

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Chair, I am voting “no” against the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA). H.R. 624 endangers privacy and allows personal information to be shared by private companies without adequate safeguards to protect sensitive and highly personal information. While it is important that we build up our nation’s defenses against the modern dangers of cyberattacks, we cannot abandon our central values of freedom and independence in the course of doing so. I am prepared to consider an alternate version of CISPA wherein civil liberties are robustly protected. This bill provides no real solutions that adequately uphold an American’s right to privacy, and that is why I am voting against it.

A TRIBUTE TO ROSE GARJIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of Los Angeles, California, and a 105-year-old survivor of the Armenian Genocide—Rose Garjian.

Rose Garjian, then Rose Dedeian, was born on May 1, 1908, in the city of Kilis, located in south-central Turkey. Her father, Zakar Dedeian, worked as a shoemaker and cobbler, and her mother, Maritsa Dedeian, worked as a teacher. When the government of the Ottoman Empire launched a campaign of fear, destruction and death in the Spring of 1915, Ms. Garjian was only six-years-old. Her father hurriedly took his family to a small neighboring village to go into hiding from the Turks.

Ms. Garjian remembered the episode last year in an interview recalling that her father did not tell them why they had to go, only that they should hurry. “We left our home, and went to the desert,” said Garjian. “My father took us to hide, he tried to take us away from the Turks.”

While the Dedeian family was in hiding, the Ottoman government committed genocide against the Armenian people through wholesale massacre, forced marches through blistering deserts across the villages and cities of eastern Anatolia.

When the killings ended eight years later, more than a million and a half Armenian men,

women and children were dead, and the world’s oldest Christian nation had been shattered—with its survivors scattered around the world.

The Dedeian family moved to Lebanon, where Ms. Garjian attended Catholic School, learning French and Arabic. There, she met her husband Robert Garjian, a successful cobbler, who had come from the United States to marry her.

Once in the United States, Ms. Garjian gave birth to two daughters, Ellen and Mary. She is a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, with six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One family member spoke of her caring nature, saying “her home was always open to family members visiting or immigrating to the United States.”

After her husband passed away in 1986, Ms. Garjian continued to dedicate herself to her family and community. She served as a volunteer for the Valley Guild of the Arat Home—where she now lives—and was active in the Armenian community where she was a member of the Massis Church in Los Angeles, treasurer for the Marash Women’s Group, member of the United Armenian Congregational Church, and is one of the founding members of Aleppo College.

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Garjian served as a volunteer for the Valley Guild of the Arat Home—where she now lives—and was active in the Armenian community where she was a member of the Massis Church in Los Angeles, treasurer for the Marash Women’s Group, member of the United Armenian Congregational Church, and is one of the founding members of Aleppo College.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring a wonderful woman, Rose Garjian, for her remarkable story, dedication to family and exceptional service to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE NURSES AT SOUTH NASSAU COMMUNITIES HOSPITAL FOR NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we acknowledge the significant contributions nurses make to our society on a daily basis. This year, the week of May 6th is National Nurses Week. During this week, we are asked to pause and recognize the courageous men and women who serve our communities as nurses. The American Nurses Association has designated this week to honor nurses and incorporate one of the most famous nurses, Florence Nightingale, in the ceremony as well.

I would like to draw special attention to the nurses at South Nassau Communities Hospital. The men and women of South Nassau Communities Hospital show a consistent dedication to ensuring and improving the health of their community. For over 80 years, these men and women have worked diligently to improve the lives of Long Islanders. The tradition passed down throughout the years was exemplified by the selfless efforts of the nurses at the hospital during Superstorm Sandy. I was inspired by their efforts in assisting people of Long Island gravely affected by Sandy. They rose to the occasion without hesitation or complaint providing care to people in their time of great need. And they did so without expecting any expectation of glory.

These men and women exemplify the great values of America on a daily basis. They set an excellent standard for each of us to live up to. I wanted to take this moment to honor them and thank them. We do not say it often enough to our public servants, but without the men and women of the nursing profession, America would be a much different place. The care provided by the nurses at Nassau South Communities hospital is vital to the life of Long Island. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for everything they do for our neighbors and communities.

BAY COUNTY CENTENNIAL

HON. STEVE SOUTHERLAND II

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SOUTHERLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the place that I am proud to call home: Bay County, Florida.

One hundred years ago today, Bay County was established by act of the Florida legislature, igniting a century of growth and opportunity for a close-knit community that still cherishes its rich history and tradition.

Bay County is located in the heart of north-west Florida, overlooking 41 miles of sugar-white sand beaches along the Gulf of Mexico’s emerald green waters. With an additional 270 square miles occupied by pristine lakes, springs, streams and the magnificent St. Andrew’s Bay, Bay County has become a national destination for tourists, fishermen, boaters, and water sports enthusiasts.

While Bay County’s beaches and diverse inland areas attract over eight million visitors each year, it is the people who live and work there that give us our unique spirit. A small community of little more than 11,000 in 1920, Bay County now embodies the drive of a diverse and growing population totaling more than 170,000 people.

Bay County’s workforce is among the best educated and most highly prepared in Northwest Florida, with institutions of higher learning that rival any in the region. Its economic engine is fueled not by tourism alone, but also by thriving small businesses, nationally recognized companies, major manufacturers and

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one of the newer airports in America. And, as the home of Tyndall Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Panama City, and more than 22,000 veterans, Bay County enjoys a rich military history.

On this date, April 24, 2013, the day of Bay County's centennial, I am proud to join with friends, neighbors, and local and county officials from Panama City, Panama City Beach, Lynn Haven, Springfield, Parker, Callaway, Mexico Beach, and the unincorporated areas of our county to celebrate our proud past and bright future.

HONORING JACK AND VIOLET
HAROUNIAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack and Violet Harounian, Dinner Chairpersons of the Aleh Foundation Awards Dinner.

Aleh Foundation's distinguished Dinner Chairperson Jack Harounian was born in Teheran, Iran in 1928. Jack had hoped to attend Teheran University Medical School to help the local Jewish community but was accepted in Dental College. Because of the outbreak of World War II and the very difficult day to day economic situation, he was not able to attend. At age 18, after passing exams, Mr. Harounian became the youngest staff member of the Imperial Bank of Iran office in Teheran. At age 20, he volunteered to attend the War Faculty and became a Battalion Officer of King Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi. In that position Jack served for 18 months in "Padeghan Jay" near Mehrabad Airport in Teheran. He then returned to the bank at a higher position until Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mosaddegh nationalized the banking and oil industry in Iran. Jack got married in 1957 to his lovely bride Violet Ohebshalom at the age of 29 in Tehran and they enjoyed a honeymoon in Israel in 1957. Today they are blessed with two daughters, one son and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Harounian moved the family to the U.S. in 1970. After he started a business importing woolen piece goods, then shifted to become an exporter of handmade oriental rugs. After three decades he became one of the largest rug exporters in the U.S. At age 20, when the State of Israel was established, and later, at the time of their honeymoon, Jack began to think how he could help the people of Israel and Jews around the world. Some 25 years ago he decided to help hospitals and upgrade the quality of health-care services in Israel. In 1980 he organized and led fund raising efforts on behalf of Magen David Hospital in Calcutta, India.

In 1990, Violet miraculously survived a very serious illness. In the words of Jack, "G-d gave me back my wife." In appreciation, he agreed to become the International Chairman of Iranian Friends of Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. In that position, Mr. Harounian began to raise funds for Shaare Zedek, not just in New York but across the country and around the world. In all of these trips he had the warm support and encouragement of Violet who is deeply proud of her husband's efforts to care for the sick and disabled in Israel.

He has worked tirelessly on behalf of Shaare Zedek, year after year, putting in countless hours of time each week. At his own expense, Mr. Harounian has placed ads in all major Persian language news media in New York and Los Angeles as well as in the Jewish Week and Jerusalem Post. Jack takes his responsibility as International Chairman very seriously. On behalf of Shaare Zedek he has travelled to Boston, Washington D.C., Chicago, Miami, and overseas to Germany, Switzerland, France, Australia, New Zealand, England and Spain to meet with members of the local Persian Jewish community. Jack has personally paid for all hotels and air expenses for himself and his wife.

In recognition of his exceptional activities which have greatly benefited the health and well-being of the people of Jerusalem, Jack was honored at the Iranian Community Solidarity Gala Dinner Dance in celebration of Jerusalem's 2000 birthday in 1996, sponsored by Shaare Zedek.

This was followed two years later by Mr. Harounian being designated by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert a "Trustee of the City of Jerusalem" at festivities in Jerusalem celebrating Israel's 50th birthday. This is a special, rare honor of distinction that is presented to those individuals outside Israel who have made an exceptional contribution toward the betterment of the people of Jerusalem.

Because of his widespread reputation as a philanthropist supporting Israel, Jack was approached by the Aleh Foundation in 2001. He was deeply moved to hear about the dream of building a Rehabilitation Village. The estimated cost of the project was a daunting \$45 million.

After visiting the Aleh Center in Jerusalem and meeting with our special children and talking with the exceptional staff, Mr. Harounian threw himself wholeheartedly into this endeavor. Jack was kind enough to open his beautiful home in Kings Point for a fund-raising event that featured Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as the guest speaker. Mr. Harounian is an esteemed honorary board member. He makes it a priority to participate in all of the Aleh Foundation's fund raising events in NY and in Israel and spends an enormous amount of time introducing friends, neighbors and business associates to the vital work of the Foundation.

Over the years Mr. Harounian has devoted countless hours of his time, energy and money to helping Aleh expand its extraordinary facilities while continuing his wonderful work for Shaare Zedek and many other worthy causes in Israel. When asked why he worked so hard on behalf of the Aleh Foundation, Mr. Harounian replied, "It is wonderful that 12,000 parents can go to work each day with peace of mind, knowing that the Aleh Foundation, with its excellent and caring staff is taking care of their disabled children."

Mrs. Violet Harounian, besides warm support and encouragement, donated a very special ambulance to Magen David Adom in 1900 to Israel. She is active, in many other non-profit organizations in Israel such as Hadasah and Ort and so on. It is a distinct honor and a privilege to have Jack and Violet serve as Dinner Chairpersons of Aleh Foundation Awards Dinner celebrating 29 years of service to disabled children in Israel.

MATT LEWIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Matt Lewis 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 Matt Lewis 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 of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MR. GEORGE J. PAPPAS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of myself, Representative CONAWAY from Texas, Representative LOBIONDO from New Jersey, Representative NUNES from California, Mr. ROGERS from Michigan, and Representative THORNBERRY from Texas to honor Mr. George J. Pappas, Professional Staff Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel.

During his time with the House Intelligence Committee, Mr. Pappas traveled extensively on bi-partisan congressional delegations, leading world-wide congressional trips for individual Members of Congress and group delegations. He has specific knowledge and expertise in engaging partner allies and emerging democracies from Eastern Europe, East Asia, and Western Africa. He advised bipartisan Members of the House on issues related to national security, cyber security, nuclear non-proliferation, global conflict, military intelligence operations, and institutional organizations within the Department of Defense.

Before serving as an exceptional policy advisor, he dedicated 24 years to active military service, holding a number of command and staff assignments including Deputy Commander United States Special Operation Command—Korea and Chief of Civil Affairs, United States Forces Korea. He also served as Operations Officer, Company Commander and Special Forces Detachment Command, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); and Battery Commander and Brigade Fire Support Office in the 82nd Airborne Division.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint

Service Achievement Medal, Four Army Achievement Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, three Overseas Service Ribbons, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, two Army Superior Unit Awards, and the Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab.

Mr. Pappas received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Saint Bonaventure University and his Masters of Science in Resource Management from Troy University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Special Forces Qualification Course, Air Command and Staff College, U.S. Army Force Management School, and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Mr. Speaker, George Pappas has dedicated his career in service of his country, and I ask that you join with me today to acknowledge Mr. George J. Pappas for his tremendous contributions to the security of the United States of America.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR.
DONALD S. FEIGENBAUM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and significant accomplishments of Donald S. Feigenbaum. Donald regrettably passed away on March 5th at the age of 87 at Berkshire Place in his beloved hometown of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Donald was born in Pittsfield, the son of S. Frederick and Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum. He attended Union College as an electrical engineering major and received his degree in 1946. Union College later recognized Donald as an "Outstanding Engineering Alumnus" and awarded him an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science. Donald also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Massachusetts and a Doctor of Science degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Union College named its administration building the "Armand and Donald S. Feigenbaum Hall," in honor of the financial and professional contributions made to the college by Donald and his brother.

After serving in the Navy as a Seabee, Dr. Feigenbaum began his career with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York where he became a pioneer developer of value engineering, which has become a basic to product design and manufacturing in America.

In 1957, Dr. Feigenbaum became the General Manager of the International Systems Company, guiding the company to a leadership position within the systems technology industry. In 1960, Donald and his brother Armand founded the General Systems Company, a global leader in designing and installing proprietary management operating systems.

Donald and his brother Armand co-authored the book, "The Power of Management Capital," which laid out a new direction for management not only in industry, but healthcare,

education, public administration, and technology as well. The book has been influential worldwide and the brothers have toured the globe extensively sharing their ideas. In recognition of their influence, the Feigenbaum Leadership Excellence Award was established by the Middle East Quality Association to encourage the adoption of total quality management.

Donald has made significant personal, professional and financial contributions to civic, educational, and charitable organizations. His commitment to the betterment of his home county is reflected by his membership on the Board of Directors of the Berkshire Economic Development Corporation, the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum, the Board of Overseers of the Hancock Shaker Village, the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Museum, the Board of Trustees of the Colonial Theatre Association, the Board of Trustees of the Colonial Theatre Festival, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Pittsfield Foundation, and as a incorporator of the Berkshire Medical Center.

Donald, with his brother Armand funded the creation of the Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation at the Berkshire Museum. The extensive permanent exhibition that opened in 2008 presents the numerous achievements of Berkshire County residents in science, technology, and management, as well as innovations in the arts and other disciplines. The brothers have been key in the development of the Michael Walsh Trail on West Stockbridge Mountain, the Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Berkshire Authors room in the Berkshire Athenaeum, the Feigenbaum Forum at Union College, the Feigenbaum Forum at the University of Massachusetts' Medical School, and the restoration of the Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield. To continue their legacy of philanthropy, Donald and his brother Armand established the Feigenbaum Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and fellow members, please join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Dr. Donald Feigenbaum.

HONORING CAROL BURRIS ON
BEING NAMED HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Carol Burris on being named New York State's 2013 High School Principal of the Year. Principal Burris has proudly served as Rockville Centre's South Side High School's Principal for 13 years. She was chosen as Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State because of her exceptional contributions to the educational process and her commitment to her students and the community. It was because of her tireless efforts that so many were moved to submit letters of nomination for this award.

Praised for her bold ideas to improve the education system, Ms. Burris is well known for her opposition to using standardized test scores as an evaluation tool for teachers and the use of tracking at the high school level.

She believes that tracking, which separates students by achievement level for all classroom subjects, limits a student's academic potential. This belief led her to establish paths of more rigorous study and increased opportunity for every student at South Side High School. She established a mandate that all 11th graders complete the very challenging English class, International Baccalaureate Language and Literature. Her high standards for all students—regardless of social, economic, or racial background—resulted in 99% of her students, including 95% of minority students, graduating with a Regents diploma last year. These extraordinary results have led to U.S. News and World Report to select South Side High School as the top-ranked high school on Long Island.

Ms. Burris is known as a leader amongst her coworkers and students. She works with teachers to regularly to collaborate, develop new ideas for lesson plans, improve instruction tools, align curriculum to be highly effective. The impact of her leadership on her school and her students is evident. Please join me in honoring Carol Burris for the momentous achievement of becoming New York State's Principal of the Year.

HONORING KEVIN JOSEPH NOYES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Joseph Noyes. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kevin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kevin built, painted and installed crosses at a local cemetery for the "Day of Remembrance" event remembering Civil War participants in Macon, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Joseph Noyes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, parev, pari yegak (Hello, welcome!).

I am very proud to represent Watertown, Massachusetts in Congress. Watertown has the third highest percentage of Armenian-Americans of any community in the Nation. I

am also a proud member of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues led by Representatives Pallone and Grimm.

The Armenian-American community is one of the greatest success stories in this Nation's history. I was meeting recently with a group of my Armenian-American constituents to discuss some of the current issues affecting US-Armenian relations and I commented that in my experience, I have never met an unsuccessful Armenian!

As an Irish-American, I know what it is like to come from a troubled land. My grandfather and grandmother came to Boston from Ireland in 1902. Just as the core of the Irish-American community was formed out of the refugees of the Potato famine and the Irish Civil War, the core of the Armenian-American community was formed from those who fled the Genocide and their descendants.

Today, we remember and commemorate the Armenian Genocide, the first of many genocides we saw in the 20th Century. The Armenian Genocide that began in 1915 is sometimes called the "forgotten genocide," but we must never forget!

I was proud to be present at the opening of the Armenian Heritage Park in Boston in May of last year. This beautiful park and its haunting monument are a lasting testament to the 1.5 million Armenians who were slaughtered by the Ottoman Empire. This monument reminds us that we must be ever vigilant and not allow such horrors to occur again.

In order to prevent future genocides, however, we must recognize those of the past. For many years the U.S. House of Representatives has had before it a resolution which clearly affirmed that the Armenian Genocide did occur.

I have been a strong supporter and vocal cosponsor of this resolution in every Congress, and I remain so today.

Almost one-hundred years have passed since the Armenian Genocide, yet the suffering will continue for Armenians and non-Armenians alike as long as the world allows denial to prevail.

Already, 43 states and 22 nations have officially recognized the Armenian Genocide, and it is long overdue for the United States to do the same.

Unfortunately, the Republic of Armenia's challenges have continued even after it gained its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

In the face of ongoing blockades from Turkey and Azerbaijan, the United States must provide assistance to Armenia while working to reestablish the Turkish government's commitment to normalized relations in order to ensure peace and stability in the Caucasus region. I strongly support these efforts.

The Armenian people are true survivors. Despite the reappearing themes of invasions and land loss that the Armenians have dealt with for over 3,000 years, coupled with the loss of between one-half and three-quarters of their population in the early 20th century, the people of Armenia have prevailed.

The journey of the Armenian people continues today, with our shared responsibility to ensure that the Armenian people are able to build their own, independent and prosperous future.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Armenian-American community to address the issues facing this longtime friend and impor-

tant ally of the United States. Together we can continue to build something positive, something hopeful, something good for the future—an Armenia that is respected and honored by its allies and neighbors.

And this *cannot* come without universal acknowledgement of the horror that was the Armenian Genocide.

Shnorhagal em (Thank you).

RECOGNIZING WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 32 women who were recognized as New Mexico "Women of Influence" for 2013.

It is important to highlight women in our communities who are achieving incredible success as local business and community leaders. Albuquerque Business First partnered with the local business community to evaluate a record number of nominations for the Women of Influence awards.

I understand the challenges of being a small business owner and overcoming hurdles that are all-too-common for women in a male-dominated culture. I appreciate and applaud this year's honorees, each of whom has contributed to the state of New Mexico in unique and exciting ways.

New Mexico's Women of Influence include CEO's, educators, entrepreneurs, and leaders in financial services, government, health and fitness, non-profits and technology firms.

Business Services:

Virginia R. Dugan, Esquire, Atkinson & Kelsey, P.A., Annette Gardiner, President, New Mexico Gas Company, Debra P. Hicks, PE/LSI, President and CEO, Pettigrew & Associates, P.A., Jennifer Hise, Vice President, CEMCO, Inc., Laurie Monfiletto, Vice President of Human Resources, PNM Resources, Dorothy Stermer, Manager, Sandia National Laboratories, Dr. Sandra Taylor-Sawyer, Director, NM Small Business Development Center, CEO, Dream Givers, LLC, Independent Associate, LegalShield.

Education:

Barbara Bergman, Interim Dean, University of New Mexico School of Law, Marilyn Melendez Dykman, Director, University of New Mexico Veterans Resource Center, Dr. Viola E. Florez, Professor and PNM Education Endowed Chair, University of New Mexico College of Education.

Entrepreneur:

Sherry M. Keeney, President/CEO, PECOS Management Services, Inc., Janice J. Lucero, CEO/Owner, MVD Express, Susan MacLean, President & CEO, The Solutions Group, DeAnn Sena O'Connor, Creative Director, dso creative.

Financial Services:

Karen M. Bard, Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch, Dohnia Dorman, MBA, VP of Marketing, Rio Grande Credit Union, Part-Time Adjunct Lecturer II, UNM, Tammy S. Jaramillo, Director of Administration, Burt & Company CPAs, LLC.

Government:

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Executive Director, El Camino Real Housing Authority, Ann

Lerner, Film Liaison, City of Albuquerque, Katherine Carroll Martinez, Director, Construction Industries Division/Manufactured Housing Division, Regulation and Licensing Department, State of New Mexico.

Health/Fitness:

Kristie Bair, J.D., President, Bair Medical Spa, Gayle Dine'Chacon, MD, Surgeon General, Navajo Nation, Associate Professor, UNM School of Medicine, E. DeAnn Eaton Azar, CEO, Haverland Carter Lifestyle Group, Kim E. Hedrick, Vice President Strategic Business Development, University of New Mexico Medical Group, Inc., Mary G. Martinez, Franchise Owner/CEO, Home Instead Senior Care.

I congratulate these women leaders and thank them for their contributions to New Mexico.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. GENE BUIINGER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and to celebrate the retirement of Dr. Gene Buinger as the Superintendent of Schools for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District (HEB-isd). Dr. Buinger served the 24th district of Texas with pride and success in his tenure as the Superintendent of the HEB-isd.

Dr. Buinger began his successful career with HEB-isd in June of 1999. In his 14 years as the Superintendent, Dr. Buinger turned HEB-isd into a school system that prepares all children for college or the work force. Dr. Buinger selflessly instituted a variety of initiatives to bolster the school districts reach in their student's education. Implementation of the International Baccalaureate and International Business Initiative within the HEB-isd offers secondary students an opportunity they may not get in other school districts.

Dr. Buinger implemented these programs during his tenure to ensure that the students coming from the HEB-isd would be able to gain entry to the world's most prestigious universities. As Superintendent, Dr. Buinger's ISD increased Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills performance by 20 percent in some areas virtually eliminating the achievement gap among all student groups.

Mr. Speaker, with Dr. Buinger's retirement, the 24th District of Texas celebrates a great leader in the fight for a stronger education for our nation's youth. I am honored to recognize Dr. Buinger for his service to the HEB-isd. His experience and expertise will be sorely missed. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Buinger on a tremendous career as well as wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING JACOB R. BEAUCHAMP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob R.

Beauchamp. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jacob built, painted and installed shelving and cubbies at Ray of Hope Pregnancy Care Ministries in Macon, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob R. Beauchamp for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MARISOL RODRIGUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marisol Rodriguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marisol Rodriguez is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marisol Rodriguez 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 Marisol Rodriguez 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 of her future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 3, 2009, the day I took office, the national debt was \$10,627,961,295,930.67.

Today, it is \$16,794,429,148,215.24. We've added \$6,166,467,852,284.57 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a Balanced Budget Amendment. We must stop this unconscionable accumulation of debt.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Prayer.

On May 2nd, 2013, hundreds of people across Florida's eleventh district will come together to observe the 62nd annual National Day of Prayer.

The call to prayer is a tradition as old as America itself. Our founding fathers were so firm in their belief in God that they frequently turned to prayer for blessing and in times of need. Thomas Jefferson believed that the God who gives us life also gives us liberty and that as Americans we must acknowledge his mercy and guidance.

In 1952, Congress passed a resolution establishing an annual day of prayer. This resolution was later amended and signed by President Reagan to permanently establish the first Thursday of May as the National Day of Prayer.

This day holds special meaning as it serves as an important reminder of the role faith has played, and continues to play, in our everyday lives.

Therefore, I, RICHARD B. NUGENT, Member of Congress representing the eleventh district of Florida, do hereby recognize the district's observance of the 62nd National Day of Prayer.

CRANE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL—MISSOURI CLASS 2 STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Crane Lady Pirates Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 2 Girls State Championship.

The win capped off a commanding season in which the Lady Pirates won 30 games, including a 21-game winning streak. Members of the team include Maggie McMenamy, Allie Hagler, Addie Reel, Riley Israel, Loni Johnson, Jalee Johnson, Kylie Vaught, Lexi Vaught, Emma Lander, Sam Bunting, Justeen Mahan, Kylee Moore, Shelby Roder, and Keren Belin. It was through their hard work and dedication that they achieved such a high level of success.

I also want to recognize Head Coach Jeremy Mullins and Assistant Coaches Billy R. Redus and Maranda Vaught. They developed a powerhouse program, and they should be commended on developing these young women into strong leaders on and off the court.

The Crane community is justifiably proud of this extraordinary group of talented student-athletes. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Crane Lady Pirates as they celebrate their Class 2 Girls State Championship.

HONORING TAYLOR J. LONG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Taylor J. Long. Taylor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Taylor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Taylor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Taylor has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Taylor J. Long for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. CLYDE RANDAL STRICKLAND

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the longtime pastor of the Stedman Pentecostal Holiness Church Mr. Clyde Randal Strickland, known as Randal by his friends and his congregation. Mr. Strickland passed away on March 30, and he will be remembered as a caring pastor who led by example, describing himself as a shepherd, not a policeman. He will be dearly missed.

Randal Strickland was born in January, 1951, as one of six children to Randolph and Laverne Strickland. Mr. Strickland was given his grandfather's name, Clyde, but everybody in his congregation and the tight-knit Stedman community knew him as Randal. Mr. Strickland first met his wife, June Hancock, when she was in fourth grade and he in fifth. They dated throughout high school and attended Coker College in South Carolina together. Mr. Strickland discovered his calling as a pastor when he was asked to temporarily fill the position at Stephenson Avenue Pentecostal Holiness in Savannah, Georgia. He then moved to Stedman, North Carolina and served the Stedman Church for 30 years.

Mr. Strickland baptized hundreds of people and officiated over 100 weddings, including that of one of his own daughters. Over his lifetime he earned the love and admiration of his congregation, the people of Stedman, and all who met him.

Mr. Strickland is survived by his wife, June H. Strickland; children, Joanna Gray and husband Jim, Lynn Jeffrey and husband Travis, and Phillip Strickland and wife Ashley; grandchildren, Judah, Julianna, Jacob and Jennalyn Gray, and Cooper and Caden Jeffrey, all of Stedman; mother, Laverne Strickland; brothers, Allen Strickland, Doug Strickland and Wayne Strickland; and sisters, Darlene Fisher and Anita Williams.

Mr. Speaker, may we never forget the goodness, humility, service, and character that defined the life of Randal Strickland. May God continue to bless all of his loved ones, and may we all strive to carry on his ministry and good work.

HONORING MAYOR TERRY YORKE
LAROIX, JR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Alameda's first elected mayor, the Honorable Terry Yorke LaCroix, Jr. Born and raised in the City of Alameda, Mayor LaCroix was known for his love of the community and volunteered countless hours to public service. His strong leadership bolstered Alameda and the surrounding community during crucial transitions, and even times of tragedy. With his passing on March 19, 2013, we look to Mayor LaCroix's legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on October 24, 1924 to Vivian and Terry LaCroix, Sr., he attended St. Joseph Catholic School and Alameda High School before leaving to serve in World War II. In the U.S. Army Air Corps, he trained on C-47s, served as a flight engineer, and flew in the China-Burma-India theatre.

After marrying the love of his life, Patricia ("Patty"), in 1947, the couple settled in Alameda where they raised six daughters. During his early career working as a manager at Alameda's Del Monte plant and, later, over the course of a long career as a banking executive, Terry LaCroix became deeply involved with civic life.

As an Alameda City Councilmember from 1963 to 1969, Terry gained the trust and respect of colleagues and community members alike. And, in 1969, he became Alameda's first elected mayor, serving the City dutifully until 1975. As Mayor, he proudly defeated a 1972 proposal called "Southern Crossing," which would have built a bridge linking the idyllic island community to San Francisco. In another bid to preserve Alameda's traditional infrastructure, Mayor LaCroix limited building construction and housing density to combat overdevelopment.

On February 7, 1973, Mayor LaCroix was faced with public tragedy when a U.S. Navy aircraft accidentally collided with an Alameda apartment building, killing the pilot and 10 bystanders and causing a fire that damaged the area. His leadership in guiding first responders and community assistance, as well as easing relations between local residents and the naval air station, helped pave way for the process of healing.

Among his many other distinctions and community associations, Terry LaCroix served as Chairman of Alameda County Criminal Justice Planning Board, President of the Mayor's and Councilmen's League of California Cities, President of Kiwanis Club, Chairman of Alameda Park and Recreation Department, and on the Board of Directors of Providence Hospital (now Summit Medical Center in Oakland).

Together, he and his wife enjoyed sailing, traveling, and volunteering—providing their services at Redding, California's Mercy Med-

ical Center and on the Board of Trustees well into retirement. A man of great faith, Terry also served as a Eucharistic minister and as chairman for many annual fundraisers at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Redding. He was a loving grandfather to ten and a great-grandfather to three great-granddaughters.

Today, we mourn the loss of a community stalwart and a respected leader who helped shape the City of Alameda and the surrounding area during his political career. Mayor Terry Yorke LaCroix, Jr., leaves behind a strong legacy of character, integrity, and love for his community. I offer my sincerest condolences to his surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his long and fruitful life. He will be deeply missed.

U.S. PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT AID
INTERNET CENSORSHIP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, about 2 billion people in the world regularly communicate or get information on the Internet. Well over half a billion people of these people do so in repressive countries. As the Internet use has become a vital and even the standard means to disseminate beliefs, ideas and opinions, so we see a growing number of countries that censor or conduct surveillance on the Internet, in conflict with internationally recognized human rights laws and standards.

The Internet, in many countries, has been transformed from a freedom plaza to big brother's best friend. The technologies to track, monitor, block, filter, trace, remove, attack, hack, and remotely take over internet activity, content and users has exploded. Many of these technologies are made in the U.S.A. Many of them have important and legitimate law-enforcement applications. But, sadly, many of them are also being exported, every day, to some of the most unsavory governments in the world—whose use of them is far from legitimate. Every day we learn about more activists being arrested through the use of newly-developed technologies—much of it American technology—in China, Belarus, Egypt, Syria and many other countries around the world. The stakes are life and death for online democracy activists, and they deserve our support and protection.

We only have to look around the globe at Belarus, Iran, China, and Vietnam to see horrific examples of the internet gone wrong. I have introduced the Global Online Freedom Act of 2013 (GOFA), H.R. 491, that addresses this fundamental threat to the democracy activists abroad.

GOFA requires the State Department to beef up its reporting on Internet freedom in the annual Country Report on Human Rights Practices, and to identify by name Internet-restricting countries. This country designation will be useful not only in a diplomatic context in helping to advance Internet freedom through naming and shaming countries, but will also provide U.S. technology companies with the information they need in deciding how to engage in repressive foreign countries.

And GOFA addresses what Google's Eric Schmidt calls the "dark side" of the digital rev-

olution. This bill will prohibit the export of hardware or software that can be used for surveillance, tracking and blocking to the governments of Internet-restricting countries. Current export control laws do not take into account the human rights impact of these exports and therefore do not create any incentive for U.S. companies to evaluate their role in assisting repressive regimes. GOFA will not only help stop the sale of these items to repressive governments, but will create an important foreign policy stance for the United States that will help ensure that dissidents abroad know we are on their side, and that U.S. businesses are not profiting from this repression.

This export control law is long overdue, and thoroughly consistent with the approach Congress has taken, for example, in restricting exports of certain crime control equipment to China. It makes no sense for us to allow U.S. companies to sell technologies of repression to dictators, and then turn around and have to spend millions of dollars to develop and deploy circumvention tools and other technologies to help protect dissidents from the very technologies that U.S. companies exported to their persecutors.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the United States has a unique role to play in preserving online freedom; and export controls can send a strong message to repressive governments that the Internet must not become a tool of repression.

HONORING GRANT DONOVAN
EDWARD DOUGLAS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant Donovan Edward Douglas. Donovan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Donovan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Donovan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Donovan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Donovan painted and remodeled the foyer of the Macon Presbyterian Church in Macon, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant Donovan Edward Douglas for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MADAHÍ CABRERA-MARQUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Madahí Cabrera-Marquez for receiving the Arvada

Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Madahi Cabrera-Marquez is a 9th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Madahi Cabrera-Marquez 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 Madahi Cabrera-Marquez 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 of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. This yearly commemoration is a testament to the lives and legacy of the 1.5 million Armenians who lost their lives, and is emblematic of our commitment to keeping the Armenian nation and culture alive.

Today, as we revisit this dark period in world history, we must be mindful of the lessons learned from this tragedy. We have witnessed that blind hatred and senseless prejudice tear at the very fabric of our society, even today. The victims of the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, ethnic cleansings in Kosovo, Rwanda, and Sudan, and acts of vicious terrorism remind us of the human cost of hate. We must do everything in our power to prevent these kinds of senseless tragedies from happening again.

We remember the past and pledge our support for ensuring a positive and secure future for the Armenian nation and its people. Armenians now live all around the world, including many in my District and throughout the United States. As the Ranking Member of the House State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, I support our yearly package of assistance to Armenia, including funds available for activities that further a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. I have also cosponsored legislation calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights violations and the ethnic cleansing during the Armenian Genocide. Finally, as an active member of the Armenian Caucus, it is my pleasure to continue working on behalf of the U.S.-Armenia relationship in Congress.

In honoring the memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide, we must commit to building a strong, prosperous, and stable Armenia. I am proud to be a partner in this effort and thank my colleagues who have also pledged their support.

DOMINICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SIXTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I stand to recognize the 16th anniversary of The Dominican Medical Association. An organization dedicated to providing information on disease prevention, education, and counseling to New York City Communities.

The Dominican Medical Association or DMA was founded on April 26, 1997, by a group of physicians from the Dominican Republic. Their mission has been to educate communities on health issues and to assist newly arrived physicians from abroad in obtaining jobs in their respected fields, providing them with the tools needed to pass the medical boards, and integrating them into the local medical community.

Last year was one of multiple accomplishments for the Dominican Medical Association. In line with its mission a total of 1119 people were served through health fairs, medical conferences, forums, symposiums, and trainings. The vast majority served through the DMA are Hispanics living throughout all of New York's Boroughs.

Information and knowledge on health is vital. My beloved village of Harlem and many areas of my district are predominately inhabited by minorities who have been affected by many health concerns that are the direct result of lack of knowledge on preventative care. Obesity is just an example of one of the diseases that has plagued our communities but it is an epidemic that can be stopped and the DMA works tirelessly and has worked for quite some time to be a part of this movement to get our communities on a healthy track. The DMA's outreach programs help to enlighten our communities, helping them to make better health conscious decisions about the way they live.

As the representative to the largest Dominican population in the country it gives me great pride to see a thriving organization not only rooted in that heritage but one that works to provide information for a predominantly Hispanic demographic. The youths of my district and those all over New York have a brighter future because of organizations like the DMA and their mission to spread knowledge and awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable organization and all of the good that they do.

LINH HOANG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Linh Hoang for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Linh Hoang is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and re-

ceived this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Linh Hoang 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 Linh Hoang 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 of her future accomplishments.

NEOSHO HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING—MISSOURI CLASS 3 STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Neosho High School wrestling team for winning the Missouri Class 3 State Championship.

Their win is the third state wrestling title in four years, which is a remarkable feat. They showed grit and determination throughout the season, and they came from behind to win the title once again. Members of the team include: Kyler Rea, John Williams, River Buttram, Dakota McGarran, Nate Rodriguez, Jason Box, Kyle Hostetter, Sam Williams, Chance Branstetter, Jacob Brock, Ben Elledge, Christian Lopez, Aaron Clardy; and managers Emily Massey, Raegan Kibler, Madyson Reiboldt, and Macy Smith.

I want to recognize Christian Lopez for winning the individual title in his weight class. With the team championship on the line, it was his win that gave his team the points they needed for victory. It was a commanding performance under pressure.

I also want to congratulate senior Nate Rodriguez for winning the individual title in his weight class. The four-time Academic All-State student finished his high school career with three state championships and a final record of 210-13, which places Nate as Missouri's all-time career record holder, which is an extraordinary accomplishment.

The coaching staff, which includes Head Coach Jeremy Phillips, Assistant Coaches Cody Crocker, Josh Sonis, Brett Watkins, and Tyler Gordon, Volunteer Assistant Brandon Russow, and Trainer James Bolin, has developed a powerhouse wrestling program, and they should be commended on an amazing accomplishment and a job well done.

The team, with the help of its coaches and the support of their families and community, persevered through the turmoil of the season and the trials of the state championships. Together, they grew as individuals and as a team, and their successes show what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and belief.

HONORING JONATHAN P.
WEMHOFF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan P. Wemhoff. Jonathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jonathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jonathan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan P. Wemhoff for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

LABEAT ALIJA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Labeat Alija 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 Labeat Alija 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 of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MIGUEL MARTINEZ

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the hard work and contributions of Miguel Martinez, a valued member of my staff.

For the past four years, Miguel has served as my tax and benefits counsel; he is my key staff person for Ways and Means Committee tax, retirement, and pension policy. In addition to handling financial services and small business issues, Miguel is a passionate advocate and advisor on LGBT issues and immigration

reform. It is rare to find a person who not only understands these complicated issues, but can also simplify their importance for the average person. He is an intellectual with a soul.

We were lucky to find Miguel, who treats every one of my constituents with dignity, respect, and welcomes them with true southern hospitality. An Atlanta native with Caribbean roots in Puerto Rico, Miguel graduated from Emory University and American University's Washington College of Law. Before joining my office, he practiced tax, employee benefit, and commercial transaction at Paley Rothman Law Firm.

Together, we have worked on countless successes—like a tax relief bill for workers affected by airline bankruptcies, improvements and extensions of the homebuyer tax credit, fighting for small businesses and low-income individuals in the tax code. Simply said, Mr. Speaker, Miguel is one of the best congressional staffers with whom I have ever had the privilege and honor of working.

Although Miguel is leaving my office to become the Director of Government Relations and Tax Counsel for the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), he will always remain a part of the John Lewis family. I wish him continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the 150th anniversary of Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), which will be celebrated on May 1, 2013. The hospital, which is located in my district on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, was established in 1863 as a 28-bed hospital for children with severe disabilities and has grown to become an international leader in orthopedics and rheumatology for children and adults. It has been ranked #1 in the country for orthopedics for three consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report and has been among the top ranked hospitals in orthopedics and rheumatology for 22 consecutive years. Through its long and successful history, HSS has always maintained its specialized focus on improving patients' quality of life and getting them back to work and leisure. Today, the skilled medical staff at HSS perform some 27,000 surgeries each year, helping patients from across the United States and around the world maintain active lives.

Demand for the hospital's services has almost doubled in the past six years, and I am confident that this trend will accelerate as people of all ages live more actively than ever before. People travel far and wide for the unsurpassed level of care provided by the hospital—in 2012, patients came from every state and 90 countries. HSS physicians are the official team doctors for the New York Giants, New York Mets, New York Knicks, Brooklyn Nets, New York Liberty, and New York Red Bulls. Despite these high-profile relationships, everyday athletes and non-athletes are treated the same as elite athletes at the hospital.

HSS nurses have been widely recognized for their excellence and caring. In 2012, Hospital for Special Surgery became the first hospital in New York State to earn Magnet Recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center—the nation's highest honor for nursing excellence for the third consecutive time.

In addition to outstanding clinical care, HSS conducts research that directly improves the lives of people with arthritis, mobility disorders, severe injuries, and autoimmune diseases. For example, in the 1970s a team of HSS surgeons and engineers pioneered the first modern total knee implant, called the total condylar knee, which led the way for millions of people with advanced knee arthritis to live active lives with limited pain. More recently, the modular shoulder replacement and other significant HSS implant designs improved the lives of so many more. HSS scientists continue to make breakthrough discoveries about the causes of autoimmune diseases, providing exciting new opportunities for drug therapies.

Building on a rich legacy of pioneering achievement in the fields of orthopedics and rheumatology, HSS will meet the future with the same unwavering commitment to fulfill its mission in patient care, research, and education it has exhibited in the last 150 years. HSS is dedicated to finding new solutions to improve the lives of patients by striving for the highest levels of quality, making discoveries in the laboratory, pursuing innovative technologies, and training physicians who will influence and lead the fields of orthopedics and rheumatology around the world.

Hospital for Special Surgery's unique culture of excellence and dedication to patients continues to be its strength, and will ensure its success in the future. I congratulate the hospital on this important anniversary and invite Members to join me in extending appreciation for its past, present, and future accomplishments.

HONORING JOHN PATRICK RYAN
DWIGGINS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Patrick Ryan Dwiggin. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jack created and installed glow-in-the-dark pull chains for the call lights at a local nursing home.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Patrick Ryan Dwiggin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MARIA HERNANDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Maria Hernandez 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 Maria Hernandez 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 of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Armenian Genocide, one of the bloodiest, most tragic occurrences of the twentieth century.

In 1915, the Ottoman Empire began implementing a program to systematically exterminate its Armenian population. Committing crimes so vast that they nearly defy belief, the Ottomans resorted to death marches, human burnings, mass starvation, extermination camps, and other outrages that still shock the human conscience. More than a million people were slaughtered in the carnage.

It is hard to imagine anyone today visiting Armenia's Tzitzemagapert, the genocide monument and memorial, without being shaken by the experience, as I was. The site is a permanent reminder of the horrifying depravity mankind is capable of when unshackled from any notion of mercy or compassion.

That the Armenian people could recover from such a tragedy, and recover from the ensuing decades of Soviet rule, to establish an independent state in which they control their own destiny, is a tribute to the amazing resiliency and love of freedom harbored by the Armenian nation.

On this anniversary of the beginning of the Genocide, let us remember and honor the victims of this terrible crime.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
JAMES EDWARD SHEFFIELD

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the Honorable

James Edward Sheffield—husband, father, trailblazer, airman, judge, lawyer, law professor, community leader, humanitarian and friend. Judge Sheffield left this world on March 28, 2013, at age 80. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia Allen Sheffield, two daughters, Joi Elisa Sheffield and Shari Leta Sheffield, both lawyers, and a host of family members and friends.

Born during the Great Depression in Hot Springs, Ark., he was one of nine children of a railroad Pullman porter's family. He worked his way through junior college and three other college-level schools, including the University of Illinois, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1955. He served 3½ years in the Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1959.

He was a district executive with the Frederick Douglass District of the Robert E. Lee Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Richmond from 1959 to 1963, responsible for providing the Scouting program to the African-American community. While also an honor law student at Howard University, he clerked for the chief counsel of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. He also clerked for Spottswood Robinson, the first African American judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for Washington, D.C., and Dean of the Howard Law School.

In 1963, Judge Sheffield earned a law degree from the Howard University Law School. From 1963 to 1965, he worked in U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's Honor Program at the U.S. Department of Justice, Court of Claims Section, in Washington, D.D. representing the federal government in litigation brought against it. Following his tenure there, he returned to Richmond and set up a law practice. And from September 1964 to late 1966, he was a full-time law professor at the Howard University Law School. Thereafter, he returned to Richmond to resume the practice of law.

In 1974, he became the first African-American Judge in Virginia. He was appointed by then Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., to the Richmond Circuit Court to fill an un-expired term created by an appointment from that court to the Virginia Supreme Court. He was subsequently elected by the Virginia General Assembly to a full-term on the Circuit Court and was later elected Chief Judge of the Court by his 7 peers.

Judge Sheffield was a member of the Virginia State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar, and served as President of the Old Dominion Bar Association. He also served as an assistant professor of law at the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law and as lecturer at the University of Virginia School of Law.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter nominated him for a federal judgeship for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. However, due to the strength of racism still affecting our Senate representatives at that time, he was not confirmed.

In 1984, Judge Sheffield resigned from the Circuit Court to return to the practice of law. Shortly thereafter, he became a partner in the law firm of Little, Parsley & Myelitis, PC, in Richmond, and in later years returned to solo practice in the Jackson Ward section of Richmond.

Judge Sheffield was very active in civic affairs in the Richmond community and beyond.

A member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, he was chairman of the church's Board of Trustees and Chairman of its Building Council. He was also on the Board of Directors of Chippenham Hospital and Children's Hospital in Richmond, was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Downtown Club of Richmond, the Focus Club, The Guardsmen, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the N.A.A.C.P., the Richmond First Club, the Richmond Urban League, the Richmond Urban Forum and was the 1982-83 Regional Sire Archon of the Southeast Region of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Alpha Beta Boule). He was also a member of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University and a member of the Board of Trustees for St. Paul's College.

Judge Sheffield was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, some of which include: the Citizenship Award, Astoria Beneficial Club, 1974; Citizenship and Service Award, King Solomon Lodge No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons, 1974; Citizen of the Year Award, Phi Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 1975; Model Judiciary Program Participation Award, YMCA, 1977; Citizenship Award, Lynchburg Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., 1979; John Mercer Langston Outstanding Alumnus Award for 1980, Howard University School of Law Student Bar Association; and the Kenneth David Kaunda Award for Humanism, at the United Nations, from Zambia, 1981. At the request of the Nigerian government, Judge Sheffield delivered a paper to Nigerian judges comparing that nation's constitution to that of the U.S., and was a member of a delegation of constitutional experts and jurists invited to help Nigeria transition from military rule to the rule of law under a constitution.

Judge Sheffield will be missed, not only by family and friends, but also by the many people who benefitted from his legal expertise on the bench, in the private practice of law, as a law professor, and by his good works in the Richmond community and beyond. In accomplishments as well as contributions, he was a giant among us.

HONORING SKYLER EVAN THOMAS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Skyler Evan Thomas. Skyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Skyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Skyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Skyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Skyler did painting and remodeling work at Macon Diversified Industries, the home of the local sheltered workshop for those with developmental disabilities, in Macon, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Skyler Evan Thomas for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

WILL ROARK SENECA HIGH
SCHOOL WRESTLING

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Will Roark for winning the Missouri Class 1 State wrestling championship in the 120 pound division.

The win capped off a commanding season for Will, a sophomore who went 54–1 this season. His record after two seasons stands at 109–4, a truly impressive record. Will reached this level of success through hard work and dedication. In his off-season and regular season matches, he would often choose to wrestle opponents in higher weight categories, accepting the challenge as a way to improve.

Will was also voted District 2 Class 1 Wrestler of the Year.

Will's hard work also extends to the classroom, and the results show: he is a two-time Academic All-State scholar.

This win is a vindication of his efforts. His work to improve on the mat and in the classroom is truly commendable, and I urge my colleagues in congratulating Will on his championship win.

STEERING THROUGH A SEA OF
CHANGE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, on April 16, 2013 Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou took part in a video conference with the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University in my Congressional District. The event was chaired by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and featured a panel including the Center's Director Dr. Larry Diamond, Dr. Francis Fukuyama, and retired Admiral Gary Roughead. After opening greetings by Secretary Rice, President Ma delivered an address entitled "Steering through a Sea of Change" which follows.

Steering through a Sea of Change—Speech by President Ma Ying-jeou, Republic of China (Taiwan), Video Conference With Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University—April 16, 2013

I. OPENING REMARKS

Professor (Condoleezza) Rice, Professor (Larry) Diamond, Professor (Francis) Fukuyama, Admiral (Gary) Roughead, distinguished guests, faculty members and students of Stanford University, ladies and gentlemen: Good evening!

It's your evening now, but it's our morning here in Taipei. Before I start, I want to pay my deep condolences to the victims of the explosion that happened at the Boston Marathon on Monday. My prayers and thoughts

are with their family members. In the meantime, I also strongly condemn the violence on behalf of the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Let's start.

It is a great pleasure to address my friends at Stanford University this evening. Stanford University has long been a distinguished center of learning. Under the guidance of Professor Diamond, the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, through the Journal of Democracy, has made incomparable contributions to the study of democracy. Since Taiwan represents a shining example of how democracy can take root in the Chinese-speaking world, it is only fitting to join you today for this video-conference.

II. CHANGES IN EAST ASIA

Since I took office as President of the Republic of China in 2008, the geopolitical situation in East Asia has undergone tremendous change. Five years ago, there were two flash points: the Korean Peninsula and the Taiwan Strait. Today, the Korean Peninsula is at an unprecedented level of tension: North Korea has conducted a third nuclear test explosion, and in the aftermath of the resulting UN sanctions continues its saber rattling, even claiming that it has abrogated the 1953 Armistice Agreement that ended Korean War fighting 60 years ago. In contrast, tensions in the Taiwan Strait have been greatly reduced, and relations between Taiwan and mainland China continue to advance toward peace and prosperity.

This does not necessarily mean, however, that only one potential source of instability remains in East Asia. Geopolitical competition in both the East China Sea and the South China Sea is growing more intense even as the drive toward regional economic integration continues. In addition, three of the major players in East Asia—mainland China, South Korea and Japan—have changed leadership in the last eight months, while here in Taiwan, I was elected to a second term of office early last year.

Thus, amidst the uncertainty resulting from such changes, the Republic of China on Taiwan remains firmly committed to fostering peace and stability, and is a strong proponent of the liberal values cherished by democracies worldwide. It is against this backdrop that I would like to discuss how my administration has steered Taiwan through this sea of change.

III. HOW CROSS-STRAIT RAPPROCHEMENT WAS
ACHIEVED

I decided to seek rapprochement with mainland China long before I took office in 2008. To ensure peace in the Taiwan Strait after some sixty tumultuous years, my administration had to meet both the challenges of establishing mutual trust between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait and of rebuilding Taiwan's strength so that peace could be guaranteed.

From the start, the "1992 Consensus" was a critical anchoring point for Taiwan and mainland China to find common ground on the otherwise intractable issue of "one China." The consensus, reached between the two sides in 1992, established a common understanding of "one China with respective interpretations". With this understanding as the foundation, my administration designed a number of modus operandi that broadly defined how Taiwan would pursue peace and prosperity with mainland China. These included iteration of the "Three No's"—"No Unification, No Independence, and No Use of Force"—under the framework of the Republic of China Constitution. This formulation, grounded de jure in the 1947 Constitution of the Republic of China, sets clear parameters for how both parties can work to move the relationship forward in a positive direction

without misunderstandings or hidden agendas, so as to build mutual trust and achieve mutual benefit for the people on either side of the Taiwan Strait.

"Beating swords into ploughshares" requires pragmatism and the wisdom to remain focused on what can be accomplished in spite of past differences. So we then called for "mutual non-recognition of sovereignty, mutual non-denial of governing authority" allowing both sides to pursue substantive exchanges without being derailed by disagreements over sovereignty issues.

We also spelled out clearly to the other side, as well as to the Taiwan public, how we intended to proceed with the cross-strait dialogue. The priority of issues for the two sides to address would be "pressing matters before less pressing ones, easy matters before difficult ones, and economic matters before political ones". My administration firmly believed in setting a clear agenda from the start, to prevent the cross-strait dialogue being bogged down by intractable issues when we could see that agreement might be found on many others. The goal is to build mutual trust which is fundamental for long-term progress in developing a peaceful cross-strait relationship. I firmly believe that this "building-blocks" approach is the only way to achieve lasting peace in the Taiwan Strait.

The result of this is 18 agreements concluded between Taiwan and mainland China over the past five years, covering such issues as direct flights, tourism, economic cooperation, intellectual property rights, nuclear safety, and mutual judicial assistance. Let me just give you an example of how things stand now. Five years ago, there were no scheduled flights between Taiwan and the mainland. Now there are 616 scheduled flights per week. Five years ago, 274,000 mainland people visited Taiwan. In 2012, there were 2.5 million people. When the SARS epidemic first broke out in 2003, mainland China completely ignored Taiwan's needs and concerns. But when the H7N9 avian flu struck recently, public health experts from both sides began working together to check its spread.

Over the next three years, the two sides are expected to complete negotiations on trade in services and trade in goods under the 2010 Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA). Both sides will also greatly expand the level of educational and cultural exchanges. For example, the number of students from mainland China studying in Taiwan, which currently is 17,000 a year, is expected to rise, and there will be more cross-strait cultural cooperation. Each side also intends to set up offices in major cities on the other side to take better care of the 7 million people and over 160 billion US dollars' worth of goods and services that moved across the Taiwan Strait last year alone. As a result, cross-strait relations are now the most stable and peaceful that they have been in over 60 years.

IV. TAIWAN'S ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL
PRESENCE

As cross-strait relations continue to develop peacefully, Taiwan is gaining an enhanced international presence. The clear parameters articulated by my administration as we began resumption of the cross-strait dialogue counter any mistaken attempt to link Taiwan's greater international participation to an agenda of "two Chinas," "one China, one Taiwan," or "Taiwan Independence." Taiwan today strives to conduct itself as a responsible stakeholder, that is, as a facilitator of peace, a provider of humanitarian aid, a promoter of cultural exchanges, a creator of new technology and business opportunity, and the standard bearer of Chinese culture.

The international community has seen recently how Taiwan departs itself as a responsible stakeholder and facilitator of peace. Last August, my administration proposed an East China Sea Peace Initiative urging that negotiation take precedence over confrontation regarding the sovereignty dispute over the Diaoyutai Islets. The following November, Taipei and Tokyo began negotiations on an East China Sea fishery agreement. Sixteen rounds of such talks had been held since 1996 but no agreement was ever reached. This time, both sides decided to jointly conserve and manage fishery resources in the Agreement Area of the East China Sea without changing their respective territorial and maritime claims regarding the Diaoyutai Islets. A fishery agreement was thus signed six days ago which safeguards the security of fishing boats from both sides in the Agreement Area, which is twice the size of Taiwan. This agreement marks a historic milestone in the development of Taiwan-Japan relations, and sets a good example of how the concerned parties can find ways to settle their dispute and preserve peace and stability in the region at the same time.

Our efforts over the past five years to enhance Taiwan's participation in the international community have also resulted in concrete progress. The Republic of China has kept intact its diplomatic relations with its 23 allies, and has enhanced its substantive relations with other countries. For instance, we signed an investment agreement with Japan in 2011, and are working to sign economic cooperation agreements with Singapore and New Zealand, respectively, in the near future. Meanwhile, our health minister has attended the World Health Assembly (WHA) of the WHO as an official observer since 2009, the same year as Taiwan acceded to the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) of the WTO. For five years in a row, former Vice President Lien Chan at my request has attended as "leader's representative" at the Leaders' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. On March 19 this year I led an official delegation to attend the investiture of Pope Francis, the first time for a Republic of China president to meet with a pope in the last 71 years, ever since the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1942. Taiwan's enhanced international presence attests to a virtuous cycle of improved cross-strait relations that encourages greater international support for allowing Taiwan further opportunities to play its role as a responsible stakeholder. This in turn further enhances regional peace and stability, which is in the best interest of the international community.

V. TAIWAN-U.S. TIES: SECURITY, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL

My administration is fully aware that strength is fundamental to achieving peace. When I took office five years ago, my administration worked promptly to restore high-level trust between Taipei and Washington. As former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii, Taiwan is an important security and economic partner of the United States. We deeply appreciate the relationship we have with the United States, including US arms sales to Taiwan. Only with a sufficient self-defense capability can Taiwan confidently engage in a dialogue with mainland China. The stability engendered by America's enhanced presence in the Western Pacific will certainly help.

The United States is Taiwan's third largest trading partner but remains the most important source of our technology. However large a trading partner mainland China is to Taiwan, the United States has always been an important trade and investment partner to

Taiwan. The ICT (information and communication technology) industries are Taiwan's most important export sector and they are the largest recipient of U.S. investment. We definitely want to deepen our economic ties with the United States. After successfully resolving the beef import issue last year, the Republic of China resumed trade negotiations with the U.S. under the 1994 Taiwan-US Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA). Obviously, Taiwan needs to accelerate its pace of trade liberalization. For the good of its economic prosperity and national security, Taiwan cannot afford to be left out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

Culturally, American values and its high academic standards have attracted Chinese students since Yung Wing became the first Chinese student to study in the U.S. back in 1847. Generations of Chinese students who studied in the United States have brought American values back to their homeland, making tremendous contributions to China's modernization, including the 1911 revolution. Today, the United States still remains the most sought-after academic destination for Taiwan students.

Taiwan is grateful to the United States for letting Taiwan join the Visa Waiver Program beginning in November last year. The Republic of China is the 37th nation in the world to secure that status, and the only one that does not have formal diplomatic relations with the United States. The more than 400,000 Taiwan visitors to the U.S. each year not only take in American culture and natural scenery, they also shop very seriously in the United States and thus help reduce the U.S. trade deficit with Taiwan. In a word, relations between the Republic of China and the United States have continued to thrive and grow since the end of formal diplomatic ties in 1979.

Nevertheless, Taiwan still faces many challenges, with only limited resources at its disposal. In formulating Taiwan's national security strategy, my administration has steered Taiwan toward a tripartite national security framework. The first part involves institutionalization of the rapprochement with mainland China so that neither side would ever contemplate resorting to non-peaceful means to settle their differences. The second part involves making Taiwan a model world citizen by upholding the principles of a liberal democracy, championing free trade and providing foreign aid to the international community. The third part involves strengthening national defense capability. This national security strategy is formulated to facilitate peaceful and positive development of cross-strait ties while remaining grounded in a pragmatic realization of the challenges we face. In other words, Taiwan and the United States share the same values and interests in preserving regional peace and stability.

VI. TAIWAN'S ULTIMATE VALUE: A BEACON OF DEMOCRACY

States in a security partnership frequently fear being entrapped or abandoned by their partners. In the past, some in the United States have expressed concern that as mainland China rises, Taiwan might someday entrap the United States in an unnecessary conflict with mainland China. Others fear that Taiwan is tilting toward mainland China, thus "abandoning" the United States. Both arguments imply that the United States should reduce support for Taiwan. But neither view is warranted. My administration's pursuit of rapprochement with mainland China has clearly helped preserve and enhance peace in the Taiwan Strait. My administration's adherence to the Constitu-

tion of the Republic of China legally rules out any possibility of a reckless change in the status quo.

Taiwan has so much in common with the United States, from our love of democracy, to respect for human rights and the rule of law, to support for free trade, and even to an intense passion for basketball and baseball! We are also crazy about Jeremy Lin and Chien-Ming Wang. Taiwan cherishes its long-standing friendship with the United States and will always cherish the values and culture that the Chinese people have developed over five thousand years. Preserving the Republic of China has immense importance that goes far beyond the borders of Taiwan. For the first time in Chinese history, we in Taiwan have proved that democracy can thrive in a Chinese society. It presents a shining ray of hope to the 1.3 billion Chinese people on the mainland. I know how much this means to the government and people of the United States, just as it does to my administration and the people of Taiwan.

Ladies and gentlemen, my administration will steer this democracy through the sea of change in East Asia. We will endeavor to strengthen peace and prosperity in the Taiwan Strait; and, in the meantime, we will strive for an enhanced international presence for Taiwan that allows it to play its role as a responsible stakeholder in the international community. I feel nothing but confidence about the future of the Republic of China!

Thank you.

HONORING AARON JOEL LAUGHLIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron Joel Laughlin. Aaron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Aaron has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Aaron organized, procured funding for and oversaw the construction of a sidewalk between the Macon Senior Citizen Housing and the Wal-Mart and C&R Supermarket in Macon, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aaron Joel Laughlin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MATOK MATHANG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Matok Mathiang for receiving the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mاتيok Mathiang is a 9th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mاتيok Mathiang 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 Mاتيok Mathiang 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 of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL EDGAR J. YANGER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Edgar J. Yanger on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army after 32 years of service.

Colonel Yanger was born and raised on Guam, the eldest son of Felizardo and Cecilia Taitano Yanger. He has served our country with distinction since 1981, when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers following his graduation from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He later earned a Master's of Architecture degree from the University of Hawaii, and was assigned to the Los Angeles District, Army Corps of Engineers, first as the Deputy Resident Engineer of Fort Irwin, California, and then as the Construction Program Manager for projects in California, Arizona and Nevada. His work included the planning and management of numerous military and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction projects.

Colonel Yanger's exemplary service also includes assignments as the Chief of Operations for the Director of Military Support (DOMS) in the Army Operations Center in the Pentagon; in this position, he was the principal action officer for the Department of Defense support to all local, state or federal government emergency or disaster requests, including DoD support for Typhoon Paka in Guam, the 1998 Northeast Ice Storm, Hurricane Bonnie and support for the recovery of the John F. Kennedy Jr. plane crash. He also served as a BRAC Program Manager with the Army's Installation Management Agency in the Pentagon responsible for BRAC construction projects, environmental cleanup and property transfers in California, Alaska and Hawaii. Additionally, he served as the Chief of Staff for the Korea Region Office, Installation Management Agency, as well as the Director of the Army's BRAC Program from 2006 to 2007, and was responsible for executing a \$20 billion program of legacy and new 2005 BRAC requirements.

In 2007, Colonel Yanger was chosen to serve as a Board member on the Army's Discharge Review Board, a Secretary of the Army

level Board responsible for the review of 3,000 discharge cases annually. He was appointed President of the ADRB in 2008, and in 2010 was as the Director of the Military Review Boards (MRB). Although he retired in 2011, he was recalled to active duty to serve an additional two years on the MRB. During this time, he improved the timeliness and accuracy of case reviews, and personally rendered decisions on more than 13,000 applications to the MRB.

Colonel Yanger's exemplary service earned him numerous awards and military decorations including the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Airborne Badge.

On behalf of the people of Guam and a grateful nation, I commend Colonel Edgar J. Yanger for his many years of dedicated service to our country. He has demonstrated exceptional meritorious service during his career with the United States Army and has proved himself to be a distinguished leader. I wish the very best to Colonel Yanger, his wife, Doris, and their two adult children, E. Jonathan and Melina.

TIER RANKINGS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing that examined the role of tier rankings in the fight against human trafficking.

Many of those who joined us last week have been in this fight from the beginning—from the year 2000 when my Trafficking Victims' Protection Act created not only the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the Department of State, but also the annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report.

At the time, I don't think anyone could have predicted that this report would become the international gold standard and primary means of anti-trafficking accountability around the world. From the halls of parliaments to police stations in remote corners of the world, this report is being used to focus anti-trafficking work in 186 countries on the key areas of prevention, prosecution, and protection.

The fact that it has been so successful is a credit to the hard and careful work of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. Each year, this office evaluates whether the government of a country is fully complying with the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, or, if not, whether the government is making significant efforts to do so.

The record is laid bare for the world to see and summarized in a tier ranking. Tier I countries fully meet the minimum standards. Tier II countries do not meet the minimum standards but are making significant effort to do so. Tier III countries do not meet the standards and

are not making significant effort to do so. Along with the embarrassment of being listed on Tier III, Tier III countries are open to sanction by the U.S. government.

Since the TIP Report's inception, more than 120 countries have enacted anti-trafficking laws and many countries have taken other steps required to significantly raise their tier rankings—citing the TIP Report as a key factor in their increased anti-trafficking response. In the 2003 Trafficking in Persons Reauthorization Act, I and my colleagues in Congress created the Tier II Watch List. This list was intended to encourage anti-trafficking progress in a country that took positive anti-trafficking steps late in the evaluation year—especially those countries that took last-minute measures to avoid a Tier III designation. We wanted to reward good faith efforts and encourage them to continue.

However, some countries made a habit of last minute efforts and failed to follow through year after year, gaming the system. Consequently, in 2008, Congress created an "automatic downgrade" for any country that had been on the Tier II Watch List for two years but had not taken significant enough anti-trafficking measures to move to Tier II. The President can waive a Tier III downgrade for two additional years if there is "credible evidence" that the country has a written and sufficiently resourced plan to meet the minimum standards.

The "automatic downgrade" would protect the integrity of the tier system and ensure it worked properly to inspire real progress in the fight against human trafficking.

It has now been four years since the two-year limit, or four years-with-a-waiver limit, was instituted. China, Russia, Uzbekistan, Republic of Congo, Iraq, and Azerbaijan have now had at least four full years of warning that they would face downgrade to Tier III if they did not make significant efforts to prosecute traffickers, protect victims, and prevent trafficking. Now their time on the Tier II Watch List is up.

In last week's hearing, we took a close look at the records of these countries in 2012. If these countries have once again failed to make significant efforts to meet the minimum standards, the State Department must downgrade them or risk undermining the credibility and demonstrated power of the TIP Report.

I am particularly concerned about the Government of China's record. The Government of China has been on the Tier II Watch List for eight consecutive years in large part because its plan to fight human trafficking is inadequate, unevenly implemented, and the Government of China has not been making significant efforts to comply with the minimum standards. Law enforcement in China is still not trained to identify or respond properly to sex or labor trafficking victims. I have heard reports that local police are often unwilling to help parents find missing children who may be enslaved in local brick kilns, and that officials have been known to profit from brick kilns that exploit children.

As we heard from a brave trafficking survivor last week, the Government of China continues to forcibly repatriate North Korean trafficking victims who face severe punishment, including execution, upon their return to North Korea. Moreover, the Government of China's continued one-child policy has decimated China's female population. Tens of millions of

women and girls are missing from the population, making China a regional magnet for sex and bride trafficking as men reach marrying age but cannot find a mate. The Government of China is failing not only to address its own trafficking problems, but is creating an incentive for human trafficking problems in the whole region.

The Government of Uzbekistan's record is also of great concern, as the government itself continues to force hundreds of thousands of school-age children and adults to work in fields during the cotton harvest each year.

The Government of the Republic of Congo, despite making some progress in 2010 with the passage of a law that would prevent child trafficking, has failed in the last two years to convict a single person under that law despite the pervasive child trafficking in their country.

The Government of Russia has had nine years of warning that without significant change, they too would be downgraded. However, the Government of Russia does not have in place formal procedures for identification and referral of trafficking victims by law enforcement, labor inspectors, and other government officials. The Government of Russia still has not established a government body to organize government anti-trafficking activities, nor does it adequately fund shelters or services for trafficking victims. Russian citizens are trafficked from Russia to countries all over the globe as well as within Russia, and yet the Government of Russia does not have a national trafficking education or prevention plan.

The Government of Azerbaijan continues to use administrative fines for traffickers, allowing traffickers to write-off the crime of trafficking as a simple business expense that is less expensive than hiring their workers.

The Government of Iraq has been on the Watch List since the TIP Report first began to hold them accountable in 2009. Like trafficking victims elsewhere in the world, the victims in Iraq need protection, those who are vulnerable to trafficking need prevention measures, and traffickers need to be brought to justice.

The importance of accurate Tier rankings cannot be overstated. Over the last 12 years, we have seen countries begin in earnest the hard work of reaching the minimum standards after the TIP Report accurately exposed—with a Tier III ranking—each country's failure to take significant action against human trafficking. By the same token, a premature boost to Tier II, such as what occurred with Vietnam last year, may not only undermine progress, but fail to inspire it. The tier rankings were meant to be, and in large part have become, a powerful tool in the fight against human trafficking.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE ANNIVERSARY

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Armenian Caucus, I am pleased to continue to lend my support to the Armenian-American community and the people of Armenia in any way that I can. I support strongly the work that all the members of the Armenian American community do to foster strong ties between America and Armenia.

This month we mark a somber and important anniversary.

Ninety-eight years ago, the Ottoman empire committed one of the largest crimes against humanity in world history. The systematic annihilation of over a million Armenian men, women and children is a crime that cannot be forgotten. We will not allow it to be forgotten.

I know that many will say that the Armenian deaths occurred in the midst of war and social disruption and so we cannot call it genocidal killing, or that we cannot even say accurately how many people died and how they died. Such arguments avoid the evidence. The evidence shows that more than a million Armenians died at the hands of the Ottoman empire.

Further, some will complain that these statements unfairly besmirch the dignity and reputation of today's Turks. I would say that recognizing genocide from nearly a century ago need not sully the reputation of modern-day Turks any more than accounts of disreputable, brutal or atrocious behavior of early settlers in the Americas, or of Germans in the 1930s and 1940s, or South Africa under apartheid, or other historical regimes reflect badly on those nations today, unless those nations refuse to acknowledge and learn from past evils and mistakes.

I'm also pleased that so many of my colleagues have joined me in supporting continued U.S. government aid and support for Armenia and the people of Nagorno Karabakh. These remain challenging times for the people of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, and I hope our colleagues on the Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate honor our request for that aid to continue.

On this anniversary of the genocide against the Armenian people, let us recommit ourselves to ensuring that the truth about this heinous event is acknowledged by every country in the world.

HONORING THE ARCHIE HIGH SCHOOL WHIRLWINDS GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Archie High School Whirlwinds girls basketball team for finishing with a perfect regular season for the first time in school history.

I want to commend them for their outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship and training throughout the 2012–2013 season.

I applaud each and every one of them for their contribution to the team and the hard work necessary to achieve this accomplishment. The team was astutely guided by head coach Troy Schulte, and assistant coach Charles Plattner, and the basketball players included seniors Kara Fisher, Kaily Kurzweil, Stefani Simms, and Mallory Wiskur; juniors Leslie Iseman and Jordan Schulte; sophomores Tiffany Greenwood, Samantha Ogden, Taylor Plattner, and Mary Kurzweil; and freshman Arely Guajardo, Mallory Lyons, Brooke Wiskur and Quincy Young.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the history,

goals and accomplishments associated with Archie High School girls basketball, and extend to the 2012–2013 team the most heartfelt congratulations for completing a perfect regular season.

LINYEINER GONZALEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Linyeiner Gonzalez 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 Linyeiner Gonzalez 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 of her future accomplishments.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF DRUG-RESISTANT DISEASES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing that examined a deadly phenomenon involving both natural and man-made elements—diseases that are resistant to most or all available methods of treatment. While this is a growing problem of increasing concern throughout the world, the subcommittee focused yesterday on the impact of such diseases—known as “superbugs”—in developing countries and the challenges to preventing and treating these diseases in this part of the world.

There is a family of germs that occur normally in everyone's digestive system. They can cause infections when they get into the bladder, blood or other areas where they don't belong. That is the natural part of this growing problem. Gut flora are absolutely essential for health and an effectively functioning immune response. There are about 100 trillion microorganisms in our digestive systems—ten times the number of cells in our bodies. Most of them help break down the foods we eat. Those that are not helpful are usually can be treated with existing medicines, such as antibiotics.

The man-made part is that antibiotics have been used increasingly to treat naturally occurring germs, but many of them have become resistant to such treatment. These so—

called “superbugs” pose a threat because of overuse or misuse of antibiotics, but they also pose a threat because of what some call a “drug discovery void,” in which there has been insufficient research and development of new medicines to treat emerging mutating infections.

This situation recently has become much more serious. In the last 10 years, these drug-resistant diseases have been identified in patients in more than 200 hospitals in 42 states in this country. Over that period, their prevalence rate has increased from 1 percent of patients to 4 percent for those in short-term care, but for patients in long-term care facilities, the rate is as high as 18 percent. Half of all patients who contract these diseases do not survive.

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA, one of the better known of these superbugs, now kills as many as 19,000 Americans each year and a similar number in Europe. That is higher than the annual rate of deaths from HIV and AIDS.

Last year, the World Health Organization identified strains of gonorrhea and tuberculosis that are currently completely untreatable, as well as a new wave of what might be called “super superbugs” with the mutation known as NDM1. These frightening new strains were first seen in India, but they have now spread worldwide. The spread of the H7N9 bird flu in China is causing considerable concern—with more than 100 confirmed cases and 22 deaths reported thus far. According to Agence France Presse, WHO said yesterday that there is still no evidence that H7N9 was spreading in a “sustained” way between people in China.

According to WHO, artemisinin, when used in combination with other drugs, is now considered the world's best treatment against malaria, but malarial parasites resistant to artemisinin have emerged in western Cambodia, along the border with Thailand.

In the developed world, we pride ourselves on having top-flight medical care widely available to patients. If we lose half of all patients who contract these drug-resistant diseases, what about patients in the developing world, where statistics are often scarce and effective medical care can be even scarcer? Using accepted protocols for treating these diseases, their rate of infection can be curbed.

In Israel, infection rates in all 27 of its hospitals fell by more than 70 percent in one year with a coordinated prevention program. By following accepted protocols for handling these diseases, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Florida Department of Health both have stopped outbreaks of these drug resistant diseases in recent years. But what about hospitals in developing countries?

For example, the brain drain has sent trained medical personnel in Africa in search of better working conditions and pay in the developed world. The lack of equipment and supplies that partly led to this brain drain would facilitate the rapid spread of drug resistant diseases in these countries. What would be simple interventions, including removing temporary medical devices such as catheters or ventilators from patients as soon as possible, is less likely under current conditions in developing world hospitals. Adding to this problem is the presence of expired and coun-

terfeit drugs. Patients whose lives could be saved may not be because of inadequate medical care. Unfortunately, because so many countries do not maintain and report statistics on medical issues, we have little idea how serious the situation is today in developing countries in Africa and elsewhere around the world.

In our interconnected world, that means that infected people in the developing and developed countries pose a mutual threat.

Last month, a Nepalese man was detained at the Texas border while trying to make an illegal crossing from Mexico. Officials found he was infected with an extensively drug resistant strain of tuberculosis and had carried this potentially deadly airborne disease through 13 countries over three months—from his home country of Nepal through South Asia, Brazil, Mexico and finally the United States. Who can say how many people he infected during this long journey?

Conversely, six years ago an American infected with multi-drug resistant tuberculosis traveled from this country to France, Greece and Italy before returning through the Czech Republic and Canada. Upon his return to the U.S., he became the first person subjected to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention isolation order since 1963.

Clearly, both developed and developing nations must work together to prevent and treat for these diseases and find a way to implement the new strategies in an era of constrained budgets and loosening control of authority in far too many countries. However, the Administration's proposed FY 2014 budget calls for a 19 percent cut in funding for tuberculosis programming at a time we need such capacity the most.

HONORING EILEEN AND MIKE LONG

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eileen and Mike Long on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and to celebrate the lasting bond of love and happiness they have shared during their life together.

Mike, a born and raised New Yorker, has led a proud career of public service. A former Marine and New York City Councilman, he has unquestioningly served his country and the residents of Brooklyn. He continues his service today as the Chairman of the New York State Conservative Party.

Eileen served the people of Staten Island and Brooklyn honorably as an aide to both Representative Susan Molinari and Representative Vito Fossella.

Mike and Eileen were married in 1963 and are the proud and loving parents of nine children and seventeen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of New York, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Eileen and Mike Long on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and wishing them fifty more.

IN RECOGNITION OF THIS YEAR'S NRECA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, each year, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association recognizes one co-op whose dedication to increasing energy access in rural America has made a significant difference in their community. The 2013 winner of the NRCA's Community Service Award for Community Investment hails from a small town called Welcome, Minnesota.

Federated Rural Electric has created jobs and helped to improve the quality of life in rural Minnesota by improving access to electricity in a cost effective and efficient manner.

Federated Rural Electric helped AGCO Corporation, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment, in their efforts to expand its Minnesota facility and add over 200 jobs. Last April, I had the opportunity to visit AGCO and see the great work they are doing to create jobs and grow their local economy in Jackson, Minnesota.

In addition to supporting AGCO, Federated Rural Electric has served over 9,000 residents of southern Minnesota. Federated has made invaluable contributions to rural Minnesota communities.

Today, I'm proud to honor Federated Rural Electric for its support of reliable energy and dedication to Minnesota's rural population.

LILIANA MERAZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Liliana Meraz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Liliana Meraz is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Liliana Meraz 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 Liliana Meraz 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 of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today we solemnly commemorate the 98th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. Over the course of eight years, the Armenian Christian population was systematically terrorized, murdered, and driven out of their country. In 1914, two million Armenians were living under the Ottoman Empire; by 1922, only 388,000 remained. Today we remember the victims of these atrocities and vow that their suffering will not be forgotten.

The horror of the Armenian Genocide was surpassed only by the silence that followed it. To this day, the Turkish government prohibits recognition of its predecessor's dark history, and has pressured others to adhere to the same base standard. The United States has a moral obligation to acknowledge the horrors of the past, just as we must recognize all genocides as crimes against humanity. Recognition of the Armenian Genocide is long overdue.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I hope that my colleagues will join me in paying solemn tribute to those who lost their lives and those who have survived such terrible atrocities. Let us stand up to governments that persecute their people, and reaffirm our commitment to the victims of injustice.

REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 4 State Championship.

Winning the state championship is a proud moment these boys achieved through team work and commitment. Members of the team include: Ty Abney, Jake Fletcher, Derric Mertes, Grant Hancock, Marcus Miller, Dylan Bekemeier, Canyon Smith, Cody Geiger, Chase Hoffmann, Dillen Ramsey, Dakota Fortner, Josh Vaughn, Jordan Kerr, Brock Yocum, and managers Tyler O'Dell and Zach McGill. Through their hard work and dedication they finished the season with an overall record of 28–4 and the Missouri Class 4 State Championship.

I also want to commend the coaching staff, which includes Head Coach Trevor Fisher, Dan Stander, and Donny Call, for a job well done. This season was Coach Fisher's first year at the program, and he certainly begins his head coaching career on a strong foundation.

The Republic Basketball Team had tremendous support throughout their season; their friends, family, and fans attended the tournaments, cheered them on throughout the basketball season and followed them to Columbia for the state championship. Over 500

fans welcomed the team home for a victory celebration.

This win is a proud moment for the team and the community, and I urge my colleagues in congratulating the team on their victory.

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF
MANLIUS, NEW YORK, ON ITS BI-
CENTENNIAL

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to the Village of Manlius, New York on the occasion of its Bicentennial Celebration. I am honored to join the Central New York community in celebrating the Village of Manlius on this historic occasion.

The history of the Village is well documented and we proudly share that history with members of our community. The Village of Manlius became the first village in Onondaga County in 1813. At that time, very few communities throughout New York had been granted similar powers by the state to govern themselves. The City of Syracuse was still swamp-land in 1813 and did not come into existence until the construction of the Erie Canal in the 1820s.

Before the construction of the Erie Canal, Manlius was an important business location as people traveled along the Cherry Valley Turnpike and Seneca Turnpikes. In fact, the growing Village was defined as one of the most prominent business locations in Onondaga County. The Village continued to grow as a suburb of Syracuse, and by the 1960s, became the fastest growing village in New York State. In 1973, a portion of the Village was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Manlius Village Historic District.

Villages are often cited as providing the services that are closest to the residents. The Village of Manlius has offered residents high quality services and locals take pride in all their village has to offer. The Village is widely known for its picturesque Swan Pond, the Village Center, the Manlius Fire Department and the charming commercial district. The Memorial Day Parade and 4th of July celebration are annual events that bring together people from across the region to celebrate all that is good about living in a community with such rich history.

For 200 years the Village of Manlius has served as a vital part of Onondaga County and Central New York. There is so much to be proud of and I am grateful and fortunate to have such a vibrant community within the district I represent. Once again, congratulations to the Village of Manlius and good luck in the next 100 years!

TRIBUTE TO FORMER RIVERSIDE
COUNTY SHERIFF LARRY D.
SMITH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague RAUL RUIZ to pay tribute to

a hero from our Congressional districts, Sheriff Larry D. Smith. Today, I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember Sheriff Smith, who dedicated his life in service to our community. On Friday, April 19, 2013 Larry passed away at the age of 68 at his home in La Quinta, California after fighting a long battle with cancer and pneumonia.

Larry received a bachelor's degree in public management from Pepperdine University. His 36-year career in law enforcement began in 1966 in the small town of Blythe, California near the Colorado River, where Larry was a deputy sheriff. As he earned promotions throughout his career, he brought up many deputies through the ranks, including current Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff. In 1987, Smith was promoted to Chief Deputy Sheriff in Riverside County. As Chief of the Corrections Division, he oversaw the financing and construction of two modern jails, including the Southwest Detention Center in French Valley that opened in 1993.

As Larry was completing his law studies and planning on retiring to open a practice, then-Sheriff Cois Byrd encouraged him to run for Sheriff of Riverside County. He was challenged in his first term, but ran unopposed for his second. During Larry's tenure as sheriff, he presided over a department that currently has 3,000 deputies and police 17 cities, in addition to 300 square miles of unincorporated areas. He also helped the county acquire land from the federal government that eventually became the Ben Clark Training Center near March Air Reserve Base, where law enforcement officers and firefighters from throughout the state train. The county's largest jail, the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning, bears his name. Larry was also the first man to serve as both sheriff and coroner after the two departments merged.

Larry served our community for eight years from 1994–2002, and was the 11th of 13 men to serve as sheriff in the department's 120-year history. He was succeeded by Sheriff Bob Doyle. Even after Larry had retired, he would still offer his counsel to his successors on corrections, a field in which he was considered an expert. He also mentored other sheriffs as President of the California State Sheriff's Association and strongly advocated education for his deputies.

According to his wife Toni, Larry's approach to his career was influenced by his Midwestern roots. She said, "He was a very dignified, humble man. He was an Illinois farm kid who saw good in everyone . . . He always talked about doing things for the right reason, not just in big things or in small things, but in all things."

Larry was also active in the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church, where he mentored pastors on running an organization, and programs for those battling addiction. A scholarship will be established in his name to help people afford to attend the Ranch Recovery Center in Desert Hot Springs, which provides treatment alternatives for drug and alcohol abuse, according to his wife.

On Saturday, May 4, 2013 a memorial service will be held at the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church in Palm Desert, California. Smith is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

The dangers our police officers face every day often go unnoticed and without remark. Each story is unique and humbling for those of

us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. In the case of Sheriff Smith, he was blessed to have the love and strength of his family to help him along the way. I extend my condolences to Larry's family and friends; although Larry may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEELEN EARLE CROWELL

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mrs. Michaelen Earle Crowell on her recent promotion from legislative director to chief of staff to Senator BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT). It is a well-deserved honor.

For eight years, Michaelen served as my legislative director, managed my legislative staff, and strategized successful initiatives like health care reform, the Voting Rights Act reauthorization, and the crafting of the Voter Empowerment Act. When Michaelen joined my staff in 2005, she brought balance, leadership, and practical experience to our Ways and Means Committee health care and Oversight Subcommittee work.

A native of Lowell, Massachusetts, Michaelen is a seasoned policy expert and strategist. She grew up in a family engrained in progressive politics, and Capitol Hill was a natural fit. Nearly 20 years ago, she began her congressional career as a research assistant on the Committee on Labor and Human Resources to my good friend, Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Michaelen went on to earn undergraduate and law degrees from Boston University. She then gained first-hand experience with health care law in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, before moving to Atlanta to practice health care, business, and civil law. She also returned to her public service roots—providing counsel during the transition and inauguration of Mayor Shirley Franklin and serving as legislative director and counsel for the newly-elected Congresswoman Denise Majette (D-GA) who served the congressional district which neighbors the one I represent.

Although we miss Michaelen and her beautiful family—her husband James and children Jac and Ellie—I wish them continued success and happiness, and I congratulate her from the bottom of my heart on her recent promotion.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the genocide of Armenians committed by the Ottoman Empire. We have a grave obligation, in truth and justice, to acknowledge this genocide against Armenians. This House is obligated, as is the

government of the United States, and all peoples and governments around the world. That obligation is all the more grave because the Turkish government—our friend and ally—aggressively denies this genocide.

The facts surrounding the genocide are well known and established beyond any doubt whatsoever. Beginning in April 1915, following years of pogroms and other repressive measures, Ottoman authorities undertook the systematic annihilation of as many as one and a half million Armenians through shootings, mass burnings, gassing, poisoning, drowning, forced labor, or death marches into the Syrian desert. The scale and ferocity of these atrocities were unprecedented in the modern era. The Honorable United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire 1913–1916 Henry Morgenthau characterized the policy of the Ottoman government as a “campaign of race extermination” and was instructed by Secretary of State Robert Lansing to continue his protests along with the officials of many other countries, including allies of the Ottomans. Most tellingly, the post-World War I Turkish government indicted the top leaders involved in the “organization and execution” of the policy and in the “massacre and destruction of the Armenians.” The chief organizers were all condemned to death for their crimes, though the verdicts of the courts were not enforced.

As is well known, Raphael Lemkin did not coin the term “genocide” until 1944, almost 30 years after the Ottoman massacre of Armenians. But in his groundbreaking work on the subject, Lemkin cited the case of the Armenians as the classic example of genocide. His idea of genocide as an offense against international law was widely accepted by the international community and was one of the legal bases of the trial of Nazi leaders at Nuremberg.

Despite the overwhelming preponderance of evidence of the Ottoman government's policy of annihilation of Armenians and the virtually universal acceptance of the Armenian case as a classic example of genocide, the government of the modern state of Turkey refuses to acknowledge the crimes of the previous regime as the responsibility of the Ottoman government or as a case of genocide. Indeed, the Turkish government even has undertaken the persecution of those Turks who recognize the genocide.

One day the Turkish government will acknowledge the genocide. That will be a great day for Turkey—for the moral air of the country—and a truly patriotic gesture, a sign of spiritual strength. The sooner the better! The United States does a disservice to Turkey and its people by facilitating genocide denial by not pressing Turkey harder to acknowledge the truth.

WALNUT GROVE LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

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KYLE BEDFORD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyle Bedford for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kyle Bedford is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyle Bedford 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.

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SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, and Deborah Kay Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Libya, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

MAY 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine immigration and its contribution to our economic strength.

TBA

MAY 9

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration.

SD-138

MAY 16

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-430

MAY 22

10 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SH-216

JUNE 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

6 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222