

have a greater appreciation for the tremendous contribution of Greece to our American values and our priceless democracy.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEAN ROBINSON
FAMILY

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 the Dean Robinson Family for being awarded the Cattleman of the Year award from the Madison County Cattlemen's Association. The Madison County Cattlemen's Association is an organization of beef producing families and associated companies dedicated to the future of Iowa's beef industry.

Accepting the coveted award were Robinson family members and producers Dave, Gina, Dean, Kristin and Bradley Robinson. Many Iowans, as well as the Robinsons, have a long tradition of raising quality beef for world consumption. Their farming operation is based on pure dedication to feeding the world while being good stewards of their product and the land.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the Robinsons for this award and I share their love and passion of raising cattle to feed the world. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Robinson Family and wishing them nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORIAM BRUCE MERRILL
MAY 13, 1937–APRIL 9, 2016

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bruce Merrill. Bruce was a prominent Arizona political scientist and pollster who taught and conducted research at Arizona State University for the past forty years. Bruce was an Arizona native who taught political science and conducted regular opinion surveys of Arizona voters and provided political commentary to news outlets.

No elected official in Arizona was elected to office without the knowledge of Merrill's research. He was a factual, objective voice focused on finding out what Arizonan's wanted from their leaders. His perspective and deep knowledge of the Arizona electorate will be deeply missed.

Bruce was also a U.S. Navy veteran who served as a liaison officer to members of Congress and other political leaders. He studied political research at Brigham Young University and joined the faculty at ASU in 1970. He retired from the university in 1998 as a professor emeritus and served as a fellow for the Morrison Institute, a research center focused on public policy in Arizona.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Janis, daughter Kathryn Sorensen, son Christopher and his wife's children, Laura Sonius, Brian Sandler

and Heather Lault and a host of grandchildren. Please join me in honoring his memory.

TRIBUTE TO WALT TITUS

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 Walt Titus on his recent retirement from the Gravity, Iowa Fire Department. Walt served as a firefighter for more than 58 years.

Walt became a volunteer firefighter in the mid-1950s in Kirkman, Iowa and has worked for the Sharpsburg and Gravity Fire Departments over the course of the next 58 years. He did anything that needed to be done in service to the department. He was quoted in the Bedford Times-Press stating that commitment is the key to a volunteer fire department. "If a fire alarm goes off, there is a blizzard and it's 10 below zero, some want to stay home. When you're committed, you get up and go whether you feel like it or not." It is that attitude which exemplifies the Iowa spirit of volunteerism and pride.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Walt for his service to Taylor County. I consider it an honor to represent Walt in United States House of Representatives and wish him the best in his retirement from his firefighting duties.

CELEBRATING THE 2016 CONGRES-
SIONAL ARTS COMPETITION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented young men and women participated in the 2016 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Sixty six participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Jane Lee from Wayne Valley High School for her acrylic painting entitled, "Chrome Still-Life." Second place was awarded to Emma Jang from West Morris Mendham High School for her acrylic painting on canvas entitled, "Tenacity." Tyler Harker received third place for his etching titled "Opal."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Connor Sokol of Sparta High School for his photograph titled "Freedom's Flight," Jasmine Shaw for her photograph entitled "There's No Place Like Homeland," Camila Rosario for her colored pencil sketch entitled "Stressed Out," and Leonela Moyoli of Boonton High School for her acrylic painting entitled, "Tyran Moore."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries.

Boonton High School:
Alexis Manfredi, "The Lorax"
Leonela Moyoli, "Tyran Moore"
Theodore Perri, "Phelps"
Elizabeth Sayles, "Elizabeth"

Chatham High School:
Jane Ewald, "Teddy"
Connie Han, "Like Father Like Son"
Phoebe Nichols, "Eliza"
Amanda Leyens, Untitled

Delbarton School:
Joseph Gambetta, "Patriotism"
Santiago Robertson-Lavalle, "Girl in the Archway"

Hanover Park High School:
Samantha Wingerter, "Sam I Am"
Jefferson Township High School:
Skylar Lewis, "Moonlight Serenade"
Melanie Rodriguez, "Reflections"
Nina Thogulura, "Hues of Contemplation"

Kinnelon High School:
Samantha Flayderman, "Miss Believer"
Patrycia Glowiak, "Shadows"
Ava Lutz, "Aviary Reflection"
Amanda Pita, "The Old Man by the Sea"
Livingston High School:
Lanie Esralew, "July in Manhattan"
Yana Sang, "Around the World"
Jasmine Shaw, "There's No Place like Home-land"

Julia Zeman, "Passionate Polaroid"
Jennifer Zheng, "Where to Next?"

Mewe Art Academy:
Siyu Cao, "2011/07/01 Shanghai"

Montville High School:
Kristen DiGiacomo, "Lost"
Destinee Garrido, "Style"
Alexander Tullo, "Back Street Lot"

Morris Catholic High School:
Patrick Green, "Sunset Over the Marine Corps War Memorial"
Roxana Ponce, "Reminiscence"
Haoming Zhu, "Zi Tai [Posture]"

Morris Knolls High School:
Austin Braddock, "Censored"
Jenna Ford, "Fractured Self-Portrait"
Adam SanGiovanni, "Stephanie, the Free Soul"

Ryan Sullivan, "Hypnotized"

Mountain Lakes High School:
Joy Xie, "Worn Out"

Nutley High School:
Barbara Benda, "Relief in the Farm of Nusty Pages"

Jacob Michels, "Bridge"
Omar Morsi, "Making the Best of a Rainy Day"

Gregory O'Connell, "Smooth Criminal"

Parsippany High School:
Christine Li, "Don't Burst My Bubble"

Parsippany Hills High School:
Karoline Xiong, "The Joy of Sunrise"

Passaic County Technical Institute:
Christopher Cortez, "Norma"

Jamie Loverdi, "Candice Swanepoel"

Passaic Valley High School:
Claudia Barone, "Piano Keys"
Melanie Capalbo, "Fall Foliage"
Andrew Fucntet, "Fear in Clouds"
Santiago Gomez-Vargas, "All the Dry Peaches"

Randolph High School:
Nicole Gehan, "Brave"

Sparta High School:
Brandon Ancis, "Unspoken Wisdom"
Katlyn Connelly, "Father and Son Bonding"
Mitchell Coyle, "The Dream Within Us All"
Connor Sokol, "Freedom's Flight"

Wayne Valley High School:

Jane Lee, "Chrome Still-Life"
 Olivia Lozy, "Stained Hands"
 Chelsea Pitti-Fernandez, "Hedgeworth"
 Camila Rosario, "Stressed Out"
 West Morris Mendham High School:
 Tyler Harker, "Opal"
 Emma Jang, "Tenacity"
 West Orange High School:
 Victoria Chi, "Harper"
 Genesis Guedes, "Titans"
 Harper McVey, "Fury"
 Vanessa Wapples, "Still Waiting . . ."
 Whippany Park High School:
 Nasim Bibi, "Beyond the Looking Glass"
 Michelle Duong, "Morendo: Diminishing in Time"
 Ana Ramil, "Pride"
 Lisa Romano, "1,000 Words"

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 18, I missed Roll Call Votes 153 and 154 due to flight delays in traveling to Washington, D.C. associated with my need to monitor the emergency response to flash flooding in my congressional district. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 153, I would have voted AYE (H.R. 4570—100 Years of Women in Congress Act (Representative MENG—Agriculture))

On Roll Call 154, I would have voted AYE (S. 719—To rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center (Senator TESTER—Armed Services))

TRIBUTE TO RINGGOLD COUNTY HOSPITAL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ringgold County Hospital in Mount Ayr, Iowa on their 65th anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Ringgold County and the surrounding communities.

Ringgold County Hospital opened on April 17, 1951 with 25 employees and 65 years later, employs 125. Ringgold County Hospital offers many services not even possible in 1951, ranging from same-day and outpatient surgeries, physical therapy, cardiopulmonary rehab, medical imaging, infusion therapy and

sleep studies to ambulance services. Ringgold County Hospital also owns the Mount Ayr Medical Clinic and offer many specialty clinic services for community members.

Mr. Speaker, throughout its many years of service, Ringgold County Hospital has successfully met the needs of the community by providing excellent care and necessary services. I congratulate the Ringgold County Hospital on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success well into the future.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said: "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to eight extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Remington Belford from Texas Southern University; Bianca Remie from the University of Texas at Austin; Madelyn Wilson from the University of Houston; Promise Ukandu from Texas Tech University; Gabriela Irizarry from the George Washington University; Itzayana Lopez from the University of Houston-Downtown; Taylor Rainey from Howard University; and Karis Johnson, Esq. from St. Mary's Law School.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowl-

edge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security

To hold hearings to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on stakeholder perspectives.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine new approaches and innovative technologies to improve water supply.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill to prevent identity theft and tax refund fraud, and an original bill entitled, "Taxpayer Protection Act of 2016".

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the administrative state, focusing on an examination of Federal rulemaking.

SD-342