

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PENNSYLVANIA GRAND REVIEW ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the organizers and participants in the Pennsylvania Grand Review, which commemorates the United States Colored Troops Grand Review of 1865 and honors the legacy of the brave African-American patriots of the Civil War.

When African-American soldiers returning home following the Civil War were not invited to take part in the national Civil War Grand Review, the women of the Garnett League organized the United States Colored Troops Grand Review on November 14, 1865.

This year's Grand Review embodies the spirit of that original event and highlights the tremendous service and sacrifices of the 180,000 African-American soldiers who courageously fought during the Civil War. In addition, the Grand Review will keep alive the story of extraordinary leadership exhibited by the women of the Garnett League 145 years ago.

The Grand Review Weekend takes place November 5–7 and features heritage and living history exhibits throughout Central Pennsylvania, together with a commemorative procession in downtown Harrisburg with regiments from several states, community groups and descendants of those who participated in the original event.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the immeasurable contributions of all those involved with organizing and participating in the Pennsylvania Grand Review and their outstanding commitment to honoring the legacy of African-Americans who valiantly served in the Civil War.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH KEITH MCANINCH

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to solemnly remember and honor the life and dedicated service of Staff Sergeant Kenneth Keith McAninch, a native son of Logansport, Indiana, and a proud member of the United States Army. Staff Sergeant McAninch died on October 21, 2010 in Paktika Province, Afghanistan of injuries sustained when his unit was attacked by small arms fire.

Kenneth attended Lewis Cass High School and enlisted in the United States Army in 2003. He was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Air-

borne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Kenneth's awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device and Combat Infantryman Badge. Kenneth will be remembered by his friends, family, and fellow soldiers as a dedicated, reliable, and hard-working man who cared deeply for his family. He was an avid artist and also enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Shawna R. McAninch; four sons, Jeremiah McAninch, Braxton McAninch, Brayden McAninch and Colby McAninch; one daughter, Shyanne Adam; mother, Cheryl A. Nance and her husband Richard; father, Marvin McAninch and wife Regina; sisters, Kayla Ann Wallace, Katie Lee McAninch and Brianna McAninch; brothers, Jason McAninch and Briar McAninch; stepbrothers David Jackson Nance and Richie Nance; stepsister, Melanie Bennett; maternal grandmother, Barbara Price and her husband Elmer; paternal grandmother, Mary Downing; and paternal grandmother, Carol McAninch. He will be missed by all.

It is my solemn duty, and humble privilege, to honor the life, service, and memory of Staff Sergeant Kenneth McAninch, which stand as a testament to the great honor possessed, and sacrifices made by our men and women in the armed forces. We mourn his passing and offer gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

STATE ETHICS LAW PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that we are considering this legislation to clarify the language of Section 112 of title 23, United States Code to reaffirm the intent of Congress that Section 112 does not bar enforcement of State and local ordinances and contracting policies, in connection with Federal-aid highway projects, that disadvantage or disqualify classes of contractors. The Secretary properly enjoys discretion to approve contract requirements, consistent with the Federal-Aid Highway Act, 23 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.

Possible ambiguity in Section 112 has come to the Congress's attention in light of recent State and local efforts to combat corruption and favoritism in contracting. States, local jurisdictions, and the Securities and Exchange Commission have enacted "pay-to-play" restrictions that disqualify contractors who make

campaign contributions to officials responsible for government contracts. Concerns have been raised that application of Section 112 may limit the discretion of FHWA to approve Federal-aid highway projects subject to State pay-to-play policies. Accordingly, the FHWA temporarily withheld federal highway funds from the States of New Jersey and Illinois.

The soundness of these concerns has been called into question by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in *City of Cleveland v. State of Ohio*, 508 F.3d 827 (6th Cir. 2007), and, in any event, these concerns misunderstand Congress's long-standing intent regarding the operation of the current laws governing Federal-aid highway projects. Section 17 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954, which is codified at Section 112 of title 23, United States Code, imposes a requirement on FHWA to ensure that government contractors are selected through a competitive bidding process. This competitive bidding requirement was "designed to prohibit collusion or action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract." S. Rep. 83–1093 (1954) at 14. The enactment of Section 112, however, was not intended to "add to or otherwise affect the powers of the Secretary [of Transportation] . . . with respect to the selection of projects." *Id.* Subsequent amendments have not altered that purpose.

The language of this legislation simply makes clear that it has always been Congress's intent that the Secretary may concur in the award of a Federal-aid highway contract despite a State or local requirement, imposed by law or through contract, disqualifying contractors on the basis of the amount of money contributed to a political campaign. To be clear, the enactment of this legislation would not be construed to mean that existing law would have foreclosed the application of State pay-to-play restrictions, or similarly situated provisions, to highway projects supported by Federal funds.

This bill will dispel any misunderstandings about the application of State pay-to-play restrictions and similar policies to Federal-aid highway projects. It will have an immediate, positive effect for local and State governments determined to implement pay-to-play restrictions to combat corruption and favoritism.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3427.

HONORING DUARTE NURSERY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Duarte Nursery for its honorary induction into the 13th Annual National Ag Science Center's "Ag Hall of Fame."

Each year the National Ag Science Center selects and honors individuals who have made

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an impact on the agricultural industry in Stanislaus County as one of the best in California. This year the Center has selected Duarte Nursery for its innovative practices in viticulture.

Family owned and operated since 1989, Duarte Nursery has played a valuable role in providing innovative products to the agricultural industry, and takes pride in providing the farming industry with the cleanest, highest quality nursery products available, as well as conducting experimental trials that focus on today's industries concerns.

With over 300 employees, Duarte Nursery is the largest permanent crops nursery in the United States. Its facility has provided for innovative technologies for rapid vine establishment and fruit production, and the evaluation of scion clones and rootstocks for broad ranges of growing conditions.

Located in Hughson in California's Central Valley, I am proud to recognize the Duarte family for their hard work, efforts and achievements in providing invaluable change within the agricultural community, and its impact to the Central Valley economy.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Duarte Nursery for its honorary selection into the 13th Annual National Ag Science Center's "Ag Hall of Fame."

IN RECOGNITION OF BRAD
DUGGAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Brad Duggan, a basketball coaching legend in my district.

While Southern California basketball may lay claim to the coaching exploits of the late John Wooden, the North has Brad Duggan who, as a student-athlete at City College of San Francisco, led the men's basketball team to its first and only state championship in 1962. Later, as the college's coach, he won 10 consecutive Golden Gate Conference championships between 1976 and 1985. His teams recorded an overall 327–90 record, earning him one of the highest winning percentages of a junior college coach in our Nation.

After retiring as the team's coach, he chaired the school's physical education department for more than 20 years, where he continued to turn athletes into scholars.

His player management philosophy, in his own words, was based on this: "There isn't a 17-year-old in the world who can drive me crazier than I can drive him." He not only drove his players to excellence on the hardwood, but also in the classroom. Ninety-five percent of his players went on to attend four-year institutions.

Madam Speaker, it is only right that for the first time in its history, the City College of San Francisco will name a sports facility after an individual. On November 13, 2010 its main court becomes the Brad Duggan Basketball Court. I ask that members join me in applauding Coach Brad Duggan.

HONORING GEOFFREY TENNANT
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK
FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE DE-
PARTMENT AND THE POLK
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Geoffrey Tennant for his valiant service to both the Columbus Fire Department and the Polk County Board of Education. His dedication to helping those around him and his positive attitude towards providing life-saving services deserves the utmost commendation.

Mr. Tennant has worked for 35 years for the Columbus Fire Department in Polk County, and has served the last 28 years as the Chief Firefighter. Mr. Tennant became the first firefighter in Columbus Fire Department history to be paid and has spent vast amounts of time volunteering for the Polk County Rescue Squad and First Responders. Mr. Tennant has worked tirelessly to serve and protect the citizens of Polk County. This type of assistance is rare in today's world, yet Mr. Tennant administers help in any way he can to the people of Columbus and Polk County.

Mr. Tennant also serves as the President of the Polk County Board of Education. Few things are more important than the education of our children. We owe every child in this country a high-quality education that will allow them to successfully compete in the workforce. Mr. Tennant works extremely hard to ensure that these goals are met. I commend his time spent working with and on behalf of the children of Polk County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Geoffrey Tennant for the leadership he has displayed at the Columbus Fire Department and his commitment to excellence while serving as the President of the Polk County Board of Education.

CONGRATULATING THE SAINT JO-
SEPH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOC-
CER TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Saint Joseph High School Indians girls' soccer team in South Bend, Indiana. The Indians succeeded in clinching the Indiana High School Athletic Association state championship on October 30, 2010 at Kuntz Stadium in Indianapolis, with a thrilling 1–0 victory over Columbus North High School. The Indians worked tirelessly this season, accomplishing a 22–1–1 record. After their only loss in the opening game of the season, the team went on to twenty-one straight victories, including sixteen shutouts. The championship victory was the result of a 25-yard strike that went left to the upper right corner of the net by senior Sarah Hall, the team's scoring leader. Goalkeeper Melissa Kuhar was credited with six saves as part of a strong defensive effort.

The St. Joseph team consisted of twenty-four young ladies, including: Ellen Bachmannhuff, Ali Connelly, Maggie Doslak, Ryan Durham, Gracie Gallagher, Kelsey Gill, Jessica Hall, Sarah Hall, Cati Kral, Maddie Kearney, Melissa Kuhar, Lindsey Kuitse, Karoline Langheinrich, Angela Loebach, Grace Maginn, Makayla Manta, Catherine Raster, Mary Robertson, Emily Rompola, Rachel Staud, Abby Toth, Madison Turner, Kate Vasile, and Merideth Warinner.

I also rise to acknowledge the dedicated coaching staff of Head Coach Johan Kuitse and Assistant Coaches Phil Depauw, Jessica Smudey and Brandon Gill, who helped guide the Indians to the championship title. The coaches developed a team with depth, talent and a phenomenal defense.

I offer my congratulations to the members of the girls' soccer team of Saint Joseph High School, the coaching staff, the school administration and community for their hard work and excellence during a season that ended with an Indiana State Championship title.

IN SUPPORT OF BAHAI RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the continued religious persecution by the Government of Iran towards the Baha'i community. As many of my House colleagues know, in the spring of 2008, Iranian authorities arrested and imprisoned Mrs. Fariba Kamalabadi, Mr. Jamaloddin Khanjani, Mr. Afif Naeimi, Mr. Saeid Rezaie, Mr. Behrouz Tavakkoli, Mrs. Mahvash Sabet, and Mr. Vahid Tizfahm, members of the Baha'i community's coordinating body in Iran.

These two women and five men were imprisoned for twenty months without charge. In August of 2010, after several months of closed-door hearings, they were sentenced to 20 years in prison. That sentence was reduced to 10 years in September.

Madam Speaker, these seven leaders were targeted solely because of their religion. This form of discrimination is absolutely unacceptable. As Iran is party to the International Covenants on Human Rights, I call on the Government of Iran to fulfill their commitment to the international community and immediately release these seven individuals and all other prisoners held solely on account of their religion.

COMMENDING BOB SMITH UPON
RECEIVING GOOD SCOUT AWARD

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Boy Scouts Adirondack District in honoring Bob Smith of Plattsburgh, New York with the Good Scout Award. Each year, the Adirondack District presents this award to a distinguished citizen who has shown exemplary dedication to his community. Bob Smith

is truly deserving of this award and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to honor his decades of service.

Bob graduated from St. John's Academy in Plattsburgh in 1964 and from Gannon College in 1968. After graduation, he served as a weapons officer on the guided-missile cruiser Columbus CG-12 from 1968 to 1972. Following his service to our country, Bob returned to Plattsburgh, where he and his wife, Diane, raised their three children, Kristin, Lindsey and Michael.

I've known Bob for over 20 years, both professionally and personally. He is a person dedicated to his family, his community and his business.

Bob's commitment to contribute to his community began when his children were young. He has served on the CVPH Medical Center Board and Executive Committee, and as chair of the Plattsburgh Development Corporation, the 2002-2003 business campaign for Plattsburgh State, the American Heart Association Heart Walk, the United Way Fund Drive, and the United Way Board of Directors.

Currently, Bob serves as chair of the Development Corporation Strategic Planning Review Committee, as a volunteer for Vision 2040, and as a member of the Plattsburgh State Invention Committee.

A co-founder of the Plattsburgh Visitors and Convention Bureau, Bob is also a member of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee and has served as a board member of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Bob Smith for his ongoing efforts to support his community, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his work to improve New York's North Country.

RECOGNIZING THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS NEW WELCOME CENTER

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, OLHSA, as it celebrates the completion of its new Welcome Center.

For 46 years, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency has been an invaluable community institution in Southeast Michigan, providing services to make low-income, senior and disabled persons more self-sufficient. Along with its 1,100 fellow Community Action Agencies, OLHSA provided service to 11.5 million Americans last year, specifically thousands of Oakland county residents. In fulfilling its mission to diminish poverty and empower the disaffected, OLHSA has tirelessly advocated on behalf of its clients, provided educational and economic resources to those in need and fostered the involvement of area residences in the design of programs and initiatives to provide needed services in a tailored and specialized manner. The completion of OLHSA's new Welcome Center marks a significant moment in the Agency's fight on poverty, in which it will have facilities to expand its programs and reach even further into our community.

The opening of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's new Welcome Center marks a new venture for OLHSA with a new presence and a renewed determination to combat poverty in Southeast Michigan. The Welcome Center makes OLHSA's vital services such as its weatherization, Emergency Utility Assistance, Head Start preschool, foreclosure counseling and food assistance programs more easily available to residents of Oakland county who are in need. Additionally, extended hours of operation will ensure that all who seek assistance will have an opportunity to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today and recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency on the completion of its new Welcome Center, which will expand access to vital services for those in need in Oakland County and across Southeast Michigan. I look forward to the day when we can rise together to celebrate the eradication of poverty and the protection of the most vulnerable members of our community.

HONORING REVEREND D. GRADY SCOTT FOR HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Reverend D. Grady Scott as he celebrates 20 years of leading the spirit-filled congregation of the Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona. With Reverend Scott's guidance, Grace Temple has become an exemplary model of community ministry. When Katrina ravaged the states along the Gulf of Mexico, Reverend Scott lead the way for churches throughout Tucson and Pima County to become involved and to welcome those seeking refuge. He opened Grace Temple for meetings and encouraged elected officials Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Mayor Bob Walkup, and, myself, Congressman RAUL GRIJALVA to participate and, subsequently, to organize and to contribute resources.

Reverend Scott has worked diligently to improve the quality of life for the community. He has often been at the forefront of issues seen by others as controversial. When he learned that HIV and AIDS were an epidemic in the community, he invited expert speakers, non-profit organizations, community people and other ministers to attend meetings at Grace Temple so all could understand the need to speak out and to educate. He supports an ongoing HIV Speakers Bureau; he was and continues to be active in educating others about the dangers of drugs, especially methamphetamine, through community sessions held with the Meth Free Alliance. In addition, because of the experience with Katrina, Reverend Scott is a strong advocate of Emergency Preparedness and promotes community involvement with both the national and the local Office of Homeland Security.

Through his leadership, Grace Temple has become a community center of learning and caring. In addition to the activities of its many church ministries, Grace Temple provides senior citizens with computer training; the Pima

County One Stop has an active satellite office for assisting the unemployed to find jobs; there is an active Nurses Guild that regularly provides health fairs for both the congregation and the general public; a Fine Arts Ministry works with the community; the youth and adult Re-entry Community are actively assisted with resources and information. In addition to his many responsibilities as pastor, Reverend Scott personally visits and ministers weekly to the Pima County Adult Detention Center population.

Reverend D. Grady Scott's personal outreach and accomplishments are many. Currently, he serves as Executive Secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission; as a member of the Tucson City Magistrate Merit Selection Commission; and as the President of the Minister's Conference for the Southern District Association. Reverend Scott has served on the Governor's Advisory Board for Faith-based and Community Initiatives since 2002. He recently completed serving as President of the Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention; the Moderator of the Southern District Association; President of the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance of Tucson and Vicinity; and President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Southern District Association.

His contributions to the well-being of the community and to civil rights have been recognized through his many service and civic awards including: the LULAC Presidential Citation, the FBI Community Service award, the NAACP Community Service Award, the Rosa Parks Community Service Award.

Reverend Scott has a close and loving family that is equally committed to service and is active in church ministries. He is married to Theresa E. (Teel) Scott and they have three grown children: son, Lonnie, and daughters, Lauren and Leslie. They have one grandson, Kameron Scott. Reverend Scott has two sisters and one brother; Roberta (Scott) Guary, Reverend Pearl (Scott) Johnson and Deacon Cornelius Scott, Jr.

Today I honor Reverend D. Grady Scott for his faithful service of 20 years to Tucson and the Pima County, Arizona, community. May his example provide a path for others to follow.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 2008

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, as the 111th Congress comes to a close, it is fitting for us to recognize our Colleagues who will not be joining us in January for the start of the 112th Congress. Specifically, 19 of my classmates from the incoming Congressional class of 2008 will be moving on to new endeavors, where they will undoubtedly achieve great success and distinguish themselves, just as they did while serving their constituents and the American people in this body.

For the outstanding legislative accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them for their service: BOBBY

BRIGHT, ANN KIRKPATRICK, BETSY MARKEY, ALAN GRAYSON, SUZANNE KOSMAS, WALT MINNICK, DEBBIE HALVORSON, FRANK KRATOVL, MARK SCHAUER, DINA TITUS, JOHN ADLER, HARRY TEAGUE, MICHAEL MCMAHON, JOHN BOCCIERI, STEVE DRIEHAUS, MARY JO KILROY, KATHY DAHLKEMPER, GLENN NYE, and TOM PERRIELLO.

Each of these members has been instrumental in formulating and implementing policies that serve the best interests of the country and that will continue to shape our future for generations to come.

These colleagues—while their service, intellect, and companionship will be missed dearly—can look back on these last 2 years in Congress and take pride in the historical legislative achievements of which they were a part. The Class of 2008 can take heart in the knowledge that our legislative achievements helped pull the country through some of its toughest times. You were instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as:

Health Care Reform, ensuring that the wealthiest country in the world gives all of its citizens an opportunity to receive decent care and ending the worst insurance industry abuses.

Wall Street Reform, promising the middle class that Wall Street executives will never again jeopardize their savings, retirement, or livelihood.

The Recovery Act, providing the investments necessary for the American economy to create new jobs while saving existing ones, and to spur economic activity while laying the groundwork for long-term growth.

The Congressional class of 2008 can also proudly look back at other important accomplishments such as the: Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act; Credit CARD Act; Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act; American Clean Energy and Security Act; Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act; Hire Act; Cash for Clunkers; Small Business Jobs and Credit Act; Disclose Act; and Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.

Congressional scholars have called this Congress "one of the most productive" in history. Thanks to your hard work and vision, for the 2 years, we have been a part of a Congress that has looked forward, rather than backwards, and has always put the middle class first.

In closing, I would like to thank each of these members for their extraordinary commitment to public service and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, which I and my Democratic colleagues hope one day includes a return to this body.

IN HONOR OF SALUD PARA LA
GENTE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Salud Para La Gente on its thirty years of service to the community as a community health clinic, providing high quality, comprehensive and cost-effective health care services to low-income communities of the Monterey Bay Area.

Salud Para La Gente began as a "free clinic" in 1978 in a converted apple shed ware-

house in Watsonville. Gradually it grew and developed, incorporating in 1980, and in the early 1990's was designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center. Salud has now expanded to twelve clinic sites, including seven school-based medical and dental clinics. The staff of 195 saw over 23,000 patients in 2009 and has a budget of \$19.2 million for fiscal year 2010–2011.

Sixteen physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and medical assistants provide general family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, family planning and nutrition. Eleven dentists and dental assistants and an optometrist take care of the needs of patients of all ages. A staff of twenty-two assists elders with their daily living tasks.

With this large array of services, Salud has become a leader in delivering primary care to medically underserved populations in my District. All who seek care are welcome, regardless of ability to pay.

Madam Speaker, I know all my colleagues in the House join me in saluting the success of Salud Para La Gente, and congratulate them on this important milestone anniversary. We wish Salud great success over the course of its next thirty years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MS.
MARCEL ROCAWICH CRACIUN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ms. Marcel Rocawich Craciun, a generous community leader and a devoted wife, mother, and friend. Her love for her friends and family inspired her to love all people, and she has left behind a legacy of civic engagement, volunteerism, and cooperation.

A lifelong Ohio resident, Ms. Craciun was born on January 17, 1958 to Robert and Annette Rocawich. She was well known in Cleveland for her professional work as a funeral director for the Craciun Funeral Homes. She was the first Craciun woman to receive a funeral director's license and was known for not turning anyone away for lack of funds. In her eyes, everyone deserved a proper funeral.

Marcel's charitable spirit also found expression in extensive volunteer work on Cleveland's west side. She was an active member of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and the OLMC Sacred Heart Sodality. She was the first female president of the Edgewater Homeowner's Association and was often called to meet with Mayor Jackson, Councilmember Westbrook, and Councilmember Matt Zone on local issues. She was also actively involved with Boy Scouts of America and numerous parent groups at St. Ignatius High School. Mrs. Craciun cared deeply about her neighborhood, the broader communities she served, and the future of Cleveland. When people asked her why it mattered so much to her, she'd say, "Cause this is where my kids live!"

While raising her five children, Marcel received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Cleveland State University with a focus on Anthropology. Her husband James states that she taught her children about respect for dif-

ferent cultures and inspired them to be active and involved members of society. She was also supportive of her husband's international work on Romanian human rights issues. Neighbors will miss her chats over the fence and will remember her wonderful smile, her kindness to everyone at their time of need, and her abundant love for Jimmy and their five children.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Ms. Marcel Rocawich Craciun. I offer my condolences to her husband, Jim; to her brothers, Bob and Ed; to her children, Noelle, Jason, Jonathan, Jesse, and Nicholas; to her brothers and sisters-in-law; and to her many friends. Ms. Craciun lived her life with love, generosity, and commitment to the general welfare. She will always be remembered for her good work and her generous spirit.

IN CELEBRATION OF UMICORE
AUTOCAT USA INC.'S 10 YEAR
ACHIEVEMENT WITHOUT A LOSS
TIME ACCIDENT AT ITS AUTO-
MOTIVE CATALYST TECHNICAL
CENTER

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Umicore Autocat USA Inc. of Auburn Hills, Michigan on the occasion of the milestone achievement of 10 years without a loss time accident. As a Member of Congress it is both my honor and privilege to recognize and congratulate Umicore Autocat USA Inc. for its dedication to safety at its Auburn Hills facility.

Established in 1997, the Automotive Catalyst Technical Center in Auburn Hills has since provided catalyst system development and emission testing capabilities to its customer base for a wide range of gasoline and diesel engines as well as alternative powertrains. This 10 year milestone is a tribute to the quality and character of the employees at the technical center. Their safe practices and internal safety programs has made this achievement possible.

Umicore is a materials technology group with an eye fixed on the future of industry in Michigan. The primary focus of its work is materials science, chemistry and metallurgy, with up to 80 percent of its R&D budget devoted to development of clean green technologies. These technologies such as emission control catalysts, materials for rechargeable batteries and photovoltaics, fuel cells, and precious metals recycling are the keys to supporting advanced manufacturing, next-generation vehicle production, and alternative energy development in Southeast Michigan. In its current operations the Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and currently employs approximately 14,300 people worldwide, with the potential for more opportunities as Umicore's plans come to fruition and these next-generation technologies are developed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the safe work environment Umicore has created in its pursuit of developing technologies for the industries of Michigan and America's future. Ten years of

accident free work is a significant achievement and I wish the workers and leadership of Umicore many continued safe and productive years of prosperity.

HONORING KRISTI SAITAMA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Kristi Saitama for her ten years of service on the Almond Board of California and congratulate her on her new position at the U.S. Dairy Export Council. Kristi has assisted the Almond Board of California in exporting California almonds and building relationships through trade with Japanese, Korean and Indian markets.

Kristi has accepted a new position as vice president, Export Ingredient Marketing at the U.S. Dairy Export Council. I am confident that Kristi has left a team of colleagues well prepared to carry the future of the California almonds exportation endeavors, and will seamlessly transition into her new position. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending and congratulating Kristi Saitama on her new position and on her job well done.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cherokee County Rescue Squad and recognize its 50 years of life-saving service. Rescue squads harness the spirit of volunteerism to provide a unique sense of security and safety to their communities.

Rescue Squads around the country tend to all types of accidents and respond with the utmost effectiveness and efficiency. Usually, these groups are made up of volunteers who endure hours of extensive training. Their membership includes many who are certified paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders and heavy rescue personnel.

The volunteers that make up the Cherokee County Rescue Squad provide top-notch, life-saving services. The Cherokee County Rescue Squad has worked tirelessly not only to serve and protect the citizens of Cherokee County but to also ensure that their equipment and vehicles are up to date. They now boast their resources as some of the best the state of North Carolina has to offer.

I am proud to support these men and women who put their lives on the line to come to the aid of their neighbors. This type of assistance is rare in today's world, yet these people administer help in any way they can for the better good of the people of Cherokee County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to join me in recognizing the Cherokee County Rescue Squad's 50th anniversary and their unfailing service to the citizens in Cherokee County.

TRIBUTE TO BESSIE REDMOND

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bessie Redmond of Plattsburgh, NY, on her 99th Birthday.

Bessie and her family moved when she was 3 years old to Brooklyn, where her parents ran a candy store near the Brooklyn Bridge. Throughout her full life, she has shown an unrelenting passion for education. At the age of 6, she received her first library card and regularly visited her local library every week, looking for more material to learn. This steadfast dedication to learning was engrained in her from her first day of school, where absences from class were never excused by her parents.

Bessie attended high school in Saranac Lake, went to college at St. Lawrence University, and took her love for reading to the Columbia Library School in New York City. She currently resides in the same community as my father at the Lake Forest Senior Living Community in Plattsburgh. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of having several conversations with her and look forward to seeing her each time I visit.

To this day, Bessie continues to look for new experiences and truly represents the liveliness of her community. I congratulate her on 99 full, exciting years and thank her for playing such a vibrant role in our region.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF VIRGIL E. BROWN, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Virgil E. Brown, Sr. for his longtime service on behalf of our community.

Virgil was born Louisville, Kentucky on August 12, 1917, and moved to Cleveland in 1929, where his father worked in construction. Virgil graduated from local public schools and attended college at night before beginning a career in insurance and politics. He married Lurtissia Spencer and they had two children. They also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Virgil thrived as an entrepreneur and small business owner, opening his own insurance agency in the early 1960s. In 1967, he was recruited to run for City Council by a group of local women, though he was a Republican in a Democratic ward. He won the election, and went on to a great career in Cleveland politics, serving six years on the City Council, seven years as the Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, twelve years as the Cuyahoga County Commissioner, and three years as director of the Ohio Lottery.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Virgil E. Brown, Sr., for his dedication to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. His lifetime of service shows his devotion to the needs of the people in our community, and his hard work will be remembered for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER KEVIN COLLOPY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Kevin Collopy who has retired from the Burlingame Police Department after 31 years of service.

He joined the force in 1978 and became one of the youngest police inspectors in department history. He has worked in many capacities throughout his law enforcement career, including that of Patrol Officer, Evidence Technician, Inspector and Acting Watch Commander.

He has consistently performed his duties in a professional manner while sharing his wisdom and work-ethic with all those who have been fortunate to work with him.

With retirement comes the opportunity for Kevin and his wife, Jenny, to share more time together and for Kevin to use his pilot's license to full advantage as he is bound to fly over the area he was once patrolled.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting that Officer Kevin Collopy will be honored at a retirement dinner and I ask that the members join me in saluting Officer Collopy for his 31 years of dedicated service to public safety.

IN TRIBUTE TO BOB BROOKS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks—a good friend to my wife, Janice, and me and a consummate law enforcement professional.

Sheriff Brooks is retiring after 37 years as a sworn officer for the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, including three terms as Sheriff.

Bob was elected Sheriff in 1998. Under his guidance, the Department's 1,300 employees and 2,000 volunteers provide law enforcement services to 800,000 people in the unincorporated parts of Ventura County and the cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Ojai, Fillmore and Moorpark.

Over the years, Bob and I have worked on many projects to enhance public safety in Ventura County, including initiatives to crack down on methamphetamine labs, clear cold case DNA felonies, suppress gang activity, screen inmates for illegal immigrants, and upgrade communications for deputies in the field. Bob rose through the ranks and never forgot what deputies face on the streets and what they need to do their jobs.

Sheriff Brooks earned his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of Redlands, a Master's degree in Organizational Management from Regent University and graduated from the U.S. Department of Justice's National Sheriffs' Institute, the FBI's National Executive Institute, and with distinction from the P.O.S.T. Command College. He recently received his second Master's Degree in Homeland Security from the Naval Post Graduate School.

Bob is in demand as a speaker at symposiums, conferences and community organizations, and more in demand by his community.

He serves on the Board of Directors for several professional, educational and charitable organizations, and is a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Preparedness Task Force. He is a past president of the Ventura County Council of Boy Scouts of America, and is a member of the Executive Boards of the California State Sheriffs' Association and the Major County Sheriffs' Association. Bob is also a trustee of Life Pacific College, and has served as an instructor at California State University, Northridge; California Lutheran University and Ventura County Community Colleges. Bob has been awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is an honorary Rotarian, and serves on the Board of New Hope Christian Fellowship.

A Ventura County resident since 1961, he and Debbie have been married for 40 years. They have two grown sons, Jeff and Brian, and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in congratulating Bob Brooks on his retirement, in wishing him and Debbie good health in the years ahead, and in thanking him for 37 years of dedicated service.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. COLONEL
GERALD P. ZIEMBA, RETIRED

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor retired U.S. Colonel Gerald P. Ziemba for his long and admirable service to the United States.

Colonel Ziemba started active duty in the Army in 1959 as a Second Lieutenant. In 1972, he became Commander of the U.S. Army Reserve's 578th Research & Development Unit in Midland, Michigan. Later, in 1983, the Senate approved his elevation to the rank of Colonel. After this last promotion, the Army appointed Colonel Ziemba to Deputy Commander of Sharpe Army Depot, where he eventually became chairman of a group tasked with developing a next-generation, supply-chain facility. Under his skillful leadership, a \$200 million state-of-the-art warehouse was built, for which the U.S. Army awarded him the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding non-combat achievement.

Colonel Ziemba continued his service in 1994 when the Department of Commerce asked him to manage a newly formed Treaty Inspections Division of the Business, Industry, and Security Agency, BIS. BIS tasked him with implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention within the chemical industry. In this position, he drafted recommendations for implementing legislation and regulations. In addition, he represented the U.S. Government at numerous international forums.

Currently, Colonel Ziemba is involved in licensing activities for dual-use chemicals and equipment with the Department of Commerce. He is also the Commerce Department's representative in a multi-agency committee for

improving chemical defense in the United States.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Colonel Gerald P. Ziemba's service and dedication to his country. I hope the years to come will bring him health, happiness, and special times with family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in a series of votes on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 567, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to S. 3689, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 567, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1713, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 568, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 328, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
RONALD PIECHOWSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker and Colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of Ronald Piechowski, upon the occasion of his 50th anniversary of service to the citizens of Cuyahoga County. His years of dedicated service in the Cashier's Department of the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts Division reflects integrity, professionalism and excellence.

Mr. Piechowski was born in Cleveland, Ohio, the oldest of three sons, to Walter and Cecilia Piechowski. His parents instilled within their boys a sense of pride in their Polish heritage, their family and their Roman Catholic faith. Following graduation from South High School in Cleveland, Mr. Piechowski began his career at the Clerk of Courts office during the summer of 1960. By October of that year, he became a full-time employee and quickly ascended in the Cuyahoga County Court. He joined the National Guard in 1963 and served with honor for four years. Back at the County Court, he started in the files department and worked his way up to dockets and then journal entries. He was soon promoted to the Cashier's Department, and in 1979, he was named Chief Cashier and Supervisor, overseeing a staff of 19. He was responsible for the collection, disbursement, and application of more than \$140 million annually. Remarkably, he balanced every ledger, every book, and every account to the penny.

Over the years, Mr. Piechowski has created friendships throughout our Greater Cleveland community. His expertise and work ethic is

balanced by his sense of humor, humble demeanor and kind heart. Though not a person to seek the limelight, Mr. Piechowski has been honored with many awards over the years, including recognition by the Cuyahoga County Bar Association for professional excellence.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Ronald Piechowski, upon the occasion of his 50th anniversary of service to the citizens of Cuyahoga County. His public service reflects unwavering dedication, integrity, precision, excellence and heart. He is a vital force in protecting the public coffers and preserving the public trust. We are grateful for his wonderful and continued service.

COMMEMORATION OF TURKEY'S
FOUNDING

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the Republic of Turkey in their celebration of their country's historic eighty-seventh anniversary and founding by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk on October 29.

The anniversary is cause for us to pause and reflect upon the many accomplishments of the people of Turkey, most notably Turkish Republic founder Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's vision of a secular, pluralistic democracy.

The United States and Turkey have invested a great deal of energy in cultivating a critical and robust bilateral relationship. Time and time again, Turkey has proven itself to be a strong ally in our fight against Islamic extremism, and a key supporter of our operations in Afghanistan.

As the people of Turkey enter their eighty-eighth year, Atatürk's vision continues to ring true. I know my colleagues and fellow Americans share my sentiments in wishing the people and Government of the Republic of Turkey all the prosperity and opportunity of a bright democratic future.

HONORING FRESNO EQUIPMENT
CO.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Fresno Equipment Co. for receiving the 2010 Baker, Peterson, and Franklin Ag Business Award. Fresno Equipment Co. has held a long and distinguished position in the California agriculture industry, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

The family operation of Fresno Equipment Co. has been ongoing since 1960 when Mark Vucovich and Bill Hansen became partners. Vucovich purchased the business and became sole owner in 1968 after the passing of Hansen. Mark passed away in 1980, and the business was taken over by Mark's children, Steve and Marsha.

The company operates a Five Points and Fresno Store, the latter of which is an award

winning John Deere “Gold Star” full line residential and commercial grounds equipment dealership. The company is a tale of entrepreneurial success, as the business started with 15 employees and increased to 85 employees today.

Fresno Equipment Co. has been actively involved with the Nisei Farmers League in promoting improved air quality in the Valley. Additionally, the company has participated in various roles in the Big Fresno Fair, Fresno State football, Grizzlies baseball, Ag Boosters BBQ, Children’s Hospital of Central California, California Agriculture Leadership, Fresno Chamber of Commerce, St. Jude Church, Armenian Congregational Church, California Grape and Tree Fruit League and the livestock sale at the Fresno Fair.

Fresno Equipment Co. is a recognized agricultural business-leader in our community and its prominence and reputation will contribute to the Valley economy for years to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Steve and Marsha as well as their predecessors for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AVALON
ACADEMY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the 5th anniversary of the Avalon Academy in Burlingame, California. This very special school was founded by Annie Noonan and Lynette Mullens, parents of children with cerebral palsy, and Kinga Czegeni, a special education teacher. The trio had a vision for a school that would teach academics and motor—skill development to children with movement disorders such as cerebral palsy. It should be noted that the students often have multiple disabilities, including cognitive impairment.

Avalon prides itself on its innovative intervention program inspired by the Anat Baniel Method, a cutting edge scientific approach to safely enhance movement and muscle coordination and to create new possibilities for children with cerebral palsy. This humanizing approach has created a non-competitive, vibrant and nurturing environment that benefits not only the students, but also their families and the staff at Avalon.

I would be remiss if I didn’t praise Annie, Lynette, and Kinga for devoting their full energies to enhancing the lives of children with cerebral palsy. We can make donations, smile and understand, but it takes tireless effort to create a learning place that make a special life even better.

Madam Speaker, I can’t take you inside Avalon today, but if I could, you would see a very special love that exists among the students and staff and a level of caring that has changed lives. So, I ask the Members to join me in celebrating a dream that thankfully has become a reality for dozens of children and families with special needs.

HONORING ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Vincent Catholic High School in Perryville, MO, which was recently named to the list of the best 50 Catholic secondary schools in America. The list is compiled by the Catholic High School Honor Roll, an independent project of the Grand Rapids, Michigan-based Acton Institute, a research and education organization. Around one-half of all U.S. Catholic high schools go through the application process for the Honor Roll list, a group of approximately 1,300 schools. These schools are recognized based on their academic excellence, civic education and Catholic identity. Schools provide extensive data on standardized testing and other academic measures, and administrators answer surveys on academics, Catholic teaching and social studies.

St. Vincent High School is a part of the history of Perryville. The parish was first established in the 19th century. The Daughters of Charity began the school in 1907. Over more than a century the school has maintained its commitment to educating their students in a faith based way that helps them spiritually and to prepare for the future. The students, faculty, and families involved in St. Vincent High School provide a wonderful example to schools all across Southeast Missouri and the nation. This recognition encourages their hard work and continued excellence in Catholic education.

This is an outstanding achievement in which the St. Vincent High School and all of the surrounding community should take pride. One of the best Catholic schools in the nation is St. Vincent High School. Congratulations again to the St. Vincent High School community. We are all very proud of you!

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
NEIL ZURCHER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of award-winning journalist, Neil Zurcher, one of the most beloved and recognizable media personalities in northeast Ohio, upon the joyous occasion of his 75th birthday.

For more than fifty years, Mr. Zurcher’s entertaining accounts of unique and out-of-the-way destinations across Ohio have been found on radio and television and travel sections of magazines and newspapers, including his regular column in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. He was the original host of the immensely popular travel segment: “One Tank Trips,” which was broadcast for 25 years on FOX 8 TV in Cleveland.

Driving more than a million miles in 25 years as a travel reporter for FOX 8, Mr. Zurcher uncovered hidden treasures, oddities and beautiful get-away destinations along the

urban highways and country roads of Ohio. His accounts and insights into the diverse people, customs, culture and history of Ohio are recorded in the five books he’s written, including “Tales from the Road,” “Ohio Road Trips,” and “Ohio Oddities.” A kind, generous and down-to-earth man, Mr. Zurcher never sought accolades; yet he has been honored several times for his excellence in journalism and broadcasting. He is the recipient of an Emmy award, was honored with the Award for Excellence in Broadcasting from the Cleveland Assoc. of Broadcasters, and has been inducted into the Cleveland Press Club Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Neil Zurcher—family man, journalist, TV reporter and author—upon the joyous occasion of this 75th birthday. His chronicles of his travels across Ohio inspire, entertain and educate, creating a sense of wonder, unity and community. We look forward to learning about his travels for the next million miles.

HONORING ALLAN W. PURDY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Allan W. Purdy, the founding president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). On October 13, 2010, this strong advocate for higher education passed away at 96. He dedicated his life to removing financial barriers to education and helping students access awards, scholarships, and financial aid.

Purdy’s life experiences strongly influenced his passion for financial aid and serving students. He graduated from high school in the middle of the Great Depression and worked his way through college with the help of the National Youth Administration, a newly created national work program for students. He earned a mere \$15 a month, which paid for his graduate degree from the College of Agriculture at the University of Missouri.

After graduation, Purdy served his country in the U.S. Navy as a PT boat captain during World War II. After the war, he returned to the University of Missouri to work as an extension horticulturist. In this position, he toured the state helping farmers resolve problems with their crops. Here, he saw firsthand the number of qualified students who lacked the financial resources to attend college and vowed to advocate on their behalf for more grants and work aid. The University of Missouri’s president promoted him to assistant to the dean of the College of Agriculture, which led to his role in creating a department in the president’s office to coordinate scholarships, jobs, and loans for all the students on campus.

Under the direction of the University of Missouri’s president, Purdy began meeting with other aid administrators in the Midwest and helped form the Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in 1962. During this time, Congress was working on student aid issues and looked to the six regional, financial associations for suggestions. In hope of creating a more unified voice, Purdy strongly advocated for a national structure. In 1966, the regional representatives created the National Student Financial Aid Council, and Allan

Purdy served as its chair for three years. It became NASFAA in 1969 and has always stressed the importance and needs of students.

A large part of the organization's success is attributed to Purdy's tireless efforts and ability to build strong relationships with key policy-makers and higher education advocates. He developed a reputation for being an excellent witness at congressional hearings and established NASFAA as a trusted resource for financial aid information.

In 1975, Purdy received the first Lifetime Membership Award, the highest award that NASFAA can bestow. He retired in 1979 and was appointed to the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority's (MOHELA's) Board of Directors in 1981.

We have lost an irreplaceable advocate for college access and success. I believe educating our youth is one of the most important aspects in equipping our children with the necessary tools to succeed. Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Allan Purdy and his efforts to reduce barriers to higher education.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEAR 2011

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5264, "The Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011." I would like to thank the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Rep. JOHN CONYERS for introducing this legislation, as it is important to embrace the Justice Department and its various offices and components.

As a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, I have had the privilege to work closely with the Department of Justice and become familiarized with many of their programs and initiatives. Over the past year, they have been extremely cooperative and have worked vigorously to implement new laws and set new standards to ensure the safety, protection, and equal treatment of all Americans.

The DOJ has made the civil rights of all Americans, no matter their race, religion, or socio-economic status, a priority. They have worked to implement the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which created a general felony prohibition against crimes of violence based on prejudice against gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. They are also enforcing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 which clarifies that discriminatory compensation decisions and other such practices are unlawful according to the Civil Rights Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act.

Furthermore, the DOJ has begun implementation of the Fair Sentencing Act, which takes steps to reduce the disparity between sentences involving crack cocaine versus those involving powder cocaine—a disparity which had a disproportionately negative effect on poor and minority communities for years.

I am so proud to see the continued funding to the Office of Violence Against Women.

Since 1995, the Office of Violence Against Women has made significant progress in reducing violence against immigrant women, however, there are still many women and children whose lives are in danger today. Made possible through the Violence Against Women Act of 2005, importantly, this act continues to implement VAWA's original intent by stopping the deportation of immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking who qualify for VAWA immigration benefits. The trafficking provisions in the bill are of particular importance to me and I am very pleased that additional protections for trafficking victims and tools to help prosecute traffickers have been included in the bill, thus I am overjoyed to see the appropriations made to this office especially.

I strongly support the appropriations made to the Office of Justice Programs that provide strong and revolutionary leadership base to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by circulating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of crime fighting strategies.

As Chairwoman of the Congressional Children's Caucus and very strong advocate for children and children's rights, I am thrilled to see that the funds made to the OJP will also funnel to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which contributes to the reduction of youth crime and violence. The OJJDP upholds prevention and early intervention programs that truly make a difference in the lives of young people around America. Our continued support of the numerous programs provided by the OJP that help our youth and better their lives is critical to America's future. Providing support for and believing in America's youth is the best way to ensure a successful future for them and our Nation.

Furthermore, I am happy to see the funding that supports the Antitrust Division's hard work to promote and instill economic freedom and opportunity within our great Nation. In the economic climate we face today, it is evermore important that competition in the marketplace remains free and fair for all. With the many proposed mergers and acquisition taking place, the guidance and resources provided by the Antitrust laws and principles are desperately needed to ensure fair business and jobs for all.

I am also delighted to see the appropriations made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sadly, our country still lies under the microscope of those who wish our Nation harm and by appropriating money to the Bureau, we are shoring up our defenses against issues such as terrorist attacks, foreign intelligence operations, espionage, and public corruption at all levels. The FBI is a far-reaching organization with operations around the world and its continued funding is vital for the safety of all Americans.

I stand today with Rep. CONYERS and other members of Congress in reaffirming our support for justice in our Nation. By enacting these types of economic incentives to the offices that protect our Nation, Americans, women, and children will be safer; our country will be more efficient in bringing all to justice and communities and economy will grow in strength.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues for their support of H.R. 5264, as well as for their continued support of all that is done by the De-

partment of Justice in order to protect our great Nation. By increasing our support for these types of appropriations, we will ensure that our country remains a leader in security, justice, and freedom.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5264.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on November 15, 2010 and would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 566, "yes"; rollcall No. 567, "yes"; rollcall No. 568, "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN AND MARCIA GOLDMAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor John and Marcia Goldman of San Francisco. They are civic volunteers of epic proportions who have long been active in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Since 1989, they have been ardent supporters of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amFAR) which has invested over \$9.5 million in more than 180 research projects in the Bay Area. They have generously supported many of San Francisco's other leading organizations in the fight against HIV/AIDS, including The Shanti Project, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, National AIDS Memorial in Golden Gate Park, and FACE AIDS, which develops leadership skills for college students while supporting people with AIDS in Africa.

Additionally, through their foundation they have championed programs to help underprivileged children. Their caring knows no boundaries.

John has been president of the San Francisco Symphony since 2001 and is on the advisory boards for the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Trust for Public Land. He is also president of the Walter and Elise Haas Fund, which support arts, public education and Jewish organizations. He serves on the board of FACE AIDS as well as Building Future Now, which enables underprivileged children in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, California, to pursue a college education. His current commitments are dwarfed by prior service to such institutions as Swathmore College and various non-profit groups, including the Institute on Aging of Mt. Zion Health Systems.

Marcia co-founded the Learning Place Preschool in San Mateo which integrates special needs children with typical preschoolers. She also founded New Beginnings Family Workshop in San Carlos, a therapeutic-based program for autistic children and their families. She joined the Pacific Autism Center for Education as school director in 2002 and served as education director until June 2010. She

specializes in individualized curriculum development, parent and staff training and behavior planning.

Madam Speaker, it is only right and fitting that amFAR will present this remarkable couple with its Award of Courage on November 12 at its annual San Francisco Gala. Their substantial contributions have advanced AIDS research and the treatment and prevention of HIV. I ask that this house join me in thanking the Goldmans for their philanthropic efforts to better this world for those in need.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
RINALDO S. BRUTOCO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Rinaldo S. Brutoco, a successful technical innovator, entrepreneur and businessman who has dedicated his life to transforming the consciousness of business to be a force for the common good. Mr. Brutoco consistently invests his time, expertise and personal resources to incubate peace-building, ecological sustainability and consciousness-raising initiatives.

As President and founder of the World Business Academy, he has worked to educate, inspire and assist business leaders to take responsibility for society. His work with the Academy led Deepak Chopra to select Mr. Brutoco as his "favorite intelligent optimist," saying, "Rinaldo Brutoco has provided a platform for harnessing the creativity and compassion of some of the best minds in the world to create a vision of the future of socially and ecologically responsible business. As we now enter a global economic crisis, Rinaldo's ideas on the creation of true wealth that will benefit society will become even more valuable."

Mr. Brutoco was instrumental in the founding of the National Peace Academy, a historic learning institution that focuses on peace through programs that develop an understanding of the self's role in non-violent conflict resolution. The National Peace Academy is preparing the next generation of peace builders who will bring their unique backgrounds to communities as well as the corporate, nonprofit, and government workplace.

As Principal and CEO of the ShangriLa Group, Mr. Brutoco consults on the leading edge of business, renewable energy, international micro and macroeconomics, technology and finance.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Rinaldo S. Brutoco a practical visionary, change agent and futurist who has compassionately devoted his life, extensive knowledge and considerable talents to the betterment of life on our planet.

HONORING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH IN FLETCHER, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 135th anniversary of St. John Baptist Church in the town of Fletcher, North Carolina. Since 1875, this church has brought light and joy to the lives of many devoted members.

St. John Baptist Church has long been a sanctuary shared by for those seeking Christ and deserves commendation for its many years of good service to the people of Fletcher. The importance of faith in community rings true in St. John Baptist Church's long and storied history. From its humble beginnings, St. John Baptist Church has grown to be a proud and prominent part of the Fletcher community. Over the past one hundred and thirty-five years, the Church has witnessed many significant moments in history from both World Wars to the Civil Rights Movement.

The strength and longevity of St. John Baptist Church has proven to be an inspiration for many, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the Church as it continues its journey through future years. Madame Speaker I urge my colleagues to join me today in congratulating St. John Baptist Church on its outstanding service to the community over its 135-year history.

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

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 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 Wooton 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.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA LEHMAN

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda Lehman for being recognized as the 2010 Caregiver of the Year by the Behavioral Health Services North Inc. Caregiver Resource Center in Plattsburgh, NY.

Behavioral Health Services North Inc.'s Caregiver Resource Center bestows the honor of Caregiver of the Year each November, in commemoration of National Family Caregiver's Month. Lehman was chosen as Caregiver of the Year in recognition of her work as full-time caregiver for her father, Reggie Love.

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service and sacrifice, and Mrs. Lehman's actions have demonstrated exactly this. She has enjoyed a full career as a caregiver, describing her work as a labor of love and crediting her family and friends for providing a support system that is so critical to her work.

Mrs. Lehman's work for her father is representative of what makes our community great, and today I congratulate her on her achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER
KEITH TAMURA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Keith Tamura who has retired from the Burlingame Police Department after 26 years of service.

He joined the force in 1980 and has worked in many capacities throughout his law enforcement career, including that of Patrol Officer, Traffic Officer, K9 Handler and Police Inspector.

The Mayor of Burlingame has stated that Officer Tamura has served the community with "integrity, honor and courage."

Keith has pledged that in retirement he will spend more time enjoying life, including pursuing his love of motorcycles.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting that Officer Keith Tamura will be honored at a retirement dinner and I ask that the members join me in saluting Officer Tamura for his 26 years of dedicated service to public safety.

IN HONOR OF TORREY SOLOMON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Torrey Solomon, upon being named Cleveland Housing Network's 2010 Urban Neighborhood Hero.

Mr. Solomon was born in Cleveland, and grew up in Erie Square Apartments, an inner city apartment complex that was rehabilitated by CHN in 2006. The restoration of the building also included the restoration of hope and opportunity for children living in this building: CHN added an on-site Resident Youth Coordinator, who offered several youth programs and opportunities.

Mr. Solomon became focused on his future goals and dreams, and jumped at every opportunity to learn and succeed. He enrolled in every program, including: Job Readiness Workshops, Junior Achievement Programs, and the Youth After-School Program. With the support and guidance of CHN Resident Coordinator, Tamika Pempton, Mr. Solomon created a new dream of becoming a well-known chef.

When he turned 16, Mr. Solomon heard about a job opening for a dishwasher at the restaurant, Bon Appetit, at Case Western Reserve University. He wore his nicest clothes, and boarded a bus headed for Case, the only candidate out of hundreds to arrive dressed up, with resume in hand. He was offered the job, and quickly worked his way up from dishwasher to prep cook. Following a heartfelt PD article that highlighted his dream of becoming a chef, donations poured in from across the community, to help him with tuition costs at the Culinary Institute of America—where he will be begin his final year this December.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Torrey Solomon, whose dedication, discipline and focus on following his dreams reinforces the philo-

sophy that personal growth, achievement and dreams grow from stable and safe home environments; and, that affordable housing profoundly impacts the lives and futures of adults and children. Moreover, dedicated staff, like Tamika Pempton, and organizations like CHN, are vital to the well-being of families—and are vital to the well-being of our entire community. I wish Mr. Solomon unwavering health, happiness and peace as he continues on this exciting journey. He is a wonderful role model for the youth of our community—and he is an inspiration to all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on September 17, 2009 I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 710, concerning H.R. 3221. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "no."

On September 23, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 732, a motion to adjourn. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "no."

On September 30, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 744, concerning H.R. 1771, the Chesapeake Bay Science, Education and Ecosystem Enhancement Act. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On November 7, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 880, concerning H. Res. 877, expressing support for Chinese activists. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On December 16, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 980, concerning H. Res. 973. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On January 27, 2010, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 25, concerning H. Res. 1020. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On February 22, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 49, regarding H.R. 4425. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On February 22, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 50, regarding H.R. 4238. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On February 23, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 53, concerning H. Res. 1059. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On March 4, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 85, concerning H. Res. 1086. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On March 21, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 168, concerning H. Res. 1099. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On March 21, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 169, concerning H. Res. 1119. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On March 23, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 172, concerning H. Res. 1205. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On April 14, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 199, concerning H. Res. 1236. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 13, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 271, concerning H. Res. 1338. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 13, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 272, concerning H. Res. 1337. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 20, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 290, concerning H.R. 5128. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 24, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 292, concerning H.R. 1017. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 27, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 306, concerning an adjournment of the House of Representatives. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 27, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 313, regarding H.R. 5136. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On June 16, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 366, regarding H. Res. 1422. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On July 22, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 464, concerning H.R. 5341. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On September 23, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 535, concerning H. Res. 1640. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

COMMENDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF JAKE SULLIVAN AND HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF BOSTON AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the outstanding public service of Jake Sullivan and the recognition bestowed on him with the Henry L. Shattuck Award for Public Service.

Commitment to public service has been the primary concern of Jake since he served the First District of Massachusetts in the 105th Congress. As my district scheduler, Jake accomplished his job with great skill and diplomacy. His amiable nature and the enjoyment he took in working as a team player served him well throughout his tenure.

Many of my constituents have continued to approach me and report how much they appreciated working with Jake. Treating everyone with respect, understanding, and kindness, he learned early on how to become an admirable public servant.

Jake has continued his unparalleled trend of resolute and superior public service with the city of Boston. As Senior Federal Relations Advisor to Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Jake is responsible for strategic collaboration between the city of Boston and the Federal Government. In this capacity, Jake works tirelessly to

support the interests of the city of Boston in the face of ever-intensifying and demanding constraints.

Jake has worked closely with my office and me throughout his tenure with Mayor Menino on behalf of the city of Boston. His determination to discover the best possible results for the citizens of Boston and intuitive perception of the complexities of an issue perpetually impresses me.

I am encouraged to report that Jake has remained grounded in his pursuit of public service throughout his professional career. Jake's compassion for his colleagues and dedication to public service is equally, if not more, evident as it was when he was a member of my staff over 12 years ago.

Jake Sullivan has made significant contributions to the city of Boston and State of Massachusetts since he began his public service with the First District. I strongly commend his continued commitment to public service and look forward with anticipation to his future achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE REVEREND DR.
THOMAS L. WALKER

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Walker, a community leader being honored for his decades of service. On Thursday, November 18, 2010, the community will come together to celebrate as Reverend Walker is inducted into the Twin County Hall of Fame.

Reverend Walker is well deserving of this honor. He is a native of Rocky Mount, N.C., and has devoted his entire life to serving his community.

Since 1970, Reverend Walker has worked to better the community as pastor of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N.C.

He has also served as an Edgecombe County Commissioner, Chairman of the North Carolina Martin Luther King Jr. Commission and as President of the Greater Rocky Mount Ministers' Council.

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer, Reverend Walker sought to help others by channeling his energy into writing a book entitled, "Brother to Brother—You Don't Have To Die of Prostate Cancer." Many urologists around the country use the book to educate patients and help people understand prostate cancer.

Reverend Walker also founded the Edgecombe-Nash Political Caucus, created Project Empowerment and has experienced great success as a gospel artist.

Reverend Walker will be among 10 Twin County Hall of Fame inductees honored at the banquet being held at the Dunn Center at Wesleyan College: Mae Woods Bell, Harold Cooley, Daniel Finch, Richard T. Fountain, Allan Gurganus, George Higgs, James W. Hines, Warren R. Jones, Aldolphus Staton, and Reverend Walker.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing all of this year's deserving inductees. I also extend my congratulations and best wishes to my good

friend, Reverend Walker, his wife Joyce, and their two children, Timothy and Teresa.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNE CAIN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleagues Congressman GEORGE MILLER and Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, rise to recognize Anne Cain, Contra Costa County Librarian, to congratulate her and wish her well as she approaches her retirement.

Anne has dedicated 35 years of commitment and service to public libraries. Having achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Denver, Colorado, and upon completion of her Master's in Library Service from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts, Anne began her career as the Branch Assistant and Social Service Librarian at Newton Free Library in Massachusetts. In 1975, Anne relocated to California and served as the Principal Librarian for Pasadena Public Library, where she provided reference services, service to the business community, children, teens, and adults.

In 1989, Anne moved north to the San Francisco Bay Area and joined the Contra Costa County Library system as Head of the Central Library responsible for service to the public but also for centralized countywide services. She was named Assistant County Librarian just 1 year later, responsible for the day-to-day operations of all Contra Costa County Libraries, services, and programs.

In 1998, Anne was named County Librarian responsible for library service at 25 locations in 18 cities and unincorporated areas across Contra Costa County. Anne worked closely with the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, city governments, Friends of Libraries and numerous other community groups and concerned citizens to plan, evaluate, and deliver library service tailored to the needs of the communities it serves.

Anne is a leader in the fight to adequately fund public libraries. Nearly two decades ago when the State of California cut Special District Augmentation Funding to counties, Contra Costa County libraries lost nearly a third of their funding. The system was nearly decimated. Anne has worked with cities throughout the county to build trust, local engagement, and support for libraries.

In recent years, Anne has been actively involved in statewide legislative activities and served as Chair of the California Library Association's Legislative Committee. In 2006, she was selected by the California Library Association as its member of the year.

Madam Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring Anne for her tireless and dedicated service to the people of Contra Costa County. We also join her family, colleagues and friends in congratulating Anne on a successful and fulfilling career, and a very well-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
TED "TALL TED" HALLAMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Cleveland radio legend, Ted "Tall Ted" Hallaman, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, mentor and friend to many.

Mr. Hallaman's successful career in radio spanned several decades, beginning in 1949 in Pittsburgh, PA, where he attended college at the University of Duquesne. While at the college radio station there, he got the nickname, "Tall Ted" because he was 6'1".

Throughout the 1950s, he worked in various radio markets. In 1960, he was offered a great opportunity to join the team at WGAR-AM (1120) in Cleveland, where he worked for nearly a decade. His devotion to the art of radio broadcasting, and his commitment to capturing the hearts and minds of listeners, never faded. His dedication was reflected in every broadcast; he researched and presented a treasure trove of interesting facts and anecdotes about the songs he played, and about the musicians who performed them. Above all, it was Mr. Hallaman's kindness, wry sense of humor, generosity and positive attitude that forever touched the lives of his family, friends, colleagues and fans.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Ted "Tall Ted" Hallaman. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Patricia; to his sons, George, David and Jason; to his daughter-in-law, Lisa; to his grandchildren, Laura, Jennifer, Christina, Sophia, Nicholas, and Emily; to his brother, Paul; and to his extended family members and many friends. Mr. Hallaman was cherished by family, friends and countless radio fans, and he will be remembered always.

RECOGNIZING BOB AND BOBBY
PETRINI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Bob and Bobby Petrini of San Bruno, California. The father-son-team saved the lives of five senior citizens in the midst of the PG&E natural gasoline explosion on September 9, 2010.

Bob Petrini and his family were enjoying a warm summer evening in their Rollingwood neighborhood home, about a quarter mile north of the Glenview neighborhood. Bob was opening the sliding door of the family room when he heard the explosion. His first thought was an earthquake. Then he saw giant flames leaping into the sky. He and his 25-year-old son Bobby looked at each other without saying a word, grabbed the household fire extinguisher, jumped into their Nissan Maxima and headed to the fire.

When they arrived at Glenview Drive, the entire street was engulfed in flames, so they headed to the next block, Vermont Way. They saw an elderly woman being rolled out into the

street in a wheel chair by a very distressed caretaker who was screaming for help. Bob put the elderly woman in the back seat of his car. Then he entered the house, at this point unaware it was an assisted living facility. He ran down a long hallway yelling "Fire, fire, fire, is anybody here?" He entered a room to the right of the hallway and saw a woman in her nineties on oxygen in a recliner, with her back to the window and headphones in her ears. Bob pulled the phones out of her ears, lifted her into a wheel chair, rolled her out into the street and then loaded her into his car. As Bobby saw this, he ran into the building and rescued another elderly woman.

At this point the fire was licking at the homes behind the facility—the heat was intense. Firefighters and police officers were telling the Petrinis to leave, but Bob ran back into the building. In the very back he found a 96-year-old, deaf woman on oxygen, with a catheter, in a hospital bed. Racing against time, he rolled the hospital bed towards the door, only to find that it didn't fit through the frame. He ran outside for help. Bob, his son, a firefighter and a stranger who showed up out of nowhere lifted the woman from the hospital bed into a wheel chair, rolled her out to the street and put her into the car of a caretaker.

With three of the women in his car, Bob raced off to a hospital in South San Francisco while his son Bobby drove the caretaker's car with two of the seniors and the caretaker.

Bob delivered his three patients to the hospital and headed home. He didn't have a phone to tell his wife he was OK, he didn't know where his son was, and for the first time that evening, he was scared. "There was a moment when I thought I was going to lose him," he said referring to his son. But as he pulled into his driveway, he saw his son by the caretaker's car.

The other patients, including the 96-year-old lady, were taken to the hospital.

The San Bruno natural gas explosion was a horrible disaster that claimed 8 lives and destroyed 37 homes, but it was also a tragedy that brought out the best in members of this community.

Madam Speaker, Bob and Bobby Petrin risked their own lives to save five strangers. I ask that this body join me in commending them for their extraordinary act of heroism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes on Monday, November 15, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 566, "yes" on rollcall vote 567, and "yes" on rollcall vote 568.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JULE SUGARMAN, FOUNDER OF HEAD START

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of Jule Sugarman,

who passed away earlier this month at the age of 83. I extend my thoughts and prayers to his wife, his children, and his family and friends during this very difficult time.

Some of my colleagues and those listening in the gallery or on television may not recognize the name Jule Sugarman, but they have no doubt heard of or been impacted by the Head Start Program, which he founded and helped design and implement as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1927, Mr. Sugarman came to Washington to attend American University, and later served in the Army for two years.

He amassed a record of achievement and dedication to public service, the American people, and to children and families specifically: serving as New York City's human resources administrator; Washington State's Department of Social and Health Services; executive director of the Special Olympics International; and deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget under President Jimmy Carter, just to name a few of his accomplishments.

But I would like to thank Mr. Sugarman explicitly and affectionately for his work on getting the Head Start program up and running. I can unequivocally say that Head Start changed my life and turned it in a new direction.

I vividly remember working as a service representative for the Pacific Telephone Company in Los Angeles in the mid 1960s, and getting excited over a newspaper advertisement I saw for the new Head Start program. They were seeking staff for this initiative, which would be run by Sargent Shriver out of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Being a mother of young children, and seeking a career path where I could help people and make a difference—despite not having official teaching credentials—I eagerly applied to be an assistant teacher.

To my surprise and delight, I was hired as a Head Start assistant teacher. In Los Angeles County the Head Start Program worked closely with community nonprofit groups like the International Federation for Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, so I worked with great people who were truly committed to putting children on a solid path to an education, combating poverty, and making our communities a safer, better place to live.

Head Start encouraged me to finish my education; taught me the importance and value of community organizing; made me acutely aware of the many issues facing our young children; and inspired me to get involved in politics to make a difference in the lives of others, particularly the least of these.

Now I am well aware that in 45 years many things have changed—some good, some bad—for our nation's children and schools. But I am convinced that Head Start's original mission to "promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enroll children and families," is as relevant as ever. I look forward to supporting it in each and every way that I can.

Thank you, Mr. Sugarman. Thank you for your wisdom, your foresight, your progressive philosophy, and your dedication to putting all children on an equal playing field.

I, and millions of other Americans, continue to be inspired by your compassion, your hu-

manity, and your life's work, all of which made our country greater.

RECOGNIZING MR. GEORGE LEE HATCHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the 90th birthday of Mr. George Lee Hatcher. This significant milestone is certainly an incredible accomplishment.

Over the years, George has dedicated his life to serving his country and his family.

Madam Speaker, as a fellow veteran, I want to thank Mr. George Lee Hatcher for his service to this country. I want to thank him for all he has done, and I wish him nothing but the very best.

May the experience and wisdom George has attained and shared over the years encourage and teach those around him, lasting for generations to come.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF DAN FULLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dan Fuller, upon his retirement from the Cleveland Watercraft Division of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, ODNR. For twenty years he protected swimmers and boaters along the shores of Lake Erie with excellence and integrity.

Mr. Fuller's passion to protect people in harm's way came early in his life. When he was 10 years old, Dan and his sister Dee were playing by a creek. Dee fell in and Dan pulled her out from the eddy, saving her life.

A quarterback for his high school football team and an honors student at Hocking Technical College, Dan went on to start his career with the ODNR as a college intern and then as an entry level watercraft officer in 1980. Mr. Fuller went on to become a watercraft specialist, a self defense instructor and an area supervisor. He diligently worked to improve methods and programs in water safety; he led the effort to implement the first certified self-defense course for the Lake Erie Division of Watercraft Safety. He enforced boating laws, taught boating safety and was instrumental in bringing together law enforcement agencies to work toward the common goal of keeping Lake Erie waterways safe and secure.

Mr. Fuller established the Central Lake Erie Law Enforcement Agency and facilitated regularly scheduled meetings for the past ten years. For the past decade, he served as the Supervisor of the Cleveland Watercraft Office, where he was in charge of staff coordination, educational efforts and waterway law enforcement. Mr. Fuller's work has been recognized with several honors and awards, including the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers Award, National Water Safety Congress Award and Officer of the Year Award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Dan Fuller, whose longtime service to our community is framed by expertise, integrity and unwavering dedication to keeping boaters educated and protected along the waterways of Lake Erie. As he embarks on a new voyage, I wish Mr. Fuller, and his family, an abundance of health, happiness and peace.

HONORING DETROIT CATHOLIC
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CROSS
COUNTRY TEAM

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Cross Country team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On November 6, 2010 the Catholic Central Shamrocks outran the Dexter Dreadnaughts to claim their second consecutive title.

After a season that saw great success in both dual meets and invitationals, Catholic Central distanced themselves from the rest of the Detroit Catholic League by garnering a point total of 26, less than half of 2nd place Brother Rice's 72 to win the Catholic League Championship. Moving on to MHSAA Regionals six days later, the Shamrocks placed 2nd, with a meager 2 points separating them from the Pinckney Pirates.

Head Coach Tony Magni's harriers were determined to hold on to the state title as the starter's pistol sounded at Michigan International Speedway. The Blue and White avenged the stinging regional loss to Pinckney by legging out a 1st place finish of 103 over 2nd place Dexter's 114 and leaving Pinckney to bring up 3rd place with 146. Head Coach Magni, along with Assistant Coaches Brian Wilson and Kevin Mason celebrated as their team took back to back state championships.

The hard work and dedication of this team and all of its members epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge, the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, the 2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit and I am very proud of their determination and effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH DONALD
LIND, SR.

HON. STEVE DRIEHAUS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DRIEHAUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Joseph Donald Lind, Sr., who passed away November 7, 2010. Mr. Lind was an inspirational leader to his community, city, and country.

Mr. Lind graduated from Elder High School in 1953, where he put himself through school working as a maintenance man at St. Joseph Church in the West End. Upon graduating from Elder, Mr. Lind joined the United States Army where he earned an honorable discharge. Mr. Lind continued to serve his community by joining the Cincinnati Police Department for the remainder of his professional career.

It would have been easy for Mr. Lind to stop giving back to his community after his long career of public service; however, he continued to give back until his last day. Mr. Lind served as president of the Elder Dad's Club for 23 years and continually volunteered his time and energy for any cause that benefitted Elder High School. His impact on the Elder community will live on for generations to come.

Mr. Lind's charisma and commitment through service will not be forgotten and will serve as an example for years to come. Mr. Lind has showed us that serving your community is not a short sprint of a few years but a marathon that lasts a lifetime. Mr. Lind's community and country gave him countless opportunities and he worked a lifetime to give back to those that gave to him. Although Mr. Lind will no longer be with us, his legacy will continue on.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NA-
TIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL
CAUCUS, ITS 2010 "EXCEPTIONAL
MERIT IN MEDIA" HONOREES,
AND ITS LATE CO-FOUNDER LIZ
CARPENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the National Women's Political Caucus, NWPC, and to the 2010 recipients of its "Exceptional Merit in Media Awards", or "EMMAs". Last month at the Cornell Club in New York City, the NWPC honored several distinguished leaders with EMMAs at a ceremony in New York City hosted by the renowned actress Tyne Daly and dedicated to the memory of the late Liz Carpenter, its distinguished Co-Founder.

With state and local affiliates across America, the National Women's Political Caucus is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to increasing women's participation in all areas of political and public life—as elected and appointed officials, as delegates to national party conventions, as judges in state and federal courts, and as lobbyists, voters and campaign organizers. The NWPC was founded in 1971 by Liz Carpenter, former Press Secretary to Lady Bird Johnson; the late New York Congresswomen Bella Abzug and Shirley Chisholm; and several other distinguished woman leaders to advance its vital mission of achieving equal representation for women in our national political life. Today, the Caucus is led by its indefatigable and remarkably effective President, Lulu Flores. Each year the NWPC presents its Exceptional Merit in Media Awards to honor exceptional films, print publications, blogs and "virtual" news outlets, and other media leaders and institutions that highlight issues important to women

and that promote the EMMAs' goal of encouraging journalists to produce pieces that elevate the civil discourse on issues that affect women. Also honored with EMMAs were three books: *Jesus, Jobs, and Justice: African-American Women and Religion*, by Bettye Collier-Thomas; *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, by New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn; and *Notes from the Cracked Ceiling: Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, and What It Will Take for a Woman to Win*, by Washington Post correspondent Anne E. Kornblut. Four authors of articles appearing in magazines were honored: Helen Benedict for her piece, "The Scandal of Military Rape," which appeared in *Ms. Magazine*; Liz Welch for "Meet Generation (R)x," published in *Glamour*; Sabrina Rubin Erdely for her article in *Self*, "The Crime Against Women That No One Understands"; and Jessica Pupovac for her article, "Silenced in the Barracks: The Pentagon Fails to Protect U.S. Troops from Sexual Abuse," published by *In These Times*.

The woman to whom the 2010 EMMA ceremony was dedicated, NWPC's late Co-Founder Liz Carpenter, was truly an extraordinary, pioneering figure in American political history. An accomplished journalist, author and public servant who served as the Press Secretary to a great First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, Liz was also an accomplished raconteuse possessed of a remarkable and lively wit. It is therefore entirely appropriate that the NWPC has created the Liz Carpenter Political Humor Award, which this year was awarded for the first time to Samantha Bee, who amuses millions of viewers with her piercing political barbs on *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart on the Comedy Central television network. Madam Speaker, I rise to request that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the National Women's Political Caucus, its 2010 EMMA honorees, and NWPC's late Co-Founder Liz Carpenter for their tireless efforts to achieve equal representation and participation of women in American political life.

HONORING ROBERT L. FORBUSS,
RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN
AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION'S 2010
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Robert L. Forbuss, a native Nevadan, for his lifetime of service to Las Vegas.

Robert L. Forbuss began his professional career in Las Vegas as a teacher at Bishop Gorman High School from 1972–1981. He served on the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees from 1979–1986. Currently, he is the Senior Vice-Chairman of the Board for The Public Education Foundation, and he has been serving on that board since 1997. Throughout his life, Bob's biggest achievement is that of "Teacher." Whether the students were enrolled at Gorman High School, on the debate team, learning history or political science or just learning the ropes in the world of politics in Nevada, Bob was always happy to help mentor anyone with a little

initiative. A member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1985, he served as the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Chairman twice and Chairman of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Bob's influence is felt throughout Nevada and the nation and is most importantly represented in the elementary school that bears his name.

But Bob didn't stop there. He has also been recognized as a national Emergency Medical Service (EMS) leader. Bob was instrumental in educating and implementing new levels of EMS care for citizens, specifically Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, and Critical Care Paramedic. He served on the Clark County EMS Medical Advisory Board for decades and was a founding member of the national American Ambulance Association. He was also a founder of the national Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services and served as the American Ambulance Association's president and member or ex-officio member of every American Ambulance Association leadership committee.

Mr. Forbuss has served as faculty for the American Ambulance Association, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and traveled as part of ACEP's special EMS envoy to Russia. He belongs to the National Association of EMS Physicians, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, EMS Today, EMS EXPO, and many other EMS related educational entities. Additionally, he served as Vice Chair for the National Registry of EMTs and served as faculty for the Japan Ambulance Association.

Mr. Forbuss led the ambulance response during two of Clark County's major mass casualty events, the MGM and Hilton hotel fires, as well as the PEPCON explosion in Henderson, Nevada.

Robert L. Forbuss received the EMS Today, EMS Administrator of the Year Award; the American Ambulance Association's President's Award and The Man of the Year Award. Also under his leadership, Mercy Ambulance received the United States Senate Quality and Productivity Award.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, it gives me immense pride to recognize Robert L. Forbuss' lifetime of outstanding achievements and contributions to Las Vegas, and specifically on the occasion of the 2010 American Ambulance Association's Annual Conference, for his dedication and professionalism to the ambulance industry. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding American.

IN HONOR OF STANLEY EUGENE
TOLLIVER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Stanley Eugene Tolliver, a dedicated family man, accomplished attorney, community advocate and civil rights leader on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Tolliver attended Cleveland Public Schools. He earned his undergraduate degree at Bald-

win-Wallace College with a major in pre-law. He graduated with a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1951. After law school, Mr. Tolliver served honorably in the United States Army.

Mr. Tolliver lives his life with a focus on service to others and to his community. He served for many years on behalf of the City of Cleveland schools. He was appointed by the late Judge Frank Battisti to the Committee of the Office of School Monitoring and Community Relations. He was elected as a member of the Cleveland School Board in 1981 and was re-elected in 1985 and 1987. In 1990, Mr. Tolliver was elected as President of the School Board.

Mr. Tolliver has also been a lifelong leader in our nation's struggle for civil rights. He served as legal counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Congress of Racial Equality. He worked as the legal advisor for the Shield Club and led the indictment of ten Cleveland police officers for violent crimes. On the forefront of the civil rights movement in Cleveland, and across the country, Mr. Tolliver's work paved the way for equal rights and justice for all.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Stanley Eugene Tolliver, as we celebrate the joyous occasion of his 85th birthday. His commitment to our community and to our nation reflects integrity, generosity and heart. We are grateful for his continued service.

HONORING OPERATION TRIBUTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Operation Tribute for its substantial impact in spreading holiday joy to the children of military families.

Operation Tribute donates gifts to thousands of children in military families during the holiday season. Beginning just 4 months before Christmas 2007, founder Marc Badeau and his "Operation Holiday Cheer" raised more than \$100,000, translating into 9,000 gifts that were given to 2,500 children across Maine.

One year later, the organization changed its name to Operation Tribute and expanded to over 800 communities throughout New England and New York. That year, \$650,000 was raised to purchase 23,000 gifts. Marc has continued to expand the program along the East Coast and is aiming to reach all 50 States within the next 5 years.

For many military families, the holiday season can be a time of great sadness as children miss one or more parents stationed overseas. Through the giving of these gifts, Operation Tribute provides these brave children with an important measure of joy and hope. No one has had to make greater sacrifices in defense of our Nation than our armed forces and their families, and this is just one small way that we can give back to them.

The value of this program cannot be overestimated, and I wish Mr. Badeau and Operation Tribute the very best of luck going forward.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Operation Tribute and its founder Marc R. Badeau.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN ENGAGING AND HIRING WOUNDED WARRIORS AND VETERANS

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization located in my district, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF). PSNS & IMF, commanded by Captain Mark Whitney, leads Naval Sea Systems Command in engaging and hiring our nation's veterans and wounded warriors. In Fiscal Year 2010 PSNS & IMF hired 56 Disabled Veterans with a disability of 30 percent or greater, providing them with the opportunity to productively continue to contribute to our nation's security through the critical work of maintaining our Navy.

The debt of gratitude the nation owes our veterans is immeasurable, but this is one effort which has had a substantial and meaningful impact towards our responsibilities for these men and women. I submit this letter from Vice Admiral Kevin M. McCoy, Commander of Naval Sea Systems Command, as testimony to the leadership and achievements of Captain Whitney and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND,

Washington Navy Yard, DC, October 22, 2010.

Congressman NORM DICKS,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DICKS: During my visit to Bremerton for Armed Forces Day 2010, you had some very encouraging comments about the great work of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) in taking care of our Nation's Veterans and in particular our Wounded Warriors. We also discussed NAVSEA initiatives in support of these very important programs as I had recently returned from the Wounded Warrior Olympics in Colorado. Captain Mark Whitney continues to lead NAVSEA activities in hiring and reaching out to our veterans and wounded warriors. For Fiscal Year 2010, PSNS & IMF has hired 56 Disabled Veterans with 30 percent or greater disability.

This past year, they participated in many significant events to hire veterans and wounded warriors. They strengthened their partnership with agencies that support Wounded Warriors by hosting a familiarization visit of the shipyard with Career Counselors, Employment Specialists, and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors from Warrior Transition Command, Phoenix Battalion, Fort Lewis; Seattle and Bremerton Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation/Education Office. The visit provided information that improved awareness of the career and development opportunities available for Wounded Warriors and Disabled Veterans at naval shipyards.

Most recently the shipyard entered into a partnership with the Navy Safe Harbor Program at Bremerton Naval Hospital to provide internship opportunities for active duty service members who are seriously wounded, injured, or ill. This is a terrific opportunity for service members to productively apply

their skills and talents and learn additional skills in preparation for transitioning to civilian careers. Their first intern, Lieutenant John Edmonston, checked in on October 1, will work in Combat Systems Division on October 12.

I am very proud of the work being done at the shipyard and are adopting the best practices pioneered by Captain Whitney and his team across our entire Wounded Warrior program. I appreciate all you do for our great Nation and the tremendous support you provide to the U.S. Navy. Should you have any questions or desire to discuss NAVSEA efforts to employ and support Veterans, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

K. M. McCoy,
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 15th, I was unable to cast my votes on S. 3689, H. Res. 1713, and H. Con. Res. 328 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote. Last night I was meeting with a constituent group in Savoy, Illinois and was unable to travel to Washington, DC in time for the votes.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 566 on suspending the rules and passing S. 3689, To clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights, I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 567 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1713, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges desegregating a previously all-White public elementary school, I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 568 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 328, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were initially enacted in 1980 by Public Law 96-517 (commonly referred to as the Bayh-Dole Act) on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its enactment, I would have voted Aye.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER GARY M. WHITEHEAD AND HIS WIFE BARBARA WHITEHEAD

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Chief Petty Officer Gary M. Whitehead and his wife Barbara, and the great work done, together with Debi Copeland, on behalf of Hoosier veterans. At the end of this year, Gary and Barbara will be retiring after serving 24 consecutive years in Elkhart County's Veterans Service Office. Gary is a native son of Elkhart County, having been born and raised in Goshen, Indiana. In 1965, a year after graduating from Goshen High School, Gary enlisted in the

United States Navy, entering active duty shortly thereafter in early 1966. During his Naval career, Gary served in a variety of capacities including: three years on the USS *Allen M. Sumner*, which included a deployment to Vietnam; as a personnel officer for the Underwater Demolition Team Twelve, who also assisted in commissioning the first Navy F-14 Fighter Squadron; as the Training Coordinator for the Navy's Diving Schools; and another three years on the USS *Patterson* before finally retiring from the Indianapolis Navy Recruiting District in July 1986.

Gary joined the Elkhart County Veterans Office in August 1986, immediately after retiring from the Navy. He has been the Elkhart County Veterans Service Officer since January 1988, and is retiring this year. He has been involved in representing and advancing veterans' issues within the community and throughout the state, having served on a variety of committees. Gary was instrumental in efforts to establish the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Goshen. He also served as a distinguished member of my Veterans Advisory Committee for the past four years.

Gary's wife of 42 years, Barbara, whom he met on a blind date and married six months later, stood by his side throughout his Naval career and has worked alongside him in the Elkhart County Veterans Office since 1986. Barbara has been instrumental in the great work their Office has done on behalf of veterans these past 24 years. They have three children, Stephanie, Douglas and Scott, and six grandchildren. Barbara will be joining Gary in well-earned retirement.

Another key member of Gary's team who has contributed meaningfully to the office's work since 1996 is Debi Copeland, who serves as the office's secretary. Together, these three have provided dedicated service, representation, advocacy, counsel, and friendship to the veterans of Elkhart County.

It is my privilege to thank Gary for his 20 years of service to the United States Navy, and, along with his wife Barbara and their friend Debi, for their office's service these past 24 years to the veterans of Elkhart County.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MEDWISH INTERNATIONAL OF
CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the staff and volunteers of MedWish International of Cleveland, Ohio, a nonprofit organization that specializes in recovering and recycling donated medical supplies. Those supplies are then used to provide critically needed medical care in developing countries around the world.

For the past fourteen years, medical facilities in the Cleveland community have donated medical supplies and equipment to MedWish International. These supplies have then been distributed to medical care organizations and volunteer medical teams around the world. MedWish supplies are often lifesaving and they significantly improve the quality of health care provided within impoverished regions around the world. MedWish supplies and equipment are never sold.

Locally, recovery and recycling of unused medical supplies is good for the environment, significantly reducing the amount of solid waste deposited in local landfills. In addition, MedWish International also serves as an excellent point of reference for health care professionals and nonprofit medical organizations committed to learning more about the great need for quality medical care, globally and locally.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of MedWish International of Cleveland, Ohio, whose work on behalf of recovering, recycling and distributing donated medical supplies and equipment for lifesaving medical procedures and treatment brings hope and healing to individuals around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO RANSON AND LULA SMITH ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ranson and Lula Smith on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

Ranson and Lula both came to Brooklyn early in their lives. Through the past several decades, they have made numerous contributions to the Brooklyn community.

For more than 20 years, Ranson and Lula have been members of the 500 Block MacDonough Street Association. Ranson currently serves as the Block Association President, and Lula currently serves as secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are also members of the 81st Precinct Community Council.

After 21 years of service, Ranson retired from the New York City Department of Sanitation in 1990. He has been a community activist for many years. In 1994 he was awarded by Assemblyman William Boyland and the 55th Assembly District for his work in the community. He received the Exemplary Service Award from the Unity Democratic Club in 1996. In 2006, he received a Community Service Award from the Key Women of America Brooklyn Chapter.

Lula retired from the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services after twenty years of service. She received an award for her service to the Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been long time members of Zion Baptist Church, and have been actively involved in numerous ministries. Lula is particularly involved in the Teaching Ministry, and has received a Gold Star Diploma in Christian Leadership Education from the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Additionally, she received an award for her outstanding service to the New York Progressive Baptist State Convention Congress, which she has served for over 20 years. Lula has also served on the Board of Managers of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union, and serves as a Girl Scout Committee Person for Zion's Girl Scouts.

Ranson and Lula have four children, twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on November 27, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the lives of Ranson and Lula Smith.

HONORING DETROIT CATHOLIC
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
TEAM

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Tennis team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. Netting their first championship since 1986, this title marks the third state champion campaign for the Shamrocks.

Before the 2010 season began the Catholic Central Tennis team suffered the most devastating loss in their history when Varsity Assistant and Junior Varsity Head Coach Jim Zapton succumbed to a sudden heart attack. Shocked by the loss of their beloved Coach Z, the team needed to find a way to overcome their grief. They did so by playing in his memory and dedicating their season to him. Twelve top-notch players came together under the common goal of winning as Shamrocks not individuals. The result couldn't have been better and Coach Jim Zapton would no doubt be very proud of his young men.

Initially pegged as the number 3 team in Michigan's Division I rankings behind Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron, Head Coach Jim Stafford's squad took the number one ranking on September 27th after having soundly defeated both the Pioneers and the River Rats. The Shamrocks posted a record of 8-0 in dual meets and won 7 tournaments this season enroute to the Catholic League title.

CC dominated the Regional Championship, racking up 31 points to outpace Novi's 2nd place showing of 18. The Blue and White headed to Midland for the State competition with four number 1 seeds and 3 number 2 seeds. On October 16, 2010, after entering the tournament semifinals tied at 23 points with Ann Arbor Pioneer, the Catholic Central Shamrocks capped off an incredible season by defeating Pioneers 32-30 and hoisted the MHSAA trophy.

Coach Joe Stafford credits Coach Jim Zapton's mantra of being a good teammate, playing the right way and putting the team first with solidifying the phenomenal chemistry that led to his team's success. The hard work and dedication of all of its members epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, after earning the Division 1 State Championship, the 2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit. In recognition of their effort and in memory of Coach Jim Zapton, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!

RECOGNIZING THE LANGFORD
FAMILY AS THE 2010 HOLMES
COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM
FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Langford family for being selected as the 2010 Holmes County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

The Langford family farm, located in Westville, Florida, has been a staple of Holmes County since the 1920s. Its owners, Luke and Laurie Langford, have two young sons, Mason and Carson, and are active members of the Holmes County Farm Bureau and Florida Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership Group.

For the past 24 years, Luke has operated the 1,100-acre farm. Over the years, the farm has become home to a diversified agricultural enterprise, with commercial cow and calf farming, cattle pre-conditioning, custom beef and hay production. The farm produces fruits and vegetables and wood-based products. Additionally, the Langford family farm's picturesque landscape provides a fitting setting for agritourism activities, including fishing, trail rides, dove hunting and a pumpkin patch for Halloween.

Madam Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families. The Langford family stands as an excellent example of the farm families that have been the backbone of Holmes County, Florida, and our nation. On behalf of northwest Florida, I wish the Langford family continued success and hope that their family tradition will continue to prosper for many future generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S
RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION REC-
OGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individuals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean war, or the Vietnam war, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony was held on November 12, 2010, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition: Clifford Burdick, Charles D. Case, Galen L. Christman, Ronald E. Costi, Bill E. Crowe, Howard N. Curren, Michael J. Hendershot, Martin W. Keller, James F. Lancaster, William A. Lea, Jose Macias, Alfred M. Martocchio, Bobby G. McPherson, Robert Moreno, Albert R. Munoz,

Jr., John M. Palmer, Benjamin A. Perry, Rocky S. Porter, Frank Z. Ramirez, Steve Ramirez, Frank R. Sanchez, Raphael V. Shapiro, Jack Sims, Patrick Stanley, Matthew I. Stein, Mar-ion A. Sugamele, Gregg Thompson, and Michael D. Witfoth.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all the above individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

HONORING DR. ROBERT HARVEY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an educator and mentor from my District in Knoxville, Tennessee, who has dedicated his life to young people and Knoxville College, the institution he loves.

Dr. Robert Harvey has stepped down as President of the College, and he leaves behind an institution much stronger because of his selfless devotion to the school, its students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Harvey's tenure at Knoxville College spans 68 years, beginning with his time as a student through his time as a beloved professor and finally, the school's President.

I am proud of the role that Knoxville College has played in my District. As Co-Chairman of the House Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus, I have always offered whatever support I could to assist the school through the years.

No one has done more for Knoxville College than Dr. Harvey. As long as I can remember, he has always been there when needed.

After graduating from the school in 1946, he went on to teach mathematics. Even after his retirement in 1988, Dr. Harvey continued to teach on a part-time basis and stepped in as interim President four times.

On the occasion of his retirement, Knoxville College has dedicated a scholarship in his name, which will be awarded to a student pursuing higher education in math and science.

Dr. Harvey told the Knoxville News Sentinel that the measure of an institution is how far the student travels. No one has traveled further or sacrificed more to ensure Knoxville College's place for future generations than Dr. Robert Harvey.

I have the privilege of being a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, the same church to which Dr. Harvey and his wonderful wife, Edwina, also belong.

Bob and Edwina are two of the kindest, most compassionate people I have ever known.

Both grew up, as my father did, in what would be considered bitter poverty today. But far from being bitter, they are two of the most grateful, appreciative people that one could find.

They are grateful to both God and country, and this Nation would be a much better place if there were more people like Dr. Robert and Edwina Harvey.

Madam Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in congratulating Dr. Harvey, at the age of 87, on the occasion of his much-earned retirement.

Knoxville College's legacy will forever be tied to his devotion.

A TRIBUTE TO NAJEE J.
HENDERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Najee J. Henderson for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

In earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts, Najee J. Henderson completed a service project that he planned, organized, and provided leadership for. His project involved educating the community on testicular and prostate cancers. In addition, Najee has demonstrated Scout Spirit, leadership, and advanced skills and knowledge in various subjects by earning a number of Merit Badges.

Najee has demonstrated that he is a positive role model, and has provided an example for younger Boy Scouts to follow.

The skills that Najee has acquired through his experience are valuable skills that will serve him well for many years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements Najee J. Henderson.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
HONORABLE WARREN SLOCUM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 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, over-

seeing 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES W.
"CHARLIE" MEYERS, SR.

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Charles W. Meyers, a native San Franciscan, who passed away recently. He is survived by his beloved wife, Alene, and his daughters Charlene and Geraldine and his son, Charles "Chip" Meyers.

Charlie, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, served 20 years in the State Assembly where he admirably represented San Francisco. First elected at age 24, he was one of the youngest men to be seated in the State Legislature. He chaired several key committees and distinguished himself in his work on protecting water quality, especially in the Bay Area. He was a staunch opponent of filling in tidelands and he won key protections for the right of cities and counties to exercise control over the location of highways and freeways. He was a great consumer advocate, authoring laws to toughen penalties for product trademark counterfeiting while cracking down on unscrupulous car mechanics and tow truck operators.

He was a member of a wide variety of service organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Native Sons of the Golden West Guadalupe Parlor, the San Francisco Friars Club, the Disabled American Veterans, the San Francisco Bay Area Emerald Society and he was a charter member of the United Irish Cultural Center. In 2006, he was honored as the San Franciscan of the year by the San Francisco Forum, and the following year the University of San Francisco recognized him for his many years of public service. He will be sorely missed as will his infectious smile and the ease at which he would break into laughter. Of course, his annual crab feed was legendary as were the phone calls he would make on behalf of the causes he supported.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this body join me in a moment of silence for a tireless public servant who has left us with fond memories of a life well lived.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ALL SAINTS
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate All Saints Roman Catholic Church on its momentous 150th Anniversary. The history of All Saint, located in Bridesburg, in Northeast Philadelphia, is the chronicle of a dedicated group of faithful parishioners determined to establish a spiritual home. The founding families were immigrants seeking to build a congregation where language was not a barrier. In 1860, a shortage of priests and a scarcity of money to buy land to build a church challenged the founders' efforts. These adversities were overcome with the help of His Grace, Father James F. Wood, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who requested

that the existing Holy Trinity Church establish a parish for German-speaking people in their community.

On August 15, 1860 the original cornerstone was laid at Holy Trinity church. Immediately, Bridesburg's dedicated founding families and settlers raised the needed funds culminating in the building and dedication of the first church building located at the corner of Edgemont and Buckius Streets on February 3, 1861. It was not long before the parish established a school and celebrated its' first baptisms, weddings, and spiritual and social events.

Through the years, All Saints embraced immigrants who worked on area farms and as the neighborhood became industrialized, welcomed employees of the Rohm and Haas plant. The history of the church is rich in efforts to foster dedication to religious heritage and community. The parish plans a Mass of Celebration and Thanks on November 7, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this milestone anniversary of All Saints Parish and wishing the congregation many more years as a source of spiritual and community strength.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT JAMES LANE TALLEY—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare recognizes service members who perform diligent service to our country. Scottsdale Healthcare has posthumously recognized Sergeant James Lane Talley for the month of November.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication, and sacrifice for our country.

Sergeant (SGT) Talley entered the U.S. Army during the beginning years of the Vietnam conflict and joined the ranks of Special Forces soldiers assisting the Republic of Vietnam, RVN, as an advisor. In June of 1964, Sergeant Talley and two other Americans along with 103 Montagnard soldiers left their base camp for a dismounted patrol. In a fire-fight two days into the patrol, SGT Talley fought valiantly but was ultimately captured by North Vietnamese soldiers. Although the Military conducted an extensive search, SGT Talley has never been found either dead or alive. He is officially listed as killed in action, body unrecoverable. For the heroism displayed during this battle, SGT Talley was awarded our nations third highest award for valor, the Silver Star. SGT Talley's other awards include the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Campaign Medal, the RVN Wound Medal, and the POW Medal. Additionally, SGT Talley earned the Special Forces Tab, the Basic Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

SGT Talley is the father of Scottsdale Healthcare's Roland Breidel, from the Osborn Construction Department.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Soldier for serving our country and making the ultimate sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, on November 15, 2010 I missed rollcall votes numbered 566, 567, and 568.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 566, to clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights, No. 567, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges desegregating a previously all-White public elementary school, and No. 568, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were initially enacted in 1980 by Public Law 96-517 (commonly referred to as the "Bayh-Dole Act") on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its enactment.

HONORING DUANE IRVING

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Duane Irving who passed away July 19, 2010, at the age of 75 on Halleck Creek Ranch, his family ranch, on which he established Halleck Creek Riding Club for Handicapped Children. An iconic figure in West Marin, Duane was a hero to hundreds of children and community members who admired his unique blend of cowboy skills, sense of fun and adventure, and big heart.

Born in December 8, 1934, in San Rafael, CA, Duane grew up on his family's ranch in Nicasio. He excelled in athletics, and after San Rafael High School, he turned down an offer to join the San Francisco Giants minor league team to enlist in the Marine Corps where he excelled in both football and baseball. Despite an innate distrust of authority and a tendency for pranks, he was proud to be Marine and remained loyal to the Marines and their ethics his entire life.

After his discharge, Duane returned to Nicasio where he married Nellie Woodard in 1959. The couple had three children, Peter, Jeannette, and Buck, before divorcing in 1985. Duane also coached Little League in Nicasio for twelve years, maintaining the baseball diamond by attaching a length of chain link fence to his belt and dragging it over the diamond.

Duane trained horses and managed several ranches in West Marin as well as working for Marin Municipal Water District for 12 years. Legendary West Marin Rancher Boyd Stewart enlisted his help in establishing the Morgan Horse Ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, where Duane set up a breeding program and trained young Morgans to become ranger mounts throughout the national park system.

At the Morgan Horse Ranch, volunteer Joyce Goldfield was bucked off a horse

named Dill Pickle and spent five months in a full body cast. While Duane was sympathizing with her inability to get out and enjoy the wilderness, he spoke of some of the children who came to the park confined to wheelchairs and were unable to join in tours or mount horses due to insurance issues. The two decided to use their gentle horses to take disabled children riding into the wilderness of Duane's Nicasio ranch. Thus, in July, 1977, Halleck Creek Riding Club for the Disabled began.

Since that time, thousands of youngsters and adults with any and all disabilities have been served, and many have had their conditions improve dramatically. Duane and Joyce expanded activities to include camping, rafting, snow trips, horse shows, parades, sailing, kayaking, and beach trips in which Duane pushed children in wheelchairs right into the surf. Since all this was free of charge, Duane became a prodigious fundraiser as well. Today over 300 disabled riders per week enjoy the benefits Halleck Creek offers—improved self-esteem, greater freedom and mobility, adventurous activities, and the therapeutic effects of horseback riding.

Duane received many honors for his work including President Bush's Thousand Points of Light award, J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award, and Marin County's Volunteer of the Year. He was also active in helping Joyce collect and distribute clothing and bedding for the homeless and in an annual benefit for Heifer International.

Joyce became Duane's beloved companion, and for nearly 24 years they lived at Fairwinds Farm on Inverness Ridge with her children Cindy, John, and Danny. In Joyce's words, "Duane, the beloved native son of Nicasio and West Marin, shall be ever missed. This handsome, gentle, loving, immensely talented, free-spirited man was part of all our lives and resides in all our hearts."

Madam Speaker, I echo Joyce Goldfield's words. Duane Irving was a special man who knew how to direct his spirit and generosity when he saw he could make a difference for so many. His legacy is an inspiration to us all.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS, PRESERVING THEIR FAMILIES: A SALUTE TO MILITARY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Congressman SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR. (GA), Co-Chair of the Congressional Military Family Caucus and Congressman CHARLES B. RANGEL (NY) Chairman Emeritus of the House Ways and Means Committee for joining me in convening a very special Salute to Military Families and Children at the 40th Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, held in Washington, DC on September 17, 2010. The 22nd Veterans Braintrust National Forum entitled: "Supporting Our Troops, Preserving Their Families," focused on the challenges and, equally important, the strategies for sustaining and strengthening returning troops, their spouses, family

members and children. Of particular importance was listening to and learning from the many homefront efforts of the public and private sectors, federal agencies, and distinguished scholars and professionals who are actively addressing the needs of returning soldiers, their families, and especially children who struggle emotionally to cope with multiple deployments, financial hardships, injuries, trauma and unimaginable caregiving responsibilities for honorably, and medically discharged U.S. military members.

In the tradition of the black church, the morning's invocation was delivered by Chaplain Michael McCoy, Sr., Associate Director and Manager of Diversity Development at the Veterans National Chaplain Center (NCC). Inspirational music was provided by the internationally renowned Brenda Jackson singing our national anthem and the Negro anthem "Lift Every Voice," and Jacksonville's Tori Robinson, who performed a stirring rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," before a crowd of more than 200 people.

Rep. RANGEL served as moderator for the forum proceedings and opened saying, "America has to do more to assist these brave men and women who put their lives on the line for us all." Reflecting upon his remarks along with both national statistics and congressional research examining the percentage of American families touched by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and those currently serving in the U.S. military, or Armed Forces who make up only one percent of the country's total population, we agree that 3.3 million military households representing only one percent of American families have become a virtual military underclass (or other) who are unfairly carrying the burden of war. Thus, we recognize most Americans don't have any first-hand knowledge of the current military, but particularly the experiences of military families and children. For example, in 2008 demographically nearly half of the active duty forces (43.2%) have children; over half of the active duty force (60.4%) are married and has a child, and a significant number are single (5.3%) and dual military couples (2.9%) with children (DMDC). Yet, for us, single parents representing 63.2 percent of all black families or more than twice the percentage for white families, and 75 percent higher than that for Hispanics (Joint Center, 2000) are obviously of major concern even though they are officially recognized as military heads of households and provided the same financial and service benefits as married soldiers. However, according to Drs. Robert Scheider and James Martin, authors of "Military Families and Combat Readiness", within the military's very traditional culture they are sometimes not well tolerated, usually ignored by formal spouse organizations, and not generally included in formal family activities such as support groups. Furthermore, we are unclear about how youth, family, low income, race, gender, disability and place (or geographical locations) converge as risk factors, or inhibit successfully coping with problems. Given, that these families often lack the immediate availability of extended family support during some of the most difficult and challenging phases of both marital and military life.

Our guest speakers were: Dr. David Satcher, 16th Surgeon General of the United States and Director of the Satcher Health

Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., Founder and President of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition (RPC), Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder and President of the National Action Network (NAN), General Counsel Will Gunn of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Robert Gordon, III, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, Edward Jennings, Jr., Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Tom Brasuell, Vice President of Community Affairs, Major League Baseball (MLB), Carol Ramsey, Vice President of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF), Dr. Ernestine Briggs-King, Ph.D., Director of the Trauma Treatment Program at the Center for Child and Family Health (CCFH) in Durham, NC, and Director of Data and Evaluation Program at the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress at Duke University, Lyn Chwatsky, Assistant Vice President of Outreach Initiatives and Partners at Sesame Workshop, Aseneth Blackwell, Former President of Gold Star Wives of America and Ronald Steptoe, President and CEO of the Steptoe Group, LLC and a service disabled veteran.

Much of the focus of the presentations centered around overviews of veterans' experiences and VA programs available to families and veterans; changes to the new PTSD rules that have expanded eligibility for benefits; DOD programs and problems; Major League Baseball (MLB) initiatives focusing on PTSD and how the business community helps; clinical issues working with military families on mental health; Sesame Street activities and programs aimed at helping children of veterans cope with deployment and returning home; programs for widows, as well as programs to help hospitalized veterans and their families; and care giving programs. The presentations culminated with Dr. David Satcher, MD, Ph.D. recommending (1) invest in deployment preparation, including family basic training; (2) better support, especially mental health support; (3) more support for family, spouse and significant others; (4) improving intimate relationships involving returning disabled soldiers; and (5) greater acknowledgement for the role of caregivers, because the majority of military health care providers are family members, and, lastly, support research.

Although some may argue that there was no good news coming from Washington, DC before the mid-term elections, President Obama gets high marks for ending our combat mission in Iraq on August 17, 2010, welcoming back nearly 100,000 troops, and actually putting the money into the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) budget to make sure we're taking care of our veterans. Equally important, he signed legislation into law recognizing the role of family members in caring for wounded veterans, and within financial reform mandated the creation of a separate federal office just to provide special financial education and assistance to members of the military and their families. Therefore, we look forward to his next milestone coming at the end of 2011, when even more American troops will return home.

We also must congratulate Hon. SANFORD BISHOP, JR., Co-Chair, Congressional Military Family Caucus, for his consensus building with members on both sides of the aisle for

military and veteran constituents and inspiring the establishment of the Senate Military Families Caucus. In addition, Senator BARBARA BOXER (CA) is working on dual military career legislation regarding deployment. Similarly, the American Psychological Association's (APA) military family component policy focus and collaboration with Sesame Workshop and others because, as VA General Counsel Will Gunn said, "we all have a role to play," in helping to build bridges and partnerships with public and private providers.

Later that evening the Veterans Braintrust gala reception and awards ceremony featured special musical entertainment by Collaboration, and was sponsored by the generosity of the African American Civil War Museum, Cracker Barrel Foundation and Rick Blankenship. 2010 Braintrust awardees included Dr. Ronald Beavers, Ph.D., Major Alceste Drisdale, USAF, Ret., Thomas Freney, Actor Louis Gossett, Jr., late Judge Edward Gourdin (Posthumous), Dr. Thomas Horvath, MD, Dr. Alton Kirk, Ph.D., Fred Kuwornu, Frank Martin, Sgt. Maj. Turner McGarity, USA, Ret., Sam Mosley, Col. Krewasky Salter, USA, Ret., Ph.D., Col. Eugene Scott, USA, Ret., Trooper David Smith, Roosevelt "Malik" Thompson, Sgt. John Vasser, Sr., Secretary of State Jesse White, Lt. Col. Clarence Willie, USMC, Ret., Ed.D., Reggie Worlds, Center for the Study of the Korean War at Graceland University, Featherfist, Rebuilding Together Veterans Housing Program, and America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-Enactors Association (ABSRA), along with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority recognizing me for my work as a soro.

Lastly, I would like to give a special thanks to Frank Martin, Col. Krewasky Salter, USA, Ret., Ph.D., Dr. Regina Akers, Tom Nastick, Anthony Hawkins, Dr. William Lawson, MD, Ph.D., Guileline Kraft, Ph.D., LGSW, Jason Young, BGen (Ret.) Robert Cocroft, Dr. Diane Elmore, Ph.D., and Edna Wells Handy; as well as Congressional staff members: Starcie McAferty, Eyang Nyambi, Jonathan Halpern, Maj. Alfred Boone, USA, Lee Footer, Roshan Hodge, Michael Ashley, Michael Collins, Nancy Berson, Hannah Kim, Sunny Lee, Frederic Maurin, Emile Milne, Wendy Featherson, Reba Rafaelli and Kristen Rice-Jones for once again contributing to a highly successful three day series of film, discussion, education, thinking and strategizing on behalf of returning Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers and their families through valuable content, extraordinary information, and great attendance.

We all know that family life affects an Armed Forces member's performance, well-being, and retention in the military during peacetime, but particularly war. Thus, ensuring the family unit as a basic, or building block for community can easily be considered a national security issue given the alternatives: divorce, separation, domestic violence, arrest, incarceration, children problems, community instability, etc . . . Regardless of the nature, structure or type of military family relationships (e.g. nuclear, traditional two parents, single parent, dual career, extended, or augmented) they are still the bedrock of the American community, and a great resource for support, renewal and recovery.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT THOMAS D. GORDY, JR.—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home State of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare recognizes service members who perform diligent service to our country. Scottsdale Healthcare has recognized Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Thomas D. Gordy, Jr. for the month of December.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication, and service to our country.

SSgt Gordy joined the United States Air Force out of high school in 1968. He served our Nation for four years as a Physiological Training Specialist and was responsible to ensure the readiness of pilots in all services for the rigors of combat aviation. This specialty requires spending many hours in a high altitude chamber to train and monitor flight crews while exposing them to the dangerous conditions of hypoxia and the potential for decompression sickness. By educating pilots and crews on their individual vulnerabilities to these life threatening conditions, SSgt Gordy was instrumental in creating medically ready and trained individuals to engage in the U.S. conflict in Vietnam.

Additionally, SSgt Gordy was trained to treat aviation related medical issues that arise from the demanding effects of military flight. He has logged over eighty hours in hyperbaric chambers assisting our wounded warriors and helping them in their return to duty. SSgt Gordy's awards include the National Defense Service Medal and an Outstanding Unit Award.

SSgt Gordy has been a Scottsdale Healthcare employee for six years, working in the Emergency Department at the Osborn Campus where he has filled positions as a staff nurse, clinical educator, and currently the department manager.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Soldier for serving our country.

TRIBUTE TO CONSTANTINO
DELSIGNORE

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and mourn the extraordinary life of Constantino DelSignore upon his sudden passing at the age of 47.

Born on December 2, 1962, Tino DelSignore graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1980. He immersed himself in the DelSignore family business becoming a warm and welcoming presence at Livonia mainstays, Fonte D'Amore and Laurel Manor. He dedicated his life to serving his community through many philanthropic efforts. Tino was founder of CDS Foundation, co-

founder of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Foundation as well as being an advocate for many other local, national and international non-profit organizations. Tino committed his considerable efforts to Angela Hospice, the Aliaga Foundation, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, St. Mary's Mercy Hospital's Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, Botsford Hospital Foundation, McCarty Foundation, Madonna University, Hunters Feeding the Homeless, Livonia Italian American Club, Hockey Has Hearts, veterans' organizations, and Rotarians. Constantino DelSignore gave with an open heart and, like the entire DelSignore family, was always willing to help promote a worthy cause.

Regrettably, on October 26, 2010, Tino DelSignore passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved son, Giovanni and his parents, John and Lina. A devoted brother to Luciano, Nancy and Renata, Tino leaves a legacy in his nieces and nephews Ryder, Caprice, Coco, Alexa, Olivia, Alexandria and Max. If, in the end, a man's wealth can be measured by the friends and lives he has touched, Constantino DelSignore went home to God a very wealthy man. Courageous and honorable, Tino will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Constantino DelSignore is remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated son, a treasured brother, a caring leader and a true friend. Tino was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Constantino DelSignore farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and community.

RECOGNIZING MR. EARL
NIDIFFER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the 100th birthday of Mr. Earl Nidiffer. This significant milestone is certainly an incredible accomplishment.

A graduate from East Tennessee State University in 1934, Earl went on to become a star baseball and basketball player for the Bucs in the early 1930's.

His first job out of college was as the Sports Editor for the Johnson City Press. Earl later went on to work for the U.S. Postal Office in Johnson City. In addition, Earl is the oldest active member of Central Baptist Church in Johnson City.

Madam Speaker, EARL Nidiffer's tenacity and service to East Tennessee is a beacon of hope to us all. I want to thank him for all he has done, and I wish Earl nothing but the very best.

May the experience and wisdom Earl has attained and shared over the years encourage and teach those around him, lasting for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE
DISPATCHER LORI RILEY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Police Dispatcher Lori Riley for her 20 years of dedicated service to Burlingame Police Department.

She joined the department in 1990 after working for seven years as a communications operator with the California Highway Patrol. At the department, she was responsible for answering incoming emergency calls from the public and dispatching help to save both lives and property. She was a vital link to police officers, monitoring their activities by radio and providing them information while insuring their safety. She served as a Communications Training Officer, providing trainees with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively perform their duties.

Lori was recognized by the American Red Cross and the California State Assembly for her heroic efforts to save the life of a woman who had threatened to commit suicide.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the members join me in saluting Dispatcher Lori Riley for her 20 years of dedicated service to the Burlingame Police Department and that we extended our best wishes to Lori and her husband, Steve, for a healthy and happy retirement.

CONGRATULATING JERRY BROCK,
RECIPIENT OF TEMPE COMMUNITY
COUNCIL'S THIRD ANNUAL
GUIDING LIGHT PHILANTHROPY
AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Brock, a Tempe, Arizona resident who was recently honored with the third annual Guiding Light Philanthropy Award by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care."

Jerry started his career working in his father's auto salvage yard in Tempe over 50 years ago. Through his impeccable work ethic over the years, Jerry has become a national leader in the wholesale auto parts industry, through his company, Brock Supply Co., which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Just as Jerry worked steadily to build his company, he has worked tirelessly to improve his community.

Jerry has been giving back to his community continuously through the years. He recently crossed the \$1 million mark in charitable gifts, primarily to causes within his home community of Tempe. Among the organizations that Jerry has supported over the years are the Cancer Foundation, East Valley Boys and Girls Club, Community Bridges and the Tempe City Council.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jerry Brock for his well deserved

recognition as the recipient of the third annual Guiding Light Philanthropy Award. I am proud to call Jerry not only a constituent and fellow Tempe resident, but also a friend. The philanthropic efforts of individuals like Jerry help strengthen our communities and our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO SHAWN HATCH

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shawn Hatch of Massena. Mr. Hatch deserves our congratulations and gratitude for his work to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

Beginning in May, Shawn spent his summer vacation rollerblading 3,107 miles from Massena to Los Angeles in an effort to support American troops wounded in combat, and raised more than \$16,000 through his efforts. Shawn's recent efforts remind us all that we must work to support our troops every day of the year.

Just as our soldiers pledge to leave no man or woman behind, Shawn has carried on that promise, inspiring many in New York's North Country communities to support the Wounded Warrior Project and give back to those who have sacrificed so much for our nation.

Shawn represents the drive and determination that America's veterans, military personnel and their families contribute to the security and progress of our country each and every day. Again, I congratulate and thank Mr. Hatch for his extraordinary journey in support of our veterans. His accomplishment is something truly remarkable and sets a wonderful example for the rest of us.

CONGRATULATING MARK T. BECKER FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN AERIAL FLIGHT AS AN AIRCREW MEMBER IN THE VIETNAMESE CONFLICT

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Mark T. Becker of the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462. Mr. Becker dutifully served the United States while abroad in Vietnam and deserves such commendation.

Corporal Becker and his fellow members of the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 set off aboard the USS *Okinawa* on April 29, 1975. Corporal Becker served as an aerial gunner on a UH1E Huey Helicopter that participated in Operation FREQUENT WIND. This mission was a humanitarian emergency evacuation of Americans, Vietnamese and Third Country Nationals from Saigon in the Republic of Vietnam.

Corporal Becker assisted pilots by maintaining a constant surveillance for other enemy aircraft and hostile fire. This was an exhausting and troublesome task due to reduced visibility caused by darkness and inclement

weather. Corporal Becker made several flights over hostile territory all the while displaying absolute discipline and rare professionalism in following the binding rules of engagement.

Operation FREQUENT WIND resulted in a huge success for United States forces. A total of 1,373 Americans and 5,595 Vietnamese and Third Country Nationals were evacuated by helicopter in a two day span. Corporal Becker's skill and steadfast devotion to duty while exposed to ground fire, anti-aircraft fire, and surface-to-air missiles contributed significantly and directly to the accomplishment of his unit's mission and the overall success of Operation FREQUENT WIND.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the impressive and courageous actions of Corporal Mark T. Becker. It is an honor for me to recognize his accomplishments and the impact he had on Operation FREQUENT WIND.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SENATE AMENDMENT 4587 TO H.R. 5283 "HELP HAITI ACT OF 2010"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 5283 and the Senate Amendment 4587 that is "to provide for adjustment of status for certain Haitian orphans paroled into the United States after the earthquake of January 12, 2010." I would like to begin by thanking Congressman FORTENBERRY for introducing this resolution, as it is so important for the United States to normalize the immigration process for the adopted Haitian orphans after the tragic January earthquake. The Haitian orphans that were adopted by American families after the earthquake should not have to wait in legal limbo to become permanent residents of the United States; there were obvious extenuating circumstances that prevented the adoptions from being finalized in Haitian courts.

Without the passing of the Help HAITI Act of 2010, Haitian orphans that have fortunately been adopted by welcoming American families face a two-year limbo with fewer legal protections, ineligibility for critical resources, and at the very worst, a forcible return to the ravaged country of Haiti if something unexpected were to happen to the adoptive parents. The Haitian orphans are currently awaiting crucial paperwork that will provide them with basic resources, such as allowing them to receive health care and to enroll in school. These children have already suffered the tragic loss of their families in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake—we should assist in any way we can to expedite this adoption and immigration process. In doing so, we can help these families begin their new lives in the United States.

I am a strong proponent of this resolution, because it will allow the Haitian orphans to become legal permanent residents and eventually to gain U.S. citizenship. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this because it is an important resolution in which we can stand together and support the orphaned children in their adoption process. There are over one thousand children who are subject to this legal limbo—that is far too great of a number

of adopted children who must wait two years for permanent resident status. Additionally, this resolution will help minimize the staff, monetary, and other resources demands for the Department of Homeland Security's United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

At this point in time, the people of Haiti are in desperate need of international assistance. We have a responsibility to prevent the evacuation of these orphaned children because of a legal technicality. The people of Haiti are suffering now, more than ever, with the devastating earthquake of January, Hurricane Tomas of October, and now the cholera outbreak that is threatening the lives of millions. The cholera outbreak that emerged within the Artibonite region on October 21 has now resulted in more than 14,000 hospitalizations and tragically more than 900 deaths. The children who were fortunately adopted in the wake of the January earthquake should not have to face such a dire humanitarian crisis. The Help HAITI Act will do exactly that; it will expedite and normalize these orphaned children's journey to a new family. In the same vein, the United States should be helping its neighbors in need with humanitarian assistance, and additionally working hard towards preventing any more unnecessary deaths.

With the passing of this resolution, the orphaned children from Haiti will be able to securely begin their lives in the United States. This bill will assure a normalization of the Haitian children, and will allow their status to be adjusted to permanent resident. Furthermore, the Help HAITI Act of 2010 will provide legal certainty and protections for these evacuated Haitian orphans, because it removes an obstacle for their adoptive families. This is an important bill for the families across America who have opened their homes and welcomed the children who were in special need of a family after the January earthquakes.

A TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER OWENSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce. In August of this year, the chamber was selected by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, ACCE, as the 2010 Chamber of the Year.

This award is a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the employees, members and volunteers of the chamber as well as the Owensboro community.

The Chamber of the Year award recognizes up to four chambers of commerce each year for their dual roles in creating and leading both businesses and communities.

The chamber's advocacy role in creating the Chamber Leadership Initiatives for Northwestern Kentucky, C-LINK, alliance and the Owensboro Buys It! program are significant reasons the chamber was chosen for the award.

C-LINK includes 12 chambers in the region and has been a leading proponent of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky. Owensboro Buys It! was started in 2009 to spur local commerce and teach small business members

how to create an “elevator pitch” to grow and expand their businesses.

Owensboro is a historic and beautiful city and the chamber continues to work to make it an even better place to live for future generations. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce and congratulate them on this incredible achievement.

IN HONOR OF DAVID W. THOMAS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize a great Delawarean, David W. Thomas, for his outstanding service to our great state. Dave was the United States Marshal for the District of Delaware from August 2002 until August 2010. As he moves on to future endeavors, I wish him the best of luck and pay tribute to his great accomplishments and steadfast service to our state.

Serving in the Delaware State Police from 1984 to 2002, Dave served as a road trooper before joining the Executive Protection Unit, responsible for the protection of the Governor and other dignitaries. During my time as Governor, I had the pleasure of getting to know Dave who proved himself to be a dedicated officer through his tireless dedication to the Executive Protection Unit and the state of Delaware. Dave quickly excelled throughout his career with the state police. His many other accomplishments include being elected Vice President of the National Governors Security Administration and serving as the Public Information Officer for the Delaware State Police. After an extraordinary career with the Delaware State Police, Dave was privileged to serve as the U.S. Marshal for the District of Delaware.

In his eight-year tenure as U.S. Marshal, Dave was tasked with many difficult duties including the transportation and housing of Federal prisoners, fugitive apprehension, and the security of Federal judges and U.S. Attorney's Office and staff. One of his more noteworthy accomplishments occurred in April 2009 when Dave led a Fugitive Safe Surrender initiative in which over a thousand individuals with outstanding warrants turned themselves in.

I am proud to represent a state where individuals like David W. Thomas reside. Delawareans will sorely miss his steadfast service to our great state. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE BOLEN FAMILY AS THE 2010 WALTON COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Bolen family for being selected as the 2010 Walton County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Bill and Melissa Bolen, along with their five sons, reside on a twenty-five acre farm fondly named “Welcome Home Farm.” Raymond, Justin, Jesse, Timmy and Mike are home-schooled and contribute greatly to the daily workings on the farm. The family raises sheep, goats, cows, chickens and other fowl, free of hormone treatment and chemical products. Their chickens provide both eggs and meat for the dinner table, and their Gulf Coast sheep provide one of the highest quality wool fibers available.

The self-sufficient methods used on the “Welcome Home Farm” provide an idyllic example of a farm family promoting a healthy and sustainable life through their farm practices. The Bolen family is proof that a tight-knit family working together on a modest-sized tract can live a successful farming lifestyle.

Madam Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families. The Bolen family serves as an excellent model to all our nation's farm families. On behalf of northwest Florida, I wish the Bolen family continued success.

HONORING MARVIN MEYERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Marvin Meyer for receiving the 2010 Agriculturalist of the Year. Marvin Meyers has had a long and distinguished career in the California agriculture industry, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Mr. Meyers has owned and operated Meyers Farming I-IV, Oxford Farms, Inc. and Meyers Farm Family Trust, as well as the Meyers Agricultural Chemical Company. Additionally, Mr. Meyers was a member of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture.

Mr. Meyers has been an independent voice in the drought and water concerns that have plagued the valley for years. He built his own water bank to store water in wet years and withdraw resources in dry years. In 2002 he began pumping water from the Mendota Poo into the ponds next to the sugar plant. He was able to complete this project without drawing on taxpayer funding. This site has been helpful for wildlife habitats, and has been an educational outreach to the community, as over 2,000 students have visited the site on fieldtrips in the last two years.

Additionally, Governor Schwarzenegger announced that Meyers Farms would receive the 2007 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award for its Water Bank and Wildlife Project. This is California's most prestigious environmental honor.

Marvin Meyers has earned his reputation of being a hard worker, an intelligent and innovative agriculturalist. He is a recognized leader in our community and it is clear that his endeavors and advancements in California agriculture will continue to sustain our state's economy for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Marvin Meyers for a job well done.

COMMENDING USO FORT DRUM

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the continuing relationship between our men and women serving in our Armed Forces and the communities that support them in their mission. In northern New York, the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division and their families have been a part of our community for nearly three decades. Throughout the Division's time in the North Country, residents in the surrounding area have gone out of their way to make the Fort Drum community a productive environment for the U.S. Army to grow and train, and a welcoming place for soldiers to live, serve and retire with their families.

The United Service Organization, or USO, has played a leading role in that effort. From providing high quality morale, welfare and recreation activities for our troops in the field to making sure they are adequately recognized for their service when they return, the USO is doing incredible work to support the men and women whose work preserves our way of life.

I rise today to commend the USO Fort Drum for their ongoing efforts to support our troops, and ask that my colleagues would join me in commending their work to improve the lives of our military and their families.

RECOGNIZING OF THE BIRMINGHAM OPTIMIST CLUB ON THE OCCASION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Birmingham Optimist Club on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of service to the community. As a Member of Congress, it is both my honor and privilege to recognize this outstanding community organization on achieving this most impressive milestone.

Since its inception in 1960, the Birmingham Optimist Club has operated with the mission of “Bringing Out the Best in Kids.” To this end, the Club has focused on sponsoring activities which promote a philosophy of optimism in one's daily life, encourage the development of youth, highlight the importance of service to others as a key component of one's own well-being and promote the development of friendship through social and business networking. In keeping with these principles, the Club offers a strong array of multi-faceted programs which offer our youth the keys to developing the skills, passion and community-minded focus necessary to become our next generation of leaders.

Throughout the years, the Birmingham Optimist Club has sponsored a number of activities, programs, and events centered on promoting the future of our youth. For over 35 years, the Club has offered an annual oratorical contest, which prepares high school students for the professional world by providing

them the opportunity to hone their public-speaking skills. Since 1998 the Club has sponsored its annual Imagineers contest, which encourages area fifth graders to use creativity and critical thinking to design solutions to current problems using everyday materials. Furthermore, the Club promotes the need for youth to develop a well-balanced set of skills by sponsoring athletic competitions for area youth in addition to its countless academic and scholarly programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Birmingham Optimist Club. The Club has provided a great service and continues to profoundly impact the community by working with our youth to develop and shape the leaders of tomorrow. I wish the Club many more years of continued success as it enriches our communities and helps today's youth develop into tomorrow's leaders.

HONORING THE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF CLARENCE AND GLENDA GULSBY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Clarence and Glenda Gulsby of Molino, Florida.

Clarence and Glenda Gulsby were married on October 28, 1960, at Pugh's Chapel Assembly of God in Molino. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gulsby are life-long residents of Molino and are graduates of the local high school, J.M. Tate High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Gulsby have three children, Sue, Bill and Wayne, in addition to four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. All three generations of the Gulsby family live on a contiguous property, exemplifying the idyllic model of a close-knit American family.

The Gulsby's love for their family is evidenced by their dedication and support. Mrs. Gulsby's devotion to raising her children and maintaining the family household provided a strong support foundation for their children; all the while, Mr. Gulsby worked hard to provide for his family through his drive, fierce determination and a strong work ethic. Mr. Gulsby retired from Champion/International Paper Company after 42 years; however, at times he worked three jobs, including farming and operating Gulsby Blacksmith and Welding Shop, to ensure that he provided the best possible life for his family. At the age of 78, he can still swing a sledge hammer.

This remarkable couple has also been active in the local community. Despite retirement, Mr. Gulsby still carries an immense work ethic; he has been active in local politics and community efforts for over 40 years and currently serves on the Fire Safety Citizen Advisory Committee. Mr. Gulsby was also successful in obtaining local telephone dialing for his lifelong town of Molino to the rest of Escambia County, Florida. While working to obtain these dialing rights, he was known to remark, "You can stand on a stump and talk farther than you can call," which was well-received by all, including the Public Service Commission and the local phone company.

Mr. and Mrs. Gulsby's long and fruitful marriage serves as a prime example of the sacred bond of marriage. Their love and dedication to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren epitomize a happy and devoted family.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my pleasure to join Clarence and Glenda Gulsby and their entire family in celebration of their 50 wonderful years of marriage. My wife, Vicki, and I wish them many more years of happiness.

THE SPECIAL ELECTION CLASS OF THE 110TH AND 111TH CONGRESSES

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, as the 111th Congress comes to a close, it is fitting for us to recognize our colleagues who will not be joining us in January for the start of the 112th Congress. Specifically, 3 of my classmates from the special election class from the 110th and 111th Congresses will be moving on to new endeavors, where they will undoubtedly achieve great success and distinguish themselves, just as they did while serving their constituents and the American people in this body.

For the outstanding accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them, for their service: BILL FOSTER, TRAVIS W. CHILDERS, SCOTT MURPHY.

Each of these members has been instrumental in formulating and implementing policies that serve the best interests of the American people and that will continue to shape the future of our nation for generation to come.

These colleagues of mine—though their service, intellect, and companionship will be missed dearly—can look back on these last two years in Congress and take pride in the historical legislative achievements of which they were a part. These members can take heart in the knowledge that our legislative achievements assisted in pulling the country through some of its toughest times. They were instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as:

Health Care Reform, ensuring that the wealthiest country in the world gives all of its citizens an opportunity to receive decent care and ending the worst insurance industry abuses.

Wall Street Reform, promising to the American people that the greed of Wall Street executives will never again jeopardize their savings, retirement, or livelihood.

The Recovery Act, providing the investments necessary for the American economy to create new jobs while saving existing ones, and spur economic activity while laying the groundwork for long-term growth.

These members can also proudly look back at other important accomplishments such as: Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, Credit CARD Act, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, American Clean Energy and Security Act, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, Hire Act, Cash for Clunkers, Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, Disclose Act, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.

The 110th and 111th Congresses acted boldly to confront pressing challenges; we worked hard, put in long hours, and prolifically passed vital pieces of legislation. Congressional scholars have even called the 111th Congress "one of the most productive" in our nation's history. Thanks to your hard work and vision, we have been a part of a Congress that has looked forward, rather than backwards, and has always put the middle class first.

In closing, I would like to thank each of these members for their extraordinary commitment to public service and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, which I and my Democratic colleagues hope includes a return to the House.

HONORING DR. JOHN BARDO FOR HIS 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHANCELLOR OF WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Western Carolina University Chancellor John Bardo. Mr. Bardo has served Western Carolina University since 1995 guiding the university through student and campus expansions and helping create a high quality residential Honors College. Mr. Bardo is a champion of education and deserves such commendation.

Over the last 15 years, Dr. Bardo has led the faculty and staff members of Western Carolina towards recognition as a distinguished center for teaching and learning. Western Carolina led the way not only in North Carolina but across the country in requiring that all students own a computer in order to take maximum advantage of online information and communications. This standard is common practice throughout college and universities today but was spearheaded by the work of Dr. Bardo.

During Dr. Bardo's tenure, Western Carolina adopted a unique and innovative tenure and promotion policy to award faculty members for going beyond traditional teaching, research and service. This cutting-edge approach rewards faculty members' scholarly activities and stresses emboldened links between student's academic and extracurricular activities. This leading-edge approach is regarded as a national model by higher education associations.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Dr. John Bardo for his accomplished work as Chancellor of Western Carolina University. I thank him for his contributions to Western North Carolina and wish him continual success as an educator.

TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE JAMES A. ARDAIZ

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Justice

James A. Ardaiz, who is retiring as Presiding Justice in the California Court of Appeal—Fifth Appellate District. Justice Ardaiz has had a long and distinguished career spanning over three decades, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Justice Ardaiz is retiring at the end of this year, and his absence will be noted by all who have followed his honorable legal career. He has a reputation of being a hard worker, an intelligent and principled jurist, and a firm adherent to justice. He was recognized by the Judicial Council of California in 1999 as the California Jurist of the Year.

Justice Ardaiz is a recognized leader in our community. In addition to his legal accomplishments, which are many, he is co-author of a book called *California Evidence*, which looks at evidence law in California. He has also written articles about the death penalty and the California “Three Strikes” law. Another mark of success in Justice Ardaiz’s life is his family. He has been married to his wife, Pam, for 40 years, and they have three children.

It is clear that Justice Ardaiz’s service as Presiding Justice in the Fifth District Court of Appeal will continue to sustain justice and inspire others for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Justice James A. Ardaiz for a job well done.

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR TED TRAYLOR AS PASTOR OF OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Pastor Ted Traylor’s twentieth anniversary as pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida.

Founded in 1894, Olive Baptist Church has experienced great growth by the grace of God and through its devout leadership. Almost a century after its founding, Dr. Ted Traylor was called to become its Pastor. Since November 1990, Pastor Traylor has answered his calling; his inspirational preaching over the last twenty years has brought people a fresh understanding of God’s Word and has challenged them to dedicate themselves to follow the tenets of the Lord.

In addition to Sunday services and the various spiritual activities held at the church, Pastor Traylor reaches thousands of homes along the Gulf Coast through his weekly radio and television ministry, *At the Heart of Things*.

His weekly messages of faith also reach an international audience through the internet, and while Pastor Traylor has preached extensively throughout the United States, he has also traveled the globe to share the Word of God. Emanuel University in Oradea, Romania, has honored Pastor Traylor by naming him to their Pastoral Leadership. He travels frequently to preach and teach the Gospel in Eastern Europe. Through Pastor Traylor’s leadership and vision to uphold and spread the Word of Christ, Olive Baptist has sponsored international mission trips to Russia, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Egypt, Costa Rica, India, Bahamas, and Brazil.

Pastor Traylor is noted for his unwavering stance on Biblical issues and unyielding defense of the Christian faith. Pastor Traylor has served as First Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000, President of the Florida Baptist Convention in 1995, President of the Southern Baptist Convention’s 2004 Pastors’ Conference, and he currently serves as moderator of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association. Through his passion and leadership, Pastor Traylor has touched numerous lives throughout the northwest Florida community and throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to celebrate twenty years of Pastor Ted Traylor’s dedicated service. I know that this anniversary is only the first of many more to come. My wife Vicki and I wish him, his wife Liz, and their two children, Rachel and Bennett, all the best. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless Pastor Traylor, his family, and the congregation of Olive Baptist Church.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PATRICK LYNCH FOR MANY DECADES OF SERVICE AS HE ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Patrick Lynch as he assumes his presidency of the National Funeral Directors Association. As a Member of Congress, it is my honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Lynch on achieving this milestone in his career.

As owner and operator of Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors in Clawson, Michigan, Mr. Lynch has worked since 1972 to provide support for families in their time of greatest need. As a second generation funeral director, Mr. Lynch has worked diligently to ensure a high quality of service and support for families in grief over the loss of their loved ones. Mr. Lynch’s career is marked with many years of service in both the Michigan (MFDA) and National Funeral Directors Associations (NFDA). His many assignments have included work on the executive boards of both MFDA and NFDA, as well as service on NFDA’s Public Relations, Pursuit of Excellence and Consumer Protection Committees.

Mr. Lynch has shown a lifetime of leadership in his field and unyielding commitment to the pursuit of excellence in service. Under his leadership, the Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors have sought to the highest standards in its work at its seven Detroit area locations. As President of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, MFDA passed landmark consumer protections to ensure the rights of grieving families. Furthermore, while leading the MFDA, Mr. Lynch brought together over 1,600 clergy, hospice workers, and funeral directors to discuss how to provide the best continuum of care to the dying, the dead and the bereaved. At the national level, Mr. Lynch has been recognized with the Golden Eagle Award for his work in the NFDA’s Pursuit of Excellence program.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Patrick Lynch on the occasion of his installation as President of the National Funeral Directors Association for 2010–2011. Mr. Lynch’s career is comprised of decades of tireless dedication to assisting grieving families in a time of great need. I wish him success in his tenure of President of NFDA and many years of continued service to our community and country.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 2006

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, as the 111th Congress comes to a close, it is fitting for us to recognize our colleagues who will not be joining us in January for the start of the 112th Congress. Specifically, 16 of my classmates from the incoming Congressional class of 2006 will be moving on to new endeavors, where they will undoubtedly achieve great success and distinguish themselves, just as they did while serving their constituents and the American people in this body.

For the outstanding accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them for their service: HARRY MITCHELL, PHIL HARE, CAROL SHEA-PORTER, JOHN HALL, CHARLIE WILSON, PATRICK MURPHY, STEVE KAGEN, PAUL HODES, RON KLEIN, BARON HILL, MICHAEL ARCURI, ZACK SPACE, CHRIS CARNEY, CIRO RODRIGUEZ, BRAD ELLSWORTH, JOE SESTAK.

Each of these members has been instrumental in formulating and implementing policies that serve the best interests of the American people and that will continue to shape our future in a positive way for generations to come.

These colleagues of mine—though their service, intellect, and companionship will be missed dearly—can look back on these last two years in Congress and take pride in the historical legislative achievements of which they were a part. The Class of 2006 can take heart in the knowledge that our legislative achievements assisted in pulling the country through some of its toughest times, marked by the housing crisis, financial crash, and ensuing recession. You were instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as:

Health Care Reform, ensuring that the wealthiest country in the world gives all of its citizens an opportunity to receive decent care and ending the worst insurance industry abuses.

Wall Street Reform, promising to the American people that the greed of Wall Street executives will never again jeopardize their savings, retirement, or livelihood.

The Recovery Act, providing the funding necessary to establish a foundation upon which the American economy could create new jobs while saving existing ones, and spur economic activity while investing in long-term growth.

The Class of 2006 can also proudly look back at other important accomplishments such as: Housing and Economic Recovery Act, Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, Honest Leadership and Open Government Act,

Energy Independence and Security Act, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, Credit CARD Act, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, American Clean Energy and Security Act, Small Business Jobs and Credit Act.

The 110th and 111th Congresses acted boldly to confront pressing challenges; we worked hard, put in long hours, and prolifically passed vital pieces of legislation. Congressional scholars have even called the 111th Congress "one of the most productive" in our nation's history. Thanks to your hard work and vision, we have been a part of a congress that has looked forward, rather than backwards, and has always put the middle class first.

In closing, I would like to thank each of these members for their extraordinary commitment to public service and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, which I and my Democratic colleagues hope includes a return to the House.

HONORING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHORAL
SOCIETY OF PENSACOLA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Choral Society of Pensacola.

The Choral Society of Pensacola was founded in 1935 by a group of local citizens whose goal was to enrich the northwest Florida community through the presentation of choral music and the continuing development of the choral arts.

In 1935, Mrs. Minnie Leah Boschen, a member of the Pensacola Music Study Club, desired to perform a portion of Handel's Messiah as part of the Pensacola Music Study Club's 1935 Christmas program. Mr. Edwin Northup, who was the choir director at Christ Episcopal Church, agreed to serve as director for the performance. Singers were recruited from church choirs and members of the Music Study Club; they included Mr. and Mrs. John Boschen, who went onto become soloists for the Messiah performance. Their first performance took place at the First Methodist Church in Pensacola, Florida on Monday, December 16, 1935. The well-attended performance of Handel's Messiah garnered lavish praise in the local newspaper. This same untitled group of singers who performed would later become recognized as the Pensacola Choral Society, the Pensacola Oratorio Society, and ultimately, the Choral Society of Pensacola.

During World War II, Pensacola experienced an influx of talent from all over the world. As Pensacola and the Choral Society adapted to this cultural expansion, the Choral Society continued to provide entertainment and joy to the local community. Their steadfast support and service during the challenging times of war was a true testament to the Choral Society's strength and dedication to northwest Florida.

In recent years, the Choral Society of Pensacola has performed for large audiences both

locally and internationally. The Choral Society, accompanied by the Pensacola Civic Band, presented a large-scale concert titled In Commemoration of September 11, 2001. This event drew an audience of approximately 850 people to Pensacola's Saenger Theatre. In December of 2004, the Choral Society began what has become an annual collaboration with the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra; their joint 2004 performance of Handel's Messiah drew an audience of over 1,200 people to Pensacola's Hillcrest Baptist Church. In August of 2006, the Pensacola Choral Society was the only U.S. choral society to perform in the prestigious China International Chinese Choral Festival held in Beijing, China. The Choral Society's grand performance was evidenced by their invitation to return to China and perform at the next festival.

Over the past 75 years, the Choral Society of Pensacola has enhanced the artistic community of northwest Florida by maintaining excellence, diversity, a commitment to education, and an emphasis on collaboration with other cultural organizations. On behalf of the northwest Florida community, I would like to give a standing ovation to the leadership and countless volunteers that compose the Choral Society of Pensacola and recognize their hard work and dedication.

Madam Speaker, I am very proud to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Choral Society of Pensacola. I know that this anniversary will only be the first of many more to come.

HONORING STATE
REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BROWN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize State Representative Betty Brown for her outstanding service and commitment to the State of Texas.

A native of Kaufman County, Texas, Betty entered political office because she was concerned that her children and grandchildren would not have the same opportunities as previous generations.

As a lifelong conservative, Betty has worked tirelessly to serve her community through state and local leadership positions including six terms representing Henderson and Kaufman counties as a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Representative Brown has served admirably on both the Elections Committee and the Agriculture & Livestock Committee where she has continued to promote the values and ideals of her constituents since first being elected to office in 1998. Betty has devoted much of her life in service to the State of Texas, and I appreciate her principled dedication and conviction while serving in the Texas Legislature.

I am proud to call Betty a dear friend, and on behalf of the citizens of the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to thank Representative Brown for her twelve years of service and her commitment to defending freedom and liberty in our communities, state and nation.

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF
SCHRAMM INC. FOR ROLE IN
RESCUE OF CHILEAN MINERS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated employees of Schramm Inc. of West Chester, Pennsylvania for playing a crucial role in the miraculous rescue of 33 Chilean miners trapped underground for 69 days.

A Schramm drill rig bore through more than 2,200 feet of rock and created 26-inch holes that rescue teams used to communicate and provide food to the miners, who had spent more than two weeks in darkness and were feared dead. Rescuers also used a Schramm T-130XD drill rig to create the narrow escape shaft through which miners would eventually be hoisted and joyously reunited with their families. Everyone in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is extremely proud of the exceptional teamwork and ingenuity Schramm employees demonstrated under immense pressure and the extraordinary performance of the Company's equipment during the rescue operation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me and Congressman JOE SESTAK (PA-7th District) today in recognizing the employees of Schramm Inc. for their commitment to manufacturing world-class products and in honoring them for transforming tragedy into triumph by helping free 33 Chilean miners with most of the world watching in awe.

HONORING MARGARET STEWART

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness I submit for the record, together with my friend and colleague Representative JERRY LEWIS, the obituary of our dear friend Maggie Stewart of Upland, California. Maggie was a formidable community leader, activist, volunteer and philanthropist. San Antonio Community Hospital, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, United Way, Kiwanis Club of Upland, Soroptimist Club of Ontario and the Assistance League of Upland are just a few of the community organizations that benefitted from her outstanding service. As we remember her extraordinary life and accomplishments, Maggie's two daughters, Shirley Preston of Rancho Cucamonga and Carol Hawkins of Upland, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren remain in our thoughts and prayers. The contributions of this tremendous woman will continue to make a difference in the lives of so many in our communities.

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STEWART FAMILY MATRIARCH LEAVES A RICH LEGACY

(By John Jopes)

I learned Monday that Margaret Stewart had died. And I was hurt by that.

She was not only a friend, but also was part of a withering vestige of our community's rich history. Because of that, the end

of Maggie's life tolls a particular sadness, and marks a conclusion of an astonishing life.

Maggie married into the Stewart pioneer family when she was 23; that was in 1944. Her husband, Walter Stewart, was heir to the family's citrus ranches that date back to the 1890s. Walter, a former member of the Ontario City Council, died in 2004.

The Stewart family, among others, fashioned the character of an agrarian community that evolved into the vibrant valley it was to become.

But by anyone's reckoning, Margaret Stewart was her own kind of dynamo. In 1939 Maggie (Margaret Sanders then) was elected president of the Chaffey High School student body. She not only was the first girl in the school's history to win that post, but she had to whip a star football player to do it.

"My mother was always so proud of that," her daughter Carol Hawkins said the other day.

That high school victory was a watershed for Maggie, for she was smitten with politics, and her love for it remained with her from that time forward. Although she never served in public office, she steered countless such campaigns, and helped elect scores of officeholders during the remainder of her life. Some of them still serve in high places.

A headline from a yellowed newspaper clipping describing Maggie's political prowess referred to her simply as "Mrs. Republican." She earned that sobriquet, and answered to it with pride.

She was a founder of the influential Chaffey District Young Republicans in 1950, and later served as chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee. She used the power of that post with envied skill and fairness.

Maggie was a delegate to three Republican National Conventions (1988, 1992 and 1996).

But she spread her goodness liberally beyond the local and national political stage and was active with numerous local organizations whose missions were to make the community a better place in which to live. She just as well could have been referred to a "Mrs. San Antonio Community Hospital," or "Mrs. Spanish Trails Girl Scout Council." The list could go on.

At the 2004 San Antonio Community Hospital's President's Award Dinner honoring Maggie, she was praised for her work with the United Way, the Assistance League of Upland, the hospital's auxiliary, PTA and other organizations. She possessed a myriad of awards, local, county and statewide.

Maggie liked to describe herself as a freelancer in the public relations field, and her clients, as well as newspaper people, agreed that she was an expert in that exercise. "Maggie is a gentle arm-twister," an editor once said.

She possessed another trait—she was particularly generous, and had the knack of making other people feel especially important when she talked to them. Ask anyone who knew her.

But Maggie's labor in the fields of community good came at no expense to her duties as an accomplished homemaker and a loving and supportive parent. Kathy Brugger, a close friend, once wrote, "Family is not just a word to Maggie, but a commitment. She continues to be there for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

Maggie's place in history also is well-established. She and her family spent 28 years living in the Stewart ranch home constructed in 1895 by Walter's grandfather, W.B. Stewart. When new, it was surrounded by citrus groves.

Although no longer owned by the family, the historic Queen Anne home (regarded as a mansion in its earliest days) was occupied,

at one time or another, by five generations of Stewarts. It still stands at 830 W. Sixth St. in Ontario.

In the new part of their marriage, Maggie and Walter, like other citrus growers, confronted the conflict between warm smudge pots and cruel frost in a struggle to save their fruit from certain death. The pots were fired by men and boys who ran through the night, a dance of sorts that left the valley veiled in dark smoke.

One of the Stewart groves was at the county roads of Arrow Highway and Mountain in Upland. Stewart Plaza, an office building and commercial complex, now stands on that site.

Maggie was born Margaret Sanders in Ontario on July 9, 1921, the only child of William and Mary Sanders. Her father was a Southern California Edison Co. employee.

Maggie attended local schools, and she graduated from Chaffey College.

In the early 1940s, she worked in the offices of the Cal Aero Academy (now Chino Airport) where thousands of young men were trained before they flew off to World War II.

She also was employed as a secretary at the General Electric flatiron plant in Ontario.

In 1944 she and Walter, who was a highly decorated Marine fighter pilot while serving in the South Pacific, settled down to married life. Maggie soon began what was to be her extraordinary career in community service. It would be a lifetime devotion.

Maggie's death at her Upland home on Monday at the age of 89, was brought on by a lengthy period of diminishing health and the result of a recent fall. No one would disagree Maggie Stewart led a full and rewarding life, a life that has left a place better than it was before her time.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Preston of Rancho Cucamonga and Carol Hawkins of Upland. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandy Lee. Four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Life Bible Fellowship Church, 2426 N. Euclid Ave., Upland.

The family said memorial contributions can go to Charter Hospice, attention: Bonnie Beck, 1012 E. Cooley Drive, Suite G, Colton, CA 92324; or San Antonio Community Hospital Foundation, 999 San Bernardino Road, Upland, CA 91786.

PARTISAN CONSERVATIVES CONTINUE ATTACK ON FED'S EFFORT TO HELP THE ECONOMY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I continue to be appalled by the spectacle of much of the conservative political movement in America attacking the man George Bush first appointed to head the Federal Reserve for his efforts to promote faster economic growth and a greater reduction in unemployment. Ben Bernanke's role in trying to cope with the economic disaster that the Obama Administration inherited from the Bush Administration has been productive and courageous. Consistently, he has refused to listen to conservatives, mostly although not entirely from the right, objecting to his efforts to provide the financial support needed for economic growth to go forward. Predictions that this

would lead to ruinous inflation have proven baseless; the notion that this would lead to enormous losses in federal funds have also been refuted.

Despite the record of success that the Fed has shown in these efforts, despite the fact that inflation is nowhere in prospect, despite the fact that when challenged by Republican Members of the Financial Services Committee in a series of hearings we held Mr. Bernanke was able to refute—easily—any suggestion that these measures could get out of control, documenting that he has thoughtful plans for containing them—despite all of this, leading conservatives have decided for reasons I cannot fathom, to join China, Germany, and other foreign nations in assailing Mr. Bernanke for efforts to improve our economic condition.

The notion that a fear of inflation, given the current statistics, should prevail over efforts to stimulate economic activity and reduce unemployment is baffling, and if fully understood by the American people, will be certainly rejected.

Yesterday, Madam Speaker, I inserted into the RECORD powerful arguments in defense of Mr. Bernanke from the New York Times Editorial Board and Martin Wolf of the Financial Times. I wish to add today to that list of thoughtful people who are defending the Federal Reserve Chairman against the China-German-right-wing Republican attack, an editorial from the Boston Globe, and a thoughtful article from one of our leading economists, Professor Alan Blinder of Princeton, himself a former Vice Chair of the Fed.

A GLOBAL CHORUS OF KVETCHERS

The Federal Reserve's attempt to stimulate economic growth by purchasing \$600 billion worth of long-term Treasury bonds over the coming eight months may not produce the hoped-for spurt in lending and investment. Cash-rich banks and other corporations seem worried more about anemic demand than the cost of money. But whatever the domestic effects of Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's use of monetary policy to ward off deflation, the vehement criticism of the move from other countries is way off base.

China, Germany, and Brazil have led the complainers' chorus. Tellingly, all three enjoy significant and growing trade surpluses. During the run-up to the G-20 summit in South Korea, they accused the Fed of a stealthy form of currency manipulation. In the case of China, the pot is calling the kettle black. China's propping up of the yuan in currency markets has been flagrant.

The G-20 summit, which ended Friday, was justly panned for the failure of the world's leading economic powers to agree on measures to prevent each other from deliberately undervaluing their currencies to promote exports and discourage imports. Charges and countercharges abounded.

Nonetheless, it was a positive sign that Chinese President Hu Jintao agreed to take specific actions to boost his country's domestic consumption of goods. This could herald a significant shift for an economy geared toward maximizing exports. And President Obama got the better of the argument about the Fed's effort to stimulate growth and create jobs in the United States. No one could refute Obama's contention that a "strong recovery" in America "is the most important contribution the United States can make to global economic recovery."

The disputes within the G-20 involve nettlesome matters and cannot be resolved quickly. The most positive sign to come out of the summit was a broad awareness of the need for continued consultation and cooperation to avoid a repeat of the protectionist

policies that exacerbated the Great Depression. In those consultations, US officials are entitled to be unapologetic about defending the Fed's effort to promote growth in the US economy as an effort that serves the longterm interests of China, Germany, Brazil, and many other countries.

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IN DEFENSE OF BEN BERNANKE

(By Alan S. Blinder)

Ignorance is not bliss, especially when your economy is faltering and sound policies are badly needed.

For months, we have witnessed the spectacle of people arguing that Keynes was wrong. Somehow, additional government spending actually reduces employment—even when the economy has huge amounts of spare capacity and unused labor desperate for work; even when the central bank will prevent interest rates from rising to “crowd out” private spending. Really?

One current catchphrase is “job-killing spending.” Hmmm. How, exactly, does more spending kill jobs when there is idle capacity and no threat of rising interest rates? Stumped? So am I.

The anti-Keynesian revival has been disheartening enough. But now the economic equivalent of the Flat Earth Society is turning its fury on Ben Bernanke and the Federal Reserve. Critics ranging from German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble to tea party favorite Sarah Palin—which is quite a range—have spoken as if Bernanke & Co. have lost their marbles and are embarking on a wild policy misadventure.

All in all, it looks like the nation and the world need an Economics 101 refresher. So let's start with the basics.

The Fed's plan is to purchase about \$600 billion of additional U.S. government securities over about eight months, creating more bank reserves (“printing money”) to do so. This policy is one version of quantitative easing, or “QE” for short. And since the Fed has done QE before, this episode has been branded “QE2.”

Here's the first Economics 101 question: When central banks seek to stimulate their economies, how do they normally do it? If you answered, “by lowering short-term interest rates,” you get half credit. For full credit, you must explain how: They create new bank reserves to purchase short-term government securities (in the U.S., that's mostly Treasury bills). Yes, they print money.

But short-term rates are practically zero in the U.S. now, so the Fed wants to push down medium- and long-term interest rates instead. How? You guessed it: by creating new bank reserves to purchase medium- and long-term government securities.

That sounds pretty similar to garden-variety monetary policy. Yet critics are branding QE2 a radical departure from past practices and a dangerous experiment.

The next charge is that QE2 will be inflationary. Partly true. The Fed actually wants a bit more inflation because, now and for the foreseeable future, inflation is running below its informal 1.5 percent to 2 percent target. In fact, there's some concern that inflation will dip below zero—into deflation. The Fed,

thank goodness, is determined to stop that. We don't want to be the next Japan now, do we?

But might the Fed err and produce too much inflation? Yes, it might, leaving us with, say, 3 percent inflation instead of 2 percent. Or it might err in the opposite direction and produce only 1 percent. Neither outcome is desirable, but each is quite tolerable. To create the fearsome inflation rates envisioned by the more extreme critics, the Fed would have to be incredibly incompetent, which it is not.

The final major charge, levied especially by a number of foreign officials, is that the Fed's new policy amounts to currency manipulation: deliberately lowering the international value of the dollar to gain competitive advantage for U.S. exporters. Is there any truth to this? Not if words have any meaning.

Economics 101 teaches us that one standard side effect of a central bank reducing interest rates is a lower exchange rate. Actually, things don't always work out that way in the real world; sometimes the stronger growth pushes the currency up instead. This contradictory evidence notwithstanding, it is commonly assumed that expansionary monetary policy depreciates the currency. That's why some foreign governments, especially the more mercantilist ones, are apoplectic. What's down for us is up for them.

But calling QE2 “currency manipulation” is a grotesque abuse of language. After all, the U.S. dollar is a floating currency. Many factors, including but certainly not limited to monetary policy, influence the exchange rate, which changes every minute. But the Fed will not intervene to push the dollar down. If the dollar should rise instead of falling, c'est la vie.

More important, the U.S. is a sovereign nation with a right to its own monetary policy. So I was stunned when a top aide to the Russian president suggested that the Fed should consult with other countries before making major policy decisions. Come again? An independent central bank doesn't even consult with its own government.

Finally, there's that old hobgoblin: consistency. Critics tell us that QE2 won't give the U.S. economy much of a boost but will lead to rampant inflation. Both? How does that work?

If buying Treasuries is a weak policy tool, a view with which I have some sympathy, then it shouldn't be very inflationary. There is no magic link between growth of the central bank's balance sheet and inflation. People, businesses and banks have to take actions—like spending more, investing more, and lending more—to connect the two. If they don't, we will get neither faster growth nor higher inflation, just more idle bank reserves.

What the Fed proposes to do is neither foolproof nor perfect. Frankly, it's not the policy I would choose. As I've written on this page, I'd like the Fed to purchase private securities and to reduce the interest rate it pays on reserves, even turning it negative. The latter would blast reserves out of banks into some productive uses.

But I don't run the Fed. Maybe Chairman Bernanke's ideas are better than mine and, in any case, the planned QE2 is far better

than doing nothing. It is not a shot in the dark, not a radical departure from conventional monetary policy, and certainly not a form of currency manipulation.

I know Ben Bernanke. Ben Bernanke is a friend of mine. And critics ranging from Mr. Schauble to Ms. Palin are no Ben Bernankes.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF HENRY M. KELSEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of a skilled educator, energetic community leader, and dear friend. Henry M. Kelsey of Old Saybrook died this past Saturday after a five month battle with cancer. He leaves behind a loving family, countless friends and students, and a void in the community that will be difficult to fill.

Hank was born and raised in eastern Connecticut and lived there his entire life. He treasured his small town upbringing and told stories of exploring the streams and traveling the back roads around Clinton, where he grew up. I can tell you that Hank carried this curiosity and youthful optimism with him everywhere he went. How fortunate we are that his greatest and longest adventure was a 37 year teaching career—one where his energy could educate and empower young people. He was a demanding teacher who both inspired and entertained his students in the classroom.

Hank insisted on lending a hand to the bigger picture of education policy and became very active in education issues at the local, state, and federal levels. He held multiple degrees in the subject of education and worked to empower teachers at Gilead Hill and Hebron Elementary schools. Recently, the U.S. Department of Education named Hebron Elementary School a recipient of its coveted Blue Ribbon Award for high performance and student achievement. Hank would be so proud of this recognition which validated his many years of work and dedication.

Hank was also a tremendous advocate for civic engagement. After moving to Bolton, he chaired the town's Democratic Town Committee as well as its Fire Commission. Between his work in education and his involvement in the community, he was a guy that really walked the walk. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife Lucia, his mother Doris, and his brother, Paul. Hank was married for many years to his first wife Rusty, also a teacher and activist who succumbed to cancer after a long, valiant battle. I too will miss Hank and am grateful for the opportunity to have known this remarkable person. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss and honoring the life of Henry M. Kelsey.