

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING SHRI
NARENDRA MODI ON HIS
RECORD-BREAKING VICTORY AS
INDIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate India's next Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his resounding and historic victory. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory on May 16, 2014 is the first time after Independence that a non-Congress party has got absolute majority on its own, and Narendra Modi is the reason why.

His victory is India's victory and, while history will remember India's 2014 elections as unprecedented, I will remember the 2014 elections as a triumph. The people of India have triumphed, and I join with them in this momentous celebration of new development for all.

As a token of friendship and in commemoration of the fulfillment of his destiny to lift up the masses, assure social justice, and bring new hope for any and all who, like him, step forward and transform challenges into opportunities by sheer strength of character and courage, a flag was flown over the United States Capitol at my request in honor of him on April 7, 2014, to mark victory's dawn.

I pay tribute to Shri Modi for his clarion call for change, to save a nation from ruin. I applaud his leadership and recognize his victory—the people's victory—in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD becomes part of U.S. history and I firmly believe Shri Narendra Modi should be included not only in the annals of India's history but U.S. history, too, because he was elected with a resounding victory despite the United States using every recourse it could to disrupt his destiny.

The U.S.-India partnership should be, could be, one of the most defining of the 21st century. But, I am disappointed that the United States failed to develop a strong friendship and comprehensive partnership with Shri Narendra Modi when it mattered most. U.S.-India relations matter strategically, politically, and economically. And even if they didn't matter, the United States should be a fair and honest broker about human rights. Regrettably, in the case of India, the United States missed the mark by responding one way to the 2002 Gujarat riots, another way to the Godhra train burning which led up to the riots, and still another way to the largest ethnic cleansing since the partition of India in which between 300,000 to 500,000 Kashmiri Hindus since 1990 have migrated due to persecution.

Nonetheless, despite the United States getting it wrong with India, Shri Narendra Modi is looking ahead. He is dedicated. He is determined. He is dynamic. He is different. He is the leader of the world's largest democracy. And he is the key player for improved relations between the U.S. and India. As Shri Narendra

Modi assumes his mantle as India's next Prime Minister, I have every confidence he will cut across caste, creed and religion and bring alive the dreams of over a billion Indians, and a world that needs his leadership.

As he promised, "Good days are coming." And so, they are. I have personally met with Shri Modi as far back as 2010 and I know him to be a sincere man who stands against corruption and for inclusive growth and development. Shri Modi is a man of vision and he, together with each and every citizen of India, will create something special—an India that will assume its destined role.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister Modi will usher in India's new era. He will make the 21st century India's century. This is his destiny. And so, once more, I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his path-breaking campaign, and I praise BJP Party President Rajnath Singh for working shoulder-to-shoulder with Shri Modi to ensure that the spirit of democracy has triumphed. I also commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of USINPAC, for championing the cause and work of Shri Narendra Modi early on in the U.S. Congress when India's next Prime Minister was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Above all, I praise Prime Minister Modi's parents who gave rise to him, especially his mother whose blessings he sought. From his beginnings as a son of a tea seller to a landslide and ground-breaking victor, I wish Shri Modi godspeed on his poetic journey forward as India's next Prime Minister.

TRIBUTE TO DR. E. DEWEY SMITH,
JR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr., is celebrating ten years (10) in pastoral leadership this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Greater Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. E. Dewey

Smith, Jr., as he celebrates ten years in pastoral leadership at Greater Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 23, 2014 as Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of March, 2014.

HONORING MS. MARY ANN TYLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding young lady making a difference in her school and her life. She is a student at West Tallahatchie High School in Tallahatchie County, MS, Ms. Mary Ann Tyler.

Ninth grade is a time when most fourteen year olds are just entering their first year of high school and getting acclimated to it. Ms. Tyler's life changed in the ninth grade. She became a teenage mother. But she did not let that change define her future.

Ms. Tyler said she started believing in herself and taking steps to define and construct her future. She started by attending class more often, turning those absentees into presents; she began joining school organizations and clubs. Those among other changes have been the turning point of life.

There is a saying that "attitude can help determine your altitude." Well, Ms. Tyler has embraced that philosophy which has yielded her some positive returns. During her tenth grade year, she joined the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and the Student Government Association (SGA) where she did more than just join, she was elected by her peers as the secretary. Organization and reliability is a great attribute.

As a member of the Future Business Leaders of America she progressed to the state competition to represent her school and there she placed third in the Community Service Project division of the FBLA competition.

The years just kept getting better and the growth and development in Ms. Tyler was starting to take notice. She rejoined the FBLA and SGA school organizations in her junior year of high school. This time she served as the Vice-President of both organizations, a position bestowed upon her through the voting process of peer election. She was also inducted into the Beta Club and voted the "Most Improved Student."

By the time Ms. Tyler was a senior in high school, leadership was natural and parenting was a role that she did not take for granted. She not only wanted to challenge herself to reach higher ground but, she also wanted to use her climb as an example for her child, knowing that someday she would tell her story of being a teen mom but not letting that define her future. During her senior year, Ms. Tyler became the president of SGA and the treasurer of the Beta Club.

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Her grade point average has soared to 3.79, which was commendable, given her responsibilities.

Ms. Tyler's plans beyond high school include college with her sights set on a degree in Business Administration, then on to graduate school to pursue her MBA. You see all those years in FBLA and SGA have paid off because they have motivated her to think about her future. She has a dream of owning her own business. I am proud to have Ms. Tyler as a citizen of the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Mary Ann Tyler, an amazing student for her dedication to succeed.

COMMEMORATING MT. VERNON'S
ZIP CODE DAY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mt. Vernon, Iowa, as they commemorate May 23, 2014 (5-23-14) as zip code day.

Historic Mount Vernon, Iowa, is home to 4500 residents, including 1200 college students enrolled at Cornell College. Located in Eastern Iowa, the city boasts a vibrant uptown business community with numerous antique and specialty stores, restaurants, coffee houses, commercial art galleries, and three National Historic Districts.

Mt. Vernon also has a proud history of firsts in our nation's history including having one of the country's first curbside recycling programs and first community-designed and built playgrounds.

I am proud to have the opportunity to represent 52314 in Congress and applaud Mt. Vernon for achieving so much in the proud 177 years since the first settlers arrived in 1837.

HONORING THE 2014 AMHERST
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL
BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the honorees of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Awards Luncheon and Showcase here today. Each business/business leader has done their part to lead by example, demonstrating leadership in the business community and a shared dedication to improving the economic conditions of our region. As small businesses, they are in a unique position to not only push the community forward through job growth, but also to test drive new products and ways of doing business that will no doubt have a lasting impact in the world around us.

With a motto of "We Want Better", Block Club has been working on improving not only their customers' brands, but also strengthening the brand of the entire Western New York (WNY) area. Being featured in such pub-

lications as the Boston Herald and the Washington Post, Block Club has demonstrated to the rest of the country some of the outstanding work accomplished right here at home. I commend this year's Trailblazer Award recipient, Patrick Finan, Founder & Principal of Block Club.

Another individual being honored today is Maureen Munzert from Key Bank. Maureen has utilized her expertise in financing and the banking industries to better serve her clients and her strong record of accomplishments have led her to being recognized here today. Maureen's ability to go beyond a banking role and truly become a financial partner to her clients is exemplary. Her dedication to guidance and leadership is expressed not only in leading junior members of her team, but also her being a champion of the Key4Women sub-organization. I am pleased to recognize this year's Small Business Advocate of the Year, Maureen Munzert.

Dr. Lavigne is another individual who has had a great impact on the community. As a leader of many business support programs in the WNY region, not to mention her stewardship of the NYS Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, Dr. Lavigne has driven economic returns of over 60:1. This incredible stewardship of governmental funding has seen hundreds of new jobs created and demonstrated Dr. Lavigne's excellence in utilizing public funds for the public good. It is my honor to recognize Dr. Marnie Lavigne as this year's Community Stewardship Award recipient.

EnergyMark is a company which is leading the way in being an active business community member. Through model leadership, EnergyMark has helped countless aspiring community leaders through internships at both the undergraduate and master's level programs. Furthermore, in creating their space in the market, EnergyMark is allowing its customer to grow faster through innovative savings that have kept over 5 million dollars in the hands of local business for their own growth and development. I commend this year's Award of Excellence recipient, Energy Mark, LLC.

One of the newest additions to our city will be the HARBORCENTER facility opening later this year. The culmination of many proud accomplishments, the HARBORCENTER will provide 2 NHL sized hockey rinks and numerous support facilities around the venue including a hotel, restaurants, and training facilities which will compliment the development occurring on our waterfront. This project will be an attraction for families in our region and beyond and will boost the economic conditions of Downtown Buffalo. Under the leadership of John Koelmel, the HARBORCENTER is likely to generate nearly 2,000 jobs and a projected \$48 million dollars in state and local taxes. I applaud the work of all those involved with the HARBORCENTER project and congratulate you on your Sponsor's Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Lougen Valenti Bookbinder & Weintraub LLP are actively working to redefine how a CPA firm can be a part of the community. Balancing an approach of personal attention and national firm level resources, LVBW has pooled over 100 collective years of experience to serve clients from single employee businesses to multi-national corporations. While this alone is a tremendous accomplishment,

the team at LVBW pushes further, encouraging employee volunteerism and providing assistance to such notable local charities as the WNY Foodbank, United Way Day of Caring, and Journey's End. I am pleased to recognize Lougen Valenti Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP as the recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award.

Sweet Jenny's chocolates and ice cream has been a great story of success here in WNY and will soon reach its 30th year in business. In using a "charity based business model" Sweet Jenny's has utilized corporate giving to promote their brand on a local level and to provide ice cream and products to charity organizations and local food banks. I had the pleasure of visiting Sweet Jenny's and can attest the strength of their business and outreach in the community. It is my honor to commend this year's At Your Service Award recipient, Sweet Jenny's.

This impressive list of Small Businesses being honored at this year's Luncheon and Showcase deserve the extra recognition and I thank the Amherst Chamber of Commerce for bringing these distinguished business leaders together. It is through your actions that other business leaders have a guidepost for exemplary action. I wish you all continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING HONORABLE JAMES
D. GREGG FOR 27 YEARS OF
SERVICE AS A BANKRUPTCY
JUDGE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable James D. Gregg and his commendable service to Michigan's Western District as a bankruptcy judge.

Judge Gregg served Michigan's Western District as a United States bankruptcy judge for 27 years. Further, his service to the state has been a long time commitment, as he has worked for Michigan communities for over 30 years.

After graduating from Wayne State University with his Juris Doctor, Judge Gregg chose to remain in Michigan to practice. He served as a partner of Varnum, Riddering, and Schmidt & Howlett in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1987, Judge Gregg was designated in The Best Lawyers in America. From 1995 to 2003, Judge Gregg worked with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ultimately serving as the organizations president from 2002-2003.

Throughout his career, Judge Gregg has been committed to educating students and practitioners about bankruptcy law. From 1994-1997, Judge Gregg served as an adjunct professor and taught bankruptcy law courses at The Thomas Cooley Law School. He has also been an education chair, a speaker, or a panelist at more than one hundred and fifty educational seminars for bar associations and professional organizations throughout the United States. In 2013, the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan inaugurated the "James D. Gregg Bankruptcy

Education Award” to be given out to members of the local bar or bench who have done outstanding work to further the education among bankruptcy practitioners in the district. While Judge Gregg will no longer sit on the bench, he still plans to continue teaching bankruptcy law.

HONORING REDAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, only a few schools excel in competition on a State level that ignites a community; and

Whereas, under the leadership and guidance of Coach Jerry Jackson, The Redan High School Girls Basketball team has won its second State Championship for the school, the city of Stone Mountain and our beloved Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, these Magnificent Lady Raiders of Redan have demonstrated the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and the astounding spirit of triumph from a mental and physical battle; and

Whereas, the 6th day of March, 2014 will go down in history as the Day that our Redan High School Girls Basketball team became the AAAA Champions of Georgia, completing a perfect season with a 33–0 record; and

Whereas, the team has exhibited great moral character on and off the basketball court and through the halls of Redan High; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Redan High School Basketball Team for its victory for our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 21, 2014 as Redan High School Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of March, 2014.

RECOGNITION FOR KENNY JOWERS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Kenny Jowers, owner of Physical Gym in Gualala, California, and a dedicated community member as he is honored for his community service on May 8 and May 15 in Mendocino County.

Mr. Jowers has worked to integrate the “South Coast” from Timber Cove to Irish Beach which spans Mendocino and Sonoma Counties into a single cohesive unit. He has brought forums on health care and other timely issues to the residents of the South Coast and has supported the Senior Center and other community issues with care, compassion, and a focus on improving community service for the many groups in the region.

Mr. Jowers’ commitment to civic engagement and leadership in the community are worthy of high commendation. He has used

his tireless energy to promote civic engagement and educate the community about important issues and it is appropriate to thank him for his volunteer efforts and generosity of spirit.

A PICTURE TELLS A THOUSAND WORDS—IN HONOR OF THE G.I. FILM FESTIVAL

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of GIFF, The G.I. Film Festival and its co-founders Brandon and Laura Law-Millet. Darin Selnick is also the VP of Development. In 2007 the Millets created one of the most moving and important film festivals in our Nation, GIFF. Through their efforts it has blossomed into one of the most powerful events called the G.I. Film Festival, to tell the stories of America’s heroes which must be told to educate and preserve these priceless moments and events of the past for future generations to come. All hearts are moved and inspired by these works of art which honor America’s greatest, the men and women and their families of the Armed Forces. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them by Albert Carey Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

A PICTURE TELLS A THOUSAND WORDS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

War is hell, and Hell is War . . .
Things that men and women dare not speak of the more!

For the only glory found in this story,
is all of those magnificent’s who pay the selfless price of freedom sure!

Who for all their Brothers and Sisters In Arms,

fight for each other but to live one day more!
As the greatest stories ever told,

to warm our hearts as we grow old . . .
All in their most magnificent hue . . .

Are of those who in hearts of honor who find such valor true!

Are of all of those so who heroically go off to war,

all for me and you!
And come back home without arms and legs . . .

With scars all upon their faces!
With holes all in their hearts,

as all of those demons they so face this . . .
And the doctors and nurses who death so race this!

And withstand all of the heartache,
to rebuild them in all such places!

Is but the grave price of war so cold!
And the ultimate,

are all of those who come back home incased in wood . . .

Who so gave their lives and fought but for the greater good!

As these are the stories to which our children must be told!

Of all of those who burdens bore!
So we will remember back into the days of yore!

Because . . .
A . . .

Because a picture tells a thousand words . . .
Gives voice to all of those moments and things which we’ve not heard . . .

Brings light to all of those who have not so lived these words . . .

Teaching us all what must so be learned!
Bringing inspiration in what is seen and heard!

And that freedom is not free!
But bought and paid for by all of these!
And but lies at the very height of what a human being can be!

And that in the darkest of all nights!
There are but all of those who but bring their light!

The men and women of the Armed Forces,
and their families who fight the fight!

So to all of you,
and your sacrifice . . .

We honor you with this light!
Because a picture tells a thousand words!

HONORING DETECTIVE MIKE MITCHELL

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor the outstanding career of Detective Mike Mitchell, who is retiring after 25 years with the Barnegat Police Department.

Detective Mitchell is beloved within the Barnegat community and he is best known for starting and running the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) program in the Barnegat Township Schools, which is currently in its 20th year. The D.A.R.E. program has graduated over 6,000 5th grade students and has had a tremendous impact in helping raise awareness on drug abuse.

Mike is an active volunteer in the community, particularly with Challenger Baseball and Basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the amazing career and community service of Detective Mike Mitchell.

TRIBUTE TO JIM HAMILTON AND PROCOATERS, INC.

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, On April 18, 1974, Mr. Jim Hamilton founded ProCoaters, Inc., (PCI) specializing in contract painting services for the OEM industry; and

Whereas, by 1978 PCI expanded services to include sheet metal fabrication and made it their mission to produce competitively priced sheet metal products, while providing timely delivery and exceptional customer service; and

Whereas, in 1992 PCI moved into their current 65,000 sq. ft. home on Minola Drive in Lithonia, Georgia and have subsequently expanded their capabilities through the use of laser technology fulfilling their mission of providing excellent service to their many metro Atlanta customers and beyond; and

Whereas, after the passing of Mr. Hamilton, his wife and sons continue to operate PCI, keeping this jewel of a company in Lithonia, with a stellar team of managers and employees; and

Whereas, PCI is a great example of the American Dream writ large, a family owned operation providing excellent service, employment opportunities and a product that “keeps

America moving” and thus contributing to the local and national economies; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is today, officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating ProCoaters, Inc., on their forty (40th) year anniversary as a business anchor in our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 18, 2014 as ProCoaters, Inc. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of April, 2014.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes Nos. 218 and 219, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 218. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 219. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

HONORING MRS. DESTINY KYLES-JONES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable, well-rounded, and highly driven young woman, Mrs. Destiny Kyles-Jones. Born to Mr. Dennis Kyles, Sr. and Ms. Machel Shelby Kyles on April 25, 1991, Destiny was raised in the small, close-knit town of Bolton, Mississippi.

As a child, Destiny was an outstanding young woman who was deeply involved in her community and church home. She regularly attended Holy Ghost Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi and was active in Sunday school and various other auxiliaries.

Destiny is not only a well-mannered young woman, but also exceptionally bright. Her academic ambitions were accomplished and exceeded during her matriculation at Clinton High School, where she graduated in May 2009. She furthered her education at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi, ultimately receiving her B.A. in Business Administration.

During her time at Tougaloo College, Destiny was well known among her peers, faculty, and administrators. She was a highly prestigious scholarly student, graduating Sum Cum Laude in May 2013.

Among her extra-curricular activity involvements included Dazzling Divas Dance Team, Toast Masters, Pre-Alumni Council, Vice President of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Financial Secretary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and Tougaloo Ambassadors of Meritorious Scholars.

While Destiny was heavily involved in student government and served in several positions, among them were Miss Freshman, Junior Class Representative, and Miss Tougaloo College.

As Miss Tougaloo College, Destiny embodied the noble qualities of her beloved college. Her kind spirit and positive attitude was highly infectious, affording her the opportunity to be featured with First Lady Michelle Obama on CNN and in Ebony Magazine as one of the nation's Top Ten HBCU Campus Queens in 2013.

Currently, Destiny attends Texas A&M University, where she is pursuing her Masters degree in Business Administration. She also is employed with the Department of Justice through an opportunity afforded her via the Homeland Security Initiative at Tougaloo College. She resides in Rockwell, Texas with her husband Jarred Jones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Destiny Kyles-Jones for her remarkable academic and extra-curricular performance as a young adult.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia, the oldest African American founded Baptist congregation in Pennsylvania.

The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia was established in 1809. Since then, it has helped establish many other churches and institutions, including the Downingtown Industrial School. The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia has also played an integral role in helping to promote equality in Pennsylvania by establishing the first African American savings and loans bank and the first mortgage company for African Americans.

Throughout its rich history, thirteen pastors have held the honor of leading its distinguished congregation. Currently, The Reverend Terrence D. Griffith serves as the church's pastor. At its centennial celebration in 1909, the church welcomed Booker T. Washington as its keynote speaker. In 2009, both Ed Rendell and Arlen Specter joined the church to celebrate its bicentennial anniversary. This year, the church will be celebrating its 205th anniversary, which I am personally attending.

I invite you and all of my colleagues to join me in commemorating The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia's 205th anniversary. May its success and commitment to helping the City of Philadelphia be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come.

HONORING THE NEWTON COUNTY LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, the Newton County Leadership Collaborative is celebrating a milestone 10th Anniversary; and

Whereas, the Leadership Collaborative brings together representatives from Newton County, the city governments of Covington, Oxford, Porterdale, Newborn and Mansfield, the Water and Sewer Authority, Board of Education and the Covington-Newton Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, these elected and appointed officials are guided by the statement, “We plan together and work together”; and

Whereas, this group meets monthly at the Center for Community Preservation and Planning (The Center) using four guiding principles—Protect Clean Water, Create Communities, Create Interconnected Corridors and Coordinate Public Investment, and

Whereas they have developed the 2050 Plan, which is Newton County's roadmap to a sustainable future; and

Whereas, the 2050 Plan was recently awarded the prestigious Excellence in Small Town and Rural Planning Award by the American Planning Association; and

Whereas, the Center has been a pillar of strength for Newton County ensuring that each generation has a sense of history; a strong sense of identity and an appreciation for a vibrant community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and laud the Center for their nationally recognized work on behalf of the citizens of Newton County now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 7th and 8th, 2014 as Newton County Leadership Collaborative Days in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of March, 2014.

HONORING ELAINE THANAY SCHREIBER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Elaine Thaney Schreiber, a teacher, wife, mother and former First Lady of the State of Wisconsin. The Silver Spring Neighborhood Center recently honored her through its dedication of the Elaine Schreiber Child Development Center.

Elaine served at Silver Spring Neighborhood Center for over 20 years as an early childhood teacher, board member, donor and campaign leader; she led the Center's successful 2001–03 capital campaign which resulted in doubling the size of the Center and greatly expanding their services. While serving as First Lady of the State of Wisconsin, she championed early childhood immunizations. Thousands of children in Milwaukee and throughout the state have benefited as a result of her advocacy.

Elaine Schreiber was born and raised in Milwaukee. She earned a degree in education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, as well as a graduate degree in early childhood education. She has been married to Martin Schreiber, former Governor of Wisconsin since 1961 and together they have 4 children and thirteen grandchildren. She is the adored aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Elaine is beloved for her graciousness, kindness and deep love of children.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Elaine Thaney Schreiber

for her contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. I am proud to call Elaine Schreiber my friend; she has acquired a lifetime record of accomplishment and contributed much to the greater Milwaukee community and the State of Wisconsin.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF
CONGRESSMAN JIM OBERSTAR

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, this week there are so many of us mourning the loss of Congressman Jim Oberstar. He was a great leader for transportation and infrastructure, and did many good things for his district and all over the country. For years, I looked to him for his tremendous knowledge on transportation and water issues. We were fortunate to both serve at the same time as Chairmen of the Transportation and Agriculture Committees, respectively, but we used to jokingly say that he was my "Secretary of Transportation" and I was his "Secretary of Agriculture". I also used to tell him that when he was done paving over his district, he could get to work paving mine.

But Congressman Oberstar was about so much more than transportation. He cared deeply about his district and the people who lived there. Countless times I would personally watch him bring 8th District issues directly to the leadership and to the caucus. He never forgot his roots, his passion was contagious, and his love for his family was deep. Jim Oberstar leaves a remarkable legacy in Minnesota and across the country.

RECOGNITION OF RUTH
VALENZUELA

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ruth Valenzuela, who has served as field representative for California State Assemblymember Patty Berg from 2005 to 2008 and Wesley Chesbro for six years thereafter as she is being honored for her civic engagement on May 8 and May 15 in Mendocino County—from the coast to the inland valleys.

Ruth's commitment to improving the quality of life for the residents of Mendocino County and California's Second Assembly District serves a model for public servants. Well-respected and appreciated for her ability to assist constituents with local and state matters in a calm and efficient manner, she has served the community with intelligence, patience and the highest caliber of professionalism with a variety of vexing issues.

Acting as California State Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro's eyes and ears in Mendocino County, as a volunteer for the Area Council on Aging and many other community organizations, Ruth is a trusted public resource and an indispensable asset to Mendocino.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Ruth Valenzuela for her invaluable service to Mendocino County and the people of California.

HONORING PASTOR JAMES C.
WARD

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, Pastor James C. Ward is celebrating today nineteen (19) years as Pastor of Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Pastor Ward, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Ward is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor James C. Ward as he celebrates his nineteenth Pastoral Anniversary at Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 9, 2014 as Pastor James C. Ward Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of March, 2014.

HONORING COACH O'KEEFE
HENDERSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach O'Keefe Henderson.

Coach Henderson is a proud product of Canton and a 1999 graduate of Canton High School. He attended Holmes Community College on a football scholarship. He received a football and track scholarship at Mississippi Valley State from 2002–2004.

After receiving ALL–SWAC honors in both sports he played two years of professional football in Laredo and Killeen, Texas. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Jackson State University in 2009 receiving a bachelor's degree in Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach O'Keefe Henderson.

AMERICAN RESEARCH AND
COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant opposition to H.R. 4438, a bill to extend permanently the research and development tax credit. This is not an issue that I take lightly because this tax provision enjoys broad support in my district. But once again, a policy that has long enjoyed bipartisan support and has real economic impact in districts across the country has fallen victim to politics. Rather than advancing a package of tax extenders that places the priorities of working families and underwater homeowners alongside those of our business community, we are considering legislation that singles out the interests of one group over another.

Following the expiration of numerous important tax provisions at the end of last year, many constituents have contacted me to express their concerns about our inaction. From families who rely on the Earned Income Tax Credit to make ends meet, to renewable energy companies that will drastically scale back operations without the Production Tax Credit, to municipalities who use the New Markets Tax Credit to revitalize low-income areas, the scope of people and businesses that will suffer the consequences of inaction on a tax extenders package are too numerous to list here. To those who are looking to Congress for some indication that we are moving past political maneuvering, past the dysfunction that has characterized this body for too long, this bill is a step in the wrong direction.

Beyond the frustration that is felt at elevating this tax provision over the others I have previously mentioned, my constituents will wonder why we can pass this legislation and add about \$150 billion to the deficit, but we can't add a dime to extend emergency unemployment insurance benefits to millions of Americans. To advance this bill is an affront to the long-term unemployed who have been falling deeper into debt as Congress debates how it should pay for an extension of the vital benefits that could help keep them afloat while they continue to search for work.

I support extending the tax credit for research and development. It is vital to promoting American manufacturing and supporting our country's innovative technology sector, which is exemplified by the work done by companies like Intel in my district. But I support extending this credit alongside a package of others that also benefit my State, and every State in the country. Congress should consider a comprehensive tax extenders package, and should do so without delay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 217, on final passage of H.R. 10, the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter

Schools Act, I would have voted “aye”, which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

On rollcall No. 211, on final passage of H.R. 4438, the American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2014, I would have voted “aye”, which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

MARK PAULEY RETIREMENT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mark Pauley on the occasion of his retirement to the State of Missouri and our veterans.

Mark began his career as a Local Veterans Employment Representative for the Division of Workforce Development in 2007 and in the seven years that have passed since then, he has worked tirelessly to help our veterans find employment. In 2009, Mark was presented the “2009 Governor’s Conference Outstanding Service to Veterans Award” at the Missouri Governor’s Conference, which also included a trip to Washington DC.

In 2010, Governor Jay Nixon launched the “Show Me Heroes” initiative to help Missouri’s veterans reconnect with meaningful careers, and to showcase Missouri employers who have pledged to do so. Mark has since presented 20 Flag of Freedom awards to local employers who have hired veterans in our area, and has had 31 employers take pledges to consider hiring a Missouri veteran when job openings arise.

Mark is also a veteran himself. Before he began his work for the Missouri Career Center, he served in the United States Navy between 1980–1996. He was a natural fit for this position because while in the Navy, Mark worked as a personnelman and retired as a Petty Officer First Class. His life’s dedication and hard work should serve as an example of how we can better serve each other and our great nation. Now that Mark will be retired, I hope he will have more time to spend with his family including his wife, Mary; his kids, Kyra, Shawna and Bobby; and his grandkids, Kyler, Kyrstyn, Bryson and Jack.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Mark Pauley for his dedicated service to Missouri’s veterans. I know Mark’s colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

HONORING MAYPORT NAVAL
STATION COMMISSARY

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the fine men and women who lead and operate the Commissary at Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has honored the Mayport Commissary with the

Bill Nichols Award for the Best Large Commissary in the United States for the year 2013. The DeCA awards are named in honor of American statesmen who protected the commissary benefit and championed quality-of-life issues for the military community.

DeCA Director and Chief Executive Officer Joseph H. Jeu stated, “Achieving this honor has never been easy . . . To win, a store has to exceed our normal criteria for customer service, accountability, safety, operations, and sales . . . These awards highlight the best of what our stores do every day for our service members and their families.” Additionally, this award demonstrates the importance of the commissary as a benefit to our service members who protect our freedom around the globe.

It is a pleasure and honor to represent the great men and women who serve at the Mayport Commissary and to see them recognized for their service and dedication. The hard work of the men and women who serve in and around Jacksonville illustrate the importance of the First Coast to national defense, and reiterate that our community’s efforts to be an anchor of national security.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND LOUIS L.
FERGUSON

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, this year, Reverend Louis L. Ferguson is celebrating his third year in pastoral leadership as Pastor of Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, he has provided stellar leadership to his church and community; and

Whereas, Reverend Louis L. Ferguson under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Ferguson is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our state and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Louis L. Ferguson, as he celebrates his anniversary in pastoral leadership; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 15, 2014 as Reverend Louis L. Ferguson Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of March, 2014.

HONORING CADET/LIEUTENANT
COLONEL DE’AHNERA MANYFIELD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cadet/Lieutenant Colonel De’Ahnera Manyfield who is the daughter of Mr. Timothy and Mrs. Angela Manyfield, and she is a senior at Jim Hill High School.

Cadet/Lieutenant Colonel Manyfield currently serves as her unit’s Commanding Officer. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is actively involved on the student council, varsity softball team, varsity soccer team, JROTC academic bowl, JROTC sabre team, and JROTC drill team. Her leadership ability has been recognized with a number of awards including three Superior Cadet Awards.

She attended Girls’ State at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she was appointed County Lawyer; the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Symposium at Millsaps University; and the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) Leadership Symposium in Huntsville, Alabama. She has performed over 800 service learning and community service hours. She has been accepted to the Air Force Academy’s Preparatory School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cadet/Lieutenant Colonel De’Ahnera Manyfield.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ANN
STUART

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a person very important to our district. Ann Stuart, Ph.D., personifies the American dream that education is access to opportunity. She was born as an only child into a middle class family of loving parents, Frank and Laura Stuart. They were determined to make possible for their child a college education, so she completed her Bachelor’s degree in Education at the University of Florida, her Master’s in English at the University of Kentucky, and her Ph.D. in English at Southern Illinois University. Ann began her teaching career first as a middle school teacher, then taught high school, and later became a tenured Professor of English at the university level. She is a published scholar in the field of English Literature and technical communication. Her administrative career began as Dean of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. She then became Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Alma College in Michigan followed by the Presidency of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s Graduate School in Connecticut.

Dr. Stuart was named Chancellor and President of Texas Woman’s University in 1999 and still currently serves in that position. Her administrative leadership during her time at TWU has brought transformational change: Enrollment has grown by 80%. TWU has produced during her tenure more than 20,000

graduates in critical fields. The university has received national recognition for its quality, value and diversity. Dr. Stuart has raised more than \$220 million for facilities, scholarships and faculty development and led the implementation of advanced technology and teaching tools that mirror the workplace and improve learning.

She led the construction of new facilities that position TWU at the forefront of workplace development. The TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center (2006)—located in the renowned Texas Medical Center—was built at no cost to the state. The TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center (2011)—located in the heart of the Southwestern Medical District—brings together to one location health care programs previously located at separate sites enabling TWU to emphasize the team approach to patient care. The Ann Stuart Science Complex in Denton (2011), which doubled the university's science laboratory and classroom space, is helping meet the state's need for skilled professionals in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). TWU students are high achievers in their academic fields and are successful graduates in critical professions that return value to this state and its citizens.

Through her vision, innovation and leadership, TWU is well-positioned for a strong future. Business and community leaders throughout the state and members of the legislature call upon her and her administration to serve as experts on boards and to testify on issues critical to higher education.

Dr. Stuart will leave a lasting legacy as a private citizen at TWU, in Denton, and in Dallas. She and her late husband Ray Poliakoff, who were first generation graduates of higher education, both said often it was their education that enabled them to pursue the opportunities that enriched their lives.

To honor Ray's memory and their shared commitment to providing educational opportunities for young people, Chancellor Stuart has established and funded the following at TWU:

The Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff endowed scholarship for undergraduate students with high academic achievement and financial need,

The Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award, through a 20-year program of funding, annually brings exceptional graduates back to the university to share their expertise with faculty and students,

The Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff Celebration of Science Series, through a commitment of two decades of funding, provides the opportunity for the TWU Departments of Biology and Chemistry/Biochemistry to develop a sustained program of promoting and celebrating the wonders, truths, and mysteries of science.

In Denton, Dr. Stuart in her husband's memory, made a lead gift for the construction of a new Animal Care and Adoption Center. She also underwrites a weekly adoption program for dogs and cats from the current shelter.

As a private citizen in Dallas, Dr. Stuart provided funds for a courtyard garden at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Furthermore, she has made a multi-year commitment to a dog therapy program at Baylor Scott & White Health as well as an animal nutrition program at the Dallas Zoo. Additionally, she has given a sustained gift of funding to KERA programming.

Dr. Stuart exemplifies the profile of those selected for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. She clearly has improved the institution she now leads while at the same time contributed to the larger discussion of improving higher education in the state of Texas. Through board appointments, legislative and Coordinating Board involvement and workforce impact, her service clearly has benefitted the state of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO HAGOP AND KNAR
MANJIKIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hagop Jack Manjikian and Knar Rita Manjikian for the books they have published on the Armenian Genocide. An estimated 1.5 million Armenians perished between 1915 and 1923, but the statistics only tell part of the story. The first person accounts of the Genocide published by the Manjikian put a human face on the violence and suffering experienced by the Armenians, as well as their unflagging will to survive.

"The Fatal Night" (Volume 2)—Mikayel Shamtanchian was among the hundreds of Armenian intellectuals rounded up on the night of April 24, 1915, and deported to the interior of Turkey, where the Turkish genocide of Armenians began. The author beat the odds and survived the first genocide of the 20th century. His memoir, *The Fatal Night*, is a detailed account of the extermination of Turkey's Armenian cultural and civic leadership in 1915. Shamtanchian recorded the fates of the innocent Armenian luminaries who perished in Anatolia—the echoes of "Lord, Have Mercy," the last hymn sung by the Armenian priest and music ethnologist Komitas and a throng of exiles held in a Turkish military fort, and the pangs of authors Daniel Varuzhan and Sevak as they were slaughtered in the field of death called Ayash. The book provides a partial list of the Armenian intellectuals, civic leaders and priests who were martyred during the Genocide.

"Death March" (Volume 3)—Shahen Derderian was barely eight years old when the Ottoman Turkish government deported his family, along with the entire Armenian community of his native Sebastia (now Sivas). The uprooting was part of an elaborate Turkish plan to exterminate the Armenian population of Anatolia. In the ensuing forced marches, the Sebastia caravan—one among countless others—was subjected by the Turkish police and hired criminals to a systematic spree of murder, robbery, rape, and death by starvation and disease. Young Shahen Derderian survived the carnage through sheer miracle. In *Death March*, he tells a harrowing story of dehumanization and loss, whose enormity would eventually be matched only by the Armenian survivors' spirit of renewal.

"The Crime of the Ages" (Volume 4)—In 1919 Sebah Aguni chronicled the large-scale plunder, deportations, and massacres that were systematically perpetrated by the Turkish government in its effort to exterminate the Armenian population of Turkey. *The Crime of the Ages*—the first English translation of Aguni's

study—is an invaluable work of historiography as it encompasses not only firsthand victim accounts of the Turkish atrocities, but a wealth of evidential information culled from Turkish, European, and American official sources. Brimming with the eloquent, vivid narrative of a journalist and survivor, *The Crime of the Ages* portrays, in prodigious documentary detail, one of history's most heinous crimes, the Genocide of the Armenians.

"Defying Fate" (Volume 5)—For the fifth volume of the Genocide Library, we chose the memoirs of Mr. and Mrs. Aram and Dirouhi Avedian, both of whom were survivors of the Genocide of Armenians by the Turks. Aram Avedian's writing consisted of a small book of handwritten notes titled "The dark days I've lived." Dirouhi Avedian's memoirs comprised a relatively longer, though still compact, handwritten diary titled "My life." Originally written in Armenian and translated to English, their memoirs reveal a childhood of sorrow and anguish as they relate how they lost their families and how they survived thanks to the kindness of strangers. Their infrangible faithfulness toward their cultural identity leads them to risk their lives and escape their circumstances. Amidst the tragedy, a happy ending emerges.

"Our Cross" (Volume 6)—Our Cross is a collection of autobiographical short stories about survivors of Mets Yeghern, the 1915 Genocide of the Armenians. M. Salpi (Aram Sahakian) was a medical officer in the Turkish army during the First World War. In the course of his service, he met many Armenian soldiers and officers who recounted to him the plight of their families following the deportations and massacres of their communities by the Turkish government. After his capture by the British, Sahakian was appointed resident doctor at an Armenian refugee camp in Port Said, Egypt. Here, as well as during his sojourns in Syria and Lebanon, he met numerous Genocide survivors who struggled to rebuild their lives. Sahakian found their experiences at turns heartbreaking and inspiring, and went on to portray them in his writings. Complementing the laser-sharp observations of a man of science with the compassion and sensitivity of someone who himself had walked the path of devastation, Sahakian's stories pulsate with unforgettable images and characters, each a microcosm of a nation's cataclysm but also its irrepressible will to endure.

I hereby ask all Members to join me in honoring Hagop Jack Manjikian and Knar Rita Manjikian for their efforts to keep the memories of those who experienced the Armenian Genocide alive.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN
VILLAFRANCO

HON. PETE P. GALLEGO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of John Villafranco, of San Antonio, Texas.

John graduated in 2007 from Ronald Reagan High School in the city's Northside. He would have been 25 on May 31, 2014. John was a drummer with a band called Northern Nights and they played at several venues in San Antonio. He met his wife, Lydia

Marlow, of Watertown, New York, four years ago at one of the band's shows. Shortly after, they began a relationship and John moved to New York.

John drowned on April 21, 2014, while fishing with his wife, Lydia, in New York State. The two lived on the Black River in Watertown. John loved to take a canoe out to go fishing. On that day, the water levels of the river were high, and the water was cold. The couple dropped an anchor to fish; and shortly after the boat capsized. John and Lydia then swam towards a group of soldiers from nearby Fort Drum.

John was swimming well, but went back to save his wife's life when he noticed Lydia was having trouble swimming and keeping up. John kept his wife above water and then, with all the strength he had, he threw Lydia towards the soldiers. She was transported to a nearby hospital where she was hospitalized for hypothermia. Lydia survived. Days after the tragic event, local police and firefighters continued to search for John to no avail. Since then, the search has been called off and John's body was recovered. He did not have life insurance and was about to start working at a car wash in New York.

John is survived by his wife, Lydia; parents, Gilbert and Blanche Villafranco; sisters and their spouses, Natalia Villafranco and Andrew Fetzner, and Monica Villafranco and Rene Treviño; nephews, Joshua and Nicholas; grandmother, Aurora Garza; his pet fur babies, Otto, Leo and Skynard; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

It is with great sadness that I tell this story on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today. We lost a fellow Texan and San Antonian in a very tragic way. May his memories, joy and stories live in our lives forever. I pray that God may comfort his family, friends and loved ones during these very tough times. I also pray for John and that he may be resting in peace.

TRIBUTE TO WHITE'S CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, White's Chapel United Methodist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our district for the past one hundred forty-four years; and

Whereas, Pastor Harold Cobb and the members of the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our district; and

Whereas, the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our district; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past one hundred forty-four (144) years, being organized in 1870 after Captain White donated two acres of land to a small group of former slaves in order for them

to continue to worship together as a congregation; and

Whereas, White's Chapel has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with Rockdale County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 144th Anniversary of their founding; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 2, 2014 as White's Chapel United Methodist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of March, 2014.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays, I was unavoidably absent on May 19, 2014. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 218, I would have voted "aye" (May 19) (H.R. 2203—To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy (Representative TIBERI)).

On rollcall No. 219, I would have voted "aye" (May 19) (H.R. 685—To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare. (Representative SAM JOHNSON)).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following regarding rollcall No. 210, No. 211, No. 212, No. 213, No. 214, No. 215, No. 216, and No. 217—recorded votes On a Motion to Re-commit with instructions, On passage of H.R. 4438, the American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2014, On agreeing to the Castor (FL) amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Jackson Lee amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Wilson (FL) amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Langevin amendment to H.R. 10, On agreeing to the Bonamici amendment to H.R. 10, and On passage of H.R. 10, the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act.

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 210. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 211. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 212. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 213. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 214. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 215. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 216. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for rollcall vote No. 217. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MARY MAHER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Maher, the recipient of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers 2014 Grower of the Year award. Ms. Maher is a leader in the wine industry and has dedicated her career to advancing the Napa Valley as a premiere wine region, which is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

Ms. Maher was born and raised in Glenn County, California. She attended California State University, Chico, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science and Biology. After managing vineyards for seventeen years throughout the Napa Valley, she made her way to her current position as Vineyard Manager for Harlan Estate, where she has worked for the past twelve years.

As Vineyard Manager, Ms. Maher established Harlan's in-house vineyard farming and development company, which today employs more than fifty people in the area. However, her involvement in the community does not end at Harlan. Ms. Maher has been a member of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Board of Directors, the Industry Issues and Harvest STOMP committees and the Napa County Pest & Disease District Board. She has even served as President of the Carneros Quality Alliance and the Napa Valley Vineyard Technical Group. Remarkably, Ms. Maher was one of only two female vineyard managers in Napa when she began her career. Since then, she has worked with the International Women in Cabernet Association and St. Helena Ag Boosters, serving as a role model for her fellow women in the grape growing industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Ms. Maher not only for her excellent grape growing, but for her commitment to our community. Mary Maher's unyielding dedication to excellence in growing is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish her further success in an already distinguished career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I had to depart for a meeting at the White House, and as a result, I missed one vote on May 19, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 219, awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces.

HONORING SAMUEL D. FOSTER,
JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to honor a tremendous student Mr. Samuel D. Foster, Jr., who is a Wingfield High School Senior graduating in the top five of his senior class.

Mr. Foster, throughout his high school career, was always a shy and timid young man who valued the opportunities given to him by his school. No matter the challenge, Mr. Foster strived to maintain good grades and also value knowledge.

Mr. Foster was inducted into both the National Honor Society and the Entergy Scholars, which displays a group of students who have expressed an enhanced interest in being the best that they can be. Being a part of the National Honor Society, he has been very helpful volunteering for his school's annual college fairs. Mr. Foster is also an active volunteer at his church, the New Galilean M.B. Church, where he helps out mostly during the holidays.

Mr. Foster is the son of Samuel and Anita Foster and has shown great accomplishments throughout his whole life, but now being a high school senior; he has advanced up the ladder of excellence and is now given the title of Valedictorian, holding over a 3.5 grade point average at Wingfield High School.

Along with being Valedictorian, Mr. Foster has even had the honor of being voted Mr. Wingfield of his high school for the 2013–2014 school years.

In addition to being Mr. Wingfield, he has also won first place in the district reading fair, being able to make it to the regional reading fair to represent the high school Division-F for Jackson Public Schools.

Mr. Foster plans to attend Jackson State University on a full scholarship, where he plans to double major in Manufacturing and Design Technology and Art.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Samuel D. Foster, Jr.

HONORING THE CONYERS ROTARY
CLUB

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, The Conyers Rotary Club is a beacon of light to our district; and

Whereas, today, The Conyers Rotary Club, in concert with thousands of clubs across the nation and the world, has launched a campaign to help eradicate hunger; and

Whereas, club President Neal Sanford, the "Rotary Has Heart" Chair Diane Adoma and the entire local Rotary membership are stepping up with funding for the local Food Bank; and

Whereas, this remarkable organization is showing it's heart by giving hope to the hopeless, feeding the hungry and empowering our community; and

Whereas, The Conyers Rotary Club has for many years produced, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and most of all visionaries who have shared their resources with citizens throughout Rockdale County; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Conyers Rotary Club for their leadership on this day of heartwarming community service; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 13, 2014 as Rotary Has Heart Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of February, 2014.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROTARY
CLUB OF SACRAMENTO'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Sacramento as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of their founding. As members and supporters of this fine organization gather, I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Rotary Club of Sacramento for a hundred years of incredible service to the Sacramento region.

For a century, the members of the Rotary Club of Sacramento have stayed true to their mission, which is to "encourage and foster the ideal of service." They have successfully done this by providing Rotarian's time, talent and fundraising abilities to improve the quality of life for groups and individuals throughout the Sacramento area. One of the greatest things anyone can do for their community is to invest in the future of our youth. The Rotary Club of Sacramento understands the importance of offering a hand of service to youth organizations and they have worked with over 250 non-profit organizations that include the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, Sacramento Children's Receiving Home, Sacramento Children's Home, WIND Youth Services, Society for the Blind, BloodSource, YMCA, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento Library and Powerhouse Science Center. Additionally, the club sponsors the Burt Chapell Golf for Kids Golf Tournament which benefits orthopedically handicapped children. The golf tournament had its inaugural tournament in 1927 and is the longest continuous event in all of Rotary.

Much of the world has changed over the last 100 years, but one constant has been the Rotary Club of Sacramento's service to our community. The Rotary Club of Sacramento has the distinction of being the 85th oldest club in all of Rotary International and it has grown to be one of the twenty largest clubs in the world. The club started with 34 members and now has over 500 members. Members of the Rotary Club of Sacramento come from a wide variety of careers, backgrounds and cultures, which has given the club a unique perspective and a shared passion for service.

Mr. Speaker, as they gather for their Centennial Gala, I am pleased to honor the Rotary Club of Sacramento and its members for their longstanding commitment and service to the entire Sacramento region. I ask my colleagues

to join me in wishing the club continued success in creating a positive, lasting change in the Sacramento area.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PIPELINE
INSPECTION ENFORCEMENT ACT
OF 2014

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Pipeline Inspection Enforcement Act of 2014 to prevent oil pipeline leaks like the one that greatly damaged the community of Wilmington, CA.

Los Angeles is home to one of the most vast pipeline networks in the United States. Both oil and gas pipelines connect the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach with the refineries in the area. Therefore, pipeline safety is a very important topic for me and the communities which make up the neighborhoods surrounding the Port of Los Angeles—including Wilmington, a primarily working class community. I have represented Wilmington for over 10 years—first on the Los Angeles City Council, and now as a Member of Congress.

Because Wilmington sits on top of one of the largest oil fields in the nation and a complex system of pipelines, this community lives with a heightened threat of a pipeline leaking or exploding. This became an unfortunate reality for many residents of Wilmington this March when an idle pipeline burst, causing thousands of gallons of crude oil to spill onto a residential street reeking havoc on the lives of families who live in the community.

The legislation I am introducing today would have prevented the damage these families experienced by forcing companies like Phillip 66 to simply have firsthand knowledge of what their pipelines contain and empowering our state regulatory agencies to be engaged in pipeline inspections.

These basic improvements to federal policy would protect countless communities like Wilmington at no additional cost. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to make this legislation law.

IN HONOR OF SUE MARIE
THOMPSON TURNER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and servant of humankind, Mrs. Sue Marie Thompson Turner. Sadly, Mrs. Turner passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

A Columbus native, Mrs. Turner was born on August 28, 1929 to Dr. John Barkwell Thompson and Mildred Marie Dykes Thompson. She graduated from Columbus High School and attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. In 1948, she returned to Columbus to marry the love of her life, William

"Bill" B. Turner. During their remarkable sixty-five years of marriage, Mrs. Turner was the epitome of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. A strong-willed woman, she was fiercely committed to raising a loving family by instilling in each of them the good values and morals that she and her husband embodied. Known as "Precious" to her family, she showed her support for her six children, 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and countless friends at hundreds of ball games, dance recitals and birthday parties.

One of the things I admired most about Mrs. Turner was her ability to make each person she met feel special because he or she was indeed special to her. No person was ever a stranger to her because she could make anyone feel like part of the family from the moment they met.

Mrs. Turner loved her community dearly and was constantly working to improve it. She was active in the Bradley-Turner Foundation, a charitable non-profit organization that has given millions of dollars to various projects in Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley region. The Turner family also helped launch the Pastoral Institute forty years ago. The organization provides counseling and educational resources to assist people who are going through difficult and traumatic times in their lives. The Pastoral Institute established the Sue Marie and Bill Turner Servant Leadership Award to honor couples who have made significant contributions to the community. The Turners received the first award in 2012. In addition, the Turner family has long supported St. Francis Hospital. The new Women's Hospital was named in Mrs. Turner's honor last fall.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mrs. Sue Marie Turner passed this way and during her life's journey did so much for so many for so long. She leaves behind a great legacy in service to her beloved family and to all those whose lives she touched and brightened with her radiant smile and rich laughter. She will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the Columbus, Georgia community in paying tribute to Mrs. Sue Marie Turner for her outstanding contributions to her community. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
JOSEPH A. SIMONELLI, JR.

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Colonel Joseph A. Simonelli, Jr., who will transfer in June from the Secretary of Defense's Office of Legislative Affairs.

Prior to his tenure in Legislative Affairs, Colonel Simonelli has already had a long and distinguished career in the United States Army. Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he received his commission in 1987 as an Air Defense Artillery officer. He served 27 years with great distinction in the field and in command. Prior to his work in the Secretary's office, he was the Garrison Commander at Fort Bliss, Texas. He also served as the Director of Operations for the Multi-National Security Transition Command (Iraq) and the Executive Assistant to the Vice Director of the Joint Staff's Director of Operations.

Colonel Simonelli is no stranger to the halls and offices of Capitol Hill, having spent the last two years in Legislative Affairs as the Director of House Affairs and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for House Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (OASD-LA).

His character, capabilities, and good humor enabled him to interact effectively with Members of Congress and their staffs and other Executive agencies under the most strenuous circumstances. Colonel Simonelli's work ultimately led to successful legislative outcomes on a wide-range of issues critical to our national defense and to the enhancement of the lives of the country's military men and women.

Colonel Simonelli represents what our military seeks in a congressional liaison and officer in uniform. His dedication to service, commitment to excellence, and performance of duty have been extraordinary throughout his career and most recently in the Office of Legislative Affairs. I am proud to share in the celebration of Colonel Simonelli's tour on Capitol Hill, and I join his colleagues in honoring his distinguished service.

Colonel Simonelli was supported, encouraged, and nurtured by a strong and loving wife, I would like to recognize his wife, Betty Marie. As he goes on to pursue new endeavors and challenges as the Chief of Staff of the Arlington National Military Cemeteries, I wish Colonel Simonelli and his family well.

HONORING SARAH KING

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, One hundred five years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Moreland, Georgia on February 11, 1909; and

Whereas, Ms. Sarah King was born to Mr. John King and Mrs. Elizabeth King, she was educated in the local school system in Georgia; and

Whereas, this Phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Community Advocate and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Ms. King has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Ms. King along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 105th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a corner-

stone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. King on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 11, 2014 as Ms. Sarah King Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of February, 2014.

HONORING TOMMIE MABRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tommie Mabry, a native of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Mabry has four brothers and one sister, and he's the first person in his family to finish high school.

Mr. Mabry graduated from Bailey Magnet High School and went on to attend Missouri State University. While there he played on the school's basketball team as a small forward. He also attended Lawson State University, playing on that basketball team, as a small forward, as well. From there, he transferred to Tougaloo College, where he studies to obtain an Undergraduate Degree in Health and Recreation Education and also played for the nationally ranked basketball team.

Having quickly acclimated into the Tougaloo family, Mr. Mabry was elected Mr. Tougaloo by vote of his peers for the 2010-2011 school years. Mr. Mabry now speaks to kids all around the world hoping to provide inspiration with his story. Mr. Mabry graduated from Tougaloo College in May 2011 with a degree in education and is currently a teacher at Whitten Middle School.

Mr. Mabry published his first book titled "A Dark Journey to A Light Future", which made him one of the youngest authors in the state of Mississippi at the age of 24.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tommie Mabry.

TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, since its establishment in 1948, Israel has been one of America's closest allies. Today, we celebrate Israeli Independence Day, or Yom Ha'atzmaut, to honor the proclamation of State of Israel. As a strong supporter of Israel, I join millions of my fellow Americans in wishing Israelis a Happy Independence Day.

Zionism, the movement to create a Jewish homeland, emerged in the 1800s as a response to centuries of anti-Semitism. Theodore Herzl, a Zionist pioneer, created the World Zionist Organization to initiate the preliminary steps to attaining a Jewish state free from persecution. Waves of immigrants flowed

towards the region over the next half century, culminating in European Jewry's attempts to flee Hitler in the 1930s.

After World War II, the desire for a Jewish state became even stronger and world wide support for Zionism grew as the truth of the Holocaust was revealed in all its horror. On May 14, 1948, the Jewish Agency declared the creation of the State of Israel.

Conflicts with the countries surrounding Israel meant that Israel was not the safe haven the Jewish people had envisioned. Nonetheless, and despite the dangers, Israel has thrived as an oasis of idealism, technological wonder, and democracy in the midst of the desert. Strong support for Israel is a core national security interest of the United States, as well as an expression of the decades-long alliance between our two nations.

I ask all Members to join me in commemorating the 66th anniversary of Israel's Independence.

HONORING THE GRADUATES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2013–2014 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 53 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their community, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation.

Each year, the students in CYAC exceed my expectations ten-fold. They share innovative, inspiring, and impacting ideas on how to build a better America now and in the future. Their impressive and diverse credentials speak for themselves. Participating in student government, community service, honor societies, athletics, fine arts, and language clubs exemplifies their educational excellence and steadfast commitment to our community.

Over the past year, we met twice to discuss the most current issues of the day, such as the national debt, balancing the budget, and tax reform. But let me tell you, these students have done much more than just attend meetings. They have filled out surveys, done homework on current events, and engaged in policy conversations impacting their future.

More specifically, they have interacted with community leaders, such as John Schomburger, First Assistant District Attorney for Collin County, who discussed his work at the Veterans court. They also toured the Collin County Threat Fusion Center with Kelly Stone, Director of Homeland Security for Collin County to learn how to respond to a terrorist attack and how the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice work together to prevent them in the first place.

Lastly, to ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting their experience for the "Preserving History

Project." As President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." I thank them for learning about the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans who sacrificed so much so we could live free. We are forever indebted to them.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. You are the voices of the future and know I am very proud of you. God bless you and God bless America. I salute you.

Amit Banerjee, Andre Bergstein, Connor Bresnahan, Julia Bristol, Richard Chen, Bridget Colliton, John Copley, Brock Crawford, Mark Douglass, Alicia D'Souza, William Elliott, Audrey Fisher, Rakshana Govindarajan, Aayush Goyal, Grace Han, Katheryn Hawley, Brent He, Lauren Hebig, Sarah Hossain, Sydney House, Spencer Humphrey.

MacKenzie Jenkins, Thomas Kim, Justin Kong, Candice Lee, Paul Lim, Connor Madden, Daniel Madden, Soumya Mandava, Hollis Meachum, Anthony Niedzielski, Jacob Przada, Regan Railey, Jason Randoing, Sam Schell, Ryan Snitzer, Connor Spencer, Anjali Sridharan, Brennan Stewart, Makenzie Stuard, William Su, Jessica Todd, Amelia Trotter, Simic Tuan, Victoria Van de Kop, Faith Wada, Andrew Wicker.

CONGRATULATING MEGAN MAUREEN KORCZYNSKI AND KEVIN P. GOW, JR. ON THEIR MARRIAGE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues, please join me in recognizing Megan Maureen Korczynski and Kevin P. Gow, Jr. as they celebrate their devotion to each other and to their future together.

They are to celebrate their commitment to each other on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at Saint Andrew's Catholic Church in Delavan, Wisconsin.

Megan Maureen has been living and working in Chicago receiving her Bachelor degree of Fine Arts in Interior Design from the Chicago International Academy of Design and Technology while her fiancé, Kevin P. Gow, Jr. has also been living and working in Chicago receiving his Master's Degree from DePaul University.

The union of these two individuals, Megan Maureen Korczynski, daughter of Edwin J., Major, United States Air Force/CAP, and Diane M., mother of 5 daughters and a teacher of special education for 25 years; and Kevin P. Gow, Jr. son of Kevin Gow, Sr. Captain USMC and the late Lynne Dwight Gow, mother of 3 and nursing advisor for Met Life Long Term Care.

As George Elliot once said, "What greater thing is there for two human souls that to feel that they are joined together to strengthen

each other in all labor, to minister to each other in all sorrow, to share with each other in all gladness, to be one with each other in the silent unspoken memories?"

It is with great excitement and anticipation that both families share in the happiness of this union. Their commitment to each other is one to be celebrated and commended and one in which I offer my congratulations and wish them well as they begin their new life together.

RECOGNIZING THE ASIAN BUSINESS DIVISION OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the newly formed Asian Business Division of the Grand Prairie, Texas Chamber of Commerce. I was honored to speak at this unique group's first meeting on May 13, 2014.

The Asian population is the fastest growing community in this already diverse city. The Chamber's new division will focus on reaching out to this demographic to make sure they have the tools and resources to build a strong business community in Grand Prairie.

It is based in a complex known as Asia Time Square. The shopping development is already home to dozens of Asian businesses—with plans to add dozens more.

The Asian Business Division plans to drive economic growth in the city by continuing to lure businesses and jobs to the area, taking a strategic approach to building the groups' brand, improving the overall value of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce in the area, and creating a dynamic business development plan that assists a diverse employer base.

This unique partnership wouldn't be possible without the hard work of countless people, including leadership of the Chamber of Commerce and the Loh Family (which owns and operates Asia Times Square).

I am confident that this new relationship will benefit everyone in the area and ensure that it competes successfully for new businesses, new jobs and only makes Grand Prairie a more attractive place to live, work, play and raise a family.

CHARLENE FARRELL—HOSPICE OF HUNTINGTON RETIREMENT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, tonight, Hospice of Huntington will honor one of its long time stalwarts and earliest leaders. This great organization is distinguished by the respect and gratitude of the larger community it so ably, and with so much empathy, serves so faithfully. One daughter, whose father had been a hospice patient, wrote with her "sincere and heartfelt appreciation" about the "graceful care and gentle mercy shown to my father in his

last days." Indeed, there is much to be thankful for this evening.

In fact, it is no overstatement to say, that for countless families, Hospice of Huntington has helped answer many prayers for relief and the joy of comfort.

According to a local news account, this Hospice—with 140 employees and more than 300 volunteers, an annual budget of about \$12 million a year, of which more than 80 percent goes directly to patient services—serves about 1,000 patients a year in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason Counties in West Virginia, as well as Lawrence County, Ohio.

Tonight, there will be much talk—and rightly so—of references to angels and angelic acts here on earth. Through my work with constituents, in getting them the government services they need and deserve, I know for a fact that Hospice of Huntington harbors a host of the better angels among us.

And if there is one on this earth who has guided and grown, directed and expanded and led and served the resources, services and programs for that host of angels to employ, it is none other than the archangel we so thankfully have in Charlene Farrell. Not only does Charlene trumpet the potential and possibilities of Hospice's many programs, echoing the skills and talents of Gabriel himself, but like Michael, she never fails to unsheathe her sword to defend those programs and the people who make them possible for the families they serve.

It is my honor to share these comments about Hospice of Huntington and its champion, Charlene, with my colleagues and our Nation. Ours is a blessed Nation because we are a giving Nation. Charlene Farrell's body of work, her spirit of giving will live on and grow long after she has turned the keys and passwords into the able hands of Melanie Hall.

As Sarah Denman, Chairwoman of the Hospice Board has said, Charlene "has created a team that will be able to carry that legacy into the future. That's the greatest gift—when you step away, the organization will continue at the same level with the same values and the same vision."

All this, Mr. Speaker, will continue to contribute to the greater benefit of the People of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I close my remarks honoring Charlene with these lines from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the "Ode to Joy":

Your magic brings together what custom has sternly divided.

All men shall become brothers, wherever your gentle wings hover.

To Charlene, and her husband, Judge Paul Farrell, may your next symphony, the one with those seven loving grandchildren, be just as complete.

HONORING JANE SNOWDEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane Snowden, who after thirty years and at the age of eighty-eight, is retiring as an Ombudsman for residents of both nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Napa County, California. I thank Mrs.

Snowden for her thirty years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Napa County, during which time her advocacy for the rights of seniors living in facilities helped to improve the quality of care for thousands.

Mrs. Snowden began working as an Ombudsman in 1985, first as a volunteer and then later as a member of staff. Initially, the Ombudsman Program was coordinated through the Volunteer Center, before it became a direct service offered by the Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano. In addition to her work as an Ombudsman, Mrs. Snowden has volunteered and worked extensively in the Napa area. She worked as a Quality Control Supervisor for Christian Brothers Winery for fifteen years and was also a Medical Technologist. She has worked at the Blood Bank and as a hospital aide. Mrs. Snowden is a devoted member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Napa, where she serves on the Altar Guild.

In addition to her work on behalf of the Napa community, Mrs. Snowden is a devoted mother; together with her late husband, Red, she raised four sons in Napa. She is admired by friends for her elegance, tenacity and capacity to teach and mentor others. Mrs. Snowden is known not only for her love of flowers, but also for her talent to create wonderful floral arrangements.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mrs. Snowden for her invaluable service to the senior citizens of Napa. Her unyielding dedication to protecting and improving the quality of care that our seniors receive is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish her a most enjoyable retirement.

SINISE NAVIDAD—IN HONOR OF GARY SINISE AND HIS CAREER AND DEDICATION TO OUR TROOPS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Blue Island, Illinois and our Nation's best, Gary Sinise.

Gary is one of America's finest actors, but it pales in comparison to his tireless dedication to America's military and their families. Following in the steps of like men like Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Rich Little, he is a true patriot. He's got their back.

I ask that this poem entitled "SINESE NAVIDAD," penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

SINISE NAVIDAD

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In Blue Island Illinois a little boy is born

not to be The Forgotten one . . .

For he was no Imposter my son!

"Houston, we've got a problem" this one!

as a youth,

like A Rebel Without A Cause . . .

until something inside him gave pause,

as The Big Bounce had so begun!

His problems, but could he solve them?

Because life can be like The Green Mile,

leaving The Human Stain all the while . . .

like Snake Eyes you just can't run!

To find your passion!

Your life's direction . . .

your SINISE NAVIDAD,
and your life's quest and satisfaction . . .

From out of The Grapes of Wrath,

as Gary was looking for his path!

As so was Gary's past,

for there can be no greater blessing one
could ask . . .

then like a Truman to fin your path!

It's like having Christmas everyday to last!

As out there on the road of life,

as out there when you don't think twice!

As when you so find your future dreams to
cast!

Playing in Bands,

as Gary so thought school was just a bunch
of rules . . .

and Reindeer Games until he turned the
page!

And like a true West Side Story,

Gary so soon found out where lie his true
life's glory . . .

Was but up on a stage . . .

As so soon he became All The Rage!

Like a Albino Alligator he said I'll see you
later.

And someday, to The West, The True West
. . .

to Hollywood his heart would make its way!
First, on his magic carpet ride . . .

founding Steppenwolf Theater Company he
would glide!

While, gaining stature on Broadway!

But he wasn't just,

Being John Malkovich . . .

he was being his true self ovich!

While, getting such great results ovich . . .
of the likes of which,

like a Mission To Mars such greatness was
conveyed!

For Gary was a real C.S.I. New York kind of
guy,

detecting all those great projects as they
came by!

With The Stand he so took,

all in those roles he so played which made
people take a second look!

You see, Hollywood is a tough town . . .

as most of us have found!

With The Quick and Dead lying all around,

and no Ransom to be found!

But for all of the right reasons,

Gary's career was became so pleasing . . .

In his life . . . That Championship Season
. . .

Yea the bastard's got such talent now!

As in our throats we all so got lumps while
watching Forrest Gump!

As it we quote . . .

As Lt Dan so took command,

showing us all Of Mice and Men,

making all of our hearts pound!

Like George Wallace,

he didn't pussyfoot or find solace in Bruno
on A Midnight Clear . . .

As we all found what was inside of his heart
which appeared!

That this man with such great talent,

career was taking off like Apollo 13 here . . .
Thrusting forth into such bright new worlds
and future dreams,

with his most brilliant career unfurled so as
seen!

Making us so all believe,

from My Name Is Bill Wild to Jack The Bear,
that it's A Gentleman's Game where a Fallen
Angel could not be saved!

And now over the years,

we have all so become The Witness so clear!
That Gary has such great talent here!

For there are no Family Secrets,

Gary is such a man of heart who so seeks it!
With the kind of characters that he plays
bringing our hearts to tears!

Because he is,

The Caretaker of his craft . . .

And his Road to Nirvana was to act!

As The Landscape of The Body of his work is
to be revered!

Getting Out from all of those Loose Ends as a teenager . . .
 Acting would so help him to mend . . .
 sending Streamers to his heart!
 Giving him his passion,
 at what his star studded career would so fashion . . .
 As Orphans so made it happen when upon a stage he got his start!
 But, ROCK AND ROLL was always part of his very soul!
 So he plays in a band called The Lt. Dan Band,
 in the states or whenever he can go overseas to do his part!
 Home or abroad,
 it's his love for our Military that's really in his heart!
 For there's one thing for sure,
 he bleeds RED, WHITE, BLUE all the more . . .
 Because GARY is a PATRIOTIC AMERICAN through and through!
 Traveling through battle zones,
 as he's so fast becoming Bob Hope's clone!
 All in harm's way for all those all alone with his Band,
 with the Honor of bringing our Troops and all our Heroes back home!
 For we know not our final end,
 as all of those tears of joy to which he brings our finest of all women and men . . .
 A respite for weary TROOPS,
 giving something for them to hold onto and homesickness the boot!
 In life, are we listening?
 While, all in those moments which lie before us are so glistening?
 What we should do?
 For we all have only moments here in time,
 for we all have just minutes in these our short lifetimes!
 So what is it which makes all of our hearts shine true?
 If only we are lucky enough to find,
 our true love and our life's passion so fine!
 Then everyday is like Christmas . . .
 like "SINISE NAVIDAD" we will find!

Written in honor of A Great American Actor and Patriot, who has touched so many hearts, bringing comfort to all our Troops and their families—Gary Sinise.

TRIBUTE TO THE BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burbank Community YMCA upon its ninetieth anniversary.

The YMCA is an extraordinary organization that has been strengthening communities across the nation since 1851 and has members of all ages and backgrounds. The YMCA invented volleyball, brought the Boy Scouts organization to the U.S., was instrumental with helping launch organizations such as the Red Cross, and is the nation's largest provider of child care.

The Burbank Community YMCA, founded in 1924, began in a single room and now boasts an impressive 57,000 square foot health and activities center and an 18,000 square foot Child Development Center. In 1932, through fundraising and capital campaigns, the Burbank Y membership purchased the First Baptist Church, which served as an all-purpose building, and also received its charter as an

independent YMCA association. Throughout the years, the Burbank Y has significantly expanded the facilities, by adding the aquatics center and indoor pool in 1957, a three-story physical fitness facility in 1976, and the Y's Choice Cafe in 2008, to provide healthy refreshments as well as a social gathering area.

The Burbank Community YMCA has a wide array of programs to help individuals, families, and children reach their full potential, and become stronger in spirit, mind and body. Programs include family, adult and senior fitness, youth sports such as basketball, aquatics, martial arts and gymnastics, and classes in the arts, such as music and dance. Offering the opportunity to build strength of character and body in an encouraging environment is what makes the Burbank YMCA such an essential and beloved institution.

For the past 90 years, the Burbank Y has provided members of the community the opportunity to become stronger mentally and physically and has helped people make a positive difference in their own lives. The residents of Burbank are fortunate to have such a venerable institution in their community.

I ask all Members to join me in commending the Burbank Community YMCA for ninety years of care and dedication to the greater Burbank area.

HONORING JUDGE HORACE T. WARD

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, Judge Horace T. Ward is a tenacious man of many gifts, talents and much wisdom who has served this nation nobly as private citizen, soldier, lawyer, state senator and federal judge; and

Whereas, Judge Horace T. Ward rose from humble beginnings in LaGrange, Georgia showing unusual academic achievement from an early age by graduating as Valedictorian of his high school class, matriculating to Morehouse College and Atlanta University where he eventually earned the Master's Degree; and

Whereas, he demonstrated an interest in studying law at a young age when he met one of the few African American lawyers in Georgia at the time, the great A. T. Walden, and set his sights on the University of Georgia Law School in an era of strict segregation; and

Whereas, he continued his fight to study at UGA for more than six long years and in the interim received his law degree from Northwestern University in Illinois and honorably served his country in the Korean War, he then returned to Georgia and made history as part of a legal team that successfully adjudicated the desegregation of the University of Georgia, thus opening educational opportunities to succeeding generations of African American students; and

Whereas, Judge Ward again made history in 1979 when President Jimmy Carter appointed him as the first African American to serve on the U.S. Federal bench in Georgia as a District Court Judge for the Northern District where he served honorably and well; and

Whereas, the Seventh Day Adventist Church is today honoring Judge Ward, an elder in the church, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has also set aside this day to honor and recognize Judge Horace T. Ward for his outstanding leadership and service to all citizens in the state of Georgia, including and especially the citizens of our district; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 8, 2014 as Judge Horace T. Ward Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of February, 2014.

HONORING THE LATE MOSE "BILBO" ALLEN, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, the late Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. Mr. Allen has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. was born August 27, 1922, in Murphy, Mississippi, to the late Sarah and Richard Allen. He was a humble and caring man who was always in good spirit. He accepted Christ on July 1, 2013 at the Goodwill M.B. Church.

Mr. Allen was a veteran of World War II from December 1942 until January 1946, where he earned several medals, including the ATO Medal, APTO Medal, Philippine LIB Ribbon with two bronze stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

He met and married Ruby Allen on December 25, 1946, in Rolling Fork, Mississippi and to that union, 13 children were born and he loved them with all his soul.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mr. Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. for his dedication to serving our great Country and his community.

LITTLE SOLDIERS—IN HONOR OF TAPS AND ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE FALLEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, on this up and coming Memorial Day I rise today in honor of all the children of the fallen and their families of TAPS. The ones who have lost their greatest loves, their most precious mothers and fathers. Out prayers go out to them, as we see their parents in their faces each day as they grow up. And we are reminded of them as they warm our hearts. I ask that this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

LITTLE SOLDIERS
 (By Albert Caswell)

Attention . . . Little Soldiers . . .
 Boys and Girls . . .
 Strengthen your hearts,
 for you were once your parent's world!
 Remember you were your parents greatest joy!

For all in you we see their faces girls and boys . . .
 As all their love for you their hearts conveyed this!
 And you are America's future,
 her most important part this!
 But Heroes you should not have to be!
 But, sometimes this must be!
 Remember this my dear child,
 our Lord watches over you the while!
 And all the Angels too high up above,
 watch over you all in their love!
 So wipe away all those tears,
 and be happy while you are here!
 Because the greatest thing your parents wanted to see!
 Was for you to grow up strong like a tree . . .
 And be happy . . .
 And be all that you could be!
 My Little Women!
 My Little Men!
 Just like your Mothers or Fathers it's time for you to begin!
 It's time to so take a stand!
 It's time for you to march on once again!
 It's time To Be A Champion!
 Just like all of them . . .
 Your parents your best friends!
 Your Moms and Dads who were Heaven sent!
 Who were our Nation's greatest of heroes and friends!
 For it's time for you to be strong!
 It's time for you to lift up your little heads and hearts and march on . . .
 Just like your Mothers and Fathers to take command!
 For you were the Best Thing they ever had!
 And the Best Part of Them be glad!
 As you carry them with you every each step you take!
 So leave all of that sorrow all in your wake!
 Mount up Little Soldiers!
 Just like your parents there is a war to be won . . .
 there are hills to so take!
 Mount Up,
 there's so much more to be done!
 To defeat the sadness,
 for yourself and your Moms and Dads you must win this one!
 Yea, I know you miss them so!
 And it hurts you wherever you go!
 And I know it makes you cry,
 another day together you will not realize!
 It too makes me cry!
 But remember you and carry your most heroic parents deep down inside!
 It's time for you to march on and try . . .
 Just like the greatest loves you'll ever have!
 To Be A Hero and a Champion,
 just like your Mom's and Dad's!
 And Be A Kid,
 a do all of those happy things which made them glad!
 For you still have brothers and sisters,
 moms and dads,
 enjoy the time together you have . . .
 And remember as you lay your heads down to sleep . . .
 An Angel watches over you so to keep!
 To protect and love you from way up on high,
 your Moms and Dads try not to weep!
 As they are with you every step, every heart beat!
 To protect you so try not to weep!
 Can't you feel their Angel's breath surrounding you so very deep!
 For you will hear them on the wind!
 And as you awake feeling them holding you as were they've been!
 So hush little babies children don't you cry!
 For your parents are Angel's now,
 and one day in Heaven you will look into their eyes!
 But you all so have a life to live!
 You have so much to our world to give!

Little Soldiers,
 your new mission so is this . . .
 To march on and tell heartache goodbye!
 And that's a direct order coming from above!
 Your Mothers and Fathers who are Angels all in their love!
 So put a smile on your face!
 And dream all those dreams your Moms and Dads knew that you'd create!
 And make them all up in Heaven so proud this day!
 Because on the day you were born . . .
 The one wish all in their hearts so warmed!
 Was that you would grow up to be happy and strong!
 So make all of parents dreams come true . . .
 Be happy and live a long life for all of them and all of you!
 For you were all your parent's greatest love songs!
 The ones who prayed for you all day and night long!
 And when you smile,
 remember your parents smile too!
 As up in Heaven they so smile so all along with you!
 And remember the rest of your family too so needs you!
 And just like your Moms and Dads,
 Little Soldiers you all must be heroes too!
 So be happy,
 and do all those things that children do!
 Now there's an Angel up in Heaven with this direct order for you!
 Be happy and live long and march on!
 And when their comes a gentle rain,
 their tears of love shall wash down upon you to ease your pain!
 And you won't have to cry no more!
 Little Soldiers!
 My dent boys and girls,
 you are the future of our world . . .
 As Heroes our children should not have to be . . .
 For yourself and your Mom's and Dad's I ask you please,
 find the grace and the peace!
 And catch that smiling disease!
 At Ease!
 Dismissed!

HONORING MR. SEAN MCCOMB

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise before you today to congratulate Baltimore resident and Second District constituent Sean McComb for being chosen as the 2014 National Teacher of the Year. Just 30 years old and with only eight years of experience, Mr. McComb is one of the youngest teachers ever to be selected for this incredible honor.

The National Teacher of the Year is chosen from among the State Teachers of the Year by a national selection committee representing the major national education organizations organized by the Council of Chief State School Officers. It is one of the highest honors which an educator can receive and, as such, Mr. McComb will travel around the country and represent his colleagues in the teaching profession for the next year. He was chosen among four finalists after earning the top spot in Baltimore County and, then, Maryland.

An English teacher at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, Mr. McComb inspires his students to turn their challenges into op-

portunities for excellence, drawing on his own experiences as a student who struggled in school and at home.

Mr. McComb's colleagues describe him as deeply compassionate. He describes his teaching philosophy as "kids before content and love before all." He likes to say that he does not teach English, but rather teaches students English.

Mr. McComb has been instrumental in encouraging middle-achieving students to improve their work habits and academic skills as the coordinator of the school's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. Remarkably, 98 percent of AVID students in the last two of Patapsco's graduating classes were admitted to 4-year colleges. The program helped Patapsco, for the first time in its 50-year history, receive recognition as a top high school from The Washington Post and US. News and World Report. McComb also teaches the value of service, working on projects with students that help feed the hungry in the community.

Mr. Speaker, education is about more than textbooks and syllabuses. The best teachers give us much more—like inspiration, confidence, and compassion. Teachers like Mr. McComb touch the lives of young people and provide them with the knowledge and support they need to become future leaders. I ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. Sean McComb on this remarkable achievement and wish him many more years of success.

HONORING THE FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL RIFLE SQUAD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 35TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Minnesota's own Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad.

Thirty-five years ago this June, six Minnesota veterans volunteered to provide the Memorial Rifle Squad's inaugural burial honors for a fellow Minnesotan at Fort Snelling Memorial Cemetery. Inspired by these six men, 20 more veterans answered the call to duty in 1979 and became the Rifle Squads' charter members.

Over the last 35 years, the Memorial Rifle Squad has seen its ranks swell to a roster of 123 active members, 114 retired members, and 156 eternal members. Among its active members are veterans of World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and Peacetime Veterans.

Mr. Speaker, volunteer members of the Memorial Rifle Squad selflessly brave Minnesota's frigid winter blasts and scorching summer heat to provide burial honors for as many as sixteen veterans a day. Since its inception, members of the Memorial Rifle Squad have provided burial honors for more than 64,000 deceased veterans without missing a single scheduled funeral for 34 years.

As a former Marine Colonel, and fellow veteran, I have been proud to support the efforts of the Memorial Rifle Squad. In 2012, the Department of the Army announced it would reduce the availability of ceremonial rifles to Memorial Rifle Squads. This action would have

greatly reduced the ability of Memorial Rifle Squads to honor our veterans being laid to rest. I was proud to introduce bipartisan legislation—now law—that stopped the Army from moving forward with this misguided policy and allowed ceremonial units in Minnesota and across the country to continue to perform burial honors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I want to recognize the dedicated service of all those who have served and continue to serve on the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad. I congratulate them on 35 years of selfless dedication to their fellow veterans.

COMMENDING AMERICAN CHRISTIAN LEADERS FOR STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHRISTIANS AND OTHER SMALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EGYPT, IRAQ AND SYRIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I submitted the full text of the Pledge of Solidarity and Call to Action on Behalf of Christians and Other Small Religious Communities in Egypt, Iraq and Syria, signed by well over 200 U.S. Christian leaders. These individuals, representing the American church, have recognized the gravity of the situation facing religious minorities in these countries, and by signing the pledge have agreed to speak out on behalf of these ancient faith communities. Below is the full list of signatories to the Pledge:

Fr. Tatos R. Abdalian; Rt. Rev. Keith L Ackerman, Bishop Vicar of the Diocese of Quincy, Anglican Church in North America; Susan Agel, Resurrection Free Methodist Church; Charles P. Ajalat; Jhonny Alicea-Baez, Director of Global Missions, Reformed Church in America; Rt. Rev. Kevin Bond Allen, Bishop, Diocese of Cascadia, Anglican Church in North America; Rt. Rev. Roger C. Ames, Diocese of the Great Lakes, Anglican Church in North America; Melodee Andersen, Wooddale Church; Rt. Rev. David Craig Anderson, Sr., American Anglican Council; Dr. Leith Anderson, National Association of Evangelicals; Fr. Bishoy Andrawes, St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, Washington, DC; Auday P. Arabo, Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers; Don Argue, EdD, Ambassador at Large, Convoy Of Hope; Maged Atiya, Physicist, Businessman; Rt. Rev. Will G. Atwood, III, Bishop, International Diocese, Anglican Church in North America; Toufic Baaklini, In Defense of Christians; Wade Baho, Syriacs Assembly Movement; Dr. Mark L. Bailey, Dallas Theological Seminary; Dr. Ryan Baker, Redeemer Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville, KY.

Bashir Bakoz, Syriacs Assembly Movement; Rt. Rev. Thad Barnum, Bishop, PEARUSA, Anglican Church in North America; Gary Bauer, American Values; Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, Bishop, Diocese of the South, Anglican Church in North America; Chorbishop Seely Beggiani, Professor of Theology, Catholic University of America; Mindy Belz, Editor, World Magazine; Rt. Rev. David Bena, Assisting Bishop, Diocese of CANA East Anglican Church in North America; William Bennett; Prof Thomas E. Bird, CUNY; Joel Boot, Christian Reformed Church in North America; Gerard V. Brad-

ley, Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame; Rt. Rev. Dr. Steven Breedlove, Presiding Bishop, PEARUSA, Anglican Church in North America; Douglas Britton, Missionary, Global Outreach Mission; Kurt Brown, Pastor, Living Springs Community Church; Most Rev. Tod Brown, Bishop Emeritus of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange; Rt. Rev. David C. Bryan, Bishop, PEARUSA, Anglican Church in North America; Dwight Burchett, Pastor, Centerpoint Community Church; Paolo Carozza, University of Notre Dame; Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., Resident Bishop, Florida Conference, United Methodist Church; Joseph Cella, Founder, National Catholic Prayer Breakfast; Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Bishop Abner Chauke, Free Methodist Church; Most Rev. David R. Choby, Catholic Diocese of Nashville; Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan, Armenian Apostolic Church of America; Evan Alevizatos Chriss, Baltimore, MD; John E. Chowning, Vice President for Church & External Relations, Campbellville University; Betty Clark, Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie, MN; Luis Cortes, Esperanza; Janice Shaw Crouse, The Beverly LaHaye Institute; Jim Daly, Focus on the Family; Dr. Ramsay F. Dass, American Middle East Christians Congress; Wendy J. Deichmann, United Theological Seminary; Greg Delamarter, Free Methodist Church; Most Rev. Gerald N. Dino, Bishop of the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix; Rev. Dr. Gilbert Doan; Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs, Bishop, Diocese of CANA East, Anglican Church in North America; Dr. James Dobson, Family Talk; Bill Donohue, Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights; Andrew Doran, In Defense of Christians; Hon. Michael S. Dukakis, former Governor of Massachusetts; W. Cole Durham, Jr., International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University; Most Rev. Robert Duncan, Archbishop, Anglican Church in North America; Dr. John Eibner, Christian Solidarity International (CSI-USA); Prof. John P. Entelis, Chair, Department of Political Science, Fordham University; Gregory R. Erlandson, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing; Jonathan Falwell, Senior Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church; Fr. Athanasius K. Farag; John Farina, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, George Mason University; Thomas Farr, Religious Freedom Project, Georgetown University; Armando Fernandez, Pastor, The Rock Church; Harold Fickett, Aletheia America; David F. Forte, Professor of Law, Cleveland State University; A.J. French, Sacred Creations; Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr., Bishop, Diocese of the Southeast, Reformed Episcopal Church, Anglican Church in North America; Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Prof. of International Law and Genocide Studies, Valparaiso, IN; Mr. Joseph Gamero; Gerry Garbis; Richard W. Garnett, Program on Church, State & Society, Notre Dame Law School; Most Rev. John R. Gaydos, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Jefferson City; Mimi Geerger, Focal Point Radio; Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton University; Dr. Timothy George, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University; Amb. Joseph Ghougassian; Scott Gibbons, Pastor, Big Rapids Free Methodist Church; Lela Gilbert, writer; Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada, Reformed Episcopal Church Anglican Church in North America; Amb. Mary Ann Glendon; Rt. Rev. Terrell Glenn, Bishop of the Anglican Church in North America; Katharine Cornell Gorka, Council on Global Security; Franklin Graham, Samaritan's Purse and Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; David E. Greer,

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LYNN COOK RETIREMENT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mr. Lynn Cook on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of Federal service.

Mr. Cook began his career as an investigator for the personnel security program of the Civil Service Commission, now the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, in 1974. In the nearly 40 years that have passed since then, he has worked tirelessly to conduct investigations that support national security. In his position as a Special Agent with the Office of Personnel Management, he conducted background investigations that have directly supported Federal, military, and defense contractor assets in the Kansas City Metro and Northwest Missouri areas. A large number of these investigations have been for military men and women who are nobly serving their country.

Lynn's lifetime dedication and hard work should serve as an example of how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Mr. Lynn Cook for his dedicated service to our national security. I know Lynn's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADVOCATES FOR HIGHWAY AND AUTO SAFETY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. I want to congratulate Advocates and thank its wonderful president, Jackie Gillan, for her leadership and guidance.

Each year, auto accidents claim the lives of tens of thousands of Americans and injure millions of others. Founded in 1989, Advocates brings together consumer, medical, public health, and safety groups to fight for safer roads and automobiles. Advocates is dedicated to protecting lives, preventing injuries, and reducing costs. Some Americans may be unfamiliar with its name, but we all benefit greatly from its efforts.

Advocates works at the federal and state levels on issues such as impaired and distracted driving, teen driving, speed limits, vehicle crashworthiness, road safety, motor carrier safety, and many others. It combines technical expertise with policy knowhow and the passion needed to win safety improvements.

Advocates was instrumental in the passage of H.R. 1216, the Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act, which was signed into law in 2008. I was the sponsor of that legislation, and I had the privilege of working closely with Jackie Gillan and Advocates to get it passed and implemented. Earlier this year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration finalized a rule called for in the law to require visibility behind new model cars, trucks, and buses—a rule that will save 58 to 69 lives each year, according to NHTSA. Many of the lives saved will be children, who have been the victims of unintentional backovers. Advocates played a central role in helping us avoid these senseless tragedies by raising public awareness, helping enact the law, and urging NHTSA to finalize its rule.

I know that Advocates will continue its efforts to improve the lives and safety of all Americans, and I look forward to working together with them in the future.

CONGRATULATING HEATHER SHAKE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Heather Shake for becoming the first woman golfer at the University of Houston-Victoria to earn a conference title. As a freshman, Heather won the Association of Independent Institutions Conference Women's Golf Championship where she posted the low rounds of the day, 75–74 for a 7-over 149.

With this win, the former Dawson High School student earned an automatic bid to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

(NAIA) Women's Golf Championship in May. As only a freshman, I'm excited to see Heather's next accomplishments in both her educational and athletic endeavors.

I wish Heather the best of luck at the NAIA Women's Golf Championship. On behalf of all residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Heather Shake on earning the University of Houston-Victoria's first conference title.

HONORING COACH GARY WILLIAMS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Gary Williams, who has been selected as an inductee to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame for 2014.

For twenty-two years, Gary Williams coached the men's basketball team at the University of Maryland. As head coach of the Terrapins, Gary Williams led the team to a National Championship in 2002, an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Tournament Championship in 2004, as well as eleven consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament appearances.

During his time at the University of Maryland, he compiled an overall coaching record of 668–380, led the Terps to seven 25-win seasons with twenty-two appearances in the postseason, and was named ACC Coach of Year in both 2002 and 2010. He was also recently voted as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

While Gary Williams retired from coaching basketball in 2011, we have been lucky enough that he has remained with the Maryland athletic department as Assistant Athletic Director and Special Assistant to the Athletic Director. On January 26, 2012, the University of Maryland honored him by renaming the basketball court at the Comcast Center, "Gary Williams Court."

His hard work and dedication has brought great pride and distinction to the University, as well as to the State of Maryland, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Coach Gary William's latest, much-deserved honor.

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from California, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, for the time, and I congratulate him for organizing this evening's Special Order Hour on Alzheimer's Disease in preparation for Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month (June).

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, I know how devastating this disease can be on patients, families, and caregivers. The Task Force

works on a bipartisan basis to increase awareness of Alzheimer's, strengthen the federal commitment to improving the lives of those affected by the disease, and assist the caregivers who provide their needed support. I am pleased that Congressman GARAMENDI has decided to take an active role in the work of the Task Force.

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. One in nine Americans age 65 and older has Alzheimer's, and one in three Americans age 85 and older suffers from this disease. Furthermore, these numbers will grow substantially in the coming years. The Alzheimer's Association estimates that more than 7 million Americans over age 65 will have Alzheimer's by the year 2025. Every 68 seconds, another person in the United States develops Alzheimer's.

Caregiving for patients with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia is especially difficult. More than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care for a person with dementia. Caregivers include spouses, children, and grandchildren. Caregivers face a variety of challenges, ranging from assisting patients with feeding, bathing, and dressing, to helping them take their medications, managing their finances, and making legal decisions.

Last year, I introduced two bills to address the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers. The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Act (H.R. 2975) authorizes grants to public and non-profit organizations to expand training and support services for families and caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. The Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2976) helps Alzheimer's patients who wander away from their homes and are unable to tell people in the community who they are or where they live. Both of these bills have more than 30 bipartisan cosponsors, including Congressman CHRISTOPHER SMITH (R-NJ), my friend and fellow Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease.

Finally, I am working hard to pass H.R. 1508, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp. This bill was originally introduced by now-Senator ED MARKEY, prior to his election to the Senate, and now has more than 40 bipartisan cosponsors. It requires the U.S. Postal Service to issue and sell an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp. These stamps would cost more than regular postage stamps, with the extra funds going to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to search for new treatments and a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Participation by individual postal patrons would be voluntary, and only those who choose to buy the Alzheimer's stamp would pay more for postage. This would be similar to the popular and successful Breast Cancer Research Semipostal Stamp.

Once again, I thank my colleague from California for organizing tonight's Special Order. I look forward to coordinating the activities of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease more closely with him as we rededicate ourselves to Alzheimer's research, treatment and caregiver support so that we can help all of the patients and families affected by this tragic disease.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLEETWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Berks County, Pennsylvania on its 100th anniversary of exemplary service to the Borough of Fleetwood by setting the gold standard for personnel training, emergency services, and community involvement. This is a great milestone and a considerable accom-

plishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of the Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 100 years, the men and women of the Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of the Borough of Fleetwood and Berks County. The nearly 70 active members of the Company bear the responsibility for firefighting, rescue and EMS services for the Borough of Fleetwood and surrounding areas. These courageous volunteers have received extensive training in fire suppression, automobile extrication, general rescue, first aid, hazardous materials, aerial operations, and fire police duties.

In addition to training and serving the community during emergencies, Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company is also extremely active in various community events, including funding high school graduation scholarships, providing fire prevention programs at local schools, assisting in traffic control during special events, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), and the Prom Night Out program.

Mr. Speaker, in light of its 100 years of outstanding service to the greater Fleetwood area, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company #1 for its invaluable contributions to the quality of life and safety of the citizens of Berks County, Pennsylvania.