

been an honor and privilege to be part of the Council Bluffs Police Department. Dan grew up in northern Iowa and attended Minnesota State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree. Council Bluffs Police Chief Tim Carmody said, "the scope of Dan's career is a testament of how officers have a true investment in their communities. It's been a heartwarming experience and an adventure."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Dan on his retirement and career. Dan has made a difference by helping and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring his accomplishments and in wishing him nothing but the best in his retirement.

CENTENNIAL OF THE YEE SHAN
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, INC.

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Yee Shan Benevolent Society, Inc. on its centennial celebration on March 18, 2018.

Since 1918, the Yee Shan Benevolent Society has been sharing fellowship, support, friendship, benevolence and hope with immigrants from the Pan Yu County of the Canton Province in China. Over the course of a century, it has expanded its services to include fundraising for local hospitals, health centers, non-profits and other initiatives. Today, the Society is a beloved cornerstone organization that continues to provide social and community enrichment to Chinese Americans in New York City and the greater NY region.

I am proud that the constituents of my district continue to support the traditions and values of this esteemed fraternity along with its partners, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and Lin Sing Association. My district is enriched and indebted to them for their service to advance the betterment of the Chinatown and Lower East Side community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Yee Shan Benevolent Society in New York for its commendable and exemplary work and wish it many years of continued success.

CELEBRATING FIVE GENERATIONS
AND 125 YEARS OF VARNS AND
HOOVER HARDWARE

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Varns and Hoover Hardware, a family-owned business that has been a fixture in the Middlebury community for more than 125 years and that will soon be passed down to the fifth generation.

In the late 1800s, Ellsworth Varns moved his hardware store to the heart of Middlebury, Indiana, from Michigan. The store started out serving farmers and families in this small town, but over time it grew and adapted to the changing economic times. The success and

longevity of Varns and Hoover Hardware lies in the family's dedication to serving their neighbors and providing high-quality products at a friendly and convenient location.

The store always addressed the specific needs of the town with products that served family farmers, small businesses, the large Amish community, and the growing manufacturing industry. Now more than a century later, it remains a central stop for the small town's residents to get the products they need as well as catch up with their neighbors. Its charm and character come from its welcoming and personal feel and the friendly smiles that greet you when you walk in.

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, and it is a privilege to represent a family so devoted to the prosperity of their community for so many years. To honor Varns and Hoover Hardware is to honor what it means to achieve the American Dream. With ownership now being passed down to fifth-generation family member Nathan Miller, I am grateful to be able to recognize such a pivotal moment in the history of this Hoosier family, their small business, and the community they serve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Varns and Hoover Hardware and in wishing them the best in all the years to come.

HONORING THE AIROLINA YOUNG
AVIATORS PROGRAM

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the accomplishments of the Airlina Young Aviators (AYA) Program of Durham, North Carolina.

Established in 2016, AYA provides opportunities for high school students—often from disadvantaged communities—to receive professional introductory flight training and mentorship, engaging them in STEM education projects and offers classes and preparing them for flight examinations and pilot licenses. These credentials, enriched by the guidance of AYA mentors, equip students with valuable experience, achievements, skills, and references as they begin to apply to jobs, colleges, and aviation university programs.

The AYA program was founded by Captain Warren Wheeler, a Durham native who established the first African American-owned and -operated air service in the United States. An entrepreneur, aviator, and businessman, Warren paved the way for African Americans and others who wished to pursue careers in the field of aviation. In 1979, he became the first airline owner to use government employment training programs such as the federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act to train unemployed and low-income people of color who sought careers in the airline industry. In addition to providing his students with practical instruction, Wheeler served as their employment negotiator with regional and national carriers to help advance their careers.

Captain Warren continued his mission to expand and support the number of certified minority pilots by establishing AYA as part of Airlina Flight & Music Support, a non-profit

organization based in Durham, just two years ago. Through Warren's visionary leadership and the work of dedicated board members and volunteers, AYA currently supports twenty-two students attending flight simulation training, five students presently flying, and two who will take their flight tests to qualify for their pilot's licenses within the next few months.

On behalf of the people of the Fourth Congressional District of North Carolina, I applaud the work of the Airlina Young Aviators Program for empowering young members of our community and helping move the Research Triangle toward a future in which all our students can pursue and achieve their dreams. For these students, the sky truly is the limit.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INSTAL-
LATION OF DR. DENNIS FRISCH
AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMER-
ICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSO-
CIATION

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Dennis Frisch, a podiatric physician who practices in his hometown of Boca Raton, Fla., for his installation on March 18, 2018, as President of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Dr. Frisch has dedicated his life to service in his profession and his community. After graduating from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and completing his residency at the Franklin Boulevard Community Hospital in Chicago, Ill., Dr. Frisch went into private practice in Boca Raton. 30 years later, he continues to provide podiatric care in that community.

He has been board certified in podiatric surgery by the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons for nearly 25 years and is a founding member of the American Society of Podiatric Surgeon. Dr. Frisch has also served as president of the Florida Podiatric Medical Association, winning the FPMA Podiatrist of the Year Award and its President's Award. In addition, he has twice been named one of the top 150 Most Influential Podiatrists in America and was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to the Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine, serving for 6 years.

Dr. Frisch has also been an active member of the American Podiatric Medical Association. He was elected to its Board of Trustees in 2007 before becoming Treasurer. He is also a member of APMA's Annual Meeting Committee and Scholarship Committee, as well as serving as the APMA Barry University liaison.

Dr. Frisch is also active in the Boca Raton community. He has served two terms as president of the Boca Raton Rotary Club and served for eight years as a Commissioner for the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Parks District. Currently, he is an appointed Board member to the City of Boca Raton Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Board. And last, but most importantly, Dr. Frisch is a proud husband to his wife Jennifer, father to his two children, Ashley and Daniel, and Pa Pa of two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dr. Frisch great success as he takes the helm of the American Podiatric Medical Association.