

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF VERA ANDRYCZYK

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vera M. Andryczyk who is being honored this Sunday by the Ukrainian Federation of America for her tireless efforts as an advocate on behalf of the Ukrainian-American community and Ukraine.

Vera's accomplishments and advocacy on behalf of Ukraine have been numerous and extensive and have spanned several decades.

During the Cold war, through her work as a member of the Human Right's Committee Vera was actively involved in drawing international attention to Soviet persecution of Ukrainian dissidents.

COMMENDATION OF DR. ANANDA PRASAD, M.C., PH.D.

**HON. HANSEN CLARKE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ananda Prasad as a pioneer in the field of health research. Dr. Prasad is responsible for over 50 years of research involving zinc as an element essential to human survival.

In 1963, Dr. Prasad was the first to describe cases of human zinc deficiency syndrome in young adults. While working at the University of Shiraz Medical School in Iran, Dr. Prasad met with a 21-year-old man who had the same physical characteristics as an 8-year-old boy. He diagnosed this patient as having extreme anemia and realized the condition was so prevalent in Iran it was considered an epidemic. Dr. Prasad continued to study patients with these symptoms, and discovered that a lack of zinc had an adverse affect on a human's height, weight, bone development, and sexual maturation.

During the past 50 years, Dr. Prasad has been at the forefront of scientific discoveries regarding zinc and zinc supplements. His work has saved countless lives in African and Asian countries, including his home country of India. In certain areas of South Asia where the infant mortality rate was as high as 85 percent, Dr. Prasad successfully worked to lower the mortality rate to 15 percent.

His lifelong work was recently awarded with the 2010 Mahidol Award in the Field of Public Health. This award, presented annually by the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation of Thailand, recognizes researchers and physicians for outstanding contributions in the field of public health for the sake and well-being of the peoples.

I honor and thank Dr. Prasad for his groundbreaking and pioneering work.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles—the hub of Los Angeles' Jewish community—on the occasion of its 100 year anniversary.

Founded in 1911, the Federation is dedicated to ensuring the continuity of the Jewish people, supporting a secure state of Israel, caring for those in need, and mobilizing its members on political issues of concern to the Los Angeles community. In fulfilling its mission, the Federation spent more than \$50 million last year alone to enhance the lives of families throughout Los Angeles County.

The Jewish Federation is committed to ensuring the quality and reducing the cost of Jewish educational experiences by supporting pre-schools, religious/synagogue schools and day schools. The Federation offers financial aid to families to assist them in paying for full-time Jewish education. In addition, the Federation sends thousands of young Jews on educational missions to Israel each year to enable them to fully experience Jewish history and culture.

The well-being of low-income Jews and seniors is also a core priority for the Federation, especially when a senior is a Holocaust survivor. The Federation supports an array of programs to help survivors and vulnerable seniors, including senior centers that offer meals and social activities, as well as in-home services, legal services and reparations advocacy. Through its Emergency Cash Grant Program, the Federation provides aid for those who need help paying for necessities such as rent, food and medical care.

Reaching out to the broader community, the Federation is dedicated to ending hunger in Los Angeles and improving literacy among local public elementary school children. The Federation partners with other faith communities, civic groups and elected officials to reduce hunger across the City by implementing and funding hunger prevention and awareness activities. The Federation also operates the City's largest volunteer children's literacy program in the Los Angeles Unified School District. For more than 12 years, the Federation has trained and placed over 10,500 volunteers as reading partners reaching over 22,000 LAUSD students in high risk elementary schools. Through its many partnerships across Los Angeles, the Jewish Federation helps to provide aid to Jews and others who need assistance in areas such as job training and career counseling, scholarships, school loans, and emergency aid.

Throughout the course of its history, the Federation has also engaged the Jewish com-

munity in political advocacy. The Federation's long-held commitment to social justice was especially evident during the Civil Rights Movement.

My father, the late Congressman Edward Roybal, always credited coalition building among Mexican Americans and Jews as having played a major role in his successful election to the Los Angeles City Council in 1949, when he became the first L.A. City Councilmember of Latino heritage in modern times.

This unprecedented political alliance was born in part out of the history of Boyle Heights in my congressional district, where my father lived and I grew up. From 1910–1950, Boyle Heights was the largest Jewish community west of the Mississippi, with approximately 75,000 Yiddish-speaking Eastern European Jewish immigrants living side-by-side with neighbors from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

Today, 62 years after my father won that landmark city council election, I am proud to be part of an effort to preserve the community's Jewish history through the restoration of the Breed Street Shul. This Shul—built in 1915 and expanded in 1923—is the last remaining synagogue of the 30 that once dotted Boyle Height's landscape. It is my hope that this ongoing multi-million preservation effort, which includes exhibition space, will re-tell the area's history for current and future generations.

While the Jewish community boasts a proud history in the 34th Congressional District and throughout Los Angeles, the Jewish Federation's centennial anniversary celebration will kick-off a new focus on its future. With an eye toward reinventing itself to best serve the changing needs of its membership and the community at large, Jay Sanderson, the Federation's President, says, "We must be innovative in our work, as well as incorporate new ways to reach and engage with our community so we can successfully ensure a strong Jewish future in Los Angeles, Israel and around the world for the next 100 years and beyond."

To spur new ideas, the Federation launched its Next Big Jewish Idea campaign in January of this year. The effort calls on individuals, businesses, non-profits and organizations to submit their innovative ideas for programs that will strengthen and benefit the greater Los Angeles Jewish community. The winning idea will receive a grant of \$100,000 and be assisted by the Jewish Federation to bring it to fruition. The Federation's centennial also includes a host of events throughout the year, including a community trip to Israel.

Mr. Speaker, as the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles prepares for its May 25th centennial gala, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating this year's special honorees: Stanley P. Gold of the law firm Gang Tyre Ramer & Brown; Bram Goldsmith, Chairman of the Board of City National Corporation; and Nina Tassler, President of CBS Entertainment, for their unwavering support for the federation and the community. They are

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among a distinguished group of Los Angeles residents who make the Federation the go-to non-profit dedicated to meeting the needs of our area's 500,000-strong Jewish community. I also congratulate Jay Sanderson and the Federation's entire staff. They are all to be commended for their work to keep the Federation the vibrant and strong organization that it remains today and I extend to all of them my best wishes for many more successful years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. LEE ANN NUTT

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate Dr. Lee Ann Nutt and her service as a longtime leader and champion of community college initiatives at North Central Texas College. Dr. Nutt, who has served as the provost of NCTC's Corinth Campus and as the face of the university for over 10 years, will begin the next chapter of her career as the Vice President of Instruction at the Tomball Campus of Lone Star College.

Dr. Nutt's educational expertise comes from both the public and private sectors, including service as the Director of Education at the New Mexico Health Care Association, various administrative positions, and college-level teaching experience at Texas Tech University and Lubbock Christian University. Her strong professional background and leadership abilities have not only enabled her to serve North Central Texas College, but also the community that surrounds it. She serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Denton County as well as the Denton Chamber of Commerce, and has been actively involved with the Family Resource Center of Denton County and Presbyterian Hospital. In addition, Dr. Nutt previously served on the 26th Congressional District Academy Board, providing professional advice on my selection of outstanding students to attend the U.S. Service Academies.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to represent North Central Texas College and the many individuals, like Dr. Nutt, who work to educate our young people in the 26th District of Texas. I would like to thank Dr. Nutt for her valuable contributions to the Denton County community and wish her the best of luck as she continues to positively impact the lives and futures of students throughout the State of Texas.

BRIANA MORGAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Briana Morgan for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Briana Morgan is a 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Briana Morgan is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Briana Morgan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF HARMON KILLEBREW, MINNESOTA TWINS HERO AND MEMBER OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of former Minnesota Twins player and member of the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, Harmon Killebrew.

Harmon Killebrew played for twenty-two years, fourteen as a member of the Minnesota Twins. He was an extraordinary player, hitting 573 home runs, earning a place in thirteen all-star games, and winning the American League's Most Valuable Player award in 1969. I remember watching Hammerin' Harmon slug the Twins to victory on many occasions at Minnesota's Metropolitan Stadium and on television. His heroics on the baseball field and his kind and warm personality with both teammates and fans alike made him a beloved figure in the community.

Mr. Killebrew's legacy extends long past his playing years on the baseball diamond. He will also be remembered for his devotion to charity and his tireless work on behalf of leukemia research.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Killebrew's family.

HONORING GLENDA F. BRITTON

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Glenda F. Britton has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School, and as a beloved wife, daughter, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton has been chosen as the 2011 Teacher of the Year, representing Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment

of our community and our Nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children, receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Glenda F. Britton for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2011 Teacher of the Year at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim April 22, 2011 as Mrs. Glenda F. Britton Day of Remarks in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of April, 2011.

CASARA ORR

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Casara Orr for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Casara Orr is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Casara Orr is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Casara Orr for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, due to a previous commitment at the White House on May 12th, I unavoidably missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on final passage of rollcall 321, and "nay" on final passage of rollcall 322.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes on Friday,

May 13, 2011, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have recorded the following votes: rollcall No. 323—"nay," rollcall No. 324—"nay" rollcall No. 325—"aye," rollcall No. 326—"aye," rollcall No. 327—"aye," rollcall No. 328—"aye," rollcall No. 329—"aye."

CALVIN MERRILLS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Calvin Merrills for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Calvin Merrills is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Calvin Merrills is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Calvin Merrills for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF FATHER GEORGE  
WANSER, S.J.

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Father George Wanser, who has served the people of Sacramento since 1994 as a priest, campus minister, and chaplain. He has been with the Newman Catholic Community in Sacramento for close to 10 years, and as he moves on this summer to the Most Holy Trinity Parish in San Jose, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this man for the dedication he has shown the Sacramento area.

At a young age, Father Wanser became involved in the church. He excelled at both Fordham University and the Pontificia Universidad Catolica Javeriana de Bogota in Columbia. Father Wanser taught history, religious studies, and English in Puerto Rico from 1970 through 1973. He taught music, was head wrestling coach, and worked as the Puerto Rican High School Athletic Alliance Wrestling Commissioner.

In the 1970s, Father Wanser moved back to the U.S. and was ordained. He was assigned to several community organizing projects all over California, including churches in Fresno, Santa Ana, Fullerton, and San Diego.

Father Wanser arrived in Sacramento in 1999 when he began at Jesuit High School. Since his arrival he has contributed much to the Sacramento area. He has spent the last several decades as a campus minister and

chaplain, and has also worked at Christian Brothers High School, UC Davis, and Cristo Rey High School.

Father Wanser has served the Newman Catholic Community of Sacramento for the past 10 years, and has inspired countless people through his goodwill and leadership. His friends and followers have expressed their gratitude for his strength and conviction, and his presence will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the contributions that Father Wanser has made to Sacramento. His sincere commitment to those around him and his enthusiasm for inspiring others has made a difference for countless people in our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking Father Wanser for his years of leadership, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING POPLAR SPRINGS  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Poplar Springs Baptist Church is one of our most beloved treasures in the State of Georgia; and

Whereas, Pastor Ulysses and First Lady Annie Ponder are the two jewels that have been placed by God to lead and serve the members of Poplar Springs Baptist Church for the past 23 three years; and

Whereas, this tenacious man and virtuous woman of God give of themselves daily in order to uplift the kingdom, serve the community and to give to those in need; and

Whereas, honor, humility, courage and foresight are words that describe the Pastor and First Lady, we would be remiss if we did not speak of the love and admiration they have towards God, the Church and the Community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Ulysses Ponder and First Lady Annie Ponder as they celebrate 23 years of outstanding leadership and service;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 1, 2011 as Pastor Ulysses and First Lady Annie Ponder Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of May, 2011.

BRIANA MUNOZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Briana Munoz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Briana Munoz is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Briana Munoz is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Briana Munoz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING AZERBAIJAN'S  
REPUBLIC DAY AND 20 YEARS  
OF U.S.-AZERBIJAN RELATIONS

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, as it celebrates its 93rd anniversary of independence from the Russian Empire, I would like to take the opportunity to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of its May 28th Republic Day. Later this year, Azerbaijan will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of its freedom from the Soviet Union and the start of diplomatic relations with the United States.

Azerbaijan has made incredible progress in the last 20 years and has become a key ally of the United States in a strategically important region.

Azerbaijan is located between Russia and Iran in the strategic region between Europe and Asia. A stable and secular country, it is one of the few places in that part of the world where Muslims, Jews and Christians live together in peace.

The U.S.-Azerbaijan partnership is based on shared values and common goals and is a key component to regional security. As highlighted by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates during a recent visit to Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan provides multi-faceted support for U.S. and NATO operations in Afghanistan and is a key part of the Northern Distribution Network providing ground and naval transit for roughly 25 percent of the Coalition's supplies bound for Afghanistan.

Beyond support for U.S. security interests in the region, Azerbaijan plays a paramount role in strengthening U.S. and European energy security and is expanding its commercial and economic ties with the United States. Azerbaijan is a secular Muslim country that maintains close friendly ties with Israel and supplies roughly a quarter of Israel's oil.

My colleagues are encouraged to join me in honoring Azerbaijan on the occasion of its 93rd Republic Day and celebrating a robust U.S.-Azerbaijan relationship.

TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE MV *PRU-  
DENCE*

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the *MV Prudence*, what is believed to be the oldest continuously operated, fully documented merchant vessel in the United States.

The MV *Prudence* was originally christened as the *Madeline* in 1911 and commissioned for Former Boston City Councilor and Dedham State Representative Frank Gethro. Upon completion, the *Madeline* operated until 1920 providing ferry service from Marine Park in the City Point area of South Boston to Castle Island in South Boston and other Boston Harbor Islands.

The *Prudence* received her name in 1921 when the *Madeline* was sold to the Prudence Island Navigation Company in Bristol, Rhode Island. For over four decades, ferry goers were serviced by the *Prudence* between Bristol, Rhode Island and Prudence Island, Rhode Island. Following the 1960 election of President John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, the *Prudence* was purchased by Hyannis Harbor Tours, Inc. founders, Richard "Dick" and Robert "Bob" Scudder in 1962 and returned to its home state.

Since 1962, millions of Cape Cod tourists have been serviced by the *Prudence's* sightseeing cruises from Hyannis Harbor to the Kennedy Compound in Hyannisport, Massachusetts. Hundreds more have been provided employment by the *Prudence's* reliable passenger service. Today, I honor the *Prudence's* role as a celebrated cultural icon and reliable employer for residents of my district.

With the celebrations of the MV *Prudence's* 100th year of service scheduled to begin on May 26, 2011, I extend my deepest congratulations to the vessel and its operators on this incredible achievement.

BREANN HOLTER

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Breann Holter for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Breann Holter is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Breann Holter is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Breann Holter for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 11th, my vote on rollcall No. 309 was incorrectly recorded as "aye," when I intended to vote "no." I did not see the error until it was too

late. I ask that the record reflect my strong opposition to H.R. 1229 and my intention to vote no on this legislation.

### HONORING REVEREND FURQUAN R. STAFFORD, SR.

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, the works of Dr. Charles R. Drew have been and continue to be credited for medical innovation and saving lives throughout the world; and

Whereas, Reverend Furquan R. Stafford, Sr., has given of himself to continue the works of Dr. Drew in the U.S. Plasma Collection Industry and to educate and motivate our youth; Reverend Stafford has given exceptional and distinguished service to our citizens by providing guidance, service and leadership; and

Whereas, Reverend Stafford is a proven leader and advocate with the heart of a lion and the spirit of an angel; and

Whereas, his determination and will is a testament that one man can make a difference; and

Whereas, Georgia is proud to have Reverend Stafford, who gives of himself daily without any need for praise and fame; he always serves valiantly and with honor, a modern-day knight; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Furquan R. Stafford, Sr., for his outstanding leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 19, 2011 as Reverend Furquan R. Stafford, Sr. Day in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 19th day of May, 2011.

BREANNA MARTIN

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Breanna Martin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Breanna Martin is an 8th grader at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Breanna Martin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Breanna Martin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained yesterday hosting a Job Fair in Jacksonville, Florida. Had I been able to attend the vote here yesterday, I would have voted, "yea" on rollcall Vote 330. I support H.R. 1627 Honoring American Veterans Act of 2011. This bill will allow certain monuments to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery, allow for a memorial marker to honor the memory of the Jewish chaplains who died while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States to be placed on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery.

On rollcall vote 331, I would have voted, "yea" to support H.R. 1383, Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011. This bill resolves a provision that certain veterans who were retroactively affected by a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010. The tuition these veterans were paying was increased by as much as \$10,000 a year, and they should not be penalized for a change in law after they have begun their college education. However, an offset should be found that does not penalize the housing allowances of other GI bill recipients.

On rollcall vote 332, I would have voted, "yea" to support H.R. 1657, a bill to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans. The bill directs the VA to establish timelines to take action to debar non veteran-owned firms who fraudulently misrepresent themselves as veteran-owned firms, and sets a mandatory 5 year debarment period.

#### RECOGNIZING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, this month towns across Texas will commemorate Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, which is designed to increase awareness of the unique safety issues facing motorcyclists.

Starting in 2003, the Texas Confederation of Clubs began obtaining Proclamations from Texas towns recognizing Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month and encouraging all drivers to educate themselves about motorcycle safety issues. In 2010, Proclamations were issued in 178 cities and 11 counties all over the State of Texas and Governor Rick Perry read a Motorcycle Safety Awareness Proclamation at the state capital.

The 2011 Texas Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month kicked off with the Texas Department of Transportation placing Share the Road and Watch for Motorcycles on all of their billboards all over Texas during the last week of April and the first week of May.

Mr. Speaker, since the Texas Confederation of Clubs began promoting Texas Motorcycle

Safety and Awareness Month, Motorcycle fatalities have decreased by 18 percent. It is therefore my pleasure to recognize Texas Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month and to extend my appreciation to the members of the Texas Confederation of Clubs for all their work to promote motorcycle safety.

CARMEN ORTIZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Carmen Ortiz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Carmen Ortiz is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Carmen Ortiz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Carmen Ortiz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST FLIGHT AT ROBERTSON AIRPORT

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the first airplane flight at Robertson Airport in Plainville, Connecticut. A century ago this month, young inventor and pilot Nels Nelson made the first powered, sustained flight in Plainville—and one of the first in Connecticut—in a small buckwheat field in the northwest section of town. Though only a few minutes in duration, Nelson's flight marks Robertson Airport as the oldest airfield in the State of Connecticut.

Coming on the heels of the Wright Brothers' seminal launch at Kitty Hawk in 1903, Nelson's feat was the beginning of what remains a long and storied history of flight in Plainville. During the first half of the previous century, a number of small airstrips dotted the town's landscape. In fact, one location on the current site of Plainville High School was frequently utilized by Governor John Trumbull, the "Flying Governor," who was a Plainville native and pilot.

The field on which Nelson made his historic flight did not become a formal airport until 1941, when Stamford Robertson purchased the property. For years Robertson operated a flight school at the airport and remained involved in its operations, even after selling it to Tomasso Brothers, Inc. in the late 1970s. In

2009, the Town of Plainville purchased the airport, in large part to preserve this historic site and to ensure its continuation as a functioning airfield.

Today, I want to commemorate Nelson's flight and to recognize all of those who have contributed to the preservation and operation of Robertson Airport over the years. From the late Stamford Robertson and the Tomasso Brothers to the Plainville Historic Society and the Plainville Aviation Commission to the pilots, citizens, and elected officials who have supported the airport, I would like to commend all of you for your commitment to this important landmark—one that continues to be a vital and thriving piece of Plainville's history and identity.

HONORING JOHN D. DEFOOR

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, John D. Defoor was born on October 2, 1945 and departed this life on March 19, 2010; and

Whereas, today we gather to memorialize the life of Mr. John D. Defoor, his accomplishments and his service to our Nation; and

Whereas, seven years and eleven months of the life of Mr. John D. Defoor was given to serve our country as a soldier in the United States Army, where he fought with valor and honor during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time, and his talent as he served his country and fellow soldiers, wherein he was awarded various medals for his courage and service during his tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam; and

Whereas, Mr. John D. Defoor was a son, a friend and a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition on Mr. John D. Defoor for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress of the United States that Mr. John D. Defoor of Doraville, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Mr. John D. Defoor U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of April, 2011.

BRIANNA YOUNG

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brianna Young for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Brianna Young is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brianna Young is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Brianna Young for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING LIEUTENANT TERRY BAUER

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an important member of Indiana's State Excise Police.

Lieutenant Terry Bauer has served the Indiana State Excise Police with distinction, integrity, and dedication for over 37 years. He proudly holds the record for the longest serving officer in ISEP's history. Throughout those years, he consistently demonstrated the highest standards of outstanding leadership and public service. He left the ISEP on April 30th of this year and is excited to begin a new chapter of his life.

Lieutenant Bauer served as the President of the Indiana State Excise Police Officers Association. In this role, he successfully lobbied the Indiana General Assembly for full unrestricted police powers and won. This is now referred to as the greatest moment in history for the ISEP and its officers. It gave them new law enforcement opportunities and a new level of respect as a state law enforcement agency.

I would like to thank his family: his wife Elaine, sons Chris and Brian and their wives Christa and Heather, and his grandson Collin, for so selflessly supporting Lieutenant Bauer in his long and accomplished career. I am proud to honor Lieutenant Bauer in recognition of his exemplary leadership and outstanding contributions to the ISEP.

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AIR FORCE ROTC, AND THE PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC, FOR THEIR WORK ESTABLISHING A NEW FUNDRAISER ON BEHALF OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor members of the University of Washington Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), as well as the Pacific Lutheran University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, for creating the First Annual "22 to

the U" march to raise money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

During "22 to the U" on May 22, cadets from the University of Washington and Pacific Lutheran University participated in a march, called a "ruck," wearing 45-pound packs. Beginning at midnight, marching through the night and most of the day, the cadets traveled 45 miles from Joint Base Lewis-McChord to the Medal of Honor Memorial at the University of Washington.

This challenging event raised funds for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides college scholarships to the children of fallen Special Operations personnel, as well as immediate financial assistance to severely wounded service members to allow families to join them at their bedsides. By establishing the "22 to the U" fundraiser, these Air Force and Army cadets not only accomplished an extreme physical feat, but also demonstrated an admirable commitment to helping their fellow service members and the families of wounded warriors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring the members of the University of Washington AFROTC, as well as the Pacific Lutheran University Army ROTC, whose efforts embody the spirit of selflessness and sacrifice that makes our Armed Forces truly great. These cadets have started a tradition of honoring the legacy of Special Operations members which I am confident will endure for years to come.

BAILEY ARCHER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bailey Archer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Bailey Archer is a 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Bailey Archer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bailey Archer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL MALL REVITALIZATION AND DESIGNATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, in honor of National Preservation Month, I rise to re-

introduce the National Mall Revitalization and Designation Act. The National Mall is Washington's most neglected and underutilized federal property, despite being so well-known and treasured. The Mall lacks everything that this majestic natural wonder deserves, from an official identity to basic amenities. My bill authorizes the National Capital Planning Commission, NCPD, to expand the boundaries of the Mall where commemorative works may be located, requires NCPD to study the commemorative works process, and requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit a plan to Congress to enhance visitor enjoyment, amenities and cultural experiences in, and the vitality of, the Mall within 180 days.

I worked closely with NCPD and other agencies in drafting the bill. The bill would give NCPD the responsibility and necessary flexibility to designate the Mall area for commemorative works for the first time and to expand the Mall area for that purpose when appropriate. The bill requires NCPD to accommodate future commemorative works and cultural institutions. Tourists and workers downtown should be able to walk to the Mall and hear terrific music and other entertainment, from string quartets to poetry readings, perhaps during lunch at attractive tables where good—not fast—food is available. Residents of the city and region should be able to find space for fun and games beyond the cramped space between Third Street and the Lincoln Memorial.

Bordered by world-class cultural institutions, the Mall itself has been reduced to a lawn with a few—too few—ordinary benches and a couple of fast food stands. The Mall needs a total makeover for the 21st century that would be worthy of Pierre L'Enfant's vision for the city he planned and the McMillan plan, which is largely responsible for what is referred to today as the Mall—the space between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial. In writing the bill, I recognized that the federal funds needed to make the Mall the 21st century destination it should be will not be forthcoming in this fiscal climate. Nevertheless, we must move now to begin to rescue this space, which has been damaged by heavy use and is often used by pedestrians as no more than a throughway, despite its magnificent potential. With the necessary imagination, making the Mall an inviting place with cultural and other amenities is achievable now.

The NCPD is well on its way to meeting the bill's requirement for an expansive, 21st century definition of the Mall. Frustrated by continually fighting off proposals for new monuments, museums, and memorials on the already crowded Mall space, I asked the NCPD to devise a mall presentation plan. In 2003, Congress amended the Commemorative Works Act to create a reserve area—a no-build zone where new memorials may not be built. This action was helpful in quelling some but by no means all of the demand from groups for placement of commemorative works on what they view as the Mall.

Recognizing the need for more commemorative works sites, NCPD and the Commission on Fine Arts, CFA, released a National Capital Framework Plan in 2009, which identifies sites near the Mall that are suitable for new commemorative works, including East Potomac Park, the Kennedy Center Plaza, and the new South Capitol gateway. Five new prestigious memorials are scheduled for such sites, in-

cluding the Eisenhower Memorial and the U.S. Air Force Memorial. I appreciate that NCPD and the CFA work closely with the District of Columbia in designating off-Mall sites for new monuments. The District welcomes the expanded Mall into our local neighborhoods to increase the number of tourists that visit them, enhancing the work of the District of Columbia government and the local organizations such as Cultural Tourism that offer tours of historic District neighborhoods. The off-Mall sites for monuments also complement development of entire new neighborhoods near the Mall, particularly the District's redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront and work on The Yards, which, under my bill, now includes a waterfront park and eventually will include a mixed-use public-private development.

The Mall Revitalization and Designation Act is the first step in an effort to focus Congress on finally giving the Mall its due after decades of neglect and indifference. The bill starts at the beginning—expanding what we mean by the Mall, and taking the first steps to breathe life into a space that is meant for people to enjoy.

HONORING PATRICIA A. MAYO

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Thirty plus years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve the DeKalb County School System; and

Whereas, Ms. Patricia A. Mayo was born in Wrens, Georgia, she began her educational career as a student in Jefferson County Public Schools, she furthered her education by obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Savannah State College in Savannah, Georgia, she continued her studies at Georgia Southern University and Cambridge University; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher and Motivator, giving the citizens of DeKalb County, Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Ms. Mayo is a daughter, sister, mother and Eastern Star, she is also a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Patricia A. Mayo on her retirement from the DeKalb County School System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim May 18, 2011 as Ms. Patricia A. Mayo Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of May, 2011.

HONORING RACHEL WHEELER FOR HER TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAITI

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Rachel Wheeler of Lighthouse Point, Florida.

At 11 years of age, Rachel has succeeded in raising over \$170,000 to build houses in Haiti. She first learned of the nation's extreme poverty 2 years ago after attending a presentation by Food for the Poor President and CEO Robin Mahfood. Rachel took immediate action and set a goal to build 13 homes, each costing \$2,600. Her campaign included chamber meeting announcements, television news appearances, a webpage, and advocacy throughout her school and neighborhood. Her zeal and devotion were met with widespread support, and she soon expanded her goal to a 25-residence village that includes larger homes. Now, Rachel would like to expand her project to include a school.

Though Rachel first launched her efforts prior to the earthquake that devastated the nation's capital, Port au Prince, those efforts are now even more invaluable in the tragedy's wake. Having spent much of my career fighting for the people of Haiti, I am both honored and humbled by Rachel's work. She has been able to garner coast-to-coast support and was named one of the country's top 10 youth volunteers in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards competition. We here in Washington can certainly learn from her tenacious spirit, prodigious initiative, and momentous impact. If Rachel can do it, why can't we?

Mr. Speaker, I am most impressed that despite the fact that this remarkable young lady has accomplished more in her 11 years than many do in their lifetimes, she readily acknowledges that her efforts have only just begun. Rachel's vision and success are a shining example not only to her peers, but to anyone who has ever questioned how much of a difference one individual can truly make. As I rise to honor her passion and dedication today, I look forward to the great things she will undoubtedly accomplish in the future.

BREANNA ANDREWS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Breanna Andrews for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Breanna Andrews is an 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Breanna Andrews is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Breanna Andrews for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED EDUCATION CAREER OF HOWARD BERGER

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Howard Berger, Superintendent of the Tulare Joint Union High School District, who is retiring at the end of this school year. Howard spent his entire career teaching and guiding high schools in Tulare. His awards and accomplishments are so numerous that there is not enough time today to list them. What I can say is that for the people of Tulare there is no need for a list. Anyone who knows Howard also knows that he is a Tulare institution.

After graduating from California State University, Hayward in 1968, Howard began his teaching career in Tulare County. Howard admits that he only intended to spend a year at Tulare Union High School teaching Social Studies. Fortunately for students and parents that school year stretched to 1983. Howard has said that what kept him in Tulare was the great community spirit and commitment to education of its residents. During 1972–1973, Howard also taught Social Studies and English at Cherry Avenue Middle School.

In 1975, Howard began his distinguished career as an academic administrator, becoming Chair of the Social Studies Department at Tulare Union High School. Further success followed like clockwork. In 1986, Howard was named Assistant Principal at Tulare Western High School and in 1989 he was selected Principal at Tulare Union High School. In 2006, Howard had the honor of being named Superintendent of the Tulare Joint Union High School District. Under his leadership, Tulare opened a third high school, Mission Oak, a milestone in Tulare history. Mission Oak High School will see its first graduating class this year.

During his time as Principal and Superintendent, there were numerous accomplishments, honors and awards reflecting Howard's leadership of Tulare high schools. Recognition came from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the State of California, the federal government, and national education associations, including a Bill & Melinda Gates grant to participate in a national educational study.

Howard's career as Principal and Superintendent will be remembered as an important chapter in Tulare County history. What should also be remembered was that Howard was first and foremost a teacher. As he has said, "I think in my whole career the experience I've enjoyed the most was teaching. You see immediately the impact you've had."

For 43 years, the citizens of Tulare have had the privilege of Howard teaching and guiding their students. Forty-three years is a long time. In Howard's office there is also a

43-year-old Fisher 150 record player that he bought with his first paycheck from the school district. Like the record player, many changes have occurred in Tulare, the State of California, and the nation. Howard successfully steered Tulare high schools through them all. It is hard to imagine Tulare schools without Howard. As he enjoys his retirement, I hope Howard will also have time to reflect on his legacy and know that he had a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of high school students and their families.

IN HONOR OF BOB GRIFFITH

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert Griffith who is retiring as the longest ever serving President of Woods Services in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Woods Services, located in Langhorne, Pennsylvania is a facility that provides a home environment for people with developmental disabilities, challenging behaviors and other special needs. Their approach is unique and their philosophy one of inclusion and caring. For nearly a century, they have held true to its original mission, "To help each individual reach his or her highest level of achievement, whatever it may be."

For Woods and many of the people it serves this mission would not have been become a reality without the steady leadership of Robert Griffith.

Robert has been an advocate for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities for nearly 35 years. During his tenure at Woods, both the physical facility and his positive impact on the community have grown immensely.

I am proud to honor the tenure of Robert Griffith and continuing to support his work for the most vulnerable among us.

HONORING JESSE T. REYNOLDS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jesse T. Reynolds. Jesse's service to this Nation during World War II exemplified the highest characteristics of the service men and women who bled and died to preserve freedom.

Jesse was aboard the USS *MacDonough* when it was anchored in Pearl Harbor the morning of December 7, 1941. Jesse was among the first to spot the incoming Japanese aircraft that morning and informed the only officer on board of the pending attack. After Pearl Harbor, Jesse was assigned to the newly commissioned USS *Radford*, where he served in support of the Battle of Guadalcanal and in the Battle of Kula Gulf, where Jesse helped rescue the survivors of the USS *Helena*.

Mr. Speaker, as we approach the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, I proudly ask you to

join me in commending Jesse T. Reynolds for his accomplishments with the United States Navy and for his service to the United States of America during World War II.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID  
LEADBETTER

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Leadbetter, the recipient of the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA).

For over thirty years, Mr. Leadbetter has helped golfers achieve lower scores and improve their game. He is a world renowned golf instructor and known for his innovative teaching techniques. Initially starting out as a player, he participated in the European and South African tours prior to coming to fame for correcting Nick Faldo's swing in the 1980s. Among his many students are the famed Greg Norman, Nick Price, Ernie Els, and Michelle Wie. His students have greatly benefitted from his creative teaching methods and valuable advice; many of them hold major championship titles and individual worldwide titles. Aside from being the world's number one golf instructor and serving as coach to countless professional golfers, Mr. Leadbetter has academies worldwide to nurture new talent and share his love of golf. His extensive knowledge of golf also extends to seven golf instruction books, instructional DVDs, and television programs.

This prestigious award from NGCOA recognizes Mr. Leadbetter's contributions to the game of golf. His love for golf is evident in his dedicated efforts to helping others improve their game. Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Leadbetter on this great honor. I wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 330 for H.R. 1627, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

COMMEMORATING JEWISH  
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in commemorating May as Jewish American Heritage Month and celebrating the many achievements the Jewish community has made to American culture and society.

While Jewish people make up only two percent of our nation's population, they have been a vibrant group contributing to American society for over 350 years.

The Jewish American community is a vibrant piece of the American fabric.

They have worked tirelessly to increase tolerance and understanding, while working to decrease anti-Semitism around the country.

Their community has organized innovative educational forums and cultural exchanges to help bring people together and promote our country's diversity.

The Jewish community in my District and surrounding areas is active and engaged on several fronts including in literature, politics and medicine.

I congratulate them for all their hard work and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

I hope all Americans will join me in celebrating Jewish-American Heritage Month and taking pride in the unique contributions that our Jewish community has made to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF HILDA  
GRIGORIAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hilda Grigorian, a Glendale resident who has dedicated herself to helping those in need around the world, often in some of the most challenging and dangerous locations.

Hilda Grigorian was born and raised in Iran, and migrated to the United States in 1978 in pursuit of the American dream of education and career. Hilda achieved both of these goals—she obtained a bachelor's degree and MBA and is currently working toward her Ph.D. at Walden University. She also worked in the private sector for over two decades, focusing on international development.

Hilda began her international relief efforts with a trip to her motherland of Armenia, where she volunteered to help small businesses. After several visits to Armenia's rural villages, she established a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) called Armenia Village Operation, which she started with her own funds and other private funding. The program implemented important projects in the rural villages of Armenia.

In 2005, Hilda traveled to Afghanistan to work with a USAID-funded program to help vulnerable, widowed women with business planning and access to funds to regain their businesses which were destroyed by the Taliban. She then worked for UNDP in the youth development project. In 2008, she began working for USAID Afghanistan as a Field Program Officer, stationed in the Province of Nangarhar, which borders Pakistan. In 2009, she was transferred to the remote, rural Province of Ghor in Western Afghanistan, where she helped people implement community development programs, created jobs through cash for work projects, and ensured a fair distribution of food to the people of Ghor.

Hilda's selfless dedication to the people of Afghanistan has immeasurably benefited some of the most at-risk people in the world, and

has demonstrated the generous spirit of Americans toward those in crisis. She thrived in an environment that afforded her very basic living conditions, with no luxuries or amenities we often take for granted.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Hilda Grigorian for her unwavering commitment to the people of Armenia and Afghanistan and wish her well in all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was giving the keynote address at the second annual Native American Health Conference. Due to transportation constraints, I was unable to make it back to the Capitol to vote for H.R. 1383, H.R. 1627, and H.R. 1657. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all of these important bills.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT  
TROOP 890 IN LAKE HIGHLANDS,  
TEXAS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Boy Scout Troop 890 in Lake Highlands, Texas, celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year.

Chartered in 1961, Troop 890 was founded to help shape and prepare the lives of the boys and young men in Dallas by teaching them the principles of Scouting. Over the past fifty years, the dedicated efforts of the leaders, the Scouts, and their parents have made Troop 890 a signature organization in Lake Highlands, Texas and it has become one of the largest and most well-known Boy Scout troops in Dallas.

The leaders of Troop 890 are committed to helping these scouts develop strong moral character and adhere to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Lake Highlands community that considers the Troop to be an asset, encourages parents to be actively involved and Scouts to take on leadership roles and mentor younger Scouts. Since the first Eagle rank presentation in 1963, approximately 450 individuals, including my sons, Bill and Alex, have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Over the years, I have watched many Scouts become mature and responsible young men of great character.

Troop 890 has made the local community a stronger and better place. Their commitment to serving others is evident in the hundreds of hours devoted to various community service projects. I know Troop 890 will continue to positively impact Dallas and promote the importance of Scouting.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me congratulating Troop 890 on their 50th Anniversary. I wish Troop 890 many more years of Scouting!

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. RICHARDSON. On May 23, 2011, I was unavoidably detained during the vote on rollcall No. 330. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 330, I would have voted "aye" (May 23) H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

A BILL TO AMEND THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize Indian tribes to directly request the President for a major disaster or emergency declaration. This has been a priority for Indian country for over a decade and upon enactment, will treat Indian tribes as the sovereign governments that they are.

Currently, Indian tribes experiencing a disaster or emergency situation must rely upon a State governor to request the President for a declaration. Not only is this contrary to tribal sovereignty but it also requires the President to consider the State's, not the tribe's, ability to pay for the damages. The State's authority or willingness to provide assistance to the tribe is not considered in the determination process.

Under this legislation, tribes may still request the State to make the declaration on their behalf but it provides another avenue for those tribes who want to exercise their sovereignty or where a State may be unable or unwilling to make a request on a tribe's behalf.

I am pleased that the Republican co-chairman of the Native American Caucus, Mr. TOM COLE, and the Ranking Member of the subcommittee of jurisdiction, Ms. NORTON, agreed to cosponsor this important legislation with me. Letters of support have also been received from the National Congress of American Indians as well as other tribal organizations and individual Indians involved in emergency management.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

IN HONOR OF MARILYN DORMAN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Marilyn Dorman, who retires as the Executive Director of the Housing

Resource Center of Monterey County on May 31, 2011. The HRC is a non-profit HUD-certified housing counseling agency that provides home-ownership education and counseling as well as homeless prevention services. Marilyn has a real gift for grant writing, which has served the agency well as its primary fundraiser.

Marilyn has been active professionally and personally in the housing arena for over twenty-seven years. She was the founding Executive Director of the Housing Advocacy Council in 1984, which merged with the Monterey County Housing Alliance in 2009 to become the Housing Resource Center of Monterey County. Throughout her many years of service Marilyn advocated for the development of affordable low-income housing and worked tirelessly with direct assistance programs to prevent homelessness.

With the 2009 merger, Marilyn's focus expanded to include homeownership education and counseling, as well as foreclosure prevention and loan modification. To date, HRC has successfully modified over 200 loans for Monterey County homeowners. Collectively, the merged organization has served over 24,000 Monterey County households.

Marilyn has also been an active Board, Committee member, and volunteer for the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Salinas Downtown Community Board, the ACTION Council of Monterey County, Common Ground, the League of Women Voters, Community Advisory Council for the Salinas Permit Center, Salinas Planning Commission, Salinas Parks and Recreation Commission, Salinas Housing Trust Fund, the Salinas General Plan Parks Task Force, Girl Scouts, and the Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Volunteer Center of Salinas.

Marilyn's husband of thirty-eight years, Mark, has been the grounding force in life. They have three grown daughters and two beautiful grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I commend Marilyn Dorman for all she has done and all she will undoubtedly continue to do. I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes for her success and much happiness in her retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent because of a family illness on May 23, 2011. If I was present, I would have voted on the following:

H.R. 1627—rollcall No. 330: "aye"; H.R. 1383—rollcall No. 331: "aye"; H.R. 1657—rollcall No. 332: "aye."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Monday, May 23, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

1. "Yea" on rollcall 330, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 1627—To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery.

2. "Yea" on rollcall 331, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 1383—Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011.

3. "Yea" on rollcall 332, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1657—To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall Nos. 330, 331, and 332. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for these measures:

H.R. 1627—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, rollcall No. 330, "yes."

H.R. 1383—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, rollcall No. 331, "yes."

H.R. 1657—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, rollcall No. 332, "yes."

TEXAS FROG FREEDOM FIGHTER—  
MARCUS LUTTRELL

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Navy SEALs are the United States Navy's elite warriors. And last week we learned that they killed the most wanted terrorist of all, Osama bin Laden. Osama bin Laden was the mastermind behind the murders of nearly 3,000 Americans on September 11, 2001. The news of his death brings some comfort to the families of thousands of people who died in the 9/11 attacks and to the families of those who have died in the war on terror. During their recent mission, these SEALs proved that when the peace of our great Nation is threatened, we will stand up and fight.

Throughout the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, many other SEALs have performed equally heroic deeds. All Navy SEALs are elite commandos demonstrating the epitome of what we have in this country. One such example is local SEAL patriot, Marcus Luttrell, who I am proud to recognize and honor for his contributions to the global war on terrorism.

June 28, 2005 is a date the SEALs will forever remember. It was the worst single-day U.S. forces death toll since Operation Enduring Freedom began and it was the single largest loss of life in Navy SEAL history since World War II. Marcus Luttrell, a sixth generation country boy from Texas, survived to tell

the incredible, harrowing events of that day. He is an amazing Texas patriot and “lone survivor” of a horrific gun battle that occurred in the mountains of Afghanistan. On this fateful day, three of Luttrell’s friends from SEAL Team TEN, along with 16 Special Forces warriors were killed.

Luttrell was born in Huntsville, Texas in 1975. As a teen growing up in Willis, Texas, he began training at a young age for the SEALs, with a former Green Beret and neighbor, Billy Shelton. Luttrell and his twin brother, Morgan, also a Navy SEAL, trained every day using Shelton’s harsh techniques and methods. He taught them to be tough. In addition, Luttrell’s dad, a Vietnam veteran, taught his sons about weapons, survival, and swimming. Beau Walsh, Willis High School teacher and former Navy SEAL, prepared them on what to expect in SEAL training. During these years, the Luttrell brothers excelled physically and mentally.

After graduating from Willis High School, Luttrell enrolled at Sam Houston University, but left before graduating because of his desire to serve his country. With faith in God and country, at 23 years old Marcus Luttrell joined the United States Navy. He began Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training with Class 226 in Coronado, California. In 2002, he graduated with Class 228 and became a member of the small, elite military force known as the Navy SEALs. He deployed to Afghanistan in the spring of 2005.

On June 28, 2005, he and three members of SEAL Team TEN were assigned to a covert mission, Operation Red Wing, in the mountainous region of Afghanistan. They were sent in to kill or capture Ahmad Shah, a notorious Taliban leader with ties to Osama bin Laden. The four-man team was made up of Marcus Luttrell, Lt. Michael Murphy, Gunner’s Mate 2d Class Danny Dietz and Sonar Technician 2d Class Matthew Axelson.

Shortly into their mission, SEAL Team TEN encountered a small group of unarmed Afghan goat-herders. Although they believed the goat-herders empathized with the Taliban, the team was unable to confirm any threat. Lt. Murphy sought input concerning the goat-herders fate from the team but ultimately made the call to release the herders.

Barely an hour later, the SEALs were ambushed. They came under heavy attack by Taliban insurgents and were easily outnumbered one to twenty-five. The enemy completely encircled them on that desolate cliff. There was one way in and one way out. Despite being wounded, Lt. Michael Murphy left protective cover and stood on a boulder to get a signal to place a phone call back to the base. Under intense fire, Murphy told the base he needed help, provided them with the SEALs location, and relayed the number of Taliban fighters. While he was calling for support, he was shot in the back, but he completed the rescue call while continuing to fire at the enemy. In the midst of chaos, he remained calm and risked his own life to save his team.

Murphy then returned to the safety of the mountain rocks and to his team to continue the fire fight. Ferociously engaged in a two-hour gun battle and running low on ammunition Murphy, Dietz, and Axelson were killed. In the midst of this battle, a MH-47 Chinook helicopter carrying 16 Special Forces crew, including 8 SEALs, were sent to evacuate them.

The helicopter was assaulted and shot down with a rocket-propelled grenade fire. All 16 warriors were killed trying to rescue SEAL Team TEN.

These SEALs fought with courage and heroism of entire legions of warriors when attacked by a cowardly, fanatical enemy. These brave Navy SEALs gave the ultimate sacrifice. These SEALs are true patriots. Dietz and Axelson received the Navy Cross posthumously. Lt. Michael Murphy was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions and his valor on the battlefield.

Luttrell was the sole survivor. He was blasted over a cliff by an RPG and knocked unconscious. Severely wounded and presumed dead, he managed to crawl seven miles before he reached a tribal village. They gave him shelter, aid and granted him protection under lokhay warkawal, Afghan code that guarantees safety and protection at all costs for a wounded traveler. Luttrell was rescued by the Green Beret six days after the gun fight.

In 2006, he was awarded the Navy Cross for combat heroism for his actions during Operation Red Wing by President George W. Bush. Luttrell remained in the Navy until 2007. In 2009 he was medically retired from the Navy. I cannot say enough about this great man, this American patriot. He is a heroic representative of the State of Texas and an honorable defender of liberty and freedom.

Our young people who go to the valley of the gun and the desert of the sun are relentless, remarkable characters. They go where others fear to tread and where the faint-hearted are not found. These Navy SEAL warriors represent the best of our Nation. The bravery, dedication and patriotism of Luttrell, Murphy, Dietz and Axelson will not be forgotten by their friends, their family and freedom-loving people throughout the world. God bless these sons of America.

And that’s just the way it is.

HONORING COLONEL YOLANDA C.  
DENNIS-LOWMAN, USA

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Yolanda C. Dennis-Lowman, United States Army, for her remarkable record of achievements during her service from July 8, 2008, through July 19, 2011, as the Commander of the Tooele Army Depot, Utah.

Under her active supervision and guidance, Tooele Army Depot was officially designated by the Secretary of the Army as a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITE) for Ammunition Peculiar Equipment (APE) maintenance, which is a very significant achievement.

Because of her commitment to safety and the solid policies and procedures she implemented during the 2009–2010 timeframe, the depot achieved more than 610 consecutive days without a loss time injury, which was the best record within the Joint Munitions Command and Army Materiel Command (AMC). It was under her watch that Tooele Army Depot also received the AMC Safety Award, of “Best Installation.”

During her tenure, the Army implemented the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) at Tooele Army Depot. By way of explanation, LMP modernizes the systems and processes associated with managing the Army’s supply chain at the national and installation levels, and permits the planning, forecasting, and rapid order fulfillment leading to streamlined supply lines, improved distribution, and a reduced theatre footprint. Thus, LMP better supports the warfighter so that they can be better equipped and ready to respond to present and future threats. Colonel Dennis-Lowman managed and supported the depot team during this difficult and challenging LMP transformation.

Further, her guidance and leadership led the depot to excel in continuous improvement efforts. In 2010, the depot exceeded the Value Engineering goal by more than \$800,000 (\$1.48 million versus \$2.29 million), and exceeded the Lean Six Sigma goal by more than \$140,000 (\$931,000 versus \$790,000).

In 2010, the depot shipped approximately 39,012 tons of conventional ammunition and received and processed 33,218 tons. This was in direct support of the ongoing war efforts around the world, as well as training requirements.

Colonel Dennis-Lowman was recognized by the publishers of Utah Business (magazine for decision makers) as one of the “30 Top Women to Watch—Women Making a Difference in Utah Business.”

She advised and supported a depot team during a Green Belt Project, Water Management. This team was awarded the 31st Annual Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Award, as well as the 2009 Federal Energy and Water Management Award within the small group category.

During her command, the depot’s Law Enforcement and Security Branch did very well and received “commendable” ratings during the Headquarter, AMC Force Protection Assessment. In 2010, Tooele Army Depot received the AMC Anti-Terrorism Award for Small Installations.

Her guidance was instrumental in receiving OHSAS 18001 (safety), ISO 9001:2008 (ammo shipping/receiving and ammo equipment and manufacturing), and ISO 14001 (environmental) certifications.

Colonel Dennis-Lowman coordinated the effort for Tooele Army Depot to be the first Army installation to have a wind turbine. This wind turbine was completed in June 2010, stands 262 feet tall, and produces 1.5 MW of electricity, which is enough to power 300–400 homes, and translates to \$206,625 in savings per year. In 2010, the depot’s energy usage was 8% lower than during 2009, resulting in a cost savings of over \$117,000.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, Colonel Yolanda C. Dennis-Lowman has served in a most exemplary manner as Commander of the Tooele Army Depot, and has demonstrated remarkable leadership abilities in the face of substantial challenges. I congratulate her on her accomplishments, and invite my colleagues to join me in thanking her for a job well done, and join me in extending well wishes to her for much success in all future endeavors.

MARGARET CASON WARD

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Third Congressional District of Florida, I rise now to offer my heartfelt condolences and pay tribute to the life of Margaret Cason Ward, a humanitarian, life activist and friend. As a woman who served her community as a renowned educator and community activist since moving to Leesburg in 1947, Mrs. Ward has been a "Pillar" within the many communities she was a part of. I am moved and encouraged when recalling the life achievements of this extraordinary woman of faith and community service.

As a woman for whom education was important, Mrs. Ward was hired by the Lake County School District in 1947. By 2004, Mrs. Ward touched the lives of so many that she was recognized by receiving a place in the Governor's Wall of Fame as an 'Outstanding African American Educator.' Mrs. Ward also founded the Dabney Minatee Heritage Group, Inc. and became the founding CEO. Realizing where her heart is committed, for the next seven years of her glorious life, she served as the Lake-Sumter Community College Reach-Out Director. As Director, she initiated the McKnight Achievement Program at LSCC. Mrs. Ward was able to construct the first job shadowing program at Disney World. All of these great accomplishments lead to Margaret Cason Ward in becoming the first African American female to be nominated by the Lake County Commissioners and placed in the Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Ward continued her regime of excellence by securing the position of the first African American that was elected President of the Church for Women United. At the state level, she was recognized and named as the Prestigious Valiant Woman of the CWU. She continued to serve the education system as a member of the Associate Board of Trustee for Bethune Cookman College. Another great life accomplishment of Mrs. Ward was in 2004 she was presented the key to the City of Orlando by Mayor Buddy Dyer. Mrs. Ward was elected President of the Central Florida Conference Women's Missionary Society and was later elected the first Vice President of the 11th Episcopal District WMS. After her term as Vice President, she was appointed WMS Episcopal President. Mrs. Ward was also appointed Connectional Chairperson of the Christian Social Relations Committee.

As a community activist, she gave of herself and her talents to benefit both the individuals and the organizations she served. Mrs. Ward was a Charter member of Epsilon NU Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, is a lifetime member of the NAACP, and has served as a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church since 1947. As a woman of integrity and character, Margaret Cason Ward was both gifted and inspiring. Where she saw potential in others, she gave them impetus and encouragement; where she saw despair, she brought direction and promise; and where she saw the need for love and caring, she unselfishly gave of herself. She has impacted the lives of so many that the Leesburg African American Museum was named in her honor.

In Margaret Cason Ward's passing, we pay tribute to an accomplished woman and her life of service to each of us. She will be remembered and respected because she chose to care. We pray that by her example that each of us becomes the bearers of her humanitarian legacy. We come now to join in prayer for her loving daughter Randreta Ward Evans; her three grandchildren, Rhonda, Chad and Regina; and her great-grandchildren, Kishawn, Kivante, James and Madison; and a host of loving relatives and friends throughout the community, whose lives have been forever changed by this woman of excellence and peace. We thank Our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be blessed with the time spent with Margaret Cason Ward, our friend and sister.

TO COMMEND INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "ALEXANDRIA PLAN"

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Inova Alexandria Hospital on the 50th anniversary of the "Alexandria Plan." The Alexandria Hospital plan resulted in the first 24-hour emergency room staffed by dedicated emergency physicians and served as the national model for emergency medicine.

During the 1940s and 1950s many hospitals around the country began providing emergency room services, mostly staffed by medical residents and nurses who were usually backed up by doctors on call from their homes. By the early 1960s, Alexandria Hospital and its medical staff decided that the inadequacy of the care model in the emergency department needed to be addressed.

In the late 1950s, Dr. James Mills, Jr., a family physician on the medical staff of Alexandria Hospital, had a demanding private practice as well as serving as an "on call" physician covering the emergency room, both of which required many hours of his time.

In 1961, as a result of the foresight of Alexandria Hospital, Dr. Mills, together with three other physicians on the medical staff, gave up their private practices to become full-time emergency physicians in an arrangement that became known as the Alexandria Plan. The Alexandria Plan provided for full-time staffing of emergency rooms 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It was quickly adopted and became the standard of care used by hospitals around the country as they began to confront increasing numbers of patients needing such emergency care.

In addition to staffing the emergency room full time, the physicians also became the moving force behind the development of a medical specialty that called for specific training in emergency medicine and eventually resulted in the creation of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Next month, on June 24, 2011, Inova Alexandria Hospital and the American College of Emergency Physicians will jointly celebrate the 50th anniversary of the inception of the Alexandria Plan, recognizing the incredible significance that this plan has had for the delivery

of quality care to patients throughout the country.

On behalf of the 8th district of Virginia, I commend Inova Alexandria for the Hospital's commitment to quality patient care and medical excellence.

HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND HITS  
FOR HAL DAVID

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, music fans have been enjoying songs such as We've Only Just Begun, What the World Needs Now is Love, and Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head for decades. What people may not know is that behind the voices of those who sang the songs was the writing of Mr. Hal David. In honor of Hal's 90th birthday, the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina wish to join countless others in honoring his wonderful career.

One of our country's greatest song writers, Hal was born the son of immigrants in Brooklyn, New York. During World War II, Hal served in the U.S. Army Entertainment Section in the Central Pacific with Carl Reiner and Werner Klemperer.

Mr. David's career moved along with his first hit record, The Four Winds and the Seven Seas by Vic Damon, which was cowritten with Don Rodney. Hal David, however, would not become a one-hit wonder. Other early hits written by Hal David include Bell Bottom Blues for Teresa Brewer, cowritten by Leon Carr, Brokenhearted Melody for Sarah Vaughan and Johnny Get Angry for Joanie Sommers, both of which were cowritten by Sherman Edwards, as well as Sea of Heartbreak for Don Gibson, cowritten by Paul Hampton.

As you can see, Hal always teamed with outstanding writing partners. In 1957, his career took another great turn when he began his now-legendary collaboration with composer Burt Bacharach. The two worked together to produce the Marty Robbins hit The Story of My Life. This fruitful partnership between Hal David and Burt Bacharach produced hits for Perry Como, Jack Jones, Bobby Vinton, Gene Pitney, Dusty Springfield, Herb Alpert, the Carpenters, and perhaps the most-famous of all, Dionne Warwick. The duo of David and Bacharach's hit songs included Magic Moments, Wives and Lovers, Twenty-four Hours from Tulsa, Wishin' and Hopin', What the World Needs Now is Love, We've Only Just Begun, and countless others.

Several songs produced by this legendary twosome were nominated for Academy Awards including What's New Pussycat, Alfie and Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head. In 1969, Raindrops from Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid won the Oscar for Best Song.

Hal's work with Burt Bacharach was not limited to recorded hits. The pair worked together to write the score for the 1968 hit Broadway show, Promises, Promises, which was successfully revived on Broadway in 2010. The original cast recording of that particular show won a Grammy Award.

His collaborative work was not limited to Burt Bacharach. Hal David and Albert Hammond worked together on the 1984 worldwide

hit *To All the Girls I've Loved Before*, which was recorded by Julio Iglesias and Willie Nelson.

Hal David has not spent all of his time writing songs. Throughout his great career, Mr. David has served in several leadership roles in his industry. From 1980–1986, Hal served as President of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), focusing on legislative issues facing music creators. During his tenure as President, Hal oversaw the expansion of ASCAP's presence in the area of country music. To this day, Hal continues to serve on ASCAP's Board of Directors.

For a decade, 2000–2010, Mr. David served as Chairman and CEO of the Songwriters Hall of Fame. During this time the Songwriters Hall of Fame established an important digital presence with its Virtual Museum and, most recently, the launch of the Songwriters Hall of Fame Gallery Museum in Los Angeles.

The recipient of numerous awards throughout his career, Hal David has been inducted into both the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. He has received the Recording Academy's Grammy Trustees Award and the Johnny Mercer Award from the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Even the British Performing Rights Society honored the Brooklyn native with one of its most prestigious awards.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish Hal David much happiness on his 90th birthday and send our

best wishes for 90 more years of health, happiness and hits.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent because of a family illness on May 13th 2011. If I was present, I would have voted on the following: H.R. 754—rollcall No. 323: “nay”; H.R. 754—rollcall No. 324: “aye”; H.R. 754—rollcall No. 325: “aye”; H.R. 754—rollcall No. 326: “aye”; H.R. 754—rollcall No. 327: “aye”; H.R. 754—rollcall No. 328: “aye”; and H.R. 754—rollcall No. 329: “aye.”

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ISRAELI 63RD INDEPENDENCE DAY

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Israel on the celebration of its 63rd Independence Day. I am a strong supporter of the State of Israel and believe in its right to exist as a Jewish and

democratic state with secure and recognized borders.

As our strongest democratic ally in the Middle East, Israel is a crucial friend of the United States, and its continued strength and stability are in our nation's best interest.

The past several years have been a challenging time for Israel. Israel continues to face danger on many fronts, from the ongoing threat of terrorism to the potential rise of a nuclear-armed Iran. Peace and stability in Israel and the Middle East at large are still a possibility. Despite recent events with Fatah and Hamas, I hope that Palestinian authorities will be willing to come to the table and negotiate peace with their Israeli neighbors. I trust that new commitments and agreements are reached that enable these two states to live peacefully with one another.

I will continue to advocate for policies that make Israel more secure and work to alleviate the tensions in the Middle East, and I urge my colleagues to join me. As a member of the Israel Allies Caucus, I have been an active advocate for Israel and its people. I know the people of Israel want to live in peace with their Palestinian neighbors, and I will push for continued American engagement in the peace process. Together, the United States and Israel will continue to work in partnership to bring peace and security to the Middle East. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Israel on their 63rd Independence Day.