



Honorable Ron Barber of Arizona

**Congressional Recognition for
The Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation**

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Mister Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation.

Christina-Taylor Green was only nine years old when she lost her life on January 8, 2011 during a violent attack at Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' Congress On Your Corner event in Tucson. Although Christina-Taylor was tragically taken from us on that dark day, her spirit will live on forever.

In the months after Christina-Taylor's death, her grieving parents, John and Roxanna Green, created the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation to honor their beloved daughter and her hopes and dreams. The foundation has the goal of making the Tucson community as good as Christina-Taylor imagined it by helping local schoolchildren who are in need.

On November 2 and 3, the Tucson Conquistadores Foundation is partnering with the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation to hold *Birdies & Butterflies*, the year's premier sports entertainment fundraiser in Southern Arizona. The event will feature Tommy Lasorda, the legendary former manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, pro golfer and U.S. Senior Open champion Don Pooley and other pro and college sports celebrities.

The name of the event pays tribute to Christina-Taylor's last drawing. In December 2010, her third-grade teacher gave the class an assignment to create a winged insect that represented who they are inside. Christina-Taylor drew a beautiful striped green and blue butterfly with big dark eyes and wings that reached toward the sky. That drawing has become the logo of the foundation that now bears Christina-Taylor's name.

I am proud to recognize the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation on the occasion of *Birdies & Butterflies* that is being held in Tucson today and tomorrow. It is a worthwhile community endeavor honoring Christina-Taylor's vision for what our community can be. This beautiful young girl continues to inspire us all.