

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
BETTY R. MODRALL

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**  
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mrs. Betty R. Modrall and ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the legacy that she left in Columbia, Tennessee.

Betty was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She spent her childhood and adolescent years in the city of Mount Pleasant. After high school she attended Columbia Business College where she met her husband Mr. Joe Tom Modrall. On June 11th, 1956, she began her first job working for the city of Columbia starting as a clerk and bookkeeper. In 1970, she was appointed as the city recorder and finance director until 1995. She continued to serve as city recorder until her passing on March 15th, 2016.

Betty was a beloved member of her city. She faithfully served for almost six decades. Betty looked out for the interests of the people, especially the retiree community. She went above and beyond for the city of Columbia and fulfilled her positions with honor. Her love and support will be remembered by those whom she served.

TRIBUTE TO MARY DEWITT

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**  
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Mary DeWitt on the occasion of her 100th birthday on March 27, 2016.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Mary's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mary has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mary in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mary on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

FRAY GARCES COUNCIL 1830  
CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PAUL COOK**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in special recognition of the Fray Garces Council

1830 of the Knights of Columbus. Established in Needles, California on March 5, 1906, Council 1830 celebrated its 100th anniversary at a special ceremony on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Named in the honor of a martyred Franciscan missionary, Council 1830 has served under the Arch Diocese of Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Bernardino. In 1950, Council 1830 moved its operations to Barstow, California and is an integral part of the San Bernardino County community. Council 1830 is active with the El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, California, has sponsored bingo events since the 1960s, and founded the Arrowhead-Desert Valley Chapter in 1959.

I would like to congratulate Council 1830 on this momentous occasion. Their commitment to promoting the Knights of Columbus principles of unity, charity, fraternity, and charity make our community a special place to live. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, congratulations on 100 years of service.

HONORING DON ROMINES

**HON. JASON SMITH**  
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Romines of Houston, Missouri on receiving this year's Lifetime Achievement Award for his 45 years of service to the community. In addition to being the city's longest serving alderman, Don has volunteered and participated in numerous groups and projects dedicated to improving the community.

From a young age, Don worked in the family owned and operated business Romines Motor Company. His parents were active members of the community, with Don's mother Vera holding office as the first female mayor of Houston. In 1972, Don married former Houston Middle School teacher Barbara Bridges, whom he later had two children with, Franklin and Tyler.

In 1978, Don was first elected to the Houston City Council. In his thirty-plus year career, Don has spent more than 720 evenings at council meetings alone, which totals over 1500 cumulative hours of volunteering for the community. During his tenure as alderman, Don has worked on projects including airport expansion, park developments, street and sidewalk additions, and long range planning. In addition to his service on the City Council, Don has participated in the Houston Jaycees, volunteered at the fire department, the chamber of commerce, and the Houston Development Company.

For these many accomplishments and his outstanding career of community service, it is my pleasure to recognize Don Romines in front of the U.S. House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE FEIRER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**  
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julie

Feirer of Winterset for being honored by her peers as the 2015 Business Person of the Year by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Julie launched her business, Winterset Citizen Promotions, in late 2013 and by 2015 had achieved a 425 percent increase in her business. Known for providing a high level of service to fellow Madison County businesses, Julie devotes volunteer hours throughout the community to improve and enhance Winterset and the Madison County area. The region is better served because Julie epitomizes leadership.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Iowans like Julie in the United States Congress. I also invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this award and wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MIDDLESEX  
AND SOMERSET COUNTIES AFL-  
CIO LABOR COUNCIL 33RD AN-  
NUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLAR-  
SHIP BRUNCH HONORING KEVIN  
MCCABE AND VINCENT M. LANE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**  
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council as its members gather for the 33rd annual Awards and Scholarship Brunch on April 24, 2016. I would also like to congratulate Kevin McCabe and Vincent M. Lane on their recognition by the Council as the Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award recipient and the Labor Person of the Year recipient, respectively.

The Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council, based in Sayreville, New Jersey, represents workers in Middlesex and Somerset Counties. The Council supports and advocates for unions and their members in an effort to advance and protect the standards, rights and benefits of New Jersey's labor force.

Kevin McCabe and Vincent Lane, truly embody the spirit of the Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award and the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council Labor Person of the Year. As President of the Carpenter Contractor Trust of New York & New Jersey and former Commissioner for the New Jersey State Department of Labor, Chairman McCabe is a dedicated partner in labor and continues to serve New Jersey's workforce. Mr. Lane is a hardworking labor leader, currently serving as its Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 711.

I would also like to join with the Council in commemorating Workers Memorial Day. Workers Memorial Day is an important observance, highlighting the risks men and women face on the job and the need to continue our efforts to advance safe work conditions. I commend the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council for remembering those individuals who have been injured or who have lost their lives in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing the Middlesex and Somerset

Counties AFL–CIO Labor Council and congratulating Kevin McCabe and Vincent Lane. Their efforts to ensure equal rights and opportunities for workers is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 37th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

The Republic of China (Taiwan) is not only our close economic and security partner but a friend with whom we share many principles and values. Signed into law in 1979, the Taiwan Relations Act established the legal basis for our bilateral relations with Taiwan. I am pleased to say the U.S.–Taiwan bilateral relationship has continued to expand and grow stronger over the past thirty-seven years. As President Ma Ying-jeou remarked during The American Chamber of Commerce 2016 Annual Hsieh Nien Fan Gala, this relationship has also reaped benefits for the peaceful state of the East Asia and Asia-Pacific regions: “First, the development of Taiwan–U.S. relations and the trilateral interaction involving the U.S., Taiwan, and the mainland over the past eight years have led to the warmest relations in more than 60 years.”

In a recent trip to Taiwan, I had the opportunity to experience firsthand our shared values and our close economic ties. In 2015, Taiwan was the United States' 9th largest trading partner and the bilateral trade between the United States and Taiwan reached \$67.4 billion. My home state of California has also benefited from the strong commercial partnership. For example, in 2014, California's export to Taiwan reached \$7.46 billion, making Taiwan California's 5th largest export market in Asia and 7th largest export market in the world.

Additionally, as we recently recognized the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, it is appropriate to remember Taiwan's important contributions to the alliance that defeated fascist militarism. The United States and Taiwan work closely and that partnership continued as the United States helped Taiwan to overcome challenges and thrive following the end of the fighting.

As a friend of Taiwan, I look forward to continuing to promote policies that reaffirm our mutual commitment to democratic and economic development. I urge my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 37th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,203,187,186,595.43. We've added \$8,576,310,137,682.35 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO BROOKE SUTPHIN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brooke Sutphin for being recognized by her peers to receive the 2015 Customer Service of the Year Award from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Her company, b.Shannon Designs in Winterset, is known throughout the region for its unique product of personalized jewelry.

Brooke has been designing and creating jewelry since 1995 when she graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. Her specialty is seeking a unique combination of contrast and textures which catch the eye. It has been said that “A customer doesn't care how much you know until they know how much you care.” (D. Ramon) Brooke Sutphin lives that motto every day in her dealings with the public. She cares about her community as much as she cares about her business and it shows with the recognition they bestowed upon her.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Brooke and all the citizens of Madison County in the United States Congress. I also invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this award and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING APRIL 17 AS WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY

**HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April 17 as World Hemophilia Day, a day where the international community speaks as one to honor the hundreds of thousands of people across the globe suffering from hemophilia. Now, more than ever, we must renew our commitment to hemophilia patients, ensure that they can receive the most advanced care known to modern medicine, and redouble our efforts to discovering new treatments—and ultimately a cure—for this dangerous condition.

Hemophilia is a genetic disorder that prevents blood from clotting properly, making even seemingly slight injuries a terrifying prospect for a bleeding episode that can lead to serious injury and even death. While the disease is rare in statistical terms, an estimated 400 newborns are diagnosed with the disease every year, and approximately 20,000 hemophiliacs live in the United States at this very moment. And all too often, this vulnerable patient population is put into jeopardy by the financial hurdles obstructing access to the in-

tensive care needed for combatting such a pervasive disease.

Too many American families are faced with the daunting challenge of tackling the financial burden of hemophilia—a burden that can grow to \$250,000 a year or more. This World Hemophilia Day, I stand to speak out on behalf of the patients battling this complicated disease and hope that by raising awareness in this body, we move closer to a day where the treatment of hemophilia is practical, sustainable, and accessible for all Americans.

MARY BETH RADIGAN

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Beth Radigan, an outstanding educator and Hillsborough County's 2016 Teacher of the Year.

After graduating from Ohio University with a degree in Special Education, Ms. Radigan began her illustrious career in special-education classrooms, including nine years in Hillsborough County as an educator for autistic and intellectually delayed students. She currently serves as special education teacher at Plant High School in Tampa, Florida. As a proud parent of a Plant High School student, I know firsthand how invaluable an educator is in developing the potential in all children. Ms. Radigan's passion for education is so well established in our community that she was selected from a pool of hundreds of nominees as the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year.

Accompanying her passion in the classroom, Ms. Radigan serves as a Special Olympics coach. Students in her classroom learn important life skills through numerous additional programs that she has spearheaded. In 2012, Ms. Radigan's class founded Pawbucks coffee, a coffee service, where her students have the opportunity to improve their job skills, social skills and independence. They are responsible for managing the business by making coffee, setting up the carts, selling and delivering coffee, answering phone orders and counting the total daily sales. Beyond practical skills, Pawbucks coffee has given students the opportunity to feel a great pride and a part of the school community.

In addition to the coffee service, she and her students founded an organic garden that recently received a Florida Agriculture in the Classroom grant to buy a hydroponic tower. You can also find her students leading the cheering section at the weekly football games through the Paw Prints Cheerleading. Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year Mary Beth Radigan has shown time and time again her unwavering commitment and compassion to go above and beyond for her students. She has created a meaningful and enriching experience for all of her students and will leave a lasting legacy as a teacher with endless compassion and drive.

It is one of my greatest honors to champion our community's excellent students and educators in Congress. On behalf of the constituents of the Fourteenth District of Florida it is our honor to recognize Mary Beth Radigan for her exemplary career of educating our community's youth.