

with various schools, churches, treatment centers, law enforcement agencies and hospitals—including the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital (ACMH), which has been the program's most significant and influential relationship.

Throughout the years, Judge DeComo has adapted and updated the Drugs Kill Dreams program, to ensure the content is relevant and that the needs of the community are addressed. Although the program continues to be modified and altered appropriately, Judge DeComo's sincere passion for this initiative remains the same.

In serving the judicial system, the community, and all of those in need, Judge DeComo is an absolute inspiration. His compassion and generosity has positively influenced the lives of so many, and will continue to do so for years to come. Therefore, on behalf of the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I would like to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable J. Gary DeComo, an admirable professional, a selfless individual, and a true Community Champion.

HONORING MUHAMMAD ALI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Louisville, Kentucky's Muhammad Ali.

Muhammad was born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., to the late Mr. Cassius Marcellus Clay, Sr., and Mrs. Odessa Grady Clay. In 1954, at the age of twelve, Muhammad Ali began his boxing career, and at the age of 18 he won a gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

At age 22, Muhammad Ali defeated Charles "Sonny" Liston and became the youngest World's Heavyweight Champion. He announced to the world two days following that fight that he had adopted the beliefs and traditions of the Islam and had become a member of the Nation of Islam.

Cassius Clay soon took the name "Muhammad Ali" on March 6, 1964. The name was given to him by Elijah Muhammad. His conversion to Islam soon caused criticism from many white Americans and in response he stated, "I am America. I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own; get used to me."

Due to his religious beliefs, Ali refused induction into the United States Armed Forces; consequently being sentenced to five years in prison. In 1971, his conviction was overturned; however, he was stripped of his title and banned from fighting causing him to think he would never be allowed the opportunity to box again. However, three years later he was permitted to return to the boxing ring.

Muhammad Ali's acceptance of the Islamic philosophies impacted the mindsets of many Americans especially those in opposition of the Vietnam War and those in opposition to white supremacy.

He altered the teachings of Elijah Muhammad by embracing all people and preparation for his own afterlife. He proclaimed that the separatist doctrine was no longer a belief of

the Nation of Islam for it represented the time of their struggle in the dark and a time of confusion in them.

As an athlete, Muhammad Ali rarely received the respect owed due to his conviction and strong commitment to what was perceived as an unorthodox religion. He stood proud and did not allow the criticism of the American people to deter his will to serve within his religion and to reign as a champion in the ring.

Muhammad Ali's actions influenced the image of black Americans by giving them courage to overcome their fear by addressing racism and demanding respect as a people.

Muhammad Ali is a recipient of many awards including: National Golden Gloves Light Heavyweight Champion, National Amateur Athletic Union champion, National Golden Gloves Light Heavyweight Champion, National Amateur Athletic Union champion, Gold medal in the Rome Olympics, World Heavyweight Champion, Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Award, Sportsman of the Year for Sports Illustrated, Fighter of the Year from the Boxing Writers Association, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Texas Southern University, and countless other awards and distinctions.

Muhammad Ali leaves behind a host of family and friends and nine children: Maryum, Jamillah, Rasheda, Laila, Hana, Miya, Khaliah, Muhammad Ali, Jr. and Asaad Amin. In his death we find few people who do not admire him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the boxing icon, Muhammad Ali, for his courageous convictions.

FORT BEND SHERIFF CAPTAIN PAUL MOSLEY RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Paul Mosley on retiring with more than 30 years of service with the Fort Bend County Sheriffs Department.

In April of 1986, Captain Mosley became a full-time deputy at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. He began working with the local jail, moved over to the warrants unit and later to patrol. Mosley has now been a Captain over the Internal Affairs Division for three and a half years. Prior to Mosley's 30 years of service, he played baseball for six years with the then Los Angeles Angels minor league team. Between baseball seasons, Mosley also acted in shows such as "Combat" and "My Favorite Martian". Fort Bend County has been safer thanks to Mosley's decades of service and protection.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again Captain Paul Mosley on his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to Fort Bend County. Thank you for stepping up to protect and serve.

HONORING ASHLEY HOBSON ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neosho High School student Ashley Hobson for her being accepted as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and engage the top students in the United States. Specifically, it's designed for students aspiring to become physicians or medical researchers, and provides a path and mentorship for students to accomplish their goals.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants are either recommended by a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Delegates represent all 50 states plus Puerto Rico, and must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Students like Ashley who qualify for this incredibly selective honor exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, Ashley Hobson has not only demonstrated that she is qualified to represent Missouri through her strong academic performance, but has also displayed a true passion for medical science and medicine that will serve her well in future endeavors. I wish Ashley the best of luck in all her future endeavors. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for this achievement.

HONORING THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD, CONNECTICUT AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the communities of Middlefield and Rockfall, Connecticut as they celebrate the Town's 150th Anniversary. This is a very special milestone for this small community of just over four thousand residents. Over the course of the year, celebratory activities have been organized by a dedicated group of volunteers. Though small in number, the community is mighty in spirit—working together every day to meet the changing needs of its residents while preserving the unique, quintessentially New England, rural character of the Town.

Originally a part of Middletown, in 1744 the Connecticut General Assembly recognized Middlefield as a separate religious society but it was not until 1866 that it was officially incorporated as a separate town. In fact it was one of the last of Connecticut's 169 cities, towns,

and boroughs. From the Millers and Lymans to the Hubbards, Coes, and Augurs, the community is still home to many descendants of its founding members—one of the many things that makes this community a special place to live.

Middlefield has a rich agricultural and industrial history that continues to today. In its earliest years, it was settled by farmers and in fact it remains home to one of the oldest family-run businesses in the United States, Lyman Orchards. In time, light industry came to town with a paper mill and later a powder mill coming into operation, followed by factories for nail cutting and pistol making as well as a grist and saw mill. Today, Middlefield is home to the Cooper Atkins Corporation as well as Zygo Corporation and the Cahill & Sons companies.

The Town is also full of beautiful natural resources and protected open spaces. Wadsworth State Park offers a beach and small lake for swimming as well as trails for hiking. It is also home to Wadsworth Falls, one of the largest and finest waterfalls in Connecticut, where the West River falls thirty-five feet and when the river is running high the roar of the falls can be heard for miles around. Pekham Park offers residents and visitors a wide variety of year round activities including ice-skating, baseball, basketball, soccer, and a wonderful jungle gym. On Lake Beseck you can often find the locals fishing or simply enjoying the water. And, of course, at Lyman Orchards you can pick your own fruit in the summer and fall and enjoy apple-picking, the corn and sunflower mazes, and pumpkin fields in the fall.

It has been an honor for me to serve as Middlefield's U.S. Representative these last twenty-five years and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

CORPORAL, UNITED STATES
ARMY, SUSAN J. YOUNGWORTH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Susan J. Youngworth, Corporal, United States Army, for her service to our country.

Corporal Youngworth served in the United States Army from May 1990 to May 1994. As an Army Medical Specialist, Corporal Youngworth had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty, supporting Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, with service in Iraq and Kuwait.

Corporal Youngworth participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Corporal Youngworth and hearing about her experiences as a combat medic. Corporal Youngworth's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Corporal Youngworth's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Corporal Susan J. Youngworth for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF PERRY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Perry, Iowa for its recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program (the Forest Service).

The City of Perry has met the core standards for tree care during the past year. Over 135 million Americans live in Tree USA communities. In its 40th year of celebration, the Tree City USA program is critical to the U.S. Forest Service. This federal partner delivers technical and financial resources to states, cities and communities across the nation with each community adhering to a State Action Plan, guiding investments in each state while accomplishing local projects and programs.

The U.S. Forest Service and Arbor Day Foundation cooperate with communities to establish healthy forests, improve air and water quality and contribute to important national energy conservation goals. These local investments create long term major environmental improvements nationwide. When communities like Perry are recognized it makes me proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress.

I commend the City of Perry and urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating them for receiving this award and in wishing the city nothing but continued success.

HONORING UNITED SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the United Senior Citizens Center as they celebrate 42 years of dedicated service to the Sunset Park neighborhood.

Since 1974, this organization has enriched the minds, bodies and souls of seniors in our community.

I'd also like to extend heartfelt congratulations to my good friend Grisel Amador, who has devoted her time and energy to running this center for over 28 years through many challenges. Grisel has truly helped shepherd this institution into a valuable anchor of the community and she should be applauded for all that she does. Grisel and all the Center's workers understand the importance of caring for our senior citizens and treating them with the utmost care and respect.

During these challenging fiscal times when many federal, state and city services are being scaled back, community organizations like the United Senior Citizens Center are all the more important.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the staff and all those involved with the United Senior Citizens Center for their dedication to the seniors of Brooklyn. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on 42 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTER FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES' 14TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO FA- THERHOOD BANQUET

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Center for Fathers and Families as friends and supporters gather to celebrate those being honored at the 14th Annual Salute to Fatherhood Banquet. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Center for Fathers and Families and these fine fathers.

Founded over two decades ago, the Center for Fathers and Families focuses on promoting the roles that fathers and father-figures play in their families and in our community as a whole. The Center offers many programs and services that aim to enrich and empower fathers and their families. Classes for parents include parenting classes for men, co-parenting classes, anger management classes, and GED preparation and completion, as well as individual personal assistance sessions. Each of these services and transformational programs make the Center for Fathers and Families a cornerstone of our community.

At this year's gala, four men will be honored for their contributions to our community as fathers, father-figures, and mentors. I would like to recognize each of these men, Frankie McDermott, Kevin Ridgle, Peterson Latortue, and Micah Simmons, for their commitment to parenting and mentoring our youth. These men truly model the Center's motto, "Fatherhood is Forever."

Mr. Speaker, as friends and families of the Center for Fathers and Families gather to recognize this year's honorees, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their unwavering commitment to family and to strengthening our community.

CONGRATULATING WAYZATA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata High School Boys Track and Field team on winning their second consecutive Minnesota State championship.

The Trojans defended their title led by first place finishes by Jaret Carpenter in both the sixteen-hundred meter and thirty-two-hundred meter races, and strong performances from the relay teams. Wayzata used a complete team effort to win the title and I commend them for their accomplishments.