

greatly enriched by the Latino community. I am especially proud of the accomplishments of SAMA, the Spanish American Merchants Association, a Connecticut nonprofit with more than 300 members that provides technical assistance, educational programs and loan programs for small businesses in the community. SAMA's Empresario Latino Development Center is the small business premier provider of educational resources, material, and training in English/Spanish for entrepreneurs in the State of Connecticut.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and ask that we continue to celebrate the many contributions of Latinos to our nation in the months to come.

COMMENDING CARL, MARTIN AND TED RESNICK OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend three outstanding citizens in my Seventh Congressional District—Carl, Ted and Martin Resnick of Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

On Wednesday, November 11 these three outstanding individuals will receive the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Central New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

All three of these men are receiving this prestigious award for their commitment to the Boy Scouts in Hunterdon County and their strong commitment to the entire Hunterdon County community. Whether it be their involvement in local sports teams, clubs, service organizations, wildlife refuge efforts, the arts, or area first responders, the Resnick family has made significant contributions to our community.

As a lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, I have known Carl, Ted and Martin Resnick and their family for most of my life. In addition to owning the Flemington Department Store—which is a family-owned business—the Resnick family has been active members of the Hunterdon County community for more than 50 years.

In addition to his role at the Flemington Department Store, Carl Resnick is a strong advocate for blood donor programs and has donated more than eight gallons of blood to help others. Ted Resnick may be best known for his 40-year involvement in the Hunterdon County wrestling program where he still volunteers as a coach, mentor, referee and supporter. Martin Resnick has been very active in community affairs such as organizing a collection center for relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Because of their hard work and devotion to the entire Hunterdon County community, I am pleased to join the Central New Jersey Council Boy Scouts of America in commending Carl, Martin and Ted Resnick. I am also pleased to share their good efforts and contributions with my colleagues in the United States Congress and with the American people.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO BERTHA RICHARDSON

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on November 2, the family and friends of Mrs. Bertha Richardson gathered together to celebrate Mrs. Richardson's 100th birthday. I am pleased to extend belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson is a life-long resident of Rosharon, Texas, which is in my congressional district. As the matriarch of her extended family, Mrs. Richardson continues to her relatives, and all members of her community, with the gifts of her faith and wisdom. I urge all my colleagues to join me in sending our best wishes to Bertha Richardson on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

HONORING SAM CROCKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sam Crocker, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Sam's family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Sam on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Sam's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Sam should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Sam will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Sam Crocker for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 835, 836, 837, 838, 839 and 840 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all.

TRIBUTE TO MARY SHAFER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to a beloved philanthropist

from my district and one of the most selfless and kindhearted persons I have ever known.

Mary Shafer recently passed away after battling breast cancer for 14 years. During that prolonged fight she never lost her faith in God and tirelessly continued her charity work.

With her husband Bo—who served as the President of Kiwanis International from 2000–2001—Mary traveled all over the World helping the indigent. Her compassion and service had no boundaries. Bo and Mary believed their work with Kiwanis was a privilege, not a duty, and they left an immeasurable mark on more people than can be counted.

Mary's most passionate cause was providing clean drinking water to people in developing countries. Many people admirably serve their community or donate money to charity, but it takes a very special and resilient person to perform such challenging work in some of the World's most impoverished places.

Closer to home, Mary also served numerous other causes and served on or chaired the boards of many agencies like the Volunteer Mission Center, the United Way, and the Florence Crittenton Agency.

Bo recently told the Knoxville News Sentinel following Mary's passing that he was head-over-heels in love with her, and, "We never had an argument. Her goal in life was to keep a smile on my face, and my goal in life was to keep a smile on her face."

Mary was very active in the Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville and a devout Christian. According to her family, her last words were, "Thank you, Lord Jesus. I had a great time."

Even in the face of such a lengthy and difficult illness, Mary thanked her creator for all the blessings in her life. For Mary, He had a special purpose, and although the Lord decided to call her home, she will not be forgotten by all those she knew and comforted.

Madam Speaker, the passing of Mary Shafer is a tremendous loss for my district, her husband, Bo, and her countless family and friends. I call her service and faith in God to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and thank her for being a shining example to us all.

OPPOSING ANY ENDORSEMENT OR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FACT FINDING MISSION ON THE GAZA CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 867, a resolution standing against further action on the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict," also known as the "Goldstone Report."

From its inception, the Gaza report was rooted in an orchestrated campaign to delegitimize Israel. It was commissioned by the U.N. Human Rights Council, an institution obsessed with condemning Israel. In his response to the Goldstone Report, Michael Posner, the Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, noted that the