

his Senior Awards Night. He will also be receiving his diploma on June 3, 2012.

Aime now plans to attend Broward College to study Criminal Justice. When he graduates from the refugee program at 22 years old he has the possibility of obtaining U.S. citizenship. Aime has grown from an orphan in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to hopefully becoming a U.S. citizen in the very near future. He is the epitome of the American dream, and an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Aime Kalangwa and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

IN HONOR OF LUKE STANTON
NACHBAR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dimming of a great light in our community. Luke Stanton Nachbar was a loving husband and father and a vibrant spark for all those around him. He died last week of cancer at the young age of forty six. His departure tears a hole in the fabric of the Monterey Bay Area community that I represent here in Congress. While we all recognize the pain and loss felt by his family, especially his young children, and wife, we will also feel his loss in the public life of many communities.

I first met Luke in 1996 when he came to my Washington, DC, office as a freshly minted Monterey Institute of International Studies graduate and returned Peace Corps volunteer on a Sea Grant fellowship looking for a job. Lost in the mists of time are the exact reasons why we made the mistake of not hiring him. But he soon landed a prime position with the office of New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg. That job ultimately led the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to tap him as a specialist in Congressional Affairs for the Policy, Planning and Analysis division of NOAA's National Ocean Service based in Monterey. In true Luke Nachbar fashion, he convinced his management that that he could best accomplish the job from Monterey rather than Silver Spring. So Luke was able to build a career in national ocean policy while raising his children with his wife on the central coast of Monterey Bay.

Everybody who knew Luke recognized his expansive and cheerful personality. He was ever the optimist, which translated professionally into an unwavering can do attitude—always an asset when dealing with Congress. Personally, his optimism translated into support for the Detroit Tigers and love of poker. One could never fail to notice his presence in a room. He always made the company around him more cheerful.

The greatest tragedy of Luke's early death is his children's loss of their father. Quinn, Flint, and Rainn were the center of Luke's life. No words can make up for their loss but I hope they never forget one important lesson that Luke epitomized—one person can make a difference and make the world a better place. I also want to offer my own personal condolences to Luke's wife, Seaberry Nachbar.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in expressing gratitude for the public

service Luke Nachbar gave to his country and community and to share with his family and friends our deep sense of loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL ANN E. DUNWOODY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to General Ann E. Dunwoody, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command, on the occasion of her retirement following 37 years of exemplary service to the United States Military. Being from Huntsville, Alabama, home to Redstone Arsenal and U.S. Army Material Command and as a Member of the House Committee on Armed Services, I have had the honor of knowing General Dunwoody and witnessing her patriotism and dedication to this great Nation.

General Dunwoody's service is marked by many firsts. She is the 82nd Airborne Division's first female battalion commander, she is Fort Bragg's first female general officer, she is the Combined Arms Support Command's first female commander, she is our Nation's first female four-star general, and she is the U.S. Army Materiel Command's first female commander. These historic achievements forever mark General Dunwoody as a true pioneer.

General Dunwoody's many stellar achievements in uniform, including her deployment to Saudi Arabia with the 82nd Airborne in the Persian Gulf War, are a tribute to her character and ability, but she is admired most for her compassionate leadership and for the steadfast courage she has shown in the defense of our Nation. General Dunwoody is, first and foremost, a proud, fourth-generation U.S. Army Soldier.

As General Dunwoody and her husband, Colonel Craig Brotchie (U.S. Air Force, Retired), begin the next phase of their lives, I want to express, on behalf of the American people, the warmest regards and heartfelt gratitude of the Nation for all that they have done and all that they are.

On behalf of all those touched by her service, we wish General Dunwoody good luck, good ground, and Godspeed. Army Strong!

JIM BERK

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I along with Representative BASS of California are pleased to pay tribute to Mr. Jim Berk for his outstanding contributions to young people and education in the arts in our community.

Mr. Berk began his impressive career in public education at the age of twenty-one as a music teacher at Carson High. He reopened Carson's music department and quickly built it into one of the largest programs in the State of California. When he left Carson High, Jim went to Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles. Together with a committed group

of educators, teachers, and parents, Jim founded the Hamilton High School Academy of Music, which is now the largest comprehensive performing arts magnet program in the western United States. The Music Academy is now a treasure in our school system. For 1,000 students every year, it is a special place with a richly diverse campus that provides world class arts education that transforms lives.

Mr. Berk's commitment to the students of Hamilton High deepened when he was appointed Principal of the Alexander Hamilton High School Complex in 1990. He became the youngest principal in the history of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and in that position he instituted an interdisciplinary curriculum combining both academic studies with the arts. During his tenure, an astounding 96 percent of graduating seniors at Hamilton went on to pursue higher education, attendance improved an impressive 22 percent, hitting 94 percent overall, and the schools rating jumped from the 34th percentile to the 81st in state assessment scores.

This year, Hamilton High's Academy of Music is celebrating its 25th year. At a time when so many arts and music programs in public schools are struggling, the community of support that has grown around Hamilton's program is working to ensure that it has the resources it needs to continue in its proud tradition of excellence. In the 25 years since Jim Berk helped to make the Academy of Music a reality, it has maintained a reputation as a crown jewel of public arts education, even as he has carried his skills and dedication to other endeavors.

Mr. Berk's long-standing commitment to our public schools was only the start of his many contributions to our community and to the arts. As the founding executive director of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Foundation, he helped to shape the Foundation's commitment to cultivating an understanding and appreciation of the contribution that recorded music has made to American culture through musical events that engage the recording community, as well as the general public. Mr. Berk later became President and CEO of Hard Rock Café International where he also served as CEO of the Hard Rock Foundation. Through the Foundation Mr. Berk helped to provide education, social action grants, and thousands of hours of volunteer services to local charities and schools.

Mr. Berk continues to make a difference in the community through his current position as CEO of Participant Media, an entertainment company that focuses on socially relevant, commercially viable feature films, documentaries, television, and digital media. During Mr. Berk's tenure, Participant Media launched TakePart.com, a social action website that hosts an extensive network of cause-related sites covering an array of social issues as well as ways for individuals to take action. The company has also invested in Me to We, a social enterprise which promotes a socially responsible, globally-focused approach to living for young people who want to help change the world through their daily choices as consumers.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, we ask you to join us in recognizing Jim Berk for his years of service and dedication to arts education and our community.