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## TO CONGRATULATE ROY WELCH ON HIS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

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**MR. SHULER**. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roy Welch on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Born with Down Syndrome in 1960 in my home town of Bryson City, North Carolina, the doctors told his parents he would not live long enough to take him home from the hospital. Fifty years later, Mr. Welch is a standing testament to the importance of faith, strength, and the desire to live a fulfilling and fruitful life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to rise with me in recognizing the incredible story of Roy Welch, and the inspiration he has provided to all of Western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the courage, character, and vitality of Mr. Welch.