

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF JANIS KING ARNOLD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Janis King Arnold, and in recognition of 36 outstanding years of service in the Cleveland Metro School District. She has been instrumental in bringing innovative educational programs to the Greater Cleveland Area.

Janis Arnold has a multifaceted and rich history in public service and recently retired from a long and illustrious career in the Cleveland Metro School District. She attended public schools in the Greater Cleveland Area and went on to earn a degree in Education from Central State University. During her 36-year tenure in the Cleveland Metro School District, Mrs. Arnold served as a classroom teacher, parent engagement coordinator, administrative intern and assistant principal. She was further able to demonstrate her leadership skills when she became Principal of John Buhler School in 1987—a position she would remain in until her retirement in August of this year. During her time at John Buhler School, Mrs. Arnold instituted a unique dual language program at the school—the first program of its kind in the State of Ohio. The program, designed to foster cross-cultural understanding and to give students the proper tools to become bilingual is partly funded through a grant by the U.S. Department of Education. She also expanded the school's music program through a grant from VH1's Save the Music Program and through partnerships with the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Cultural Coalition.

Mrs. Arnold has been recognized several times for leadership, innovative work and the relationships she forged between numerous churches and community agencies. Under her leadership, John Buhler School was awarded the School of Excellence Award from Esperanza, Inc. in 2001 and the Excelling School Award in 1997. Mrs. Arnold was recognized at the 21st Annual Multicultural/Multilingual Conference for her significant contributions to multicultural education.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Janis King Arnold, and in recognition of her significant contributions to education in the Greater Cleveland Area. May her work on fostering cross-cultural understanding and work with community organizing serve as an example for all of us to follow.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
JOHN E. MURRAY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of veteran, civil servant, and author Major General John E. Murray (United States Army Retired).

Born in Clifton, New Jersey, November 22, 1918, General Murray was drafted into the United States Army in 1941 as a private leaving his studies at St. John's University and rose to the rank of Major General. The career that followed was to take him through three wars, ten campaigns and logistic and transportation operations throughout the world. He earned his LL.B. from New York Law School in 1949, LL.D. in 1975 and M.A. from George Washington University in 1961. He was a member of the New York and United States Supreme Court Bar as well as a member of the Korean Bar.

He fought and served bravely during the Korean War and went on to become the Director of Army Transportation in 1969 and 1970. He then served as Chief of Logistics to the Pacific Command and Chief of Logistics for the Military Assistance Command from 1972 until late 1973, under the command of Admiral John S. McCain, Sr. After the cease of hostilities in Vietnam, he remained as chief military in charge of intelligence operations and support of the Vietnamese Armed Forces.

President Reagan called General Murray back to service in 1988–1989 where he served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict. He was inducted into the Army Transportation Corps Hall of Fame, located at Fort Eustis, Virginia in 2001.

After retiring from the military he served as Vice President of the Association of American Railroads and as special counsel to American International Underwriters. He served on the White House Agent Orange Working Group and the Defense Intelligence Task Force on POWs and MIAs. He also served with the White House Office of Science and Technology on epidemiological studies and with industry of a variety of legal and logistics matters.

General Murray lectured at Georgetown University on Crisis Management and at the National Defense University. He was a prolific author of articles involving logistics and business matters and also contributed book reviews to Time-Life books and National Defense Transportation magazine. Publications include *Lawyers, Computers and Power*; *War Transport; Show Biz; The Myths of Business and the Business of Myths; Sweet Adversity; and The U.S. Army, how it Motivates*.

Among his numerous awards were the D.S.M.; Legion of Merit; the Italian War Cross,

Knight Order Crown of Italy; and decorations from the Korean and Vietnamese Governments.

Madam Speaker, I was truly saddened by the death of General Murray. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family. My thoughts and prayers are with his daughter Valerie, of Norfolk Virginia, his granddaughter Shana and grandson Andrew of Norfolk Virginia; his brother Danny of Arlington Virginia, and a large extended family.

**HONORING REVEREND DR. J.
ALFRED SMITH, SR.**

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congressman PETE STARK, to honor the extraordinary life accomplishments of the Reverend Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. He is a leader, teacher, spiritual guide, and inspiration to all who know him. Pastor Smith will be retiring this year from his position as Senior Pastor at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California.

Pastor Smith has led this church and our community for 40 years. In that time he has positively influenced countless lives and left an indelible mark. It is without doubt that his legacy will continue to inspire people and promote the strong ideals and unwavering humanity Pastor Smith has always stood for.

Throughout his life and tenure as Senior Pastor, Dr. Smith championed the causes of the poor and the disenfranchised. Through his many publications, interviews, and sermons, Dr. Smith reminded us everyday of our human obligation and the standards of dignity, charity, and common love that we must all live by. In the Greater Bay Area, he also spearheaded groundbreaking programs to reach out to those most in need and assist them in their struggles. He is an individual who never failed to practice what he preached, and who has used his own life as an example with grace, humility, and an unsurpassable kindness and empathy for others.

The ministries and message of Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. has made an impact locally, nationally, and internationally. From testifying before the United Nations in New York City in 1989 against the apartheid government in South Africa to securing affordable housing for seniors, he has dedicated his career to promoting peace and equality. His work has inspired and uplifted people from all faiths and backgrounds to dedicate their lives to this same noble pursuit.

This is Dr. Smith's true gift to us all—the gift of positive influence. He has inspired our leaders and our children to carry on the difficult fight for justice in a way that is both compassionate and relentless.

Through the many programs for youth that he has created and supported, Dr. Smith has invested himself fully in the education of the

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next generations. By doing this, he has created irreplaceable opportunities which would not have existed for these children without him. By remaining personally involved in their experiences and progress, he has empowered them to believe in the importance of their own efforts and to commit themselves to carrying others up behind him, as he has done for so many years. Dr. Smith has shown our community that we can live our lives with eloquence, devotion, and with a deep respect for all of God's children.

In Pastor Smith's retirement years, it is certain that he and his brilliant and beautiful wife, the Reverend Bernestine Farley-Smith, will continue to contribute to our society immensely and spread the benefits of their many collective years of experience by serving their community, enjoying their family, and most importantly walking and talking with God.

Today, the residents of California's 9th and 13th Congressional Districts join with the members of Allen Temple Baptist Church, its community allies, fellow congregations, and Pastor Smith's loving family to celebrate his years of service and wish him a most happy and fruitful retirement. Our sincere gratitude goes out to Dr. Smith's three sons, two daughters, fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren for sharing this visionary leader and wonderful human being with us. We are all better people for having had the blessing of this man's friendship and guidance. May he and his wife rejoice and enjoy their time together for many happy years to come.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF JIM TURNER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member—James H. Turner, Jr.—who will retire at the end of this year from the staff of the Committee on Science and Technology. As the Chief Counsel for the Full Committee, Jim's expertise in law and science policy is unmatched.

Jim first came to Capitol Hill as Legislative Counsel for Congressman Gary Myers in 1975. During his 29 years of working on the Hill, Jim has served many roles for the Committee, including Technology Team Leader and Subcommittee Staff Director. He has worked across the board on the Committee's legislative agenda, especially in the areas of technology and energy policy. In addition, Jim's dedication and hard work were crucial to the creation and passage of the Stevenson-Wydler Act and the Bayh-Dole Act which reshaped technology transfer policy. Also, Jim played a key role in the development and maintenance of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

Jim holds degrees from Georgetown and Yale Universities and from Westminster College and attended the Senior Managers in Government Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Before his time on the Committee, Jim worked for Wheelabrator-Frye, Congressman Myers, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In addi-

tion, he served on the Clinton Presidential transition team and as a social worker for the state of Connecticut.

Outside of work, Jim is involved in his church as a Chairperson for the St. Columba's Episcopal Church Outreach Steering Committee. Jim also dedicates his time to advising young people as a mentor for the Georgetown University Law School and as the Washington Coordinator for the MIT/UVA summer internship program. Over the years, Jim has been known for his efforts in helping young professionals obtain jobs and providing ongoing career advice.

Madame Speaker, Jim's dedication and work ethic have made him a valued member of the Committee staff. I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's Members and staff wish him and his wife Betty well in their journey ahead. In closing, I just want to say thank you, Jim, for your many years of dedicated public service. You will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO JOE BOLGER

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Jackson County's finest political leaders, Joe Bolger, Jr. who died on November 18, 2008. He grew up proud of his Eastern Jackson County roots. He attended the University of Missouri and graduated with a bachelor of science in 1955. By the age of 36 he was happily married to Joanne Kobe Bolger and had three children, Kathleen, Brian and Craig. By this time in his life, he had garnered the respect of his community as he served as president of the Jackson County Chamber and had been appointed to the State Water Pollution Board by Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes. With the support of friends and family he entered the political arena running for the Democratic nomination for Jackson County Eastern District Judge, a seat that had been held by President Harry S. Truman. He filed his papers at the Jackson County Clerk's office in the Independence Courthouse, which he insisted was the real county seat, a debate that continues today.

In 1970 Joe Bolger, Jr. was elected Eastern Judge of Jackson County, joining Presiding Judge George W. Lehr and Western Judge Harry Wiggins. All three judges were in their 30's with Joe Bolger, Jr. being the youngest of the judges. They were a dynamic combination and set Jackson County on a path of prosperity and growth. He was a strong advocate and defender for Eastern Jackson County. He believed in listening and learning from his constituents. While fighting for the rights of Eastern Jackson County, Joe Bolger, Jr. stated in The Kansas City Star article, "We would like to look upon you as our big brother. . . . not be seen as stepchildren. The eastern and western districts are two different worlds, and I'm not pleased with your attitude toward the balance of the county." He spoke of the future and warned that the population would soon shift outside Kansas City. He fought for the sports complex, infrastructure improvements, economic opportunities, and better schools.

He served for two years, 1971 and 1972. History will record that he was the last Eastern

Jackson County Judge. In his last year, 1972, the Truman Sports Complex opened in Eastern Jackson County. We were the talk of the sports nation as we cut the ribbon on the top designed major league facilities.

By 1973, Jackson County had adopted a charter form of government, consisting of a County Executive and 15 legislators. Joe Bolger Jr. was voted to continue his service as a member of the original 15 legislators, representing northeast Jackson County. He was a powerful voice as he served with three Jackson County Executives. After the second County Executive, Mike White, decided not to run for another term, many asked Joe Bolger, Jr. to run but he declined. He served on the Jackson County Legislature for ten years, leaving all of Jackson County a better place to live. He brought industry and commerce to Eastern Jackson County and watched as the population grew. He was instrumental in the Little Blue Valley Sewer District and the continued development of Eastern Jackson County. He believed in a Truman style of government of plain speaking and respect for his community. He will always be remembered as highly intelligent, a caring father, and advocate for his constituency.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to the life and accomplishments of Joe Bolger, Jr. His legacy lives on in Jackson County as his work and dedication lead to the betterment of our community. I urge my colleagues of the 110th Congress to join me in remembering a great man from Eastern Jackson County.

HONORING NANCY HICKS MAYNARD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and accomplishments of one of our nation's greatest trailblazers. The renowned journalist and activist for truth in media, Nancy Hicks Maynard, passed away on September 21, 2008 at the age of 61. Her vivacious and extraordinary presence will be greatly missed, however her life's work has ensured that future generations will continue to benefit from her courageous impact indefinitely.

A news pioneer and the first African-American woman to own a major daily newspaper in America, Nancy Hicks Maynard was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her incredible journalism career began in 1966 when, outraged by inaccurate and destructive reporting on her neighborhood, Nancy broke onto the scene as a reporter for the New York Post at the age of 20.

From there she went on to work at the New York Times. At that time she was the Times' youngest staff reporter. However, that did not prevent Nancy from covering the hottest issues. From the Apollo space missions to African-American student takeovers at Columbia and Cornell universities, and the mid-sixties urban rebellions, Nancy was on the ground working nonstop to ensure that these stories were reaching the public not only through an objective lens, but from the viewpoint of a young person of color—something shamefully nonexistent in the media at that time.

In 1975 she married Robert C. Maynard, who wrote for the Washington Post and was already a news giant in his own right. At that time in our nation's history, Nancy and Robert were among the best and most accomplished of the fewer than 50 black journalists who held significant roles in the newspaper, radio and television journalism industries. However, rising up within a damaged and biased system was not enough for the Maynards. Not content with their own personal accomplishments, they both believed that their greatest civic duty was to level the playing field and bring others up behind them.

Two years later, they both resigned from their lucrative posts to pursue their shared fundamental ideals. This included, demanding a higher standard of ethics and accountability in journalism and promoting equal opportunity for people of color in the media industry. They moved to the West Coast to pursue what was right and just and to establish a non-profit dedicated to training minority reporters and pressing newsrooms to "reflect the diversity of thought, lifestyle and heritage in our culture."

In Berkeley, California, Nancy and Robert joined with eight other co-founders and launched the year-round Institute for Journalism Education—the first of its kind in this field.

In 1983, the couple purchased the financially struggling Oakland Tribune from the Gannett Company. For nearly a decade, the Maynards co-published the daily paper. It was at the Oakland Tribune that their vision of diversity in staffing and coverage took physical form and set an example for the conservative, overwhelmingly white newsroom managers they had been trying to reach out to for so many years. The Maynards sold the Tribune in 1992 and Robert passed away a few months afterward. During the ten years of their proprietorship, the company contributed approximately \$300 million in payroll revenue alone to the city of Oakland and its residents.

Nancy was the child of an African-American jazz musician and a Caucasian mother. Through her personal and professional experiences, she understood the need for the most talented and committed minds in journalism to work together to break down racial barriers and report the truth back to the community. She carried this rich heritage and strong sense of purpose with her throughout her life. In 1998, the National Association of Black Journalists awarded her its annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes Nancy Hicks Maynard and honors her legacy. We thank her family for sharing this amazing spirit with us, especially her partner, Jay T. Harris, her mother, Eve Keller, her sister, Barbara Guest, her brother, Al Hall, her sons, David and Alex, and her daughter, Dori. May her soul rest in peace.

IN HONOR OF THE PALESTINE CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the achievements of The Palestine Children's Relief Fund

(PCRF) on the occasion of their 2008 gala, entitled "Healing Hands." For the past 17 years, PCRF has played an instrumental role in providing some of the best medical treatment for children all over the Middle East.

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is a U.S.-based non-profit that has now become the leading organization providing free medical treatment for children in the Middle East. PCRF works closely with doctors, hospitals, and organizations throughout North America and Europe in order to facilitate specialized medical care for children who are unable to be treated locally. Children have been treated in hospitals all over the United States, including in Cleveland and other cities across Ohio. Since its founding in 1991, PCRF has treated over 800 children outside of the Middle East and continues to send doctors from the United States to train medical personnel in the region.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund and in recognition of their outstanding achievements and important work in providing free medical treatment to children in need.

BRUCE ASHWILL

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Bruce Ashwill, a close friend from the Fourth Congressional District of California.

Bruce Ashwill is a legend in California real estate. As a founding partner of Ashwill Burke and the founder of Bishop Hawke and Aborn Powers, it is estimated that he has hired and trained more than 1,700 real estate professionals in his more than 38 years in the commercial real estate business. Bruce is a valued member of local chambers of commerce and many professional trade groups such as the California Association of Realtors and the Sacramento Trade Organization.

We first met in 1983 when I was running for the California State Senate, and our friendship has grown from there. I have been privileged to benefit from the wisdom and experiences Bruce has shared with me, providing great insight into business, politics and life.

Bruce graduated from University of California at Los Angeles, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He and his wife of 46 years, Barbara, live on a ranch in Shingle Springs, California. Bruce and Barbara have been blessed with three children and eight grandchildren.

I would like to wish Bruce and Barbara good luck in all their future endeavors and express to them how much they mean to Julie and me. We look forward to continuing our great friendship for many years to come.

HONORING BOB FRALEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH, to con-

gratulate Bob Fraley upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Fraley will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Bob Fraley grew up in the tiny community of Hardwick, California, and admired the man considered the best pole-vaulter ever, "Dutch" Warmerdam. Coach Fraley was raised just an orchard away from the Warmerdam home. Before he was done with his storied career, Coach Fraley would nurture a track-and-field powerhouse at Lemoore High School, mentor more than 40 All-Americans at California State University, Fresno, and made the "Fraley" name synonymous with the pole vault all over the world.

According to Coach Fraley, his most significant accomplishment in his career was saving the California State University, Fresno, men's track-and-field team in 2003 after it was cut by the school as an intercollegiate sport. He saved the program by telling the university's administration, "take my salary; just don't take my sport." The school agreed and Coach Fraley coached for free and was hailed in Sports Illustrated for solving a problem instead of pointing fingers at others.

The honors are many for Coach Fraley, who was also a trailblazer for women's athletics and the implementation of Title IX. He was named 2003 USA Track and Field Nike Coach of the Year, U.S. Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year in 2004, 2006 national Pole Vault Hall of Fame inductee and two-time Western Athletic Conference coach of the year. During his 28 years at California State University, Fresno, including 8 years as head coach, he developed many of the Nation's top performers; including 19 Academic All-Americans. Among his top athletes were pole-vaulter Jim Davis, who cleared 19 feet and won three NCAA titles; four-time All-American triple jumper Reggie Jackson; and Melissa (Price) Lewis, the first female inductee of the national Pole Vault Hall of Fame and the first female high school and NCAA pole vault champ.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Bob Fraley upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Coach Fraley congratulations on his many accomplishments.

HONORING MATER DEI KNIGHTS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mater Dei Knights Volleyball Team. The Knights placed third at the IHSA State Volleyball match on Saturday November 15, 2008.

Continuing their tradition of success, this is the Knights' 12th trophy in school history. The Knights competed for their title against Chicago Payton. Winning in just two games, the Knights defeated Payton by scores of 25-17 and 25-22.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Coaches Fred Rakers and Chad Rakers along with the Knights Volleyball Team members—Courtney

Crocker, Morgan Dall, Laura Thole, Tabatha Albers, Andria Lampe, Kalye Boeckmann, Maria Gebke, Alison Mueller, Ashley Rakers, Nicole Stricker, Samantha Bedard, Kayla Eversgerd, Alyssa Hitpas, Brooke Schulte, and Abbey Winter—on their success.

I wish the Knights continued success for seasons to come!

HONORING SATOSHI HIRAYAMA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman NUNES, to congratulate Satoshi “Fibber” Hirayama upon the opening and dedication of the newest gymnasium in Clovis Unified School District. Mr. Hirayama will be honored at a dedication ceremony on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Gateway High School.

Mr. Hirayama was raised in the Central San Joaquin Valley on a farm. At the age of twelve he began to play competitive sports, mostly football and baseball. These skills were developed even further when his family, along with thousands of other Japanese-Americans, was relocated to an Internment Camp in Arizona during World War II. While in the camp an organized baseball league began with 32 teams. The competitive nature of the games is where his baseball skills became refined.

When the war ended, Mr. Hirayama and his family returned to the San Joaquin Valley. He completed high school and received a scholarship to play baseball at Fresno State College. While at Fresno State he lettered in football and baseball. He lead the baseball team with seventy-six stolen bases in a season and five stolen bases in one game, this record stood for over forty years. After college he was picked up by the Stockton Ports in the Pacific Coast League, a farm team for the St. Louis Browns. Mr. Hirayama was the first Japanese-American from Fresno to play professional baseball. After one year in the league he was called to serve for the U.S. military. From 1953 to 1955, Mr. Hirayama served as a soldier at Fort Ord and continued to play baseball with fellow soldiers on base.

Upon being discharged from the military he signed with the Hiroshima Carp in the Japanese Baseball League. He and a fellow teammate, Kenshi Zenimura, were incredibly popular; over 100,000 fans showed up at the Hiroshima train station to greet the players upon their arrival to Japan. Mr. Hirayama became a two-time All Star and competed in the Japanese-Major League Baseball All Star games against legends, such as Mickey Mantel, Whitey Ford, Casey Stengel and Stan Musial.

After playing in the league for 10 years, he returned to California and in 1965 was hired as a teacher for Clovis continuation. He became vice principal at the continuation school for two periods per day and also taught 5 periods of math at Clovis High School per day. In 1970 he was promoted to principal of the continuation school and in 1972 became the first principal of the new continuation school, Gateway High. After holding that position for five years, he served as the Administrator of Personnel for Clovis Unified School District. He remained in that position for 13 years, until he retired from the district in 1990.

Today, Mr. Hirayama continues to work in the baseball world. He currently scouts for the Carps in Japan and the Dominican Republic. He is a true pioneer for the sport of baseball and an incredible example of competitiveness and determination.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Satoshi “Fibber” Hirayama upon the dedication of the new gymnasium in his name. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Hirayama many years of continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE MENDOZA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart today to honor my friend Joe Mendoza, who passed away on October 25, 2008, at the age of 90. There are so many things to be said about Joe—a rancher, a community leader, and a family man who was held in high esteem by all who knew him. I can think of no better tribute than these remarks delivered at his memorial service by his long-time friend, Joseph Schoeningh:

Point Reyes is a unique geographical area on our beautiful coastline. It was there 90 years ago this past July that Joseph H. Mendoza, a truly unique man, was born. It was also there this past Saturday that he died.

Joe Mendoza (Papa Joe to many of us) was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle. He was a caring friend and neighbor, a very successful businessman, dairyman and rancher, a true outdoorsman, avid hunter and fisherman. As a husband, he deeply loved, honored and cherished his “Mrs. Scotty” for 67 wonderful years. They worked as a synchronized team to build their ranching business, becoming highly successful. Recognized by his peers for his success, Joe became President of the Challenge Cream and Butter Association, served on the board of Directors of the National Milk Association, and also was one of the original board members of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

As a father, he was very proud of his three children. He could be a tough and stern taskmaster at times, but he always wanted them to learn and grow from his methods and example. Son Jim shared about the time when the manure system was broken and they cleaned out the pump, then Joe put his foot over the outlet and told his young son to turn on the pump. This was a “hands on” manure shower lesson for both men . . . bet Scotty was thrilled about their entry to “her” always spotless house. . . .

Son Joe remembers the time that he and fellow young men were entered as an adult ensemble into a parade, riding horses. Their Lions Club dads stuffed the kids’ shirts to make them look bigger and the boys brought home a trophy. On the way home the proud fathers decided to stop at the Western in Point Reyes Station. The same proud fathers proceeded to ride those horses into the bar.

Young Joe watched as the horses and men partied in the bar and a passing driver almost got in a wreck as she drove by seeing a horse exit the bar. We wonder did this lay the groundwork for Joe Junior’s future.

Joe passed on his acumen as a business and community leader to his family. Daughter Sharon put her accounting education to work taking a part-time job when she was raising her family. She did books for Joe, Scotty and the family dairy businesses. Really this was their way to connect and Sharon was able to learn from her “hero”. Sharon and Joe enjoyed talking business, talking cows and strategizing financial and political plans.

As a grandfather, the stories are numerous and wonderful. He had a manner of connecting with young people and no matter what their age, he stayed connected. Joe combined his love of Grandchildren and other pastimes at various locations from “the cabin” to his Duck Hunting Club at Grizzly Island. Granddaughter Teresa recalls their tradition that went on for ages when she accompanied Joe and Scotty to the Duck Club. Before any other task, when they arrived, Joe and Teresa would get into the boat and “cruise the Hawaiian Islands”—they were on the lookout for hula girls in that Fairfield swamp and saw many great performances as they checked on the water level and duck population. As a great grandfather of nine, he just burst with pride as he watched this latest generation sprout up and found a way to “connect” with each of them as well.

There was a special place in his heart for nephews Marvin and George Nunes whom he mentored in both businesses and life after the untimely death of their father in the early ‘50s.

As a hunter/gatherer, he was the organizer and leader of countless outings in pursuit of deer, ducks, doves and pheasant. Joe looked forward to every season with a new excitement and occupied most mornings calling up friends to set up their plans. He especially looked forward to the annual bird hunting trip to Mexico at the beginning of each year and was so fortunate to travel there only 6 months ago.

As a fisherman who knew the ocean around him, he brought home a wide array of fish, abalone, crab and oysters . . . Granddaughter Karen recalls a fateful day when their catch numbered 33 salmon and 1 halibut. Joe was in the company of Karen and her friend Kristy Skeen . . . he would describe them as “2 Tomatas”. Of course all was good until the end of the day when the ladies retired to the kitchen of the Scotty-Joe to play cards and Joe was left on deck to clean all those fish. Of course, he graciously took on the task, never interrupting their game.

As a good friend and neighbor Joe Mendoza was a mainstay of the “point” ranches. Neighbors became friends and they were like their own family watching out for one another during crisis or time of need.

Joe was very proud, yet a very humble man, a man of much foresight and practicality. One good piece of advice he gave to many of us goes like this . . .

“If you do all of the talking, then they know everything you know and you don’t know what they know.”

He was also very practical about avoiding the “eye of a storm”. Once he and I, at the end of a great holiday party at the cabin, decided to take a small boat across Tomales Bay to the Marshall Tavern for a final “nite cap”. When Mrs. Scotty discovered that we were missing and so was the boat, she correctly surmised where we were. As Joe and I were enjoying our final nite cap the bartender

hollered out, "there is a very persistent woman on the phone who wants to talk to a JOE right now and she really means it". Joe Mendoza calmly looked at me and said "That call is for you!" I took the phone and guess whose ear Mrs. Scotty burned to a crisp!

Joe and Scotty helped to organize the "world famous" Western Weekend in Point Reyes Station that continues to this day with a wonderful 2 block long parade that circled through town at least twice so that it would last longer than 10 minutes.

Joe had a great sense of humor and he loved a good story or a funny incident and when he really laughed he had a special little kick that just naturally happened. When you saw that extra little body language, you knew he was really enjoying himself.

Joe loved to dance and he was very good at it. So to his delight many Tomatas including daughter, granddaughters and great-granddaughters took turns sharing him with his very favorite Tomata and dance partner, his beloved "Scotty".

My last thoughts today are of Joe and Scotty arm in arm dancing to one of their favorite country songs, being sung by Pam Nadale, a local country artist who passed on some time ago. The song in which I have changed just one word is "Waltz Across Texas". It goes like this . . .

When we dance together my worlds in disguise

It's a fairytale that's come true
When you look at me with those stars in
your eyes

I could waltz across heaven with you
Waltz across heaven with you in my arms
Waltz across heaven with you
Like a storybook ending I'm lost in your
charms
and I could waltz across heaven with you
Waltz across heaven. . . .

IN HONOR OF ST. PAUL UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Parma, Ohio on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and in recognition of its dedication to education, the community, and to God.

St. Paul United Church of Christ was founded 150 years ago and boasts a variety of programs dedicated to serving members of the congregation and the community. The Church has a number of ministries, including a scholarship program, a Hunger Task Force, and a Neighbors in Need ministry. The members of St. Paul United Church of Christ devote a significant amount of their time to community service and are an integral part of the Greater Cleveland community.

I also rise in recognition of Joseph Ripka, an internationally recognized and award-winning organist who will be performing at St. Paul United Church of Christ's anniversary celebration. Mr. Ripka is this year's winner of the Dublin International Organ Competition and was the 2006 winner of the San Marino/Elizabeth Elftman National Organ Competition.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Parma, Ohio as its congregation celebrates its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and in recognition of the Church's significant contributions to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY
TRANSPORT SYSTEM OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF
CARRYING ITS 50 MILLIONTH
PASSENGER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON. of California. Madam Speaker, I rise day to recognize the University Transport System of the University of California, Davis or Unitrans, as it is known to its riders. For over forty years, Unitrans has served both UC Davis and the broader Davis community, and is celebrating the boarding of its 50 millionth rider this year.

Founded in 1968 to support a growing UC Davis community, Unitrans has helped the University and the City of Davis grow and flourish. Originally, Unitrans had only two vintage double-decker London buses, which have become the most recognizable symbols of their presence in the community. The system is also notable because UC Davis students are almost entirely responsible for the day to day operations of Unitrans. All Unitrans drivers are undergraduate students and they are known for their professionalism and dedication to ensuring the system runs smoothly. Today, Unitrans has 49 buses servicing 14 routes and carries three million passengers every year.

The facts about the benefits of public transportation are clear. Bus systems produce half as much carbon dioxide and substantially fewer emissions per passenger mile driven than private vehicles. By providing convenient access to public transportation, Unitrans is helping to keep our air clean and reduce traffic on our streets. Unitrans has also led the way in supporting clean energy by using compressed natural gas to fuel 90 percent of their buses. As our nation continues to work to fight global climate change, Unitrans provides an excellent example of how we can reduce our environmental impact and our carbon footprint.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting at this time that we recognize the dedication and hard work of all the drivers, staff and riders who have made Unitrans such a success. Their efforts have been vital in supporting the growth of UC Davis, and we can expect that they will continue their service to the Davis community for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT
OF PAT HOLLARN,
OKALOOSA COUNTY SUPERVISOR
OF ELECTIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an

honor for me to rise today in recognition of Pat Hollarn upon her retirement as Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections.

For over twenty years Pat Hollarn has ensured the process of fair and balanced voting. As Supervisor of Elections for Okaloosa, County, Ms. Hollarn has distinguished herself as a champion of increasing voter turnout, voting access, and overall knowledge of the electoral process. With incredible foresight and a keen understanding of the needs of the community, Ms. Hollarn paired advanced technology with the voting booth, serving at the forefront of the Internet voting project. This project has enabled voting access to disabled voters and military personnel serving overseas. Operation Bravo, a program founded by Ms. Hollarn to alleviate the problem of servicemen and women not receiving their absentee ballots while abroad, has made it significantly easier for troops and other Americans living overseas to vote. Additionally, Ms. Hollarn stresses the importance of voter education with programs like "Kids Voting" and "Kids Vote Too" which relay the practice and privilege of voting to a younger audience.

Ms. Hollarn's dedication to the civic realm spans far beyond her current position of supervisor of elections. Ms. Hollarn's résumé is clustered with board and committee memberships as well as numerous positions in various organizations. Chambers of Commerce, The Bridgeway Center, and the North Okaloosa American Cancer Society highlight the long-standing career Ms. Hollarn has fashioned out of civic duty and community service.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Pat Hollarn for her enduring allegiance to the voting process and the subsequent benefits such dedication has provided for the First District of Florida.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of Arizona's 8th Congressional District who for the past two years have served as members of my Military Academy Nominating Committee.

These 23 dedicated citizens have played an invaluable role in assisting me with one of my most important duties as a member of the House of Representatives: nominating young men and women for admission into our nation's military service academies.

As a result of this committee's wise counsel and careful consideration, in my first year I nominated 24 constituents for admission to the U.S. Military, Naval, Air Force and Merchant Marine academies.

Committee members spent countless hours reviewing applications, interviewing students and drafting their recommendations for nomination to the academies. Their singular goal was to make sure that the best and brightest students received a nomination.

My Military Academy Nominating Committee members are:

Ellen Ackerman, Jim Ackerman, Steve Alexander, Terri Allaire, Adalberto Araiza, Larry Bahill, Bill Benedict, Dan Cavanagh, Ed Cerutti, Mike Crawford, Mimi Finch, Bruce Greenberg, Doug Kliman, Robert Nichols, Chris Palmenberg, Bob Parson, Larry Putman, Joe Sciabarra, Burney Starks, Bob Strain, Tim Timmins, Paul Weishaupt, and Jessica Woelbling.

I commend them for their commitment to this important nominating process and for their help in identifying the United States military leaders of the future.

HONORING THE REVEREND BONITA GRUBBS FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, colleagues, and the New Haven community in extending recognizing my good friend, the Reverend Bonita Grubbs, as we gather to celebrate her 20th Anniversary as the Executive Director of Christian Community Action. It has been through her outstanding leadership and vision that Christian Community Action has grown into an invaluable resource for those most in need.

Christian Community Action is a non-profit ecumenical social service organization whose mission includes providing emergency food, housing, and support to New Haven's poor while encouraging them to attain self-sufficiency. Christian Community Action is also a vocal advocate for the most vulnerable of our citizens—working to change the systems that perpetuate poverty and injustice. For twenty of its thirty year history, Bonita has been at the helm of this institution where she has led the way in expanding its programs and services. She has a unique combination of compassion, generosity, and vision which has enabled her to ensure that this agency can continue to meet the changing needs of the poor.

More than just her professional contributions have made Bonita one of our most respected community leaders. She has served on the Boards of the Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund, the International Festival of Arts and currently serves on the Boards of the Hospital of Saint Raphael, Connecticut Voices for Children, the Connecticut Housing Coalition, Quinnipiac Bank and Trust, and the Connecticut Center for School Change. She has been a member of the Judicial Review Council for the State of Connecticut as well as president of the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness. Ordained to the Christian Ministry within the American Baptist Church in November of 1987, Bonita has also served as the Interim Pastor of the Christian Baptist Church in Hamden, Connecticut. Bonita understands the importance of being involved in one's community and has made an extraordinary effort to enrich the lives of those less fortunate.

Her work with Christian Community Action as well her myriad of volunteer efforts have changed the face of the New Haven community and brought much needed attention to the

needs of the poor. Bonita knows that the prosperity of a community lies in the willingness of its members to give back and she has done much to strengthen the bonds of our community.

I must also take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to Bonita for her many years of special friendship. She has been a source of inspiration to me and so many others. I am honored to take this moment to stand and recognize the Reverend Bonita Grubbs for her 20 years of dedicated service to Christian Community Action and her outstanding contributions. Every community should be so fortunate as to have such an accomplished and devoted advocate, mentor, and friend.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, although am disappointed that White House opposition will prevent the House-passed \$63 billion stimulus package from becoming law this year, we have at least reached bipartisan agreement on this seven week extension of unemployment benefits for our neighbors still looking for work in this struggling economy.

Today's unemployment report was not good: 159,000 jobs lost in September—the worst job loss in five years, on top of 600,000 jobs already lost in 2008. The Federal Unemployment Trust Fund currently has more than enough reserves to cover the cost of this extension, and nearly 800,000 workers will exhaust their benefits if this legislation isn't enacted into law. For their benefit, and the benefit of our economy, I urge my colleagues' support and yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THOSE WHO FOUGHT THE ANGEL ISLAND FIRE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic firefighters who, with bravery and dedication, halted the fire that threatened to devastate Angel Island State Park, one of our Nation's unparalleled treasures, located in San Francisco Bay near Tiburon in Marin County, California.

Heroic firefighters across America brave flames and smoke to save lives and protect homes and property. Everyday these men and women risk their safety on our behalf.

On Sunday, October 12, 2008 flames threatened to swallow Angel Island, a renowned landmark that boasts a history dating back to the Civil War. In 1863, Angel Island was home to Camp Reynolds, which guarded the bay during the Civil War. The island later served as an immigration station, dubbed "The Ellis Island of the West". During the Cold War, the Nike missile site was located on Angel Island.

Many of these structures are truly windows into our past. In particular, I have worked with my colleagues and with concerned citizens such as the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation to restore the immigration station. The stories of peoples' lives are literally written into its walls and have much to tell us about our own history and humanity.

When fire raged at Angel Island, threatening to devastate our Nation's jewel, 275 firefighters united forces to stop the fire and ultimately protect 120 historic buildings and 360 acres from destruction.

Days after the orange and red flames dissipated into a cloud of smoke, a crew of 100 dedicated firefighters remained on the island to complete their duties.

Successfully battling a major wildland fire is never the act of one person alone. Marin's fire agencies have an effective mutual aid agreement which brought skilled personnel and resources from agencies throughout the County with a shared objective—saving the Island's historical buildings and minimizing resource damage. Angel Island Park personnel were an instrumental part of the command structure and, with the help of the U.S. Coast Guard, quickly evacuated overnight campers to a safe location. As always, the air attack and support provided by crews and personnel from CAL FIRE gave firefighters the upper hand to ultimately bring the fire under control. This was an amazing example of inter-agency cooperation that was the key to a successful outcome.

Madam Speaker, I thank these leaders and their crews who saved a tremendous part of our history. They and their many colleagues across the country are truly our heroes. Thanks to their tireless and timely response to a looming threat, Angel Island, a beacon of history and environmental beauty, can continue to enrich the lives of visitors from around the world.

IN HONOR OF JOHANNA OROZCO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Johanna Orozco. Her courage, personal strength and concern for others in the wake of unimaginable personal tragedy nearly two years ago at the young age of fifteen, has lifted her into the rare and inspiring platform as a champion of women's rights. Her activism has inspired people of all ages throughout our Greater Cleveland community, especially young women who are vulnerable to domestic violence.

Ms. Orozco did not only survive the vicious attack by her ex-boyfriend, she has reached out as an activist, speaking openly on high school and college campuses. She selflessly shares her own painful experience in order to educate and protect others from unhealthy relationships and domestic violence. Despite her near death, she battled to recover, rising a stronger and wiser individual. Through every painful phase of her rehabilitation and surgeries, Ms. Orozco reflects grace and dignity.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Johanna Orozco, who has transformed her personal

tragedy into triumph. She has emerged with strength, determination and an optimistic view for her future. She continues to inspire those who have been privileged to meet and know her. I look forward to her future achievements. Johanna Orozco is a heroin among us, and our community will continue to support her as she recovers.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and gratitude of Johanna Orozco, whose remarkable story and activism will forever have an impact on our community. May her courage continue to serve as an inspiration for us all.

HONORING LEE ANGELICH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman COSTA, to congratulate Lee Angelich upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Angelich will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Lee Angelich, the youngest of five boys, was born to a Serbian immigrant family and starred in track and field in high school and college. Mr. Angelich qualified for the State Finals his senior year at Shasta High School. In his two years at Sacramento Junior College, he led the Panthers to league and state titles and in 1941 he led them to a national title. Mr. Angelich placed second in the 120 high hurdles and fifth in the high jump at the national meet. He then went on to the University of California, where in 1943 he won Pacific Coast Conference titles in the 120 high and the 220 low hurdles, and finished fifth and sixth respectively in the same events at the NCAA Championships. In 1943, Mr. Angelich joined the Navy and served as an officer on the U.S.S. *Rixey* in the Pacific. After the war, he enrolled at California State University Fresno and placed third in the West Coast Relays in the 120 high hurdles.

After completing his education Mr. Angelich began coaching. As a coach he stressed fundamentals, defense and teamwork. He guided boys' teams at Kerman High, Porterville High and Fresno High to eight league championships and an overall record of 255–76 from 1947 to 1963. His Kerman team won the Central Section small schools championship, and his Fresno High teams won forty-eight straight games at home, second best in section history. Under Mr. Angelich, Fresno High won four consecutive North Yosemite League titles (1957–1960). He is one of the rare coaches to win central Section titles in two different sports, as Fresno High captured the boys' track-and-field championship in 1957. He became one of the winningest high school basketball coaches in central section history. Additionally, after turning down a chance to coach Greece's national men's basketball team in 1959, he organized and coached the Libyan national team that participated in the North African Games in 1961.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Lee Angelich upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno

Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Angelich congratulations on his many accomplishments.

HONORING AMANDA SCOTT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman RADANOVICH, to congratulate Amanda Scott upon her induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Ms. Scott will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner at the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Amanda Scott was born and raised in Clovis, California and graduated from Clovis High School. She went on to attend California State University, Fresno where she pitched for the Lady Bulldogs. In the championship game of the 1998 National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Softball World Series, Ms. Scott pitched a near perfect game against top-seeded Arizona in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She led her team to a 1–0 victory over Arizona. She pitched seven innings, allowing three hits and she had six strike outs. At bat, she was three for three. The Bulldogs had captured their first NCAA Division 1 team championship in school history.

Ms. Scott's accolades do not stop there. She was the first four-time first-team All-American for CSU Fresno, she was named number two among CSU Fresno's "Greatest Athletes of the Twentieth Century", two-time Academic All-American, two-time Western Athletic Conference Female Athlete of the Year, member of the NCAA's twenty-fifth anniversary team, winner of an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and was named "Most Valuable Player" of the 1998 Softball World Series.

Upon graduating from CSU Fresno she was the school's career leader in strikeouts (851), saves (110), Runs Batted In (212) and pitching appearances (155). Her career win-loss record is 106–18 and her batting average was .303 with thirty-one home runs. Her records are amazing, and her career continued to grow. Amanda Scott was at her best in the clutch when she was pitted against the best of the sport had to offer; her face was a picture of resolve whether pitching or batting. She was a member of the 1998 U.S. team that won the World Championship and was an alternate on the gold-medal winning 2000 U.S. Olympic team. Ms. Scott starred in the National Pro Fastpitch league, and was named the "World Series Most Valuable Player" for the 2004 champion, the New York Juggernaut. Today, she is an assistant softball coach at the University of Illinois-Chicago and a television sports commentator.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Amanda Scott upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Scott many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES CRAWFORD

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented pathologist, professor, and author, Dr. James Crawford. Dr. Crawford recently moved to Long Island, New York to serve as the Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Long Island Jewish Hospital. His commitment to advocating for quality health care and the study of pathology deserves commendation.

Dr. Crawford will be stepping down at the end of December as Chair of the College of American Pathologists' Political Action Committee. Pathologists are laboratory physicians that play a key role in health care by diagnosing and characterizing diseases through examination of biopsies or bodily fluids.

Prior to accepting his new position at Long Island Jewish Hospital, Dr. Crawford served as Chair of the Pathology Department at the University of Florida, College of Medicine. A talented pathology professor, he has served as a faculty member at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, as well as the Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Crawford is a world expert in hepatic pathology and pathobiology who has served as the Senior Editor of three books, as well as authored over 170 original articles and book chapters. Dr. Crawford has also been an active supporter of early cancer screening tests, especially Pap tests. Through the years, Pap examinations have proven to be the most effective screening test for early detection of cervical cancer in women.

Dr. Crawford received his medical degree and PhD from Duke University. After completing medical school, he completed his Pathology Residency and Gastrointestinal Pathology Fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, as well as a Fellowship in Hepatopathology at the Royal Free Hospital in London.

Although he will be stepping down as Chair of the College of American Pathologist's Political Action Committee, Dr. Crawford will continue to be a strong voice for promoting quality health care in his new position at Long Island Jewish Hospital. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding physician, professor, and author for his strong commitment to pathology and patient care.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR HEATHER FARGO

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Heather Fargo's twenty years of service to the people of Sacramento as mayor, council member, and community activist. On November 20th, Mayor Fargo, family and friends will gather to recognize her outstanding work, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest leaders.

Heather Fargo has always had a strong sense of public service. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Planning and Management from the University of California, Davis, and went on to complete the State and Local Government Executive Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Before becoming mayor, she had a distinguished career at the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

For over twenty years, Mayor Fargo has been a strong advocate for the development of the City of Sacramento and its neighborhoods. Early in Mayor Fargo's career in public service, she served as a board member of the Environmental Council of Sacramento, and was one of the founding members of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes urban forestry and shows how trees can make our communities more livable by reducing energy use, cleaning the air, and enhancing social and economic value. As mayor, she has transformed Sacramento into a "green" city with national recognition for being an environmentally sustainable city.

First elected to the Sacramento City Council in 1989, Mayor Fargo played an active role in developing Sacramento's Natomas area, and redeveloping our downtown into a place where people can live, work and play. Under her leadership, Sacramento has become a national model for smart growth and infill development.

After being elected as mayor in 2000, Mayor Fargo proved her dedication to Sacramento's future by creating the Sacramento Youth Commission and sponsoring youth mentoring, after school, and truancy prevention programs. She has given children the opportunity to take part in local policy development and express their views to community leaders. Mentors have been recruited to lead high school teens and help prepare them for successful lives after they graduate.

Mayor Fargo implemented several city policies and programs to bring Sacramento's neighborhoods together, and foster a greater sense of community among its residents. This included public participation on major planning projects, informational workshops on city initiatives and effective outreach on key issues including flood protection, emergency preparedness and housing crisis assistance. She also led the successful efforts to increase funding for levee improvements.

Mayor Fargo has helped unify our region through her leadership on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. As chair of SACOG, Mayor Fargo built relationships with neighboring cities on issues of importance to our region, especially transportation and air quality issues. She also was a leader with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and currently is president of the League of California Cities.

Madam Speaker, as Mayor Heather Fargo, her family and friends gather on this occasion, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most distinguished citizens and community leaders. Her successes have been many, and it is an honor for me to recognize her for her more than two decades of contributions to the people of Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing Mayor Heather Fargo continued success in her future.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOME HEALTH AIDS WHO SERVE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated and admirable work of the home health aides who serve my state of New Jersey and to commemorate Home Health Aide Recognition Day of 2008.

Home health aides provide a variety of invaluable services, including personalized care, home support services, physical exercise programs, and transportation assistance. The home health aides provide these services in the comfort of a patient's own home, thereby preserving the dignity and independence of an individual. In addition, providing this type of specialized care allows patients to remain at home longer, which can help prevent costly hospitalizations or institutionalizations that increase the financial burden on the patients, their families, and our health care system.

Over 40,000 certified aides make home health care available to every community in New Jersey, every hour of the day, and every day of the year. I am proud to acknowledge their essential and irreplaceable role in the health care system of New Jersey.

I would also like to recognize the organizations who sponsored this day and the meaningful contributions they make to our state's health care system: the Home Care Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association, the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the Home Care Council of New Jersey, the Health Care Association of New Jersey, and New Jersey Association for Homes and Services for the Aging.

Each day, compassionate home health aides in every region of my state deliver excellence in patient care. The services they provide enable New Jersey residents of all ages to remain in, or return to, their home and neighborhoods despite severe illness or disability. The Home Health Aid Recognition Day honors their extraordinary work, and their unique ability to enhance the quality of life for thousands of New Jerseyans.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize these wonderful health professionals and the vital role they play in our communities.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL WALTER WOJDAKOWSKI FOR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dear friend and one of our brave patriots. For over 30 years, Major General Walter Wojdakowski who is currently the commanding general at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, has served our nation with bravery, dedication and respect. He has a lifetime of selfless service that included command, battlefield and diplomatic experience. Major General Walter Wojdakowski ends his brilliant career at Ft. Benning where he first trained as second lieutenant to become an Infantry platoon leader.

Schooled in military arts at the United States Military Academy West Point, he would travel the globe with his wife Candy and their children Steven and Ami. Major General Wojdakowski would serve in leadership and staff positions in Germany and Kuwait with distinction as well as duty stations in the United States.

His impact is measured by the knowledge he gained through his many challenging and difficult assignments. He used his experience to train this generation of war fighters for the most complex and difficult conflict in our nation's history, the Global War on Terrorism. The men and women he leads at Ft. Benning can proudly proclaim that they have trained the best soldiers in the world.

Major General Wojdakowski has demonstrated loyalty, faith and allegiance to our nation, to our military forces and to the citizens of our great country. He understands that meeting one's duty is to fulfill your obligations and accept responsibility for one's actions and the actions of one's subordinates.

He earned respect leading by example and showing respect by faithfully upholding and practicing the Army values. Major General Wojdakowski is recognized for his integrity and strict focus on exceeding the Army's highest standards. He has always understood the more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in war.

I am pleased to honor this warrior-patriot on his retirement from the United States Army. Major General Wojdakowski exemplifies personal courage and honor. He is one of the brave few who chose a life of servitude to his nation, and because of his service our nation is safer and stronger today. I want to commend Major General Wojdakowski, his wife Candy and his entire family for his reaching this important milestone. I wish him all the best in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING THE EVANSVILLE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS FOR WINNING THE 2008 INDIANA SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Evansville Memorial High School boys and girls soccer teams on their recent historic achievement. On Saturday, November 1, 2008 the teams became the first to win both the boys and girls Indiana soccer championships in the same year.

With their impressive 23-0-2 record, the boys' team—led by Coach Bill Vieth, Jr.—defended their state title by defeating the Zionsville Eagles 3-2, while Angie Lensing coached the girls' team to its second state championship, defeating Fort Wayne Snider 2-0, ending their season with a 22-2 record.

The extraordinary dedication and teamwork shown by these young athletes is something they can be proud of long after they have left Memorial High School. The teams and coaching staff have demonstrated outstanding talent and an unwavering commitment to achieving their goals. They are an inspiration to me and everyone in the Evansville, Indiana community who have followed them throughout the years. Go Tigers!

IN HONOR OF BOBBY SANABRIA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Bobby Sanabria, distinguished percussionist, drummer, composer, recording artist and producer whose musical talents and leadership in the Hispanic community has inspired thousands of people. I also rise in honor of Baldwin-Wallace College and the Hispanic-American Student Association for hosting and sponsoring Bobby Sanabria's performance as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Cleveland.

Bobby Sanabria, of Puerto-Rican descent, was born and raised in the Bronx, New York City. He earned a Bachelor's of Music Degree from Berklee College of Music in Boston in 1979. In recognition of his immense musical talents, Bobby was awarded the prestigious Faculty Association Award from his Alma mater. He has since become an internationally recognized drummer and percussionist—performing and collaborating with countless legendary Jazz and Latin musicians such as Mario Bauzá, Tito Puente, Charles McPherson and Ray Barretto. A testament to his musical talents, Bobby has collaborated with numerous award-winning artists on countless CDs and performances, including with Mario Bauzá—who is widely considered the Father of the Afro-Cuban Jazz movement. His 1999 album, "NYC Aché!" was released to international acclaim and his record "Afro-Cuban Dream . . . Live & In Clave!" was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Latin Jazz Album in 2001.

Bobby is the recipient of countless awards and honors and holds a number of prestigious leadership positions. In 2005, he was honored as DRUM! Magazine's Percussionist of the Year, an award voted on by the magazine's readers. Bobby was inducted into the "Bronx Walk of Fame" and had a street named after him in 2006. In addition to being the Chair of the former International Association of Jazz Education's Afro-Jazz Resource Team, he travels all over the United States and the world lecturing and performing. He is the Honorary Trustee of the Roberto Ocasio Foundation—a foundation dedicated to promoting programs that foster the personal and professional development of young musicians, as well as fostering cultural understanding through music. Bobby has been an Associate Professor at New School University's Jazz and Contemporary Music Program for fifteen years and has also been a professor at the Manhattan School of Music since 1999. He leads Afro-Cuban Orchestras at both institutions—the only programs of their kind in the country. Bobby also writes regularly for the New York Post and Modern Drummer, and has also been featured in the New York Times and The Jazz Times.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Bobby Sanabria, distinguished musician, composer, teacher and producer, and in recognition of his contributions to continuing the tradition of Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz Music.

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA LONG

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Jessica Long, in celebration of her continued achievements at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

Jessica Long was born in Siberia and was adopted from a Russian orphanage at the age of 13 months along with her brother Joshua by Steven and Beth Long of Middle River, Maryland. Because of lower leg anomalies, her legs were amputated when she was 18 months old. She learned to walk with prostheses and has been unstoppable ever since. Long has been involved in many sports including gymnastics, cheerleading, ice skating, biking, trampoline, and, of course, she loves to swim. She began swimming in her grandparent's pool before joining her first competitive team in 2002. The next year, Jessica was selected as Maryland Swimming's 2003 Female Swimmer with a Disability of the Year. Jessica made the international swimming world take notice at the 2004 Paralympic Games, winning three gold medals. Only 12 years old at the time, Jessica was the youngest athlete on the U.S. Paralympic Team.

Jessica had a phenomenal year in 2006 with a long list of impressive accomplishments. She set five world records and earned nine gold medals at the 2006 International Paralympic Committee Swimming World Championships in Durban, South Africa in December. In addition to countless other gold medals and awards, Jessica was named U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympian of the Year. In 2007, Jessica set three world records at the GTAC Disability Open in Michigan and three world records at the Spring Can-Am Swimming Championships in Quebec. She also beat out many prominent amateur athletes for the prestigious 77th AAU James E. Sullivan Award. In 2008, Jessica set another world record at the Can-Am Championships in British Columbia and was the recipient of the Juan Antonio Samaranch IOC Disabled Athlete Award.

After all of the numerous world records Jessica has set, the awards she has received, and the medals she has won, at the age of 16 Jessica eagerly anticipated the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. There, Jessica won four gold medals, a silver medal, and a bronze medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Ms. Jessica Long. She is an outstanding and dedicated member of the United States Paralympic Team. In spite of her disability, she has shown a unique and committed work ethic in sports training and competition. Jessica has shown the world that no limitation can prevent an individual from achieving great success. It is with great pride that I congratulate her on bringing six medals home from the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

HONORING STEVEN B. COLYER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Steven B. Colyer of Buckner, Missouri. Steven is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1381, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Steven has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Steven has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steven B. Colyer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I am angry.

I am angry that we have been put in this position by clever financial wizards on Wall Street who operated without the necessary regulations and oversight for the past eight years.

I am angry that we are being asked to clean up a mess that could have been prevented if it weren't for corporate greed and lax government oversight.

I share the sentiments of Meyer Mishkin, who during the crash of 1929 owned a shop in New York that sold silk shirts to working men. He said then that it "served those rich scoundrels right."

But a year later, as the Wall Street crash spread to the rest of America, Mr. Mishkin's own store went out of business and he never held a steady job again.

Fast forward to 2008. Meyer Mishkin's grandson, an economist and former Fed Reserve Board member, tells us "To do nothing right now is to do what was done during the Great Depression."

Madam Speaker, this is not about Rolex watches and Wall Street. It's about watching out for workers, families, retirees and small businesses in my district who will be up against the wall by this resulting credit crisis as it spreads to Main Street.

If we don't act and the credit markets seize up, we risk a situation in which people can't get mortgages, stores are unable to finance their inventory, local governments are unable to continue to finance services, and employers are unable to make payroll and start laying off workers and dropping shifts. We are already beginning to see the effects in my district and across the country.

We could say "let's sit back and do nothing".

But that is taking a huge risk with my constituents' economic futures. Look at it this way: If your foolish neighbor accidentally sets his apartment on fire, you could just let it burn and say that it serves him right. But the truth is, you live in the same apartment building: unless you call the fire department and use taxpayer funds to have it put out, in a short time your apartment is going to be destroyed by that same fire.

This bill is not perfect, but improvements have been made and protections and accountability have been added to it over the past two weeks. Now CEO's will be prohibited from collecting "golden parachute" payments or huge bonuses based on their company's stock price if their institutions want to participate. Also, since the federal government will become the owner of many troubled mortgages, the bill directs the Treasury Department to try to help some of those homeowners stay in their homes by easing the terms of the loan in ways that might prevent foreclosure and eviction. And if this works as it should, taxpayer outlays should be recouped—and perhaps even a profit turned—as the federal government sells the mortgages back into the market over time.

Madam Speaker, I had family who lived through the Great Depression, and I know that when the wider economy tailspins into a depression, it is poor and working families who are hit the hardest. I am not willing to stand by and do nothing while this crash spreads to my constituents.

HONORING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF JOHN SCHERREI

HON. LOIS CAPPSS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mrs. CAPPSS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge Mr. John Scherrei, Fire Chief of Santa Barbara County, upon reaching his retirement after 38 years of fighting fires.

Fire Chief Scherrei was appointed as the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Chief in 1999. He previously had a 28-year career with the City of Los Angeles Fire Department where he held all ranks from firefighter to Assistant Chief and was often the highest ranking fire official on duty for the Los Angeles area.

During Fire Chief Scherrei's time with Santa Barbara County, the Fire Department has added paramedics on its engine companies; created and integrated two brush clearing crews to the department; acquired the County's first high-rise tower ladder truck to its fire-fighting equipment inventory and has successfully deployed two firefighting and rescue helicopters.

Fire Chief Scherrei also oversaw the merger of the Solvang and Orcutt fire departments into the County Fire Department and guided the Fire Department through both recent wild land forest fires: the 2007 Zaca Fire—at about 240,000 acres the largest fire in the County's known history—and the 9,400-acre Gap Fire that occurred earlier this year. In both major fires, no lives were lost and no homes were destroyed. Most recently, Fire Chief Scherrei helped supervise efforts related to the 2,000-acre Tea fire, which damaged or destroyed 219 residences.

Over the last decade, Fire Chief Scherrei has worked with concerned citizens to form the Firefighter Alliance, which helps the department acquire urgent, unbudgeted tools and equipment and he has helped establish a firefighter Benevolent Association which is a charity to assist the fire family with personal loss, and family tragedy situations.

Fire Chief Scherrei was also instrumental in creating the County's first memorial event at the historic Courthouse Gardens regarding the September 11th terrorist attacks and also the 75th anniversary event commemorating the founding of the County Fire Department.

He has a master's degree in public administration from Cal Lutheran University and a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University, Northridge. Fire Chief Scherrei also proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Madam Speaker, Chief Scherrei will retire from the County of Santa Barbara on January 23, 2009. To his wife, Piper; his four children; his 11 grandchildren; and to everyone whose lives have been enriched by him, Chief Scherrei is a man of courage, vigor, and guidance.

Throughout his tenure as Fire Chief, Mr. Scherrei has advanced the state of fire and all-hazard emergency response in the County. As a result, our residents, businesses and visitors have benefited from his leadership and duty to serve. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. John Scherrei for his 38 years as Fire Chief and honor his admirable service to the community and our country.

HONORING JUDGE JOEL B. ROSEN,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 JUDGE F.
GERRY AWARD

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Honorable Joel B. Rosen, former United States Magistrate Judge of the New Jersey District, on receiving the 2008 Judge John F. Gerry Award. I consider Joel a close friend and commend him on being honored for his commitment to his profession and his work on behalf of the community.

This prestigious award is named in honor of Judge John F. Gerry who was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey by President Gerald Ford in 1974. Judge Gerry became the District Court's Chief Judge in 1987 and served in this position until October 1994. The Camden County Bar Foundation established the John F. Gerry Memorial Scholarship in 2002 as a tribute to the humanitarianism and integrity of this respected public servant.

Judge Rosen's auspicious career began when he served as an Assistant United States Attorney, after graduating with honors from Rutgers School of Law in Camden. As the attorney-in-charge of the United States Attorney's office in Camden, he received several commendations from the Department of Justice for prosecuting organized crime and political corruption. Judge Rosen also served as the Chief of the Special Prosecutions Section

as a Deputy Attorney General in the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. In 1987, Judge Rosen was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey where he served until 2006.

Judge Rosen has also played a noteworthy role in educating the next generation of outstanding legal minds. He has been an adjunct faculty member of Rutgers School of Law, Camden, where he has lectured on class actions and complex litigation. Judge Rosen has also taught constitutional principles at Rutgers University, Camden and has lectured at numerous continuing legal education programs. He is a member of the Disciplinary Oversight Committee and the Committee on Minority Concerns of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Judge Rosen is also a member of the Board of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey.

Madam Speaker, over his distinguished career Judge Rosen has been the recipient of many distinguished service awards. In 1999, The Black Law Students Association presented the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Champions for Social Justice and Equality Award to Judge Rosen. Then, in 2004, Judge Rosen was presented with the Honorable Joseph M. Nardi, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, conferred by Rutgers School of Law, Camden.

Madam Speaker, I have known Judge Rosen for over a decade and have been repeatedly impressed by his intelligence and compassion. He is an excellent role-model for young Americans considering a career in the legal profession. I commend Judge Rosen for his many years of service and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
JACK SCOTT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Honorable Jack Scott, State Senator from California's 21st District.

Jack Scott was born and raised in Sweetwater, Texas. An advocate of higher education, he received a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian College, a master of divinity from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in American history from Claremont Graduate University.

Senator Scott began his career as a professor and administrator at Pepperdine University in 1962. He then moved on to Orange Coast College, and in 1978, he became President of Cypress College. In 1987, he took over the position as President of Pasadena City College. As President, he was responsible for the development of its library, Community Education Center, Child Development Center, physical education complex, and Sculpture Garden. Despite declines in state funding, the college had more than \$6 million in reserve funds when Scott retired from the presidency in 1995.

In 1996, Jack was elected to the California State Assembly where he served until 2000, when he was elected to the State Senate. During his eight-year tenure in the State Senate, he chaired the Senate Committee on Education and the Joint Committee on the Arts. Throughout his term, he fought to increase the

amount and quality of California teachers, improve the transfer process for community college students, and develop a new funding system for California community colleges.

Senator Scott's legislative efforts have earned him recognition as Legislator of the Year from the California Federation of Teachers, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of California Community College Administrators, Association of California School Boards, California State University, and the Child Development Policy Institute. He has an honorary doctorate from Pepperdine University and has been named the Alumnus of the Year at both Claremont Graduate University and Abilene Christian University. On October 28, he received Pasadena City College Foundation's Building the Spirit of a Vibrant Community Award.

Senator Scott's extensive community involvement includes the Coalition for a Non-Violent City, Pacific Oaks College's Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents at Pepperdine University and the Association of California Community College Administrators. Jack and his wife, Lacreta, have 10 grandchildren and four surviving children, Sharon Mitchell, Sheila Head, Amy Schones, and Greg Scott; their fifth child, Adam, died in 1993.

In 2009, Senator Scott will begin his position as Chancellor of California's community colleges.

It is my great pleasure to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Senator Jack Scott and I ask all Members of Congress to join me in thanking him for his service.

HONORING RYAN PHILLIP LAWTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Phillip Lawter of Holt, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1494, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Ryan Phillip Lawter for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARGARET WILLIAMS

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Margaret Williams, The Missouri Teacher of the Year 2008–2009 Recipient. The Missouri Teacher of the Year is a pres-

tigious honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching. Williams, a 37 year educator has earned the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues alike. She inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. For the aforementioned reasons, I enthusiastically honor Mrs. Williams today before Congress.

Mrs. Williams is a graduate of Beaumont High School in St. Louis, Missouri. She was inspired by her psychology teacher Mr. Brown to pursue a career in education. Mrs. Williams went on to graduate from the University of Missouri—St. Louis.

Mrs. Williams is the social studies department chair for University City High School in University City, Missouri where she has been teaching for the last 18 years. Williams who also teaches history, government, and an African-American experience course was one of six finalists to compete in this year's competition.

The Missouri Teacher of the Year program is conducted annually by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in conjunction with the National Teacher of the Year program. Major funding for Missouri's program is provided by The Boeing Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

Before joining University City, Williams began her illustrious career in education as principal and administrator from 1986 to 1990 at West Side Christian Academy in St. Louis. After which she taught at the Visual and Performing Arts High School and Beaumont from 1971 to 1986.

Williams is the first in the University City School District to be named Missouri Teacher of the year and was honored with a special drum line presentation, and video made by the district as part of her nomination package.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Williams has my absolute highest recommendation to be honored today. Her contributions to education and unyielding commitment to the youth of Missouri is unmatched. As a pioneer in the University City Schools and a role model to all educators that is worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Margaret Williams for being a top Missouri educator and being named the Missouri Teacher of the Year 2008–2009.

THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE IS UNFAIR

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, it seems that some in Congress are trying to call back the speech police and reinstate the Fairness Doctrine again. Although the Fairness Doctrine was abolished over 20 years ago, some of our colleagues just can't let it go.

This time they want to police and control the radio airwaves. I'm not talking about the former Soviet Union that controlled what Russians listened to on the radio, I'm talking about the American speech police.

The so-called "Broadcast Fairness Doctrine" is an attempt by the Feds to force private radio stations to be fair and balanced by forcing broadcasters to air opposing views of public importance. Sounds good, but who's going

to determine what fair is, the Federal fair police?

Are we going to let a bunch of Potomac River bureaucrats determine if a radio station in Tomball, Texas is being fair when it discusses politics? Sounds like government control of speech to me.

It is actually totalitarian state control of speech. And what does "fair" mean? Fair means different things to different folks. In some places in the country like Texas, fair is where you take your chickens to. That's why the word "fair" is not in the Constitution. The Constitution protects free speech, not fair speech. It says "Congress (that's us, folks) shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech." And the Constitution applies to the thieves of free speech and the government's speech police whether they like it or not.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the important research it is doing. There are few investments the Federal government makes that regularly pay such important dividends to the American taxpayer. The National Institutes of Health, the lead government agency tasked with preventing and curing diseases and disorders, is one such investment. While NIH conducts some biomedical research at its Bethesda, Maryland campus, between 80 to 90 percent of its budget funds research that takes place at universities, research centers and hospitals throughout the United States. At a time when stimulating the economy is on everyone's mind, we should remember that the NIH dollars that flow into our communities provide direct economic benefits in the form of increased employment and growth opportunities for research institutions and local businesses at the same time that they are funding research to save lives and improve the quality of life of all Americans. One example of that is NIH-supported research to identify a gene variant involved in isolated cleft lip.

About one in every 600 babies in the United States is born with isolated cleft lip and/or palate (roof of the mouth). While there are several surgeries to correct the condition, families suffer under the emotional and economic strain, and children often require additional treatment, including complex dental care and speech therapy. Because isolated clefts occur during fetal development from disruptions in the dynamic, but still poorly understood, interplay of genes, diet, and environment, ongoing research is seeking ways to prevent or reverse the problem before a baby is born.

One course of action has been to isolate genes involved in the developmental process. Six years ago, a gene known as IRF-6 was discovered. Within the gene's structure is a sequence variant known as a single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP). Scientists recently discovered that the frequency of this SNP was significantly higher in babies born with cleft lip only.

Through this type of research, scientists can now account for about 30 percent of isolated cleft lip. Researchers supported by NIH's National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) are working to identify the causes of cleft lip, develop better ways of treating clefts, and provide information on whether they might occur again in a family. Hopefully, better prevention strategies can also be an outcome of this work. Through continued research, American families can look forward to prevention of cleft lip and palate.

This is just one example of how the research funded with taxpayer dollars at the NIH is improving the health and well-being of all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO FRED BARON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to the life of one of my long time friends, Fred Baron.

Widely known as one of the best trial lawyers in America, Fred Baron dedicated his life to making sure fairness was represented in the law and that the rights of the marginalized could not be trampled over. He was truly a champion of the working man, spending his whole career representing workers who had developed occupational illnesses. He was a pioneer in uncovering the harm that asbestos exposure causes.

I was most proud of Fred Baron when he advocated on behalf of several hundred children in the west Dallas section of my district who lived near a lead smelter that polluted their neighborhood. Thanks to his efforts not only were those families able to move, but the area has now been cleaned and is being made once again livable.

Fred Baron will long be known for the charitable work he and his wife were committed to. In 2002 he and his wife Lisa founded the Baron and Blue Foundation to help nonprofit organizations fight the problems of homelessness and displacement. The foundation was exceptionally helpful in helping many of the hurricane evacuees Dallas has seen in the last few years. Fred even spent many days after Hurricane Katrina consoling and counseling the victims who had made their way to Dallas, bringing them food, toiletries, and helping them out however he could.

Madam Speaker, Frederick Martin Baron is survived by his wife Lisa Blue-Baron, his son Andrew; daughter Courtney and her husband Brad Singer and their daughter Liza; daughters Alessandra, Caroline, and Nathalie; brother Robert and sister Joan; and the countless others he touched in the years he spent with us.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROHIT T. AGGARWALA AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR RECEIVING THE “FRIEND OF THE ENVIRONMENT AWARD”

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Rohit T. Aggarwala, the Director of New York City's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability, within New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Office of Operations, for receiving the prestigious “Friend of the Environment Award” from the Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC) on November 13th, 2008. APEC, located in Douglaston, Queens, is a superb educational center committed to environmental understanding and awareness. Rit, as he is known by his friends and colleagues, is at the forefront of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC initiative, a sweeping sustainability plan for New York City's future.

A native of New York City, Dr. Aggarwala holds a BA, MBA, and PhD from Columbia University, as well as an MA from Queen's College in Ontario. Prior to joining the City government, Dr. Aggarwala worked at the Federal Railroad Administration, and currently chairs a subcommittee at the Transportation Research Board, which is part of the National Academy of Science. He is the author of several articles about transportation policy and about the history of New York City.

Under Rit's leadership as Director, New York City's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability is implementing a long-term sustainability plan to ensure New York City's continued prosperity, growth, and health. On Earth Day, 2007 the Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability released PlaNYC, which included 127 separate initiatives to protect New York's future, including: housing an additional 1 million New Yorkers affordably; increasing access to parks, playgrounds and open spaces; reclaiming brownfields; developing critical backup systems for the aging water network to ensure reliability; providing additional reliable power sources and upgrading existing power plants; and reducing water pollution so we can open the City's amazing waterways for recreation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Aggarwala and New York City's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability for all of its hard work and dedication promoting sound environmental building practices, and for helping New York City lead the world as a Green global citizen.

HONORING RYAN MICHAEL CURTIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Michael Curtis of Kansas City, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of Amer-

ica, Troop 1247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Michael Curtis for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RONALD G. MARMO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a great man, Hon. Ronald G. Marmo, who will retire after more than forty-one years at the Passaic County Courthouse. He will be honored on November 17, 2008 by his friends and colleagues for his outstanding service to the community.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication and commitment to his community.

Judge Marmo was born in my hometown, Paterson, New Jersey, on June 8, 1942, to Tony and Rose Marmo. He grew up in the Stony Road section of Paterson, and attended St. Bonaventure Elementary School, and then went on to St. Bonaventure High School. Throughout his years at St. Bon's, he was taught by Franciscan nuns and priests, who instilled values and imparted teachings that served him well throughout his careers.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall Law School. Following graduation, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Gordon H. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey Criminal Division in Passaic County. Upon completion of his clerkship, he was appointed an Assistant Prosecutor in the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office. He served in that office for twenty-two years, under five different County Prosecutors. In 1970, he was designated Chief Trial Council and in 1975 he was appointed Chief of the Trial Section, a position he held for fifteen years.

Notwithstanding his supervisory position, his primary role throughout his years with the Prosecutor's office was as a trial attorney. He served as the State's attorney in hundreds of jury trials including dozens of homicide cases. He tried two lengthy capital cases which each resulted in a jury verdict of the death penalty. He was commonly assigned the trials of the most celebrated cases. Governor Jim Florio appointed him Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1990. Judge Marmo was assigned to the Civil Division for two years, and later for two years to the Family Division. Otherwise, Judge Marmo was primarily assigned to the Criminal Division. He served for ten years as the municipal prosecutor for the Borough of North Haledon, as well as serving ten

years as the municipal prosecutor for the Borough of Ringwood, where he has resided for thirty-eight years.

Judge Marmo and his wife Pat have been blessed with two children and eight grandchildren. Their daughter, Kim Ann is married to James Martin, and they are the parents of four children, Ryan, Connor, Blake and Raegan. Their son, Michael Marmo, and his wife Christine, also have four children, Shannon, Kelly, Jennifer, and Michael.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of community leaders like Judge Marmo.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Judge Marmo's family, friends, and everyone he has worked with throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of the Honorable Ronald G. Marmo.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN KELLY OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Kelly, a true pillar of the Napa Valley community. Mr. Kelly is being honored by the Napa Valley Education Foundation for his many contributions to education in our community.

Mr. Kelly is a longtime Napa resident whose life's work has been giving back to his community, especially working to advance educational opportunities for young people. He is a past treasurer and board member of the Napa Valley Education Foundation and the priority he places on education is shown on his own resume. Mr. Kelly has a BS in management from CSU Hayward, an MBA in finance from UC Berkeley, and is a graduate of the Wine Executive Program from UC Davis as well as the Advanced Management Program at the Haas School of Business.

It would be difficult to find someone more involved in his community than Brian Kelly. Whatever the community or charitable function in the Napa Valley, Mr. Kelly and his trademark bow tie are ever-present. He serves or has served on the boards of Aldea Children & Family Services, Napa County LAFCO, Napa Chamber of Commerce, Napa Valley Conference & Visitors Bureau, Napa Valley Vintners Community Health Center, Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Hospice of Napa Valley, Napa City-County Library, Queen of the Valley Hospital, and countless others. He is also a successful businessman who is president, CEO, and founder of Charter Oak Bank in Napa.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to thank Brian Kelly for his many years of service and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition. He has been a model citizen and leader in Napa County and his presence has enriched the lives of everyone in our community. I join his wife Maggie and his daughters Kathleen, Megan and Jennifer in wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

HONORING LEE ANGELICH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH to congratulate Lee Angelich upon his induction into the Fresno Hall of Fame. Mr. Angelich will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Lee Angelich, the youngest of five boys, was born to a Serbian immigrant family and starred in track and field in high school and college. Mr. Angelich qualified for the State Finals his senior year at Shasta High School. In his two years at Sacramento Junior College, he led the Panthers to league and state titles and in 1941 he led them to a national title. Mr. Angelich placed second in the 120 high hurdles and fifth in the high jump at the national meet. He then went on to the University of California, where in 1943 he won Pacific Coast Conference titles in the 120 high and the 220 low hurdles, and finished fifth and sixth respectively in the same events at the NCAA Championships. In 1943, Mr. Angelich joined the Navy and served as an officer on the U.S.S. *Rixey* in the Pacific. After the war, he enrolled at California State University Fresno and placed third in the West Coast Relays in the 120 high hurdles.

After completing his education Mr. Angelich began coaching. As a coach he stressed fundamentals, defense and teamwork. He guided boys' teams at Kerman High, Porterville High and Fresno High to eight league championships and an overall record of 255–76 from 1947 to 1963. His Kerman team won the Central Section small schools championship, and his Fresno High teams won forty-eight straight games at home, second best in section history. Under Mr. Angelich, Fresno High won four consecutive North Yosemite League titles (1957–1960). He is one of the rare coaches to win central Section titles in two different sports, as Fresno High captured the boys' track-and-field championship in 1957. He became one of the winningest high school basketball coaches in central section history. Additionally, after turning down a chance to coach Greece's national men's basketball team in 1959, he organized and coached the Libyan national team that participated in the North African Games in 1961.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Lee Angelich upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Angelich congratulations on his many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BAMBERG

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and public service of long-time Montgomery, Alabama resident Mr. Walter J. Bamberg, age 78, who passed away on October 3 after a brief illness.

Walter Bamberg was an institution in central Alabama. His life epitomized public service. A U.S. Army Korean War veteran, Bamberg began his career as a Montgomery radio and television personality in the early 1950's. During his 12 years on the air, Bamberg took advantage of the space craze gripping the nation as creator and host of a popular local children's program called "Captain Zoomar" on WCOV-TV 20.

In 1964, Bamberg left Montgomery broadcasting to serve as Job Placement Director for the Rehabilitation Research Foundation at Draper Correctional Center in Montgomery. Five years later, he was appointed as District Director for Alabama Second District Congressman Bill Dickinson. Bamberg supervised constituent outreach duties of Congressman Dickinson's south Alabama offices for two decades. He was so effective that Dickinson tried on at least one occasion to convince Bamberg to join him in Washington, but he declined to leave Alabama and the life he enjoyed directly serving the people.

In 1989, Bamberg retired from Congressional service and was appointed by President George H. W. Bush as U.S. Marshal for the Middle Judicial District of Alabama. His responsibilities extended over 15 counties. Bamberg was also a member of the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee.

He was active in local politics, including a run for Montgomery City Commission, and he remained engaged in community affairs after his retirement from the U.S. Marshal Service. Once cannot think of Montgomery Republican politics without thinking of him. He liked to joke that he was a Republican in Alabama when the party could hold their convention in a phone booth.

I was pleased to visit with Walter Bamberg in April while attending the funeral services for Congressman Dickinson. Barbara and I offer our condolences to his wife, Peggy, and children, David, Dale Franklin, Matt, and entire family during this time of loss. Walter Bamberg was an Alabama institution and a man of many talents. His legacy of public service lives on in the strength of the Alabama Republican party.

COMMENDING THE ROME AREA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Rome Area Heritage Foundation, which in 2003 commissioned Georgia artist Suzanne Royal to paint two reproductions of a portrait of First Lady, Ellen Axson Wilson. Mrs. Wilson spent her youth in Rome, Georgia where she met, courted and later married President Woodrow Wilson. Today, she is buried in the town she always considered her home—at historic Myrtle Hill Cemetery in Rome, Georgia, in the heart of the 11th District.

The original portrait of the First Lady was a gift from Miss Martha Berry to the citizens of Rome and Floyd County to be permanently displayed in the Carnegie Library, forerunner of today's Rome Floyd County Library. One of the reproductions was donated in 2005 to the State of Georgia to hang in Georgia's Capitol.

The second reproduction was donated this week by the Rome Area Heritage Foundation to the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia, to become a centerpiece of their permanent collection. As a Georgian who holds such a prominent place in history, it is only right that Mrs. Wilson's portrait hang in the library of our state's flagship public university and I am proud of the efforts of the Rome Area Heritage Foundation to ensure this portrait is preserved and accessible to generations of Georgians to come.

This project was researched for the Foundation under the direction of Reverend Warren Jones of Rome, Georgia, and I commend the Foundation, Reverend Jones and the community of Rome for preserving the memory of one of Northwest Georgia's most distinguished citizens—and the only First Lady from Georgia's 11th District.

HONORING NICOLAS PATRICK JENKINS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicolas Patrick Jenkins of Blue Springs, Missouri. Nicolas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicolas has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Nicolas has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Nicolas Patrick Jenkins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING STEPHEN BAKER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman COSTA to congratulate Stephen Baker upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Baker will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

A sportswriter once said that Stephen Baker, at 5-foot-8, 160 pounds, was built more for gymnastics than for football. But with his lightning quickness, sure hands and gritty toughness, the wide receiver earned one of the game's enduring nicknames—"the touchdown maker." He was given the catchy moniker at West Los Angeles College, where he scored 31 touchdowns in two seasons, before starring at California State University Fresno for two seasons and playing six seasons with the New York Giants (1987–1992). With the Bulldogs, he was a frequent target of NCAA

record-setting quarterback Kevin Sweeney, burning opponents for sixty-two receptions, an amazing 26.3 yards per catch and sixteen touchdowns over two seasons. He closed his collegiate career by catching a thirty-six yard scoring pass that gave the West All-Stars a victory in the Japan Bowl.

Drafted in the third round by the New York Giants, Mr. Baker earned the respect of Coach Bill Parcells with his ability to elude defenders and hang onto the ball. Over the course of his NFL career, he lost just one fumble. He started fifty-three games for the Giants and finished his career with one hundred and forty-one receptions, an 18.3 yards-per-catch average and twenty-one touchdowns. His best season was 1988, when he hauled in forty passes and scored seven times. The highlight of Baker's NFL career came in Superbowl XXV, as the Giants defeated the Buffalo Bills 20–19. He caught two passes—one of them a fourteen yard touchdown pass from Jeff Hostetler with just twenty-five seconds left in the first half to cut the Giants' deficit to 12–10.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to command and congratulate Stephen Baker upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Baker congratulations on his many accomplishments.

HONORING DR. PAUL FARMER FOR BEING NAMED THE 2008 GREAT BROOKSVILLIAN

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Paul Farmer, one of my most accomplished constituents and someone who was recently named the 2008 Great Brooksvillian, a yearly award presented to the most outstanding resident of Brooksville, Florida. Dr. Farmer will receive this honor during a ceremony at the Brooksville City Hall in December where area residents will gather to applaud his lifetime of service to improve health care services around the world.

Dr. Farmer is a native Brooksvillian who graduated from Hernando High School in 1978. He went on to earn his undergraduate degree from Duke University in 1982 and his M.D. and Ph.D. in 1990 from Harvard University. Today Dr. Farmer is a world renowned medical anthropologist and physician focusing on improving the health of people around the globe.

In addition to his clinical work as an attending physician in infectious diseases at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Dr. Farmer felt that it was important to make a difference in the lives of a greater segment of the world's population than just those he could see in his office. That is why he helped found an international non-profit called Partners In Health. This organization seeks to provide direct health care services and undertake medical research on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. Some of their notable successes have included new treatment strategies for AIDS and tuberculosis in underserved nations, saving many lives and improving the overall quality of health care delivered to millions.

Dr. Farmer has been recognized for his work by some of the most prestigious medical organizations around the world, including Duke University, the Salk Institute and the American Medical Association. An author or co-author of over 100 scholarly publications, Dr. Farmer has also been recognized with a "genius award" by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for his work finding solutions to infectious disease.

Madam Speaker, men and women like Dr. Paul Farmer are the ones truly making a difference in the world with their dedication and commitment to helping others. While awards from prestigious worldwide organizations are surely nice to receive, it is truly an honor to be recognized by your hometown friends and family. I know that Dr. Farmer's story will serve as an inspiration to other Brooksvillians, and I am proud to know that one of my constituents is helping so many people live better and healthier lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WOODFIN K. GROVE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to a special day in the life of a constituent of mine, Mr. Woodfin K. Grove.

On October 23rd, Mr. Grove will celebrate his 90th birthday. To help commemorate this special occasion, his friends and church family are surprising him with a dinner at The Bridge at First United Methodist Church in Anniston, Alabama, on October 22nd.

Woodfin K. Grove was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and was an only child. He graduated from Ensley High School and Birmingham Southern, both located in Birmingham. He received his degree in Theology from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Grove married Dorothy Rowland with whom he had one daughter, Ann, and one grandson, John.

Today Mr. Grove is loved by everyone. He is known for his good advice to those around him and serves as a wise leader in his church. He and his wife, Dot, both are young at heart and have been known to ride around Anniston on his motorcycle or in his sports car. They attend First United Methodist Church in Anniston where he became Pastor Emeritus in 2001.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Grove on reaching this important milestone in his life. I wish him a happy birthday and the best in the future.

HONORING GAIL MALLARD-WARREN, M.D.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Gail Mallard-Warren upon being awarded the "Community Health Champions Award" at the 2008 West Fresno Health Care Coalition's 4th annual "This is

Your Life of Service" dinner and award ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fresno, California, on Friday, October 24th.

Dr. Mallard-Warren grew up in the projects of Oakland, California. Both of her parents were educators and realized the importance of their children obtaining a higher education. Her family moved to East Oakland, but she was bussed to Skyline High School; a school that provided the academic courses that she would need to get into college. Upon graduating from Skyline, Dr. Mallard-Warren attended the University of California, Riverside, where she earned her degree in biology. In 1979, she earned her medical doctorate from the School of Medicine at University of California, Davis.

After graduating from medical school, Dr. Mallard-Warren moved to Fresno, California, and received her training in obstetrics/gynecology at Valley Medical Center. In 1983 she opened her first private practice and today has multiple offices in Fresno. In addition to her private practice, she has made a habit of serving uninsured and underinsured OB/GYN patients over the span of her career. She has worked with Black Infant Health, an organization that provides health education, health promotion, social support and service coordination to pregnant and parenting African-American adult women. Through this program she has diligently worked toward lowering the instances of infant mortality in the most impoverished areas of Fresno and assisted in contributing to the well-being of this underserved community. She also participates in the Liga Doctors of Mercy, a nonprofit organization that has been providing free health care and education to the people of Sinaloa, Mexico, since 1934.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Gail Mallard-Warren upon being awarded the "Community Health Champions Award". I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Mallard-Warren many years of continued success.

INTRODUCING THE CRITICAL ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2008

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Critical Election Infrastructure Act of 2008.

This legislation is a necessary and vital investment in the future of our democracy. This bill authorizes \$1 billion over the next four years for states and local governments to upgrade existing election equipment and to purchase new polling equipment to meet the needs of our growing electorate. Funding could also be used to hire and train additional poll workers.

Madam Speaker, roughly 130 million votes were cast in this past election. This is an astounding number and emblematic of increased participation in our election system, particularly by minorities and young people. But while increased turnout is for democracy, in some parts of the country it caused undue difficulties.

For example, throughout south Florida and other parts of the country, hundreds of thousands of voters found themselves waiting in interminable lines, sometimes for over five hours. Five hours! Forced to stand in the heat and during Florida's famous afternoon thunderstorms with little food and water, voters are to be commended for their commitment to exercising their right to vote. But voting should not be this hard.

Election officials simply do not have enough equipment and trained personnel on the ground to speedily and effectively handle such large numbers of voters. Even though early voting in Florida took place over a 10-day period, these five-hour-long lines persisted throughout the state virtually every day. Clearly, what is needed is more: more polling booths, more trained workers, more equipment, even more polling locations and facilities to handle increasing numbers of voters. This bill authorizes the funding to upgrade existing technology, provide more polling booths, and hire and train more poll workers, reducing long lines and facilitating greater speed and efficiency for voters.

Madam Speaker, voting should not be a right granted only to those who can stand in line the longest or can go the longest without food or a bathroom break. Voting is the sacred right of all eligible citizens. We have a solemn responsibility to ensure the greatest possible access to exercise that right. Authorizing funding for the necessary equipment and personnel is an essential first step in that process. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN MEMORY OF GENERAL ROBERT H. BARROW

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of a true gentleman, General Robert H. Barrow, United States Marine Corps, Retired—the 27th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

General Barrow was born in 1922 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He graduated high school in 1939 and enrolled at Louisiana State University. In March 1942, he enlisted in the Platoon Leader's Class Program. He left school in the fall of 1942 and went to boot camp in San Diego, staying on after graduation as a drill instructor. Selected for Officer Candidate School, he left San Diego for Quantico in March 1943; and in May 1943, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marines.

After officer training, he was assigned to Marine Barracks, Naval Ammunition Depot, New Orleans. He was reassigned in February 1944 to the 51st Replacement Battalion in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. During the last seven months of World War II, he led an American team serving with Chinese guerrilla forces in Japanese occupied Central China. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

After World War II, he served as Aide de Camp to the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic. He completed Amphibious Warfare School, Junior Course in June 1949,

and was transferred to the 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune. He was given command of Company A, 1st Battalion, 2d Marines.

At the beginning of the Korean War, his company was transferred to Camp Pendleton and redesignated Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. He led Able Company ashore at Inchon in September 1950. For his leadership in the fighting on the outskirts of Seoul, he received the Silver Star. During the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, he was awarded the Navy Cross for the seizure and defense of Hill 1081 from 9–10 December 1950.

After the Korean War, he was reassigned as Officer-in-Charge, Infantry Desk, Enlisted Assignments, Headquarters Marine Corps. From there he was detailed out and sent on a classified assignment to the Far East, north of Taiwan. He returned to Headquarters Marine Corps, this time to the G-3.

In February 1956, he returned to Camp Lejeune, where he served first as operations officer and then executive officer of 2d Battalion, 6th Marines. He joined the NROTC unit at Tulane University in 1957, and served as Marine Officer Instructor for three years. Returning to Quantico, he completed a tour with the Landing Force Development Center and attended the Officer's Senior Course in 1963. He left for another tour in the Pacific, where he served as G-3, III Marine Expeditionary Force, then G-3 Plans Officer at Fleet Marine Force Pacific in Hawaii.

Attendance at the National War College followed, and upon graduation in 1968, he arrived in South Vietnam to take command of 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division. The regiment conducted a series of highly successful operations south of the western part of the Demilitarized Zone and in the Khe Sanh and Ba Long Valley areas. For his valor during Operation Dewey Canyon from 22 January to 18 March 1969, he received the Distinguished Service Cross.

He was promoted to brigadier general in August 1969 by General Leonard F. Chapman, 24th Commandant of the Marine Corps. General Barrow's first tour as a general officer was Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Butler, Okinawa, where he served for three years. He then served as Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina for 32 months.

In July 1975, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Headquarters Marine Corps. The following year, he became Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. He was Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps from July 1978 until a year later when he assumed the office as Commandant. Befitting his reputation and stature, when General Barrow stepped down as 27th Commandant of the Marine Corps in June 1983, President Ronald Reagan presided over the ceremony at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. General Barrow returned to Louisiana, where he lived in retirement.

General Barrow's medals and decorations include the Navy Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Department of the Army Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, three Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, General Barrow was an outstanding Marine and an exceptional American leader. I know the members of the House

will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family, his friends, and to all Marines. He will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF PENNSYLVANIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CATHERINE BAKER KNOLL

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, on November 12, 2008, Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll succumbed to a four month long battle with neuroendocrine cancer.

I've known Catherine for 30 years. She was a remarkable woman who never stopped fighting to better our Commonwealth and to improve the lives of Pennsylvanians. She was one of the most hard-working and determined individuals to ever serve in state government, and her passion and dedication to both the Democratic Party and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was unparalleled.

Catherine was a transformational figure—one of the first women to run for statewide office, she served as Pennsylvania State Treasurer (1989–1997) and later became the first woman to serve as Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor (2003–2008). She never stopped fighting for what she believed in, and this determination placed her at the forefront of so many important issues.

Catherine's kindness and friendship touched the lives of many. Over the past few months, people from all across Pennsylvania asked me how she was doing, and how she was coping with the disease. I reminded them that Catherine Baker Knoll was made of "steel" and that she was fighting this disease with the same strength and fortitude she fought every other challenge in life.

Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the career and life of someone who devoted both to serving the interests of her fellow Pennsylvanians. I rise to thank and commend her four children, Charles, Mina, Albert, and Kim Eric, for always being by her side and giving her constant strength.

Madam Speaker, all of us will miss the friendship and great leadership of Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to a special day in the life of the congregation of the Peoples Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

On November 24th, Peoples Baptist Church will celebrate its 110th anniversary. The church was first organized in 1898 under Rev. Pradd who served as the pastor until 1925.

The church moved to several locations over the years including the campus of Alabama State University.

In September of 2008, the church moved to its new location on Dorchester Drive in Montgomery. The new building was built under the leadership of the church's fifth pastor, Paul L. Boswell, who served the church for 32 years. The congregation works to carry the "torch of building up God's kingdom one brick at a time."

Today the church celebrates their 110th Anniversary and is blessed to now be under the leadership of their new and sixth pastor, Victor Lewis, Sr.

I would like to congratulate Peoples Baptist Church on reaching this important milestone.

HONORING MATTHEW CHARLES GARCIA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Charles Garcia of Kansas City, Missouri. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Matthew Charles Garcia for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERVISOR DENNIS HANSBERGER FOR HIS DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and longtime leader in my community, San Bernardino County Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, who is leaving office this year after more than 20 years in public service.

While he was a young businessman in 1968, Dennis Hansberger was selected as a field representative and executive assistant by then-County Supervisor Donald Beckford. When his boss decided not to run for re-election, Mr. Hansberger mounted a successful campaign and won election to the county board in 1972.

Dennis Hansberger quickly revealed his strong leadership capabilities, and was chosen as chairman of the board by his fellow supervisors in 1974—becoming the youngest chairman in the state and the youngest in San

Bernardino County history. When the legislature created the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Supervisor Hansberger became a founding board member of that ground-breaking agency.

After 2 successful terms, Mr. Hansberger decided to take a hiatus from elected office and went into private business as a well-respected consultant on land management and mining issues. He remained extremely active in public service, however, serving for 3 years as Chairman on the Redlands Community Hospital's Board, as well as on the Board of Counselors of the California State University in California, the Foundation Board of the San Bernardino County Museum, the Inland Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Capital Projects Committee of the Girl Scouts of America.

Mr. Hansberger was again elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1996, and has been at the forefront of many of the major issues faced by the county in the past 12 years. Faced with the closure of Norton Air Force Base, Supervisor Hansberger has been a leader in seeking ways to replace the 12,000 jobs lost. He served as chairman of the Inland Valley Development Authority, a joint effort of the county and cities surrounding the base. By working as a team, the communities have brought about a complete makeover of the former base into a new airport, supporting major businesses that have brought thousands of new jobs to the area.

Five years ago, San Bernardino County was confronted with an even more dire problem—millions of trees were dying around mountain communities and creating a grave fire danger for tens of thousands of residents. As the supervisor representing the area, Dennis Hansberger pushed county officials to create the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce and work with residents on an evacuation plan. The plan's effectiveness was demonstrated when nearly 50,000 residents were evacuated with no serious injury during terrible wildfires the following year. Mr. Hansberger has since led the county in cutting down more than a million trees and significantly reducing the fire danger.

Madam Speaker, as you can see, Dennis Hansberger has been a leader in improving the economy and safety for San Bernardino County residents. Please join me in thanking him for his decades of public service, and wishing the best to him and his wife Karen in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING THE HONORABLE WILLIAM R. DYSON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. DELAUR. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to join the New Haven Democratic Town Committee and all of those gathered this evening in paying tribute to one of New Haven's most outstanding public servants and my good friend, State Representative William R. Dyson. After 32 years of dedicated service, Bill has decided to step down as State Representative from Connecticut's 94th Assembly District. This evening, friends, family, community leaders, and colleagues extend

our deepest thanks and appreciation to Bill as he brings his career in state government to an end.

Visionary, community leader, activist, teacher, advocate, mentor, and friend are just some of the descriptions one could use for Bill Dyson. He is one of those rare individuals who has dedicated a lifetime to public service. As an educator and one of Connecticut's most respected lawmakers, Bill has been a powerful voice in the State legislature as well as in the New Haven Public School system.

In the more than 3 decades that Bill served in Connecticut's House of Representatives, Bill has served on a variety of committees and caucuses including many years as the chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He has been a champion of the arts, securing funding which has helped New Haven's rich arts community to flourish and is perhaps best known for his leadership on issues dealing with children, ex-offenders and the mentally ill as his work on their behalf has translated into meaningful public policy.

During his tenure he was often the strong voice of reason in what at times could be a chaotic session. I have no doubt that his colleagues will long remember his booming voice—commanding their attention and calling for common sense dialogue. His straight-forward, no nonsense attitude garnered him the respect of his colleagues and constituents alike. Bill is a reflection of all that we hope our political leaders will be and his presence at the Capitol will certainly be missed.

I must also take this opportunity to thank Bill for his many years of special friendship—one which harkens back to my own service in city government. Bill is an extraordinary man whose impact on our community and our public policy cannot be understated. He has left an indelible mark and a legacy—both political and personal—that is sure to inspire many generations to come.

It is for these reasons and countless more that I am honored to stand today to pay tribute to my dear friend, the Honorable William R. Dyson, as he is recognized by the New Haven community for his outstanding contributions. He is one-of-a-kind and I wish him many more years of health and happiness as he enjoys his retirement.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD JAMES STRICKLER OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Howard Strickler on the occasion of his retirement from the Kelseyville Fire Protection District of Lake County, California after 32 years of service, 28 of them as Fire Chief. Chief Strickler's leadership will be truly missed by his colleagues and the people of Lake County.

Chief Strickler is a native son, graduating from Kelseyville High School in 1967. His career in public service began in the U.S. Army, where he served from 1970–1973. After his discharge, he worked with the White House Communications Agency before coming home and joining the Fire Protection District.

Chief Strickler has lived in Kelseyville for 47 years and has done more than perhaps anyone else over that time to keep Lake County residents safe. During his tenure he was instrumental in the implementation of the county's first paramedic program as well the first countywide Hazardous Materials Response Team. He also helped develop a 911 First Responder Agreement that is now used by all fire departments, EMS and law enforcement agencies in the county.

Chief Strickler has earned the undying admiration of all who have worked for him and with him. To a person, they describe Chief Strickler as the consummate leader, someone who instills confidence in everyone around him and whose compassion and love for the community shines through. He is a family man whose quiet sense of humor and listening skills always made his employees feel comfortable and at home. He will be missed a great deal.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Chief Howard Strickler for his many years of service to Kelseyville and all of Lake County, California, and to thank him for his many contributions on behalf of our country and his community. I join his wife, Debbie, his two children, and five grandchildren in wishing him the best as he enters this new phase of his life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (H.R. 2638):

Requesting member: Ron Paul.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Rdt&E Defense Health Program.

Legal name of requesting entity: Gulf Chemical and Metallurgical Corporation.

Address of requesting entity: PO Box 2290, 302 Midway Road, Freeport, TX 77542-2290.

Description of request: The project earmarks \$3,000,000 for a Department of Defense lead study of vanadium to assess the health safety and risks of military and civilian workers exposed to vanadium through work in military applications.

HONORING DR. PETER G. MEHAS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH to congratulate Dr. Peter Mehas upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Dr. Mehas was honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Peter Mehas' love of sports was nurtured during his childhood, as he shagged baseballs as a bat boy for the Fresno Cardinals at Eu-

less Park. Although he never considered himself a great athlete, Dr. Mehas was an All-American center/linebacker at Fresno City College, and a member of the 1961 California State University, Fresno Mercy Bowl team. After graduating from California State University, Fresno, Dr. Mehas coached the football, soccer and tennis teams at Roosevelt High School. His tennis teams won five straight North Yosemite League titles.

After receiving his masters degree, and coaching football at University of California, Los Angeles, Dr. Mehas returned to Fresno where he taught and coached future Fresno Hall of Famers Charlie Young and Charles Anthony, both football players at Edison High School. Dr. Mehas moved into administration for Clovis Unified School District, and assisted in the development of many programs and facilities; including Clovis High School's Lamonica Stadium and the Clovis West High School Olympic Swim Complex. He earned his doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California in 1979.

Dr. Mehas has served as the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame president for 15 years. At the time of his induction, his professional and civic career is a notable example of applying the lessons learned in athletics to other endeavors. Under his leadership, the Hall of Fame expanded on its mission of honoring the Valley's greatest sports heroes and inspiring youngsters to follow in their footsteps. He also has been instrumental in expanding athletic opportunities for women.

Politics came next as Dr. Mehas served as Governor George Deukmejian's secretary of education and a trustee for the State Board of Education and California's Community Colleges. In 1990, he was elected to the first of four terms as the Fresno County superintendent of schools. In 2007, he was appointed to the California State University board of trustees.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Peter Mehas upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Mehas congratulations on his many accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JAMES P. CHITWOOD UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of James P. Chitwood upon his retirement as the Executive Director of the College Advancement and Foundation for Northwest Florida State College.

As executive director of the College Advancement and Foundation for Northwest Florida State College, an organization that provides educational and charitable aid to the Northwest Florida State College, Mr. Chitwood has greatly expanded the fundraising abilities of the school and has helped it obtain the sixth greatest endowment among community colleges in the United States.

Over the past 20 years, the Foundation for Northwest Florida State College, under the direction of Mr. Chitwood, has evolved into an

outstanding institution that greatly promotes education. In just 20 years, the foundation's assets grew by over \$45 million and created some of the most notable foundations and buildings in the area. The expansion of the Chautauqua Center in DeFuniak Springs was one of the first projects undertaken by the organization. Its success was followed by the construction of the Robert L. F. Sikes Center in Crestview, Florida, and the South Walton Center in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. The foundation also launched the Arts Center Endowment Campaign and, when the college's focus shifted to health programs, the foundation began the Nursing and Health Technology Campaign.

For many years to come, the Northwest Florida community will continue to benefit from the lasting impression made by Mr. Chitwood. His inspiring involvement in the community and dedication to expanding education has provided infinite opportunities to the surrounding area. Though retirement will signal the end of Mr. Chitwood's formal career with the Northwest Florida State College, it is merely the beginning of the lasting legacy that he leaves behind.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize James P. Chitwood upon his retirement and for his exemplary service in the First District of Florida.

**HONORING MARK LEHN BALDWIN
III**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mark Lehn Baldwin III of Kansas City, Missouri. Mark is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mark has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Mark has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mark Lehn Baldwin III for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**HONORING 1998 CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY, FRESNO, SOFTBALL
TEAM MEMBERS**

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman COSTA to congratulate the 1998 California State University, Fresno, Softball Team upon its induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. The team members and coaches will be honored at the

50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

On a hot day in late May 1998, second baseman Nina Lindenberg sent the first pitch in the bottom of the sixth inning over the left-field fence and the Lady Bulldogs into history. The home run off Arizona ace, Nancy Evans, was Lindenberg's 13th of the season, gave the Bulldogs a 1–0 lead in the championship game at Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Women's College Softball World Series Most Valuable Player, Amanda Scott, then polished off a three-hit shutout, and the Wildcats, as California State University, Fresno, claimed its first NCAA Division I team championship in any sport.

The 1–0 victory capped a magical season for Head Coach Margie Wright's Bulldogs, who started the season with a 2–2 record and finished with 52 wins 11 loses. The season was highlighted by 4 wins and 1 loss in the Women's College World Series (WCWS) with victories over Nebraska, Michigan, Washington and top-ranked Arizona. The national title was a united effort as four Bulldogs made the All-Women's College World Series team: outfielder Laura Berg, first baseman Angela Cervantez, Nina Lindenberg and Amanda Scott. The Bulldogs captivated all of the San Joaquin Valley as their games were aired on local radio and ESPN. Seeded seventh in the field, they arrived in Oklahoma City determined to win the title for a school that had finished second in the WCWS four times.

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Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate 1998 California State University, Fresno, Softball Team upon its achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the 1998 Fresno State Softball Team congratulations on its many accomplishments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army Operations & Maintenance, Operating Forces 115 Land Forces, Operations Support Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Deere & Company—World Headquarters.

Address of Requesting Entity: One John Deere Place, Moline, IL 61265.

Description of Request: Provide \$3,200,000 to complete the manufacturing of approximately 215 Light-weight Tactical Utility Vehicles at John Deere Horicon Works in Horicon, Wisconsin. (Joint request with Representative MIKE MCINTYRE of North Carolina.) The Light-weight Tactical Utility Vehicle is a rugged, air droppable, highly mobile diesel-powered tactical utility vehicle to expedite casualty evacuation and resupply activities of Corps units. They have been heavily utilized during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of the Department of Defense, Army Operations and Maintenance account.

**IN HONOR OF THOMAS V.
FUENTES**

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Thomas V. Fuentes, who is retiring after 25 years of service in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Throughout his career with the FBI he has served his country with honor and integrity.

Mr. Fuentes began his distinguished career with the Bureau in 1979 as a Special Agent in the Chicago Field Office. Serving in this office for over 10 years, Mr. Fuentes led the fight against organized crime and mob corruption. As an Organized Crime Task Force supervisor, his efforts were instrumental in bringing countless Chicago criminals to justice. I had the privilege of serving with Mr. Fuentes in the Chicago Field Office and witnessed firsthand his tremendous skill and dedication.

Mr. Fuentes was promoted to FBI Headquarters in 1990 as a supervisor in the Organized Crime Section. As a result of his continued success against organized crime targets, Mr. Fuentes was eventually appointed as the assistant special agent in charge of the San Francisco Field Office. There he established the International Cybercrime Squad and was selected to serve as an FBI tactical commander at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

In August 1997, Mr. Fuentes was promoted to the Senior Executive Service as the chief of the Organized Crime Section at FBI Headquarters. Among his many ground-breaking law enforcement initiatives, Mr. Fuentes created the Organized Crime Task Force consisting of FBI Agents and Hungarian National Police Officers in Budapest, Hungary—the first such multinational organized crime task force of its kind in the FBI.

Mr. Fuentes' extraordinary career with the FBI has been marked by his transformational

work to strengthen international law enforcement cooperation. In 2004, Mr. Fuentes was called upon to lead the FBI's Office of International Operations where he was eventually promoted to Assistant Director and managed more than 75 FBI offices in U.S. Embassies and U.S. Consulates worldwide. His skilled leadership, both within the Bureau and international law enforcement agencies, resulted in election to the Executive Committee of Interpol, where he served as a delegate for the Americas in 2006. To the end of his service with the Bureau, Mr. Fuentes continued to establish innovative international working groups such as the recently established FBI/Ministry of Public Security of the Peoples Republic of China Working Group.

Mr. Fuentes' relentless hard work and dedication was recognized numerous times as evidenced by his outstanding law enforcement record and repeated promotions within the Bureau. His years of service brought fundamental change to the FBI's work on organized crime and international law enforcement cooperation. Throughout his career he has exemplified the FBI's motto of Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity by serving and protecting the citizens of the United States of America and people across the world. I am proud to know this remarkable public servant.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Thomas V. Fuentes for his model service to United States law enforcement and his commitment to his country. He is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SCOTTY MENDOZA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Scotty Mendoza, who passed away on August 15, 2008, at the age of 88. Scotty was the matriarch of the ranching community around the Point Reyes Peninsula in Marin County, California, and a highly respected leader to the townsfolk. She led by passion and example, filling needs as she saw them and creating many local traditions in the process.

Born Doris Scott in Woodland, California, she used the nickname Scotty bestowed on her by one of her early teachers. She met Joe Mendoza, a student at nearby U.C. Davis, while working at the soda fountain at the Woodland Hotel. They were married in 1941, moving shortly afterward to the family ranch on the Point Reyes Peninsula which had been purchased by Joe's father in 1899. She was a partner in the ranch with Joe her whole life, from doing the accounting to cooking for the many ranch hands.

Scotty was many things—outspoken, funny, energetic, and hardworking. But mostly she will be remembered for how much she cared for people, especially children. While doting on her own family, she also championed other children and was known as Grandma Scotty to many. She was a 4-H leader for 40 years, teaching sewing to generations of girls, and founded the Inverness Garden Club Scholarship fund to raise money for local students to attend college.

In 1949, Scotty and Joe joined with other ranching families to start Western Weekend, still the major community celebration in the Point Reyes area. It highlights the work of local 4-H groups and also includes a big parade that fills the town's Main Street. The parade features the Western Weekend Queen, based on a contest Scotty started to help sell raffle tickets for the event.

It is hard to imagine how the community we see today would look without Scotty's participation in the many local organizations she was involved in: as a founder of West Marin Senior Services and the Inverness Garden Club, as a volunteer and organizer of the Jack Mason History Museum, and as a supporter in many others where her behind-the-scenes work was always appreciated.

Scotty is survived by her husband Joe, daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Steve Doughty, sons and daughters-in-law, Joey and Linda Mendoza and James and Luci Mendoza, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (whom she called "the eight greats").

Madam Speaker, Scotty Mendoza truly exemplifies the compassionate, can-do community spirit that becomes the fabric for our lives. It is an honor for me to have known her, her husband Joe, and many of her family. We'll miss you, Scotty.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JEFF MILLER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Jeff Miller is one of these individuals. On November 4, 2008, Jeff was elected to serve as the Assemblyman for the 71st California Assembly District and I congratulate Jeff as he moves to the next stage of public service.

Jeff Miller was elected to his first term on the Corona City Council in November of 2000 and currently serves as Mayor. He was re-elected and served as Mayor in 2004. Mayor Miller is a member of the Council's Transportation & Legislative Committee and he also represents the Council on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). He is also currently Chairman of the 91 Freeway Toll Road Advisory Committee.

Jeff Miller is an active member of the Corona community. He is Vice President of the Corona Heritage Foundation, a Governing Board member of Corona Regional Medical Center, a Board member of the Corona/Norco YMCA, founder and member of the Riverside County Young Republicans and a past member of the City's Parks and Recreation Commission. Jeff is currently Chairman of the Riverside County Republican Party.

Jeff Miller, and his wife Debora, have two children. Jeff has owned an insurance company for 22 years and has an office in Corona. He graduated from the California State University

in Fullerton and holds a degree in Criminal Justice.

Jeff's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Jeff a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he takes office as a California Assemblyman.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH STAR CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club on 40 years of protecting and restoring Minnesota's proud natural legacy.

The Sierra Club is one of America's most influential environmental organizations, and Minnesota's North Star Chapter is among the oldest and most active in the country. I commend the North Star Chapter on its history of policy achievements and success in mobilizing our communities to action. By engaging citizens in grassroots advocacy, they have worked to deliver essential environmental victories at the state and national level.

The environmental and conservation challenges facing the planet today are great. A changing climate, rapid loss of habitat, and deepening fossil fuel dependence will require citizens to become involved in making the change we need on an unprecedented scale. During my time in Congress, members of the North Star Chapter have been valuable partners in defending against a series of assaults on federal environmental protections. Now as we look toward the start of the next Congress and the support of a new Administration, we have the opportunity to restore America's global leadership on environmental policy while advancing a "green" revolution here at home. I look forward to continuing our shared fight for environmental protection and restoration in the years ahead.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I submit the following information regarding one earmark I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act (P.L. 110-329).

Requesting Member: Congressman TERRY EVERETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTE), U.S. Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lockheed Martin.

Address of Requesting Entity: Pike County, Alabama.

Description of Request: The Close Combat Missile System Modernization for Javelin earmark funding is for \$3,700,000. This funding will help the Army meet its requirements in the Concept Development doctrine stating that the Javelin missile be modernized to meet modern and irregular warfare needs. The modernization addresses known obsolescence issues such as parts replacement and decreasing inventory levels.

Javelin has been in production since 1994. This modernization program will move the missile closer to its objective performance standard, while maintaining cost effective production levels and help sustain the industrial base.

The funding is to be used to evolve Javelin capabilities and address the requirements stated in the Joint Service Operational Requirement for Advanced Anti-Armor Weapons Systems-Medium.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL WHITED

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Michael Whited of Blue Springs, MO. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1813, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Christopher Michael Whited for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING 1998 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH to congratulate the 1998 California State University, Fresno Softball Team upon its induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. The team members and coaches will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmark's, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, Title VIII:

Requesting Members—Congressman GARY G. MILLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Bill Section: Title VIII, Disclosure of Earmarks and Congressionally Directed Spending Items.

Account: Other Procurement Navy PE#024428N, Aegis Support Equipment.

Amount: \$4,000,000.

Description of Request: Sabtech Industries (23231 La Palma Ave, Yorba Linda, CA

92887) requested continued project funding on behalf of the United States Navy, Program Executive Office Ships. Funding will be used to modernize Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) based peripheral emulators. The project is located at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Virginia. The Systems Engineer for Combat Systems Simulation and Warfare Systems at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA and the United States Navy, Program Executive Office Ships at Washington Navy Yard, D.C. have endorsed this requirement of Sabtech products to provide modernization for the Aegis Weapon System and associated Land Based Test Sites.

The Aegis Land Based Test Sites (LBTS) require various high fidelity Commercial Off the-Shelf (COTS) based peripheral emulators, High Tech Data Communication switching systems, and state-of-the-art technology to collect and analyze Combat System performance data. These products are vital to the support of the development, certification, Life-Cycle Support Engineering Activity (LSEA) and training of Aegis and Ship Self Defense System (SSDS). Modernizing these emulators and switches provides superior quality computer programs for the war fighter and significant cost avoidance. Without this modernization, critical test time in the Aegis LBTSs will be lost, resulting in delaying certification and delivery of the AEGIS Baselines, AEGIS Ballistic Missile Defense, and Ship Self Dense System to the fleet.

RECOGNIZING JUDY THEIN AND TEAM DUI OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Judy Thein and Team DUI of Lake County for their incredible service to the community. Team DUI is doing visionary work to address underage drinking through prevention.

Team DUI was born out of tragedy. After her daughter's death in a drunk driving accident, Clearlake Vice Mayor Judy Thein has turned the heartbreak of her loss into a positive effort that is already making a difference in the community. Team DUI brings together a coalition of law enforcement, county officials, social service providers and local educators to teach teens about the dangers of underage drinking and driving under the influence.

Team DUI's program is designed to help people understand the consequences of the decisions they make. They provide educational forums throughout the county, encouraging prevention through teamwork, community prevention and problem solving. By their actions, they have demonstrated their willingness to go to great lengths to spread their message.

Team DUI has received numerous well-deserved honors for their work. In 2008 alone, they have received Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Advocate Recognition award and the Best Idea of the Year Award from Stars of Lake County, among many others.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Judy Thein and everyone

at Team DUI for the remarkable work they have done for our community. This program has been remarkably successful in a short period of time, and I know that we will see much more progress in the years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House earmark reforms, I would like to place in the record a listing of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 Appropriations Bill. I originally attempted to submit this statement on September 24, 2008, but it appears that it was never printed in the Congressional Record, so I would like to resubmit my original statement.

I'd like to take just a few minutes to describe why I support these projects and why they are valuable to the nation and its tax-payers.

The report contains \$4,000,000 in the NPPD Infrastructure Protection and Information Security account for the Power and Cyber Systems Protection, Analysis, and Testing Program at the Idaho National Laboratory. The program would conduct vulnerability analysis, testing, and protection of power and cyber connected systems for the Department of Homeland Security, utilizing the unique resources available at the Idaho National Laboratory, such as the electric grid, SCADA and control systems, cyber and communication test beds, and the explosives test range. The proposed work entails collaboration with leading universities and other National Laboratories to leverage ongoing research at these institutions and advance the state-of-the-art in building resilience into infrastructure systems. The funding would be used to obtain full-scale systems in sectors of interest to DHS for testing of vulnerabilities, identification of protection strategies, and evaluation of resilient designs; partner with universities and National Laboratories to develop resilient control systems; and establish a program that develops new protection schemes. The INL is uniquely placed to carry out this program, which would leverage its ongoing work in this area sponsored by DoD, DHS, and Intelligence Agencies and its established relationships with industry, universities, and National Laboratories. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Idaho National Laboratory, located at 2525 North Freemont St., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415.

The report contains \$1,600,000 in the Defense Production Act Purchases account for the Read Out Integrated Circuit (ROIC) Manufacturing Improvement. The United States Air Force and the Missile Defense Agency have been investigating ways to improve manufacturing capabilities and improve cryogenic and radiation performance of these circuits. The thermal imagers of the future will operate in harsh environmental conditions for longer peri-

ods of time and will have increased resolution (through increased pixel count) over the detectors of today. Maintaining a domestic source of this technology as well as working to enhance the manufacturing capabilities of this critical technology are equally as important as increasing the yield. Funds for this project will be used to establish a long-term, known US source; improve yields both by the manufacturer and by the vendors who use the contractor as a manufacturing source; decrease the cycle time required in manufacturing ROICs and a reduction of design cycle time by ROIC designers; and provide a roadmap to meet the future needs of the ROIC designers. When the program is completed, ROICs will be available with twice the number of pixels for less money than the ROIC currently costs. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is ON Semiconductor, located at 2300 Buck-skin Rd. Pocatello, Idaho 83201.

The report contains \$1,600,000 in the Medical Advanced Technology account for the Integrated Patient Quality Program. To directly enhance the patient-provider encounter, the Integrated Patient Quality Program will identify the degree to which physicians utilize consumer content integrated into the DoD Electronic Medical Record (AHLTA) and provide after-visit summaries to patients, and identify the impact this critical medical information has on patients' health and their ability to make informed decisions. This phase of the project will build upon the requirements' definition and technical feasibility study performed within FY08 funding that developed a functional and technical road map, and successfully tested the Integrated Patient Quality concept in a development environment. Additionally, the Integrated Patient Quality Program will explore content delivery options outside of the patient-provider face-to-face interaction to include: secure provider/patient email, online laboratory results, pre-visit/test preparation, surgical decision support, and disease management to at-risk patients. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Healthwise, Incorporated, located at 2601 N. Bogus Basin Road Boise, Idaho 83702.

The report contains \$2,000,000 in the Support Systems Development account for the Accelerator-Driven Non-Destructive Testing. The Idaho Accelerator Center (IAC) proposes to continue development of penetrating and non-destructive testing (NDT) techniques utilizing new techniques in positron annihilation spectroscopy with accelerator-based gamma-beams, and the use of monochromatic x-ray beams that are produced by colliding high-power laser beams with high-energy electron beams. Both of these core technologies have been under development at the IAC for several years and have matured to the point that serious in-field commercialization is possible. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Idaho State University, located at 921 South 8th Avenue Pocatello, Idaho 83209.

The report contains \$1,440,000 in the Electronics Technology account for the 3-D Technology for Advanced Sensor Systems Project. The military has a need for new three-dimensional (3-D) packaging of electronic systems, particularly sensor systems for portable appli-

cations. The team of Boise State University and RTI International has developed 3-D processing techniques on silicon and LTCC platforms, including technologies for die- and wafer-scale bonding and 3-D) interconnects. These funds will allow them to apply these techniques to create 3-D integration and packaging solutions applicable to a general category of high performance sensor systems. These funds will be used to support summer salaries for faculty, and provide salaries for research staff, post-doctoral associates, graduate and undergraduate students. Research supplies, capital equipment, and travel will be funded as required to support the objectives of the project. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Boise State University, located at 1910 University Drive Boise, Idaho 83725-1135.

The report contains \$1,200,000 in the Critical Infrastructure Protection account for the Electric Grid Reliability/Assurance project. The effort will operationalize advanced electric grid modeling simulation and analysis capability that links disparate critical infrastructure sector models that run simultaneously and dynamically to share information providing greater understanding of critical infrastructure status before, during or after a destructive event. Funds will be used for the enhanced development of electric grid modeling, simulation and testing capabilities at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Incorporation of both real-time and distributed system modeling capabilities will provide expanded capabilities for analysis of systems critical to DoD. These efforts will provide DoD an enhanced capability to simulate, prove and make recommendations for techniques to sustain mission operations via continued power generation when power from the electric utilities is no longer present. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Idaho National Laboratory, located at P.O. Box 1625 Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415

The report contains \$1,200,000 in the Advanced Electronics Technologies for the Hybrid Power Generation System. Research has resulted in a breakthrough technology using compressed magnetic fields which can generate power. The continued research, development, testing and validation of the technology should result in mission extension for dismounted soldiers and considerable savings by reducing the reliance on disposable batteries. Approximately \$57,000 is being spent per soldier, per year on batteries alone in theatre. This technology will not only reduce federal spending needed for such batteries, but will considerably reduce related military logistics costs, reduce the amount of hazardous waste disposal costs (for the toxic substances used in battery materials), and will reduce the man/machine interface by reducing the 20–30 lbs of extra batteries soldiers are currently required to carry for extended missions. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is M2E Power, Inc., located at 875 W. McGregor Court, Suite 150 Boise, Idaho 83705

The report contains \$3,200,000 in the Chemical and Biological Defense Program Account for the Vacuum Sampling Pathogen Collection and Concentration project. Production

and commercialization potential of the recently completed basic wet-vacuum pathogen collection system will be further enhanced through completion and integration of current prototype-stage “sister” technologies. The combined systems will provide safer, more accurate and faster sample collection and processing capabilities with GPS-RFID sample site documentation and sample identification, plus handling, transport and lab traceability. Current outsourced production activities will be centralized through expanded in-house production facilities for more stringent cost, QC and delivery schedule management and control. Integrated technology systems will improve safety, accuracy and standardization of bio-agent detection methods for our soldiers and civilian end users. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Microbial-Vac Systems, Inc., located at 160 Bridon Way, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

The report contains \$3,200,000 in the Advanced Spacecraft Technology account for the Ultra Low Power Electronics. Ultra-Low Power (ULP) Electronics is an Air Force Research Lab-sponsored initiative working in collaboration with industry to develop electronics that require less power and provide increased efficiency. A key challenge for DoD electronics applications is the reduction of power consumption in the Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS)—the technology platform used for advanced integrated circuits. Funding in 2009 will develop a high OPS/Watt ULP platform solution for DoD designers of electronic systems and demonstrate a base technology that can be rapidly scaled to meet general ULP industry requirements for portable electronics. The project is an iterative, multi-lot, fabrication research and development effort that includes design tool and model development necessary to deploy the new technology. A viable scaling method for reducing electronic voltage requirements and the associated ULP products will define an alternative CMOS scaling roadmap specific to portable technology. This program will establish a new technical approach and industrial capability for U.S. electronics. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is American Semiconductor, Inc., located at 3100 S. Vista Ave., Ste 230 Boise, Idaho 83705.

The report contains \$800,000 in the New Design Ssn Account for the Highly Corrosive-Resistant Alloy Joining for Nuclear Applications. This funding will be used to develop and test novel prototype design-for-manufacturing methods, flexible automated welding and inspection technology for application in submarine nuclear reactor propulsion systems. The research will result in new joining techniques to shape highly corrosive-resistant alloys to meet the requirements of underwater power generation and radiation containment. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Premier Technology, located at 1858 W. Bridge Street Blackfoot, Idaho 83221.

The report contains \$1,800,000 in the Air Force Military Construction Account for the Mountain Home AFB Logistics Readiness Center. The Existing Logistic Supply is a condemned 53-year old wooden structure beyond

economical repair. The building had to be evacuated and now 60 percent of base supply functions operate from temporary spaces across base, creating significant delays in troop/equipment mobilization. This negatively impacts the Wing’s ability to demolish and relocate from other substandard facilities on base. When funded, the Logistics Readiness Center will provide command and control for all materials in-bound and outbound, including freight processing, packing, crating, pallet buildup shop, and provide bulk and bin storage. The facility will also support secure storage and an armory and will include administrative areas. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, located at 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Ste 107, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho 83648.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in my district and an explanation of my support for them.

(1.) \$4 million for the Power and Cyber Systems Protection, Analysis, and Testing Program; Idaho National Laboratory.

(2.) \$1,600,000 for the Read Out Integrated Circuit (ROIL) Manufacturing Improvement; ON Semiconductor.

(3.) \$1,600,000 for the Integrated Patient Quality Program; Healthwise Incorporated.

(4.) \$2,000,000 for the Accelerator-Driven Non-Destructive Testing; Idaho State University.

(5.) \$1,440,000 for the 3-D Technology for Advanced Sensor Systems; Boise State University.

(6.) \$1,200,000 for the Electric Grid Reliability/Accuracy; Idaho National Laboratory.

(7.) \$1,200,000 for the Hybrid Power Generation System; M2E Power Inc.

(8.) \$3,200,000 for the Vacuum Sampling Pathogen Collection and Concentration; Microbial-Vac Systems, Inc.

(9.) \$3,200,000 for the Ultra Low Power Electronics; American Semiconductor.

(10.) \$800,000 for the Highly Corrosive-Resistant Alloy Joining for Nuclear Applications; Premier Technology.

(11.) \$1,800,000 in the Air Force Military Construction Account for the Mountain Home AFB Logistics Readiness Center; Mountain Home Air Force Base.

HONORING JOSHUA CARL WITT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Carl Witt of Blue Springs, MO. Joshua is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1813, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Carl Witt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE TISON FAMILY AS THE HOLMS COUNTY, FLORIDA FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Tison family for being selected as the Holms County 2008 Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Tison Blueberry farm is a bit of an establishment in the Southeast and it is well known that some of the best blueberries can be found there in Bonifay, FL. The entire operation is family run and the picking is done almost entirely by hand. In a time of growing concern over food safety, Tison Blueberry farm offers a unique alternative to the traditional grocery store as its customers enjoy the added comfort of knowing exactly where and how their produce is grown.

After retiring from teaching vocational agriculture for 34 years, Jack Tison was searching for something that would employ his extensive knowledge and occupy his time. But it wasn’t until visiting a “u-pick” operation in Gainesville, FL that he became interested in growing blueberries. In the fall of 1984, Jack and his wife Hazel prepped five acres of land for planting; the subsequent harvest began just 3 years later. Over the years, the production has increased exponentially. The farm now grows muscadine grapes and prepares various jellies, jams, and syrups.

Every year, the north Florida Fair Association honors farm families in counties throughout north Florida that display leadership through farming techniques and agricultural production. The Farm Family of the Year award conveys the importance of farm families’ contributions to some of society’s largest needs including food, clothing, and building supplies. Recognition of their work, as conveyed by this award, encourages others in the community to become involved and support local agriculture.

On behalf of all residents of northwest Florida, I hope this family tradition continues for many future generations.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA-LED PHOENIX MARS MISSION

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute today to the team of intrepid men and women at the University of Arizona who significantly advanced our knowledge of the universe through their work on the Phoenix Mars Mission. They were led by Peter Smith, principal investigator for the project.

These 21st century explorers achieved a great engineering and scientific triumph earlier this year when the 770-pound Phoenix traveled 420 million miles and successfully parachuted to the rocky surface of Mars. That odds-defying landing, however, was only the beginning of Phoenix's awe-inspiring accomplishments.

On the surface of the Red Planet, Phoenix harnessed the power of the sun to scoop up and analyze the Martian soil. This data—including a series of remarkable photographs—was transmitted back to Earth where scientists made what must surely be one of the most significant discoveries in human history: the presence of frozen water.

For as long as humankind has peered into the heavens, we have wondered whether or not we are alone in the universe. From our earliest ancestors to medieval theologians to the scientists of our day, this question has loomed over us like the stars themselves. Mars has been the focus of much of this speculation. More than 40 missions have been launched to explore this planet but only six have been successful. Foremost among them is the University of Arizona-led Phoenix Mars Mission.

The discovery of frozen water on Mars by Phoenix did not definitively confirm or deny the age-old question of our uniqueness in the universe. No one ever expected it would. But it did give us a deeper understanding of the fourth planet from the sun. This new knowledge is a testimony to the creativity of the men and women who made Phoenix possible at the University of Arizona, the first public university to lead a mission to Mars.

The Phoenix Mars Mission Team members are: Cherie Achilles, Douglas Archer, Chris Adams, Paul Allvin, Maria Banks, Stephanie Barnes, Jean Barret, Carla Bitter, Rolfe Bode, Matt Bomhoff, William Boynton, Robert Bovill, Dennis Bowers, Cassie Bowman, David Burke, Sanlyn Buxner, Ryan Brestel, James Cantone, Chewie Chu, Kevin Corcoran, Jesse Cornia, Michael Drake, Gerard Droege, Alex Ebadirad, Jacob Egan, Heather Enos, Lisa Fahey, Charles Fellows, Tony Ferrow, Michael Finch, Kenny Fine, Mike Fitzgibbon, Gwennie Furr, Connie Garcia, Justin Giacotto, Gabrielle Gilbertsen, Joseph Gotobed, Stephen Gray, Dave Hamara, Sara Hammond, Lori Harrison, Dustin Harshman, Karl Harshman, Chelsea Hodson, John Hughes, Robert Jaw, Monty Kennedy, Hamza Kolaghshi, Frankie Kolb, Melissa Lamberton, Jeffrey Landgreen, Lynn Lane, Therese Lane, Pamela Larrow, Abel Levario, Colleen Lester, Andrew Levine, Robert Logan, Douglas Lombardi, Peter Manning, Katalun May, Rick McCloskey, Evan McKelvy, Trevor Merkley, John Moores, Bryan Morgante, Sean Mulvey, Julie Norwood, Carroll Oquest, Jerry Penegor, Federico Pennacchini, Ian Phillips, Amy Philips, John Pursch, Siddhartha Ray, Robert Reynolds, Garret Richards, Joaquin Ruiz, David Sage, Tisha Saltzman, Walter Seaman, Jeff Seligman, Andrew Shaner, Adam Shaw, Robert Shelton, Chris Shinohara, Peter Smith, William Sperry, Lori Stiles, Johnathan Strootman, Kari Sturm, Roger Tanner, Lisa Tatge, Lisa Tidwell, Cheryl Tomoeda, Kimmie Varela, Cindi Ward, Heather Weisacosky, Mike Williams, Galen Woida, Patrick Woida, Rigel Woida, Patricia Wroblewski.

I commend them for their success and for all they have done to expand our knowledge of the planet Mars.

HONORING SISTER'S JOURNEY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DELAURU

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. DELAURU. Madam Speaker, the first of November will mark an important milestone for an outstanding organization in my community—the 10th Anniversary of Sister's Journey. Founded by my dear friend, Linda White-Epps, as she coped with her own battle with breast cancer, Sister's Journey has been an invaluable source of comfort, compassion, and support for women diagnosed with this disease for the last decade.

The diagnosis of breast cancer can be overwhelming—not only for the woman who has been told she has this battle to face but for her loved ones as well. It is important for women to know that they are not alone and that there are others who are facing comparable challenges, asking the same questions, and enduring similar hardships, physically and emotionally. That is what Sister's Journey is all about.

In facing her battle with breast cancer, Linda White-Epps saw the need in her community for a group that could help women to heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She recognized the need for education and advocacy, for women to share the trials and tribulations of cancer, and to celebrate survivorship. What began as a monthly support group meeting has grown into a community educator and a strong voice of advocacy for early detection and quality treatment for every woman fighting breast cancer. But perhaps the organization's greatest contribution has been that of the Sister's Journey annual calendar. With each month comes the face and the story of a woman still facing breast cancer or who has survived—each page highlighting their personal journeys. The calendar has proven to be a tangible example of the encouragement, support, and vision that is Sister's Journey.

Though Linda lost her battle in 2003, today her legacy—Sister's Journey—is carried on by her family; her mother Phyllis White, and her daughter, Dawn White-Bracey, who serves as its current President. Today as members gather for the annual Pink Tea, we celebrate the remarkable 10 years this organization has been supporting those struggling with the ongoing challenges of breast cancer. I am proud to stand today to pay tribute to Sister's Journey and their decade of good work. We all hope for a time when breast cancer will no longer be a threat to our health, until then, our community could not be more fortunate than to have Sister's Journey for those in need.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to identify an earmark that I obtained in H.R. 2638—Homeland Security Division D for the Coast Guard account for the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company Bridge, Morris, IL in the amount of \$2,000,000.

In February 1995, the Coast Guard declared the EJ&E Bridge across the Illinois Waterway to be an unreasonable obstruction to navigation and issued an Order to Alter. The EJ&E Bridge is the most hit bridge on the entire inland river system.

Funding will allow design and construction for widening the width between the bridge piers. Currently, the width of the EJ&E Bridge is only 113 feet. Typically, barge tows that operate within the inland river system are 105 feet wide, leaving only a total of 8 feet of room for the barge to fit between the piers. According to the Coast Guard, modifications made to this bridge will save \$1.1 million in damage each year. Funding this project will make the Illinois River safer for maritime traffic and will substantially reduce the number of accidents at this site.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Coast Guard located at Office of Bridge Administration, CG3-PWB Room 3500, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to the design and construction for widening the width between the bridge piers. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any direct financial interest in this project.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program named or will be named after a sitting Member of Congress (exception must be justified here); (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

HONORING HELEN JONES, M.D.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Helen Jones upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award" at the 2008 West Fresno Health Care Coalition's 4th annual "This is Your Life of Service" dinner and award ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fresno, California on Friday, October 24th.

Dr. Jones was raised in San Francisco, California. She graduated from Lowell High School, one of the oldest and most prestigious schools in the San Francisco school district. She earned a Bachelor's of Arts in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkley and her Medical Doctorate from the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Jones also attended classes at the Universities of California, Irvine and Riverside and attended summer courses in biomedical engineering at Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. She originally made her way to Fresno to train under Dr. Howard Morelli, the former dean at the University of California, San Francisco. Currently, Dr. Jones is in private practice with Internal Medicine Associates and was formerly with Linder-Quann Medical Group.

In addition to being an internist, Dr. Jones specializes in palliative medicine, a form of medical care or treatment that concentrates on reducing the severity of disease symptoms

rather than halting or delaying progression of the disease itself or providing a cure. This form of medicine allows seriously and terminally ill patients comfort and relief from the pain of their disease. Palliative care educates the patient on symptom management, provides information about their illness, communicates with the patient and their families about their disease and provides them with emotional and spiritual support. Dr. Jones has served as the Hospice Medical Director and Ethics Chair of Saint Agnes Medical Center. She is a past president of the Fresno Madera Medical Society. She has developed an obesity prevention toolkit for medical providers through the California Medical Association and has been an advocate for cleaning the air throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Dr. Jones has also served as Chair of the Fresno Unified School District Wellness Policy and was a board member of the Central California Blood Center.

Dr. Jones has been a tireless advocate for accessible healthcare particularly in West Fresno. Through various faith-based and community organizations she has assisted in promoting the awareness, prevention, and care of breast cancer. She is a strong believer that proper education and awareness in disease prevention is the key to keeping the residents of Fresno County healthy. Dr. Jones credits her success to her parents' guidance. The family motto growing up was "Keep it real, roll up your sleeves and get it done." She has held that motto close to her heart.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Helen Jones upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award". I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Jones many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding religious institution, St. Bonaventure Parish in Paterson, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 130th Anniversary of dedicated service to its parishioners, and by extension, the greater community.

It is only fitting that St. Bonaventure Parish be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for all the spiritual home it has provided to American families, especially those just embarking on their path to the American dream, and the dedication to the entire community that helps keep this deeply rooted parish family growing towards the future.

St. Bonaventure Parish was founded in 1876 by a group of six Franciscans who had been expelled from Prussia by Otto Von Bismarck. They came to the United States and asked Bishop Michael Corrigan of Newark for a place to live and minister. Just then, a group of Carmelite priests who had been displaced from Bavaria returned to their homeland, leaving a partially constructed monastery on

Ramsey Street in Paterson. The Franciscans moved to the building and in 1877 the bishop elevated the church to parish status. Soon the monastery was completed and the religious community built a parish church. St. Bonaventure's was the area's first Franciscan community, and served for many years as its center of activity. The monastery functioned as a seminary, a novitiate, a retreat house and a motherhouse of the Holy Name Province, established in 1901. Thousands received the Franciscan habit here and began their period of initiation into religious life.

From St. Bonaventure's, the Franciscans established dozens of missions and parishes in New Jersey and throughout the Eastern United States. Many others who studied at the monastery went on to serve abroad. The monastery once operated St. Anthony's Guild, which published countless books and pamphlets here before its move to New York City.

The parish has built its tradition by giving its parishioners spiritual roots in their neighborhood, providing a deep sense of community to those who have grown in the church, receiving their sacraments there, as well as welcoming newcomers to the surrounding area. The St. Bonaventure's parish family has expanded throughout the years to include many parishioners who have moved out of the neighborhood, but return with their families to worship at the parish. Building on its legacy, it is looking to reach out to some of the newest residents around the parish, many of whom are from Central and South America, and just beginning their American journeys.

They are seeking as they move into the future to see more parishioners young and old become involved in the church's ministries that reach not only their faith community but the greater Paterson region. I am certain that St. Bonaventure's will continue to thrive and enrich not only those who worship there but so many others in need throughout the area.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of wonderful, thriving community like St. Bonaventure Parish.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the parishioners and clergy of St. Bonaventure Parish, all those whose faith has been enriched throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of St. Bonaventure Parish to the church community and beyond.

HONORING KENANIAH THOMAS REISER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kenaniah Thomas Reiser of Farley, Missouri. Kenaniah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1028, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kenaniah has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities.

Over the many years Kenaniah has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kenaniah Thomas Reiser for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOYCE SANDERS UPON HER RETIREMENT AS PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF EMBARQ CORPORATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joyce Sanders, who is retiring as Public Relations Manager of EMBARQ Corporation. Ms. Sanders has played a vital role in the community service organizations of Northwest Florida, and I am honored to recognize her achievements.

Joyce Sanders moved to Northwest Florida in 1993, and she has been a community leader ever since. Her local leadership includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trustees of the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council, and the Board of Directors of the Walton County Economic Development Council. Ms. Sanders is actively involved with the United Way of Okaloosa County and the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program. She has been a mentor to numerous young women across Northwest Florida by working with the University of West Florida Small Business Development Center. Through EMBARQ, Ms. Sanders provides numerous scholarships to the UWF Women in Business Seminar and to underprivileged students at Northwest Florida State College.

Ms. Sanders' commitment to service can be seen through her numerous awards, including her selection in 1998 as Honorary Commander for the Eglin Air Force Base 33 Fighter Wing Program. This award recognizes the value of military and civilian partnerships, a fundamental component of Northwest Florida. Awards alone, however, cannot describe the true value of Ms. Sanders' service to our area. In the aftermath of natural disasters Hurricane Opal and Hurricane Ivan, Ms. Sanders used her position at EMBARQ to place mobile telephone trailers throughout the affected regions so those displaced from their homes could contact their families and friends. Her courage in the face of these disasters exemplifies Ms. Sanders' devotion to the people of our community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Joyce Sanders for her years of public service to the community of Northwest Florida. Vicki and I wish her and her family best wishes for continued success.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JASON ANTHONY VAZQUEZ**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent who gave his life in service to our country. Staff Sergeant Jason Anthony Vazquez, a member of the 2nd Battalion 122nd Field Artillery, died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Gerda Seria, Afghanistan on September 17, 2008.

Jason was taken from us too soon, but although he was only 24 years old, he had a profound effect on members of his family, community, and workplace.

Jason was engaged to Genevieve Gonzalez, who remembers with joy the time they shared and the future they planned together. While her future will not be as she thought, she gains strength from the relationship they built and the values he imparted. To honor Jason, Genevieve has helped raise money to provide care packages and cards to the troops serving in Jason's unit.

As an officer with Cook County's Department of Corrections, Jason always left an impression with his optimism, energy and cheerfulness. To honor his memory, the Department has created the Jason A. Vazquez Leadership Award to be given to the most deserving Training Academy graduate each year.

Jason's many aunts, uncles and cousins gained strength from the joy he shared with each of them. His grandparents, Francisco and Leonor Vazquez, cherish the time Jason spent playing catch in the front yard as a young boy, helping with errands as he grew stronger, and sharing stories and wisdom as he grew into a man. His brother and sister, Jose Jr. and Janice, take comfort in the memory of his love of music, his passion for basketball, and his place in the center of any party or gathering. His parents, Jose and Lisa, take pride in the son who grew from a popular and fun-loving Schurz High School '02 classmate to the dedicated young man who wore the uniform of this country, and made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to this young man, and I am humbled by his service and his sacrifice. I ask that we remember Jason and his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers, and that we honor him and the rest of the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country.

HONORING DEACON HENRY
WILFORD ELLIOTT, SR.**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Deacon Henry Wilford Elliott, Sr. A dedicated educator and family man, Henry tirelessly devoted his life to his community and used his many talents in the service of others. He passed away on November 3, 2008. Although we have said goodbye to our dear friend, his spirit will live on in our hearts through the love he shared with us.

Born on May 20, 1917, in Vian, Oklahoma, Henry was the child of Frank Van Elliott and

Beatrice Johnson Elliott. A small and loving family, the Elliots had only one other child, Henry's brother Othello, who preceded him in death.

After graduating from Manual Training High School, Henry went on to college attending the Tuskegee Institute and Langston University, respectively. While in college, Henry joined the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in 1935 and was a founding member of the Kappa Omicron Lambda chapter. He graduated from Langston in 1938 and went on to teach high school for several years in Wagoner and Tallahassee, Oklahoma.

Henry, known as Hank to his family and loved ones, served in the military for 21 years. By the time he retired he had earned the rank of captain. On January 11, 1943, Henry married the love of his life, Lydia Marie Pitts, in Porter, Oklahoma. This inspiring union would last almost 66 years, until Henry's passing.

During the first years of their marriage, Henry and Lydia traveled extensively, living overseas in Japan and Germany as well as several States throughout the United States while Henry completed his service in the military. Their first child, Henry, Jr., was born in 1952 in Alaska. Their second child, Terence Todd, was born in Okinawa, Japan, in 1957. The family eventually settled in Richmond, California, in 1963. In love with their new home State, Henry and Lydia remained in California from that point forward. They become true Californians and contributed to their local communities with an uncompromising level of compassion and selflessness.

Henry was a devoted educator and taught for many years in the Vallejo school district. He retired as a junior high school principal in 1978, served on the school board for 8 years, and was elected board president. Throughout this time and after his retirement, Henry was relentlessly devoted to his community of Vallejo, his church, and services and organizations committed to assisting those most in need and improving opportunities for people of color.

He served in numerous capacities and board positions, including the Vallejo Neighborhood Housing Association and the Adkins Project, of which he was a founding member. He served on the boards of Vallejo's Fighting Back Partnership and Meals on Wheels, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge Firma Chapter, the Omega Boys and Girls Club, the Pan Hellenic Council and the Solano County Juvenile Justice Board. Henry was also a past Patron of the Eastern Star, Princess Zorah Chapter #70 and a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the NAACP.

Henry's life spanned across the most influential, politically dynamic, and hard-fought social justice moments in our Nation's history. Henry Wilford Elliott, Sr., worked hard for everything in his life and did so with a calm and elegance often unmatched. The values that Henry developed early in his life—those of education, faith in God, and community service—would remain with him throughout the nine decades he witnessed. He was known as a hardworking and respected man who was cherished by all who knew him.

On a personal note, I have had the privilege to have known Henry since I was 2 years old. He is the godfather of my sister, Beverly, and has been a loving part of my extended family. As a young girl, I fondly remember babysitting for Henry and Lydia. They were skilled and

adoring parents and I often marveled at their unmistakable love for one another and their children. He was a very close friend of my family, and we will all miss him tremendously.

On behalf of California's Ninth Congressional District, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Deacon Henry Elliott, Sr., especially to his wife, Lydia, his loving children, Henry, Jr. and Terence, his daughters-in-law Sabrina and Amanda, his granddaughters Hasana, Karinda, Nyeri and Imani, his sisters-in-law Vonia Johnson, Velma McCann and Laura McCann, and his brother in-law, Floyd Pitts, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and others whom Henry dearly loved. Thank you for sharing this kind spirit with us. May his soul rest in peace.

HONORING TOM GOODWIN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH, to congratulate Tom Goodwin upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Goodwin will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Tom Goodwin excelled at every level of baseball which was highlighted by 14 years in the major leagues. He was so fast that he turned groundballs hit to the left side into infield singles, which excited both teammates and fans, and frustrated opponents. After starring at Central High School in Fresno, California, he energized Bob Bennett's California State University, Fresno, teams for 3 seasons, topped by the 1989 campaign when he was named an All-American, the Big West Conference Player of the Year and the Bulldog's Male Athlete of the Year. A year earlier, Mr. Goodwin played in the College World Series and experienced Olympic glory as a center fielder on the gold-medal-winning U.S. team in Seoul. He left California State University, Fresno, as a two-time NCAA stolen-base champion. He was the Bulldog's career stolen-base leader with 164 and is among the school's Top 10 in many season, and career, offensive categories.

Drafted in the first round by the Los Angeles Dodgers, Mr. Goodwin reached the major leagues in just his second season and became a regular in 1995 with the Kansas City Royals; hitting .288, with 50 stolen bases. He would go on to steal 50 or more bases during 4 seasons, with a high of 66 during one season. He finished his career with a total of 360 stolen bases. His career batting average is .268, with 636 runs and 284 runs batted in. Mr. Goodwin's handling of the bat and commitment to winning is illustrated by twice leading the American League in sacrifice bunts. He played in 7 postseasons with the Texas Rangers, Chicago Cubs and reached the World Series in 2002 with the Giants.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Tom Goodwin upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Goodwin congratulations on his many accomplishments.

HONORING KYLE BRYSON EVANS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Bryson Evans of Holt, Missouri. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1494, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Kyle Bryson Evans for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO ANISH BERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Anish Berry. Mr. Berry is the President of the Diagnostic Imaging Group, which operates 38 diagnostic imaging centers, 23 of which are in New York and 6 in New Jersey under the name Doshi Diagnostic Imaging Services, as well as 16 centers in Florida under the name Signet Diagnostic Imaging Services.

Mr. Berry helped to engineer the aggressive growth of the Diagnostic Imaging Group by leveraging hardware-and-software prowess with the talents of a diverse medical, technical, and administrative staff to deliver high-caliber customer service to patients and over 40,000 referring physicians. This excellent team of medical professionals is paired with state of the art equipment in each facility where the full range of imaging services are offered, including MRI/MRA, CT, Ultrasound, X-ray, Mammography, PET/CT, Nuclear Medicine, Nuclear Cardiology, DEXA, Echocardiography and Vascular Duplex.

Mr. Berry takes the same aggressive approach to his charitable works. He is the co-founder of the Doshi Difference Program at the John Bowne High School in Flushing, NY. This unique, selective program affords its students an outstanding introduction in research techniques as well as valuable learning experiences including scientific competitions, mentoring, field trips, and speakers. Mr. Berry was also responsible for the recent construction of a brand new science lab at John Bowne High School to further assist the students in their quest for educational excellence.

Mr. Berry is also a staunch supporter of law enforcement, serving as the Director of the New York Law Enforcement Foundation, the Medical Director of Amtrack Police, the Director of the Suffolk County Police Reserves, and as a member of the Nassau County Police Reserves.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Anish Berry for his extraordinary accomplishments in diagnostic imaging, science education, and community service.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Anish Berry.

RECOGNITION OF MR. ROBERT S. HEKEMIAN

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Robert Hekemian, a resident of Saddle River, New Jersey, for his lifetime of dedication to the improvement of the community, and being awarded the Bergen Community College Foundation's 2008 Medallion Award of Merit for Corporate Responsibility and Philanthropy.

Mr. Hekemian currently serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of both Hekemian & Co., Inc., a real estate investment, management and brokerage company, and First Real Estate Investment Trust of New Jersey. He has been active in the real estate business for more than 6 decades, and is esteemed by his peers.

Mr. Hekemian, who is of Armenian descent, is a devoted member of the Armenian Presbyterian Church in Paramus, New Jersey and serves on the Board of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. During the past 50 years, he has contributed substantially to numerous civic and community organizations, as well as domestic and international charitable endeavors, both personally and through the Robert and Mary Jane Hekemian Foundation. Benefactors of the Foundation include The New York Philharmonic, Hackensack University Medical Center, Bergen Community College, Boy Scouts of America and The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Finally, Mr. Hekemian is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He has been married to his loving wife Mary Jane for 51 years, and they have been blessed with 4 wonderful children and 7 grandchildren.

Today, I would like to recognize Robert Hekemian's leadership by example for more than half a century. I am proud that such an honorable man resides in my Congressional District. My constituents' lives are better for all his many and generous contributions to the community. I offer my sincere and hearty congratulations on the occasion of this well-deserved and distinguished award.

RECOGNIZING THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF GENESEE COUNTY AWARD WINNER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the individuals honored by the Child Advocacy Center of Genesee County for their service to the young people of the greater Flint area that are the victims of child

abuse. Genesee County expressed its gratitude to these persons at a dinner on November 6, 2008 in Flint, Michigan.

The Child Advocacy Center of Genesee County was founded to react to allegations of child abuse. A multidisciplinary team responds by providing forensic interviews, medical evaluations, therapeutic intervention, and victim support/advocacy. Their goal is provide these services to children and families in a safe and consistent manner.

Three persons were honored that evening. The 2008 Stars for Children Awards Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is Detective Diana Mills of the Mt. Morris Township Police Department. The 2008 Stars for Children Awards Child Protective Services Worker of the Year is Marie Putnam. Andrea Legendre was named the 2008 Stars for Children Awards Prosecutor of the Year.

May the House of Representatives rise with me and applaud the work of these individuals. Their commitment to abused and vulnerable children is exemplary. They perform an invaluable service to our community and through their work abused and neglected children in Genesee County have help for a safer, happier life.

IN RECOGNIZING OF MAJOR BRIAN SITLER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Major Brian Sitler, United States Air Force. Brian served as the Military Fellow in my office during the second session of the 110th Congress and was an integral part of the staff. He took the lead on 9 important portfolios: Defense/Foreign Policy, FEMA, Homeland Security, Immigration, Postal TRICARE/Military Health Care, Labor/Trade, Resources/Interior/Environment, and Science and Technology. He also served as my subject matter expert for important Air Force issues which included the Air Force Tanker replacement and the BRAC-mandated Joint Strike Fighter beddown at Eglin Air Force Base. Brian's counsel on the strategic as well as tactical implications was extremely valuable.

Brian's performance in dealing with constituents and case work should be commended. He effectively negotiated the executive and legislative barriers to solve constituent issues. One case in particular should be highlighted. He received a constituent request from a military retiree whose daughter was diagnosed with autism. Brian took the initiative to investigate this case further and uncovered a significant gap between active duty and retiree TRICARE coverage in the Extended Care Health Option, ECHO, program. After bringing this to my attention, Brian worked with the Congressional Budget Office, Professional Staff Members from the House Armed Services Committee, autism advocacy groups, and offices of other Members of Congress and Senators. As a result of his diligent work, the \$231 million bipartisan "Military Family Autism Equality Act" was introduced. Without Brian's initiative, hard work, and attention to detail, this act would not have been possible.

In addition to the accomplishments already noted, Brian served as a pivotal staffer and organized escorts for two Honor Flight trips. Honor Flight brought 203 World War II heroes to visit Washington, DC's war memorials. He also assisted me in high level meetings with the Ambassadors from the Republic of Korea and Mauritania. He served as an outstanding ambassador of the United States Air Force, and I was proud to have him as an integral part of my staff.

Brian excelled in every area and exceeded all fellowship expectations. While I am saddened that he will soon leave my office, I am delighted that Brian was selected for Squadron Command. I have no doubt that he will excel in this role as a Commander, and I will feel comfortable knowing that the lives of our Airmen are in his hands. Vicki and I wish Brian, his wife, Suzanne, and their children, Meagan, Cory, Gabe, and Emily our best wishes for future success and happiness.

HONORING MARSHALL FRITZ

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend Marshall Fritz who passed away on Tuesday, November 4, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Marshall was a true champion of freedom whose impact on the cause of liberty will be felt for years to come.

Marshall, with his booming voice and good humor, was the happy warrior of the freedom movement, as well as the movement's Will Rogers. Marshall never met a fellow fighter for liberty, a single-issue ally, or a potential convert he did not like—and to Marshall anyone who did not already share his love of liberty was a potential convert.

Marshall was a model of an ideological/political entrepreneur. In 1984, Marshall saw that the growth of the freedom movement was handicapped by the lack of an organization to help activists better communicate the freedom philosophy to the general public. While Marshall was not the first person to have this realization, he was the first person to attempt to remedy the situation by founding Advocates for Self-Government, an organization designed to teach activists how to effectively communicate their principles.

In the years since Marshall founded the Advocates for Self-Government, the organization has helped countless libertarians by providing them with the intellectual resources necessary to effectively battle for a free society.

While serving as president of the Advocates, Marshall created the World's Smallest Political Quiz. The quiz graphs an individual's political philosophy based on responses to a series of 10 questions that measure one's commitment to economic and personal liberty.

Under Marshall's leadership, the Advocates undertook an aggressive program of distributing the quiz. There is no doubt that this has been the Advocate's most successful and popular program. The quiz is responsible for many Americans' first contact with libertarian ideas. While traveling around the country, I have often heard people say, "I never knew I was a libertarian until I took the quiz!"

In 1990, Marshall stepped down as president of the Advocates to found the Alliance for the Separation of School and State, an organization focusing on the vital issue of parental control of education. Thanks in large part to Marshall's work, the idea that parents, not the government, should control education is no longer excluded from public debate as a "fringe" notion. One of the features that most impresses me about the Alliance is the way that Marshall brought libertarians, conservatives, liberals together to work for education freedom.

Anyone who knew Marshall and worked with him would not be surprised that he was able to forge a coalition of people of diverse views. Marshall's focus was always on building alliances and trying to persuade those with whom he disagreed, rather than on scoring debating points. While he never compromised his principles and never hesitated to criticize even his closet allies if they took what he considered an anti-liberty position, Marshall never personalized disagreements and always treated his opponents with courtesy and respect. I believe the freedom movement would be more successful if more libertarians followed Marshall's example of never turning policy disagreements into personal attacks.

All of us who care about building an effective freedom movement owe a debt of gratitude to Marshall Fritz. I join Marshall's family in mourning his loss and I urge all of us who work for liberty to honor Marshall's memory by following the example he set.

DANIEL W. BLANKENBURG

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, Daniel W. Blankenburg first came to Washington in 1994. He began working in Congress for Rep. DON MANZULLO and then Rep. Tom Ewing. He then served as Legislative Director to Rep. JOHN SHIMKUS until he moved to the private sector to work for the National Federation of Independent Businesses. In 2005, Dan decided to return to public service, and I was fortunate enough to have him join our office. At that time, we were looking for a person to build coalitions and form alliances, and Dan's impressive record made him the perfect candidate.

In his role as Chief of Staff, Dan has made each decision with careful attention to ensure the best possible outcome. His meticulous approach, vast knowledge and inquisitive nature have been tremendous assets to me personally as well as to our entire organization. I am always confident that Dan leaves no stone unturned when making decisions on my behalf.

Dan's highly regarded character is demonstrated by his popularity around the capitol. It is difficult to walk down a hallway, enter an elevator or sit at a local restaurant with Dan without striking up a conversation with one of his many friends and acquaintances. While most of us simply wave or exchange salutations in passing, Dan takes the time to catch up with friends whenever possible. There is even a chance for encounters with complete strangers if they happen to be wearing a Bears or Cubs hat.

While Dan's professionalism is truly impressive, his personal qualities are also admirable. Dan often speaks fondly about his family: he enjoys visiting his parents, Millie and Dan, along with his grandmother, Mildred, in Colorado. Dan speaks with great pride about his brothers, Jason and Chip, and his sister, Jodie. He enjoys being an uncle to his nephew, Parken, and his nieces, Jodie and Mattes. Perhaps most notably, Dan relishes every opportunity he can find to talk about his lovely wife Cate, whom he truly adores.

Dan is a man of great talents, and I know he will do well in whatever future opportunities he pursues. I wish him all the best wherever life may take him.

HONORING HARRIS FARMS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Harris Farms upon being honored with the 2008 Baker, Peterson and Franklin Ag Business Award. Harris Farms was honored at a luncheon November 5, 2008 held at the Radisson Conference Center in Fresno, CA.

Harris Farms was founded in 1937 by Jack and Teresa Harris on 320 acres of prime land in the central California's San Joaquin Valley. Over the past 70 years, Harris Farms has grown to cover thousands of acres and has become one of the most vertically integrated, diversified and largest agribusinesses in the U.S. Harris Farms has grown to include Harris Ranch Beef Company, Harris Feeding Company, Harris Fresh, Harris Ranch Restaurant, Harris Farms-Thoroughbred, Harris Ranch Inn and Harris Ranch Online Country Store.

Today, under the direction of John and Carole Harris, the operation produces 33 crops including everything from carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, garlic, onions, citrus, nuts and grapes. Harris Ranch Beef and Harris Feeding companies have earned a reputation as two of the largest and most innovative firms in the industry, pioneering the development of branded beef and value-added beef products. Their thoroughbred division breeds, trains and races thoroughbred horses at tracks across the county. The Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant serves 2,000 guests per day and showcases their beef products and produce. Harris Farms is one of the largest employers in the Coalinga area with 1,500 hundred employees.

Harris Farms received the 2002 Fresno Bee Excellence in Business Award. John Harris has been recognized by his peers with State Fair Agriculturist of the Year, Livestock Man of the Year and Cattle Businessman of the Year. He serves on the California Horseracing Board, Western Growers Board and is past president of the American Cattleman Association and the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association. He is past chair of the St. Agnes Hospital Foundation Board. He has also served on the University of California, Davis Foundation, Alumni Boards and the University of California President's Agriculture Advisory Board. Carole Harris is a member of La Feliz Children's Hospital Guild and past member of the Fresno County Historical Society Board. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are involved with countless organizations and annually award scholarships to children of employees.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Harris Farms upon being honored with the 2008 Baker, Peterson and Franklin Ag Business Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Harris Farms many years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO KEN BURNS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Ken Burns, one of the most celebrated documentary producers of our day. His films have captured the American experience and have forever elevated and enriched our understanding of American history.

Ken Burns, born in Brooklyn, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts in 1975, and went on to become one of the co-founders of Florentine Films. His first Academy Award-winning documentary was *Brooklyn Bridge*, in 1981. Since then, he has produced nineteen more documentaries, two earning Academy Award nominations and seven winning Emmy Awards.

Ken Burns was the director, producer, co-writer, chief cinematographer, music director and executive producer of the landmark television series *The Civil War*, considered by many to be his magnum opus. This film was the highest rated series in the history of American Public Television and attracted an audience of 40 million during its premiere in September 1990. The series has been honored with more than forty major film and television awards, including two Emmy Awards, two Grammy Awards, the Producer of the Year Award from the Producer's Guild, the People's Choice Award, the Peabody Award, the DuPont-Columbia Award, the D.W. Griffiths Award, and the \$50,000 Lincoln Prize, among dozens of others.

Ken Burns most recent documentary, *The War*, tells the story of the Second World War from the personal perspectives of men and women from Waterbury, CT, Mobile, AL, Sacramento, CA, and Luverne, MN. Airing in the fall of 2007, it was the most watched series in the last ten years on PBS. One hundred and seventeen PBS stations across the nation participated in some form of community outreach and nearly 30,000 educator guides went to every high school in the country. As was hoped, "The War" started a massive national dialog about this most cataclysmic event in the history of the United States.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Ken Burns for igniting a passion for American history in millions of Americans throughout his prodigious filmmaking career.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Ken Burns.

WHEN WILL BAILOUTS STOP

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, last December, I joined 99 of my House colleagues in op-

posing H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2008 which authorized a \$25 billion bailout for the automobile industry. Nine months later, I voted against H.R. 2638 which designated \$7.5 billion in emergency funding for the bailout. Now Detroit is asking for an additional \$25 billion as Democrat leaders line up to deem this industry "too big to fail." When will it stop? What means of production are next in line for seizure by our centralized government?

Detroit automakers' management and labor unions have created a toxic combination of poor decision-making that has led to this mess. I understand that prepaid pensions decreased by \$16.6 billion or 82.1 percent to \$3.6 billion on September 30, 2008 from \$20.2 billion on December 31, 2007 and by \$15.3 billion or 80.9 percent from \$18.9 billion on September 30, 2007. These decreases are due to: (1) losses of \$6.3 billion on the hourly and salaried pension plan asset portfolio; (2) recording a \$2.7 billion liability related to the Settlement Agreement; (3) recording a \$2.7 billion liability due to the increase in the monthly pension benefit paid to salaried OPEB plan participants as compensation for the elimination of post-65 healthcare benefits; (4) the transfer of \$2.1 billion of Delphi pension liabilities to GM; and (5) recording a \$2.0 billion increase due to the 2008 UAW and IUE-CWA Special Attrition programs. There are some who believe that this means that after combining General Motor's cash losses, and with the losses disclosed in GM's most recently filed SEC 10Q form, it totals about \$23 billion. Therefore a \$25 billion bailout is little more than a three month band-aid.

The accompanying Wall Street Journal editorial outlines the perils of pursuing this latest bailout. It is my hope that Congressional leaders will reject this latest misguided effort to bailout industries that have made poor decisions at the expense of those who have not.

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NATIONALIZING DETROIT

In the Washington mind, there are two kinds of private companies. There are successful if "greedy" corporations, which can always afford to pay more taxes and tolerate more regulation. And then there are the corporate supplicants that need a handout. As the Detroit auto makers are proving, you can go from being the first to the second in the blink of an election.

For decades, Congress has never had a second thought as it imposed tighter emissions standards on GM, Ford and Chrysler, denouncing them for making evil SUVs. Yet now that the companies are bleeding cash, and may be heading for bankruptcy, suddenly the shrinking Big Three are the latest candidates for a taxpayer bailout. One \$25 billion loan facility has already been signed into law, and Senator Debbie Stabenow (D., Mich.) wants another \$25 billion, this time with no strings attached.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid met last week with company and union officials, and they later sent a letter urging Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson to bestow cash from the Troubled Asset Relief Program (Tarp) on the companies. Barack Obama implied at his Friday press conference that he too favors some kind of taxpayer rescue of Detroit, though no doubt he'd like to have President Bush's signature on the check so he won't have to take full political responsibility.

We hope Messrs. Bush and Paulson just say no. The Tarp was intended to save the financial system from collapse, not to be a honey

pot for any industry running short of cash. The financial panic has hit Detroit hard, but its problems go back decades and are far deeper than reduced access to credit among car buyers. As a political matter, the Bush Administration is also long past the point where it might get any credit for helping Detroit. But it will earn the scorn of taxpayers if it refuses to set some limits on access to the Tarp. If Democrats want to change the rules next year, let them do it on their own political dime.

A bailout might avoid any near-term bankruptcy filing, but it won't address Detroit's fundamental problems of making cars that Americans won't buy and labor contracts that are too rich and inflexible to make them competitive. As Paul Ingrassia notes nearby, Detroit's costs are far too high for their market share. While GM has spent billions of dollars on labor buyouts in recent years, they are still forced by federal mileage standards to churn out small cars that make little or no profit at plants organized by the United Auto Workers.

Rest assured that the politicians don't want to do a thing about those labor contracts or mileage standards. In their letter, Ms. Pelosi and Mr. Reid recommend such "taxpayer protections" as "limits on executive compensation and equity stakes" that would dilute shareholders. But they never mention the UAW contracts that have done so much to put Detroit on the road to ruin. In fact, the main point of any taxpayer rescue seems to be to postpone a day of reckoning on those contracts. That includes even the notorious UAW Jobs Bank that continues to pay workers not to work.

A Detroit bailout would also be unfair to other companies that make cars in the U.S. Yes, those are "foreign" companies in the narrow sense that they are headquartered overseas. But then so was Chrysler before Daimler sold most of the car maker to Cerberus, the private equity fund. Honda, Toyota and the rest employ about 113,000 American auto workers who make nearly four million cars a year in states like Alabama and Tennessee. Unlike Michigan, these states didn't vote for Mr. Obama.

But the very success of this U.S. auto industry indicates that highly skilled American workers can profitably churn out cars without being organized by the UAW. A bailout for Chrysler would in essence be assisting rich Cerberus investors at the expense of middle-class nonunion auto workers. Is this the new "progressive" era we keep reading so much about?

The car makers say that bankruptcy is unthinkable and "not an option." And bankruptcy would certainly be expensive, not least for Washington itself, which could be responsible for 600,000 or so retiree pensions through the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. In that sense, the bailout is intended to rescue the politicians from having to honor that earlier irresponsible guarantee. But at least that guarantee would be finite. If Uncle Sam buys into Detroit, \$50 billion would only be the start of the outlays as taxpayers were obliged to protect their earlier investment in uncompetitive companies.

If our politicians can't avoid throwing taxpayer cash at Detroit, then they should at least do so in a way that really protects taxpayers. That means handing a receiver the power to replace current management, zero out current shareholders, and especially to rewrite labor and other contracts. Anything less is merely a payoff to Michigan politicians and their union allies.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT
JOSE REGALADO

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Army SGT Jose Regalado who died while serving our country.

SGT Jose Regalado was from El Sereno, California. He was born on May 11, 1985, and attended Sierra Park Elementary School, El Sereno Middle School, and Woodrow Wilson High School. As a high school student, Sergeant Regalado joined the Junior ROTC where he worked hard to move up the JROTC ranks. He earned the position of cadet battalion command sergeant major, the highest noncommissioned officer position in the battalion, and received several of the highest awards possible.

Sergeant Regalado enlisted in the United States Army on July 22, 2003. He was a member of K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Calvary Regiment from Fort Hood, Texas.

On May 3, 2007 Sergeant Regalado married Sharri J. Ford, and on August 6, 2008, they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Jaime. Sergeant Regalado was allowed to return to the United States for 18 days to meet his daughter; it would be the first and last time he would spend time with her. Sergeant Regalado lost his life on November 12, 2008, in Mosul, Iraq, as the result of injuries sustained from small arms fire.

As a young man, Sergeant Regalado enriched the lives of his surrounding El Sereno community. His JROTC instructors recall his competitive spirit and noted that while he was very demanding of his cadets, he was well liked and respected. He was a devoted father, even carrying the ultrasound of his unborn daughter in his pocket while in Iraq. He was a loving husband and the proud son of Jose and Raquel Regalado.

Sergeant Regalado served this country with courage, pride and loyalty. He gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country and for that we will be forever grateful to him and his family. My prayers and deepest sympathy go out to his wife and young daughter, family and friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF MADISON
FORTENBERRY

HON. JEFF MILLER
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Madison Fortenberry, whose incredible contributions to the field of robotics at the age of 16 serve as an example to young Americans throughout the United States.

Mr. Fortenberry, a junior at Pace High School in Pace, Florida, has been pursuing his interests in science and technology from an early age. He utilizes multiple computer programming languages and works with a variety of micro-controllers in the creation of his robotics systems. While maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Madison finds time to

teach both basic electronics and micro-controller programming to his high school Robotics Club and to conduct his own robotics summer camp for elementary school children.

Madison has spent years studying and creating robotic systems, but his recent achievement deserves special recognition. Recently, he built a full-size, operational robot that can perform multiple autonomous tasks around Pace High School. The “Versatile General-Purpose Experimental Robot,” or VGER, has the ability to accept a message from the school’s front office, ascertain a student’s scheduled location, deliver the message, and record a response for delivery back to the front office. This self-navigating robot is 5 feet tall, weighs over 200 pounds, contains 2 full computers and 11 micro-controllers, and even carries another small explorer robot that it can release to perform minor tasks. Robots like the VGER are usually developed in the advanced engineering labs of major universities; however, Mr. Fortenberry has created his robot with little assistance from his teachers. To have accomplished this enormous feat at such a young age is a testament to Madison’s dedication and passion in the robotics field.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Madison Fortenberry for his accomplishments in robotics, and I wish this young northwest Florida leader the best of luck on his future endeavours.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
TERRI BARTLETT AND HER CON-
TRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN'S RE-
PRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE IN
THE U.S. AND AROUND THE
WORLD

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, throughout my public career I have been a vocal and determined supporter of women's reproductive healthcare, safe motherhood and the belief that all couples have a right to plan their family size by ensuring that women have access to voluntary family planning services. I want women in the U.S. and in every corner of the world to be healthy. Achieving this goal takes hard work and the commitment of people with passion, intellect and a drive to ensure that women have the right to make choices about their own healthcare needs.

In Congress, I have the privilege of voting to support women's reproductive healthcare, but there are many other important people who do the hard work everyday that makes the real differences in women's lives. I had the honor of working with one such person who dedicated her life to serving the health needs of women and their families.

Terri Bartlett was a champion for women and their families. She dedicated three decades of her life to ensuring the most basic right women so often are denied—the right to access safe reproductive healthcare.

I got to know Terri in 2005 in her capacity as Vice President for Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives at Population Action International. Her mantra was expanding access to

contraception for the poorest women on the planet to keep them productive, healthy and alive. Terri impressed me with her energy, good political sense, and tireless commitment.

When Terri and I met it was not a good time in Congress to be advocating for women's reproductive rights. Women healthcare was on the defensive and the world's poorest women who needed U.S. support the most were increasingly being ignored. Their pain, their hopes and their desire for healthier children and control of their own lives was never ignored by Terri. She was their champion. She was often their voice in the halls of Congress.

As we look ahead, with the election of President-Elect Barack Obama and strong Democratic majorities in the U.S. House and Senate, the issues of women's reproductive healthcare and family planning will once again be the focus of constructive action and hopefully increased funding that will put the needs of women first—women in the U.S., as well as women in poor villages in Ethiopia and in the slums of Nairobi. This was the moment and the goal that Terri Bartlett worked so hard to achieve. The repeal of the Global Gag Rule, reinvestment in family planning, and making the lives of poor women a priority were Terri's fights and she fought tirelessly.

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, Terri Bartlett died unexpectedly in Nashville, TN. Her passing was a great shock and loss to friends, colleagues and those who loved her. This was a sad loss for me personally.

In my work I get to meet many, many people who try and influence public policy. Terri Bartlett's work and life went beyond shaping public policy. She helped to improve life for millions of women who never knew her. I am grateful for Terri's work and I am thankful she entered my life. She will be missed by many, including me.

WORLD REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD
CRASH VICTIMS AND THEIR
FAMILIES

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims and their Families, which was on Sunday, November 16, 2008, and to remember the countless victims of road crashes worldwide and offer my sincerest condolences to their families. Each year, road traffic crashes kill nearly 1.3 million people worldwide and injure over 50 million more. It is time for drastic measures to be taken to counter this unacceptable statistic, and until we take such action, the number of deaths and disabilities from road traffic crashes will continue to increase. At the current rate of growth, road traffic accidents will be the eighth leading cause of death by the year 2030.

The unfortunate reality of traffic accidents is that they are indiscriminate and affect victims regardless of age and class. Globally, more than 40% of all road traffic deaths occur among individuals under 25 years old, and crashes are the second leading cause of death for young people aged 5–25 years. Road crashes also come at a great cost to the

global economy. It is estimated that road traffic crashes cost \$518 billion globally each year. In developing countries, road traffic crashes have a dramatic impact on their fragile economies, costing an estimated \$100 billion, often exceeding the total amount received by these countries in development assistance.

The real tragedy is that road traffic crashes are predictable and can be prevented. It is critical that America play an active role domestically and internationally to address traffic accidents. Many countries have achieved sharp reductions in the number of crashes and the frequency and severity of traffic-related injuries by addressing key issues, but this progress can be enhanced by encouraging governments to create lead road safety agencies in the image of our lead road safety agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Additionally, the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, which I am privileged to co-chair with Congressman Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, is involved in efforts to encourage governments to improve reporting standards for deaths of their citizens abroad from road crashes so that more light can be shed light on the impact of this global epidemic.

As more Americans travel globally and more of our college students participate in study abroad programs in developing countries around the world, many of them will be at risk of injury or death due to hazardous traffic conditions. Now is the time to do whatever is possible to keep them safe, and it is essential as the international community stands together in remembrance of global road traffic victims that the United States join the United Nations, NGOs, and foreign governments in commemorating this important day and work swiftly to implement policies that will prevent further accidents and the needless loss of life.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. OVIDIO JOSEPH FALCONE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Dr. Ovidio Joseph Falcone. Dr. Falcone, born in Salerno, Italy and raised in Yonkers, New York, displayed a passion for science, math, and sports from an early age, attending Manhattan College and obtaining his BS degree in Biology.

Dr. Falcone began his medical career in 1982, when he entered the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, obtaining his D.P.M. and beginning his residency at the Interfaith Medical Center in 1986, serving as its Chief Resident from 1987 to 1988 and later as its On-Site Director.

Dr. Falcone later became the Director of the Podiatric Surgical Division in 1998, developing one of the strongest Podiatric Surgical Residency Programs in the country as well as a dedicated, vibrant Podiatric Surgical Service at IMC.

Dr. Falcone is a member of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, and is a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. In addition to these responsibilities at Interfaith Medical Cen-

ter, Dr. Falcone has private practices in Queens and Brooklyn.

Dr. Falcone has a deep love for teaching the art of surgery, a strong commitment to family, and a passion for patient care. He is committed to serving the underprivileged and he believes that there is a sense of fulfillment in knowing you participated in helping those that are in need.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Ovidio Joseph Falcone for his extraordinary accomplishments at the Interfaith Medical Center.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Ovidio Joseph Falcone.

HONORING STEPHEN BAKER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH to congratulate Stephen Baker upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Baker will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

A sportswriter once said that Stephen Baker, at 5-foot-8, 160 pounds, was built more for gymnastics than for football. But with his lightning quickness, sure hands and gritty toughness, the wide receiver earned one of the game's enduring nicknames—"the touchdown maker." He was given the catchy moniker at West Los Angeles College, where he scored 31 touchdowns in two seasons, before starring at California State University Fresno for two seasons and playing six seasons with the New York Giants (1987–1992). With the Bulldogs, he was a frequent target of NCAA record-setting quarterback Kevin Sweeney, burning opponents for sixty-two receptions, an amazing 26.3 yards per catch and sixteen touchdowns over two seasons. He closed his collegiate career by catching a thirty-six yard scoring pass that gave the West All-Stars a victory in the Japan Bowl.

Drafted in the third round by the New York Giants, Mr. Baker earned the respect of Coach Bill Parcells with his ability to elude defenders and hang onto the ball. Over the course of his NFL career, he lost just one fumble. He started fifty-three games for the Giants and finished his career with one hundred and forty-one receptions, an 18.3 yards-per-catch average and twenty-one touchdowns. His best season was 1988, when he hauled in forty passes and scored seven times. The highlight of Baker's NFL career came in Superbowl XXV, as the Giants defeated the Buffalo Bills 20–19. He caught two passes—one of them a fourteen yard touchdown pass from Jeff Hostetler with just twenty-five seconds left in the first half to cut the Giants' deficit to 12–10.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Stephen Baker upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Baker congratulations on his many accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MENDOCINO STUDY CLUB

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mendocino Study Club for outstanding and distinguished service to citizens of the village and north coast of Mendocino, California, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

Since its founding by seven women on October 30, 1908, when Mendocino was still recovering from the California earthquake and fires of 1906, the Mendocino Study Club has been an intelligent and considerate force adapting to and addressing the issues of the times. The original members traveled by horse and buggy for the first decade in order to get together on the isolated and rugged Mendocino Coast.

In the early years Study Club members met to discuss reading assignments and international cultural and historical topics. It wasn't two years before they were also a contributing force to worthy causes. For many years the MSC was in charge of the local American Red Cross Drive. Active during the First World War, they gave to war related causes, and during the Depression focused on local needs. Health and dental care, education and safety became the stalwart causes for which the MSC has been particularly philanthropic.

In 1943, the MSC began its scholarship program with \$100 to study nursing. Since then, members have granted more than \$178,400 to high school graduates, as well as to recipients for reentry and job upgrade pursuits, and to economic enterprises. Their Country Christmas bazaar of handcrafted items supports the club programs including scholarships, and humanitarian and civic projects. The Mendocino Community Library is the longest running legacy, initiated by the Study Club in 1947 and incorporated in 1979. In 1988 the Mendocino Community Library moved into its own building which continues to be staffed and supported by the MSC.

Throughout the decades the MSC has been active in improving the quality of life for local residents through their support of such vital entities as the Mendocino Coast District Hospital, Mendocino Historical Research, Inc., Sherwood Oaks nursing home, Meals on Wheels, Hospitality House, a new firehouse, soup kitchens, the Senior Lunch Program and the Food Bank, to name a few. In addition to financial and volunteer support MSC has advocated on issues on behalf of school lunches to Congress, for highway safety to the state of California, and rural community libraries to the County of Mendocino.

Their 2008 centennial activities have included heritage rose plantings, a centennial quilt, and, in honor of the history of the unique village of Mendocino, the creation of walking tour brochures as a birthday gift to community.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Mendocino Study Club for 100 years of good deeds on the Mendocino coast. This exemplary organization lives up to its purpose to promote the highest spiritual, intellectual and cultural opportunities for its members, to provide for leadership of women

in the community, and to provide service to the community. It is with pleasure that I have the honor to commend the good work and future of the Mendocino Study Club.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL TOBIN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, Michael Tobin was an exceptional academic leader, a devoted and loving family man, and friend to many. While his passing brings great sadness, the memories of this extraordinary man bring solace to our community.

Early in life, Michael attended the University of Connecticut, where he was an active participant in ROTC. Following graduation, he entered the Air Force and served as a Second Lieutenant. He subsequently earned his PhD from the West Michigan University and would go on to teach at Southern Connecticut State University.

Between 1976 and 1992, Michael was a professor at Southern Connecticut State University. During his tenure, he taught educational leadership to students from our community and communities across the Nation and abroad. His professional work inspired countless students and instilled the qualities that we need in our future educational leaders.

Beyond these professional achievements, Michael was a devoted and loving family man. In his passing, the love shared by his extensive family reflects the strong bond that he shared with each.

Throughout these journeys, Michael called Vernon, Connecticut his home since 1963. He was an excellent neighbor and even better friend and his presence will certainly be missed. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my constituents in honoring his life and offering condolences to his family.

HONORING JERRY PRIETO, JR.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Prieto, Jr. upon being honored with the 2008 Greater Fresno Area Chamber Agriculturist of the Year. Mr. Prieto was honored at a luncheon November 5, 2008, held at the Radisson Conference Center in Fresno, CA.

Jerry Prieto, Jr. is a native of Corcoran, CA. He is the son of a former migrant farm worker

and was raised in a small town with a small family. Mr. Prieto attended California State University, Fresno and obtained his bachelor's of science degree in Plant Science. In 1973, he began working for the Fresno County Department of Agriculture as a Seasonal Agricultural Aide assigned to track the removal and planting of permanent crops. He quickly became a Seasonal Agricultural Inspector assigned to the inspection of cantaloupes and grapes. In 1974, he worked on the Citrus White Fly eradication project and on June 28th was hired as a full-time Agricultural Inspector assigned to the Fresno District performing plant quarantine and pest detection inspections. He also performed inspections on pesticide use, farm worker safety, seeds, and nurseries. In 1977, he was transferred to the egg inspection division where he performed egg quality inspections.

Mr. Prieto was appointed as the Supervising Agricultural Biologist in charge of the egg inspection program in 1979. Within a year he was promoted to the position of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in charge of the Grower and Consumer Protection Division responsible for the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to fruit, vegetable, and egg quality. In this position he was also responsible for gathering crop statistics and producing the Annual Crop and Livestock Report. By 1984, Mr. Prieto had transferred to Deputy Agricultural Commissioner of the Environmental Protection Division, where he enforced the laws and regulations pertaining to pesticide use, farm worker safety, and the coordination of the installation and implementation of the Fresno County Department of Agriculture's first computerized restricted use pesticide permit.

In 1989, Mr. Prieto left the Fresno County Department of Agriculture and took a position as a Senior Personnel Analyst with the Human Resources Division of the Fresno County Personnel Department. He supervised the county's labor relations, recruitment and exam programs. In 1993, he was appointed Fresno County Resource Manager. He was responsible for solid waste issues throughout the county and operated the American Avenue Regional Landfill, the Southeast Regional Landfill and the Coalinga Landfill. He was also responsible for providing road maintenance, street lighting, garbage collection, parks, and sewer and water services to 90 special districts.

Mr. Prieto was appointed to the position of Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weight and Measures exactly 25 years after he began working for the department. He was responsible for promoting and regulating the Nation's highest agriculture producing area. Mr. Prieto was appointed Chairman of Secretary Kawamura's AB 771 Honeybee/Seedless Mandarin Co-Existence Work-

ing Group. Mr. Prieto also served as a member of Governor Gray Davis' State Committee on Terrorism and the Western Weights and Measures Association Board of Directors. He served as the first Chairman of the California Agriculture Commissioners and Sealers Association's Food Safety and Agriculture Security Committee. He served as Chairman of the Fresno County Department Heads Council for 4 years. He is a member of the California State University, Fresno Agricultural Plant Science Advisory Committee and the Fresno County Farm Bureau. He is the Chairman of the Fresno County Council of Governments Model Farmland Preservation Committee and the Fresno County Land Conservation Committee. He is a past president of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association. Mr. Prieto served as a judge for the Future Farmers of America California State Final competition for 23 years. For all of his service he has been honored with the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and the "Service Award" from the Fresno-Kings Counties Cattleman's Association.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jerry Prieto upon being awarded as the 2008 Greater Fresno Area Chamber Agriculturist of the Year. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Prieto many years of continued success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.