

drive. I would like to specifically recognize the Branch 3 carriers in Buffalo and Western New York for collecting more than 2 million pounds of donations, placing them as the top NALC local branch in the drive for the fifth consecutive year.

With one in five American children living in poverty, we must all do our part to end hunger. I am proud of the efforts that these hard-working men and women have taken to better their community and I ask that all Americans join in the effort to stamp out hunger.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RHYS LEWIS

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Rhys Lewis upon his receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout nearly seven decades, Mr. Lewis has served our nation with distinction. As a United States Marine Corps Sergeant, he defended our liberty in the South Pacific during World War II before returning home and marrying Ruth M. Lewis in 1947. Then, in 1958, Rhys was elected a Republican precinct delegate and, ultimately, a Redford Charter Township Trustee. In addition to his loyal public service, Mr. Lewis has been Chairman of Redford Civil Affairs and of the Wayne 17th Congressional District Republicans.

Rhys is a pillar of the Michigan Republican party, who has served on the Michigan GOP State Committee for eight years and in the Redford Republican party as for a decade. As a result of his loyalty to liberty and courage of his convictions, Rhys has enriched the lives of others and established a honorable legacy of courage, leadership and service.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his legendary contributions to the Michigan Republican party and of his lifetime of extraordinary achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rhys Lewis for his tireless service to our community and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, due to inclement weather, my flight to Washington, D.C. was delayed, and I regrettably missed rollcall votes 448-450. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 448, "yea," rollcall No. 449, "yea," rollcall No. 450, "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, June 11, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 2356, rollcall vote No. 448; I would have voted "aye" on S. 676, rollcall vote No. 449; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 418, rollcall vote No. 450.

RECOGNITION OF RABBI JAY ROSENBAUM AND THE NORTH AMERICAN BOARD OF RABBIS GERMAN-AMERICAN JEWISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, Today, I rise to commend Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum and the North American Board of Rabbis (NABOR) on the fifth anniversary of the German-American Jewish youth exchange program.

NABOR has brought together young high school students from Germany for an exchange program with American Jewish youth living in a variety of cities and suburbs throughout the United States. The students have learned about each other's cultures and traditions and in the process established close and enduring bonds of friendship. They meet not only other students participating in the exchange programs but also the larger population of teenagers in their schools. The result is that over tens of thousands of young people in Germany and the United States have been touched by this program which has gone far in increasing understanding of two very rich cultures.

It is with real pleasure that I recognize Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, who serves as the Spiritual Leader of Temple Israel of Lawrence, the oldest synagogue in Long Island. Rabbi Rosenbaum has been a leader in the Jewish community for over 30 years, and has been recognized for both the outstanding services he provides as a Congregational Rabbi as well as for work on his behalf of International Jewry and human rights. Rabbi Rosenbaum was the founder of the NABOR exchange. He was also among the leaders six years ago of a delegation of 50 Rabbis who visited Berlin to establish a closer relationship with the Jewish community, business community and leaders of the society in Germany.

This year the North American Board of Rabbis is bestowing its Tikkun Olam award to Mr. Jan Carendi, Chairman of Allianz of America, and Mr. Ernst Lieb, President of Mercedes-Benz USA. Both Allianz and Mercedes Benz have distinguished themselves as enlightened companies that have supported the exchange program since its inception. Operating on a global platform, they have a tradition of striv-

ing to improve relations and understanding between German and the Jewish communities throughout the world. The award was presented at a ceremony hosted by Dr. Hans-Juergen Heimsoeth, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in New York City, which has also played a prominent role in support of the exchange program.

Madam Speaker, Germany has moved a long way from the dark days of the Third Reich and now has the fastest growing Jewish population in Europe. It is important for students to learn that past but also to develop an understanding of the dynamic positive changes taking place within German society. I therefore am pleased to recognize the great contributions being made by Rabbi Rosenbaum and the North American Board of Rabbis.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the township of Washington and borough of Westwood Police Departments will hold a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony. Nearly 200 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily. I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in these communities, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Michaella Bermudez, Michael Bonhard, Sabrina Di Costanzo, Maureen Drivick, Amber Hermanns, Mariel Hohmann, Gabriella Khalil, Tyler Koher, Xhennette Koci, Gina Lagomarsino, Connor McCarron, John Meluso, William Mitchell, Kathryn Neary, Sara Nestowitz, Andrew Paterson, Matthew Rivera, Steven Shanley, Gregory Smith, Vincent Soccodato, Amanda Sonntag, Tie Stutzer, Dana Tannariello, Nile Tracy, Erin Wholey, Abigail Blumkin, Kirstyn Brendlen, Craig Carmilani, Ryan DeLoughry, Tristan DiMaria, Chiara Ferrari Wong, Justin Hrbek, Ethan Isaac, Caner Kardesoglu, Rebecca Koch, Patrick Korkuch, Bridget Kramer, Kylie Kuizema, Tess LaSala, Ryan Liggio, Matthew Macchione, Adrian Mena, Alycia Monaco, Corinne Myers, Scott Oberhelman, Justine Park, Samantha Roth, Jason Solomon, Raechel Sontag, Michelle Stewart, Roney Amir, Yessica Barrantes, Evan Botterman, Manuel Bravo, Maxwell Brungardt, Morgan Hans, Sabrina Herzing, Erin Hunter, Larysa Iwaskiw, Harrison Johnson, Marilyn Johnson, Jennifer Kang, Minseok Kim, Susana Londono Vasco, Marcela Ortiz, Alesia Passaro, Alison Pimpinella, Larry Pirone, Catherine Saunders, Jessica Sheldon, Michael Wiegman, Lee

Wilson, Tyler Yurkin, Armando Amador, Paul Antonick, Michael Best, Kathy Biliias, Paris Birkner, Slater Brown, Melissa Bui, Hana Butler, Alyssa Foss, James Giordano, Meghan Harrington, Ryan Mansfield, Ryan McKinley, Emilie McLaughlin, Chelsea Moriarty, Kailee Oakes, Gabriela Paredes, Ankira Patel, Sandy Restrepo, Troy Ribitzki, Maria Rosca, Alex Ruiz, Nicole Scordo, Cynthia Smith, Elias Bermudez, Erin Bianchi, Alyssa Blundo, Frank Cofone, Ryan Dahm, Raven Donahue, Ashley Driscoll, Lisa Firriolo, Rachel Fischer, Travis Gallo, Kristen Greenstein, Ryan Liddy, Karine Liu, David Londono Vasco, Allison Maskin, Zachary Miros, Michael Miuccio, Megan Robinson, Tierney Rosen, Jason Sangastiano, Travis Segarra, Alexandra Serpikov, Sam Zitomer, Vanessa Beulel, Maria Campos, Joseph Corra, Nina D' Ambrosio, Amy Dadamo, Jennifer Dunn, Brandon Eo, Andrew Ferreira, Keith Haas, Mechele Hudspeth, Jennifer Keri, Matthew Kornhauser, Vikas Lohana, Kiyoshi Lopez, Samantha Malnick, Robert Marino, Kyle Marshall, Christian Merkle, Taylor Meyers, Rachel Mosca, Denee Oliver, Ashley Puk, Robert Schroeder, Cassandra Trovini, Faviola Vivar, Jake Campanella, Andrew Cirillo, Robert Ciringione, Christopher DeTitta, Elise Fedele, Renee Gioe, Olivia Guerriero, Darian Henry, Samuel Hutchinson, Brittany Kanabar, Colin Keating, Aracelis Lombardi, Michael LoSardo, Scott Loverich, Adina Millman, Kahna Miyoshi, Kayla Navarro, Kumal Nekiwala, Emiri Nezu, Brendan O'Sullivan, Jessica Potestivo, Paige Rios, Phillip Sabbagh, Joseph Sabbers, Samuel Bernhardt, Zachary Charkonis, Natasha Collova, Alex Contreras, Elliott Cortes, Hope Di Pasquale, Jessica Easterbrook, Victoria Geimke, Emily Griffin, Michael Haas, Samantha Lewis, Quinton Long, Lauren Marsiglia, Luke Mazzarini, Nicholas Napoli, Jaime Pallatta, Chelsea Pate, John Rivera, Jacqueline Romeo, Joseph Scotto, Michael Spezial, Janell Spigner, Ryan Stapleton, Andrew Toto.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MARK  
KIDD

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I am here today with my colleague MIKE ROGERS to extend our sincerest gratitude to Corporal Mark Kidd—a son, grandson, brother, Marine and American—for his service to our nation, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. As a friend of the family it is very difficult for us to try to serve the dual roles that, in many ways, you helped give us on this sorrowful day.

Mark, as we all know, grew up cradled in the arms of his loved ones and strengthened here in the cradle of liberty. When he was called to serve he served in the defense of his nation, not by oppressing his fellow human beings in foreign lands, but by bringing emancipation to them so that they, too, could yearn to breathe free. It is in such a way of service to our fellow human beings that we honor not only our nation, but more importantly, we honor the universal spirit of a loving God who created us all. Thus, it is important that we re-

member, even as we grieve today, how we are all frail ephemeral human beings, groping through this veil of tears toward the infinite eternal perfection of the loving God, who created and awaits us all. It is a daunting calling, then, that we must answer; to strive, suffer and serve on behalf of our fellow human beings.

But Mark was not daunted. Mark accepted this challenge and he devotedly, courageously, and honorably strove to help free an entire people. Now he is cradled in the arms of our loving God and, no doubt, having not slumbered through this earthly life he may truly say with joyous rapture; now God be thanked, who has matched us with his hour and caught our youth and wakened us from sleeping.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you, Corporal Mark Kidd—beloved son, grandson, brother, Marine, American.

IN TRIBUTE TO LUCY BENOIT  
LEGER ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHARLES BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to send birthday wishes from the Congress to Lucy Benoit Leger on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Born in 1907, Ms. Leger is the mother of two children. Her husband, Elliott, worked tirelessly as a barber so that she could remain at home to raise their son and daughter.

In 100 years many things have changed in southwest Louisiana. One constant is the value and joy we find in our families. I am pleased that Lucy's family and friends will gather June 16 to celebrate this joyous occasion.

I offer my best wishes for continued good health to Lucy Benoit Leger.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEMOYNE  
COLLEGE MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise the LeMoyne College Men's Lacrosse team on winning their second consecutive Division II National Championship on May 27, 2007.

The LeMoyne College Dolphin's capped their season in dramatic fashion, scoring the game winning goal with only one second remaining on the clock to defeat Mercyhurst College by a score of 6-5. At the conclusion of their season the Dolphin's record stood at an impressive 15-2. The LeMoyne College Lacrosse team had five student-athletes selected to the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association All-American teams.

On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I congratulate Head Coach Dan Sheehan, Assistant Coaches Rich Barnes,

Brian Datellas, Eric MacCaul, Rob Trowbridge, and the players of the LeMoyne College Men's Lacrosse Team:

Jared Corcoran, Nick Gatto, Alex Bily, Markus Fallico, Brian Cost, Tim Spillet, Jamie Dodge, Brian Griffin, Tim MacLean, Drew Bezek, Matt Juriga, Matt Emerson, Jordan Witt, Keith Vetter, and Brian Welch.

Paul Sullivan, Ed Street, Mike McDonald, Doug McIver, Pete Gibbons, Blake Gale, Mike Rabbit, Tom Donahue, Kevin Kohl, Brad Wolken, Matt Crandall, Marc Cizenski, Mike McLaughlin, Dan Brown, and Jeff Lewis.

Joe Vincent, Jesse Demase, Russ Oechsle, Brian Orlando, Mike Cignarale, Dustin Mulcahey, Andre Carducci, Mike Malone, Matt Cassalia, Dan Ziegler, Pat O'Donnell, Pat McPartlin, and Matt Foster.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday, June 11, 2007, I was unable to cast my votes on the following bills.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 448 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2356, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 449 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 676, to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 450 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 418, recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, DC, and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on June 10, 2007, I was unavoidably absent from the Capitol. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 448, a motion by Ms. BALDWIN to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2356, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 449, a motion by Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA to suspend the rules and pass S. 676, a resolution to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the