EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPRERCH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the men and women in our armed forces and H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2011. H.R. 5136 makes sound investments in our armed forces—strengthening our national security and providing needed resources and support for our men and women in uniform and their families.

I am particularly pleased by the inclusion of twenty-eight provisions to ensure the Defense Department has the tools it needs to prevent and respond to sexual assault in the military. These important provisions will implement into law many of the recommendations of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2011. H.R. 5136 makes sound investments in our armed forces—strengthening our national security and providing needed resources and support for our men and women in uniform and their families.

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Preventing sexual assault in the military is a persistent problem and an issue that I have worked on for many years. I firmly believe that the best way to effectively tackle a problem such as sexual assault in the military is to have accurate data, which is why I previously introduced legislation that would force the Department of Defense (DoD) to implement fully the Defense Incident-Based Reporting System (DIBRS). DIBRS collects statistics about crimes committed within the military services.

Despite the clear need for a well-functioning system for tracking crimes, DIBRS has yet to be completed. In the FY10 National Defense Authorization Act, I offered an amendment that was successfully adopted that required the Secretary to report to Congress on the Department’s progress to completing DIBRS. Since that time, the Defense Department has reported that the DIBRS has yet to be completed. In the FY10 National Defense Authorization Act, I offered an amendment that was successfully adopted that required the Secretary to report to Congress on the Department’s progress to completing DIBRS. Since that time, the Defense Department has reported that the DIBRS has yet to be completed.

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In the FY05 Defense Authorization legislation, and I am very pleased to see that this bill before us today requires DoD to specifically budget for the sexual assault prevention and response program—a program that addresses these shortfalls.

This bill before us today protects and supports our military service members, while strengthening the ability of the finest military in the world to respond to today’s and future threats.

I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010 SHELTER HOUSE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 08, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shelter House, Inc., and particularly the contributions that its volunteers make in service to our community. Shelter House and its outstanding volunteers serve Northern Virginia by coming to the aid of some of those most in need of support and assistance. Volunteers are critical in helping Shelter House achieve its mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness by providing crisis intervention, temporary housing, training, counseling, and programs to promote self-sufficiency.

Shelter House is a community-based, nonprofit organization. It was formed in 1981 when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve low-income individuals and families. Shelter House operates three shelters, the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter and the Patrick Henry Family Shelter, which provide temporary housing for families in our community who find themselves homeless, and also Artemis House, Fairfax County’s Domestic Violence Shelter. This year, Shelter House was named to the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington, as “One of the Best” area non-profits.

In addition, Shelter House offers transitional housing services throughout Fairfax County. As part of the effort to stop the cycle of homelessness, the services provided by Shelter House continue even after individuals enter permanent housing.

Individuals, organizations, and businesses dedicate their time, money, and wherewithal to help Shelter House succeed in its efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. These relationships are critical assets to Shelter House and a leading cause for its successes. Shelter House has recognized the specific contributions from its partners and volunteers and named the following recipients of its 2010 Volunteer Awards:

Ending Homelessness Award: Great Falls Women’s Club

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Kate Seikaly

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: Clifton Community Women’s Club

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at Artemis House: Rhonda Gary

Community Partner Award at the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Northern Virginia Urban League

Community Partner Award at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: National Charity League, Inc., Cherry Blossom Chapter

Community Partner Award at Artemis House: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.—Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter

Youth Volunteer Award: Lexi Hamilton

Unsung Hero Award: Anika Armstrong

Special Event Volunteer Award: Tanika Siler

Community Champion Award: Balfour

Beauty Construction

We also must acknowledge the impact of all Shelter House volunteers who work to provide secure, structured environments and connect families with the supportive services they require. These volunteers help make Shelter House one of the most effective organizations in the battle to end homelessness by empowering families to reach their full potential.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for the efforts of these volunteers and their colleagues at Shelter House. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to the Northern Virginia community as well as life-changing services to individuals in need.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE SINAI

HON. JOHN H. ADLER
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Temple Sinai in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, for providing a place of religious education, worship, and community service. Temple Sinai has served as a loyal establishment for the South Jersey Jewish community for 25 great years.

The traditions of Temple Sinai, a family growing, learning, worshipping, and working together, are still upheld today. These valuable practices are due to the wonderful leadership by Rabbi Steven Fineblum, teachers, and most importantly, dedicated members to the synagogue.

In recognition to the many years of dedicated religious practice and service to the community, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Temple Sinai on its 25th anniversary.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — Extensions of Remarks
HONORING RAFAEL, LORENZO GALLEGOS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant in the State of Colorado. Former State Representative Rafael Lorenzo Gallegos passed away on May 24, 2010. Colorado and the San Luis Valley have lost a tremendously respected leader.

Representative Gallegos led a remarkable life. He served in the United States Air Force Reserve in the 1950s while he completed his high school education. He then went on to Colorado State University in Pueblo and then to the National Weather Service. He was elected Mayor of Antonito, Colorado in 2002 and went on to represent the San Luis Valley in the Colorado legislature from 2005 to 2008.

While serving in the legislature, Representative Gallegos focused on issues important to southern Colorado. He was passionate about water and agriculture, and about taking care of our veterans. He also worked to bring economic development to the San Luis Valley. Always a friendly face, the former weather man was known throughout the Capitol for delivering the weather forecast every Friday on the House floor before members had to travel home to their districts for the weekend.

First and foremost, Rafael Gallegos was a servant to his constituents, an example to all of us who strive for public service. He once said, "I am there for the people... Whatever I do and however I vote will be in this district's best interest." Representative Gallegos never forgot where he came from and he lived to serve others so that they could have a brighter future.

My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. He will be missed but his legacy will live on through all of the lives that he touched in Southern Colorado.

HONORING WILBUR J. COHEN
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I speak today to honor a remarkable American, Wilbur J. Cohen, on the 97th anniversary of his birth.

From the programs of the New Deal to the Great Society, Wilbur Cohen was a key player in nearly every significant effort that involved social legislation. Nicknamed “The Man Who Built Medicare,” Mr. Cohen was responsible for improving the quality of life of millions of elderly Americans. An acquaintance of Mr. Cohen once said, “he feels every person in the country who is home alone sick is his personal responsibility.”

Mr. Cohen was born on June 10, 1913 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1934, Mr. Cohen relocated to Washington, D.C. to pursue his dreams of public service. In short order, he became a key drafter of the Social Security Act. He then became the Director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics, which managed program development and legislative coordination with Congress for the Social Security Board—renamed the Social Security Administration in 1946. Shortly after his election, President John F. Kennedy appointed Mr. Cohen as Assistant Secretary for Legislation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. During President Kennedy’s administration, Mr. Cohen was responsible for obtaining congressional approval of over sixty-five bills. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Mr. Cohen Under Secretary and, in 1968, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. During the Johnson Administration, Mr. Cohen ensured the passage of the historic Medicare bill and the landmark education bill that granted federal aid to elementary and secondary schools. Not limiting his attention to welfare, Social Security, and Medicare, however, Mr. Cohen also dedicated his efforts to addressing the concerns of school dropouts, Indian health, consumer protection, and the budgetary needs of St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, to name a few other issues of concern.

Portrayed by Time magazine as a man of “boundless energy, infectious enthusiasm, and a drive for action,” Mr. Cohen’s exemplary spirit and selfless dedication to public service have allowed millions to live healthier and more fulfilling lives. This drive for a better America earned the support of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for the expansion of social programs to those most in need. A true visionary and a lifelong believer in social justice, Mr. Cohen’s actions were an inspiration to all Americans for his tireless advocacy on behalf of the less fortunate. On May 17, 1987, Mr. Cohen passed away, and the United States lost a great pioneer of social legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides immeasurable benefits to Northern Virginia and serves to strengthen and enrich our communities.

The following individuals were recognized as Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for 2010. Each of these individuals was selected as a result of his or her outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other special achievements. These individuals have earned our praise and appreciation.

At Large: Lady Luella F. Brown and Lord Verdia L. Haywood
Braddock District: Lady Shirley DiBartolo and Lord Sam DiBartolo
Dranesville District: Lady Tanveer A. Mirza and Lord Cantor Michael A. Schochet
Hunter Mill District: Lady Carol Ann Bradley and Lord Patrick Kane
Lee District: Lady Suzette Kern and Lord Harry H. Zimmerman
Mason District: Lady Cindy Waters and Lord Mike Magill
Mt. Vernon District: Lady Glenda Booth and Lord Linwood Gorham
Prince William County: Lady Sarah M. Lahr and Lord Ken A. Quincy
Springfield District: Lady Lynne M. Garvey-Hodge and Lord Tom Peterson
Sully District: Lady Deborah J. Robison and Lord Steven T. Ratliff

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HONORING RILEY WALTER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Riley Walter upon thirty years of business in the legal field. Mr. Riley will be honored at a reception on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Mr. Riley Walter attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in 1974, both in Agriculture. While working towards his Masters degree, he worked as an assistant professor of agriculture business management at Cal Poly, Pomona. Upon completing the masters program, Mr. Walter attended Western State University in southern California and received a Juris Doctorate in 1980. During this time, he was also working toward becoming a tenured associate professor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Later, Mr. Walter became certified as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Bankruptcy Certification. In 1980, Mr. Walter passed the bar in and May began practicing in a commercial law firm with a primary area of practice has become insolvent bankruptcy law in Central California, from Bakersfield to Sacramento. His primary area of practice has become insolvency law, specifically Chapter 11 and specializing in large scale agricultural and agribusiness cases including creameries, processors, nurseries, farms, ranches and dairies. Mr. Walter also works on consensual restructurings, workouts, liquidations, receiverships, assignment for benefit of creditors.
and other insolvency and restructuring mat-
ters. For these types of issues, Mr. Walter has
worked with cities, hospitals, developers, en-
ergy companies, manufacturing, service and
retail businesses. During his thirty years of prac-
tice, he has represented debtors and trustees in over three thousand cases under
Chapter 11, 12, 7 and 9.

Mr. Walter is actively involved with many
legal organizations. He has served as presi-
dent and director of the Central California
Bankruptcy Association and the San Joaquin
Valley Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.
He has served as the chair of Business Law
Section and the Agricultural Law Section of
the Fresno County Bar Association. Mr. Walter
also served as the director and co-chair of the
California State Bar Agribusiness Committee.
He has served as director of the California
Bankruptcy Forum and the Central California
Receivers Forum. He is, or has been, a mem-
er of the American Bar Association, Amer-
ican Bankruptcy Institute, American Inns of
Court and Society of Agricultural Lenders.
He is a former chair of the Agricultural Law Re-
view Advisory Committee at San Joaquin Col-
lege of Law. He is a fellow of the American
College of Bankruptcy, Class XIII and is a De-
egate to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.
Mr. Walter was selected as a Northern Cali-
ifornia Super Lawyer for 2004 through 2009.

Outside of his practice, Mr. Walter taught
law as an adjunct professor at San Joaquin
College of Law in Fresno from 1989 through
1993. He was also an adjunct pro-
essor of management (entrepreneurial stud-
ies) at California State University, Fresno. He
has authored, co-authored or contributed to
many articles. Because of his extensive expe-
rience and involvement, Mr. Walter has lec-
tured on bankruptcy topics to business and
legal groups numerous times.

Mr. Walter has a long history of involvement
in civic and cultural organizations. He currently
serves as the vice chair on the board of the
Lyles Center for Entrepreneurship and Innova-
tion of California State University, Fresno. He
is general counsel to the Central Valley Busi-
ness Incubator and the Bulldog Fund. Mr. Walter
recently retired from the board of the
Centex Electric Incubator, after thirteen
years of service with the organization. He
was formerly on the boards of the Fresno
Business Council, the Fresno Metropolitan
Museum, Fresno City and County Historical

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and
congratulate Riley Walter upon thirty
years of legal service to the Central Valley.
I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr.
Walter many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES
AND VETERANS

SPEECH OF
HON. TODD TIAHRT
OF KANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I join my col-
leagues in strong support for H. Res. 1385
to recognize and honor the courage and sacri-
fice of the members of the Armed Forces and vet-
erans. Though we appreciate their sacrifice
every month, it is important this resolution is passed
this month as May is expressly des-
ignated National Military Appreciation Month.
We can never say “thank you” enough for the
sacrifices paid by the Nation’s military. The
liberties we enjoy today were earned through
the bravery and sacrifice of ordinary Ameri-
cans with extraordinary selflessness. America
must never turn her back on her service mem-
bers and veterans.

We know all too well that freedom is not
free. They courageously stepped forward to
protect and defend the Constitution and the
people of the United States. This resolution is
just a small tribute to the great character of all
our military service members and veterans.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me in
supporting H. Res. 1385 and thanking current
and former servicemembers for guaranteeing
our freedom.


GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD CONGRATULATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 08, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker,
I rise today to recognize a group of out-
standing young girls for achieving the Girl
Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl
Scouting. This year’s honorees from Virginia’s
11th Congressional District are Michelle
Bedker, Randi Beil, Michelle Biwer, Lindsey
Brock, Lauren Falkenstein, Kathryn Forestello,
Nicole Gray, Brynna Helflin, Carolyn Iwicki,
Cassady Keller, Jessica McEvoy, Allison
Moats and Ashley Pettway. The Gold Award is
a prestigious award that is earned by a select
group of Girl Scouts who have demonstrated
a higher commitment not only to community
service, but to advocating for lasting change.
Each girl carefully evalu-
ated her community’s needs and determined
the nature and scope of her project and then
submitted project proposals to the Gold Award
Panel. Additionally, while working on the
project, each girl dedicated a minimum of
65 hours. This year’s projects ranged from teach-
ing young people to read or play an instru-
ment to protecting the environment and help-
ing the homeless.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join
me in congratulating these girls on their
achievements and for their contributions to
their community. I wish them well in all of their
future endeavors.

HONORING FAIRFIELD,
WASHINGTON

HON. CATHY MORRIS RODGERS
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. MORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker,
I rise today to applaud the town of Fairfield,
Washington for its ongoing commit-
mment to one of our nation’s most
valuable national treasures—the American Flag.
On June 12, 2010, Fairfield, Washington will host its one-
hundredth Flag Day parade. Long known as
the “Town that Celebrates the Flag,” Fairfield
embrides the patriotic, hard working principles
that have made this Nation great for over two-
hundred thirty-four years.

Originally established in 1777 and cele-
brated each year on June 14, Flag Day com-
memorates the unification of this great union
under the United States Flag. As part of its
centennial celebration, Fairfield will dedicate a
newly installed flag pole to the men and
women who have selflessly served in our Na-
tion’s armed services. At a time when our Na-
tion’s military is involved in multiple conflicts
and humanitarian aid missions, this solemn
dedication is entirely fitting of Congress’ rec-
ognized fight.

I would also like to mention that Fairfield
residents’ strong beliefs in family, community,
and civic responsibility reflect the characteris-
tics the Founders envisioned for the citizens
of this great Republic. I am honored to represent
these proud Americans and congratulate them
and the town of Fairfield on its one-hundred
Flag Day parade.

HONORING MILTON CLOWERS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I
rise today to pay respect to Fayetteville, Geor-
gia’s Milton Clowers, who passed away last
week. A good friend to many, he leaves be-
hind his wife Randi and loving children: son
Eric and his wife Amy and a daughter, Cam-
eron. His extended family included several
brothers and sisters who preceded him in
death and four brothers and two sisters who
survive. Probably most special to him were his
grandchildren—Gracelyn, Reginald, Khaili,
Tylieshia, Tyler and Gabrielle.

Milton was a good friend to me, having
known him both personally and professionally.
He was born in Tennessee and attended Ten-
nessee State University. Milton pursued a ca-
cer in the electrical industry, which brought
him to Atlanta where he was accepted into the
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
(IBEW) Local 613/National Electrical Contrac-
tors Apprenticeship program.

Milton worked hard and diligently to excel
in the electrical industry. From the early days at
Grove Park Electric to Dixie Electric Com-
pany where he helped bring in Yukon Elec-
tric as a joint venture partner for projects for
Delta Air Lines—Milton enjoyed a successful
career. The highlight of his career was making
UpTime Electric the successful electrical con-
tracting firm it is today.

Milton also served on several industry
boards including the Atlanta Electrical Con-
tactor’s Association where he was a Presi-
dent, Governor and Chairman.

Career and community work are important,
but a man is only as good as the family and
friends who support him. Fortunately, Milton
was blessed with an abundance of both. He
was a loving and devoted husband, father,
brother and friend. He was a strong, multi-
talented and compassionate man who gave so
much to so many. I am proud to speak about
him today and honor his life and contribution.
Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize three Fairfax County Public School Principals for receiving the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s 2009 Environmental Educators of the Year Award.

The honorees for this award were Ms. Debra Lane, principal at Rolling Valley Elementary School, Mr. Sal Rivera, principal at Flint Hill Elementary School, and Mr. Dwayne Young, principal at Centreville Elementary School.

These educators have actively infused environmental education in the curricula of their schools and worked to include more outdoor experiences for their teachers and students. Furthermore, these principals were instrumental in establishing a teacher professional development program called “Chesapeake Classrooms,” which focuses on the Chesapeake Bay for county principals and teachers.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Lane, Mr. Rivera, and Mr. Young’s hard work have shown their commitment to the community and the importance of educating our young people on the values of environmental stewardship. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on this wonderful accomplishment and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF
HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Asian/Pacific Heritage Month and the contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans to this nation. It is evident that Asian/Pacific Americans are an important source of cultural capital, having become fixtures in literature, film, music, athletics and all other areas of American society. Annual observance each May was designated because of two significant events, the first being the arrival of Japanese immigrants in the United States on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869.

The United States Census Bureau reports that Asian/Pacific Americans are one of the nation’s most diverse populations, numbering 15.2 million and encompassing 28 language groups and 47 ethnicities. 80 percent of the Asian/Pacific American community resides in California, Hawaii, New York, Texas, New Jersey, Illinois, Washington, Florida, Virginia, and Massachusetts. The histories of these groups in America are deeply connected to the history of the United States through such events as the designation of the World War II 442nd Regimental Combat Team as the highest decorated military unit in U.S. history, the election of Dalip Singh Saund to the U.S. Congress in 1957 and the appointment of three Asian Americans to the Presidential Cabinet under President Barack Obama.

In addition to the advancements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans, we also highlight many of the challenges they have overcome and continue to face today. This legacy includes the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. More recent difficulties comprise post 9/11 profiling, discrimination and hate crimes against Muslim and Sikh communities and income, language and educational disparities in access within the public and private education system. Acknowledging these hurdles is the first step in overcoming them and learning from past injustices will lead to a more equitable and progressive United States.

The political presence and civic engagement of the Asian/Pacific American community has increased substantially since their arrival in the United States. Currently, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus is composed of a record 30 members. In addition, the Obama administration has made significant efforts to reach out to the Asian/Pacific American community, including the reestablishment of the White House Initiative on Asian and Pacific Islanders to coordinate the work of multiple agencies and ensure more accurate data collection and greater access to services. The United States recognizes the uniqueness of the Asian/Pacific American constituency and the valuable contributions of its members.

I respect and admire the advancements of Asian/Pacific Americans and anticipate their growing political representation and inclusion in all levels of government and American society.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MR. GERALD A. WILLIAMS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of and express sadness over the untimely death of lawyer and friend Gerald A. Williams.

Mr. Williams was not only a friend but a brilliant lawyer whose mission was to serve our community in South Florida. He was a humble man and a true role model.

He had served as the chief counsel to the Palm Beach County School Board since November 2005 and was responsible for all legal matters involving the School Board. Prior to serving as Chief Counsel, he served for four years as Chief Negotiator and Chief Officer of Administration for the school district.

In numerous appointments and positions, Mr. Williams also served as general counsel for the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, as treasurer and executive board member for the Urban League of Palm Beach County, and as co-founder and president of the Suncoast Chamber of Commerce in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Williams became one of the first black graduates of the University of Florida College of Law in 1975. His firm, Haygood & Williams, grew into the largest all-black law firm in the state. Mr. Williams left private practice in 1997 to serve as Chief Labor Counsel, and Chief Officer of Labor and Legislative Relations for Dade County Public Schools.

In 2009, Mr. Williams was recognized by Florida Trend Magazine as one of Florida’s Legal Elite and identified as one of the top government attorneys in the state.

Mr. Williams was a husband, a father, a brother, an uncle, a godfather, a dedicated public service attorney and community leader. I am grateful for Mr. Williams’ contributions and dedication to Palm Beach County. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and community.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MR. GERALD A. WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Caruso, a resident of Delanco, New Jersey and dedicated volunteer at Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services.

Joe has been volunteering with Emergency and Community Services for the past two years as a trained tax preparer. As one of two tax preparers, Joe has provided free tax preparation for hundreds of seniors and low-income residents of Burlington County.

In addition to his tax services, Joe took on the temporary duties of the Pantry Manager. Through his dedication and commitment to the program’s goals, he reorganized the food pantry, handled all food and household donation pick-ups, developed a food inventory tracking system, provided routine maintenance of the pantry’s refrigerators and freezers, and advocated with donors to secure additional food items for the pantry program.

Joe does whatever is necessary to make sure that our hungry neighbors do not go without food and quietly goes about his work not expecting or wanting any accolades. He has been a valuable asset to the program and his selfless efforts have to be recognized.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in congratulating Joe for his outstanding and dedicated service to the less fortunate in our South Jersey communities.

MARYLAND WOMEN’S LACROSSE

HON. STENY H. HOYER
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the women’s lacrosse team of my alma mater, the University of Maryland, on its record tenth national championship. In the March 31st championship game, Maryland defeated Northwestern University, a lacrosse dynasty in its own right, by a score of 13–11.

Congratulations are especially due to Coach Cathy Reese, who was rewarded with success by returning to coach at her alma mater; to senior Caitlin McFadden, who was a part of her last collegiate game with two goals and an assist, and was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player; and to the Maryland fans,
who turned out to support their Terrapins in record numbers. This championship is the product of outstanding athletes and coaches, untold hours of hard work, and the passionate support of the University of Maryland community. The University of Maryland demonstrates excellence in both academics and athletics, and I’m proud of this team for contributing to that legacy.

RECOGNIZING FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ERIC BRENT ON RECEIVING THE WASHINGTON POST DISTINGUISHED EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 08, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Principal Eric Brent, the winner of the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award for Prince William County Schools.

Principal Brent has more than 23 years of educational experience and is currently the principal of Forest Park High School. He has served as a secondary classroom teacher, coach, sponsor, guidance counselor, director of student services, assistant principal, and principal during his career. He is a student body favorite and is known as a devoted mentor who takes a sincere interest in the lives of his students. Teachers and parents cite his administrative style as polite and collaborative. His diverse experience and enthusiasm for education have given him the skills and talent to be a first-class principal.

His work at Forest Park High has produced a long list of results and accolades. In 2008, Newsweek magazine ranked Forest Park High School on its annual list of “America’s Top Public High Schools.” During his tenure, student scores on the SAT improved from 1511 to 1528 and the number of graduates attending four-year higher education programs increased from 50 percent to 60 percent. In 2009, Principal Brent was recognized for these accomplishments when he was named Principal of the Year in Prince William County.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Principal Eric Brent on his win. He is an asset to our local school system, and his work is helping countless children and setting them on the right path for a positive future.

THE GAZA FLOTTILLA INCIDENT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, Israel has the right and the duty to defend its citizens from attack, and it is both reasonable and prudent to interdict weapons from being smuggled into Gaza.

Last Monday’s confrontation between Israeli naval forces and a group of activists seeking to bring supplies to the Hamas-governed Gaza Strip was tragic, and I join the worldwide outpouring of grief over the deaths of nine people aboard the Mavi Marmara.

In the midst of his tragedy, we must not forget that Israel has been engaged in a protracted struggle with Hamas, a terrorist organization that has repeatedly stated that it will never accept Israel’s right to exist, and which has used the 1.4 million people of Gaza as human shields for rocket attacks and other acts of terror against Israeli citizens.

The Turkish group that organized the flotilla, the IHH, must accept responsibility for the loss of life aboard the ship by deliberately provoking a confrontation with Israeli Navy personnel enforcing a legal blockade of Gaza. Rather than accepting Israel’s offer to offload its cargo in Israel for subsequent transport via the land crossings into Gaza, the Mavi Marmara chose to try to run the blockade and then resisted the Israeli boarding party, beating Israeli troops with metal pipes and other weapons. In the days since the incident, it has been revealed some of those aboard the ship were jihadist provocateurs seeking a clash with the Israelis.

And regrettably in this, they were successful.

The international community must show greater resolve in forcing Hamas to renounce terror, accept Israel’s right to exist, and abide by prior agreements. We must work together with our allies to meet the needs of the people of Gaza, but Hamas bears ultimate responsibility for the continued suffering of the people of that region.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF
HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole on the House of the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Chair, several months ago I received a letter from a soldier who lives in New York. The letter was very similar to those that many members of Congress receive from brave servicemen and women who reside in their districts. The letter spoke of multiple tours through Iraq and Afghanistan, of volunteering for more service even after completing enough tours to retire, and of the pride of a soldier who loves his country and is willing to sacrifice so much to defend it.

But this letter was not quite the same as those that many of us here in the Capitol receive from time to time. You see, despite serving his country for more than 20 years, despite volunteering to serve in a combat zone to defend America’s principles of freedom from tyranny and from persecution, and despite receiving two bronze stars for meritorious service to his country, the gay soldier who wrote this letter is required by United States law to lie about who he is or face being discharged from the military.

For 16 years, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” has placed an unthinkable and immoral burden on gay and lesbian servicemen and women, who, under United States law and unlike their heterosexual counterparts, must hide their sexual orientation and their partners from the military. Their partners are not eligible for the military spousal benefits to which the partners of heterosexual servicemen are entitled, including health care and better housing. Madame Speaker, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” is, by definition, a discriminatory policy.

In the course of tonight’s debate, several members have characterized the House of Representatives’ impending vote to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” as a step forward for morality and equality. And it is. But, before we collectively pat ourselves on the back for a job well done, I would remind my colleagues that tonight’s leap forward is only a result of the giant leap backwards we took when we instituted the policy in the first place. Years from now, when our children read about “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” in their history books, what will they think of a government that so shamefully turned its back on gay servicemen and women in the interest of a political compromise?

Madam Chair, politics is a business of grays. Seldom do we have the opportunity to vote on legislation that is black or white, moral or immoral, right or wrong. Tonight is the rare exception.

For the thousands of gay servicemen and women who so bravely serve our country every day but who live in constant fear of being discharged for who they are, for the principles of freedom and equality upon which the United States of America was founded, and in the interest of righting a wrong that has persisted for far too long, I rise in support of the amendment before us and for the patriotic soldier whose letter I enclose for the record, a letter in which he implores me: “If and when this issue ever comes up for debate, and even for a vote in Congress, I respectfully ask you to remember all the gay military personnel who are right now risking our lives to defend the U.S. and its values.”

Madam Chair, that moment has come.

HON. GARY ACKERMAN,
Member of the House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ACKERMAN: I am a captain in the United States Army Reserve, and am presently deployed to Afghanistan. I am writing to you with gratitude, to extend to you my record of your letter in which he implores me: “If and when this issue ever comes up for debate, and even for a vote in Congress, I respectfully ask you to remember all the gay military personnel who are right now risking our lives to defend the U.S. and its values.”

As a veteran of both the U.S. Navy Reserve and the U.S. Army Reserve, in the latter I have served as both a sergeant and as a commissioned officer. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 I have completed tours of duty in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait.

I was informed that I had completed two tours of good years of Reserve military serv- ice, and had thus earned the right to retire. But I did not want to retire with my country still at war. So I volunteered for another combat zone deployment, and am serving once again in Afghanistan. I have been at my current duty station — —, I recite this brief resume to let you know that I am no mere observer of the military, but someone who has dedicated much of my life to our national defense.
Congressman Ackerman, I am also one of the many gay military personnel who have served our country faithfully in these times of terrorism and war. I want to give you my personal view why DADT is wrong. First of all, it is widely recognized that a married service member’s relationship with his or her spouse has a profound impact on his or her mental health and performance. Thus, straight married service members are free, within the limits of resource availability and operational constraints, to maintain close communications with their spouses. In fact, such communication is actively encouraged. Regular phone calls, e-mail, and postal letters enable the service members and spouses to get through the strain of combat zone deployments in particular.

Many gay service members have committed every day, hour, and minute to this same risk and make the same sacrifices as do their straight counterparts. But because of DADT, gay service members and their partners have to constantly worry that an overheard telephone call, an intercepted e-mail message, or other type of compromised communication could lead to a degrading, career-ending investigation. I believe, to place such additional burdens on the back of American patriots. I write of these matters from personal experience. The terrorist attacks occurred I was in a serious long-term relationship. But the extensive post-9/11 active duty I performed put a serious strain on this relationship. By the end of my first year of active duty, completely apart during my first Afghanistan deployment—in.

As you may know, the military has seen a troubling increase in the service member suicide rate since 9/11. Furthermore, the loss of a serious relationship is one of the critical risk factors that may contribute to such suicides. I experienced this particular risk factor and my situation was compounded by its occurrence in a war zone. Six years later, I can still vividly remember cradling my government-issue pistol in my hands and fighting the urge to blow my own brains out.

I made it through that crisis. I completed my mission in Afghanistan successfully, and in fact was decorated with a Bronze Star Medal at the conclusion of that tour. I went on to earn a second Bronze Star Medal in Iraq two years later, and was promoted to—shortly after that.

What made that crisis particularly difficult were the isolation imposed on me as a result of DADT. A straight soldier, in other words, a combat experienced trooper could turn to his commander, his first sergeant, or a “battle buddy” for help and advice. But such avenues are legally closed to gay troops. If, for example, had shared the details of my situation with my commander—a decent and honorable man—he would have been legally obligated to initiate an investigation that would have heaped even more stress upon me, disrupted my unit’s mission, and ultimately destroyed my career.

I know that many would say that a gay service member in such a situation could go to a chaplain in confidentiality. I have great respect for our military chaplains and for all the good work that they do. But I also believe that no service member should feel forced to see a chaplain as his or her only option. Every service member should have the right to speak freely with a commander, a trusted noncommissioned officer, or a battle buddy. I assert this not only as an individual Soldier, but also with personal experience as a platoon leader and company commander. When I have been in these command positions, I have had Soldiers share with me their personal, intimate thoughts about their families and home lives. I was glad that these Soldiers trusted me, and this bond of trust and openness enabled me to give each individual the counsel or moral support that was needed. But what about gay troops? They are legally deprived of such a trusted, personal relationship with a noncommissioned officer, or a battle buddy. This is wrong. These gay troops—especially those experiencing the stress of combat zone deployments—need the support of their friends and family. The DADT policy shackles the hands of leaders like myself and prevents us from properly supporting all our troops. This policy does not simply put gay service members at risk. DADT is a shameful blot on our national honor.

I know that many are wary of a repeal of DADT. Perhaps some—particularly those who oppose homosexual conduct on religious grounds—see such a policy change as the equivalent of homosexualizing the military. I do not think that gay service members are going to begin engaging in outrageous or disruptive behavior. Today’s gay troops, despite the burdens of DADT, are putting their lives on the line every day in service to our country; many of us have been tested in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, and other challenging locations. If the Pentagon gets rid of DADT, we will continue to do our jobs and take care of our battle buddies; we and our commanders will simply have a terrible burden lifted from our shoulders.

Congressman, after more than two decades of military service—at sea and on land, from the Cold War era to the Global War on Terror, in joint service and multinational environments—I think I know the women and men of our armed forces pretty well. I can tell you that every day U. S. service members overcome barriers of difference—difference in race, ethnic heritage, religion, regional origin, gender, socioeconomic class, and other areas. Sexual orientation is just another element in that equation.

We are able to overcome all of these types of difference and form cohesive teams by focusing on the basics: mutual respect, a solid sense of duty, and the parallel commitment to our common missions. We are also able to recognize that a person whose difference may initially unsettle us may also possess a critical skill, a body of knowledge, or a depth of experience that we need to accomplish these common missions. Can we afford to lose a fluent Arabic linguist because she is a lesbian? Can we afford to lose a combat seasoned infantryman because he is gay? I have enclosed with this letter some documentation from my combat zone service. My contributions have been modest compared to the heroism shown by many of my sisters and brothers in arms. Still, I am proud of what I have achieved. I leave it to you to look at my record and determine whether or not the military would be better off if I— and, for that matter, any other Soldier like me—were to be involuntarily dismissed from duty.

I am an ordinary guy who grew up in New York City. My dad is a retired police officer who was deeply impacted by the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Like any other deployed Soldier, I call my folks at least once a week, and worry about the parents of any Soldier. I don’t want to turn the military into some sort of gay utopia. I just
CONGRATULATING NASCENT SOLUTIONS, INCORPORATED ON ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nascent Solutions, Incorporated on its fifth anniversary. Nascent Solutions is a humanitarian and development organization headquartered in the Commonwealth of Virginia which benefits several impoverished African countries.

Founded in 2004 by Dr. Beatrice Wamey in Fairfax Station, VA, Nascent Solutions has grown over the past 5 years with the help of donations and partnerships with other international and faith-based organizations. Now registered as a Public Volunteer Organization with the United States Agency for International Development, this organization is devoted to building the capacity for the poor in rural Africa to achieve self-sufficiency and assume total responsibility for their well-being.

Among the organization’s primary objectives are care for orphans and vulnerable children, literacy and skills development, basic health and child care, agricultural development and food security, and protection of the rights of women and children. This organization empowers young people and women in underprivileged African environments by providing resources and skills development programs that would have otherwise been absent from their lives. Through these efforts, Nascent Solutions effectively responds to the immediate needs of the people and encourages them to recognize and strive to work towards their potential.

Over the past 5 years, Nascent Solutions has been able to respond to natural disasters with relief efforts, provide food and clothing to underprivileged children, improve the health of the African people through agricultural development, promote and expand civil rights, and improve the education system. This organization models the selflessness and concern for humanity for which we all strive.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the vision and dedication of those individuals who have worked to create an organization so committed to international development. I wish Nascent Solutions continued success in its work to provide help and hope to those who so desperately need it.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the National Museum of American Jewish History.

Originally established in 1976, the National Museum of American Jewish History is the only museum in our great Nation which has devoted itself fully to the preservation and exploration of the American Jewish experience. This important museum was founded by the Congregation Mikveh Israel, one of the oldest synagogues in the United States. Established in 1740 as the “Synagogue of the American Revolution,” the Congregation Mikveh Israel stands for values and ideals which all Americans share.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is a vibrant component in the cultural life of Philadelphia. Through its lectures, panel discussions, authors’ talks, films, children’s activities, theater, and music, this museum educates us all about the rich cultural heritage of Judaism in America. It has an impressive record of preservation, conservation and collections management and is the largest repository of Jewish Americanica in the world, with more than 25,000 objects.

Honoring and remembering the American Jewish experience is crucial to a deeper understanding of our values as Americans. Located at the birthplace of American liberty, this institution represents our freedoms, the same freedoms that have made it possible for Jewish Americans to flourish.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to offer my ongoing support for the National Museum of American Jewish History and for its project of renovating the Treasures of Jewish Americans. It is my belief that we must recognize the great efforts of this institution to educate Americans about this important piece of our shared history.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROSA ATKINS

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO OF VIRGINIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize Dr. Rosa Atkins, who was named Virginia’s Superintendent of the Year on May 20, 2010. Last October, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan attended a roundtable discussion at Greenbrier Elementary—our Blue Ribbon school—with area school superintendents. In that meeting, Secretary Duncan saw in Rosa Atkins what we all see in the Virginia Association of School Superintendents recognized with this award—an educator fiercely determined to lift all of her students.

It is a task worthy of Hercules, but she accomplishes it with grace and seemingly with ease. But we know closing the achievement gap is not easy. It is especially difficult in tough economic times. But Dr. Atkins has tenaciously persevered and the results are remarkable—and ongoing.

You would be hard pressed to identify a single job more important to a community than school superintendent, and you would be hard pressed to identify a single individual better suited to that job than Dr. Rosa Atkins. On behalf of Virginia’s 5th District, I offer my deepest appreciation for her service to our students.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JEFF THEERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES

HON. WM. LACY CLAY OF MISSOURI IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jeff Theerman, Executive Director of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, MSD, on his election as the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Mr. Theerman is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward. He has dedicated his career to the improvement of the environment and public health in Missouri, and throughout the Nation. Without a doubt, he is ideally suited for this national leadership position with NACWA.

Mr. Theerman has served Missouri through his work at MSD for over 25 years. In October of 2003 he was named MSD’s executive director, willingly and ably accepting accountability for all aspects of the utility’s operations.

As MSD’s executive director, Mr. Theerman leads one of the Nation’s largest wastewater and stormwater management utilities, providing services to approximately 1.4 million people in the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Under his leadership, MSD currently operates seven wastewater treatment facilities, treating an average of 330 million gallons of water per day and maintaining 9,649 miles of sewers.

Since joining others in founding NACWA 40 years ago, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District has benefited from his active engagement with the organization. A member of NACWA’s board of directors since 2004, Mr. Theerman has served as the organization’s secretary, treasurer and vice president. It is fitting that his election as president coincides with the 40th anniversary of NACWA’s advocacy on behalf of the Nation’s clean water agencies—and the environment we all value so much.

Moreover, I hear terms like “accountable” and “responsive.” I think of public servants like Mr. Theerman. Under his able leadership NACWA looks forward to proactively and effectively addressing the complex 21st century water quality challenges we face as a Nation.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Jeff Theerman on becoming president of NACWA. I am certain his actions will ensure continued water quality progress for St. Louis, Missouri, and the Nation.
IN RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010 VOLUNTEER PRINCE WILLIAM VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ben Arredondo and his 16 years of service as a member of the Tempe City Council. I wish to thank him for his dedication to public service and look forward to seeing his future accomplishments within our community.

Councilmember Arredondo’s contribution to Tempe has been both earnest and extensive. His years of teaching and service on school boards and the City Council have revealed him to be a fierce champion for improvement of education and commitment to our youth and to the community. As a former teacher and Mayor of Tempe, I respect and share Ben’s commitment to public service and education, and wish to thank him for his tireless efforts and leadership.

Though Ben will be retiring from the Tempe City Council, his service to his community will surely continue in other capacities. Also, his family’s legacy of service to Tempe will continue through his niece, Robin Arredondo-Savage, who was recently elected to the City Council. I am honored to call Ben a friend, and I wish him all the best in his next endeavor.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ben Arredondo’s 16 years of outstanding service as a member of the Tempe City Council.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. As a member of both the Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security Committees, I support Chairman IKE SKELTON and the Democratic leadership’s investment in our military to increase our national security. I support our men and women in the armed forces and our need to ensure our national security.

This defense bill reflects our commitment to support the men and women who fight to secure not only our citizen’s freedom, but the freedom of others. This bill will provide the necessary resources to protect the American people and our national interests at home and abroad. The Army Services committee has provided for military readiness; taking care of our troops and their families; increasing focus on the war in Afghanistan; and improving
interagency cooperation, oversight, and accountability in this year’s defense authorization bill.

I thank the Chair for this opportunity to explain the amendments I propose to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. My amendment would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report, not later than December 1, 2010, to the Congressional Black Caucus, which includes a list of minority-owned, women-owned, and disadvantaged small businesses, which receive contracts resulting from authorized funding to the Department, along with the list of the top 10 calendar years preceding this Act and shall include for each listed business, the name of the business, the business owner and the amount of the contract award.

Mr. Chair, I have long supported efforts to increase opportunities for small businesses, especially those that are minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged. We know that small businesses are the engine to our economy and that they provide much needed support for communities across the country. Small businesses employ nearly 57.4 million Americans. Many Americans seek to fulfill the American dream by becoming small business owners and everyone in the United States should be given the same opportunity to fulfill that dream.

Women and minorities have long been disadvantaged when it comes to getting business opportunities and it is important to provide educational resources that will enable women, minorities and other disadvantaged business owners to arm themselves with the necessary tools they need to operate viable and thriving businesses. This will only imrove communities throughout the United States.

My amendment would make available post-traumatic stress counseling for civilians affected by the Fort Hood shooting, and shootings at other domestic military bases.

Many of those who passed in the November shooting were at Fort Hood preparing to risk their lives for our country. I would like to express my deepest sympathies for the loss of these 13 soldiers. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families during their time of bereavement. It is unacceptable that soldiers should fear attacks on American soil. I want the military and their families to always be protected as they are the backbone of American society. It is not only our soldiers who make sacrifices to protect our great nation, but their families and civilians as well. I am deeply saddened and troubled by the shootings at Fort Hood, especially because soldiers and their families from my own district are there.

I want to commend the soldiers at Fort Hood for their valiant and selfless acts of bravery. Soldiers rushed to treat their injured colleagues by ripping their uniforms into makeshift bandages. The top commander at Fort Hood is crediting a civilian police officer, Sgt. Kimberly Munley, for stopping the shooting. Fort Hood Police Sgt. Kimberly Munley and her partner responded within three minutes of reported gunfire, and Munley shot the gunman four times despite being shot herself.

Another story of heroism is that of 19 year old Amber Bahr. The nutritionist put a tournament on a wounded soldier and carried him out to medical care. And only after she had the taken care of others did she realize she had been shot. Both women heroically intervened despite being shot.

Incidents like this bring light to the types of issues our military service men and women face on a daily basis. When I visited Fort Hood, and spoke with the victims of the shooting, I was reminded that we can not ignore the side effects of military service, and we must ensure that both the physical and mental health of those who serve our country is carefully attended.

Although the shootings all took place on one day, they will leave a legacy on each soldier, contractor, and civilian on the base. Many base personnel, like Sergeant Munley and Ms. Bahr, endured emotional, horrific as those on any battlefield. Similar to returning from the battlefront, soldiers and contractors who were at Fort Hood must go through a painful rehabilitation process to come to terms with the events they witnessed and experienced.

There have been numerous reports of enlisted personnel, National Guards, Reservists and Veterans suffering from PTSD-like symptoms for well over 100 years. Some examples are veterans of U.S. Civil War who suffered emotional problems and were said to be afflicted with “battle fatigue”. “Costa’s Syndrome”, veterans of World War I was diagnosed as “shell shocked”, veterans of World War II were classified with “battle fatigue” or “combat fatigue”. Other terms used to describe military-related mood disturbances include “traumatic stress reaction”, “nervous syndrome”, “irritable heart”, “effort syndrome”, “war neurosis” and “operational exhaustion”. War veterans are the most publicly-recognized victims of PTSD; long-term psychiatric illness was formally observed in World War I and the “shell shock” syndrome entered public consciousness after the Vietnam War.

Enlisted Personnel, National Guards, Reservists and Veterans with PTSD have lived through traumatic events that caused them to fear for their lives, bear witness to horrible things, and feel helpless and hopeless. PTSD symptoms usually start soon after the traumatic event, but they may not manifest until months or years later. If provided proper medical care, about half, 40 percent to 60 percent, of people who develop PTSD get better at some time.

Although veterans who served in combat are most frequently afflicted by PTSD, events such as the Fort Hood shooting highlight the physical and psychological dangers facing military personnel in all roles. Consequently, it is extremely vital to extend to our civilian personnel the same benefits and support that we give to our active duty military. Civilians and military members on Fort Hood have equal responsibility to protect our nation and, as such, it is morally imperative that we honor these civilians by providing them with equal support in the aftermath of such traumatic incidents.

I have worked with my colleagues to secure $1 million in Federal funding in the fiscal year 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill for Riverside General Hospital in Houston, Texas. Riverside General Hospital was founded due to the heroic efforts of veterans in the First World War. Riverside General Hospital, formerly the Houston Negro Hospital was erected in 1926 in memory of Lieutenant John Halm Cullinan, 344th FA, and 90th Division AEP. Today, Riverside General Hospital is the only private African-American hospital in the state of Texas that is contracted to provide inpatient psychiatric and inpatient detoxification services to TRICARE Beneficiaries. These funds will provide trained experienced physicians, nurses, therapists and other healthcare professionals the necessary services to treat post traumatic stress disorders for enlisted personnel, National Guards, Reservists and veterans discharged and/or on leave of duty. In addition, Riverside will provide psychiatric, psychological and medical inpatient, and outpatient services.

It is time to end this distinct method of discrimination and we should not rest until this message is clear. Every American has the right to stand among their peers to undertake the task of defending this great nation. The U.S. military loses patriotic and talented men and women every day due to the discriminatory “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy. Since 1993, DADT has forced over 13,000 qualified and patriotic men and women to leave the service. It has made many thousands more decide not to re-enlist. There is empirical data existing in the Armed Services of our allies as we stand with them in Iraq and Afghanistan. The militaries of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Israel and the Netherlands have clear examples of concerns before the change, it became a nonissue once gays and lesbians were allowed to serve. Now we must do right by all of our American warriors and move forward together on repealing DADT.

An urgentplaceholder speaker at Howard University, President Johnson stated, “We seek not just equality as a right and a theory but equality as a fact and equality as a result.” Do we deny the freedom of an openly gay man or woman who serves in our military? The “Don’t Tell, Don’t Ask,” policy violates the openly gay men and women’s constitutional rights to privacy and their right to be treated equally with heterosexuals. I support the “Don’t Tell, Don’t Ask Repeal,” policy.

We must maintain our efforts to restore military readiness in order to meet current military challenges and prepare for the future, and civilians area a major part of the military readiness equation. Importantly, this defense bill:

Establishes a $500 million DOD Rapid Innovation Program to help DOD quickly transition innovative, life-saving equipment from small businesses and other innovative firms into the hands of our men and women in combat.

Authorizes $2.6 billion for Homeland Defense and counter proliferation activities, including $1 billion for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and $1.6 billion for the Chemical Biological Defense Program.

Funds the $20 million budget request for two cyber security new start programs.

Expands “1206 funding” authority to build the capacity of foreign military forces to participate in military and stability operations to support efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, including $75 million to build the capacity of counterterrorism forces of the Yemeni Ministry of the Interior.

Extends DOD’s Pakistan Countersurgency Fund through FY11.

Provides $200 million to address urgent force protection needs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Authorizes $9.7 billion for unclassified National Security Space programs, including $40 million for additional ORS satellites to meet counterterrorism requirements.

Provides a 1.9 percent pay raise to troops.

Expands TRICARE health coverage to include adult dependent children up to age 26.
Increases family separation allowance for troops who are deployed away from their families.

Increases hostile fire and imminent danger pay for the first time since 2004.

Expands college loan repayment benefits.

Includes the most comprehensive legislative package to ever address sexual assault in the military, including 28 provisions to implement into law many of the recommendations of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault.

Establishes a pilot program to offer an alternative career path to military officers, providing a broader range of experiences over a longer career.

Establishes a pilot program to help military spouses take advantage of their personal skill sets to identify and obtain desirable and portable careers.

Authorizes an additional special one-time payment to seriously wounded servicemembers to pay for the relocation costs of their caregivers;

Provides $1.2 billion with broad authorities for projects in Afghanistan to allow our commanders on the ground to immediately respond to military construction needs in theater.

In closing, I hope my colleagues will join me in support of H.R. 5136. I believe we are all on one accord that without reservation we in support of H.R. 5136. I believe we are all in support of H.R. 5136.

Some of the team achieved special recognition for their outstanding seasons. Wesley Holden averaged 13 points per game and was selected to play in the Blue-White all-star game. Josh Griffith, averaging 18 points per game, was selected to play in the Blue-White all-star game and the regional all-tournament team. Coach Josh Taylor and Assistant Coach Tom Dillard have created a strong program, and I doubt this is the last we have heard from this small school in the mountains.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the impressive Nantahala School basketball team for their accomplishments and wishing them continued success in future years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 19, 2010 and Monday, May 24, 2010 through Friday, May 28, 2010 I was unable to be in Washington, DC due to a family emergency and thus missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 276, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 320, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 333, 335 and "nay" on Nos. 277, 278, 307, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 332, 334, 336.

HONORING THE NANTAHALA SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM OF MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the basketball team of the Nantahala School in Macon County, North Carolina. The team had an exceptional season, finishing with a record of 23–7 and an appearance in the regional semi-final game.

Their season would be considered impressive for a team from any school, but this team comes from remarkable circumstances. There are only 36 students in the school, 18 of which are men. Over half the eligible students play on the basketball team. From one of the smallest schools in the State of North Carolina, this group of young men was able to hold their own against teams from much larger schools.

Making their success less probable, the team graduated some excellent basketball players last year, retiring three jerseys. The class of 2009 accounted for over 3,000 career minutes. Among the stars were Jerrod Crosby, the Award of Merit Winner for the 4th Congressional District’s high school art competition; Jerrod Crosby, and Woody Passmore—were equally impressive in fulfilling their leadership roles.

The team’s final game against Hendersonville High School in the regional semifinals was a testament to their perseverance. Trail- ing all but one of the first 16 points, it seemed the odds were against them. Still, the team played with everything they had. With 43 seconds remaining, Jordan West gave Nantahala the lead. Hendersonville managed to pull back ahead, but Nantahala fell only three points short of playing in the regional finals for a spot in the North Carolina State championship game.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INNOVATOR AND PHILANTHROPIST JOHN SOTO

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a self-made man and former New England Businessman of the Year, and one who has given of himself time and again to improve our Connecticut community—John Soto.

After a boyhood in Puerto Rico and some apprenticeship in the business and mechanical arts as a machinist in Manhattan, John founded Space-Craft Manufacturing, Inc. in Milford, Connecticut in 1970. Starting with just four employees, Space-Craft has, thanks to John’s eye for innovation and business savvy, grown to become an industry leader in aircraft engine and airframe components over the past four decades, even earning the National Supplier of the Year award from the U.S. Air Force in 2001.

These entrepreneurial and engineering accomplishments have been matched by John’s passion for community service and a strong commitment to public investment. So that others may follow in his footsteps, John has founded several scholarships for Latino students and been a continual presence in Connecticut inner-city schools. He has also contributed generously to Youth at Risk, Junior Achievement, New Haven’s Latino Youth Development Program, and other very worthwhile organizations aimed at helping Connecticut’s underprivileged and least fortunate.

In both his company’s success and his dedication to public service, John has been an embodiment of the American dream. From modest beginnings, he has contributed mightily to his community, his state, and to the United States military. I congratulate him and his wife Gladys on this long career of personal success and public service, and I know that they will continue to be a credit to our district for years to come.

HONORING CRAIG BIEGEL

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Craig Biegel, the Award of Merit Winner for the 4th Congressional District’s high school art competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the nation—and as each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their
young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Craig Biegel, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at Lynbrook High School in Lynbrook, New York. Mr. Biegel offered his piece, "Angioplasty," which was an acrylic on canvas painting depicting a close-up view of the inside of the heart with a catheter in the aorta, leading to a stent insertion in the right coronary artery. Craig’s attention to detail in this piece is certainly a testament to his achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the talented students like Craig from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of our children. Our community, and our nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Craig Biegel. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at Lynbrook High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students’ success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration that I offer my thanks and recognition to Craig Biegel.

INVESTING INCOME AT HOME ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the “Investing Income at Home Act of 2010.” This legislation would increase investment in the U.S. economy by allowing “closely held” companies that earn money abroad to create American jobs by investing overseas profits here at home. This would be accomplished by updating an outdated relic of the Tax Code, the personal holding company, or "PHC," tax structure.

Under current law, a personal holding company’s undistributed income is taxed at 15 percent. This rate is scheduled to return to the highest individual tax rate of 39.6 percent in 2011 when the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts expire. Unfortunately the personal holding company tax has not evolved to keep up with modern business realities. Family-run companies can be subject to this tax—which they would not pay if their assets were publicly owned. The Investing Income at Home Act will modify the definition of "PHC income" to exclude dividends received from foreign affiliates if those dividends are reinvested in the United States. Importantly, these dividends brought back into the United States could not be used by any company to pay executive salaries or benefits.

This bill will ensure closely held corporations impacted by the PHC tax regime would pay the same level of corporate tax as similarly situated publicly traded corporations. This would free them to invest dividends from foreign sources into the U.S. economy helping to create much-needed jobs here in America. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of chemistry students at Fountain Hills High School, who unofficially broke the Guinness World Record for most potatoes launched in three minutes.

The students in AP chemistry and honors-chemistry classes used savvy, creativity and teamwork to break an existing Guinness World Record. Although Guinness has yet to officially acknowledge the record, I am confident that the evidence is sufficient and that approval will be received shortly. One student, Fountain Hills Junior Kyle Link, nearly doubled the previous record of potatoes launched in three minutes.

In all, seven different teams broke the record, demonstrating tactfulness in assembling their launchers. The students used applied lessons in engineering, technology, and chemical gas laws while constructing these devices.

I would also like to recognize Dr. Paul McElligott, head of the science department at Fountain Hills High School, for his leadership and inspiration in the record-breaking feat. Along with breaking world records, Dr. McElligott is in contention to receive a prestigious Lemelson-MIT Grant worth $10,000 to fund his proposal regarding safety devices for handicapped patients. His dedication will inspire these students to aim to achieve greatness in their current and future endeavors. We need more fine educators like this man in our country.

I am honored to call Dr. McElligott and his students at Fountain Hills High my constituents. Madame Speaker, please join me in congratulating them on their World Record.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is $13,052,204,879,286.76. On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was $10,638,425,746,293.80. This means the national debt has increased by $2,413,771,131,992.90 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING CECIL GROVES FOR HIS SERVICE TO SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. SHULER of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Cecil Groves for his 40 years of service in higher education and to congratulate him on his retirement after 13 years as president of Southwestern Community College in Sylva, North Carolina. Under his leadership, Southwestern experienced significant expansion, serving as a catalyst for further growth throughout the region.

Dr. Groves received his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Texas. His first job was as the president of Delgado College in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Groves was able to lead Delgado College toward full accreditation and to be received shortly. One student, Fountain Hills Junior Kyle Link, nearly doubled the previous record of potatoes launched in three minutes.

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front of Congress. As a founding member of the National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, a part of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers, Dr. Groves has helped modernize U.S. manufacturing and education technology. He has also been active in successively recruiting several companies to conduct business in the regions where he worked.

Dr. Groves is now retiring and moving closer to his children. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me to thank Dr. Groves for his years of invaluable service to both Southwestern Community College and the broader mountain community of Western North Carolina.

COMMENDING GARY DAIGNEAULT OF TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA ON HIS SELECTION TO THE BROADCASTER HALL OF FAME

HON. JERRY LEWIS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the community of Twentynine Palms and the Morongo Basin of California in congratulating long-time broadcaster Gary Daigneault in being named to the Associated Press Television-Radio Association Hall of Fame.

Gary Daigneault has been on the air for 31 years as a newscaster in the eastern desert area of California known as the Morongo Basin. When he went to work for stations KDHY/KQYV in 1979, the area was made up of small towns with a few thousand people scattered over vast desert vistas. I came to know both the desert communities—and Gary—as the member of Congress for the area. He was a bright and earnest young reporter serving a small but devoted radio audience.

Over the years, the small towns of Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Morongo Valley and Twentynine Palms have grown dramatically, with tens of thousands of people now tuning in to listen to Mr. Daigneault, who has been the community’s voice for news with a morning news program for the entire 31 years.

Mr. Daigneault invested in the community and became an owner-broadcaster in 1989 when he and his wife Cindy started up their own station, KCDZ, making local news a priority.

Although the area is still considered a “small market” for news, it is one with a worldwide focus because it is home to the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, a premier training center that has hosted tens of thousands of Marines each year. Many of those Marines now living around the country would recognize the voice of Mr. Daigneault, who has done an exemplary job of covering the base and its units.

In perhaps his most dramatic accomplishment in covering the Marines, Mr. Daigneault in 1992 was the only “embedded” journalist covering the peace-keeping action in Somalia, which won him one of his many broadcasting awards.

He came home from that mission and was quickly put to the test again when a 7.3 earthquake struck the desert town of Landers, causing widespread damage and disruption to the area. He stayed on the air and was the only source of news for many of the desert residents cut off by the quake—an effort that won him yet another award for broadcasting excellence.

Gary has been recognized by the Associated Press for breaking more than 40 national and major regional news stories over the years. In 2000, KCDZ was declared “station of the year.” He was given the prestigious Mark Twain Award for news writing in small market radio for the 1997 coverage of the Landers earthquake. He has also served twice as president of APTRA, and has taught broadcasting classes for the past 21 years.

Madam Speaker. Gary Daigneault has been the voice of news for an important part of my district for the past three decades, and he and his wife Cindy have been community leaders in the eastern desert area of California. His election to the radio-television news Hall of Fame is much deserved, and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating him and thanking him for his lifetime of service.

NANJING CITY, A MODEL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA IN A SPIRIT OF GLOBAL COOPERATION

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about a model for international cooperation that is said to hold promise and future opportunities for the United States. The City of Nanjing is working to improve the quality of life of its residents with a global initiative that has potential to create a great opportunity for some in the United States.

For over a decade, the City of Nanjing, China, under the leadership of Secretary Zhu Shunli, has reached beyond the borders of the People’s Republic of China to create new strategies in education, innovation and entrepreneurship, increasing the level of understanding between our two nations and stimulating U.S.-China idea exchange. It is expected that this international cooperative initiative will benefit the residents of Nanjing as well as the residents of the United States, including businesses, residents and educational institutions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To this end, Mr. Zhu in his role as Secretary for Education and Technology in Beijing traveled to many United States cities to discuss these strategies with educational colleagues. These meetings resulted in numerous programs that served global higher education, leading to a first-of-its-kind scholarship program offered through the New England Board of Higher Education providing annual scholarships for deserving students in the region. This work also forged new opportunities for United States colleges and universities with a strong focus on New England, specifically on Massachusetts, as representatives of several New England institutions were invited to Secretary Zhu at the Beijing Education Expo, a showcase of the promise of global education. Educational leaders exchanged ideas, and as a result, opportunities for educational exchanges were expanded creating new frontiers for American students to study in China and similar opportunities for Chinese students to benefit from programs offered in American colleges and universities from coast-to-coast.

Now under Mr. Zhu’s leadership, the city of Nanjing has embarked on a new initiative in an effort to strengthen the bridge of partnership between the United States and China. Nanjing has created a number of avenues inviting United States companies and universities to expand opportunities into the Chinese market. In 2010, the City of Nanjing is scheduled to host conferences on Global Innovation in China, Global Entrepreneurship in China and Global University—R&D City. The conferences are expected to create special opportunities to develop concepts for development opportunities for green energy, life science and related industries. Small and mid size American companies may wish to explore offering technologies to improve the life of Chinese citizens and expand their business horizons.

One of the innovative American enterprises prepared to explore such potential opportunities calls Gloucester, Massachusetts and the 6th Massachusetts congressional district its home. Free Flow Power is looking to expand opportunities to develop and manage hydro-power and hydrokinetic facilities to generate clean renewable energy from flowing water. They will join other companies from across the country in Nanjing.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the City of Nanjing and its leaders as well as those of the American participants in the program for having a vision to look to the future by supporting a stronger educational exchange and the potential for green energy and technology partnerships in a spirit of global cooperation between the United States and China.

GRAND OPENING OF THE MADISON STREET VETERANS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CENTER

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL
OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recent grand opening of the Madison Street Veterans Transitional Housing Center, a shelter and service center for homeless veterans run by veterans.

The Madison Street Veterans Association is a group of formerly homeless veterans who for American students to pursue studies abroad, and over time became a grassroots non-profit model for veterans’ homeless outreach nationwide. Their centers provide veterans with the
documents to apply for jobs, educational opportunities and government assistance. The MSVA mission is to encourage and prepare homeless veterans to become active and productive members of their community.

The veterans at the MSVA work tirelessly to get those homeless veterans back on their feet. The organization’s many success stories include people like Bruce Roberts, an Army Airborne veteran who, after a family tragedy, struggled to stay employed and ended up homeless. After work with the association, Bruce now works for the organization as its public relations officer and is helping to end homelessness for others.

Madam Speaker, please join me once more in congratulating the Madison Street Veterans Association for the opening of its new transitional housing center.

HONORING HON. L. BRYCE CHASE

HON. JIM COSTA OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Honorable L. Bryce Chase, L. Bryce Chase, after 29 years, Justice Chase retired as Judge of the North Kern Municipal Court in Delano, California.

Mr. Chase was born in Eugene, Oregon on March 30, 1945. He moved with his family to Shafter, California in 1949, and then to Delano. Upon graduation from Delano High School in 1962, Bryce attended Bakersfield College and Linfield College. He then attended University of Southern California, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Bryce served in the United States Army from 1967–1969, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington and Fort Gordon, Georgia. In 1972, he began law school at Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Bryce graduated with his Juris Doctorate degree in 1975 and was subsequently admitted to the California State Bar. He was a Legal Clerk and Associate Attorney with M. Dwain Smith from 1975 until 1977, when he began his sole private practice in Delano, California.

Mr. Chase became a judge of the Delano-McFarland Justice Court in 1981. The Delano-McFarland Justice Court became the North Kern Municipal Court in 1990, and Judge Chase continued to serve as a judicial officer. As a judge, Bryce was involved in several county-wide programs. He established the first self-funded court and community service program in Kern County, served three terms on the Kern County Trial Coordination Committee and one year on the Administrative Structure Committee for Kern County. In addition, Judge Chase was also Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Uniform Rules of Court for Kern County, served on the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and is an active member of California Judges Association.

Judge Chase has always played a large role in the community of Delano. He has been an active member of the Delano Kiwanis Club and Greater Delano Area Foundation since 1982, where he served as President for both organizations. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and has been honored for his community service by Proteus Training, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Past Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy and yours truly, when I was a member of the California State Senate.

Madam Speaker, it goes without saying that Judge Chase’s dedication and accomplishments to the community of Delano have gained him the respect and appreciation from all who have worked with him and know him. We owe L. Bryce Chase a magnificent collective thank you. I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring Judge Bryce Chase for his productive years of public service to the community of Delano.

RECOGNIZING CESAR CHAVEZ PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE WE THE PEOPLE: THE CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION NATIONAL FINALS

HON. ELEANOR HOMLES NORTON OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, in April 2010, more than 1,200 students from across the country took part in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution national finals in Washington, D.C. I am proud to announce that a class from Cesar Chavez Public Charter School—Capitol Hill Campus represented the District of Columbia at this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their city-wide competition earning the chance to compete at the national level.

While in Washington, the students participated in a three-day academic competition that simulated a congressional hearing, in which students demonstrated their knowledge and skills as they evaluated and defended positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. Annual surveys consistently show that high school students who take part in the We the People academic competition outperform other students in the National Assessment of Educational Progress political test by at least 22 percent.

Madam Speaker, the names of these outstanding students from Cesar Chavez Public Charter School—Capitol Hill Campus are: Kim Diaz, Marco Gomez, Karen Mejia, Jason Allen, Jesse Balderas, Briana Bullock, Joel Carela, Jaleel Dyson, Kendra Goodwin, Ely Guerrero, Corey Johnson, Jose Maheda, Anthony McCannon, Christian Mondragon, Nakea Paige, Ryan Pope, Alexis Rhett, Leticia Rivera, Elizabeth Rogers, Paul Schmidt, Jaztina Somerville, and Jade Vaughn.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Diona Shinn, who was responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the national finals. Also worthy of special recognition is Julie Harris, Director of Public Policy at Cesar Chavez Public Charter School, for her tireless commitment to the students on the District’s team and implementation of the rigorous curriculum at the Cesar Chavez Public Charter School.

I congratulate these young constitutional experts on their outstanding achievement at the We the People national finals.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING NIGHT OF UNTO THESE HILLS

HON. HEATH SHULER OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the past, present, and future members of the production of Unto These Hills. An outdoor dramatic rendering of the history of the Cherokee people, the play is nearing the 60th anniversary of its opening.

The show has achieved remarkable success, selling over 6 million tickets since its opening on July 1, 1950. It is the second longest continuously running outdoor drama in the United States, behind only The Lost Colony, which is performed in Manteo, North Carolina. Over sixty years, countless skilled actors and actresses have taken part in the performances. Among them are some who have reached the heights of fame, including Morgan Freeman and Michael Rosenbaum.

For 60 years, Unto These Hills has provided entertainment and education for visitors to historic and scenic Cherokee. The format is especially effective for the many school groups that visit Cherokee; the dramatic rendering presents important lessons of history on to future generations.

The show is an integral part of preserving the heritage of the Cherokee people, a group integral to our mountain community. The ongoing legacy of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee is an important part of our broader mountain heritage. With more accurate script, the show portrays the history of the Cherokee from the height of their power to the depths of their despair during the Trail of Tears. An accurate dramatic retelling is an important way to remember the tragedy of the Trail of Tears and help us learn from that event.

With the new script and a recently renovated theater, Unto These Hills is poised to continue to build on its impressive record of success. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in recognizing Unto These Hills for its remarkable success and its important role in preserving and reliving such a profound moment in American history.

RECOGNIZING ROBIN ARRENDONDO-SAVAGE’S INDUCTION AS A MEMBER OF THE TEMPE CITY COUNCIL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robin Arrendondo-Savage on her recent induction as a member of the Tempe City Council. Robin is a lifelong resident of my hometown of Tempe who has always been actively involved in our community. Previously the Chairman of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and a small business owner, she has shown a commitment to the development of jobs and the growth of the economy in Tempe. Through this and her position as the President
of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, Robin has proven herself to be a strong and dedicated leader and public servant for her community and its youth.

Robin is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our nation with distinction. She has shown that same commitment and dedication in the many community boards, commissions and youth sports activities where she has volunteered her time. I am honored to call Robin a friend and I look forward to seeing what her future in public service brings to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Robin Arredondo-Savage’s induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. J. CAMERON THORNHILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill, a doctor whose work has been invaluable to the Brooklyn community.

Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill was born August 28, 1909, in Christ Church, Barbados, West Indies, and will celebrate his 101st birthday on August 28, 2010.

Dr. Thornhill graduated from Boys High Evening School in Brooklyn in 1934. He attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania from 1936–1940, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts. He attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1940 to 1944, where he was awarded his Medical Doctor degree. Between 1944 and 1946, Dr. Thornhill did an internship and residency at Kansas City, Missouri, General Hospital Number Two. He started a medical practice in 1946 in Brooklyn, NY.

From 1950 to 1952, he served as a medical officer, Captain, in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Between 1953 and 1957, Dr. Thornhill performed various surgical residencies at Bethel Hospital, now known as Brooklyn Hospital, in Brooklyn, New York; Veterans Hospital of East Orange, New Jersey; and Harlem Hospital, New York City, where he remained on staff for over 15 years. From 1958 to 1996, he opened and operated a surgical family practice in Brooklyn, while working at St. John’s Hospital, which is now Interfaith Hospital, and Lefferts General Hospital of Brooklyn, New York. He served the Brooklyn community for over 40 years before fully retiring at the age of 84 from the New York State Workers Compensation Board as a Medical Examiner.

Dr. Thornhill is an emeritus member of the Kings County Medical Society, National Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He has been honored by the Provident Clinical Society of Brooklyn, New York and most recently received special recognition at the 2009 National Medical Association Convention.

Dr. Thornhill and his wife, Mercedes Murray, were married on April 3, 1947. They have four children: J. Cameron Thornhill Jr., Dr. Monica Thornhill-Joynes, MD, Dr. D. Blair Thornhill, MD, and Ms. Donna Thornhill. His eldest child Cameron, Jr., predeceased him in 2008. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and the proud great grandfather of two great grandchildren. His brother Cleveland Thornhill is 97 years old, and his sister Gladys Minnette Powell passed away on August 21, 2009, at the age of 98.

Dr. Thornhill loves the outdoors and has vacationed at Chenango Valley State Park in upstate New York every year with family and friends since 1955. He is an avid handball and paddle ball player and played the game until the age of 98. He enjoys golf and bridge. Additionally, Dr. Thornhill is an avid traveler and has visited several nations in Africa and walked the Great Wall of China in his 90’s. He has visited many Caribbean countries on numerous trips, including Cuba and Panama.

He has been attending Siloam Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York for more than 50 years. Dr. Thornhill is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Dr. Thornhill is a pillar of his community and has always been a loving and giving person to his family, friends and community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill.

MIKE DIERINGER
HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mike Dieringer. Mike 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 75, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mike has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mike has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Mike and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

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

CONGRATULATING PENNSWOOD VILLAGE ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pennswood Village and its residents on their 30th Anniversary.

What began as a desire among friends to turn unused farm land into something useful has since blossomed into a community that his contributed significantly to the lives of our senior citizens.

Since it’s opening on June 10, 1980, Pennswood Village has excelled at delivering a senior program that is truly representative of the needs of our seniors. With 435 residents and 420 employees, Pennswood Village stands as one of the outstanding continuing care retirement communities in Bucks County.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Pennswood Village on its 30th Anniversary and I am sure that as Pennswood Village moves forward, it will continue to exemplify the meaning of senior care.

TRIBUTE TO THE ICS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the International Court System (ICS) as it celebrates the 45th anniversary of its founding. A non-profit charity and international social service organization, ICS is one of the oldest LGBT charities in the world, with chapters in over 68 cities within the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

ICS fundraising efforts have benefited countless causes both within and outside of the LGBT community including numerous children’s charities, AIDS organizations, and cancer patient advocacy groups. In fact, several AIDS social service organizations were established in the 1980’s by organization members. In addition, there are over 30 student scholarship programs within the International Court System of the United States and Mexico. The ICS welcomes all and is proud of its diversity.

The first ICS chapter was established in 1965 in San Francisco Bay Area World War II veteran and Hispanic gay activist, Jose Julio Sarria. In 1961, he made history as the first openly gay citizen to run for public office in North America when he ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. For his activism, the Board named a public street in his honor.

In 2007, Sarria stepped down as titular leader of the International Court System and was succeeded by my constituent, San Diego City Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez who himself has been a Latino and gay activist for over 40 years. Commissioner Ramirez currently serves on the board of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force and is a past national board member of the Human Rights Campaign. Ramirez is a recipient of the Cesar Chavez Social Justice Award and is currently the National Co-Chair of the Harvey Milk Foundation’s Citizen Advisory Board.

I commend Jose Julio Sarria and Nicole Murray Ramirez for their dedication and community service that has benefited so many. I congratulate the ICS on the occasion of its 45th anniversary, and I am proud to honor its legacy of activism and philanthropy.
Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support of H.R. 5145, Assuring Quality Care for Veterans Act. This legislation authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reimburse VA health professionals for continuing professional education expenses.

Our Nation's veterans deserve high-quality medical care. This means having top-notch facilities and equipment, and highly-trained medical professionals. Many professions require continuing education, and it is absolutely essential in the medical field. With constantly changing techniques, procedures and treatments, continuing education is indispensable for medical providers. This legislation rightfully will ensure that our VA medical professionals have access to continuing training and therefore ensure that our veterans receive the best care possible.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 5145 to provide high-quality medical care for our Nation’s veterans.

AARON A. PINE

HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron A. Pine. Aaron 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 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Aaron and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

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

IN HONOR OF CHAD BOUTON, BATTÉLLE INVENTOR OF THE YEAR

HON. MARY JO KILROY
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chad Bouton who on April 30, 2010, was named the Inventor of the Year for Battelle, the world’s largest independent research and development organization. Battelle, with its team of researchers and inventors like Chad Bouton, helps make central Ohio a leader in cutting-edge research.

Chad came to Battelle in 1997 and since then has shown his true worth to this important Columbus, Ohio nonprofit charitable trust by excelling in a variety of fields. Chad Boccon has been the primary innovator, inventor and/or principal investigator for dozens of medical device projects, from enabling paraplegics to control wheelchairs with their thoughts to providing surgeons with tools that aid in minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Chad Bouton developed processing algorithms for a medical device that allows people to control computers entirely by their thoughts. He also was central to the development of a system used in minimally invasive surgical procedures that evaluates the potential spread of cancer to lymph node tissues and organs. Additionally, his research contributed to a detection system to ensure that contrast media injections into a patient do not do unwanted damage.

Chad is known for his expertise in control systems, automated and robotics systems, sensor development, and signal processing of electrophysiological parameters including neurological types. He also has extensive experience in electrical and electromechanical device design methodologies and techniques and holds 15 patents with six others pending.

Tangible results of Chad Bouton’s success come in various forms, first and foremost that his inventions have affected the quality of life of patients around the world. He also has been the recipient of two R&D Magazine Top 100 awards and a Battelle Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards and has published nine works in scholarly journals. Chad’s prowess has resulted in more than half a billion dollars worth of contract research for Battelle.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and well-wishes to Chad, and wish him great successes in innovations of the future. With people like Chad working to use science to help mankind, Columbus, Ohio and America will continue to lead the world in compassionate research.

INTRODUCING GREEN RAILCAR ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER
OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Green Railcar Enhancement Act of 2010 with 49 of my colleagues.

This legislation will help save a critical domestic industry, create 32,000 to 50,000 family-wage jobs, enhance the fuel economy of freight rail, and reduce the carbon emissions of the freight and logistics industry.

As a result of the financial crisis and subsequent recession, the freight railcar industry neared collapse. New car deliveries declined from 75,000 in 2006 to fewer than 10,000 in 2010. Only a handful of suppliers remain operating today and there is great concern that many may not survive this downturn. Without any action to pull forward some future market demand, the potential loss of the American rail supply base is at great risk.

The Green Railcar Enhancement Act provides a 25 percent tax credit for replacing or rebuilding old, inefficient railcars. The tax credit is limited to cars built in 2010 or 2011 and requires a minimum 8 percent increase in capacity or fuel efficiency. In effect, the legislation shifts market demand from 2012-14 to this year and the next, which will help the rail supply industry survive these two treacherous years.

This bill will continue to improve the great efficiency of rail transportation, which currently gets 480 ton-miles to the gallon. In fact, if 10 percent of the long-distance freight currently moved by truck switched to rail, then the national fuel savings would exceed one billion gallons each year. Requiring increasingly efficient rail cars will improve these figures.

Upgrading our fleet of railcars will also make the rail industry more competitive, reduce costs for consumers, and will help relieve our congested highways. In fact, one freight train can carry a load equivalent to that hauled by 280 trucks. Shifting the movement of freight to rail clears congestion from our roadways, eases wear and tear on our commercial corridors, and clears our air. In addition to these environmental and system capacity benefits, rail transport continues to be a leader in worker safety, with one of the lowest worker injury rates in the transportation sector.

Finally, by helping to pull market demand forward, our Nation will maintain the strong railroad supply industry and manufacturing base necessary to the Nation’s defense.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

IN HONOR OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES, EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. JOHN H. ADLER
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services (ECS), a non-profit organization that has been feeding hungry Burlington County residents for the past 29 years.

The ECS food pantry program is available to any county resident in need of food and no one is turned away because of their income or life circumstances. The food pantry serves consumers throughout Burlington County and distributes food to over 9,800 households, or 32,700 individuals annually.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Emergency and Community Services on their nearly three decades of hard work and extraordinary commitment in ensuring that those individuals and families in Burlington County have the food they need to carry on with their daily lives.

CODY BARTHLOME

HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody Bartholome. Cody is
IN MEMORY OF RETINELLA "NELLA" OCTAVIA ELIZABETH EDGAR CROOKS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Retinella “Nella” Octavia Elizabeth Edgar Crooks, a lady I was proud to call my friend and constituent. An accomplished public servant and educator, Mrs. Crooks passed away on May 30, 2010, at the age of 108.

Mrs. Crooks lived a long and full life. She was born in Wcott Town, Jamaica, on October 1, 1901. She was educated in Jamaica and then immigrated to the United States in 1924 where she met her husband, Dr. Kenneth B.M. Crooks. The happy couple was blessed with four children, twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

After ten years at the Hampton Institute, which is now Hampton University, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks moved from the United States to Jamaica where they worked at Happy Grove, a Quaker secondary school. Mrs. Crooks served there as a missionary educator, a member of the Jamaica Federation of Women, and as a fundraiser for the Religious Society of Friends.

In 1957, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks returned to the United States and became very involved in Georgia’s Second Congressional District. Mrs. Crooks served as a resident manager at what is now Fort Valley State University, Mrs. Crooks became known for her unparalleled hospitality hosting teas. Of the many national and international dignitaries she entertained, she was very proud to include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. among her guests.

Following a short stay at Fort Valley, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks moved to Grambling College in Louisiana. There she completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree while serving as a resident manager for the college. However, in 1959 her husband, Dr. Crooks, sadly passed away.

Mrs. Crooks then returned to Fort Valley and earned her Master’s Degree in counseling at the young age of 64. She was a member of the Georgia State University staff and published several books, including two books of poetry, her travel diary, her husband’s biography, and her autobiography.

Throughout her long and blessed life, she remained a very active member of the Episcopal Church, a YWCA organizer, and her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She also worked tirelessly for her community, founding a children’s reading club and volunteering for seniors’ organizations.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, and especially the Second Congressional District of Georgia, have been truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous contributions of Nella Edgar Crooks. She will be remembered for her compassion, her intense desire to help others, her family, and her dedication to education, which lives on through the Nella Crooks Scholarship Fund at Fort Valley State University. It is a fitting tribute to her life and academic legacy, which was as long in accomplishments as it was in years. May she continue to serve as an inspiration to others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAYWOOD HARRIS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, the University of Tennessee sports family and the city of Knoxville, Tennessee have lost a legend and dear friend.

Haywood Harris recently passed away at the age of 80. I have always said that the colors orange and white are almost as patriotic in my district as red, white, and blue. Anyone who bleeds big orange knows the name and work of Haywood Harris.

Haywood served as Sports Information Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and Associate Athletic Director for the University of Tennessee from 1961-2000. Following retirement, he took on the role as the athletic department’s historian.

I have known Haywood since I sold programs, popcorn and Cokes at UT athletic events as a small boy. He is a very close and longtime personal friend.

Haywood’s life and legacy is shaped not just by his knowledge and love of UT athletics and extraordinary professional success but also by the way he treated others every step of the way.

Upon word of his death, tributes from every corner of the sports world poured in. The Knoxville News Sentinel published many of these reflections, and I was taken aback by the tales of his humility, generosity and kindness. He held the esteem of everyone who ever knew him.

“The word legend gets thrown around too much, but Haywood is a legend,” said Tony Bamhart of the Atlanta Journal Constitution. “He is one those special people who made the SEC that it is today.”

“I am convinced Haywood was one of the best sports information directors in America—ever,” said Marvin West, former Knoxville News Sentinel sports editor. “He was gracious, patient and efficient,” and “as good as he was as a professional, he was a better man.”

John Pruett of The Huntsville Times wrote about an occasion where, as a young reporter who had lost his press pass on a UT opening day, Haywood came down from the press box to let him into the stadium. “Not a blockbuster anecdote, maybe. But I never forgot Haywood’s courtesy and professionalism that day to an out-of-state sportswriter who was little more than a casual acquaintance at that time,” he concluded.

Brent Hubbs of volquest.com was a UT student when Haywood went out of his way to help him with a project for a television class.

“Haywood’s nature was to treat everyone like they were the most important person in the world,” he said. “And he did it for a 19-year-old kid who was just there for a project that was never going to air anywhere but in the classroom for teachers to grade.”

“He always had a keen interest in what you were doing and what might have been going on in your life. Kind, thoughtful and sharp as a tack when it came to UT sports history,” writes Rick Russo of WVLT-TV in Knoxville.

Even simple encounters with Haywood Harris turned into lasting memories for those who had the pleasure of meeting him. Mark Bradleyn of the Atlanta Journal Constitution recalls, “The highlight of my life—then, and maybe still—was being a guest on Haywood’s pregame radio show back in 1981.”

Chris Dortch of the Blue Ribbon Yearbook writes, “I can say with absolute certainty that Haywood Harris is the kindest, most gracious information director I’ve met, worked with or heard talk of.”

WATE-TV’s Jim Wogan said, “My first year in Knoxville wasn’t without a few bumps, and Haywood was always polite, patient and a go-to source for background on Tennessee sports.”

“Haywood Harris is a person you never forget once you meet him. He was salt of the earth and loved Tennessee down to the bone. Institutions like Haywood are far too few today,” said Joe Biddle of The Tennessean.

Chris Low of ESPN.com, a UT alumnus himself, writes, “. . . to Haywood, it was never a job. The University of Tennessee was his life, which is why he was so good at what he did.”

And The Knoxville News Sentinel’s Mike Strange puts it simply, “Not just a nice guy. The nicest guy.”

Haywood will not only be missed by his many friends, family, and colleagues but also by his many fans. He co-hosted a radio show, “The Locker Room,” with Gus Manning for decades. Gus told The Knoxville News Sentinel, “I have lost an incredible friend.”

Haywood holds many awards for his work, too many to fully recount here. He was an Inductee in the College Sports Information Directors Hall of Fame, the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and he received the very prestigious Arch Award in 1991 and UT Chancellor’s Citation in 1992.

As much as Haywood loved sports, he had other interests as well. One was his great attention to politics and national issues of importance. He was a patriotic American with a great love for his country and native east Tennessee.

Even many of Haywood’s Democratic friends commented after his death that they respected his deep love and strong loyalty to the Republican Party.

Haywood’s grandson, Matthew Lehigh, is a former member of my staff. I find that Matt holds many of his grandfather’s qualities, and I can think of no better legacy for Haywood
than his values and character living on through his three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. I extend my deepest sympathies to them and his wife Carolyn Jo.

Madam Speaker, I call the life of Haywood Harris and the remarkable impact he made on my district to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD. Haywood’s close friend and longtime Voice of the Vois announcer John Ward sums up his life best: “Haywood didn’t ask for credit; didn’t want it. He simply did what a really smart person does—help other people.”

DALTON EVAN GREEN
HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dalton Evan Green. Dalton 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 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dalton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dalton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Dalton and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

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

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT
HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, affecting countless across the world, cancer strikes at the core of our lives, our health, our families, and our communities. Sometimes silent, sometimes ravaging, and often all-encompassing, cancer can take what we hold most dear: life. Events like Relay for Life allows communities to come together, tennis shoes laced, and fight against such an enemy.

The multi-purposed Relay for Life generates awareness, promotes outreach, supports recovery, and builds survivorship. In it’s 26th year, Relay for Life is held across the country, in more than 600 communities internationally, and spans 21 countries.

I congratulate the participants of Williamson County’s Relay for Life event. By honoring those who lost their battles with this horrific disease and celebrating those who have yet to cease in the struggle, your hopeful passion encourages us all. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the event’s organizers, team captains, walkers, and all who still seek a cure.

H.R. 1017. CHIROPRACTIC CARE AVAILABLE TO ALL VETERANS ACT

HON. TODD TIAHRT
OF KANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support of H.R. 1017, the Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act. This legislation ensures that chiropractic care and services will be provided to all veterans through Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) medical centers and clinics by the end of 2012.

The benefits of chiropractic care are widely-known, and make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for so many Americans. As a regular chiropractic patient, I can attest to the benefits of this valuable service.

Veterans deserve a wide-range of services to meet their individual needs. As chiropractic care has grown in popularity, it is only logical to offer this service to our veterans. I am pleased, therefore, that this legislation will ensure access to chiropractic care for Kansas veterans.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 1017.

CONGRATULATING NESHAMINY MANOR
HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Neshaminy Manor Long Term Care Facility for achieving My InnerView’s National Excellence in Action Award.

This award, which recognizes nursing homes that have received the highest satisfaction ratings from residents, families and employees, was bestowed upon Neshaminy Manor for its excellence in providing outstanding continuing care and setting a positive example for other long term care facilities to follow.

Established on April 30, 2000, Neshaminy Manor has offered the community an invaluable service by contributing significantly to the lives of our most vulnerable citizens. This award illustrates the leadership and dedication exhibited by the facility’s staff and underscores the remarkable impact they have had on the lives of Neshaminy Manor’s residents and their families.

Neshaminy Manor has demonstrated its commitment to providing exceptional care and service to ensure that residents enjoy the quality of life they deserve as well as providing employees with a great place to work.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Neshaminy Manor for achieving this award, and I would like to thank the staff for their tremendous work and contribution to our community.

DONOVAN L. EDMUNDS
HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Donovan L. Edmunds. Donovan 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 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Donovan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Donovan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Donovan and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

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

ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND SAILING TEAM
HON. STENY H. HOYER
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the St. Mary’s College of Maryland Varsity Sailing Team on winning the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association’s Team Race National Championship. This year’s event was held May 29–31 on Lake Mendota in Madison, WI.

Unlike traditional fleet sailing, the team race event pits three boats against three boats. This event is often described as “chess on water” as sailors use unconventional tactics like slowing down and trapping their opponents to help teammates who are trailing to catch up. To win a race, the team of three must have a winning combination of finishes which total 10 points or fewer.

In the first round of competition, in which each team competes in six races, the Seahawks went undefeated in Group 1. In the second round among the top eight teams, the Seahawks had the best record with 11 wins and three losses. At the end of final round of the four winningest teams, the Seahawks went one and two, and had a final record of 12 wins and 5 losses, and won the event.

I want to extend my congratulations to the following members of the Varsity Sailing Team who competed in this event: Ted Hale, Francis Kupersmith, Michael Menninger, Kelly Wilbur, Ryan Kirkland, Madeline Jackson, and Mike Kuschner. I want to commend Head Coach Adam Werblow, who has been with this program for 22 years, and Bill Ward, Director of Sailing, for their leadership of this team.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the entire St. Mary's College sailing team for their diligent training, teamwork and dedication to the sport, and for continuing the legacy of excellence in racing at the college.
Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge the celebration that will take place on June 9, 2010 in honor of the 40th anniversary of the League of Conservation Voters. LCV is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural activities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who really seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these truly outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NCEO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nassar J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promotes unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NCEO, and congratulating all of the 2010 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor. I also ask unanimous consent that the names of this year’s recipients be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my statement.

Jonathan D. Schanuel

Mr. SCHANUEL of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan D. Schanuel. Jonathan 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 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE 2010 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. DAN BURTON OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2010 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Co- alition, NCEO, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation’s immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since NCEO’s founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2010 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Co- alition, NCEO, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation’s immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since NCEO’s founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The richness and diversity of American life makes our Nation unique among the Nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural activities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who really seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these truly outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NCEO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nassar J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promotes unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NCEO, and congratulating all of the 2010 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor. I also ask unanimous consent that the names of this year’s recipients be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my statement.

Mr. SCHANUEL of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan D. Schanuel. Jonathan 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 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jonathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Jonathan and I am sure that he will continue to hold0 such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan D. Schanuel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.
Association, the Yosemite Conservancy will provide the best of both organizations. It will aim to create new benchmarks in innovation and quality through its programs and projects. The 2010 signature project is a one million dollar effort to support Youth in Yosemite an

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search and bear canister rental and wilderness permits.

Under the leadership of Mike Tollefson,

former superintendent of Yosemite National Park, the Board of Trustees and the permanent staff, the Yosemite Conservancy will work toward their mission to provide for Yosemite’s future by inspiring people to support projects and programs that will preserve and protect Yosemite National Park’s resources and enrich the visitor experience.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Yosemite Conservancy for its commitment to better serve and protect Yosemite National Park. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the organization many years of continued success.

HONORING HARVEY ZEIGLER

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable American on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Mr. Harvey Zeigler, the sixth of thirteen children, grew up amid the de facto segregation of the 1920s in Damascus, Maryland, where his grandfather settled in 1863 after escaping slavery via the Underground Railroad. Three years after graduating from an all African-American high school, on December 8, 1941 Mr. Zeigler was drafted into the United States Army.

A member of the 329th segregated unit of the U.S. Army, Mr. Zeigler courageously fought for his country, only to return home to face oppressive discrimination. An early advocate of civil rights, Mr. Zeigler battled the discriminatory practices of local banks after he was denied funds for a start-up business venture because of his race. Even after securing a loan from a local bank, Mr. Zeigler continued to fight for equal treatment until all bank services were opened to all African-Americans in his community.

In 1959, Mr. Zeigler was hired as a custodian for the new Atomic Energy Commission in Germantown, Maryland. After he and other minority employees were passed over for numerous promotions, Mr. Zeigler, with the assistance of the NAACP, sued the AEC. Despite overwhelming odds, Mr. Zeigler and the NAACP won the case and forced the AEC to offer African-Americans opportunities for advancement to the higher-paying skilled-labor jobs.

Mr. Zeigler continued to play a critical role in his community in numerous ways. He organized Montgomery County community members’ involvement in the historic March on Washington. He led protests to integrate public facilities, including movie theaters, amusement parks, and country clubs. He was instrumental in enabling African-American teachers and counselors to obtain positions in his home county’s Montgomery County Public Schools and for African-Americans to become firefighters in Damascus.

Mr. Zeigler retired from federal service in 1977. In retirement, Mr. Zeigler worked tirelessly with the NAACP, leading youth services, organizing church activities, and integrating many of the United Methodist Churches in Montgomery County.

Mr. Zeigler, a man of extraordinary conviction and perseverance, has been a role model throughout his inspirational life of service to our Nation and to the African-American community. His brave leadership helped to change our Nation’s history in critically important ways.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Harvey Zeigler on his 90th birthday and to thank him for his courageous leadership and service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE WATERLOO FREE METHODIST CHURCH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the Waterloo Free Methodist Church, Lighthouse Fellowship of Waterloo, Iowa, on celebrating their 50th anniversary as a congregation at their current location.

The church was formed in 1883 and after several sites built the facilities at the present location of 1737 Cornwall Avenue in Waterloo, IA in 1958–1959. The church now goes by the name Lighthouse Fellowship and is a member of the Free Methodist organization.

The Lighthouse Fellowship has been an integral part of the surrounding Waterloo community, and I offer them my utmost congratulations and thanks on a prosperous history. I wish all the parishioners of Lighthouse Fellowship and the current pastor Reverend Al Taylor continued success, grace, peace and celebration as a community.

MICHAEL HUBBERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Hubbert. Michael 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 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Michael and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

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

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLMSTED UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Olmsted Universalist Universalist Church of North Olmsted, Ohio, as they celebrate 175 years of spirituality rooted in diversity and a deep sense of community.

The First Universalist Church of Olmsted was founded in 1834. The founding members included early leaders of North Olmsted such as the Coes, Kennedys, Roots, Stearnses and Fitches. In 1847, church members built the first building at the corner of Lorain and Butternut Ridge Roads.

Cast in 1851, the large bell in the belfry continues today as a symbol of inclusion and emancipation. Before and during the Civil War, the bell tower was used as a station on the Underground Railroad to hide escaping slaves and their families. In 1963, this historic landmark structure was moved to its current site at Porter Road in North Olmsted. More than a thousand Unitarian Universalist churches exist throughout North America. They operate autonomously, with each congregation having the right to define its own worship and ministry.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the congregation and ministry of the Unitarian Universalist church of North Olmsted as they celebrate their 175th anniversary. May this church continue to act as a beacon of spiritual truth, tolerance, and diversity for the people of Greater Cleveland.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY STOLL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Stoll, of Indianola, Iowa, and congratulate her on her acceptance to the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Ms. Stoll is a fine young lady who has demonstrated a sense of duty, perseverance, and a commitment to her country. She will bring a great deal of pride to her family, classmates, and community.

In honor and recognition of Ms. Stoll, I am proud to present the flag of the United States to her.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.
1956 to promote cross cultural and political understanding, currently operates on all seven continents, has over 400,000 alumni and provides students with the opportunity to learn and establish the necessary tools to become an effective leader.

Madam Speaker, I commend Emily Stoll for her commitment to academic and personal development. She is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Emily and her family in the United States Congress and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR TAM TRAN AND CINTHYA FELIX

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of two young graduate students, Tam Tran and Cinthya Felix, who both died in a tragic car accident on the 25th of May, 2010. They were 27 and 26 years of age, respectively.

Tam Tran was born in Germany to Vietnamese refugee parents and moved to the United States at the age of 6. Denied political asylum in the United States, unable to return to Vietnam for risk of political persecution, and refused entry to Germany, her immigration status was in limbo, but Tran proceeded to excel and graduate from Santiago High school in Garden Grove, California, and be admitted to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). As an undergraduate and vocal supporter of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, she joined Improving Dreams, Equality, Access and Success (IDEAS), a student organization that advocates for undocumented immigrant youth and students. Tran shared her story in congressional testimony, newspaper interviews, and events across the country. She eventually produced a collaborative student publication entitled, Underground Undergrads: UCLA Undocumented Immigrant Students Speak Out, an account of the struggle facing undocumented UCLA students and relevant legislation. She went on to become a Ph.D. candidate in American Civilization at Brown University.

Cinthya Felix was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States at the age of 15. Despite a late start, she eventually graduated from Garfield High School in East Los Angeles at the top of her class and was admitted to UCLA in 2003. As an undocumented student, she conducted research on educational inequalities and was one of the founders of the student-run organization IDEAS, where she worked with Tran. She graduated from UCLA in 2007 with a double major in English World Literature and Spanish Literature and was admitted to Masters in Public Health programs at Colombia University and the University of Michigan. Because of her undocumented status, Felix was unable to access financial aid and had to defer her admissions. With much determination, Felix spearheaded an online fundraising campaign and was able to matriculate at Colombia University a year later, becoming the first undocumented student in the history of the school's public health program.

Her goal was to pursue medical school and to return home as a practicing physician to help underserved communities.

Over three million students graduate from U.S. high schools every year. Most get the opportunity to continue on and live their American dream, but approximately 65,000 youth are denied this opportunity because of their undocumented status. Tran and Felix were both outspoken advocates on this issue. The DREAM act can solve this injustice by allowing qualifying undocumented youth a conditional path to citizenship through the completion of a college degree or military service. As Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I recognize the needs of immigrants, especially those that concern our youth, and have long made comprehensive immigration reform one of our caucus' top priorities. Although Tran's and Felix's lives were tragically cut short, let us not forget their mission. Let us continue to work towards making the DREAM act a law.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow members to join me in remembering Tam Tran and Cinthya Felix. They faced and their stories of perseverance in achieving the American dream are an inspiration to every American student who wishes to pursue life's endeavors.

IN HONOR OF HOWARD R. CATHERS, JR.
HON. JOHN H. ADLER
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Howard R. Cathers Jr. who passed away on May 28, 2010 at the age of 90. Howard was a devoted and loving husband, father of four, grandfather of eleven, and great-grandfather of twenty-four.

Mr. Cathers served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in Okinawa, Japan, and was a member of Browns Mills Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6805 and the Seabees.

Howard was a resident of Browns Mills for forty-eight years. He was a stationary engineer for Buttonwood Hospital, drove a school bus for the Pemberton Township Board of Education, and he and his late wife, Frances, worked for the Burlington County Times as newspaper carriers. Howard was also a member of Browns Mills Senior Citizen Club and St. Ann's Church. In his retirement he enjoyed making miniature doll house furniture.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me and a grateful nation in paying tribute to the lives of tens of thousands of people across the country, the state, and my community in a singular cause. H.R. 3974 and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act and the Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C community in a singular cause. H.R. 3974 will amend the Public Health Service Act to require, for his meritorious service, fearless leadership, and dedication to service during his twenty-one years in the Army Reserve. Major Studer has been deployed during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and twice during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Major Studer's commitment and courage during his service in the United States Military serves as an inspiration for soldier and citizen alike. I commend Major Studer for his selfless dedication to our great nation and consider it an honor to represent Major Studer and his family in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating him and wishing him the best in his future service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR KERRY M. STUDER
HON. TOM LATHAM
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Kerry M. Studer as a recipient of a Bronze Star Medal for his noble service as Commanding Officer of the 443rd Transportation Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Studer is a native of Mallard, Iowa and is a current resident of Des Moines.

Major Studer earned the Bronze Star, the Department of Defense's fourth highest award given, for his meritorious service, fearless leadership, and dedication to service during his twenty-one years in the Army Reserve. Major Studer has been deployed during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and twice during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Major Studer's commitment and courage during his service in the United States Military serves as an inspiration for soldier and citizen alike. I commend Major Studer for his selfless dedication to our great nation and consider it an honor to represent Major Studer and his family in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating him and wishing him the best in his future service to our country.

MAY AS WORLD HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH
HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize May as World Hepatitis Awareness Month and May 19th as World Hepatitis Day. I commend the House Energy and Commerce Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee for their support for raising awareness of the risks and consequences of undiagnosed Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C infections and the need for governmental and public health actions. I also want to thank my good friends Rep. Ed Towns and Rep. Bill Cassidy for working with me on hepatitis issues and speaking out on World Hepatitis Day.

An estimated 5.3 million people living in the United States are infected with either Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C. Hepatitis viruses are highly contagious viruses that infect the liver, cause liver disease, liver cancer, and premature death. Hepatitis patients are found in every Congressional district in every state across the U.S. Tragically, more than half are unaware of their status. Hepatitis is often called a silent crisis, but we cannot afford to be silent any more, and we will not be silent any more.

I introduced H.R. 3974, the Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act of 2009 to unite the Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C community in a singular cause. H.R. 3974 will amend the Public Health Service Act to make critical improvements for education for patients and health care providers, access to immunization and screening, and surveillance and referral to care programs. The Act will also put in place a coordinated federal response to fight viral hepatitis. Through this legislation, and with strategic investments in public health and prevention programs, the lives of tens of thousands of people across the nation will be improved.

I commend the Obama Administration and Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services Dr. Howard Koh for developing an intradepartmental
viral hepatitis working group to improve the public health response to the disease, and for working with outside partners to increase access to quality health care and reduce the health effects from viral hepatitis.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the goals and ideals of World Hepatitis Awareness Month and to support H.R. 3974. Through comprehensive education, research, and coordination, we can highlight the global nature of chronic viral hepatitis epidemics, work to coordination, we can highlight the global nature of chronic viral hepatitis epidemics, work to improve the quality of life for those diagnosed, and prevent further spread of the disease.

RECOGNIZING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WHEATFORD, TEXAS

HON. KAY GRANGER OF TEXAS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First National Bank of Wheatford, Texas, which has been serving the banking needs of the families and businesses of Wheatford and Parker County for 130 years.

The First National Bank has operated in the City of Wheatford, Texas, continuously since May 15, 1880, and is the oldest national bank charter in the state. Given the trouble the banking industry has faced in the last several years we can all appreciate this enormous accomplishment, which speaks to the strong leadership that has steered the bank over the course of its impressive history.

First National Bank is a true community bank with directors, officers, and employees who are committed to serving the needs of its customers. As with so many community banks the employees are so engaged in the Wheatford community because they are from the community.

The bank has a strong record as a good neighbor, contributing to the growth of the City of Wheatford and Parker County by supporting commerce, local charities and community events.

I congratulate the First National Bank on this significant milestone and wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE PATTERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM OF IOWA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joyce Patterson on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of dedicated service as 4-H youth coordinator with the Iowa State University Extension of Boone County, Iowa.

Joyce has not only been a dedicated employee but she has touched every aspect of the 4-H Community. She has been actively involved in 4-H for the past 25 years as a member, club leader, employee, and pioneer in this organization.

Joyce’s service to the youth of Boone County is truly something to be admired. The 4-H mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults, and Joyce is a shining example of 4-H at its best. She is an exemplary citizen who has instilled the Iowa values of hard work, self-reliance, and community service in many of Iowa’s youth.

I know that Joyce’s accomplishments in the United States Congress join me in recognizing Joyce Patterson’s service to the youth of Boone County. I consider it an honor to represent Joyce in Congress, and I wish her much happiness during her retirement.

HONORING GLORIA GUARD, RETIRING AS PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE’S EMERGENCY CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. CHAKA FATTAH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, one of Philadelphia’s most forceful and effective advocates for homeless women and children is moving into well earned retirement at the end of this month.

Gloria Guard has been President of the People’s Emergency Center since 1983—when she started by overseeing rental space in an old church that was only open weekends. On July 1 she bequeaths to her still-to-be-chosen successor a nationally respected $6 million agency that serves 400 women and children a year while developing almost 200 affordable and special needs housing units in the Powelton neighborhood of West Philadelphia in the 2nd Congressional District.

Not only that, she has led PEC to establish 25 small businesses, eliminate 110 vacant lots, and repair houses and storefronts seemingly everywhere in Powelton.

It is a large footprint, and it is a visionary approach to the changing face of homelessness. It is Gloria Guard’s approach. John Kromer, former director of Philadelphia’s Office of Housing and Community Development, put it best in a newspaper interview about Gloria’s retirement announcement: “PEC is not just about homelessness. It’s about bringing up the entire neighborhood.”

Gloria Guard has brought $80 million into the People’s Emergency Center and to her causes, much of it in federal affordable housing resources. I have been an admirer and a willing target of Gloria’s smiling determination to get what she and her clients need. That has made me a frequent visitor at the joyous ribbon cutting ceremonies and hopeful house tours she has arranged that have pointed the way toward a better life for thousands of Philadelphians.

One of the statistics Gloria Guard showcases is that over 90 percent of PEC’s shelter and transitional housing residents remain self-sufficient after graduating from the Center’s programs. While she directs the hands-on work of PEC, she has stepped up as a compelling advocate for changes in local and national policy that reflect the community of the homeless that she knows so well. She has pushed hard to change federal priorities and funding to deal with the women and children who increasingly bear the brunt of homelessness for a complexity of reasons, not just concentrating on the predominantly male homeless population that is most visible on city streets.

Guard has stated: “I am most proud of the hundreds of homeless families that we helped at PEC who today are independent, working, solid parents and engaged citizens—totally invisible and immersed in the mainstream. Formerly homeless children are succeeding in school, and a number of them have graduated from college. I have been truly blessed to encounter so many good people who have overcome such extraordinarily difficult circumstances. They are an inspiration to all of us.”

Gloria Guard is not only a winner; she’s an award winner. Her career work earned her the 2004 Philadelphia Award, an honor reserved for the city’s most notable philanthropists, artists, political visionaries, and social activists. She has also received the Sower’s Seed Award from Trinity Washington University (2005), the Gold Coin Award from Inglis Foundation (2008), and was named one of the 75 Greatest Living Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Eagles and Dunkin Donuts (2007) and Citizen Volunteer of the Year by the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania (2001). Other honors include the Community Champion Award of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (2005), the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s Louis D. Aptheker Award (2000), and the Professional Women’s Roundtable award for 2009.

Now she can add yet another honor: Tonight, on Tuesday June 8, 2010, Gloria Guard is being feted by the People’s Emergency Center and awarded PEC’s own 2010 Imprint Award for “Nurturing Families, Strengthening Families, Driving Change.” The venue is one of Philadelphia’s most glittering, the Crystal Tea Room at the Wanamaker Building, across from City Hall. The invitation beckons Gloria’s friends, supporters, admirers, staff, volunteers, PEC alumni and alumnae to salute this “passionate voice of homeless families in Philadelphia, the power behind neighborhood revitalization, and nationally recognized public policy leader who gets results. Join us to thank Gloria for devoting her life to social justice and the public interest.”

Amen to that. Philadelphia is a better place, a more nurturing and supportive community, a place where women and children can find safety, security and vital services, because for 27 years Gloria Guard has worked relentlessly, passionately through the People’s Emergency Center to end family homelessness. Gloria Guard’s legacy is secure, and it is magnificent.

RECOGNIZING THE BEACON GROUP AND THE ABILITYONE GROUP

HON. RAUL M. Grijalva OF ARIZONA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the AbilityOne program, which over the past several years has offered skills and jobs training to more than 42,000 Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities.

The AbilityOne Program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. This program affords Americans with disabilities the opportunity to receive
good wages and benefits and gain greater independence and quality of life. Employment opportunities through the AbilityOne Program have significantly contributed to bringing people who are blind or have significant disabilities into the wider working society.

It is with great pride that I also acknowledge the Beacon Group Inc., one of the many social enterprises dedicated to enriching the lives of people with disabilities.

Since its beginning in 1952, the Beacon Group has been committed to providing employment-related opportunities to people with disabilities. It provides access to real work for a segment of the community that traditionally bears an unacceptably high unemployment rate. The Beacon Group now serves over 1,600 people with disabilities annually by providing a variety of employment opportunities and educational and social rehabilitation programs, all of which help lead to more meaningful and productive lives.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I offer my support to the AbilityOne Program and commend the dedication and commitment of the Beacon Group’s President, Mr. Steven King, and his staff, for helping individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities find employment. Their work helps people live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend the many AbilityOne employees who work every day to improve the lives of others and make our country a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO LUCY CHEN

HON. TOM LATHAM
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lucy Chen, of Ames, Iowa, who is among the outstanding U.S. high school students selected to attend the annual Research Science Institute sponsored by the Center for Excellence of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

The mission of the Center for Excellence of Technology is to nurture young scholars to careers of excellence and leadership in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Research Science Institute is a highly competitive six-week program which emphasizes advanced theory and research in mathematics, the sciences, and engineering. Lucy was selected for this program upon scoring in the upper one-percent of U.S. student PSAT exam scores. From June to July 2010, Lucy will learn from distinguished professors and conduct a research project at MIT.

I commend Lucy for her commitment to academic achievement and leadership in science and technology. She is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Lucy and her family in the United States Congress and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE HEIDERSHEIT

HON. TOM LATHAM
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlie Heidersheit, a native of Osage, Iowa who is stepping down after 33 years as the Executive County Farm Service Agency Director of Mitchell County, Iowa.

After studying at Loras College in Dubuque, Charlie came to Osage to begin his job as County FSA Director. This agency is in charge of delivering federal farm programs directly to Iowa Farmers. His dedicated service has helped countless Iowa farmers and contributed to Iowa’s strong agricultural economy.

Although Charlie is retiring from his position as County FSA Director, he plans to continue to be an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Osage and spend more time volunteering in the community through many of the local organizations he has been active in including the Osage Knights of Columbus, Osage Lions Club, Osage Kiwanis, and Osage Cub Scouts.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in recognizing Charlie Heidersheit and thanking him for his service to the State of Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Charlie in Congress, and I wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

SHAWNEETOWN BICENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Shawneetown, Illinois, upon its bicentennial. Shawneetown was established as a city by the Federal Government in 1810 and is the oldest chartered city in the State of Illinois.

Shawneetown was home to the first bank in the Illinois Territory, chartered in 1816 and located in the John Marshall residence near the Ohio River Bridge. The first State bank in Illinois was built in 1839–1840 in Shawneetown. General Marquis de Lafayette, of France, visited Shawneetown in 1825, as part of his famous tour of America after he had served so valiantly during the American Revolution.

Shawneetown was flooded by great flood of 1937. The gauge read 66 feet, which was five feet higher than the top of the levee. Following the 1937 flood, Shawneetown moved three miles west and was surveyed by the Federal Government.

Today, Shawneetown is the home of Bunge Grain Corporation, Power Inc., Shawneetown Harbor Service, Inc., a Peabody Coal Company River Dock and several other small businesses.

I would like to congratulate the citizens of Shawneetown as they celebrate 200 years of success. May God bless Shawneetown for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING DONALD DYE—WINNER OF THE TOP TEACHER AWARD

HON. TOM LATHAM
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donald Dye, an English teacher
at the Belmond-Klemme Community School District in Belmond, Iowa, for winning the national “Top Teacher Award” search. Mr. Dye was named the top teacher on the Live with Regis and Kelly television program.

Mr. Dye was recommended for the award by Jim and Donna Suniken and Curt and Diane Stadtlander, who wrote of Don in their nomination essay:

“Teaching is his passion! He believes in a good education for all and that school pride makes good citizens and a better world. Mr. Dye is affectionately known to his students and friends as “Mr. D”. He is a compassionate, unselfish teacher who believes that all students, no matter their life styles or race, are all worthy and should always be taken seriously. All students are treated equal and special by him.

“Don Dye teaches English/literature and short stories at the Belmond/Klemme high school in our small community of Belmond, Iowa, where he has taught many different age levels for 37 years. He is respected and looked up by fellow teachers not only for his teaching expertise, but for his warm and bubbly personality and incredible sense of humor. He has been on many committees and boards in the local school, area, and state.

“On the first day of school, Mr. D supplies the students with his home and cell phone number and strongly encourages them to call him night or day, no matter what the problem—whether it is to retrieve something from a locker, help write a paper, and most importantly if they need a friend or someone to listen to. Don says no problem is too big or small. He is always available 24-7 without fail. His family and friends tease him about not getting enough sleep, because his phone is always ringing. Just the other day a young boy needed someone to talk to about his sister dying in a hospital bed while taking chemotherapy and he knew that Mr. D always has time to listen. His closest friends know that he keeps his simple apartment, so he can have time to help people and families in need. Many years ago he lost the love of his life in a car accident; and since then he has devoted his life to helping others.

“Don Dye also takes great pride in our community. He has served on many boards, community events, and helped with many fundraisers for students or people in the community suffering from cancer, needing organ transplants, or other crises. He makes hospital visits, always surprising people with baked goods, and helping neighbors in need in some way—even if they don’t think they are “in need”. If someone is short on money, he will help if he can financially or lend a listening ear. He says he is just “doing” what his mamma and papa taught him”, being raised a Pastor’s kid, and since then he has devoted his life to helping others.

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I want to commend Speaker Pelosi and President Obama for their leadership on this issue, and I ask all of my colleagues to support repeal. Passage of this amendment will bring an end to this shameful inequity.

IN SUPPORT OF “LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE MONTH”

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SPEECH OF
HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN
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They understand that children who grow up with an understanding of the land, air and water surrounding them grow into environmentally conscious adults.

These adults are actively involved in efforts to clean, restore and preserve our precious resources.

This month shows children that catching-and-releasing fish, playing with mud, and building a fort beat a video game any day. I look forward to joining the fun.

WESLEYAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WINS IT ALL AGAIN

HON. HOWARD COBLE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our congratulations to the Wesleyan Christian Academy’s baseball team for winning its second North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association 3A state championship in three seasons.

Wesleyan Christian Academy defeated Forsyth Country Day School for the title. The team at Wesleyan Christian Academy fought hard to obtain its second state title. The team exhibited exorbitant amounts of determination and teamwork in order to claim the championship title for the second time. Trojan catcher, Chris Ferrante, hit a three-run homer against Forsyth Country Day, which proved to be just enough to defeat the Furies. Ferrante along with teammates, David Anderson and Bennett Hixon, displayed excellent fieldwork that further solidified Wesleyan Christian’s lead. This championship game required tremendous skill and athleticism, not to mention, great advice and wisdom from Head Coach Scott Davis and his coaching staff.

The championship team members included Donnie Caldwell, Casey Com, Cameron Hendrix, Bennett Hixon, Nick Blackwood, Kyle Washam, David Anderson, Nathan Midkiff, Chris Ferrante, Vincent Banks, Greg Key, Cameron George, and Ethan Brown. The coaching was led by Scott Davis, and his able assistant John Paviac.

Again, on behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we would like to congratulate the Wesleyan Christian Academy baseball team, the faculty, staff, students, and fans for an outstanding season.

CONGRATULATING EL PRIMER PASO LTD.

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor El Primer Paso Ltd., a preschool located in Dover, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its fortieth anniversary.

In 1969, a group of volunteers formed El Primer Paso with the intent of preparing children from the local Hispanic community for the public school education curriculum. Realizing the unparalleled importance of a solid educational foundation, these volunteers aimed to help local children of preschool age in valuable areas such as the English language and developmental growth.

The Trinity Lutheran Church of Dover loaned El Primer Paso meeting space for its first year, but in 1970 it moved to a house on Richards Avenue, owned by the Holy Rosary Church. Seven years later, the organization received a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act grant, its first government assistance. This grant allowed El Primer Paso to pay the salaries of two teachers, paving the way for the establishment of a formal program, complete with two half-day sessions, five days a week.

In 1980, El Primer Paso added adult language courses in response to numerous requests from parents of the preschoolers. These courses have since flourished into a thriving English as a Second Language Program, teaching local adults valuable communication skills for both work and social environments.

In 1984, El Primer Paso further expanded to include a preschool program for three-year-olds. Four years later, the organization also began sponsorship of a Family Childcare Program, which provides training to those who desire to open Family Childcare homes. It also became a sponsor in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture’s Family Child Care Food Program, ensuring that children receiving childcare from registered providers would receive nutritionally balanced meals and snacks at no cost to their parents.

Finally, in November 2000, after many years of borrowing space from the Holy Rosary Church, El Primer Paso opened the doors to its brand new facility at 29 Segur Street in Dover. Then, in 2009, the organization received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, a standard met by fewer than ten percent of preschools across the nation.

El Primer Paso continues to look toward tomorrow as it prepares to expand its facilities. As they have the most devoted staff and trustees, the future of their school, as well as their students, is sure to be bright.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating El Primer Paso Ltd., for its 40 years of admirable service to the community.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD’S 1483RD TRANSPORTATION COMPANY UPON ITS RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to a brave group of individuals from Ohio. The 1483rd Transportation Company is celebrating its return from service in the theater of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the broader conflict of America’s Global War on Terror.

There is no question the Ohio National Guard is one of the fundamental military components of our country. Over its brief but active course of service to our great nation, the Ohio Army National Guard’s 1483rd Transportation Company has demonstrated its commitment to the cause of freedom. These soldiers have contributed to the long history of the U.S. Army Transportation Corps, dating back to 1942.

This Walbridge, Ohio-based Guard unit travelled over 325,000 miles, carrying with it almost 33,000 tons of equipment in support of America’s efforts in Iraq. These soldiers conducted nearly 150 combat patrols, five vehicle recovery operations and a humanitarian mission where educational materials were shipped abroad. The 1483rd Transportation Company also moved over 400 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, nearly 150 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and M1 Abrams tanks, and also helped in the U.S. military drawdown initiative in Iraq.

The 1483rd Transportation Company is deserving of the greatest respect and our highest honor. These individuals have not only ably and faithfully served our great nation in the theater of war, but have selflessly supported humanitarian efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav. Surely, America’s safety and wellbeing have been strengthened by its steadfast service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Ohio Army National Guard’s 1483rd Transportation Company. America is well served by dedicated service men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect our beloved nation. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize these citizen soldiers upon their return from serving America’s interests in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

REID JOHNSON AND PAL

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an enthusiastic public servant, someone who works tirelessly in our community, and who has a big heart for young people and a dedication to law enforcement. Reid Johnson, a King County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant and the Executive Director of the Greater King County Police Activities League (GKCPAL), continues to make a remarkable difference in the lives of thousands of young people throughout King County.

Madam Speaker, the GKCPAL is not an extension of the King County Sheriff’s office. It is a chapter of the nationwide PAL program; in other words, everyone working on behalf of the GKCPAL is a volunteer. No one, Madam Speaker, gives more time than Reid. His name is now synonymous with law enforcement and public service in King County. He spends time at schools, gymnasiums, and local hangouts—anywhere young people may need guidance and direction. Reid is doing so much to make our community a better place, Madam Speaker, and I thank him for his service.

The national PAL program is recognized by the Department of Justice as a juvenile delinquency reduction program. In King County, PAL gives young people a productive outlet...
through mentoring, music, and a variety of other activities. Reid doesn't sit in an office and direct these programs. He is constantly in engaging individuals and families, and developing new and unique ways to make a difference. Madam Speaker, I urge every one of my colleagues to support their local PAL chapters—the programs available make a big difference in the lives of our young people, and to our overall public safety.

Reid's work with PAL is helped by his work overseeing the School Resource Officers with the King County Sheriff's Office. Reid is efficient and effective at what he does because everyone he encounters knows he means what he says. Reid is a dedicated servant. He's a special man and King County is a better place because of him.

Madam Speaker, I ask this House to join me in thanking Reid for his service and to wish him the very best as he continues to mentor and affect the lives of our promising young people.

**FREEDOM FOR PEOPLE OF IRAN**

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, June 12, 2009, the Iranian people went to the polls to vote in Iran's tenth presidential election. Today, almost exactly one year later, two things have become much clearer.

First, we have seen just how oppressive and authoritarian the Iranian regime is. When Iranian citizens took to the streets to dispute the results of the election, government officials responded with violence, murdering innocent people like Neda Soltan and assaulting others. Rather than apologizing for these atrocities, President Ahmadinejad dismissed the initial unrest as "not important" and accused foreign media of launching a "psychological war" against Iran. In the months following the election, government officials continued to arrest, torture, and imprison protestors and their family members.

Even now, the government's persecution of pro-democracy demonstrators continues. On May 9, five political prisoners, four of them Kurds, were hung. The following day, the Iranian court sentenced a Newsweek reporter, in abestinia, to 13 years in prison. In addition, Amnesty International reported a few weeks ago that 6 more people were sentenced to death for their association with the banned Iranian opposition, or having visited the group's Camp Liberty.

Second, we have seen just how much the Iranian people desire freedom from the current regime. Despite the threat of injury and even death, Iranian citizens continue to express their displeasure with the current government. In December, Iranian activists participated in demonstrations in Tehran and other cities across the country. When President Ahmadinejad visited Tehran University a month ago, student demonstrators protested. 

In light of these events, I recently joined twelve other Congress members in signing a bi-partisan letter to President Obama, encouraging him to support the Iranian dissidents' efforts and work with international partners to put pressure on Iran.

I am also a co-sponsor of H. Res 704 that has 224 bi-partisan co-sponsors and supports the rights of the Iranian dissident members in Camp Ashraf, Iraq. We must condemn attempts by the Iranian regime and the Al-Maliki Government to harm these Iranian political refugees.

Finally, I praise New Jersey Assemblyman John Bramnick and the teen advocacy program No Nukes for Iran for planning a rally in Trenton on June 10. This event is sponsored by numerous Jewish organizations who wish to raise awareness of the danger a nuclear Iran poses for the citizens of Iran, as well as Israel and the U.S. As a conference on the Iran Sanctions Conference Committee, I will continue to support prompt, aggressive action to deter Iran's nuclear ambitions. I also praise New Jersey government officials and non-profit groups for divesting pension and annuity funds from companies that do business with Iran's petroleum sector.

I am honored to stand with the thousands of Iranians who have dared to voice their opposition to the current regime and the journalists who have had the courage to cover their actions.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONCORDIA ORIOLES BASEBALL TEAM**

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to inform you that on Thursday, June 3, the Concordia High School Orioles baseball team became the 2010 1-A Missouri State Champions. Under Head Coach Nathan Beissenherz and Assistant Coach Brandon Figg, the team finished the season with a 19–3 record. This is the first state championship for any sport in Concordia High School history.

After a 15–3 regular season record, the Orioles defeated Wellington (4–2) in the Class 1- A Sectional and then defeated Liberal (5–2) in Quarterfinal play. This earned the club a trip to the finals in Springfield, Missouri, which was hosted at Drury University's Meador Park. The Orioles then defeated St. Elizabeth (9–3) and played Brashear in the final game. The team played solid defense and took advantage of opportunities in the field and at the plate, which propelled the CHS Orioles baseball team over Brashear (6–1) to win the state championship.

Members of the Concordia Orioles baseball team include: Collin Worthes, Drew Smith, Kent Schuette, Dustin Heinkein, Alec Frerking, Blake Smith, Tyler Tolias, Blake Heimsoth, Travis Flandemeyer, Jesse Flandemeyer, Carter Brown, Hayden Brown, Jacob Simmers, Jacob Harms, Calen Brunkhorst, Zach Wolski, J.R. Langkrah, Chris Karr, Josh Kock, assistant coach Brandon Figg and head coach Nathan Beissenherz.

Madam Speaker, the members of the Concordia High School Orioles baseball team have distinguished themselves as the 2010 Class 1-A Missouri High School Baseball State Champions as well as the first state champions in Concordia High School history. I am sure that my colleagues will join me in wishing Coach Beiz and his team all the best.
Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor one of America's finest organizations, the American Legion, and to recognize one of its local Auxiliary units, Roselawn American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238, as they recognize their newly elected officials. The members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238, as well as the Legionaries and the Sons of the American Legion, will be recognizing these individuals at the Installation of Officers Awards Dinner held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at the American Legion Post 238 in Roselawn, Indiana.

For many years, Roselawn American Legion Post 238 has been an extraordinary example of the ideals and mission of the American Legion. The American Legion Auxiliary was established in 1919 to assist the American Legion and has quickly become the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. For volunteering many hours to our American veterans and to the community of Roselawn, as well as all of Northwest Indiana, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238 and its newly elected officers are to be honored.

Please join me in recognizing the 2010-2011 newly elected officers for the Auxiliary Unit 238: Tina Stevens—President, Elizabeth Albright—First Vice President, Roxanne Hepworth—Second Vice President, Jane Bower—Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Adrian Mandernach—Chaplain, Natalie Haber-Barker—Historian and Parliamentarian, Lupe Hinch—Sergeant-At-Arms, and Jeannette Sutton, Nancy Lanier, and Phyllis Lindley—Executive Board Members.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238 and its newly elected officers. I also ask that you join me in honoring its membership for their service to their community, its veterans, and their devotion to the ideals of the American Legion.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinct patriotic and heroic service of the Army Veterans of Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, including three brave soldiers who lost their lives serving the United States in this Division. These soldiers of the United States Army made the ultimate sacrifice and dedicated their lives to serving the United States in 1970 and 1971.

The patriotism and heroism displayed by this Division are profound and immeasurable. They left their families and friends to fight for this country. They risked everything to fight for America and its future generations. In battle, these soldiers faced extraordinary circumstances and physical hardships. For this, we as a nation are forever in their debt and grateful for their loyalty and bravery.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Veterans of the 101st Airborne Division for their invaluable service to our nation in time of war. It is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to these veterans and their families who proudly wore the uniform of their country, endured the rigors of war, and fought for our liberty and the freedom of future generations of Americans.