EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CADET COLONEL SEGGIE RAY McCLENDON III

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Cadet Colonel Seggie Ray McClendon III, who is Jackson Public Schools' JROTC Cadet of the Year for 2013. The Wingfield High School senior had earned many JROTC and school awards and has received countless other awards on the local and state level. Cadet McClendon serves as Mr. Wingfield, Mr. JROTC, and as the Cadet Battalion Commander for the Falcon Battalion.

Cadet McClendon has been accepted to attend several colleges and universities in Mississippi, including Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Hinds Community College, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. His military goal is to receive an active duty commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Cadet McClendon competed for this honor against the top cadets from each of the seven JPS high schools. The Cadet of the Year candidates were required to appear before an eight-person selection panel of District administrator, military officials, and business leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cadet Colonel Seggie Ray McClendon III.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF NEW YORK'S HUDSON VALLEY

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor dozens of World War II veterans and volunteers traveling to our nation's capital, many seeing for the first time the memorials that stand as a tribute to their selfless service.

As a son of a Navy veteran, it is a tremendous honor to welcome these American heroes to Washington, and I am proud to accompany them on a visit to the United States World War II Memorial, in recognition of their service to our nation.

We owe these brave veterans a debt of gratitude. They stood in defense of our freedoms and the freedoms of those around the world, and their sacrifice has made our country and the world a safer place. Our nation can never fully repay our veterans for their service, but we can continue to honor all the brave veterans who fought for our country and the many who gave their lives in defense of our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, today we should honor the sacrifices of these brave veterans from the Hudson Valley who bravely stood up in defense of our freedoms. Please join me in thanking these American veterans for their tremendous service to an eternally grateful nation.

HONORING LINDA KAY McKIM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Linda Kay McKim. Linda was a very special individual whose life was an example of courage and patriotism.

In 1966, Linda married Hosein Radmanesh, an Iranian foreign-exchange student at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri. Together, they would have two children and move to Iran, where Linda was routinely mocked and cursed at for being an American Christian. Her entire family was imprisoned during the Iranian Revolution, beginning in 1979. There she was beaten and offered clemency if she renounced the United States, but she held on to her faith and her patriotism throughout the ordeal. In 1986, she escaped from Iran with her daughter, followed the next year by her son and husband. After returning to Kirksville, she worked as a health and nutrition aide at Residential Care and Grimm Smith Hospital, and was a member of First Assembly of God in Kirksville.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending the family of Linda Kay McKim for her inspirational life and her dedication to her faith, her family, and her country.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the United States Constitution.

Among our nation's founding documents, the Constitution stands out for its singular importance, ingenuity, and lasting effect on global politics. Since its drafting in 1787, the Constitution has continued to inspire generations of people committed to making democracy work.

In their brilliant defense of the Constitution, Founders such as James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay discussed the delicate balance of power engineered in this document. It is important to remember their words today and the role that Congress plays in oversight of the other branches of government.

We should voice support for programs that aim to educate our nation's students on these fundamental Constitutional principles. The next generation of leaders must understand the workings of our government and the historic role the Constitution has played in our national story.

I am pleased to recognize a Colorado organization that promotes this very idea throughout the country. Liberty Day provides educators and students with free Constitutions, copies of the Declaration of Independence, and other landmark American documents. Efforts like these increase awareness and build appreciation for the institutions our Founding Fathers created more than 220 years ago.

I am proud to honor our Constitution and support those organizations like Liberty Day that ensure its meaning is not lost to the passage of time.

RECOGNIZING KYLE WEINTRAUB AS A STAR STUDENT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage and determination of Kyle Weintraub. Kyle, a Davie resident, is currently being treated at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (ALCL). Faced with the possibility of spending up to a year in the hospital receiving treatment, he decided that he would not let this obstacle prevent him from attending school.

By continuing to learn and attend school Kyle has demonstrated admirable resolve in fighting this life-threatening disease. He is a shining example. for all students of what dedication and commitment to education looks like.

I would also like to commend his determination in the face of continuous treatments and the support of his family and friends in facilitating that effort. This is especially true in the case of Marni Rosenblatt, who was able to raise $4,000 to help Kyle's parents with the costs for the special technology necessary, to allow him to continue his education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in sending best wishes and prayers to this tenacious young man, Kyle Weintraub. He exemplifies the strength and courage we all hope to find within ourselves when faced with such a hardship.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSERVATION CORPS OF MINNESOTA AND IOWA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 80th Anniversary of the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa. The