

chess club, Odyssey of the Mind, the arts, and numerous class trips.

I commend Kathleen Ricker for shaping the hearts and minds of so many central Iowans. I wish her a lifetime of joy, prosperity, happiness and faith as she embarks on her next journey. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Kathleen Ricker on this celebratory milestone.

FRANK R. LAUTENBERG CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT, (H.R. 2576)

### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I support the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act because it offers Americans meaningful protection from exposure to dangerous, unregulated chemicals found in the products we use every day. This bill represents a substantive step in favor of public health, but it's far from what's needed.

Today, the status quo isn't working. Industries can release hundreds of chemicals each year into our homes and workplaces without any federal requirement to consider their safety. Researchers have linked chemicals used in things like household cleaners, clothing, and furniture, to serious illnesses like cancer, infertility, diabetes and Parkinson's. The current law, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), isn't up to the job. It restricts the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from doing much of anything about these dangers. Under TSCA, only a small fraction of the thousands of chemicals used in our products have ever been reviewed for safety.

The current law is so weak that the EPA couldn't even regulate asbestos. In 1989, after 10 years of research and more than 100,000 pages of administrative record supporting action, the EPA issued a rule under TSCA to ban most uses of asbestos. But two years later, the EPA's regulation was overturned by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; while acknowledging that "asbestos is a potential carcinogen at all levels of exposure," the Court ruled that the agency's administrative record failed to demonstrate that the regulation was the "least burdensome alternative," as required under the law. Since the court's ruling, the burden to regulate most toxic substances under TSCA has been insurmountable.

The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act is an important improvement over TSCA. It would require reviews for chemicals in use today, mandating greater scrutiny of new chemicals, and removing barriers that have prevented the EPA from regulating highly toxic substances in the past, such as asbestos.

This reform is necessary, but it's not adequate. The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act doesn't do everything public health and safety demand. Unfortunately, it bows to chemical industry, which stood in the way of reform for so long, in key provisions. For example, the chemical industry demanded and got unprecedented state preemption standards in the bill. It also imposes limitations on the EPA's ability to monitor chemicals in imported

products. Federal policy should be a floor, not a ceiling, for public health and safety. States, like my Minnesota, have led the way in creating chemical safety standards that protect their residents. Last year in Minnesota, we took an important step toward protecting children and firefighters' health when the legislature passed a law to prohibit toxic flame retardants.

For my part, I will continue to be an advocate for reform that protects public health, not special interests like the chemical industry.

### HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF ALBUQUERQUE

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque, which was chartered on July 1, 1916, with 31 charter members embracing the Rotary International motto of Service Above Self.

Community service projects have been a central theme throughout the club's history. Among the first efforts of the Albuquerque Club was "boosting" the climate and health facilities of the city, at a time when tuberculosis sanatoriums were a leading industry. Rotarians promoted and supported good roads for Albuquerque when it became apparent that the automobile was imperative to future growth. The Club helped direct attention to the recurring problem of flooding from the Rio Grande, and generated local support for the institution of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, which continues to deal with a variety of critical water issues today.

Over the years, the Club has played an important role in the expansion of cultural life in Albuquerque. Members launched the Symphony Orchestra in 1932, which is now the New Mexico Philharmonic that has delighted and inspired audiences for over half a century. The Club also helped sustain the Albuquerque Little Theater for nearly as long.

In more recent years, the Rotary Club co-sponsored the Grand Opening of the New Mexico Natural History Museum and provided major sponsorship for the "Children's Fantasy Garden" at the Albuquerque Biological Park. Members are currently leading a Signature Centennial Project to provide \$500,000 to the Explora! Museum for the "Working Together to Build a Village" project, which will lead participants to experiment with science, engineering, architecture and the daily application of the construction process, encouraging an appreciation for STEM.

As it completes its first century of service in our city, the Rotary Club of Albuquerque will continue to play a leading role in helping solve problems and improve the community. The moral and ethical foundation of Rotary is timeless, and will continue to inspire members with a sense of civic pride and service for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING BRYAN "SCOTTIE" IRVING AND BLUE SKYE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and commending Bryan "Scottie" Irving, president of Blue Skye Development and Construction as our 2016 D.C. Small Business of the Year. The D.C. Small Business of the Year is named annually at our D.C. Small Business Fair, and serves as an example to inspire D.C. small businesses on what can be accomplished by small businesses here.

We selected Blue Skye Development and Construction not only because of its successes as a small business in the highly competitive construction field, but also because of the company's work in providing affordable housing in the District. No area of entrepreneurship for businesses of every size today is more difficult than affordable housing. Blue Skye is working in Southeast D.C. to provide affordable condominium units for District residents. Blue Skye is experienced in local construction, and has worked on Marleyridge Condominiums, Arena Condominiums, Terrell Jr. High School, the Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization, Tewkesbury Condominiums, Washington Highlands Neighborhood Library, Rosedale Recreation Center, Park 7, Hayes Street Apartments, and Bald Eagle Recreation Center.

Bryan "Scottie" Irving is a fifth generation Washingtonian with very strong ties to the District of Columbia. Mr. Irving is a graduate of Cardozo High School and Central State University in Ohio. Before founding Blue Skye Development and Construction, Bryan was a D.C. public school teacher and also had a successful career as vice president of basketball and football recruitment with Business Arena Inc., a sports marketing firm. Today, Blue Skye serves government, residential, and commercial clients across the national capital region. The company is an example and a role model for D.C. residents and small businesses who seek to succeed in business by providing outstanding service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Bryan "Scottie" Irving of Blue Skye Development and Construction, this year's D.C. Small Business of the Year, for his noteworthy accomplishments in the construction of affordable housing and numerous government and other projects.

MARIAH GREEN

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mariah Green for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Mariah Green is a 12th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mariah Green is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mariah Green for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### DEATH OF JOHN MULLINIX

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sorrow as Georgia's Ninth District mourns the loss of one of its great leaders.

John Mullinix epitomized the North Georgia values of my district. His passing on May 22nd robbed us of a man who truly valued patriotism and the well-being of our great nation.

John loved the Constitution as much as he loved the beautiful mountains of Fannin County that he called home. It was in those mountains that John showed what service to your community truly means.

John never hesitated to give his time when his community was in need. He served as a volunteer firefighter, a guest columnist for his local newspaper, and Chairman of the Fannin County Tea Party Patriots.

In our time of divisive partisanship and vicious personal attacks, John provided a refreshing return to positive politics. His motto was that you could disagree without being disagreeable.

John held to his political beliefs with the same sincerity with which he lived his life. His ideal time to discuss politics was over some good Georgia barbeque.

I join the people of Fannin County and the Ninth District of Georgia in offering our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Janet, mother, Elizabeth, and siblings; Patricia, Stephen, Michael, and Mark. We have lost a man that will never be replaced.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER REED

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alexander Reed of Des Moines, Iowa for earning the Gold Medal of Achievement award of Iowa's Royal Ranger Outpost Number 35. The Gold Medal of Achievement designation is the highest advancement rank in the Royal Ranger Outpost based at Christian Life Assembly of Des Moines.

To earn this Gold Medalist rank, Alexander Reed completed 56 skill merits, 212 Bible lessons, and over 58 hours of community serv-

ice. Beyond those opportunities, Alexander also completed a service project by honoring the community and spirit of patriotism by hosting a U.S. flag retirement ceremony and replacing those retired U.S. flags with new U.S. flags which were given to local organizations.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Alexander Reed and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Alex on obtaining the Gold Medal of Achievement ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KIWANIS CLUB OF AURORA

### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Aurora. Since 1916, Kiwanis Club of Aurora has been dedicated to serving children locally and globally. Kiwanis Club of Aurora was the first club in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District and the twenty-first club chartered in the world.

With their motto, "Serving the Children of the World," Kiwanis Club of Aurora has done just that, improving the lives of children across the world, one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis Club of Aurora's largest service project, the annual Coats for Kids drive, provides over 2,000 winter coats to needy children in the Aurora area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis Club of Aurora as they continue their long tradition of fellowship and service.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE "QUADRENNIAL HOMELAND SECURITY REVIEW TECHNICAL CORRECTION ACT OF 2016"

### HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce legislation today titled the "Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Correction Act of 2016."

In 2007, the Committee on Homeland Security passed Public Law 110-53, the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act. Under this Act, the Department of Homeland Security is required to produce every four years a unified, strategic framework for homeland security missions and goals, known as the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR). The goal of the QHSR is to provide a comprehensive assessment and analysis of the threats facing the homeland. Thus far, the Department has produced two reviews, in 2010 and 2014. The Government

Accountability Office assessed each review extensively and determined that stakeholder engagement and documentation were among the areas for improvement in future QHSRs.

The Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Correction Act of 2016 addresses GAO findings and offers critical improvements to the QHSR. Among the key provisions are more specificity on outreach to stakeholders and requirements for supporting documentation on stakeholder engagement and risk assessments.

Specifically, my legislation enhances stakeholder engagement, by further specifying appropriate stakeholders to consult with during the preparation of the QHSR including the Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee, and the Aviation Security Advisory Committee.

Additionally, my bill requires the Department to use a risk assessment when determining the homeland security missions and threats. When interacting with outside agencies to gather information on sources and strategies, the Department must do so to the extent practical for the Department to gather the information needed.

Finally, the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Correction Act of 2016 requires DHS to retain all written communications through technology, online communication, in-person discussions and the inter-agency process and all information on how the communications and feedback informed the development of the review. The Secretary should also retain information regarding the risk assessment including data used to generate the risk results, sources of information to generate the risk assessment, and information on assumptions, weighing factors, and subjective judgments used to generate the risk assessment.

I urge support of this legislation to ensure that future Quadrennial Homeland Security Reviews provide homeland security decision-makers inside DHS and across the country with the analysis they need to help protect the United States.

#### EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ORGANIZE AND RUN KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT

### HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, in May of 2012 the Kansas Honor Flight took its first group of the Greatest Generation to Washington, D.C. Now, four years later, almost 950 World War II and Korean War Veterans have been able to visit the nation's capital to see their memorials and honor friends who made the ultimate sacrifice. This month, on May 4th, the 35th Kansas Honor Flight touched down in Washington, D.C.

These flights would not happen without amazing volunteers. The work Mike and Connie VanCampen have done to honor these veterans is an exceptional example of the admiration Kansans, and all Americans, have for the men and women who serve. The VanCampens are not alone in this effort. A