

June 29th through July 1st. Elizabeth was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to her dedication to her academic success and goals of pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Elizabeth and all of her hard work, and know she will make Katy proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Elizabeth for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMMIGRANTS' ASSISTANCE CENTER

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Immigrants' Assistance Center (IAC) in New Bedford, Massachusetts on their 45th anniversary, and to thank the Center for its continued service to the community.

Since its establishment in 1971 by members of the local Portuguese community, the IAC has helped immigrants throughout southeastern Massachusetts adjust to their new lives. The IAC is committed to empowering immigrants by providing them with the opportunity to successfully transition into new routines in the United States, while also preserving and maintaining the heritage of their home countries. Through their tireless work, the dedicated staff at the IAC has helped countless individuals overcome the language, economic, and cultural barriers that many immigrants and non-English speakers face upon arriving in their new communities.

Throughout its history, the IAC has also encouraged immigrants to pursue active roles in our communities. By connecting immigrants with civic advocacy groups, religious and charitable organizations, and other community service opportunities, the IAC has inspired numerous immigrants to become passionately involved in helping those who need it most.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Immigrants' Assistance Center as it celebrates its 45th anniversary. The support provided by the IAC has greatly improved the quality of life for many residents of southeastern Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing the Immigrants' Assistance Center well in its continued endeavors and I look forward to hearing more about its accomplishments in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO KATIE ALBRECHT-SNELL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Katie Albrecht-Snell for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the

Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

Katie serves as the manager of corporate citizenship at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. Through her work, she is able to lend a helping hand to those in need and show others the gratification in doing so. Katie's caring and giving spirit is not only part of her professional life. She is a dedicated volunteer in the community and from a young age has always shown a passion for helping others. This year, Katie also became a mother and always finds time to be with her husband and newborn.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Katie in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Katie on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

TRIBUTE TO JIM BECK

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim Beck, a resident and community leader from Bakersfield, California, on his retirement as the General Manager of the Kern County Water Agency. Over the past three decades with the Kern County Water Agency, Jim has been instrumental in the fight to ensure our community receives the water we need.

Jim received both his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He joined the Kern County Water Agency nearly 32 years ago, moving from an agency chemist to Manager of Improvement District No. 4 to Assistant General Manager. In January 2005, Jim became the General Manager, undertaking an extremely important role for Kern County in California's extremely challenging world of water.

The Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) is the second-largest participant in the California State Water Project (SWP), with an annual allotment of about 1 million acre-feet of water that is delivered to 19 public water agencies through KCWA and provided to serve domestic and irrigation water supplies to families, farms, and businesses located in Kern County. As General Manager, Jim has fought hard to ensure that Kern County gets the water we deserve—the water that we contract and pay for.

The position of General Manager of KCWA is not for the faint of heart. Jim has led the agency through the most recent and currently ongoing catastrophic drought in California—

the worst on record. Federal and state laws and regulations have exacerbated drought conditions resulting in significant water supply reductions from the SWP and to Kern County. Notwithstanding Jim's soft-spoken and quiet demeanor, when it comes to water advocacy, Jim has been a vociferous and unwavering ally in efforts to reform these laws and regulations to help ensure our communities get the water they need.

At my request, Jim travelled to Washington, D.C., to testify before the House Committee on Natural Resources on the importance of legislation to reform the laws and regulations that are making it impossible for the Kern County Water Agency to get its full water allocation off the SWP. And, with Jim's and his staff's expertise, legislation was drafted that united all the differing factions in California's complex water system (north and south, east and west, Federal and state) that passed the House in multiple Congresses.

Recognizing the challenges on the SWP, Jim did not stand idly by as surface water supplies became more unreliable. As General Manager, he oversaw significant capital projects at the Kern County Water Agency, including water purification and conveyance infrastructure, to ensure the water that Kern County does receive either from the SWP or Mother Nature is not lost. In addition, as General Manager, Jim oversees one of the largest groundwater banks in California, which has been invaluable as the drought continues.

Jim has been at the forefront of the fight for Kern County farmers and families. Drive up and down the Central Valley and you will see signs that say "Food Grows Where Water Flows." The water that Jim and KCWA have gotten for Kern County, part of California's "Salad Bowl," ensures that our community, state, and nation have access to healthy fresh fruits, vegetables and nuts and that the southern Central Valley continues to thrive.

Jim exemplifies how one can serve their community with quiet fortitude and dedication over the years. Jim and I have been in the trenches together on California water, and I have enjoyed working with him and his no-nonsense style as we fought to protect Kern County water. After many years in public service, I know that Jim looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Diane, and two sons, Chandler and Braden. Jim will be missed in the world of Kern County and California water, but I salute his lifetime of service and on behalf of our county and state, I wish him the best as he begins this new chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 37th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and to recognize the long-standing U.S.-Taiwan relations. For the past 37 years, the Taiwan Relations Act has served as the cornerstone of the friendship between the United States and Taiwan that has been a mutually beneficial economic, cultural, and strategic relationship.

The United States and Taiwan share many of the same values, including democracy, freedom of speech and rule of law. The relations between our two countries have grown to include areas of trade, national security, and people-to-people exchanges. Taiwan has also joined the United States in providing essential humanitarian aid and promoting peace throughout the world.

As a member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I am continuously supportive of efforts to strengthen the friendship between our two countries.

In commemorating the 37th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I commend the work that has been done between our two countries to further democracy, and I look forward to strengthening our relationship with Taiwan in the future.

IN MEMORY OF BILL WEST

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, April 10, 2016, a Celebration of Life was conducted for William Otis West, Sr., at Holland Avenue Baptist Church of West Columbia, South Carolina, with services warmly conducted by Pastor Dow Welsh, Pastor Charles Wilson, and Dr. Bill Davidson. Musical selections were performed by Carroll Crawford, Bobby Bland, Bob Michalski, Emily Lipscombe, and Stacey Arnold.

I was grateful to provide a remembrance along with Lexington County Chronicle Editor Jerry Bellune.

A thoughtful obituary was published March 31, 2016, in the Lexington County Chronicle:

WEST COLUMBIA.—William O. “Bill” West passed away peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2016, at the age of 76. He was born in 1939, a son of Elizabeth and Edward West in Spartanburg, S.C.

Bill was a well-known face and voice in television and radio in South Carolina but his heart was always in newspaper journalism. Despite severe health problems, Bill continued to serve South Carolina journalism through a long career as editor of The Dispatch-News in Lexington and recently as columnist and senior editor at the Lexington County Chronicle.

His passion for print led him to serve the South Carolina Press Association as editor of the SCPA Bulletin. Bill was honored to be named State Journalist of the Year in 2009.

He was also honored for his coverage of the community by a local activist group that calls itself the Cayce Mafia, and with the Order of the Palmetto Patriot by Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer and long-time political activist Mickey Lindler.

After being named S.C. Press Association Journalist of the Year, Bill’s comment was, “I wasn’t called to the pulpit, but to the press. And the past 50 years I have been very blessed by people, my writing and my God.”

Bill is survived by his wife Anne Foster West; four children and their spouses, Suzanne Davidson and Joe, Fred West and Michelle, Joe West and Elizabeth, and Billy West; six grandchildren, Bryce Davidson, Alex Davidson, Connor Davidson, Foster West, Grace Anne West and Joseph West, and a brother, Eddie West.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Holland Avenue Baptist Church, 12th

Street in Cayce. The Rev. Dow Welsh, The Rev. Charles Wilson and Dr. Bill Davidson will officiate. The family will receive friends immediately after the service.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Flower Ministry at Holland Avenue Baptist Church.

My remembrance remarks for the Holland Avenue Baptist Church service are presented:

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Family and friends of Bill and Anne West,  
I am humbled and grateful that Bill has requested I participate in this celebration of life, especially in the company of Jerry Bellune and his wife MacLeod Bellune, who love this community and the West family.

Holland Avenue Baptist has extraordinary members. This year in January I attended the celebration of life of Johnnie Neese, a lady who made a positive difference, as a founder of a new political party in the 1960s, which is now the majority party of our community and state. She and her husband Harry were courageous.

It is clear that Bill West, a gentleman, has made a positive difference. I share his passion for print media as I was editor of my high school, college and law school newspapers, but unlike Bill, he was a superstar, being editor of the The Dispatch-News, then on to edit the South Carolina Press Association Bulletin, becoming the S.C. Press Association Journalist of the Year in 2009, before enthusiastically being a columnist and senior editor of the Lexington County Chronicle.

I saw firsthand of his professionalism, not as a journalist, but as an elected official who he professionally grilled. His thoughtful questions were very perceptive and he was evenhanded, asking the same questions, in the same tone, to friend or foe. He fulfilled his duty to inform the public with a community newspaper. I will always cherish his evenhandedness and even though he knew I admired him, his inquiries were solid and not fluff. He respected the readers by providing the truth for them to determine their views.

When he called, I always dropped everything to return the call because I knew he had a strict deadline. I also hoped it would give me a chance to speak with Anne. They are a great team raising four wonderful children and six talented grandchildren who mean so much to Roxanne and myself.

I am grateful to Bill for giving me the opportunity to be here today with a dedicated wife, family and friends. I know the Lord has welcomed Bill. “Well done, Good and Faithful Servant.” God Bless the West Family.

FOURTH DISTRICT OF COLORADO  
DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS  
FOR FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize nine high school students from the fourth district of Colorado, who were selected to represent the state of Colorado as delegates at the Congress for Future Medical Leaders. The students are Tolani Adeleye of Erie High School, Danae Beauprez of Yuma High School, Cody Benson of Chaparral High School, Paola Cabrales of Lamar High School, Kali Dodd of Douglas County High School, Katie Emberley of Silver Creek High School, Ashley Joplin of Legend High School, Andrea Russell of Laurel Springs High School, and Michelle Scoggins of Windsor High School.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors program that recognizes exceptional high school students who are pursuing careers as a physician or in medical research.

These students are the future leaders of the medical field and our country. Through their studies, they have embodied the meaning of hard work and perseverance to achieve their goals, and will better the health of future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize these nine students for their hard work and service to their community. I wish them luck in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LIZ ADELMAN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Liz Adelman for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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Liz is the founder and CEO of Adelman Public Relations, one of the premier public relations firms in Central Iowa. She has also been tirelessly dedicated to her community and it’s evident through her involvement in several area non-profits, including co-founding Art Week Des Moines, and fundraising for Central Iowa Shelter and Services, Heroes for Homeless, and Cheers for Children. Through all of her community involvement and dedication to growing her business Liz still finds time to be with her husband and three boys, Michael, Ben, and Sammy.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Liz in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Liz on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

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**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in