloved Arlone were part of the effort to create the 12th Street Historic District in 1984.

I congratulate Gene for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank him for his continued commitment to the people and families he serves.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE MESSIAS
TEMPLE CHURCH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Messiah Temple Church. It is my honor and privilege to recognize the contributions Messiah Temple Church has made to our community.

Established in 1941 by John T. Elder and Sister Laura Elder, the Ypsilanti Messiah Temple Church is dedicated to building a permanent sanctuary for people of the community to have a place to connect with each other, and strengthen their faith. Messiah was built on a principle that welcomed people of all walks of life, giving positions of leadership not common within the Church for its time. In 1949 after the passing of Elder John T. Elder, his widowed wife, Sister Laura Elder, was elected as Church Pastor and remained until her retirement in 1974, demonstrating that this Church would celebrate the diversity of Ypsilanti, and lead by progressive example. Jesse Ross was then chosen to serve as pastor, and personally led the congregation to its new permanent home on Harriet Street in 1984. Pastor Ross continued to serve until his death in 1991, when Harry Grayson was selected to continue the proud tradition of service and leadership. Today we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Messiah Temple Church, as well as the 25th anniversary of Suffragan Bishop Grayson's appointment. Providing strong leadership within the community has long been the cornerstone of Messiah Temple Church, and the tradition continues as the church looks forward to the next 75 years of serving the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in gratitude to honor the 75th anniversary of Messiah Temple Church. For seventy-five years now, Messiah Temple has displayed an immense passion and deep devotion for improving the lives of its members, and also the people of Ypsilanti, and we wish them many more years of success.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IBEW LOCAL 8

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 8 of Toledo, Ohio. This is an incredibly significant milestone of labor history in Northwest Ohio.

Since 1891, IBEW Local 8 has served northwest Ohio with distinction, providing the highest quality of electrical work and providing power to the residents of Northwest Ohio. Its members continue to dedicate their careers to the advancement of wages, benefits and working conditions for all electrical workers.

IBEW Local 8's skilled technicians are committed to building our communities forward. The deep history of IBEW Local 8 shows that the Toledo Chapter was one of the first-ever locals chartered in the United States, established at the founding of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers nationally.

The skilled men and women of IBEW Local 8 have contributed their time and talents to many notable projects in Northwest Ohio. Committed to quality workmanship, their skills have been critical to the development of industry throughout our region.

IBEW founder Henry Miller envisioned a union of electrical workers banded together toward the goal of improved safety, wages and working conditions for the brotherhood. A century later, his legacy stands tall through the brothers and sisters of Local 8. We offer our heartiest congratulations to IBEW Local 8 in celebration of its rich history and thank you for working to illuminate our world over the last 125 years.

DANA STEINER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dana Steiner for receiving the Golden Mayor's first-ever Goldmine Award, an honor recognizing the achievement and contributions of the students or faculty of the Colorado School of Mines.

Dana Steiner, a senior at the School of Mines designed and implemented a community service project for the Mines Class of 2020, encouraging further collaboration between the university and city of Golden. Throughout the spring and summer, she identified projects benefiting city government departments, schools, civic organizations, the faith community, and individual residents. On August 20th, she successfully organized approximately 900 incoming students at more than 25 Golden locations in and around Golden, for more than 1,000 hours of community service. Dana is a senior majoring in Biochemical and Chemical Engineering who is also involved in the Society of Women Engineers; an ally of Out in Science, Technology, Engineering; a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Advocates Against Violence and for

Education, the Ethics Bowl team, and Lead Peer Mentor.

I congratulate Dana for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank her for her contributions to the community.

**HONORING REAR ADMIRAL
ROBERT L. TONEY**

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney, USN, (Retired). With his passing on November 4, 2016, we honor his faithful service to our nation.

Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney had a distinguished naval career that spanned 34 years. He was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy in 1957. Over the course of his career he has held several commands including Naval Base San Francisco, Logistics Group One, Maritime Defense Command and Director of Logistics and Security Assistance of U.S. Pacific Command.

He received numerous honors and decorations including the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal with Oakleaf Cluster, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

His commitment to education and self-improvement was showcased through his commitment to personal study. Early in his life he earned a B.A. in Social Sciences from Chico State University. He was also a Graduate of the National and International Security Course from Harvard University and received Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humane Letters from Golden Gate University, and National University.

Admiral Toney retired from the Navy in 1994 after 34 years of distinguished service. In his retirement he continued to show his commitment to this country by devoting the remainder of his life to community service.

From 1991 to 1996, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Admiral. Toney also served as the Executive Vice President of Business Development of F.E. Jordan and Associates, Interim President of The Bay Area Urban League, Chairman of the Board of Alternative, Inc., Director of Bank of the West, Director of Levine-Fricke-Recon Advisory Board, Director of Junior Achievement of the San Francisco Bay Area, and as a member of Chico State University's President Advisory Board.

Throughout his military and civilian business careers, Admiral Toney was one of those rare individuals whose ethic of hard work and devotion to duty made a difference. He was a role model to all who served with him.

Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney, USN, (Retired) will be remembered as one of our finest naval officers, a role model, devoted husband to his wife, Flore, who predeceased him, and to his family.

On a personal note, Admiral Toney and I had a chance to get to know each other when I was in the California legislature in the 1990's. He became a consistent supporter of my political efforts and always encouraged me

to fight the good fight. I respected Admiral Toney's wise counsel and was proud to call him my friend.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the legacy of Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney, USN, (Retired). His contributions have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area and our Country. I join all of Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life and offer them my most sincere condolences.

**IRON COUNTY'S NEW AMTRAK
STATION**

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark a historic day in the Arcadia Valley. Today, Iron County opens its new Amtrak Station and welcomes the Texas Eagle to begin regular service from Arcadia to the USA.

Led by the group "Our Town Tomorrow," the communities of Arcadia, Ironton and Pilot Knob have worked since 2011 to revive the old train stop and resurrect rail service. They've navigated a complicated process.

The members of "Our Town Tomorrow"—September Bennett, Joan Duncan, Carol Kelsheimer, Pam Sherrill, and Judy Schaaf-Wheeler—have worked with other community leaders to establish a vision for the Arcadia Valley and to bring the train to town. I applaud them for their community spirit and determination to improve the quality of life in the place they call home.

Starting today, Arcadia joins St. Louis and Poplar Bluff as the only three stops the Texas Eagle makes in Missouri.

It is my hope the Amtrak Station will signal a new era of prosperity for Iron County. It is my great honor to represent the good folks of the Arcadia Valley and join them in celebration as I recognize their accomplishment today before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO PAT AND RAY LAW

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pat and Ray Law of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 19, 1966 at the Church of God of Prophecy in Council Bluffs.

Pat and Ray's lifelong commitment to each other and their three daughters, 22 adopted children, 40 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As Pat and Ray reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join