

Versailles allowed many Cuban-Americans to reconnect with their heritage.

For countless Cuban exiles, Versailles is much more than a restaurant.

It is a tangible piece of what they left behind when they fled Castro's gulag.

As a Cuban-American, I know the cultural and emotional link Versailles has with so many members of our community.

Versailles is a place where the Cuban community can come together and discuss topics as far ranging as politics, sports or the latest gossip or "chisme."

But Versailles has also become a destination for individuals from all backgrounds.

Its status as a cultural landmark has brought politicians, artists and celebrities of all stripes to its doors.

Today the Valls family is celebrating 40 years of Versailles.

Despite all their success, family is still the most important component in their lives.

It is also the reason why Versailles resonates with so many members of my community.

It reflects the love and devotion the Valls family has for one another and their community.

I congratulate Felipe Valls and the entire Valls family on this milestone.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I have always strongly supported Israel's security and rights as a nation, and I continue to support a two-state solution that would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state, which is essential to achieving peaceful reconciliation among Israel, the Palestinians and their neighbors in the region. Consistent with those principles, yesterday I voted "present" on House Resolution 268 because it did not move the parties forward on negotiations or toward these goals. My concern has always been to bring the parties to the table so they can resolve their differences.

PROCLAMATION FOR CHIEF MICHAEL MOYER FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2011, Chief Michael Moyer retired from the Laconia Police Department after twenty-seven years of faithful service. The Chief began his career as a Special Officer on January 3, 1984 and became a full time Police Officer the following February 11. After rising through the ranks, he was appointed the Chief of Police in Laconia on November 1, 2007 and served in

that position for the next three and one-half years.

Chief Moyer is a native of Laconia, New Hampshire and has dedicated his professional life toward the safety and wellbeing of his home town. Chief Moyer is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and is a recipient of the Congressional Law Enforcement Award for his actions involving the Hells Angels during the 1998 Motorcycle Week Rally. Among many noteworthy achievements, Chief Moyer is to be commended for starting Laconia's first Citizens Police Academy.

I congratulate Chief Moyer on his well earned retirement and thank him for his outstanding support of the community. I wish both Chief Moyer and his wife Robin continued success in their life together.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NADINE MCCAW

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Nadine Driskell McCaw of Century, Florida who passed away on July 7, 2011. Nadine was a tremendous public servant committed to helping others, and I am humbled to commemorate her life.

Born 57 years ago, Nadine is a lifelong Century resident and graduated from Century High School in 1972. She worked at the Century Branch Library, and her life's passion was service to others. As a Century Town Council Member, Nadine worked to better the lives of those in her community. She was an avid supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and numerous other causes. Nadine and her husband Eddie were married for more than 39 years.

Four years ago, Nadine was diagnosed with invasive cancer and given six months to live by doctors. She survived and went on to continue her service as Councilwoman and active community member. Her smile touched all of those who had the pleasure of her company, and her service to the Town of Century will not be forgotten. Nadine was a dedicated, courageous, and loving person, and it is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge her passing to be in God's hands.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Nadine McCaw. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for her husband, Eddie, her children, Juanita Watson and Felicia Jones, eight grandchildren, and entire extended family. She will be missed by all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 502 on Representative BARBARA LEE's amendment to the 2012 Defense Appropriations Act

to "strike \$33,000,124,000 from title IX and increase the Spending Reduction Account by the same amount" in order to redeploy U.S. armed forces out of Afghanistan by the end of 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

HONORING KERA-TV (CHANNEL 13)

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KERA-TV and Radio, a broadcasting station in Dallas, Texas, for 50 years of quality programming on the air.

In the late 1950's, in my home of North Texas, community leaders, educators and owners of commercial television stations had a vision to build a television station centered around educational issues. KERA Channel 13 went on the air in late 1960 with only a few programs intended for teachers and students. Since then, KERA-TV has grown and has evolved to carry a full slate of public television programs and independent productions, including an extensive lineup of weekday programs committed to the intellectual and social development of children.

KERA expanded its outreach and founded its public radio station 90.1 (KERA FM) which went on the air in 1974, serving Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton. KERA FM has a news and information format. The station's own productions include reports and specials from the KERA news staff, Think with Kryss Boyd and Anything You Ever Wanted to Know with Jeff Whittington.

A second radio station, KKXT 91.7 FM, with a music format, began broadcasting in late 2009 to the greater Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton metropolitan area. This station's programming is also streamed online at kxt.org. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, KERA-TV will be airing vintage episodes of shows, documentaries and concerts from its archives on select Friday and Sunday nights through the end of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, my community has benefitted immensely from the quality programming of KERA-TV and radio. I congratulate them on 50 years of excellence in public broadcasting.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SPECTRUM AND WIRE- LESS INNOVATION ACT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, along with my good friend and colleague, Congressman GENE GREEN of Texas, I am introducing the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act today to address the sensible and long neglected needs of public safety. This legislation builds on S. 911, Senators ROCKEFELLER and HUTCHISON's outstanding bipartisan bill, which was recently reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.