

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SERGEANT LEE GRAGG

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and honor that I rise to share with you the inspiring story of one of my constituents. Sergeant Lee Gragg is a police officer in the Palmetto Police Department, and last September, he was injured in the line of duty.

On Sunday, September 12th 2009 at 10 o'clock at night, Sgt. Gragg and his team were conducting a routine road safety check. An uncooperative driver was discovered to have a suspended license and an arrest warrant. Recognizing that the suspect was reaching for something on the floor of the car, Sgt. Gragg feared for the safety of his team and grabbed the driver's arm.

When the driver attempted to escape, Sgt. Gragg was dragged alongside the vehicle. After the driver lost control of the car, he was thrown 20 feet into the air. He was flown to Grady Hospital, where he was treated in the intensive care unit for 5 weeks. Today, I join his wife Michele Gragg in thanking God for his survival.

I was astounded to hear that a mere four months after this incident, Sgt. Gragg returned to work. Despite losing vision in one eye, suffering severe nerve damage, and undergoing more than 10 surgeries, he maintains a positive attitude. He teaches children about safety and is dedicated to community outreach. He is ever eager and determined to return to active duty. Sergeant Lee Gragg is an honorable man—a hero to his fellow police officers and a role model to his community. Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring this great public servant.

A TRIBUTE RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church in Bellflower in the 34th Congressional District. I ask my colleagues to please join me along with the church's pastor, Dr. Michael Melton Kalapp, and his nearly 800 parishioners, in celebrating this significant milestone. In honor of the occasion, I would like to submit into the RECORD a detailed historical overview provided by the church chronicling its incredible growth throughout Calvary's many years of spiritual service to families in Bellflower and throughout the world.

A HISTORY OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELLFLOWER

(By the Calvary Baptist Church)

In September, 1935, a group of 14 believers, led by Reverend True H. Maxfield, sought to start a place of worship in the Bellflower area after holding a successful tent meeting. A lot located at Santa Ana and Mayne was purchased for \$275. Two months later, on November 11, 1935, a group of men began erecting a small building that would become The First Fundamental Church of Bellflower.

In 1943, the church changed its name to Calvary Baptist Church of Bellflower. By 1949, the church boasted 175 members and new property was purchased—"way out in the country"—on Ardis Avenue. It was there that volunteers built the new church, which held its first service on December 23, 1949. A farming community at the time, Bellflower would not become the 59th city in the County of Los Angeles until 1957.

In 1950, the church membership nearly doubled to 340 and additional property around the church was purchased. Seven years later, in 1957, Calvary expanded its ministry to support the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, MO. The church also supported the Pima Indians in Arizona.

On June 16, 1963, after several years of leadership changes, Dr. H. Frank Collins and his family began their ministry at Calvary. Building on the church's rich history of reaching out to the community, Dr. Collins led the church to purchase a bus to provide members without transportation the opportunity to come to Calvary to worship. At its peak, this effort would grow to include 17 buses, transporting nearly 600 people to church weekly.

During Dr. Collins' 26-year ministry, he led the church through its largest expansion in buildings, membership and outreach. Unfortunately, rising costs would eventually end the church's bus ministry, as well as its television (Channel 9) and radio programming (on KGER 1390 AM).

Calvary, however, continued to grow in other ways.

In 1984, the completion of the H. Frank Collins/Calvary Baptist Church Family Center enabled the church to expand its ministry for its members and the community. This multi-purpose facility contains classrooms, a board room, counseling rooms, office space, a full-service kitchen, showers, gymnasium, and banquet seating for approximately 400 people.

Upon Dr. Collins' retirement in May 1990, Dr. Michael Kalapp became Calvary's new pastor. Under his leadership, Bible-centered life groups, and one-on-one mentorship programs were launched.

Four years later, when Calvary purchased the last remaining parcel of property on what is today the church campus, Calvary realized its dream of having a Missions home. Today, the facility serves as a Missions House and Missions Apartment, giving the church's missionaries a place to rest while in the United States. During the first decade of this century, Calvary was instrumental in the planting of new churches in Sauharita, AZ; Banning, CA; and Boston, MA. Calvary has also given more than \$1.5 million to missionary work in far reaching places such as Africa, China, Japan and the Philippines.

Calvary's growing ministries encompass a wide variety of community programs and

initiatives. On a weekly basis, Calvary provides the facilities and works with other local churches to feed, shower, and cloth people who are homeless. Church members donate food for its food pantry that serves more than 100 families a year. This Thanksgiving, church members will serve dinner to more than 500 people in the community. To help individuals fighting addictions, Calvary operates a "Celebrate Recovery" church-based spiritual support program. The church also provides space for weekly Nicotine and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. This past October, more than a thousand people from throughout the area enjoyed a free fun-filled day of games, face painting and other activities at its annual Harvest Festival. The church also hosted the Children's Summer Spectacular—a day camp for more than 60 children from throughout the community that includes Bible study, field trips and other activities. Parishioners also donate the labor, supplies and funds each year to "makeover" homes to members in need.

To raise funds for its missionaries, Calvary holds a Christmas boutique in late October. Handmade items by parishioners are sold at the annual boutique to raise funds for the church's mission work in this country and around the world. This year's boutique raised more than \$7,000. Calvary also holds a parking lot sale featuring donated items by church members to raise funds for its missions. This year's event generated \$3,000.

As Calvary celebrates its 75 year anniversary, the church is extremely proud that its central message to its congregation since its founding "way out in the country" has always remained devoutly the same: to "LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE AND CHANGE THE WORLD."

HONORING THE LIFE OF PEDRO SYPINGCO CASTRO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Pedro Syppingco Castro, a son of Guam and veteran of the United States Navy, for his dedication and service to our community and country. Pedro passed away on September 26, 2010 at the age of 80. I commend him for his dedicated service to his community and our nation.

Pedro was born on June 29, 1930 to Jose Rosario Castro and Maria Syppingco Evangelista of Sinajana, Guam. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He served on the USS Proteus AS-19, USS Crockett PG-88, USS Haverfield DER-393, USS Lucid MSO-458, and USS Goss DE-444. He attained the rank of Boatswain's Mate Chief Petty Officer, and his awards and medals include the American Spirit Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct awards, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Although Pedro may no longer be with us, he will be remembered by his loving wife Ana,

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daughter Carmilita, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many loved ones for many years to come. I offer my condolences, sympathies, and prayers to Pedro's family and loved ones and to all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE M.
SCALISE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George M. Scalise, a longtime constituent, friend, and industry advocate, who retired as President of the Semiconductor Industry Association this year. His exemplary leadership in the high-tech sector has improved our technical capabilities and enriched our country.

George Scalise's father worked on the railroads, but George dedicated his life to the conduits of the future, ultimately moving from the steel mills of Pennsylvania to the semiconductors of Silicon Valley. Growing up in Warren, Pennsylvania, George Scalise was a go-getter from an early age, working a paper route, cleaning pots and pans in a bakery, and performing other odd jobs. He followed his older brother to Purdue University, graduating in 1956 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and then joined the Army as an engineer for the next two years. After leaving the military, George Scalise met and married his wife of nearly fifty years, fellow engineer Dot McDonald, and moved into the growing field of semiconductors, where he began to make his mark.

From his early days at CBS Electronics and Motorola, George Scalise has left a lasting imprint on the semiconductor industry. Among his many positions and responsibilities, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Apple Computer, Inc., and as Senior Vice President of Planning and Development and Chief Administrator Officer of National Semiconductor Corporation. His abilities have earned him the respect and trust of his colleagues, who selected him to be President of the Semiconductor Industry Association, the nation's leading microelectronics trade association, which brings together more than 60 companies accounting for over 90% of American semiconductor producers. Serving from 1997 to 2010, George Scalise brought his deep understanding of the complexities of international trade and workforce issues to bear on a wide array of industry matters, including educating and recruiting a skilled workforce, promoting environmental and safety standards, protecting intellectual property, and ensuring American competitiveness abroad.

As civic-minded as he is silicon-minded, George Scalise has brought his business acumen to his public service endeavors. He served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco from 2000 to 2005, including two years as Chairman, and spent eight years on President George W. Bush's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating George Scalise's extraordinary leadership and service. In his business career, in his personal relationships, in his

service to his community, George Scalise conducts himself as impressively as the microchips he loves, I'm proud to consider him a friend and honor the outstanding contributions he has made through his innovation and inspirational industry leadership.

A TRIBUTE TO WALTER T.
MOSLEY III

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Walter T. Mosley III.

Walter T. Mosley III was born and raised in the Clinton Hill and Crown Heights sections of Brooklyn.

After he graduated from high school, Mr. Mosley attended Pennsylvania State University. He graduated with honors, earning a degree in Criminology with minors in African Studies and American History. He received a law degree from Howard University in 1998.

Mr. Mosley was exposed to community activism and public service at an early age, which had a great effect on his sense of responsibility and ownership of his community. Throughout his life, he has worked to serve the downtown and central Brooklyn community. He has served as an advisor to elected officials on political, legislative, and public policy issues related to local and statewide initiatives. Through this work, he has had the opportunity to work in various capacities, including: legislative analyst for the New York City Council, Chief of Staff to New York State Assemblyman William F. Boyland, Jr., and currently as Special Counsel to New York State Majority Conference Leader John L. Sampson.

Mr. Mosley also learned early the importance of developing a broad range of experience in government and politics so that he would be able to give back to his community. He had the opportunity to work on the national political scene in 2004 through work for Senator John Kerry's presidential campaign. He continued this work in 2008 as a Pledged Delegate for Senator Barack Obama.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many contributions of Walter T. Mosley III.

CELEBRATING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHAPEL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the Cranford Memorial Chapel. Today's celebration reflects the strength and continuity of this Congregation, and it also highlights the historical significance of this location in Fairfax County.

The site of today's Cranford United Methodist Church was first home to one of the earliest religious institutions in the area, Pohick Church, which was built in 1730. Founding fathers George Washington and George Mason

both counted themselves as members of this congregation. Although Pohick Church was moved, a Methodist church was constructed on this site in 1830, continuing the historical significance of this location as a place of worship. In response to the passage of time and the growing community, the church was expanded, incorporating the old church with a new building. Today we are celebrating the 110th Anniversary of the "newest" building, which dates to 1900.

Although Fairfax County is a dynamic area which has seen many changes over the years, it is equally important to remember the rich history which has helped to define our nation. Cranford Memorial Chapel is a touchstone of Fairfax's historical significance, and it is a living reminder of the humble roots of a community which has grown and prospered since this church was founded.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 110th Anniversary of the Cranford Memorial Chapel and in celebrating the rich history of our vibrant community.

IN HONOR OF THE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYO SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 6th Anniversary of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland, as they hold their 6th Annual Mayo Society Charitable Ball & Banquet, on October 2, 2010. This year's honorees are: Kevin O'Donnell, the Mayo Person of the Year; Michael Burke, Chairman of Mayo County, Ireland; and, Keynote Speaker, Michael Feeney, of the Mayo County, Peace Park, Garden of Remembrance.

Since its inception in 2004, the mission of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland has been to strengthen bonds that connect the people of our community and our nation with the people of Ireland—with a special focus on County Mayo, where a large number of American citizens in the Cleveland area trace their ancestral origins.

The Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland promotes exchanges with Ireland that center around cultural, scientific, literary, and artistic exchanges between the two countries. The Society also seeks to research and analyze Irish immigration and the impact that Irish immigrants had in shaping our nation's history. In addition, charitable work is also a priority. Fundraisers and other volunteer efforts are organized, in Cleveland, and in Ireland, to assist impoverished individuals and families whenever in need.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members and leaders of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland, whose heritage originated across the ocean to the Emerald Isle, remains alive in Cleveland through the history, culture and tradition of Ireland. Irish Americans are a significant component within the brilliant mosaic of diversity that is the foundation of our community. Contributions made by Irish Americans within our city and across our nation are immeasurable, and will forever be connected—

from the lake shores of Cleveland, to the emerald fields of County Mayo.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAPS MANDIR OF CHICAGO

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Complex in Bartlett, Illinois. For the past decade, this Hindu Complex has been an asset to the community and emblematic of outstanding service.

The temple was completed in only 16 months with the help of over 1,700 volunteers. This vibrant sense of volunteerism has remained strong through the various charitable projects the Mandir has sponsored within the Sixth District of Illinois. The complex is a center of constant activity, promoting a spirit of service through its weekly classes and seminars designed to inspire, energize, promote, develop and sustain the roots of Indian culture. Its members are frequently involved with projects to better education, improve the environment, and provide relief in times of disasters.

In May of 2005, the BAPS Mandir of Chicago was presented with the "Best Building Suburb" award by the Chicago Building Congress (CBC). The Mandir is a fusion of traditional Indian architecture and modern technology, representing a culture that dates back over 8,500 years. Worldwide, the BAPS organization has more than 3,300 centers and maintains a strong volunteer base of 55,000. The organization has received numerous national and international awards for their dedication to humanitarian assistance.

I ask that my Distinguished Colleagues please join me in honoring the BAPS Mandir of Chicago for the valuable contributions it continues to offer the local community.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that I must rise in opposition to the NASA reauthorization bill we have before us today. The space program plays a critical role in driving innovation as well as inspiring our nation's young people to strive for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Unfortunately, the bill before us today places these vital missions in jeopardy.

I strongly oppose the cancellation of the human spaceflight program. The Senate's bill, which was drafted without any House input, places too much faith in the private sector to deliver astronauts and cargo to space. By contrast, the bill approved by the House Science and Technology Committee ensured that there

would continue to be a publicly owned human spaceflight capability developed following the retirement of the space shuttle. There are untold advancements in health care, energy, and environmental preservation to be gained from ongoing human research in space.

I am also concerned that the Senate's bill does not include language ensuring that retired space shuttles will be allocated fairly to museums and educational institutions across the country. The space program is a national treasure, supported with the tax dollars of each and every American. As such, I believe geographic diversity should be a consideration in the allocation of retired shuttles, so I offered an amendment that was adopted in committee to ensure it would be. Unfortunately, the bill before us today includes no such protections, giving unfair preference to some regions while leaving much of the rest of the country effectively out of the running.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing S. 3729.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMMA FRANCES PITTS RHODES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Emma Frances Pitts Rhodes who celebrated her 97th birthday November 3rd.

Ms. Rhodes was born in Anniston, Alabama, to the late Frank and Margaret Pitts. She attended Ohatchee School and was a charter member of Saks Baptist Church.

She was married to the late S.E. Rhodes and had four children: Earl, Judy, Elaine and Brenda. She also has six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

I wish Ms. Rhodes a very happy birthday and many more.

TRIBUTE TO CESARINA AUGUSTO EARL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of an outstanding individual, Mrs. Cesarina Augusto Earl, who will be recognized on October 23, 2010 by the Columbian Foundation for her contributions to the Italian-American community.

Cesarina, an Italian-American herself, grew up in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey helping her parents operate the print shop on Mill Street which they owned. She continued on this literary path, studying Library and Information Science at Caldwell College and Rutgers University after receiving a history degree from Seton Hall University.

After completing her education, Cesarina served as both a professional and a school librarian and worked as an Education Media Specialist in various public schools in New

Jersey, New York, and California. She retired in 2004 from the rewarding work of helping students and adults find their needs in libraries.

One of the various publications that Cesarina's family printed was their own weekly publication, *La Voce Italiana* or the Italian Voice. It has been in print for 79 years and highlights the positive accomplishments of Italian-Americans. Cesarina has worked tirelessly with her son Douglas as the publisher and editor for 25 years of *La Voce Italiana*.

In addition to promoting issues which affect Italian-Americans, Cesarina has also been an advocate for women's issues worldwide through her involvement in Zonta International.

In addition to her impressive professional accomplishments, Cesarina is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. She has two adult children and two grandsons.

Cesarina has proven herself to be a leader in the Italian-American community as well as a dedicated employee of the public school system, and I know she will continue this important work in the future.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated servants of the community like Cesarina Augusto Earl.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the residents of Essex County, the Columbian Foundation, Cesarina's family and friends, and me in recognizing Cesarina Augusto Earl's outstanding service to her community.

IN MEMORY OF MELISSA JANE DELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, sadly Melissa Jane Dell of Ridgeland, South Carolina succumbed to Huntington's disease at age 40 on November 9, 2010. She was the daughter of Ouida and Wayne Dell and the mother of Bethany Dell. Her brother Eric Dell, Chief of Staff of the Second Congressional District, presented the following family witness on November 11, 2010, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

MELISSA DELL—A LIFE OF LOVE AND HUGS

I would like to begin by thanking God for my sister, Melissa. She was an inspiration to me and so many others. I also would like to thank everyone here today, as everyone has touched Melissa and our family in a special way. I especially thank family members who have been so faithful to Melissa over the past few years and especially the past month. Especially, Aunts Charlene, Linda, Karen, Pearnease, and Barbara and cousins Allison, Michael, Cynthia, David and Theresa. I also want to thank my mom for her tireless devotion and dedication to Melissa and Gayle and TaWanda who would come to care for Melissa whenever called. The last group I would like to thank is the caretakers and the staff and friends of Melissa at the adult day care and physical therapy in Ridgeland. She loved the day care and physical therapy and its people so much. She was never happier than when she was at the day care and physical therapy.

God made a special person when he made Melissa. We are all created by God to serve

a purpose here on earth. Her purpose was so special, and she fulfilled her purpose beautifully in 40 short years. Melissa suffered physically more than most of us in this church will ever suffer. But, she always had a smile on her face and hug in her hands.

I want to talk a little about Melissa's younger years, but focus mainly on the last fifteen years of her life, as I think that is when Melissa truly shined here on her earthly journey. When we were growing up, Melissa was always the "good" child. I was the one that was always getting into trouble and she would never tell on me to mom and dad. Melissa and I enjoyed many fun times together playing in lakeview terrace with friends who are some of her pall bearers today. I remember the fun times of swimming in our pool, playing kickball, always being outside and eating ice cream from Mr. Bunton's ice cream truck. She ate so much ice cream that she gained the name "Popsicle". She enjoyed ice cream for as long as I can remember. She was an avid basketball and softball player in high school and always enjoyed being around people. She also attended Georgia Southern for three years and I remember visiting her there while in high school. She always made me feel older than I was, which I enjoyed at the time. I thought it was cool to have an older sister who was in college. She was a role model for me in that sense. She was always good at math and enjoyed working in restaurants because she enjoyed "taking care of people."

Melissa also had a strong love for her daughter Bethany. When Melissa could no longer drive, she would push Bethany all over town in a stroller to spend as much quality time with her as she could. I will always remember Melissa and Bethany playing silly games together and Melissa just having a ball. She was a great mother.

As most of you know, Melissa fought Huntington's disease for the past 15 years or so. This is a horrible disease that my family has dealt with for many years. I firmly believe that God allowed her, instead of me, to have Huntington's disease because she was a much stronger person than me when it comes to handling pain and she had a better ability to show her love to others through this earthly pain. To those of you who have known Melissa, you have known a special person and have received a gift from God by knowing her. There is no doubt in my mind God used Melissa's suffering to show us His love and to further His kingdom. The more Melissa suffered and the closer she got to heaven the more I could see the Cross in her and the more she shared the Christian principles of Unconditional Love and Prayer.

Just this week, I e-mailed my office staff about Melissa's passing and I received an e-mail back from one staffer that read: "Sorry to hear this Eric. I will always remember Melissa reaching out to give me a hug as soon as I introduced myself—it was obvious she had a wonderful spirit—that has not changed!" It's interesting that I received this e-mail after I had already begun writing this eulogy from the premise that was spelled out in this e-mail. I'm sure everyone here has received that wonderful unconditional hug from Melissa. She is now hugging everyone she sees in heaven.

Melissa was a strong woman who promoted Love and Prayer throughout her earthly struggle with Huntington's and used her body as a temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 states: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?" She couldn't speak as we do, but she furthered the Kingdom of God more than I could ever do.

When preparing for this eulogy, I found a verse that is very appropriate and fitting to

Melissa. 1 John 3:18: "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." This is a perfect description of Melissa. As Huntington's began to overtake her body, she was not able to communicate with her tongue, so she communicated with her hands. To those of you who know her, you know, the first thing that she would do when you saw her was to raise her hands and hug you. It didn't matter if she was at home in her chair, in the hospital or out on the town, she would always want a hug from whomever she saw. She would even do this if I came in the house and she was half asleep. The more Melissa suffered, the stronger God showed us Jesus in her actions. God was using her body as a temple of the Holy Spirit to show us how Jesus wants us to love.

Melissa didn't ask if someone was poor, rich, old, homeless, handicapped, young, black, brown, or white, she wanted to hug them and love them. If only we could be this loving in our daily lives. Can you imagine walking down the street and hugging everyone you see and showering them with love? Wouldn't that make for a wonderful, beautiful world? This was Melissa. This is what I remember about Melissa more than anything. She could not speak with her mouth, but she spoke way more with her actions than she could have ever done with her mouth. She was showing the love of Jesus to everyone she met regardless of infirmity, class status, race, or wealth. What a model for us to live by.

Secondly, Melissa reminded us to pray. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 states that we should "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." God has placed people like Melissa in our midst to further His kingdom. Think about it for a minute, if we didn't have people like Melissa, we wouldn't lean on God and pray so much. God wants us to pray continually, not just occasionally, but continually. Melissa gave us reason to pray continually and draw us closer to Christ. I want you to remember this. When you see someone who is suffering from earthly challenges, think of Melissa and pray. What a great legacy to leave.

Melissa taught us to love, unconditionally and to pray continually. There is no better gift. Through her suffering, she allowed Jesus to shine upon us and show us His way of love and prayer. She allowed Christ to use her suffering to expand His kingdom. In closing, I say to Melissa, the words of Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. You are at rest now. You have served your God and are now at rest." Thank you for letting Jesus use your illness to shine on everyone you met. You are truly an angel sent from God and inspiration to all of us.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE WARREN SLOCUM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life's work of the Honorable Warren Slocum, San Mateo County's Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, who is retiring after more than two decades of extraordinary service to the County.

There's an old expression that "the people who vote count, as well as the people who count the votes." Warren Slocum counted the

votes. He counted them for 23 years, always keenly aware of the importance of both the voters and the counters to the functioning of our government. Warren Slocum has been, quite simply, the man behind the machinery of our great democracy.

Long before becoming that man, Warren Slocum was a soldier and a student. He enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam, returning to attend San Diego State University on the G.I. Bill, and graduating with Honors in History in 1972. He later pursued graduate studies at San Diego State and Stanford University and worked in the private sector before embarking on his storied public service career.

Rising from Elections Supervisor to Assistant County Clerk and Recorder, Warren Slocum was elected County Clerk-Recorder in 1986, and Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor in 1993. Warren Slocum's office gave him the longest official title in the County and some of the greatest responsibilities. He managed up to 2,500 staff and an annual budget of \$24 million, overseeing the conduct of all elections and voter registration, the valuation of property, and the recording of official documents, including birth, death, and marriage certificates.

Warren Slocum pledged and delivered the highest quality service, guaranteeing integrity and access in the voting process, promoting civic literacy and participation, and providing accurate assessments and first-rate record keeping. Under his leadership, overall office expenditures were reduced by 20%, making millions of dollars available for other programs. Warren Slocum's colleagues have recognized his tireless efforts by selecting him to head countless professional associations. The San Mateo County Economic Development Association has hailed his work as "an example of responsiveness, efficiency and action by an elected official and government office which should be the model for all public agencies."

Throughout his service, Warren Slocum never stopped seeking better solutions. A self-proclaimed "public sector entrepreneur," Warren Slocum brought the spirit of Silicon Valley to his many endeavors, making the San Mateo County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office the most committed to innovation in the Nation. In 1992, and with no supplemental appropriations, he converted the old lever voting machines to a cutting-edge optical scan system, and followed up in subsequent years with an extraordinary display of innovation and modernization. He co-founded the Smart Voter Project, which provides sample ballots and voter information online, and he was the first in California to implement electronic recording. He created the "Wedding Cam" system, allowing friends and relatives to view civil ceremonies on the Web. His blog was the very first on the subject of election reform and verified voting, and his expertise on these matters led him to become a leading voice on high-tech voting in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, MSNBC, and NPR.

Warren Slocum's well-deserved retirement will give him more time with his wife Maria Diaz and their two sons, and for his many hobbies, which include hiking, kayaking, golfing, reading, and playing the piano. Knowing Warren Slocum, however, he won't stop moving. He once swam the "Escape from Alcatraz" race, finishing 286 out of nearly 1,000 swimmers. No doubt, even in retirement, there are more impressive efforts in his future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary work of Warren Slocum and wish him a retirement filled to the brim with good health and many new adventures. Warren says he was raised to believe that one person can make a difference, and he has been working all his life to do just that. The creativity and accountability he has brought to the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office, and the deep integrity and abiding respect for our system of government, have made Warren Slocum a model County official, and a man we could count on to count right. I count myself blessed to know this dedicated public servant who has done so much to make our democracy flourish, and has strengthened our community and our country in countless ways.

CONGRATULATING TURKEY ON ITS REPUBLIC DAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Turkey's Republic Day, which was celebrated on October 29, 2010. On this day, America's ally Turkey commemorated its 87th year as a Republic. Turkey, under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, officially became a Republic in 1923—paving the way for the creation of a modern nation-state.

Turkey has been and continues to be an important ally to the United States. It serves an important role in the international community, and as a member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, it has supported the United States on many critical issues.

I congratulate Turkey and its citizens on this important day.

HONORING MAYOR CLAUDE A. "BUD" LEWIS

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Mayor of Carlsbad, Claude A. "Bud" Lewis. Mr. Lewis has dedicated over 36 years of his life to public service in the Carlsbad community. After serving our great country during the Korean War as a United States Marine, he spent 34 years as an award-winning high school teacher at Carlsbad High School. After witnessing the apathy of his students and community to their local government, he decided to set an example and run for public office. In 1970, Mr. Lewis began his public service as a city council member serving for 16 years before becoming the Mayor of Carlsbad, a position he has held for 24 years. Mr. Lewis' dedication to ingenuity and focus on the future is honored by his numerous awards and accomplishments.

Mayor Lewis' ability to create and implement long-term goals has allowed for Carlsbad's

economy to thrive and attract new high-tech and environmentally conscientious industries. In this vein, he was the first in his region to implement an award-winning and forward-thinking "Growth Management Plan," which focuses on sustainability and growth far into the future. Mayor Lewis' determination to think of tomorrow has also enabled Carlsbad to be prepared for extreme drought in California. Moreover, he was the first Carlsbad Chairman of the San Diego County Water Board and merged the Carlsbad Municipal Water District with the City of Carlsbad to provide a more efficient use of the city's precious water resources. In doing so, Mayor Lewis has taken steps to protect the local ecosystem, especially the city's lagoons, so that it will thrive for future generations.

Mayor Lewis' forward thinking transformed his community into the "Jewel of North County" and his changes and ideas will continue to bring Carlsbad benefits in the future as it has today. His dedication to public service is an inspiration to all citizens and is both commendable and honorable. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to call Bud a friend and I wish him well during his much deserved retirement. North County San Diego will miss him.

RECOGNITION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Christian Faith Baptist Church on this, their twentieth anniversary and for their outstanding contributions to the welfare of residents of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Christian Faith Baptist Church and its congregation have distinguished themselves through many years of service to their community and to their county through their extended ministry.

Created in February 1990 by a small band of believers guided by their faith, the Christian Faith Baptist Church dedicated itself to the mission of being a beacon of faith to the community. Immediately, the church set out to extend hospitality and Christian love to all who came through their doors by establishing a Christian Education Ministry within a month of creation. From their modest beginnings at the Shaw University Divinity School Campus, the church has grown to presently include some 30 ministries.

In 1999, Christian Faith Baptist Church had the honor of hosting the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Ministry Convention, the oldest and largest African-American mission convention. It was attended by over 6,000 people, including representatives from across the United States and the world.

Christian Faith Baptist Church and its congregation have provided spiritual guidance and service throughout the community; this dedication and desire to serve others was evident from the very beginning. The service to the community is evident in the ministries that the church has built and in work such as the Saturday lunches that the Christian Faith Baptist

Church has held for the elderly and the needy for the past twenty years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of the Christian Faith Baptist Church.

RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WOODBRIDGE, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 160th Anniversary of Bethel United Methodist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia.

In 1850, the community came together to erect Bethel United Methodist Church on property donated by Burr and Emsey Glasscock. Mr. Burr was one of the members of the first Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, and he later served as a lay preacher at Bethel. Neighbors donated materials and labor to complete the structure that still stands today. The building has served as a Civil War hospital, community meeting place and sanctuary for Bethel United Methodist Church.

The church family has grown and contracted over the years, but it has always maintained its mission of fellowship, service and outreach. Bethel members support or participate in a number of community organizations: Action in Community Through Service, Alcoholics Anonymous, Boy Scout Troop 1363, Cloverdale School, Cooperative Council of Ministries, Cub Scout Pack 1936, Greater Prince William Mentoring Ministry, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program, Marriage Encounter, Project Mend-a-House, Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service, Turning Points and Volunteer Emergency Foster Care. This is a congregation that cares deeply about its surrounding community and takes an active role in strengthening its civic bonds.

Revered Frederick L. Parish currently serves as the Senior Pastor at Bethel United Methodist Church. He has been with the Bethel family since 1974 and is a pillar of the Prince William faith community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Didlake Foundation, an organization that helps individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities enrich their lives with education and employment opportunities. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Project Mend-a-House, where he helps the non-profit provide home rehabilitation or home access modifications to seniors and people with disabilities. Reverend Parish serves as a volunteer Chaplain at Potomac Hospital, is a member of the eastern Prince William Ministerial Association, and plays an active and valued role in a number of other community organizations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 160th Anniversary of Bethel United Methodist Church. Bethel has a vibrant congregation dedicated to continuing the church's long tradition of service and worship. I wish Reverend Parish and his congregation the best as they celebrate their heritage and plan for a successful future.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA A.
NYEGRAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Barbara A. Nyegran, mother of seven, grandmother of thirteen, and a passionate and steadfast advocate for older persons in and around the Cleveland area.

Whether it was in policy, planning, or service delivery, Barbara was a determined and consistent leader in ensuring the needs of seniors were met, and that the livelihood and independence of seniors were maximized to the fullest extent possible.

Barbara began her career in aging as a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels in Parma, Ohio. As former director of both the Tri-City Senior Center in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and the Ehrnfelt Senior Center in Strongsville, Ohio, Barbara spent her days listening, problem solving, informing, community building, and serving.

She also was an effective leader of several organizations with a mission rooted in serving vulnerable seniors. Barbara chaired the Cuyahoga County Advisory Council on Senior and Adult Services, and she was a Trustee of the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. She was instrumental in the establishment and development of programs to assist seniors with transportation, home health, and personal needs.

Barbara also took the lead in establishing the Strongsville Community Foundation and the Strongsville Backyard Preserve—a 37-acre green space for recreation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life and work of Barbara A. Nyegran, a dedicated mother, grandmother, public servant, and friend to many.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN WALSH,
ELMHURST, IL “MAYOR FOR A
DAY”

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a young leader from my Congressional District, Kathleen Walsh. Kathleen's essay was selected as the winner in the City of Elmhurst's "Mayor for a Day" competition. The competition focused on citizenship, encouraging applicants to propose new ideas to improve their local community.

The text of Kathleen's essay reads as follows: "If I were mayor of Elmhurst, I would encourage all residents young and old to be good citizens by creating a volunteering program called 'Good Citizens.' To help the elderly and less fortunate do things such as shovel the driveway, help paint, move heavy things, run errands and cook. If you earn a certain amount of 'Good Citizens points,' you can earn 'volunteering city dollars' (which are donated by local businesses). You get an official nametag, and when you're running an errand you can stop by some local restaurant and get a drink."

Kathleen's dedication to those in need exemplifies her sense of civic responsibility. Though Kathleen is a young constituent, she understands her duty to the community to be a good neighbor, and recognizes the positive impact of volunteer programs. Kathleen is a reminder of the power of our nation's youth. She is a role model for other young leaders who wish to contribute, and her words serve as a reminder to all young people to be aware of those who are less fortunate in their own communities.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Kathleen Walsh is a promising young leader who has demonstrated a future in public service. Please join me in recognizing her altruistic spirit and wishing her happiness in her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF THE HONORABLE VIC-
TOR CALVO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a dear friend and extraordinary public servant, Victor Calvo, who passed away on September 26, 2010, in Mountain View, California, where he was beloved and respected.

One of the staunchest environmentalists I've ever known, Victor Calvo tirelessly championed environmental issues in local and statewide offices, where his compassion and conviction made him easy to believe and hard to resist. For thirty years he determinedly devoted himself to new ideas that would better the lives of his constituents and leave this earth a better place.

Victor Calvo was born on a ranch in Mountain View, and quickly set about becoming one of the city's most accomplished and dedicated residents. He was the valedictorian of his Mountain View High School class, and joined the Army Air Force in 1942. Over two-dozen bombing missions later—including top secret ones never recorded—Victor Calvo returned to the Bay Area and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University. In 1948, he married his wife Nellie, a wonderfully warm woman who would be by his side for the next 62 years.

In 1957, Victor Calvo began his three-decade political career. It started, fittingly enough, on Mountain View's Environmental Planning Commission, one of the first of its kind in the region. Victor Calvo continued to advocate environmental causes on the Mountain View City Council. He was elected Mayor of the City three consecutive times before being termed out in 1968. Impressed by his razor-sharp intellect and integrity, appreciative community members elected him to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and then to the State Assembly in 1974.

Victor Calvo continued his environmental activism in Sacramento, using the chairmanship of the Committee on Resources, Land Use and Energy to author key legislation and protect California's forests, wetlands, and open spaces. In recognition of his efforts he was named California's "Elected Environmental Legislator of the Year in 1979," and

named to the California Public Utilities Commission by Governor Jerry Brown the following year. Victor Calvo spent a final stint in politics on the California Coastal Commission before retiring in 1989. Of course, even retirement couldn't keep him from helping the City of Mountain View deal with problematic geese on the golf course, where he loved to spend his days.

Among Victor Calvo's many accomplishments stands the creation of Shoreline Park in Mountain View, where thousands of community members gather to stroll, picnic, and watch fireworks on the Fourth of July. Victor Calvo constantly amazed everyone with his impressive grasp of issues, his appreciation for people, and the earnestness and enthusiasm that shone through in everything he did. He was a kind and affectionate husband, father, and grandfather, and a true public servant, quoting Aristotle to teach his children that "you can judge a nation by the way it treats its most vulnerable citizens," and then proceeding to demonstrate this maxim by the power of his own actions.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincere condolences to Victor Calvo's wife, Nellie; his children Suzanna, Victor, Peter, Theodore and Mary; his 12 grandchildren, his brother, and his two sisters. Throughout his life, Victor Calvo was a man of Mountain View, and a crusader for all Californians. He will be missed, even as his life's legacy lives on for future generations of Californians. I consider it a high privilege to have known Victor Calvo and to have been a beneficiary of his friendship, his service, his vision and his integrity.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE LIBRARY OF YOLO
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Yolo County Library. Yolo County Library was created as one of eight original California county libraries with the establishment of state legislation in 1910. Originally known as the Yolo County Free Library, it began in partnership with the Woodland Public Library.

As the agency responsible for public access to information and literacy, Yolo County Library initiated the first school library system in California, supplying books, maps, records, globes and other materials to schools throughout the county, eventually becoming the model for other counties.

Yolo County Library has provided countless hours of public service, superior customer interaction and valued children's and family programming that serves more than 690,000 customers annually. It also circulates more than 1.5 million items and hosts 1,176 programs for more than 23,098 children, teens and adults.

As a cornerstone of social democracy, Yolo County Library continues to provide innovative and free services: information about job and career opportunities; resources for lifelong learning and pursuit of personal and professional development; reliable information

through authenticated database and electronic resources; access to the Internet; family friendly facilities with resources that support early literacy and school readiness; quality programs and services to promote youth development, literacy and lifelong learning.

The Yolo County Library has remained committed to public service that builds communities through the establishment and support of school libraries, bookmobile services and outreach to underserved people and expanding communities, in partnerships with private and public organizations and collaborations with sister libraries and systems.

Yolo County Library and its staff serve thousands of people each day through seven branch libraries in Clarksburg, Davis, Esparto, Knights Landing, West Sacramento, Winters and Yolo and through system-wide services at Central Library Services, YoloLINK, Yolo Reads (Adult Literacy) and the Yolo County Archives and Records Center—providing critical services that no other agency provides.

The Yolo County Library, in partnership with the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, a myriad of private and public entities, the Friends of the Library and other groups has constructed two new facilities and is renovating a third in the span of two years.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time for us to acknowledge and thank the staff, volunteers and supporters at the Yolo County Library, both past and present, who have done so much to enrich the lives of residents, and to congratulate them on a flourishing and beloved library system.

SMITHSONIAN CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE ENHANCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5717 would upgrade the Smithsonian Institution's scientific and educational activities at its unique animal conservation facility, the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute at Front Royal, Virginia. The SCBI, a part of the National Zoo, is renowned worldwide for its work preserving and breeding endangered species, and is a magnet for prominent researchers and students starting careers in related fields. The bill will provide additional modern facilities to conduct programs and house students at the site, and relocate animal holding facilities for endangered red pandas and clouded leopards.

H.R. 5717 contains three elements. First, the bill would authorize \$1 million in Federal funds in fiscal 2010 which has already been appropriated; \$1 million in fiscal 2011; and \$3 million in later fiscal years, to plan, design, and construct a facility which would include laboratories and offices to conduct research and educational programs. This aggregate authorization of \$5 million constitutes the only Federal funds provided in the bill. The Smithsonian would supply an additional \$5 million out of its own privately-raised trust funds to complete the project.

The bill would also authorize the Smithsonian Board of Regents to enter into agree-

ments for the provision of housing and dining services to participants in the programs, at no cost to the Smithsonian. George Mason University, located in northern Virginia, plans to use \$20 million in state revenue bonds to construct a dormitory and cafeteria facility at the site. There would not be any cost to the Federal government or to the Smithsonian. In October, 2008, the Smithsonian and GMU signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the "Smithsonian-Mason Global Conservation Studies Program", and GMU will give course credit to participants.

The Smithsonian Institution has frequently entered into cooperative agreements with other institutions, including universities, though this is the first time that it would allow an outside entity to construct a building on property it controls. After 30 years, ownership of the GMU-constructed facilities will pass to the Smithsonian. This no-cost feature makes the project an especially attractive addition to the Smithsonian's infrastructure.

Finally, the bill would authorize the Smithsonian to plan, design and construct animal holding and related program facilities at Front Royal, but without any Federal funding. The cost, estimated to be between \$1 to 2 million, would be paid for entirely by the Smithsonian's privately-raised trust funds.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation was introduced by the three House Members who serve on the Smithsonian Board of Regents—Representatives BECERRA, MATSUI and SAM JOHNSON—and by Rep. WOLF of Virginia, in whose district the facility is located. It was considered and reported by voice vote both by the primary committee of jurisdiction, the Committee on House Administration, and by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I know of no controversy and I urge Members to support H.R. 5717.

IN HONOR OF MADISON WELSH, MISS AMERICA'S PRETEEN NATIONAL TEENAGER 2011

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miss Madison Welsh for being named Miss America's Preteen National Teenager 2011. She is a loving sister to Russell and Kyle, and the daughter of Mayor Russell and Heidi Welsh.

After being crowned New Jersey Preteen in April, Madison competed in the weeklong national competition in July against the other forty-nine state winners. The competition was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Madison was crowned the winner. As Miss America's Preteen National Teenager 2011, Madison will travel across the United States for the next year working with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and volunteering in communities across America.

The America's National Teenager competition celebrated its fortieth anniversary this year, making it the longest running pageant for teens in the U.S. Founded in 1970, the pageant promotes leadership, scholastic aptitude and service, and offers more than five million dollars in college scholarships annually. The Preteen division, which Madison won, is for girls between the ages of nine and twelve.

Madam Speaker, Madison Welsh is an outstanding role model among her peers and I congratulate her for being named Miss America's Preteen National Teenager 2011. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEPH P. JARJURA OF WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph P. Jarjura, a Connecticut businessman who passed away earlier last month, and to honor both his many contributions to Waterbury and his quintessentially American story.

Born in Zghorta, Lebanon on Christmas Day, 1920, Joseph Jarjura's life changed forever when he met the love of his life, Ann George, on a trip she took to the land of his birth. The two soon fell in love, married, and returned to her hometown of Waterbury in 1948. Here, they would make their home for the next sixty-two years, and here, Joseph would become a U.S. citizen. Lebanon's loss was Connecticut's gain.

In Waterbury, Joseph would go on to found J.P. Jarjura & Sons, a thriving wholesale fruit and vegetable distributor. And he would serve the people of Waterbury not only as an entrepreneur, but as a citizen. Over the years, Joseph helped to found the Ehen Lebanese American Club and the Waterbury CrimeStoppers, and he gave his time and effort to the Rotary Club, the Exchange Club, and several other civic-minded organizations throughout the city.

As a testament to both his community involvement and his story of success through persistence and hard work, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations bestowed Joseph with their Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 1996, an honor previously accorded to Nobel Prize winners and United States presidents. Seven years earlier, in 1989, Joseph was named mayor for a day by the Lebanese-American community in Waterbury—a job his youngest of seven sons, Michael, would be elected to fill in 2001, and has held ever since.

Joseph Jarjura came to America with a dream, and through decades of hard work and civic service, he achieved it. His story is our story. As we mourn his loss today, we can take solace that he has once again followed his late wife Ann across distant shores. And we know that his legacy lives on in the love and service of his seven sons—Charles, Peter, Arthur, Fred, William, David, and Michael—as well as that of his sister Aurore, his sixteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

I offer my deepest condolences to the Jarjura family on their loss, as I thank them for Joseph's lifelong commitment to our Waterbury community.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH J. GOLZIO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring your attention to the extraordinary life of Mr. Ralph J. Golzio. A lifetime resident of New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District, Mr. Golzio celebrates the milestone of his 101st birthday on October 20, 2010. The Italian-American community recognized Mr. Golzio by holding a dinner in his honor on October 17, 2010.

Ralph Golzio was born to Italian-American parents John and Caroline Golzio on October 20, 1909, in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey. In 1928, his family moved to a larger property in Wayne, New Jersey, where his mother opened the family home to boarders to help make ends meet. Ralph worked at the house, waiting on patrons and hunting to provide food. These experiences inspired in him a lifelong passion for the outdoors.

In 1929, Ralph enrolled at Stevens Institute of Technology. While there, he briefly played lacrosse and baseball for his school before graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1932. He returned to Stevens in 1937 for graduate work in ballistics and internal combustion engines. Ralph went on to found Engineering Associates in 1947, enjoying a long and distinguished career as a consulting engineer until his retirement at the age of 78 in 1987.

Ralph's intellectual curiosity persists to this day, as he continues to study nuclear physics, quantum physics, and astronomy in his spare time.

As a Project Engineer at Wrights Aeronautical Company, Ralph met and married his beloved wife Betty. Ralph and Betty shared many interests and passions together, raising two wonderful daughters in Totowa, New Jersey, where Ralph resides to this day. Ralph and Betty shared 43 happy years together before her passing in 1984.

Ralph has always maintained a sunny outlook and an active lifestyle, truly living up to his motto of "play as hard as you work to achieve balance of mind and spirit." His many hobbies have included hiking, climbing, hunting, archery, skeet shooting, speed skating, and snow shoeing. More recently, he cruised through the Caribbean at the age of 92.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding; however, I especially appreciate learning about and recognizing individuals like Ralph J. Golzio.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Ralph's family and friends, and the Italian-American community in honoring Mr. Ralph J. Golzio on the occasion of his 101st birthday. His story should be an inspiration for all Americans to live life to the fullest, and he continues to serve as a source of pride and admiration for those who have been touched by him.

CALLING ON TURKISH-OCCUPIED
CYPRUS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS
ARTIFACTS

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to convey my opposition to H. Res. 1631, which passed by a voice vote on September 29, 2010.

Unfortunately, I was not able to come to the floor of the House to personally express my concerns that this resolution will be against the interest of the America's Foreign Policy. I have always been and will continue to be a strong advocate for religious freedom, and human rights around the world, but this resolution, while cloaked under the mask of religious freedom is actually a direct attack towards our NATO Ally, Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots.

The United States has supported the many efforts by international organizations who have long been engaged in the efforts to bring about a negotiated compromise to the dispute in Cyprus. Moreover, the current Greek and Turkish Cypriot Leaders are currently engaged in peace talks.

Instead of helping to solve the problem between Greece and Turkey, two NATO Allies, this resolution could harm those careful negotiations. This Congress should be supporting the efforts to find a mutually agreed resolution between the parties instead of passing one-sided resolutions.

I urge this Congress to take actions to ensure that an accord is achieved that would lead to an independent government with both Greek and Turkish Cypriot governmental engagement, and I oppose H. Res. 1631 since it may harm the United States Foreign Policy in that region.

RECOGNITION OF MEDGAR EVERS
COLLEGE**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

Founded as a senior college in 1970 by a group of educators and community leaders, Medgar Evers College provides a broad range of education opportunities for inner-city and non-traditional students within The City University of New York.

The college is named for the slain civil rights leader Medgar Wiley Evers, the Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) who was slain by an assassin's bullet on June 12, 1963 in his native state of Mississippi as he toiled tirelessly to overcome racial segregation and secure voting rights for African Americans. It is that same indomitable spirit that drove Medgar Evers to pursue justice that drives Medgar Evers College to pursue excellence.

Medgar Evers College continues to advance under the leadership of President Dr. William

Lawrence Pollard, providing higher education to more than 7,000 students during its Fall and Spring semesters.

Madam Speaker, please join me in saluting the outstanding contributions Medgar Evers College has made to the Borough of Brooklyn and our Nation on the occasion of the celebration of its 40th Founders' Day on September 28, 2010.

RECOGNIZING CLAIRE HARRISON
FOR TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE EASTERN MU-
NICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable civil service of Claire Harrison for her twenty-nine years of service with the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) of California.

Joining the water district team in 1981, Ms. Harrison has been instrumental in working on critical projects for EMWD. She spent the last twelve years of her career in Legislative Affairs where she successfully managed that department and the federal legislative program. As a result, her leadership and direction secured federal support for desalination and recycled water infrastructure that dramatically improved the water supply reliability for southwestern Riverside County.

Ms. Harrison embodies EMWD's mission and values of providing superior services to the community in an effective, proficient manner. As a leader in water management, she has made a remarkable impression on the community EMWD serves.

Having worked with Ms. Harrison on water needs for the 49th District of California, she is a true professional that deserved recognition for her nearly three decades of invaluable contributions to the water industry.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me paying tribute to Ms. Harrison's dedicated and loyal service to the Eastern Municipal Water District.

HONORING THE MASSAPEQUA
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, this weekend I had the privilege of joining in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Massapequa Fire Department. Founded on September 25, 1910, the Massapequa Fire Department has a long history of dedicated volunteerism and service to the Long Island community including Massapequa, Massapequa Park, and East Massapequa.

The Massapequa Fire Department provides around-the-clock fire protection and emergency medical services to approximately 19,000 homes located within its district, responding to an average of 2,400 alarms annually.

As Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I am proud to support our nation's firefighters in Congress. These brave men and women risk their lives day after day to protect our communities and save the lives of others. Through Federal programs such as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program, we can do our part in ensuring that these heroes get the equipment, vehicles, training, staffing and other resources they need.

I hope that this milestone in the Massapequa Fire Department's history reminds us of not only the traditional role that firefighters have always played in protecting our communities, but also how their role has changed since September 11, 2001, because now they are also faced with an increasingly complex and dangerous job of preparing for and responding to acts of terrorism. We must do all that we can to support them in their mission.

I want to thank Massapequa Fire Chief Peter Anglim for his leadership and service, and all of the firefighters, both active and retired, who have proudly served the Massapequa community. Congratulations on 100 years of dedicated service.

CONGRATULATING INTERNATIONAL PAPER FOR BEING NAMED A TOP 100 CORPORATE CITIZEN BY THE CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY OFFICER ASSOCIATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate International Paper for being named a top 100 Corporate Citizen by the Corporate Responsibility Officer Association. This prestigious award is recognized as one of America's top three most-important business rankings. The recipients of this award exhibit praiseworthy commitment to their shareholders, the environment, their communities, their workforces and compliance with the law. International Paper, headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, demonstrates each of these qualities, is a strong financial performer and job creator in the community.

Founded in 1898, International Paper has been at the forefront of the pulp and paper market for over 100 years and is the largest such company in the world. International Paper has operations in all corners of the globe, including North America, Europe, Latin America, Russia, Asia and North Africa. Its current Chairman and CEO, John V. Faraci, along with its 60,000 employees have continued to lead International Paper into the ranks of top performing, socially responsible companies.

International Paper has upheld a commitment to service, environmental protection and, most importantly, a high standard of ethics throughout its company. Quoting their Code of Business Ethics, "International Paper is comprised of good citizens, protecting employee health and safety, and managing natural resources responsibly." International Paper's philanthropic organization, the International

Paper Foundation, supports non-profit organizations within with a specific focus on environmental education and literacy. Since 1995, the International Paper Foundation has awarded more than \$50 million in grants to projects, namely its Coins for Kids program, a first-of-its-kind partnership with the World Food Programme to help fight childhood hunger worldwide.

Through its commitment to international excellence in the fields of ethics, financial performance, social responsibility, and environmental protection, International Paper has built a distinguished name of which they can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating International Paper for receiving this prestigious recognition.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, DETACHMENT 101

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Veterans of Office of Strategic Services, Detachment 101, for their service to our country during World War II and their post-war humanitarian work in service to their former allies in Burma. The Veterans recently held their annual reunion here in Washington, D.C. and I am honored to recognize them.

As the prototype for what would eventually become the Central Intelligence Agency, the Office of Strategic Services, OSS, was revolutionary in its operations during World War II. OSS Detachment 101 was created in 1942 and would be one of five such detachments created for field operations in support of the war.

Detachment 101 served in the China-Burma-India theater and in addition to gathering strategic and tactical intelligence, they were charged with the responsibility of planning, coordinating, and conducting guerrilla attacks against the occupying Japanese forces and recruited almost 11,000 indigenous Kachins for assistance. Their unorthodox methods laid the foundation not only for the modern-day intelligence community, but also for our Special Operations Forces. Because of their valor, courage, and heroic work, OSS Detachment 101 was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation in 1946.

But their work in Burma did not stop with the end of the war. Veterans and their families have given back to the Kachins in Burma they recruited and relied upon. They founded and helped to finance Project Old Soldier, through which they have trained Kachin villagers in substituting poppy crops with corn, buckwheat, potatoes, and other vegetables since 1996.

Further, Detachment 101 Veterans were concerned over the quality of health of Kachin veterans, and so through private funds they set up a weekly visiting nurse service in Burma, which is normally a luxury. Additionally, Detachment 101 has started the 101 Schools program in 2004 and has opened seven schools in Burma to teach Kachin children mathematics and English language skills at no charge to the families. Detachment 101 Veterans have continued to oversee the fund-

ing and supervision of these schools. Finally, Detachment 101 Veterans have arranged for the translation and printing of village health care books into Jingpaw, the Kachin language, as well as the disbursement of textbooks to Kachin school children.

OSS Detachment 101 veterans have continued their service to our country off the battlefield and have upheld the American values for which they fought. It would have been easy to return to their normal lives; instead, they have kept their Kachin brothers in their hearts and have worked to share some of America's prosperity with those who have helped protect it.

RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BILL VOIGT TO NATIONAL VETERANS DAY

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, as we honor our veterans on Veterans Day 2010, it is an appropriate time to commend the service of Colonel Bill Voigt for his dedicated work as the President of National Veterans Day in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Alabama is the proud birthplace of Veterans Day. National Veterans Day in Birmingham is recognized by the U.S. Veterans Administration as the oldest largest observance of its kind in the nation. As the organizing director for more than 20 years, Colonel Voigt has honored and built on this legacy which has become the model for paying tribute to our troops in uniform and esteemed veterans for their service and sacrifice for the cause of freedom. The annual parade in downtown Birmingham attracts more than 5,000 participants and 20,000 spectators, and the associated luncheons and dinners have provided a forum for recognizing our nation's most prominent patriots. The success of National Veterans Day in Birmingham every year can be traced to the leadership of Colonel Bill Voigt.

Colonel Voigt has spent his career serving his nation in the military as well as the State of Alabama. His family's roots are in Walker County and, while born in California, he was raised here at home. He attained his undergraduate degree at Auburn University and his Masters of Business Administration at University of Alabama at Birmingham. Colonel Voigt was a member of the Alabama Air National Guard for over 30 years and served in the United States Air Force Reserve as well. His many community awards and accolades include his selection as a permanent Member of the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and his service on the Board of Directors of Birmingham Honor Flight.

Colonel Bill Voigt has devoted his life to his family, his country, and our brave men and women in uniform. As he retires as the President of National Veterans Day in Birmingham, we properly take pause to salute him for his selfless dedication to the United States of America, his concern for the well-being of our troops and veterans, and the enduring qualities of duty, honor, and service that he has exemplified with such distinction in our Birmingham community.

CONGRATULATING ABINGTON
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Abington Memorial Hospital for winning the Keystone Alliance for Performance Excellence, KAPE, 2010 award. As the first recipient of this state-wide honor, Abington Memorial Hospital is being recognized for an ongoing commitment to quality and excellence that makes it a leader among the area's hospitals. I am honored to represent Abington Memorial Hospital in Congress.

Abington Memorial Hospital has provided comprehensive, high-quality services to residents of Montgomery, Bucks, and Philadelphia Counties for more than 90 years. A not-for-profit hospital, Abington Memorial Hospital has a staff of more than 900 physicians including primary care, medical, and surgical specialties. Abington Memorial Hospital has the only Level-2 trauma center in Montgomery County and is a major regional referral center for cancer care, cardiac care, and surgery.

Recognition for its outstanding workplace environment and high quality of care is not new to Abington Memorial Hospital. In 2008, Abington Memorial Hospital was awarded the Magnet Prize, one of the most prestigious awards in the nursing field, and has also been accredited, approved or licensed by more than 15 state and nationwide organizations.

Applicants from both small and large organizations across Pennsylvania, from all sectors including education, health care, manufacturing, government and non-profit organizations were able to apply for the 2010 KAPE award. Applicants were evaluated by an independent board in the areas of leadership, strategic planning, customer focus, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, work-force focus, process management, and results. Abington Memorial Hospital's excellence in all of these categories made it a clear winner for the 2010 KAPE award.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me as I congratulate Abington Memorial Hospital for winning this prestigious award and applaud the hospital for more than 90 years of excellent care.

HONORING SENATOR SUSAN
TUCKER

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Susan Tucker from the Fifth District of Massachusetts for her exemplary service to the citizens of the City of Lawrence and the towns of Andover, Dracut, and Tewksbury as a Massachusetts State Representative and Senator.

Senator Tucker was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1982

and to the Massachusetts Senate in 1992. While in the Senate, she served as Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunication, and as member of the Committees on Education, Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, Financial Services and Revenue.

Senator Tucker has exhibited a lifelong commitment to advocacy and community service, and earned a reputation as an innovative and responsive leader. Known for her willingness to take on any challenge, she worked tirelessly to eliminate auto insurance fraud and address the foreclosure crisis in Massachusetts. Senator Tucker has received numerous leadership awards from state-wide groups recognizing her contributions to the betterment of life for citizens of the Commonwealth. In 2008, she was awarded the Pioneer Institute's Better Government Award for taking on auto insurance fraud, and in 2009 she was named Legislator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association for Families for her dedication to improving the lives of foster and adopted children.

Senator Tucker and her husband, Mike, reside in Andover and have two grown sons, as well as the loves of her life, granddaughters, Secoya and Autumn.

Upon her retirement, I wish to thank her for her friendship, recognize her for her inspiring leadership in the Massachusetts Senate, and congratulate her for her distinguished career.

IN HONOR OF EDWIN AND ALMA
LAKIN

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, today, it is my honor to recognize Edwin and Alma Lakin for their outstanding work to support Holocaust and genocide education initiatives, locally and nationally, through the Pennsylvania Holocaust Education Council.

This remarkable couple's consistent advocacy for a Holocaust Library and Resource Center at Albright College, as well as their fundraising efforts on behalf of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Lakin Early Education Center, the Jewish Federation of Reading, and innumerable humanitarian projects worldwide, reflects their commitment to remembering mankind's darkest hour. If we do not, we may allow these unspeakable horrors to be repeated.

In the words of Nobel Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel, "Mankind must remember that peace is not God's gift to his creatures; peace is our gift to each other." The Lakins' perseverance in honoring the victims of the Holocaust and their exemplary efforts to bring out the best in us all is essential to achieving that peace.

I join good people everywhere in commending Edwin and Alma's vigilance against hatred and tyranny. We should all be so strong.

HONORING DR. LUKE TORIAN'S
15TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY
WITH FIRST MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Luke Torian's 15th Pastoral Anniversary with First Mount Zion Baptist Church of Prince William County. As Pastor, Dr. Torian has served not only the congregation of First Mt. Zion but also the community. For three years he served on the Action in Community Through Service of Prince William County Board of Directors, and he is currently a member of the Prince William County Ministerial Association. Additionally, in 2004 Governor Mark Warner appointed Dr. Torian to the Virginia Board of Counseling.

Since 1995, Dr. Torian has helped First Mt. Zion expand from 650 members to a congregation of almost 3,500 members. This growth has led to the development of a new public facility and sanctuary, from which nearly 70 different ministries and community service programs operate. In addition, Dr. Torian has worked with the Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement, VOICE, an organization that seeks to energize local communities to fight for important social change such as expanding affordable housing.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Pastor Luke Torian and the First Mount Zion Baptist Church congregation as they celebrate this important milestone and plan for a successful future.

A TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA HAWKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Virginia Hawkins.

Virginia Hawkins was born on August 29, 1908 in Stanton, Virginia. She came to New York in 1930. She has always been committed to the community's needs and has dedicated herself to helping others, and has heard the call from God to serve her church and community.

She has been a member of the Newman Memorial United Methodist Church under the pastorate of Reverend O.W. Jones for 57 years.

Ms. Hawkins has served as a member of the MacDonough Street Block Association since its inception. She was the first to sign up as a block watcher, and has always demonstrated concern about the safety and unity of her neighbors.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Virginia Hawkins.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
GEORGE S. POFOK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of George S. Pofok, former Commissioner of Cleveland Public Power, CPP, as they rename the Holton Road Substation after him.

The new substation is part of CPP's \$66 million expansion project. The project helps CPP fulfill its commitment to provide electricity to City of Cleveland residents and businesses in the most cost-efficient and energy-efficient manner. Cleveland Public Power is one of the few remaining publicly-owned utility companies in the nation.

During my tenure as Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Mr. Pofok served as the Commissioner of CPP and we worked together to fight maneuvers by the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company to force the city to sell CPP. Today, CPP remains viable with a bright future. Mr. Pofok played a vital role in its survival. At CPP, he left behind a reputation of dedication to providing the best service and rates to customers, while keeping costs down and utilizing cutting edge technology.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of George S. Pofok, former Commissioner of Cleveland Public Power on the occasion that CPP has announced they will officially rename the Holton Road Substation in his honor. His many years of dedicated service as Commissioner of CPP continue to strengthen the economic base of our entire Cleveland community.

IN HONOR OF THE JERSEY SHORE
GIRL SCOUTS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore who are being honored as the 2010 Women Advocate of the Year by the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women. More than 15,000 girls between the ages of 5 and 17 belong to the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. With the help of 6,000 adult volunteers, they become successful women of courage, confidence and character.

As our nation moves forward into the 21st century, it is clear we will need women leaders and problem solvers to keep our nation prosperous. At an early age, the Girl Scouts program instills in our women a sense of pride, leadership and community. The Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore prepares the young women of Ocean County to be our nation's next business, civic and community leaders. As the Women Advocate of the Year, the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore are well on their way to ensuring a bright future for our state and nation.

By providing quality programs and important community services, the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore represent a distinct group of

women here in the third district. I am proud to represent them here in Congress and encourage them to continue to give back to those around them whether through charitable acts or civic duty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote number 564. Had I been available, I would have voted "aye."

IT'S AMERICA-BASHING, NOT FED-BASHING

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is playing an extremely valuable role in helping foster growth in our economy, and I am deeply disappointed at the extent to which many of our foreign allies—who have been such beneficiaries of America's goodwill—have attacked him not simply for the substance of what he was doing, but for even daring to take the interests of the American economy into account in his actions.

Apparently there is a view in many parts of the world, including among our European allies, that it is America's destiny to be their protector and benefactor, and that for American officials taking important and constructive steps to help our own economy prosper must take second place. And while many of our allies have exhibited this attitude, I have seen nothing more blatantly hypocritical than for the Chinese Peoples Republic, the poster country for economic moves that completely ignore any sense of international obligation whether in currency, trade or in any other way, to criticize the United States for daring to take our own interests into account.

I have also been surprised that a number of Americans, particularly on the conservative side, have failed to come to Mr. Bernanke's defense. This is a case where a man appointed to high economic positions by President Bush, and continued in that position by President Obama, and confirmed in that position by Senates under both Republican and Democratic control, is acting to promote economic activity in America. He is being criticized by a variety of foreign nations for this, and instead of coming to the defense of our right to act constructively on our own behalf, many conservatives have joined in the America-bashing that is going on.

Madam Speaker, fortunately the understanding of the value of Mr. Bernanke's work—and its legitimacy—is clear in many places where thoughtful economic thinking prevails, and that is not only in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the RECORD here reproduce an editorial from the New York Times, on November 9, 2010, entitled "The Fed vs. the G-20."

Madam Speaker, the very fact that the title has to say that is a sad reflection on the failure of so many of those who have benefited from America's leadership and generosity to recognize our right to take responsible action to deal with our economy.

In addition, I ask, Madam Speaker, that the RECORD also contain here an article from the Financial Times entitled "The Fed is right to turn on the tap," by Martin Wolf, one of the most thoughtful and justifiably respected writers on economic affairs.

[From the New York Times, Nov. 9, 2010]

THE FED VS. THE G-20

When President Obama arrives in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday for the summit of the Group of 20 leading economies, he will be met by blistering criticism of the Federal Reserve's plan for "quantitative easing"—pumping \$600 billion into the weak American economy over the next eight months.

Many nations are worried that a weaker American dollar would harm their export sectors and overheat their economies as more capital flows in, in search of better returns. Their fears are understandable but shortsighted. The Fed's move is a much-needed attempt to stimulate the American economy and head off deflation here. Prolonged stagnation, or worse, in the United States would turn off one of the main sources of global demand and global growth.

By buying Treasury securities, the Fed aims to lower long-term interest rates and increase expectations of future inflation. This would spur households and businesses to spend and invest rather than hold on to money that will fall in value.

The approach is not ideal. It would be better if fiscal policy were carrying some of the load of economic stimulus. Building new rail links and roads or other large job-creating projects would do more to promote growth than lowering the price of debt, as the Fed is doing. Republican Party leaders in Congress—for political and ideological reasons, rather than sound economics—have vowed to block all stimulus spending.

China, eager for someone else to take the heat, is trying to equate the Fed's attempts at stimulus with its own long-term manipulation of its own currency. That may play well in some quarters, but it also makes no sense. Beijing has a policy to cheapen its currency to grow through exports, on the back of other countries' demand, while slowing its own domestic demand. The Fed's policy also weakens the dollar, but its objective is to boost demand at home.

The pain caused by the falling dollar on the export sectors of many economies is real enough. Yet rather than criticize the Fed, the G-20 should focus on working out complementary policies. Washington should back plans by developing countries like Brazil to impose capital controls and slow the inflow of money fleeing low interest rates in rich countries. Europe and Japan, where growth is anemic and inflation virtually nonexistent, could try the same approach as the Fed.

They need more stimulus than the United States.

China should take this opportunity to shift course, allow its currency to rise against the dollar and rely more on consumption at home. That will be good for China and good for the global economy.

[From FT.com, Nov. 9, 2010]

THE FED IS RIGHT TO TURN ON THE TAP

(By Martin Wolf)

The sky is falling, scream the hysterics: the Federal Reserve is pouring forth dollars in such quantities that they will soon be

worthless. Nothing could be further from the truth. As in Japan, the policy known as “quantitative easing” is far more likely to prove ineffective than lethal. It is a leaky hose, not a monetary Noah’s Flood.

So what is the Fed doing? Why is it doing it? Why are the criticisms ludicrous? What should the Fed be doing, instead?

The answer to the first is clear. As the Fed stated on November 3, “to promote a stronger pace of economic recovery and to help ensure that inflation, over time, is at levels consistent with its mandate, the [federal open market] committee decided today to expand its holdings of securities. The committee will maintain its existing policy of reinvesting principal payments from its securities holdings. In addition, the committee intends to purchase a further \$600bn of longer-term Treasury securities by the end of the second quarter of 2011, a pace of about \$75bn per month.”

Ben Bernanke, the Fed chairman, gave the rationale in a speech last month. He pointed out that US unemployment is far above any reasonable estimate of equilibrium. Moreover, prospective economic growth makes it unlikely that this will change over the course of 2011. This is bad enough, but what makes it worse is that underlying inflation has fallen to close to 1 per cent, in spite of the expansion of the Fed’s balance sheet, over which so many tears were shed. Expectations of inflation are well anchored, he added, but that might change once deflation gripped. Given the slack, that might not be far away (see charts).

The Fed, added the chairman, has a dual mandate, to foster maximum employment and price stability. Doing nothing would be incompatible with this obligation. The only question is what is to be done. The answer is the proposed purchases of Treasury bonds. This simply extends classic open market operations up the yield curve. It would also only expand the Fed’s balance sheet by about a quarter, or around 4 per cent of gross domestic product. Is the US really on the same road as the Weimar Republic? In a word, no.

It is hardly a surprise that Wolfgang Schäuble, finance minister of Germany, thinks differently. He describes the US growth model as in “deep crisis”, adding that “it’s not right when the Americans accuse China of manipulating exchange rates and then push the dollar exchange rate lower by opening up the flood gates”. Presumably, he believes that, in a proper world, the US would be forced to follow the deflationary route imposed upon Greece and Ireland, instead. This is not going to happen. Nor should it.

Boiled down, the criticisms of the Fed come down to two: its policies are leading to hyperinflation; and they are “beggar my neighbour”, in consequence, if not intention.

The first of these criticisms is not just wrong, but weird. The essence of the contemporary monetary system is creation of money, out of nothing, by private banks’ often foolish lending. Why is such privatisation of a public function right and proper, but action by the central bank, to meet pressing public need, a road to catastrophe? When banks will not lend and the broad money supply is barely growing, that is just what it should be doing (see chart).

The hysterics then add that it is impossible to shrink the Fed’s balance sheet fast enough to prevent excessive monetary expansion. That is also nonsense. If the economy took off, nothing would be easier. Indeed, the Fed explained precisely what it would do in its monetary report to Congress last July. If the worst came to the worst, it could just raise reserve requirements. Since many of its critics believe in 100 per cent reserve banking, why should they object to a move in that direction?

Now turn to the argument that the Fed is deliberately weakening the dollar. Any moderately aware person knows that the Fed’s mandate does not include the external value of the dollar. Those governments that have piled up an extra \$6,800bn in foreign reserves since January 2000, much of it in dollars, are consenting adults. Not only did no one ask China, the foremost example, to add the huge sum of \$2,400bn to its reserves, but many strongly asked it not to do so.

It is also simply false to argue that the weakening dollar is due to Fed policies alone. Indeed, anyone with half a brain should realise that the US can no longer combine a large trade deficit with a manageable fiscal position. Those who want their US bonds to stay sound should welcome anything that helps the US expand domestic demand and rebalance its external position. Current US monetary policies are, contrary to Mr Schäuble’s views, simply the yang to the yin of east Asian mercantilism.

More fundamentally, market forces, not monetary policy, are pushing global rebalancing, as the private sector tries to put its money where it sees the opportunities. The Fed’s monetary policies merely add a twist. Instead of all the futile bleating, what was needed was a co-ordinated appreciation of the currencies of the emerging economies. The fault here does not lie with the US. I sympathise strongly with a Brazil or a South Africa, but not with China.

The sky is not falling. But this does not mean the Fed’s policies are the best possible. It is probable that any impact on the yields on medium-term bonds will have a modest economic effect. It would be far better if the Fed could shift inflation expectations upwards, by issuing a commitment to offset a prolonged period of below-target inflation with one of above-target inflation. A decision to monetise additional government spending might be an even more effective tool. Equally necessary is a plan to accelerate the restructuring of the overhang of excessive debt. But, in the absence of co-operation with the newly elected Congress, what the Fed is doing is, alas, about the most we can now expect, though it should have dared to do more. Meanwhile, “sound” people will shriek that the sky is falling only to be surprised that it is not. We have seen this play before—in Japan in the 1990s. Japan fell into chronic deflation, instead.

Yes, it may be reasonable to call for a reconsideration of the global monetary system, as Robert Zoellick, the World Bank president, has done. But gold? Does anyone expect politicians to put placating the world’s most speculative commodity market before worrying about a slump? Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad.

TRIBUTE ON THE BIRTH OF DANIEL BOLDEN GILCHRIST

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Stephen Gilchrist and his wife Tammie on the birth of their new son Daniel Bolden Gilchrist. Daniel was born on October 22, 2010, at 10:26 in the evening.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Gilchrist family and wish them all the best.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
UNITED STATES ARMY PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS JAMES C. KONYUD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Army Private First Class James C. Konyud, who courageously and selflessly rose to the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his country.

Pfc. Konyud was drafted into the U.S. Army and became a member of the 121st Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division-K Company. In 1943, he was twenty-six years old when he travelled from Cleveland, Ohio to Germany during World War II. Two years later, after heavy combat in the Huertgen Forest in Germany, near Belgium, Pfc. Konyud was reported missing in action. He was declared dead one year later. Pfc. Konyud’s remains, including his military identification tags, were finally located three years ago by a German explosive-ordnance team working near the Belgian border where he was last seen. American POW/MIA Command Teams were dispatched to Germany, and with the help of local farmers, discovered military equipment and a second set of Pfc. Konyud’s identification tags. Sixty-seven years after travelling to Europe to serve our nation, Pfc. Konyud was finally flown home.

George Konyud, the youngest of nine brothers and sisters and Pfc. Konyud’s only surviving sibling, gathered with family members and more than one hundred mourners on Saturday, September 25th at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio, to pay their final respects and to honor the life and sacrifice of Pfc. James Konyud. He was buried with full military honors.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of U.S. Army Private First Class James Konyud, whose service to our nation will be forever honored and remembered. Although sixty-seven years have passed, the memory of Pfc. Konyud will continue to live on within the hearts and memories of our entire community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLOTTE
AYERS

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Charlotte Ayers on her outstanding tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia’s Own Credit Union. After 41 years of service, and 11 years at the helm, Mrs. Ayers is retiring from Georgia’s Own Credit Union.

When Charlotte Ayers became President and CEO of Georgia’s Own Credit Union in 1999, she pledged that the Credit Union would be a beacon of social and personal responsibility, and vowed it would be the industry leader in terms of growth and service. Mrs. Ayers has fulfilled that promise to the firm’s members and employees, and she is credited with

transforming the 76-year-old company from a \$600 million enterprise in 1999 when she was named President & CEO to over \$1.5 billion today. Mrs. Ayers has worked closely with the Board of Directors and management teams to develop innovative, convenient, and value-packed products and services to the members of Georgia's Own.

Amid economic turmoil for many of our nation's financial corporations, Mrs. Ayers has dedicated her leadership to ensuring her company is doing the best by its members. Charlotte's legacy will be building one of the most trusted financial institutions in the state. Her hard work and dedication will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING GOLD STAR MOTHERS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gold Star Mothers day, which was observed on the last Sunday of September. This day commemorated the supreme sacrifice made by those who have lost a son or daughter serving in the Armed Forces. By honoring these mothers, we also remember all those who have given their lives in service for our country.

The American Gold Star Mothers assist veterans of the Armed Forces and their dependents in the presentation of claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and aid members of the Armed Forces who served and died, or were wounded or incapacitated during hostilities. Their services have strengthened and inspired Americans throughout the history of the United States.

The sacrifice of Gold Star Mothers emphasizes the role of the home and the family as the true foundation of the United States. The American mother is a source of moral and spiritual guidance for the people of the United States; she acts as a positive force to promote good government and peace among all mankind.

For more than eighty years, American Gold Star Mothers have banded together to show their pride and love of our country. These women have given their time and effort to honor all fallen children and assist veterans. In spite of their grief, they have demonstrated an ardent support for and deep service of our country.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the heroic precedent set by Gold Star Mothers and their legacy of patriotism, sacrifice, and service.

A TRIBUTE TO EPHRAIM BENTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ephraim Benton for his achievements.

Ephraim Benton was born in Brooklyn, New York. He is the oldest of seven children, and

has worked hard to make a mark on the entertainment industry.

Mr. Benton is constantly developing his own projects, and has already executive produced, written, directed and starred in two short films titled "Brown Paper Bags" and "3 Quarters of Face Value." He also produced an animated documentary about the life of President Barack Obama titled "HIStory," and is the founder of two film festivals.

In 2009, Mr. Benton made his mark beginning with a small role in the Academy Award Nominee film "Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire" directed by the critically acclaimed Lee Daniel. He then played Shawn in the film "Shades of Brooklyn Vol. 1" that debuted on HBO Short Series. Mr. Benton also stars in the award winning indie film "Inside a Change" directed by BET Award Video Director of the Year nominee Rik Cordero. He gives a compelling performance as Chris Price, a teenager about to serve 180 days in prison for a first-time offense who discovers that his family is falling apart when his mother invites him home for dinner, and is forced to re-examine his life and how he can bring everyone together for his mother's birthday.

Additionally, Mr. Benton is a member of two community advisory boards and has used his life experiences and success to give back to the community through his non-profit organization.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ephraim Benton.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the Prince William County Bar Foundation.

The Prince William County Bar Foundation was created in 2000 by members of the PWC Bar Association for the purpose of funding community service projects that promote access to justice and law related services for the people of Prince William County. The Foundation is an all volunteer, non-profit organization that operates solely on the basis of donated time, funds and resources provided by local attorneys, law firms and community groups.

In its first year, the Foundation adopted the Beat the Odds® program to recognize at-risk youth involved in the juvenile justice system and foster care programs who have overcome the odds against their success. The Foundation provides them with attorney mentors, scholarships towards college and vocational education. Since its first year participating in the Beat the Odds program, the Foundation has supported more than 100 young men and women in the community and has provided close to \$200,000 in scholarships, vocational funds and educational awards to encourage each Beat the Odds award recipient to continue to seek a positive path into adulthood.

The Foundation has grown to include a number of other programs that match needs in the community with resources available through Bar Association members. The Foundation provides for the printing of court infor-

mational pamphlets to assist the public in understanding the legal process, awards for the County's middle-school "Character Counts" annual essay contest, supports the Prince William County National Adoption Day in which foster care children move into permanent homes, and partners with the Gang Response Intervention Team to assist with its gang tattoo removal program. The Foundation recently undertook the project "Books for Troubled Teens" in order to provide a steady supply of books to children who spend time waiting in the hallways of juvenile court or reside at the Juvenile Detention Center or juvenile shelter care facility.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Prince William County Bar Foundation. The Foundation's educational outreach, crime prevention and rehabilitation programs are effective tools for providing positive encounters with the justice system to at-risk children. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the members of the Foundation for their efforts to instill respect for the law and justice in our community's young people.

IN HONOR OF FIVE RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE CAMDEN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor five members of the Camden City Fire Department who have provided years of dedicated service to the Camden, New Jersey community. Chief Kevin Hailey, Chief Ralph Roberts, Chief Maurice Wilson, Chief Darryl Lewison and Chief Larry Wilson deserve to be recognized for their hard work and devotion to the Camden City Fire Department.

Chief Kevin Hailey began his many years of service in April of 1981 when he was hired by the Camden City Fire Department. The youngest Fire Captain in the Camden City Fire Department's history, Chief Hailey went on to become Battalion Chief and then Deputy Chief. After 28 years of devoted service to the Camden City Fire Department, Chief Hailey retired on May 1, 2010. Married to his high school sweetheart Melvina since 1989, Chief Hailey is the proud father of one daughter, Kelly.

Chief Ralph Roberts has represented the Camden City Fire Department as Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Fire Captain, Assistant Training Officer, Fire Sub Code Official, Emergency Management Coordinator and New Jersey State Licenses Inspector. An advisor on many city boards who holds a degree in Fire Science, Chief Roberts was an invaluable member of the Camden City Fire Department for 28 years. He retired on June 1, 2010.

Chief Maurice Wilson became a member of the Camden City Fire Department in April of 1982. After being promoted to Captain in February of 1996, he was further promoted to Battalion Chief in April of 2001 and Deputy Chief in January of 2005 before retiring on May 1, 2010 after 28 years with the Camden City Fire Department. Chief Wilson and his wife Betty have two children.

Chief Darryl Lewison was hired by the Camden City Fire Department in 1982 and was

quickly assigned to Ladder 3 on 4 group where he spent the next six years before transferring to Ladder 2. Chief Lewison served as Captain of Engine 7 on 3 group in 1992 and was then assigned to Rescue 1 on 4 group. After eight years, Chief Lewison was transferred to Engine 10 on 4 platoon and continued on to Ladder 2. In 2001, Chief Lewison was made Battalion Chief on 2 group and then transferred to Battalion 1 on 1 group. After 28 years of dutiful service, Chief Lewison retired on May 1, 2010.

Chief Larry Wilson joined the Camden City Fire Department in 1981 after serving as a U.S. Marine from 1972–1975 and attending school at Rutgers University and Camden County College. Chief Wilson was assigned to Engine 6 on 3 group before transferring to both Engine 7 and Ladder 3. After his promotion to Captain of Engine 7 in 1996, Chief Wilson was transferred to Engine 11 and then promoted to Battalion Chief of Battalion 2 on group 3. After 28½ years of service, Chief Wilson retired on April 1, 2010. The proud father of four children, Chief Wilson and his wife, Joan, have nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the commitment of Chief Kevin Hailey, Chief Ralph Roberts, Chief Maurice Wilson, Chief Darryl Lewison and Chief Larry Wilson to the community of Camden, New Jersey should not go unrecognized. I express my deepest appreciation to these men for their dedication and unwavering loyalty to the Camden City Fire Department.

TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER
FRANK HALAS

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Southwest Florida's most outstanding public servants, Collier County Commissioner Frank Halas, who is retiring after an exceptional career.

Frank has served on the Collier County Board of Commissioners for the last eight years, and during his time on the Board, he has been a strong force for the people of Collier County and all of Southwest Florida. One of his top priorities has been the preservation and protection of the Vanderbilt Beach area in Naples, and he has fought tirelessly to protect our region's delicate environment and water resources.

Frank's public service did not start with his stint on the Board of Commissioners, and I doubt it will end there. He enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from high school, and after 31 years with the Ford Motor Company in Michigan, he retired to Southwest Florida, where the "quiet and sophistication" of the area appealed to him and his family.

During his time here in our part of paradise, Frank has held countless positions on numerous civic and charitable organizations throughout Southwest Florida. He's the type of person who believes in giving back to his community tenfold and has done just that. From his work with the VFW, the Taxpayers Action Group, the Collier Audubon Society, and the Estuary Conservation Association, he has worked to make Southwest Florida a great place to live, work and visit.

Frank's enthusiasm and passion for serving the community is inspiring. He is the type of elected official that all of us in public service strive to be—accessible, dedicated, and effective.

I'd like to recognize Frank's wife, Diane, and his six children and nine grandchildren, for their support during his public service—I know he couldn't have accomplished so much without their love and support.

Madam Speaker, although we are sad to see him leave the Collier County Board of Commissioners, Southwest Florida is better off today because of Frank Halas' tireless work. I wish Frank and his family all the best as he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
PASTOR DAVID STANDFEST

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of Pastor David Standfest of Williamsburg, Michigan. Pastor Standfest is the founder of the New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg and is retiring after 30 years of tireless service to his church and his local community.

David Standfest was born in Owosso, Michigan on May 14th, 1947. Early on, David knew that he wanted to have an impact in his local community and understood one of the best ways to affect positive change was through the church. David enrolled at Owosso Bible College following high school, where he studied to become a pastor and played basketball. After graduation in 1970, David served as a pastor in the Owosso area until moving to Traverse City in 1980, where he became the pastor at Bayview Wesleyan Church.

In 1990, Pastor Standfest founded the New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg. The church started humbly in an area home with only a congregation of eight people. But Pastor Standfest would not be deterred in his commitment to serving the people of northern Michigan. With hard work, the New Hope Community Church grew to a congregation of over 1,400 devoted worshippers. Aside from the home campus in Williamsburg, the New Hope Community Church expanded to three locations across northern Michigan (Traverse City, Bellaire and Petoskey) in order to expand its services to families in the area.

In Williamsburg, the New Hope Community Church boasts a full size gym for active children and youth programs, and a 1,450 seat auditorium for local school and community college events such as graduations, banquets and other ceremonies. The administration building holds 13 offices and family counseling rooms and a community center that accommodates 250 people for various area events.

While this economic crisis continues to weigh down families in northern Michigan, Pastor Standfest has been there to help those who are struggling in every way possible. The first 5 percent of all offerings that New Hope Community Church receives go to help area families with housing issues and other financial difficulties. Pastor Standfest started a food pantry that is open seven days a week and has helped thousands of families put food on

the table. The church also offers "Care" ministries that provide attentive counselors to help local residents through this tough period.

Madam Speaker, Pastor David Standfest has devoted his life to helping the people of northern Michigan in any way he can. His untiring dedication to his community, especially during this recession, is a true inspiration and should be commended. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring Pastor Standfest's lifetime of commitment and hard work.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, In 1885, former Congressman and Senator Gilbert Hitchcock founded what would become the largest employee-owned newspaper, and the newspaper with the highest percentage of subscribers in a home circulation area, in the United States. This paper, the Omaha World-Herald, recently celebrated its 125th anniversary of bringing the news to Nebraskans' and Iowans' hands and homes.

The Omaha World-Herald has won many awards through the years, including three Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of the senseless violence against African-Americans in Omaha in 1919, the large-scale scrap-metal drive in Nebraska during World War II, and an emotional photograph of a World War II soldier's homecoming to Iowa. One of its most recent awards was bestowed by the Columbia Journalism Review for its coverage of the war in Afghanistan.

Notably, the Omaha World-Herald is one of the few remaining independently-owned papers with statewide coverage. This is shown in its localized content and strong commitment to community. Congratulations to the Omaha World-Herald on 125 years of reporting and serving Nebraska's communities.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF JOHN
H. BUSTAMANTE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of John H. Bustamante, devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor. Mr. Bustamante's great achievements in fields of publishing, law and business are only matched by his leadership in the civil rights movement.

Mr. Bustamante was born in Santiago, Cuba, and moved with his family to Florida. He graduated from Stanton High School in Jacksonville, Florida, and later attended Boston University where he shared a room with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His friendship with Dr. King inspired his lifelong involvement in the civil rights movement. Their friendship remained strong until Dr. King's tragic death in 1968.

After graduating from Boston University, Mr. Bustamante went to Harvard University where he earned a law degree. He became an internationally recognized attorney and served as legal counsel for high-profile figures like Dr. King and the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Mr. Bustamante obtained a charter to form a national bank called First Bank. It grew to become the largest minority-owned bank in the nation. He also formed his own publishing company and in the process met and became lifelong friends with William O. Walker, founder and publisher of the Call & Post. Mr. Bustamante served the Call & Post in many ways, including as legal representative. When Mr. Walker passed away, Mr. Bustamante became the sole stockholder and publisher of the Call & Post. He served with integrity for more than thirty years until his retirement in 1998.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of John H. Bustamante, whose life was lived with great love for family, friends and community. Mr. Bustamante's legacy extends from Cleveland, Ohio, to places around the world. Moreover, Mr. Bustamante was a devoted husband to Mary, cherished father of Michael, Sonali, Andre and Kamala; devoted stepfather to Ronald, Marcus and Patrick, and devoted grandfather. His energy, leadership and work on behalf of civil rights, peace and justice elevated our Nation's pursuit of civil rights for all. His kindness, service and devotion made our world a better place. He will never be forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO DEMETRICE MILLS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Demetrice Mills for his contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Demetrice Mills was born and raised in North Carolina on the family farm. In 1971, after graduating from high school, he moved to Brooklyn, New York to find a job and make a better life for himself.

Throughout the years, Mr. Mills has volunteered his time and energy in a number of ways to help his community. He is considered the "Mayor of the block" and a source of information. He is the President of the Block Association and a true community activist, always looking for ways to help and willing to speak out for the community on issues of concern.

Mr. Mills has worked in the insurance, manufacturing, and financial industries throughout his career. He was employed by JPMorgan Chase for over 25 years, and is now a retired financial information business system specialist. He has worked in the field of computer information and technology for over 38 years.

Since his retirement, he has dedicated even more of his time to the community by volunteering with a number of community groups. Mr. Mills tries to educate and inspire people of all ages to become involved in their communities.

Mr. Mills is the Board President of the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust Community Gardens, which consists of 29 community gardens in Brooklyn and 5 in Queens. Community gardening is an important way of building on a

community's assets by providing a source of healthy fruits and vegetables and a vibrant social setting for the community.

Mr. Mills is a volunteer member of Bedford Academy High School PTA, a member of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Block Association, the President of the Classon Ful-Gate Block Association, Executive Director of the Classon Ful-Gate Block Association Community Garden, member of Community Board 3, member of BedStuy Alive, Treasurer of the 79th Precinct Community Council, Co-Chairperson of the Scholarship Campaign for the 79th Precinct Community Council College Scholarship Committee, and is a 2007 Graduate of the New York City Police Department Citizen's Academy.

Demetrice and his wife Dorothy co-chair the 79th Precinct College Scholarship Campaign Committee. The College Scholarship Campaign is an annual campaign to help local high school graduating seniors looking to further their education and hoping to obtain a college degree. Over the last three years, the 79th Precinct Community Council has been able to assist numerous deserving young graduating seniors who live or attend school in the community.

Demetrice and Dorothy have been together for more than 38 years, and have been married for 28 years. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Demetrice Mills.

RECOGNIZING VETERANS GREEN JOBS FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE MILITARY HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Veterans Green Jobs, VGJ, for its efforts to create green jobs for military veterans while also helping to improve environmental efficiency through the Military Housing Energy Efficiency Project, MHEEP.

Thanks to the support from the Sierra Club's Military Families Initiative, a partnership between the Sierra Club and Walmart, VGJ worked with the Laborers International Union of North America, LiUNA, to establish a month long training program to certify veterans in energy auditing and weatherization work. The program also provided career and professional development services.

In the fall, VGJ's partnership with LiUNA allowed the newly trained veterans to weatherize 50 military homes in Virginia. VGJ worked with the Virginia National Guard, members of Congress, Veterans Service Organizations, and several other regional organizations to identify military family homes to receive energy audit and weatherization services. Through these initiatives, VGJ produced cost savings for military families.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Veterans Green Jobs, in coordination with the Sierra Club and Walmart, for its involvement with the MHEEP to create green jobs for military veterans and

improve environmental efficiency in military homes.

CONGRATULATING SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Saint Vincent de Paul School in Peoria, Illinois on being named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Saint Vincent de Paul joined only 50 other private schools throughout the nation in receiving this recognition. The school was nominated by the Council for American Private Education, also known as CAPE. By being recognized with the award, Saint Vincent de Paul has demonstrated its successes in ensuring students achieve exceptionally high national test scores.

I applaud the concerted effort it took to elevate the school's test scores to such an extraordinary level. As I honor this school I must remind this body that while this award is presented to Saint Vincent de Paul School, the award really reflects the combined efforts of all those involved with the school. As former Peoria School Board President, I know that every successful school has the trinity of skilled educators, committed students and involved parents as a base.

Also, on a personal note, I always find it impressive to see a school allow for students' academic and personal development. As such, I must applaud the school's commitment to the mission to "generate outstanding academic achievement and expect students to be confident leaders with a strong positive and moral impact on the community." I'm certain that Saint Vincent de Paul will not only continue to flourish as an institution for years to come, but that its young students will eventually become active leaders in Peoria, Illinois and throughout these United States.

Again, congratulations Saint Vincent de Paul School.

HONORING MR. ROMAN TOTENBERG'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Mr. Roman Totenberg's 100th birthday. Mr. Totenberg is a world-class violinist and a beloved educator. January 1, 2011, will mark the 100th birthday of this gifted musician, whose talents on stage and in the classroom have enriched the lives of many people.

Mr. Totenberg was born in Lodz, Poland. He says he "accidentally" started playing the violin when he was a little boy because a neighbor who babysat him played the instrument. By the age of six, he was playing consistently and has practiced the violin everyday since.

By the age of 11, Mr. Totenberg was playing professionally. He debuted as a soloist for the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra.

Since his debut at such a young age, Mr. Totenberg was considered a prodigy. In 1931 he was awarded the Mendelssohn prize, a distinguished international award given to promising young musicians. He played with the Boston Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, the Berlin Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic and countless other world-class orchestras.

Madam Speaker, as a young man at the age of 24, Mr. Totenberg performed at the White House for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He was married to the late Melanie Totenberg for over fifty years. Together they had one daughter, Nina Totenberg. Nina is a respected and well-known journalist.

Mr. Totenberg joined Boston University as a Professor in the string department in 1961 and remains a professor there to this day. He was the head of Boston University's string department from 1965–1978. From 1978–1985 he was director of The Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Madam Speaker, for all that he has accomplished and all that he has contributed, I would like to honor the 100th birthday of Mr. Roman Totenberg.

CNN GUESTS SKEW TO THE LEFT

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, CNN claims to be the fair cable news alternative. They say they report the news "without playing favorites," according to a new slogan.

The facts tell a different story.

In the weeks leading up to election day, liberal guests on CNN outnumbered conservative guests by a margin of more than 3 to 2, according to an analysis by the Media Research Center.

From October 4 through October 29, there were a total of 88 liberal guests to just 56 conservative guests.

And all three of the network's prime-time news programs featured more liberals than conservatives, according to MRC.

So much for not playing favorites.

CNN should give Americans the facts, not skew their programming to support a liberal agenda.

Members of National Public Radio's board of directors have a clear and overwhelming liberal bias, according to an analysis by National Review.

The study found that "nearly all [NPR board members] have demonstrably liberal political sympathies, with heavy support for the Democratic party, pro-abortion-rights groups, and environmental activism in particular."

Furthermore, "[NPR's] board members also sit on the boards of explicitly progressive advocacy groups, and have given millions of dollars to Democrats and liberal PACs—at the same time that they control the country's 'public' radio network."

With liberals dominating NPR's board, it's no surprise its news coverage also shows a liberal bias.

NPR should give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

IN HONOR OF APOSTLE SUPER- INTENDENT STEPHEN STALL- WORTH, FOUNDER AND PASTOR OF GREATER GRACE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST AND FOUNDER AND CEO OF GRACELAND INSTI- TUTE OF EARLY LEARNING

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man of great faith, a man who has given much to his community while serving as a model citizen, father, and apostle of the word of God, Pastor Stephen Stallworth.

Pastor Stallworth was called to the ministry at the young age of twenty-six. In 1970, he attended the University of Michigan and the CH Mason Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. There he was ordained an Elder, and in 1976, he was installed as an Assistant Pastor.

He was offered a position by General Motors in Albany, Georgia. In 1979, he and his family moved from Michigan to Georgia, where he felt called by God to serve as a pastor.

Shortly after moving to Albany, Pastor and Mother Stallworth began the task of finding a church. One day, by a chance encounter, they discovered their first church while on their way to the parish they were attending at that time. Due to road work on their normal route, they detoured onto Church Street where they discovered a vacant church. They felt called by God to turn the empty building into a thriving, vibrant parish with which to serve God and the Albany community.

Pastor and Mother Stallworth selflessly purchased the building to begin the new church. Instead of buying a home for their family, they began a home for their spiritual family in Albany, and in 1981, Pastor Stallworth established the Greater Grace Church of God in Christ. He and Mother Stallworth took to the task of restoring and refurbishing the land and property, and in doing so they established a neighborhood ministry.

As the parish grew there was need for a larger facility, and through his ministry numerous Bishops, Pastors and Evangelist were born. There are nine churches in Pastor Stallworth's district; five of these churches originated directly from his ministry. There are approximately twelve churches operating in the Albany area that were born under the direction of Pastor Stallworth, and there are more than 2,000 members in his district.

In March of 2008, Pastor Stallworth established a covenant between the Greater Grace Church of God in Christ and the Greater New Hope Anointed Ministries in Plant City, Florida, whose membership exceeds five hundred members and is one of the fastest growing churches in the area. The Pastor is national recording artist Calvin Callins.

In 2009, Pastor Stallworth established covenants with Pastor Ray G. Johnson of Love Life Church and with Pastor Willie C. Carter of Acts II Full Gospel Church; both are located in Camilla, Georgia.

Heeding the call to expand his ministry, Pastor Stallworth oversaw the erection of a

multi-million dollar edifice. After two years of construction the new 22,000 square foot building was completed in February of 2008. 6,000 square feet are allocated for the Graceland Institute of Early Learning, which opened in September of 2008.

Ever innovative, Pastor Stallworth envisions facilities to house senior citizens and college students. He is known for never preaching the same sermon twice and he seeks to expand his ministry and preach the word of God to all he can. His mission is to always exhibit excellence in his ministry by always lifting Jesus to the height that men and women will be drawn to Him.

Madam Speaker, today I recognize and honor a man I am proud to call friend and constituent and a man who has altruistically contributed to our community, giving so much of himself. Today it is my privilege to honor Pastor Stephen Stallworth as he is elevated to the position of Apostle. He has served God and his community well and I know he will continue to do so.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZA- TION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act. This important legislation will give NTSB the tools it needs to investigate transportation accidents and make timely recommendations to improve safety.

NTSB is the federal agency responsible for determining the probable cause of aviation, railroad, marine, and selected highway accidents. They assist victims and families and make recommendations aimed at addressing systemic issues and improving safety of all transportation modes. NTSB recently completed a year-long investigation into a catastrophic accident on the Red Line of the Washington Metro. Throughout the process, I was impressed by the knowledge and professionalism of the Board and its staff.

Today's legislation will help NTSB complete its mission—expanding its staff, clarifying its authority to identify multiple causes of accidents, and ensuring that it can conduct necessary on-scene fact-finding and access the information it needs. Importantly, the bill also allows NTSB to release urgent and interim safety recommendations so that transportation agencies can address safety issues quickly.

Mr. Speaker, when accidents happen, NTSB is there to determine the cause and provide expert advice to strengthen transportation safety. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this reauthorization.

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR RONALD BANKS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Professor Ronald Banks.

Professor Ronald Banks was born on April 22, 1948 to the late Clifton R. and Annie Lee Banks in Brooklyn, New York. He was educated in the New York City educational system and is a graduate of George Westinghouse Technical High School.

Professor Banks has always had a love for music. At a young age, he would sit and watch Elder Sam Windham play the steel guitar. At the age of five, his mother bought him a steel guitar, his first musical instrument. He received his first piano lesson at age 8, and was inspired to learn the organ at age 12 and the bass guitar at 14.

Professor Banks was blessed with an ear for music and began playing officially for his first choir at the age of 12. He began teaching voices and sections the same year, and started his own ensemble called "The Eastern New York Ensemble" at age 15. The next year, his father founded the "Sensational Twilights" and Professor Banks was one of the lead singers and bass guitarist.

From a very young age, Professor Banks has developed a wealth of knowledge in music. He has passed on his wisdom and knowledge to generations of musicians, singers and choirmasters to further their ministries and for the good of the greater church community. Professor Banks' attention to detail and passion for his craft has made him an icon in the genre of Gospel music known today as the "Brooklyn Sound."

Professor Banks has recorded with the International Radio Choir, the Triboro Mass Choir, the Sensational Twilights, the Clara Ward Singers, and the Eastern New York Mass Choir of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. He has been a member of the Triboro Mass Choir for over thirty years, and currently serves as head musician.

He has earned the endearing title of "Professor" for his ability to bring out the musical talents of any individual. Through his service to his community and his church, he has earned numerous citations.

Professor Banks was a dedicated employee of Con Edison for thirty-six years until his retirement on December 1, 2004.

Professor Banks presently serves as the Minister of Music at Friendship Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, under the leadership of Reverend Craig B. Gaddy, Pastor. He is rooted and forever humble in his craft because of his loyalty and devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Professor Ronald Banks.

RECOGNIZING FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR GRANTEES FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize several young people from my community for being selected as recipients of Fulbright awards to study, lecture, teach or conduct research abroad during the 2010–2011 academic year.

Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural

Affairs, the Fulbright Program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the international community. Since its establishment in 1946, the Fulbright Program sponsored exchanges for more than a quarter of a million people in more than 155 countries. Recipients are selected based on academic and professional achievement in addition to demonstrated leadership potential in their respective fields. The following residents of the 11th District of Virginia were selected as Fulbright recipients:

Ms. Sarah Argodale, College of William and Mary, English Teaching Assistant, Russia

Ms. Grace Erdmann, Georgetown University, English Teaching Assistant, Egypt

Mr. Kurt Gron, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Archeology, Denmark

Ms. Lauren-Claire Kelley, George Mason University, English Teaching Assistant, Italy

Mr. David Ramsay, Case Western Reserve University, Engineering, Ireland

Ms. Farrah Tek, University of Mary Washington, Law, Cambodia

The Fulbright scholarship is synonymous with excellence in educational exchange. It is one example of the importance of personal interaction at the individual level. The Fulbright Scholars from the 11th District will continue the tradition of citizen diplomacy that runs deeply through our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing these outstanding young people for this level of achievement in their respective fields.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF MIKE "TRIV" TRIVISONNO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mike "Triv" Trivisonno, devoted family man, radio host and community volunteer. Mr. Trivisonno was born and raised in Greater Cleveland and he continues to call Cleveland his home. He grew up in Mayfield Heights, dropped out of school by the tenth grade and ran with a rough crowd. At the young age of 17, he met the love of his life and future wife, Linda Conforto, whose kindness and integrity became a powerful source of strength in his life.

Mike and Linda married three years later and remained committed to each other and to their children. Mike's family means everything to him and he has worked hard to provide for them. Together, he and Linda started a landscape business and they even managed a golf course along the way. In the 1970's, Mr. Trivisonno's radio popularity grew; he earned the nickname "Mr. Know It All" as a regular caller to the popular Pete Franklin "SportsLine Show" on radio station WWWE in Cleveland. Soon, radio jobs were offered and his career began to skyrocket. Lively, on-air debates that normally included sports talk meandered into the realm of news and politics. His common-man, brash and humorous style, and his raw honesty continue to draw a massive and diverse listening audience. His radio persona elicits strong emotions from his audience and his popularity continues to grow. For nearly twenty years, the Mike Trivisonno Show on

WTAM 1100 has been the one of the most widely-listened to radio programs throughout Ohio.

Above and beyond his success in radio, Mr. Trivisonno's willingness to help others and his openness about his personal losses have touched the hearts of our community. For many years, he led the Coats for Kids annual campaign, and he continues to lead charitable events and initiatives, including charity poker events. After Linda Trivisonno lost her battle with cancer in 2009, he began honoring her life and memory with initiatives like the Linda Trivisonno Endowment Fund, which raises funds for cancer research and provides funds for financially struggling patients and their families.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Mike Trivisonno, one of the most fascinating and successful voices in the history of Cleveland radio. Beneath the armor of Mike's boisterous, self-deprecating, and sharply opinionated voice is a kind and decent man whose generous heart and desire to help others brings comfort, hope and strength to our entire community.

JIM CARTER

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, Jim Carter died in Pueblo, Colorado, on July 28, 2010. Jim was born in Missouri, served in the U.S. Air Force in Germany subsequent to his graduation from college and was employed for many years by A.P. Green Refractories in Pueblo, Colorado. When A.P. Green Refractories decided to leave Pueblo, they offered Jim an opportunity to move to one of their eastern facilities. Having raised his children in Pueblo and having many friends in Pueblo, Jim decided that Pueblo was the home for his family and the right place for them to stay. Jim, along with his son, established Refractories West, Inc. which has continued to be an active employer in Pueblo. A few years ago, Jim turned the refractory operation over to his son but Jim could not completely disengage himself from the business opportunity that had occupied his energies for so many years.

Due to Jim's love of his adopted community, he became active in many local organizations and was a leader in establishing Puebloans for Economic Progress and served as the first Chairman of PEP. Eventually, PEP was part of a consolidation that became the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation; Jim also served as Chairman of PEDCO and was an active board member for many years.

Jim will be remembered as a valued member of the Airport Advisory Board for several years. His diligence, determination and knowledge have served the Pueblo Memorial Airport and the Advisory Board extremely well. Even Jim's illness did not thwart his drive and attentiveness to the best interest of the Pueblo Airport. No matter the obstacle, Jim could find a way over it, around it or through it and was forever zealous in his quest to do his best for the City of Pueblo.

HONORING CODY ALECIA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Cody Alecia, of Denair, California.

What has America come to when a 13-year-old student must be concerned for his safety when he waves the American flag? This past week, Denair Middle School, located in my home district, asked one of their students, Cody Alecia, to remove an American flag he has been proudly displaying on the back of his bicycle for two months. Cody and his family were told that the flag needed to be removed for his own safety, in light of problems that arose during the previous school year when students carried the Mexican flag to the school on Cinco de Mayo. Thankfully, on November 12th, the school district reversed the decision and has informed Cody that he can once again display his flag.

I am pleased that the Denair Unified School District has made the correct decision and is once again allowing Cody to display his flag. However, I am deeply concerned about the circumstances that led to Cody being asked to remove his flag in the first place and want to make every member of the House aware of it. I raise this issue on the floor of the House because I believe what happened to Cody gives us a snapshot of our current national culture. The flag of the United States of America is a symbol of everything that this country stands for—unity, prosperity and freedom. Every morning, in classrooms across America, students of all ages and nationalities pledge their allegiance to the flag and to this country. For an American student to ever be told that displaying the American flag in America may make him a target for violence is a travesty and terrible testament to what is happening in our country.

I am proud of Cody for choosing to display his patriotism, his respect for the men and women who have fought and died for this country, and his love of this country. And I am proud to represent this community, which has displayed such overwhelmingly positive support for Cody. I want to thank “The American Legion Patriot Guard” and the other riders here today, especially the Merced American Legion, Post 83, Patriot Guard, for their organization and passion to the cause. I would also like to thank everyone else who chose to walk and ride to Denair Middle School with Cody this morning and to display their pride in the American flag and the ideals that it represents. I hope many more people will be inspired by Cody's example and will choose to fly the flag more often.

ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION 34TH ANNUAL GALA**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which hosted

its 34th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award at this annual banquet.

The Asian American Medical Association has always been a great asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, and have always demonstrated exemplary service through their many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Dr. M. Nabil Shabeeb, M.D., FACS.

A successful General Surgeon who runs his private practice in Northwest Indiana, Dr. Shabeeb has dedicated his life to medicine. His practice specializes in thyroid and parathyroid surgery, breast cancer surgery, and laparoscopic surgery, as well as cancer support group programs. In addition to his busy medical practice, Dr. Shabeeb has committed himself to many organizations and foundations that positively impact the medical community and the people of Northwest Indiana.

In 1977, Dr. Shabeeb graduated from the College of Human Medicine at Damascus University. He went on to complete his five-year residency at the University of Illinois Metropolitan Group Hospital in 1984. Soon after, he established his private practice in Northwest Indiana. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Shabeeb has gone above and beyond his medical duties as a General Surgeon, serving on numerous medical boards and dedicating much of his time to countless organizations. He has been a member of the Lake County Medical Society since 1984, and has served as a delegate and board member since 1992. At Community Hospital in Munster, Dr. Shabeeb served as Chairman of Surgery from 1992 to 1997, and President of Medical Staff from 1997 to 2001. Currently, Dr. Shabeeb serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Munster Medical Research Foundation, the Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana, and the Community Cancer Research Foundation. He is also a founding member and Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Cancer Resource Center, a program of the Community Cancer Research Foundation. The Cancer Resource Center is an exceptional program that provides support, counseling, and education to cancer patients and their family and friends free of charge. To date, visits to the center have totaled more than 19,000. For his outstanding commitment to medicine and his many community efforts, in April, 2010, Dr. Shabeeb received the “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the Syrian American Medical Society—Midwest Chapter, an educational and humanitarian medical organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. Nabil Shabeeb, for their outstanding contributions to their communities and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to

improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational. For these reasons, the Asian American Medical Association, its members, and Dr. Shabeeb are to be recognized, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, DC.

HONORING STEVE CROPPER

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Steve Cropper. On October 17, 2010, Steve was inducted into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame.

He has been listed as one of the Top 100 guitarists of all time by Rolling Stone Magazine, and for good reason. Being raised in Memphis, Steve bought his first guitar at age 14. Since then, he has led a musically charged life of which most could only dream.

He has played and co-written with the Blues Brothers, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding and Eric Clapton, just to name a few. “Sittin’ On the Dock of the Bay”, which he co-wrote with Redding is the 6th most-played song of all time.

Steve is a friend and a true asset to our great state of Tennessee and it is a privilege to recognize him here today.

HONORING THE BENZIGER FAMILY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the Benziger Family, whose economic, environmental, and philanthropic contributions in the Sonoma Valley have earned its businesses due recognition as 2010 Sonoma Valley Business of the Year. Both Benziger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have pioneered a sustainable approach to agriculture and a humanitarian approach to business. Their active presence continues to strengthen and enrich Sonoma Valley communities.

Starting in the mid-1990s, Benziger Family Winery began its transition into biodynamic agriculture. They eliminated chemicals and other artificial elements in favor of a more holistic and organic method that capitalizes on the vitality of a vineyard that is allowed to thrive in a natural state. Benziger Family Winery has even been recognized by the National Resources Defense Council for its water conservation strategies. Imagery Estate Winery was founded in the same tradition, and the result is not only a greener footprint, but richer and more distinctive products that embody their unique places of origin. Indeed, Benziger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have earned reputations as producers of exceptional quality not only in California, but worldwide.

The Benziger Family has brought the same care and commitment to its active role in Sonoma Valley communities, supporting local

charities and volunteerism. It has been particularly instrumental in supporting Becoming Independent, a North Bay nonprofit dedicated to empowering people with developmental disabilities, and its wineries are a regular presence at the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction. Earlier this year, Benziger Family Winery also joined with the local Red Cross to support earthquake relief efforts in Haiti and in Chile.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join us in thanking the Benziger Family for its contributions to Sonoma Valley, and in congratulating its wineries on their success and well deserved recognition. Benziger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery are powerful examples of the value of community-minded business, and Sonoma Valley is stronger because of them.

A TRIBUTE TO DARLENE MEALY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Darlene Mealy for her service to Brooklyn's 41st District.

Darlene Mealy was born in Detroit, Michigan, and raised in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant area, in Brooklyn's 41st District. She attended P.S. 28, J.H.S. 271, and George W. Wingate High School. She later studied at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and Cornell for Labor Women's Studies.

Council Member Mealy is a young grassroots leader committed to bring about a positive change in her community. She serves as an outspoken community leader responding to the needs of the people of her community with honor and integrity. Her perseverance helps her to achieve positive results.

Darlene Mealy has served as the Council Member in Brooklyn's 41st District since January 2006. Prior to her election to the council, she was employed at the New York City Transit Authority for 17 years in the Department of Buses, Technical Services Division. She is the Founder and President of a multiple block association known as the Fulton Street/Atlantic Avenue/Ralph Avenue/Rochester Avenue F.A.R.R. Community Association, Inc. Council Member Mealy has served as a National Delegate for the Reverend Al Sharpton for President and is a Board Member of Neighborhood Housing Services. She was also the former Secretary of both the 81st Precinct Community Council and the Unity Democratic Club.

Currently in her second term, Council Member Mealy was appointed Chair of the Contracts Committee, where she has led the fight for reform in New York City contracts procedure and diversity in the awarding of city contracts. She has committed to the expansion of Minority Women Business Enterprises and diversification in both prime and sub-prime contracts. The awarding of Minority Women Business Enterprises is currently at the highest level ever. Additionally, during her time as Chair, the Small Business Service has partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration in an effort to ensure the increase of city contracts to small businesses. Throughout her time on the Council, Council Member Mealy has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service.

Council Member Mealy is a member of Christ Memorial Church, Pastor Flora L.H. Grant under the Pilgrim Church, Chief Prelate Archbishop Roy E. Brown.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Darlene Mealy.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN DAVID P. CONRAD, 2010 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Captain I David P. Conrad, who has been awarded the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department 2010 Career Firefighter of the Year. This is the department's highest award, established in 1985 to provide special recognition for outstanding service and dedication in keeping with the highest traditions of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Captain Conrad is the 25th recipient of this award.

Capt. Conrad has served the residents of Fairfax County for 28 years. During his exceptional career, he has consistently demonstrated his abilities as a teacher, firefighter, leader and member of the community. As a career firefighter, Capt. Conrad has taken on many roles and positions, serving as a member of the Technical Rescue Operations Team, the Virginia Task Force One Urban Search and Rescue Team, the America's Support Team, United Nations Disaster Support Team, the TROT Trench Committee, the Rescue Squad Committee, the Lieutenant's Test Committee, and the Captain's Test Committee. As a member of the elite VATF-1, Capt. Conrad has participated in multiple search and rescue operations around the world. Most recently, Capt. Conrad served as a team manager during the Haiti Earthquake rescue effort. Through his leadership, his team detected, located and rescued nine people who had been trapped.

Providing the tools for other firefighters to succeed is a passion of Capt. Conrad, especially in the area of education. Capt. Conrad serves or has served as a recruit school adjunct instructor for nine years. He has taught three trench classes, set up and facilitated seven joint training evolutions with the military, taught Rapid Intervention Team operations, assisted with writing swift water rescue protocols, served as an adjunct instructor for several Rescue and Truck company schools, taught two Technical Search classes in Canada and two in the United States, and facilitated several VATF-1 Field Exercises. Currently, Capt. Conrad is an instructor for rope, trench, structural collapse and confined space operations, a lead instructor for FEMA in Technical Search and an adjunct instructor for FEMA in Structural Collapse. Capt. Conrad's level of expertise and willingness to share his knowledge is a key reason that the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is one of the best in the world.

Capt. Conrad has worked tirelessly to improve one of the finest fire departments in the country and help save lives. In just one example, he assisted with the development a new

Rapid Intervention Team, RIT, kit for the department. These kits are essential for saving lives in emergency situations, and any improvement made to them will directly result in the preservation of life. It took more than five years, but when it was done, a new RIT air pack program was implemented. A great deal of credit belongs to Capt. Conrad for his work on this project, which has produced one of the most innovative firefighter survival tools ever used by the department. Capt. Conrad also accepted a multi-year challenge to develop and implement new travel bags and backpacks for the Urban Search and Rescue Team. His design is now being used by many teams across the country.

The saying "Character Matters 24-7" could have been written to describe Capt. Conrad. He exemplifies how a firefighter and officer should live his or her life. In addition to the professional and educational contributions that he has made, Capt. Conrad is a compassionate and tenacious advocate for others in the community. Whether it is helping paint the home of a fellow firefighter who was ill, serving on many Christmas in April and Habitat for Humanity projects, helping a local church with an extreme makeover for a D.C. resident who was in significant need, constructing an orphanage in Nicaragua, or just being available to help no matter what the project or who was in need, Capt. Conrad has always answered the call.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Captain I David P. Conrad for his years of service and in congratulating him on being named the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department 2010 Firefighter of the year. Firefighters and all first responders are true heroes for our country. They risk their lives every day to ensure the well being and safety of our communities. These heroes often go unrecognized for their dedication and sacrifices. On behalf of the residents of Northern Virginia, I am honored to thank these brave men and women for their contributions to our communities, and I say to each of them, Stay Safe.

IN HONOR OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BAY VILLAGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the City of Bay Village. I join with residents, business owners, city officials and Mayor Deborah Sutherland in celebrating this momentous occasion.

The Joseph Cahoon family, one of the first founding families, arrived on the land that is now Bay Village on October 10, 1810. The Cahoons and other settlers braved extreme weather conditions, illness and wild animals on their journey westward. They opted to settle along the picturesque southern shores of Lake Erie in beautiful northern Ohio.

By 1901, the township of Hamlet of Bay, once part of Dover Township, began to exist under the leadership of trustees who worked to form a new village. Two years later, on March 10th, 1903, the Village of Bay was incorporated by the State of Ohio and elections

were organized. On April 6th, 1903, residents elected Reuben Osborne as their Mayor. They also elected H.P. Foote, Julius Wischmeyer, Calvin Osborn, Frank Meilander, Burrett Sadler and William O. Matthews to represent their interests on Council. On May 4th, 1903, in the small quarters of School House No. 1, a meeting was held for the first-ever Council of the Village of Bay.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the City of Bay Village, Ohio, as we remember the founding settlers who formed this Village. We also commemorate the contributions of citizens, past and present, in celebrating the city's 200th Anniversary. The City of Bay Village has evolved and grown; yet its small-town charm, integrity and beautiful green spaces continue to define this treasured community in Greater Cleveland.

HONORING THE BENZIGER FAMILY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER L. DIMATTIO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the achievements of an outstanding individual, Christopher L. DiMattio.

As co-chair of the Italian-American Congressional Caucus, I am privileged to offer my sincerest congratulations for Christopher's selection as UNICO's National President on the occasion of UNICO's "Meet the President Night," an event being held in his honor. UNICO is our nation's largest Italian-American service organization.

His proven record of service to his community, faith, and strong Italian heritage makes him the perfect choice for this position with UNICO. Through his life and work, he has upheld UNICO's model of "Service above Self." He has served selflessly on the leadership board of UNICO. He also played an important role in the Roman Catholic Church's Diocese of Scranton.

His tireless work on the local level and in planning fundraisers and charity events has ensured that the numerous organizations he has served will flourish for years to come.

All of this outstanding service has not interfered with Christopher's professional and personal lives as in the least. He has received numerous awards for outstanding performance in his role as Senior Vice President at FNCB Wealth Management Services. Christopher also sets a wonderful example as a family man for his wife, Ann and his sons Louis Carlo, and Robert.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing individuals like Christopher DiMattio.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Christopher's family and friends, all the students and athletes whose lives he has touched and me in recognizing Mr. Christopher L. DiMattio.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS TODD M. HARRIS

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant First Class Todd M. Harris, who was killed in action on November 3, 2010.

A native of Tucson, Arizona, Todd enlisted in the Army in 1998. A decorated combat veteran and graduate of the U.S. Army's Special Forces, Airborne, and Air Assault Schools, he was assigned to the 87th Infantry Battalion 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division

at Fort Drum, NY. He was on his fifth deployment which included two tours in Iraq and two in Afghanistan, when he was killed by small arms fire in Badghis Province, in northwestern Afghanistan. Among his many decorations, he earned the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Purple Heart. He was one of our Nation's most elite, best and bravest.

We remember Todd and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Todd made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Todd and his family a debt of gratitude, and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Sergeant First Class Todd Harris is survived by his mother, Willa; father, Samuel; son, Kai; and daughter, McKenna.

HONORING MEIKLEJOHN CIVIL LIBERTIES INSTITUTE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the recent successful efforts of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute (MCLI) in persuading the California State Assembly and Senate to adopt Assembly Member Bill Monning's ACR 129, making California the first state in the nation to agree to publicize the text of three, U.S.-ratified U.N. human rights treaties, and to make the required periodic reports on race discrimination, police conduct, health care, prison conditions, treatment of the homeless, immigrant rights and many other violations of civil and political rights in all cities, counties and state agencies.

Templates will be furnished for the statewide reports, which seek ultimately to protect all civil rights, including those of arrested people, the unemployed, welfare applicants, members of the LGBT community, the disabled, children, seniors and union members.

The treaties and protocols included in ACR 129 are: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); Convention on Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD); and Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), ratified by the U.S. in 1992 and 1994. Two Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and on Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, ratified by the U.S. on December 23, 2002, are also covered. Yet, there is still much that can be done to ensure compliance with these treaties.

MCLI was founded in 1965 and soon established its Human Rights Reporting Project dedicated to educating lawyers, legal workers, judges, legislators, and non-governmental organizations on existing international human rights law.

Under the U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2, a treaty is the supreme law of the land and its terms apply to state governments. These treaties require that their terms be publicized and that periodic reports be made at the federal and local levels. However, until attorney Ann Fagan Ginger of MCLI proposed the resolution, no state had publicized the treaty text or submitted information to be included in U.S. reports to the U.N. Committees administering the treaties.

In 2008, MCLI persuaded the Berkeley City Commission on Peace and Justice to ask Berkeley City Council to require that each of its agencies prepare periodic activity reports and submit them to the U.S. Department of State for inclusion in its reports to the four U.N. Committees. On September 29, 2009, the Berkeley City Council adopted the United Nations Treaty Reports resolution on the basis that the human rights treaties reporting process had heightened concern about human rights in the city.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone for the State of California. Thank you, MCLI staff and supporters, for all that you do to promote and protect human rights throughout the United States. I wish you continued success.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY ON "REPUBLIC DAY"

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Turkey in celebration of the 87th anniversary of Republic Day on October 29, 2010.

In 1923, Turkey officially became a Republic. Over the years, Turkey has joined with the United States and the international community on numerous critical issues ranging from energy security to the global war on terror.

Turkey and the United States share many important values and provide an example that freedom and democracy are key foundations for peace, prosperity, and security.

Again, as a member of the Congressional Turkey Caucus, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Turkey and all Turkish citizens in celebration of Republic Day and wish them continued success in building on the political, economic, and cultural progress envisioned by the great Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. KEVIN S. BOND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Kevin S. Bond for his accomplishments and contributions.

For many years, Dr. Kevin Bond has been an advocate for those in need and has assisted those burdened by the circumstances of their environment and economic conditions. He is committed to creating positive change

for urban America, and works tirelessly to uplift the people in the underserved communities of Brooklyn, New York. He has established himself as a strong and progressive voice for urban communities through his education and his grassroots approach.

Dr. Bond has continually striven to strengthen his education. In 1987, he completed his Bachelor's degree in Accounting at New York University. He completed a Master of Divinity in 1991 at New York Theological Seminary, and in 1995, completed the Doctor of Divinity degree at United Theology Seminary. He also has a Master's Degree in Education and Learning Technology from Mercy College in 2001 and a Master's Degree in Education from the College of St. Rose, completed in 2005.

Dr. Bond is the Pastor of Citadel of Praise and Worship Church, which was established in 1997 and has over 300 members. In 1997, he also established the Citadel Summer Camp Enrichment Program and Citadel Health and Wellness. The Citadel Homeless Ministry was started in 1998. Citadel Daycare and Learning Center was added in 1999, and finally, the Citadel Share Program began in 2000.

Additionally, Dr. Bond is the Dean at Stephen Decatur Middle School 35 in Bedford Stuyvesant, where he serves as Chair to several committees and boards. He has accomplished a great deal of progressive learning for the Board of Education, and has enabled a stronger math and reading tutorial program that has helped to increase scores on citywide standardized tests.

Dr. Bond is a frequent visitor to City Hall, where he champions initiatives that affect his community. He has contributed a great deal to the City Council in their endeavors to encompass the strength of religious leadership in their pursuit of improved community development relations.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Dr. Kevin S. Bond.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF ANN BROZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ann Broz, as we join with her in celebration of her 108th birthday on October 7, 2010.

Mrs. Broz was born in Homestead, PA on October 7, 1902. Her life changed abruptly at the age of eight when her mother died unexpectedly. Soon thereafter, her father moved with her to Cleveland, Ohio in search of work and a new beginning. She gradually adjusted to her new community and made close friends in school. She was a diligent, energetic student, and her natural curiosity about life never faded.

After high school, she began working at the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Cleveland. In 1921, she met and married the love of her life, Frank Broz. Together, they settled in Fairview Park, where they raised their daughters, Ellyn and Patricia. Though her beloved Frank died many years ago, she has kept his memory alive through stories, photos

and through her family, which includes five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Broz is known for her great sense of humor, great energy, positive attitude and willingness to help others whenever needed. She is self-educated, an avid reader, and her passion for learning is as bright as ever. She is an avid gardener and a longtime member and viewer of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Moreover, it is Mrs. Broz' kindness of heart, inner light and warm smile that continues to frame her life. She loves children and animals, and they are always quickly drawn to her. She is a lifelong civic leader who was often found volunteering at PTA meetings or at the Fairview Park Women's Club.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Ann Broz, as we celebrate her 108th birthday. Her kindness, joy for living, unshakable faith and unwavering belief in the goodness of life and humanity inspires our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,721,979,465,685.30.

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 \$3,083,553,719,391.50 so far this Congress.

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

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SPC MARC WHISENANT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and accomplishments of U.S. Army Specialist Marc Whisenant.

On Friday, September 24, a Central Florida soldier lost his life in service to our Nation during a training exercise in Kuwait.

At his funeral service at the Daytona Beach Baptist Church on Saturday, October 2, our community heard wonderful recollections of how this young man, Army SPC Marc Whisenant of Daytona Beach, while only 23 years old, lived and accomplished a great deal in his lifetime. As a member of the ROTC program and 2005 graduate of Spruce Creek High School, Marc joined the U.S. Army after graduation from High School. He knew that serving in the United States military would fulfill a life goal.

In the Army, Marc found his calling as an M1A1 Armor Crewman and honorably served tours of duty in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He received recognition for his work and accomplishments as an outstanding serviceman.

Many of Marc's brothers in arms have commented on what a fine soldier he was and how he always held a positive attitude—even in the toughest of conditions.

Marc was a soldier to his country, a friend to many, but most of all, he was dedicated to his family. Marc's memory will carry on in the hearts and souls of his proud parents, Jerry Whisenant and Elizabeth Cook, and his beloved sisters, Michelle and Monica.

My colleagues, please join me in recognizing the life and service to our Nation of Marc Whisenant. We are forever grateful as a Nation for Marc's service and sacrifice, and my deepest condolences are extended to his parents, family and friends.

RECOGNIZING TENDAJI W. GANGES AND THE OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on October 28, the Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives at the University of Michigan-Flint celebrated its 15th year.

The Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives was established in 1995 as part of Student Support Services. Its Mission statement is: The mission of EOI is to foster changes in institutional services and climate enhancing the ability of the University of Michigan-Flint to identify, recruit, serve and graduate students of diverse backgrounds with a particular emphasis on students from under-represented groups including non-traditional, educationally and economically disadvantaged, and those from urban and rural areas where college access and completion rates are significantly below the national average.

The Office operates 5 pre-college programs, 5 college programs and a diversity unit. Over the past 15 years the Office has expanded and now serves over 2,000 students annually.

Mr. Tendaji W. Ganges serves as the Executive Director of the Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives. A product of the "Upward Bound" program implemented by the Higher Education Act of 1965, Mr. Ganges credits early college exposure to his success. He works tirelessly to enhance the access, impact and achievement of underrepresented groups in higher education. Mr. Ganges is an active participant in over 30 local and regional organizations. He is deeply committed to creating a gateway to higher education for all.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great honor to recognize the Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives and Mr. Tendaji W. Ganges for their work with the educationally and economically disadvantaged. Mr. Ganges and his staff are deeply committed to turning the dream of higher education into reality for thousands of students. I congratulate them on 15 years of successful work and hope they continue assisting students for many, many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF HARRIS AND JOSEPHINE SMITH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today, the 50th wedding anniversary of Harris and Josephine Smith.

Harris was born July 12, 1941, and Josephine was born March 14, 1943, both in Ohatchee, Alabama. They first met at Ohatchee High School when he was in the 8th grade and she was in 6th grade.

On December 9, 1960, they were married in Ohatchee.

The couple raised one son, Robert Smith. Mr. Smith worked as an engineer with the Alabama Department of Transportation for 37 years. Mrs. Smith was a Business Education Teacher in the Calhoun County Schools for 30 years. Both are active in their church with Harris serving as a Deacon and Josephine playing the piano.

The Smiths are proud grandparents of Courtney Smith and Cassidy Smith.

On December 3rd, an anniversary celebration and dinner party will be held at Hill Crest Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama with over 100 friends and family members.

I salute this lovely couple on their 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN ALBERT BROWN

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Albert Brown, a World War II veteran and Bataan Death March survivor who, after celebrating his 105th birthday on October 26, is reported to be the oldest living veteran of World War II.

Albert Brown was born in North Platte, Nebraska, in 1905. After his father was killed in a railroad explosion, Albert's family moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he was a four-letter athlete in high school as well as a member of the ROTC. Albert went to Creighton University where he again excelled in athletics, continued his ROTC training and received a degree in dentistry.

In the late 1930's, as the world was preparing for war and Albert Brown was raising his family and building his dental practice, he received the call to report for active military duty. After training recruits at different army bases in the U.S., Albert shipped off to the Philippines in 1941, just before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was with the force of nearly 70,000 Allied troops that surrendered to the Japanese in Bataan and he became part of the infamous Bataan Death March.

One of Albert's personal recollections of the Death March was when he faltered and wound up at the back of the line of prisoners. A Japanese soldier bayoneted him in the buttocks

and ordered him to speed up. After this, and witnessing what happened to others who could not keep the pace, Albert said he never got near the end of the line again.

After surviving the Death March, Albert was put on one of the ships bound for POW internment on mainland Japan. While in transport, the prisoners were again deprived of nutrition, water and medical treatment. Albert survived the transport and would spend the remainder of the war as a prisoner of war. During this time, in addition to withstanding bitter cold and lack of nutrition, Albert described routine beatings at the hands of his captors. Albert was once struck with the butt of a rifle, causing fractures in his neck and back. Medical treatment was not an option, so Albert was forced to heal on his own until he was physically able to resume labor.

After the Japanese surrender, Albert came home to the U.S. and spent two years in a hospital where doctors treated an assortment of medical ailments resulting from his years in captivity. On discharge, one of the doctors told him to go home and enjoy himself because he would surely never see 50. At 105, Albert Brown, who now makes his home in Pinckneyville, Illinois, not only proved that doctor wrong but stands as a remarkable example of indomitable human spirit and survival under the most dire of circumstances.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Albert Brown for his dedication and tremendous sacrifice in service to his country and to wish him the very best in the future.

IN HONOR OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF OHIO CITIZEN ACTION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 35th Anniversary of Ohio Citizen Action, a non-profit, grassroots, non-partisan, citizen action organization whose main focus is protection of our environment.

Founded in 1975, Ohio Citizen Action has 80,000 members of all ages and backgrounds. Ohio Citizen Action inspires action and involvement through door-to-door and phone banking campaigns that communicate news and information to communities, and empower and organize citizens on a wide range of issues and projects with a focus on making our world a better place.

From organizing against companies that violate environmental laws, to implementing the "Good Neighbor Campaign" that utilizes elements of community organizing, Ohio Citizen Action's true grassroots activism continues to inform, empower, strengthen and protect our entire community.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members and leaders, past and present, of Ohio Citizen Action as they celebrate their 35th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER RYAN P.
BONAMINIO

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, Ryan P. Bonaminio, a Riverside Police Officer and Army veteran. Today I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible man who died in the line of duty while serving and protecting his community.

On Sunday, November 7, 2010, Ryan was shot after pursuing a driver of a stolen vehicle, and who was also suspected of a hit-and-run in downtown Riverside. Bonaminio became the first City of Riverside police officer to die in the line of duty in ten years. He was two weeks shy of his 28th birthday.

Officer Ryan Bonaminio was born in Riverside, California on November 25, 1982. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Geraldine Bonaminio, along with his brother Christopher and sister Nicole. After graduating from Ramona High School in 2000 he joined the U.S. Army. He served with the 314th Military Police and served in Kuwait City, Baghdad, Mosul and Umm Qasr in southern Iraq. He also served in the 282nd Base Support Battalion in Hohenfels, Germany. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Ryan returned to Riverside and joined the Riverside Police Department on July 7, 2006, and graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Academy on December 21, 2006.

Bonaminio served both in the military and in the police force with honor and distinction, and was praised by his peers and supervisors on many occasions. For his outstanding service he had been awarded several medals, including the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Reserve Mobilization Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, and earned his Expert Qualification Badge-9mm pistol.

Friends and family of Officer Bonaminio describe his constant smile and generous heart. His actions on November 7th demonstrate that he was a brave young man who was unwavering in his dedication to protect the community. It is a sad irony to think that Ryan survived overseas fighting for our country on foreign soil, only to come home and be fatally wounded protecting his home community.

The day the Bonaminio family learned of their son and brother's death was probably the hardest day they have ever faced and our thoughts, prayers go out to them. They have our deepest gratitude for their sacrifice and Ryan's service to our nation. There are no words that can relieve their pain and what words we can offer only just begin to convey our deep respect and highest appreciation.

The dangers our police officers face every day often go unnoticed and without remark. Officer Bonaminio's death is a stark reminder of the very real threats that police officers face on a daily basis protecting us and our communities. We will never know what Officer Bonaminio's future would have been but our world is certainly less bright without him in it. We all share in the loss of such a promising,

courageous and truly remarkable young man. The goodness Officer Bonaminio brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made, will never be forgotten.

RITZVILLE'S NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD DEPOT CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Philip Ritz—founder of Ritzville, Washington—and to congratulate Ritzville's Northern Pacific Railroad Depot on its centennial anniversary.

More than 100 years ago, Philip Ritz proposed establishing a great national highway between Lake Superior and the Puget Sound. Philip testified before Congress that the route would be beneficial for transportation of troops, munitions of war, mail and freight. As a result, the Northern Pacific Railroad and Ritzville's Northern Pacific Depot became instrumental in transporting crops, promoting settlers, and creating a community in Ritzville.

Even before the construction of the railroad, in the late 18th century, the Walla Walla valley was known for harvesting over one million bushels of grain, and some of the finest quality peaches, apples, pears, plums, cherries, grapes, and sweet potatoes. These crops, after the railroad was completed, were then transported into national and international markets. With these new markets, Ritzville rapidly became the largest and heaviest grain shipping railroad station in the world.

During this industrial and agricultural revolution, many families took advantage of the thousands of acres lying unclaimed. Densely populated cities dissipated as families moved towards the great Northern Pacific expanse. Combined with timber and lumber now being more accessible by railroad, these settlers were able to build new homes at inexpensive prices.

With the settlers came more vibrant communities. Within the Ritzville community, Ritzville's Northern Pacific Railroad Depot served as the town center. The depot agent was in charge of issuing marriage licenses and serving as the notary. Often times, important events were held in the waiting room such as polling during elections, social activities, and church services. The Depot quickly became the most important building in the town.

Today, Ritzville's Northern Pacific Railroad Depot serves as an important reminder of the role the railroad once played in farming, school, business, and town development in Ritzville, WA. Thanks to Philip Ritz, the depot was the focal point for all rail-related trade for more than 60 years. My fellow colleagues, please join me honoring Philip Ritz and congratulating Ritzville's Northern Pacific Railroad Depot on 100 years of excellent service.

HONORING FORMER WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEMBER BEATRICE "JACKIE" WITHROW

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, Jackie Withrow was an angel for the ages. She was Florence Nightingale, Susan B. Anthony and Eleanor Roosevelt all rolled into one.

If the Almighty had to pick a day to open Heaven's Gates for Jackie, none could be mean more meaningful than Veteran's Day for no one cared more or worked harder for our veterans. One estimate credited Jackie with 27,500 hours of service to our veterans.

I am sure that number would pale in comparison to all she really did over her lifetime of dedication to our veterans, taking them to church services on Sundays and planning new ways to serve them at all hours.

Many people blaze trails, and Jackie accomplished that but made sure others were able to follow her.

Jackie was always known for breaking new ceilings for women. She cared about that, of course. But I think she and the women who supported her and followed in her footsteps were proudest of the issues on which they could command attention in their day, like health care. Health care was on Jackie's radar screen from the beginning—for our miners, our children, and those needing mental health services.

Senator Bill Wootton led the charge to make sure we would forever be reminded of her trailblazing leadership by appropriately naming a hospital for her.

Bill spoke of "Mercy" and "Justice" to describe Jackie's contributions to us. To those we must surely add, "Commitment" and "Dedication."

Her public service never wavered. Although she served in our state's legislature for a generation, her longest public service was as a good citizen and dependable neighbor.

Long out of office, Jackie continued opening doors of opportunity and opening the eyes of the rest of us. Always with a warm heart and determined will, Jackie Withrow changed our world for the better.

Jackie's lasting legacy to each of us was her fierce loyalty to what she believed in the most—the "least" of us, as Christ taught. And, we recall the loyalty of Ruth in the Old Testament as we celebrate Jackie's loyalty to those who needed her hand and hope the most:

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people and your God
my God.

Where you die, I will die
There I will be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me
And more as well
If even death parts me from you!"

Next to my family, Jackie was my earliest and strongest supporter. I will celebrate Jackie's life the rest of my days. I know countless others will never be far from her firm hand of friendship, her warm smile of compassion, and that ever present twinkle in her eye of figuring out how she was going to help.

My family and I offer Jackie's family and her many friends our thoughts and prayers, as we all celebrate this extraordinary woman's life.

HONORING W.W. "BILL" ASTON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to recognize the passing of W.W. "Bill" Aston, a model citizen—veteran, community advocate, civic leader, volunteer, and devoted health care expert from Dallas, Texas, who passed away on July 8, 2010, at age 82.

Mr. Aston lived in multiple locations in Texas from the Rio Grande to the Red River, throughout central Texas and in Arkansas and Oklahoma before coming to Dallas. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific in 1945–46. After he was discharged from the Navy in 1946, Bill went to work for Dallas Power & Light Company, where he worked for 40 years before retiring in 1986. He worked in overhead construction, human resources, advertising, sales, customer relations, and public relations at DP&L before becoming president, a position he held until retirement.

Mr. Aston was active in many volunteer activities, locally and nationally, with a focus on health care. He served as board chairman of the American Heart Association's Dallas Chapter and Texas Affiliate before becoming board chair of the national organization. During his many years of service to the American Heart Association, he was proud of the progress made in reducing mortality rates from cardiovascular diseases through educating the public about the risk factors—smoking, elevated blood pressure, lack of exercise, cholesterol, salt, stress, and obesity.

He has served the Baylor Health Care System for over 20 years at various times as board chair of Baylor University Medical Center, board chair of Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital, and a board member of the Baylor Health Care System. At Baylor, he authored a resolution calling for continuous improvement of the delivery system for high quality, safe patient care which was adopted by all Baylor Health Care System facilities.

Since the 1940s, he has also served other organizations such as: Chairman of City of Dallas Civil Service Commission, DART board member, officer or board member of Dallas Zoological Society, Dallas Ballet, Dallas Summer Musicals, The Science Place, Camp Fire Girls, Dallas Advertising League, Dallas County Community College System, Public Relations Society of America, Dallas Assembly, State Fair of Texas, United Way and Texas Health Care Trustees.

Bill graduated with honors from SMU's Cox School of Business with a BBA degree and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He served as president of SMU's Alumni Association and as a member of the Executive Board of SMU's Lyle School of Engineering. He was a long-time active member of Rotary, and served as president of the Dallas Rotary Club and district governor of Rotary International. Bill also served for 18 years as a volunteer driver on the McKinney Avenue Trolley.

He received many awards and recognitions: The American Heart Association's Dwight D.

Eisenhower Award as Volunteer of the Year for Texas, Brotherhood Citation Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Distinguished Alumni Award from SMU, Founders Award from the Texas Health Care Trustees, Trustee of the Year Award from the Dallas County Medical Society and Distinguished Health Service Award from the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council.

Most recently, the Board of Trustees of Baylor Health Care System established the "Bill Aston Annual Award for Quality" which will be awarded by the Texas Hospital Association for the first time in 2011.

Madam Speaker, there simply isn't space in this tribute to fully capture Mr. Aston's contributions to our community. He was uniquely American—a dreamer, a doer, a giver, a lover of life. In short, he was a community treasure.

I join so many North Texans in mourning W.W. Aston's passing, and in extending condolences to his wife of 62 years, Evelyn, and family and friends. You are all in our prayers.

RECOGNIZING THE 18TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 18th Annual National Multicultural Diversity Day celebration that was held in my hometown of Flint Michigan. A multicultural dinner and program were held on October 11th to kick off events celebrating diversity in our country.

Cleora Scruggs presented the idea of creating a National Multicultural Diversity Day to the National Education Association 1993 Representative Assembly. Cleora developed this proposal to teach students about the contributions of persons from a wide variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Her proposal was adopted and educators across our nation use the third Monday of October to kickoff diversity programs. Now retired, Cleora was honored by the National Education Association in 2000 with the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award for her ongoing efforts to advance the teaching of multiculturalism in our schools. She continues to make presentations and visit schools, spreading the idea that diversity is strength, not weakness.

Madam Speaker, the celebration held last month was themed, "Valuing Multicultural Diversity," and was highlighted by ethnic displays, performances, foods and speakers. I commend Cleora Scruggs and the National Multicultural Diversity Institute for their work promoting understanding, appreciation and acceptance of persons of different ethnic backgrounds. Through their efforts students, parents and educators will have increased insight into our world and a deeper understanding its people.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Philanthropy Day, a day dedicated to the millions of Americans who donate their time, money and talents to improving the lives of others. They ask for no reward for their efforts, but each year on November 15 we thank them and honor them for their work.

The Greater Cleveland chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals has selected three individuals and two organizations to recognize for their contributions. This year, awards go to youth leader Shannon Visconti, philanthropist Deborah Ratner, fundraising volunteer William D. Ginn, the Community West Foundation and the Third Federal Savings and Loan. Each has made an outstanding contribution to the wellbeing of our community.

Having chosen to dedicate their time and/or money to help meet a greater need, they lead by example, inspiring those within their reach to do the same. Such generosity, dedication and humility nurtures the individual and the collective.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of these admirable community leaders, as well as countless others like them who work unrecognized in cities and towns throughout the country.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL I. JORDAN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael I. Jordan, who this year was inducted as a Fellow into both the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Sciences, a dual honor that has not been achieved in the past 150 years. In the sheer rarity of earning two invitations into separate Academies in the same year, Dr. Jordan distinguishes himself in the international science community, as well as in our Bay Area constituency, for his immense contributions to academia and the greater good.

After receiving a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in Psychology from Louisiana State University in 1978, Dr. Jordan went on to complete a master's degree in Mathematics (Statistics) at Arizona State University and a PhD in Cognitive Science from the University of California, San Diego. Prior to being recruited to the University of California, Berkeley in 1998, Dr. Jordan served for 10 years as a faculty member of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Jordan currently serves as the Pehong Chen Distinguished Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and the Department of Statistics at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Jordan's scholarly work focuses on statistical machine learning, Bayesian nonparametric statistics, graphical models, as well as human

motor control and speech production. Additionally, he has authored or edited over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, 39 book chapters and six books.

Dr. Jordan is a devoted member of many professional organizations and has received myriad accolades throughout his career, including the 2009 ACM/AAAI Allen Newell Award and the 2006 IEEE Neural Networks Pioneer Award. He is also a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and President of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (2010–2011).

Moreover, Dr. Jordan's status as an internationally recognized, eminent scientist has allowed him to travel throughout the world to provide hundreds of invited lectures and scientific presentations at refereed conferences.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to thank Dr. Michael I. Jordan for his groundbreaking scientific work. We congratulate Dr. Jordan on his acceptance into both The National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Sciences, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

JOHN HALLMARK ROBERTSON

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Hallmark Robertson, of Branson, CO, who passed away on August 17th, 2010.

John was born in Branson, CO on February 14th, 1922 to Lon and Nettie (Hallmark) Robertson. He had two older sisters, Louise and Georgie, and grew up primarily in the area he ranched most of his life. He went to school at Tobe and Kim CO, graduating from Kim in 1941. Following graduation John enlisted in the Navy and served as sonar operator on an anti-submarine patrol in the South Pacific during WWII. After the war he came home and began work at putting together the ranch and home that he would enjoy for the remainder of his life.

John married June Green of Branson, CO on September 14th, 1950 in La Junta, CO. Together they raised their five children on the ranch that John and his father started. The ranch was his livelihood, his treasure, his church, and his responsibility and he didn't take any of those lightly. John was proud of his children and their accomplishments and the fact that they all learned to stand up for themselves and their families. He enjoyed being around, playing with and talking to his 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was an ardent supporter of the opposition effort against the expansion of the Piñon Canyon maneuver site. He spent countless hours writing letters and poems that were printed regularly in many of the newspapers in the area in an effort to help people understand the potential atrocity. Although John preferred and felt it necessary to work every day, a hobby of sorts in later years came from his love of cutting wood and posts with his chainsaw. No matter the time of year or the temperature, relaxation for him consisted of gassing and sharpening up his saw and spending an entire morning in "the cedars" cutting wood or posts.

He will be missed, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.

IN HONOR OF TOMMY IRVIN,
GEORGIA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tommy Irvin, an accomplished public servant and a personal friend. He is retiring after devoting over 40 years to his state and country, serving as the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture.

His 54-plus years of public service began in 1956, when he was elected to the Habersham County Board of Education. From there, he went on to serve as Chairman of the School Board and President of the Georgia School Boards Association. Throughout his time in public office, he has remained dedicated to educational advancement in the State of Georgia, and as such, he is an honorary Lifetime Member of the Parent-Teacher Association of Georgia and the Georgia School Food Service Association.

Commissioner Irvin continued his commitment to education during his four terms representing Habersham County in the Georgia General Assembly. He served on the House Agriculture, Education, & Appropriations Committees and as the Chairman of both the House Industrial Relations Committee and the Governor's Conference on Education. In addition, he was the Governor's Floor Leader and Executive Secretary to the Governor.

He is the longest serving statewide official in Georgia, having been appointed Commissioner of Agriculture in 1969 by Governor Lester Maddox. Commissioner Irvin is the only Georgian to serve as President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

In addition to serving as the President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture, he served two terms as the President of the Southern United States Trade Association, an organization which he helped found to promote the export of Southern food and agricultural products.

Commissioner Irvin has received many honors throughout his distinguished career, including the Progressive Farmer Magazine Man-of-the-Year in Service to Agriculture, the National Award for Agricultural Excellence by the National Agri-Marketing Association, the National Future Farmers of America Honorary American Farmer Degree, and the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association's "Workhorse of the Year" award, which is considered to be the most prestigious recognition bestowed by the poultry industry.

He has been inducted into the Halls of Fame of many organizations, including National 4-H, Georgia Agrirama, Vidalia Onion, Georgia Seed Association, Habersham County, Hall County, and University of Georgia College of Agriculture.

He has received the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine's Distinguished Service Award. He received the Richard B. Russell Public Service Award, the Jefferson

Jackson Day HOPE Award, and most recently received the American Farm Bureau Federation's Distinguished Service Award for his service as an agriculture leader with merit and distinction.

Commissioner Irvin set up an international trade division in his department and pursued markets for Georgia's agricultural producers in the Soviet Union, China and Cuba. His initiative has inspired other states to follow his lead, and the United States Department of Agriculture and leaders in other countries have sought to emulate Georgia's procedures to eradicate animal diseases, and control plant pests.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the agriculture community, and our nation have greatly benefitted from the tremendous leadership of Tommy Irvin. He will be remembered for his ingenuity and dedication. His many awards are well earned and he leaves an unparalleled legacy as he retires.

IN MEMORIAM: FIRST
LIEUTENANT MARK NOZISKA

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, last Friday, 24-year-old Army First Lieutenant Mark Noziska was laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Grand Island, Nebraska. He was killed on August 30 near Malajat, Afghanistan, following an IED attack on his patrol. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Army Commendation Medal.

Lieutenant Noziska was born in Grand Island, and attended high school in Papillion. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in March 2004, before he graduated from high school that year. He was named Nebraska Soldier of the Year in 2005, and after graduating from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 2008, earned his commission. His love of Husker football was well-known among his family and friends, many of whom wore "Husker Red" to his funeral. He also loved the Army. He planned a lifelong career of service to our nation, and hoped to one day become a General.

While Lieutenant Noziska's life was tragically cut short, it is clear that he touched and inspired so many of those around him, including the many people from the local community who lined the streets to honor his service and memory. May God bless Lieutenant Noziska and his family, and all our nation's fallen soldiers.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD MICHAEL
"MUGGS" MCGINNIS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life of an outstanding individual, Richard Michael "Muggs" McGinnis, who retired this year after over 3 decades of service as a teacher, coach and

youth sports official in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey. Mr. McGinnis will be honored by his admirers at the Bronstone in Paterson on Friday, October 22nd.

Mr. McGinnis was born and raised in Paterson, where he attended Don Bosco Technical and Vocational High School. At Don Bosco Tech, he was actively involved in Student Government and the National Honor Society. However, his true passion lay in sport. He earned recognition for representing his school on the soccer field, basketball court, and baseball diamond.

In 1970, "Muggs," as Mr. McGinnis is affectionately nicknamed, enrolled at Montclair State College. During his first year, he played baseball for his college. However, in 1972 he chose to begin sharing his gift for athletics with others. That year, he began his long and storied coaching career, returning to his alma mater, Don Bosco, to serve as an Assistant Baseball Coach. He graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics Education from Montclair State in 1974.

Shortly after his graduation, "Muggs" earned his teaching certification and started sharing his considerable intellectual gifts. He began working full-time at Don Bosco teaching mathematics and was promoted to Mathematics Department Chairperson after just one year.

In 1980, "Muggs" moved to John F. Kennedy High School where he also taught math and coached soccer and baseball. He also coached soccer for Ramapo College of New Jersey, worked for the City of Paterson Board of Recreation, and officiated soccer, basketball, and baseball at all levels. Beloved by his students and athletes as a coach, educator and friend, his tireless energy and enthusiasm should serve as an example for all Americans.

"Muggs" retired from JFK High School in June 2010 after 30 years of dedicated service.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing individuals like Muggs McGinnis.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Muggs' family and friends, all the students and athletes whose lives he has touched and me in recognizing Mr. Richard Michael "Muggs" McGinnis.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARBOR HEALTH SERVICES OF BRANFORD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the thirtieth anniversary of Harbor Health Services in Branford, Connecticut.

A mental health clinic that has served the Branford community with conviction and compassion for thirty years now, Harbor Health always works hard to put individuals and their families first. They have been a model of how best to help our citizens with mental and behavioral health needs—by treating each patient with warmth, dignity, and respect.

For adults in Connecticut grappling with severe mental illness or serious substance

abuse disorders, Harbor offers a wide range of treatment and rehabilitative services for all stages of recovery. They know that each person who walks through their doors is a unique case, deserving of individualized care and a specialized plan of recovery.

What's more, Harbor Health goes the extra mile in helping mentally ill citizens reintegrate with the community at large, through social rehabilitation, such as working to improve communications skills, and important vocational rehabilitation programs, such as job training and career counseling.

I applaud Harbor Health Services for reaching this important milestone, and I honor their tireless service, day in and day out, on behalf of Connecticut families. Congratulations on thirty years.

IN MEMORY OF DR. HERMAN D. JAMES, BELOVED PRESIDENT OF ROWAN UNIVERSITY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Dr. Herman D. James of Voorhees, New Jersey, who died of heart failure in his home on October 2, 2010 at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife Marie, three children and two grandchildren. Dr. James' life and work left a lasting impression on the Rowan University community.

Originally from St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Dr. James relocated to Harlem, New York with his family at the age of ten. As a young man, he developed a love of jazz music, which he later shared with the listeners of Rowan University's radio station, WGLS-FM. Dr. James went on to graduate from Tuskegee University in 1964 with a bachelor's degree and later earned his doctorate in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Becoming the fifth president of the former Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in 1984, Dr. James began his legacy of striving for academic improvement. Under his leadership, Rowan University saw the launch of its college of engineering as well as the first doctoral program available at a New Jersey state college. Dr. James was also the pioneer of fund-raising for state colleges, resulting in the \$100 million donation by Henry and Betty Rowan, the largest gift to a public college at that time. Through the generosity of the Rowan family, Dr. James was able to construct a building for the college of engineering while transforming Rowan University into a more residential campus. Dr. James' love of the classroom persisted even after his retirement from the position of president in 1998, teaching sociology and educational leadership classes up until last year.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Herman D. James' commitment to Rowan University and its students should not go unrecognized. I express my deepest condolences to his family for their loss and pay tribute to the memory of this outstanding individual.

HONORING REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th Anniversary of Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) in Eureka, California. Since its establishment in 1980, RCAA has been a leader in serving Humboldt County's low- and moderate-income residents. The agency has developed programs that help people become more self-sufficient and empowered to improve their own lives. Over the years, thousands of individuals, families and children have received assistance and, in return, given back to our community.

Redwood Community Action Agency has implemented a wide range of services that create jobs, provide affordable housing, assist with housing rehabilitation support families and at-risk youth and improve home energy efficiency. They have provided emergency shelter for the homeless, job training and employment readiness programs and promoted the health of our communities and watersheds through habitat enhancement and multi-use trail networks. Through their innovation, commitment, expertise and diligence, they have brought millions of dollars into our community over the past thirty years.

Redwood Community Action Agency is an extraordinary example of success. Through their effective collaboration with other organizations and governmental entities they identify social and environmental needs, work to improve current services and seize every opportunity to serve low- and moderate-income people in our region.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor the accomplishments of the Redwood Community Action Agency on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary and wish them continued success in bringing hope and opportunity to Humboldt County, California.

TRIBUTE ON THE BIRTH OF MATILDA ANN GRAHAM ROSSBACH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Jason Rossbach and his wife Laurie on the birth of their new daughter Matilda Ann Graham Rossbach. Matilda was born on November 2, 2010, and is named after her two grandmothers.

She is 7 pounds and 20 inches of pride and joy to her parents, who I wish all the best with this new blessing.

IN RECOGNITION OF DELLA O.
WEBB

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Della O. Webb who celebrated her 103rd birthday September 15th.

Ms. Webb was born into a family of eight brothers. Her father was a sharecropper. She was raised in Alexandria, Alabama where she helped pick cotton and walked three miles to school every day.

Della married the late Ira W. Webb on October 21, 1923, and raised four children: Donald, Margaret, Doris and Judy in Blue Mountain. Ira worked in the local pipe shop and Della worked at Blue Mountain Cotton Mill and later in the school lunch room.

She attended church at Edgewood Church in Blue Mountain, and later helped start Saks Baptist Church where she was active in her Sunday school class and the quilting group.

I wish Ms. Webb a very happy birthday and many more.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH N.
DIVINCENZO, JR.

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of an outstanding individual, Mr. Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., who will be recognized on October 23, 2010, by the Columbian Foundation for his many years of service working to reform Essex County's finances while improving its facilities.

Joe first entered into public office in Essex County as a member of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, a position which he held for 13 years. For eight of those 13 years, Joe served as the President of the Board. In 2003, Joe took office as the fifth Essex County Executive, a position which he continues to hold after being re-elected in 2006.

In the seven and one-half years since he took office, Joe has drastically changed the face of Essex County. He has successfully reduced government inefficiency by cutting expenditures and eliminating unnecessary contracts.

With the money that he has saved through these calculated spending cuts, Joe has been able to fund improvements to the community. He opened an Environmental Center, aided in the expansion and improvement of the Turtle Back Zoo, guided the restoration of the his-

toric Courthouse, and revamped the Government Complex.

In addition, Joe has worked to assist the community through the construction of a new correctional facility in Newark, a new psychiatric hospital center in Cedar Grove and a new prosecutor's crime scene investigative headquarters.

Another commitment Joe has followed through on has been to clean up and expand the county's parks, playgrounds and preservation areas to improve the common space for all citizens.

Joe has also been dedicated to the issue of ethical reform. He established an Ethics Board and created the position of Inspector General to ensure that there is a high standard for ethical behavior in local government and businesses within Essex County.

Joe has been an outstanding leader in the community whose actions as an Essex County Executive have changed the county for the better. I know he will continue to strive for the same goals in the future.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated community servants like Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the residents of Essex County, the Columbian Foundation, Joe's family and friends, and me in recognizing Joe DiVincenzo's outstanding service to his community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 17

Time to be announced

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 3817, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, S. 3199, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss, S. 3036, to establish the Office of the National Alzheimer's Project, S. 1275, to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, H.R. 5710, to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act, H.R. 2941, to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers, S. 259, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and the nominations of Anthony Bryk, of California, Robert Anacletus Underwood, of Guam, Beverly L. Hall, of Georgia, and Kris D. Gutierrez, of Colorado, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Room to be announced

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas R. Nides, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, all of the Department of State, and Paige Eve Alexander, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Transportation Security Administration.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Water Resources Development Act of 2010, focusing on legislative and policy proposals to benefit the economy, create jobs, protect public safety and maintain America's water resources infrastructure.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine strengthening Medicare and Medicaid, focusing on taking steps to modernize America's health care system.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine Violence Against Women Act's (VAWA) transitional housing programs to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing critical infrastructure in the age of Stuxnet.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Communications and Technology Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine television viewers, retransmission consent, and the public interest.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Marco A. Hernandez, and Michael H. Simon, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Steve C. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Michele Marie Leonhart, of California, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Patti B. Saris, of Massachusetts, to be a Member and Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Stacia A. Hylton, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

3:30 p.m.

Armed Services

To receive a briefing on the net assessment of Russian and United States strategic forces in support of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

SVC-217

NOVEMBER 18

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Claude R. Kehler, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Carter F. Ham, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Africa Command.

SH-216

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States global competitiveness and national economic security.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine H.R. 4347, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes.

SD-628

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine transition and implementation, focusing on the NASA Authorization Act of 2010.

SR-253

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 3675, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, S. 2888, to amend section 205 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics from the application of the general conflict of interest rules under such section, S. 3804, to combat online infringement, S. 3728, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend protection to fashion design, S. 1598, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, and the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny and Susan L. Carney, both of Connecticut, both to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Amy Totenberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, James Emanuel Boasberg and Amy Berman Jackson, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, James E. Shadid and Sue E. Myerscough, both to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, James E. Graves, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Paul Kinloch Holmes, III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Anthony J. Battaglia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Edward J. Davila, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Diana Saldana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Frank Leon-Guerro, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshall for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, Kenneth F. Bohac, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of Illinois for term of four years, William Conner Eldridge, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Charles Thomas Weeks II, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma, Ripley Rand, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Charles M. Oberly III, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, all of the Department of Justice, and Wilfredo Martinez, of Florida, Chase Theodora Rogers, of Connecticut, Marsha Ternus, of Iowa, and Isabel Framer, of Ohio, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute. Charles Thomas Weeks II, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma, Ripley Rand, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Charles M.

Oberly III, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware. SD-226 Small Business and Entrepreneurship To hold hearings to examine assessing the regulatory and administrative burdens on America's small businesses. SR-428A	1 p.m. Finance International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine international trade in the digital economy. SD-215	2:15 p.m. Foreign Relations Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine jamming the improvised explosive device (IED) assembly line, focusing on impeding the flow of ammonium nitrate in South and Central Asia. SD-419
Veterans' Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Veterans' Affairs and Department of Defense's integrated disability evaluation system. SR-418	2 p.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eugene Louis Dodaro, of Virginia, to be Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office. SD-342	2:30 p.m. Intelligence To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community. SH-219
10:30 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Children and Families Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the state of the American child, focusing on securing our children's future. SD-430	Judiciary Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine women's rights, focusing on United States ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). SD-226	3:30 p.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Contracting Oversight Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the need for effective oversight of reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan. SD-342