Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am proud to represent Kyle and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER JAMES DeJARNATT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter James DeJarnatt for his 16 years of service on the Pacifica City Council, four of them as mayor. Pete has been a tireless champion of the environment and Pacifica residents and visitors can thank him for many of the trails and much of the open space that allow all of us to enjoy the beautiful coast.

Pete was first elected to the city council in 1996. During his tenure, he always aimed to achieve a balance between development and the quality of life of residents. His work and partnership with the Pacifica Land Trust were vital in the transfers of Mori Point, the San Pedro Headland parcel and Cattle Hill to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Pete was instrumental in championing major improvements to Linda Mar Beach, a popular surf spot. Ample parking, hiking and biking trails have turned it into a true multipurpose area, attracting tourists and locals alike. He also helped create flood protection for lower Linda Mar as well as a new estuary for San Pedro Creek. The San Pedro Creek Control Project included rerouting the lower creek, placing gravel to provide steelhead spawning beds, and creating new wetlands. The solar power projects on top of the wastewater treatment plant and the community center are in part due to Pete’s outstanding work.

As an advocate of the arts and civic engagement, Pete played an important part in creating the Sanchez Art Center, the farmers market, additional senior housing, the skateboard park and the new police station. He has been a long-time supporter of Pacifica’s library system and the resource center.

Pete, a native San Franciscan, graduated from Terra Nova High School and attended the College of San Mateo.

He and his long time partner Dianne Devlin live in Pacifica. In his spare time, Peter loves to garden, hike, camp, dive and read.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Peter DeJarnatt on the day of his retirement as mayor of Pacifica. He has dedicated his life to his community and public service and has never tired of improving the lives of residents of this coastal gem.

RECOGNIZING WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

HON. LEE TERRY
OF NEBRASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize twelve women who are making a difference in the Second Congressional District and—in fact—all of Nebraska.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. In the past three years, they account for the majority of all new jobs in the private sector, and create about two of every three net new jobs in the United States. In 2007, women owned 7.8 million businesses.

On Friday, I will be honoring the achievements of some of the women business owners throughout the Second Congressional District. Through their hard work and dedication, they have created opportunities and made a difference in our community. As we work to strengthen our economy, women business owners will continue to play an important role in that recovery.

I also ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating the important contributions women continue to make in support of our economy.

BC CLARK

BC Clark was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for January 2012. She is the co-founder and President of the Metro Omaha Women’s Business Center (MOWBC) which was founded in 2007. MOWBC hosts monthly conferences on the third Friday of each month. The mission of the organization is to empower women to become economically self-sufficient by providing target education in business, professional and personal growth. As President, Clark has recently instituted the MOWBC “Start-up Award Grant” awarded annually to women entrepreneurs for up to $10,000 in start-up costs.

In addition to being the President of MOWBC, Clark is a Counselor at SCORE, serves on the Board of Directors for the Rural Station Area Chamber of Commerce, Midwest Latino Community Development Corporation and the Nebraska Business Development Center Advisory Board.

DIANE BRUCE

Diane Bruce was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for February 2012. She is the co-founder of Charvy’s Contracting, Inc. which was founded in 2009. Charvy’s Contracting is a woman-owned and managed small business certified by the SBA and is also approved by the City of Omaha as a Tier H Emerging Small Business. Charvy’s Contracting focuses on small to medium sized new construction and remodeling services for commercial and residential properties. Bruce has played a vital role in improving the overall company with her 20 year background in sales, marketing and office management. Various residential as well as government customers have worked with Charvy’s Contracting, like, City of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, Army and Air National Guard, VA Hospital, and GSA contracts are just a few of the government contracts that Boss Electric has been awarded.

LISA WOLFORD

Lisa Wolford was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for June 2012. She is the founder and current CEO of CSSS.NET which was founded in 1999. CSSS.NET’s work in GIS.

NANCY SEMPKE

Nancy Sempek was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for March 2012. She is the current President of Christensen Drywall Construction, Inc. which was founded in 1949. Christensen Drywall is a woman-owned and managed small business certified as a Tier II Emerging Small Business with the City of Omaha. The company specializes in residential, both new and remodel, and commercial finishes. They provide a wide variety of construction and drywall services for all construction or remodeling needs ranging from acoustic ceilings to low income housing.

DANIELLE ZOZ

Danielle Zoz was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for July, 2012. She took the position of CEO of the GovDirect organization and is the owner of both GovDirect and Bizco Technologies. GovDirect is a Woman Owned Business, is
Emerging and Hispanic Woman Owned Business.

The company offers complete home improvement and remodeling to Omaha and surrounding areas. They employ a full-service contractor specializing in concrete work, masonry, siding and roofing. They also offer flooring and tile installation, drywall and painting, framing and much more. Ms. Diaz-Ciechomska believes that giving customers the best skilled craftsmanship shows the type of pride they take into their work.

Jennifer Maassen was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for the month of December 2012. She is the current CEO of McCallie Associates Incorporated which was founded in 1982. McCallie is a woman-owned and managed small business certified by the National Women Business Owners Corporation. The McCallie team delivers high quality contract mission and systems support for the Department of Defense and Public Health customers. As CEO, Maassen has played a vital role in improving the overall company. Since then, McCallie has been recognized as one of the Top 500 Woman Owned Businesses in the United States, and in 2011, Maassen was honored as the Bellevue Businesswoman of the Year by the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce for her “unwavering commitment, leadership and dedication to the Bellevue-Strutt Community.” McCallie was also the State of Nebraska nominee for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, and in 2012, McCallie received the Bronze Award of Merit for Business Integrity from the Better Business Bureau.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES NANTELL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor James Nantell. He has served for 40 years in the public sector. Mr. Nantell is the City Manager for the City of Burlingame. A gifted community leader, there isn’t a street corner in Burlingame that doesn’t have his fingerprints on it.

Jim became city manager of Burlingame in November of 1972. In his 40 years of service, he has been a foremost steward of the city. His leadership and management has been a vital part of Burlingame’s growth and development.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPs
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mrs. CAPPs. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on December 17, 2012, and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 627: yes.
Rollcall No. 628: yes.