

School, she began a group called Student Action Kids. The group makes about 60 charity field trips every year, as well as holding penny drives to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Ms. Adelstone was nominated for this award by one of her former students who sent in the nomination along with an essay explaining why she should be given this award. True to her character, Ms. Adelstone said after receiving the national award, "It was very flattering, but being nominated by one of my students was the most flattering."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Counselor Louise Adelstone for her contributions to her students and tireless work for the community.

#### HONORING DR. MORTON TERRY

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the contributions of Dr. Morton Terry of Broward County, Florida. Dr. Terry was a dedicated teacher, mentor, and physician, and he leaves us with a wonderful legacy of service to the South Florida community.

Dr. Terry, a native of Utica, New York, moved to Florida after earning his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1945. Dr. Terry practiced medicine for 32 years in Miami before he founded the Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine. He served as Chancellor of the University through its merger with Nova University, and remained active on the campus until the day he died. Dr. Terry will be fondly remembered by all at Nova Southeastern University. Despite his many obligations at Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Terry found time to be active in a number of different professional and civic organizations. He was a lifetime member of the American Osteopathic Association, served as President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, and he was also an honorary lifetime member of the Miami-Dade County Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Terry was committed to enriching and improving South Florida. To further this end, he held leadership positions with almost 20 different organizations including the United Way, American Cancer Society, and Boys Town of South Florida.

Dr. Terry is survived by his wife, one son, and one daughter. He will be missed by both the medical community and the South Florida community.

#### A LIFE OF SERVICE AND COURAGE; A TRIBUTE TO ARMY MASTER SGT. KELLY L. HORNBECK

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave young man from my district who was fatally wounded two weeks ago while serving his country in Iraq.

Only 36 years of age, Army Master Sgt. Kelly L. Hornbeck displayed unbending love

for his family and an insatiable appetite for living. As an avid outdoorsman, he always looked for adventures and conquered any obstacles that lay before him. It did not take his family and friends by surprise when he joined the United States Army in 1987 and quickly rose through the ranks to be selected for the Army's prestigious "Old Guard," which stands watch at the Tomb of the Unknowns here in Washington. Hornbeck was quickly promoted to drill sergeant and joined the Army's elite Special Forces in 1990 where he served as a combat diver, free-fall parachutist, and jump master.

In recent years, Master Sgt. Hornbeck had served tours of duty in both Afghanistan and Iraq as a member of the 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group stationed at Fort Carson, CO. He received many awards and decorations while serving the Army which include: two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Hornbeck is remembered by one of his former commanders as a true patriot to the United States and to his native State of Texas, and his friends describe him as someone who had a strong moral compass.

Hornbeck's two daughters, Jacqueline (11) and Tyler (7), shared such precious memories of their father at his memorial service as a "great friend" who was "brave." When asked what her favorite memory of her dad was, the youngest daughter Tyler said, "I don't know because I have so many." His parents, Camille and Jeffrey Hornbeck of Fort Worth, praised their son's accomplishments and the cause for which he fought.

Master Sgt. Hornbeck lived an extraordinary life, rich with love, laughter, and pride. As a Member of Congress, I rise today to acknowledge Master Sgt. Hornbeck and his family for their sacrifice and service to the cause of freedom and the war against terror.

I wish to conclude by reading a letter from Master Sgt. Hornbeck to his parents.

DEAR MOM AND DAD: If ya'll are reading this, then I am on my way to help do my part to ensure the future security of our great nation. I don't take this charge lightly or with a cavalier attitude, rather with a resolute heart and a clear conscience. I am strongly convinced that what we are doing is just and worthy of all that could be spent in the effort. I am not afraid and neither should either of you be, for I trust in my God (Psalm 23) and my training, two powerful forces that cannot be fully measured.

My training is not only limited to that which has been bestowed on me by the mightiest military in the world but also by the greatest set of parents in the world. I am who I am because ya'll made me that way, and for that I thank you.

If anything untoward should befall me please insure that the qualities you raised me with get passed onto my children. I love you both very much and intend to see you soon!

Isaiah 6:8

KELLY.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hornbeck family. May God bless and comfort you during this tragic time.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to official business, I was unable to vote during the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Roll Call No. 6, Yes.

Roll Call No. 7, Yes.

Roll Call No. 8, Yes.

Roll Call No. 9, Yes.

Roll Call No. 10, Yes.

Roll Call No. 11, Yes.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEE JOHNSON

### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise before you today to pay tribute to a remarkable teacher and artist from my district. Lee Johnson has enjoyed an extraordinary career as both a full-time professor and professional artist, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Lee's tremendous service and contribution to the Gunnison community.

As a professor at Western State College, Lee has inspired countless students in using their full artistic potential in creating a variety of artworks. When not guiding students in their artistic education, Lee could be found in his studio working in a variety of artistic mediums. To devote more time to his passion of creating, Lee recently retired from Western State College. Moving forward, Lee will continue to draw upon the many beautiful sights of Colorado as inspiration in producing artwork to be appreciated by all.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Johnson is a wonderful ambassador for education and artistic contributions who has dedicated over three decades of his life to teaching the future leaders of tomorrow in his Gunnison, Colorado community. While his classroom will fall silent, he will continue to communicate to us through his daily devotion to creating beautiful artwork. I would like to congratulate Lee on an extraordinary career of public service and wish him the very best in his retirement.

#### HONORING GIRLS INC. OF ALAMEDA COUNTY'S GIRLS RESEARCH PROJECT

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Girls Inc. of Alameda County's Girls Research Project. The research project is one of the most comprehensive and innovative health and wellness studies by and about teenage girls in Alameda County. Girls, Inc. launched this project as an outgrowth of its strategic plan which revealed that it was extremely difficult to find or gain access to

disaggregated data about teenage girls on a range of critical factors relating to their physical and mental health, access to medical care, educational experiences, perceptions of school and community, and support networks, among others.

The core intent of the Project has been to gather robust qualitative and quantitative data about the health and wellness of teenage girls to enhance youth programs and inform policy agendas while at the same time teaching girls themselves about the power of data and guiding them to become leaders and advocates for positive health outcomes in girls' lives.

The project is unprecedented in Alameda County and has surpassed all original expectations. Successful written surveys were conducted in 11 public and alternative high schools in Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro yielding responses from more than 1,900 girls in the 9th through the 12th grade, representing more than 21 % of the entire female high school population in the target school district. A dedicated group of 20 young women were trained to conduct almost 100 one-on-one interviews of their peers. They also helped analyze and interpret both the qualitative and quantitative data collected through the research efforts.

The resulting analysis presents a mixed portrait of girls in Northern Alameda County. A portrait, which on the one hand, demonstrates the resilience and enthusiasm of teen girls, while on the other hand, reveals continued areas of concern relating to girls' physical and mental health; their engagement in risk behaviors; their negative attitudes towards some academic areas, as well as their perceptions and experiences of safety and violence in their schools and communities.

I applaud Girls Inc. of Alameda County for initiating and completing the Girls Research Project. I am confident the research findings will provide valuable guidance for families, educators, health care professionals, policy-makers, and the myriad organizations focused on the health and well-being of teenage girls.

#### TRIBUTE TO GARY VIKAN

#### HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Gary Vikan as he celebrates 10 years as Director of the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. The Walters Art Museum is one of the most important cultural institutions in Baltimore. It is loved and cherished by the thousands and thousands of people who visit it every year.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, William Thompson Walters and his son, Henry, collected nearly 22,000 works of art, building the foundation for what would later become the Walters Art Museum. The museum was first opened to the public in 1934. In 1974, a new, larger wing opened on the corner of Centre and Cathedral streets. In 1991, the museum opened another building, the Hackerman House, to hold much of its Asian art collection.

Since taking the helm of the Walters in 1994, Mr. Vikan has presided over a major renovation of the museum and expansion of its collection. As Director, he helped raise \$3 million to renovate the Centre Street building, and another \$8 million to reinstall the Renaissance and Baroque collections. During his tenure, the museum's endowment has grown from \$38 million to \$60 million, and its membership has increased by more than 60 percent.

He has been responsible for securing three major collections: the John and Berthe Ford Collection of Arts of India, Nepal and Tibet; the Austen-Stokes Foundation Collection of the Arts of the Ancient Americans (10 year loan); and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Collection of South-East Asian Art. Between 1995 and 2003, Mr. Vikan assembled the finest collection of Ethiopian art outside Ethiopia.

The Walters is internationally renowned for its vast collection that ranges from predynastic Egypt to 20th century Europe. The many treasures in the collection include Greek sculptures and Roman sarcophagi; medieval ivories and Old Master paintings; Art Deco jewelry and 19th century masterpieces.

I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in saluting Gary Vikan, Director of the Walters Art Museum, as we all celebrate and applaud 10 years of outstanding leadership and vision.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS IN AZERBAIJAN

#### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on January 23, 2004, Human Rights Watch (HRW) released a dramatic report on the human rights situation in Azerbaijan, our ally in the war on terrorism. HRW contends that Azerbaijan is experiencing its gravest human rights crisis since it gained its independence from the Soviet Union. The report depicts rape, electric shock, severe beatings and forced confessions as routine weapons of the government against the supporters of the political opposition.

Mr. Speaker, according to the HRW report, "In the aftermath of the election, nearly 1,000 people were arrested, among them opposition leaders, local opposition party members, activists of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) who supported the opposition, journalists, and election officials and observers who challenged the fraud." To date, many opposition leaders and their supporters remain in detention with no legal representation. Reports of firings from jobs and police harassment are widespread throughout the country, and the government of Azerbaijan is making few attempts to hide its efforts to crush the opposition permanently.

Heidar Aliyev ruled Azerbaijan with an iron fist for years, even before the country achieved independence. Last summer it began to become apparent that, due to ill health, he would be unable to run for re-election. With this development, many in Azerbaijan had

high hopes that they would finally be able to participate in free and fair elections. The democratic forces were also buoyed by the fact that Azerbaijan became a member of the Council of Europe and that the intense scrutiny of the international community would usher in a new era of democracy and respect for human rights in the country. These hopes were crushed by the government's well-organized campaign to ensure the succession of President Aliyev's son, Ilham Aliyev, to the presidency despite the efforts of a sizeable international election monitoring team. After Aliyev's "landslide victory," the government unleashed a brutal campaign against the opposition without any high-level protest from the international community, including the United States.

Last October, I wrote a letter to the Under Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Ambassador A. Elizabeth Jones, and later published an op-ed in the Christian Science Monitor, asking the Bush administration to hold Aliyev's feet to the fire on democracy issues. I believe that Azerbaijan, a secular majority-Muslim country, could have been an example of pro-American democracy in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Instead, the people of Azerbaijan are governed by the first post-Soviet dynastic transfer of power, setting a negative example throughout the region and adversely affecting U.S. national security. If the Bush administration takes a strong stance on the post-election crackdown in Azerbaijan, it will reinforce its commitment to spreading democracy and respect for human rights worldwide.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANNE B. RAWLINGS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the life of a remarkable woman from North Egremont, Massachusetts. Mrs. Anne Rawlings recently passed away at the age of eighty-one. She was a beloved figure and as her family and friends mourn her loss, I think it is appropriate that we take the time to recognize her many contributions here today.

Throughout her accomplished life, Anne was a patriot, mother, and wife. She joined the Army, where she served with the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, and helped to train fellow aviators in aerial gunnery. She was also a mother and was able to remain at home to help raise two children and take care of various family pets. Anne also enjoyed other activities such as reading, sewing, and picture puzzles and was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of Anne Rawlings. Anne was a true patriot, loving mother and wife who certainly had an impact on all who were fortunate to know her. I am honored to pay tribute for such a wonderful life and my heart goes out to her loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.