

work. She has a degree in Liberal Arts from Pace University and an MBA from Liberty University. She dreams of opening a finishing school that would be free to her Brooklyn community.

Mr. Speaker, Joelle Bailey has been a leader in our community through her entrepreneurial accomplishments and efforts to create a more civil society. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

**A TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY  
OF CORONA DEL MAR ON THE  
OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION**

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the community of Corona del Mar on the occasion of its centennial celebration. Residents, community leaders, and City officials have been planning the communitywide celebration of this historic anniversary for the last 2 years. It is with great pleasure that I recognize today the entire Corona del Mar citizenry for the outstanding quality of life, arts, education, and rich history that has made this area one of the most sought after places to live in America.

On June 29, 1904, George E. Hart, a Los Angeles real estate mogul, signed an agreement with the Irvine Company for the purchase of a 706-acre corner of Irvine Ranch. In early July 1904, the transaction of this sale and ownership was officially recorded with the County of Orange, and the village of Corona del Mar was born.

A grand celebration recently brought together the entire community in a citywide celebration to honor the 100th birthday of Corona del Mar, as well as to plan for the future.

The official Centennial Celebration, which began with an official launch event and gala art show, culminated with the Centennial Celebration on the weekend of October 14–17, 2004 in Corona del Mar.

I would like to commend the Corona del Mar Centennial Foundation and Organizing Committee for its dedicated commitment to plan a first class, year-long communitywide celebration honoring this important time in Corona del Mar's history. Certainly the village itself, and the people who live in it, deserve the very best. It is an honor to represent Corona del Mar in the United States House of Representatives.

**ELECTION IN UKRAINE**

**HON. JO ANN DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, 2 months ago, this House overwhelmingly passed H. Con. Res. 415 regarding the October 31 Presidential elections about to be held in the Ukraine.

During the floor debate on that resolution, I noted that the development of a strong de-

mocracy in the Ukraine has been slow and difficult over the past 13 years. In recognizing this fact, I stated that no issue would be more important to the Ukraine's future standing with the West than the test its democracy was about to face in that Presidential election. I said that in many ways the election represented a historic opportunity for the people of the Ukraine to decide whether or not democracy can flourish in this important nation.

Those elections did take place on October 31. Since no candidate received over 50 percent of the votes, a runoff election was just held this past Sunday. Regrettably, and despite every effort we were told would be made by the Government for a free and fair election, the rhetoric was not matched by the actions and the elections seemed to have been seriously flawed.

A preliminary assessment of the elections conducted by the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM), consisting of representatives from the OSCE, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, indicated that the second round of the presidential election did not meet a considerable number of internationally accepted standards for democratic elections. The IEOM report listed election day violence, intimidation of voters and observers, suspiciously high voter turnout in some regions, problems with ballot counting and the addition of several hundred thousand absentee ballots.

In a statement issued by Senator RICHARD LUGAR who was observing the elections as the representative of President Bush, the Senator reported that it was apparent that a concerted and forceful program of election day fraud and abuse was enacted with either the leadership or cooperation of government authorities.

Mr. Speaker, this is disappointing and unacceptable news from the Ukraine. It seems incomprehensible to me that with the rocky relationship the West has had at times with the outgoing leadership in Kiev that the new President of the Ukraine would want to spend the next 5 years under a cloud of legitimacy as a result of an unfair electoral process.

Mr. Speaker, we in the Congress have long supported building a stable, democratic, and prosperous nation in the Ukraine and have tried to work with those individuals and organizations who shared our goals. Unfortunately, and regrettably, the conduct of these recent elections suggests that many in Ukraine's current government have not yet committed themselves to this goal and lack the political will to do so.

As chairwoman of the Europe Subcommittee I believe I can speak for the House in expressing our deep disappointment with the conduct of these recent elections and our concerns for the Ukraine's future. We join with the Bush administration in calling on the current President of the Ukraine, the Rada and the Supreme Court to conduct a thorough review of these elections and investigate the charges of mass fraud before any certification of the results is made. At the very least, it may be necessary to hold new elections in those cities or regions where the fraud was most blatant. We also call on all sides of the dispute to exercise restraint and avoid violence. Finally, if the dispute is not resolved in support of the democratic process, then I believe the Bush administration must begin a review of

our relations with the Ukraine and take whatever actions may be necessary to express our displeasure with the actions of the Ukraine government and its leaders.

**A TRIBUTE TO ROSA CALHOUN**

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Rosa Calhoun in recognition of her accomplishments in her field of business and commitment to the community.

Rosa was born in Brooklyn, New York, the second child of Ruby Calhoun. Her daughter, Saretta, and her son, Dominique, are Rosa's pride and joy.

Rosa graduated from Clara Barton Vocational High School where she enhanced her talent in hair care by specializing in weaving and hair cutting. She has received many trophies because of these specialties.

Rosa has been in business for 30 years and participated in many fashion shows as "Top Hair Designer". She worked with and received many awards and certificates from The Hilton, Leviticus, Coliseum, and the Bronner Brother in Atlanta for her outstanding expertise in the field of hair styling. She was featured in 1986 "Shop Talk" and the 1998 "Essence" magazines.

Rosa has an active member of the Berean Baptist Church for 7 years. She is a member of the Berean Choir and the Hospitality Committee. In addition, Rosa is a member of the Aurelia Chapter #724 Order of Eastern Stars. She is a potential candidate for the Central Brooklyn Lions Club and the Negro Business and Professional Women's Inc. where she plans to serve as a member. Today, Rosa continues to strive for excellence in hair care. She enjoys working within the community where she grew up. Her love for hair styling has led her to achieve and attain all of her goals in her professional career.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Calhoun, a Brooklyn native, has been a consistently positive force in her community through her business efforts, church and other civic activities. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

**RECOGNIZING LUPUS  
INTERNATIONAL**

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call this Congress' attention to a devastating disease that affects millions of Americans. Systematic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening autoimmune disease. It causes the immune system to become hyperactive and attack the body's own tissue, damaging vital organs which can lead to severe disability or death.

Research shows that 1.5 million people are afflicted with lupus in the United States—more

than those affected by AIDS, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, Sickle Cell Anemia and Cystic Fibrosis combined. In Southern California alone, more than 100,000 people suffer from this disease. Although lupus can affect people of all ages, it strikes primarily women between the ages of 16–45, and is currently the fourth leading cause of disability in females.

To date, there is no known cure for lupus, and there are still very few treatments specific to the disease. However, with increased public awareness, education, and innovative research, we are hopeful that this battle can and will be won. Lupus International, a nonprofit organization in Irvine, California, has been a champion in the field of lupus research since it was founded in 1983. For over two decades, Lupus International has worked to alleviate suffering for millions of patients through support services, awareness promotion, and early detection of undiagnosed cases.

On October 17, 2004, Lupus International held its fifth annual “Lupus Race for Life,” to raise money for lupus research. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring this outstanding organization for its 20 year commitment to finding a cure for lupus, and its tremendous service to the millions of Americans suffering from this devastating disease.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4818,  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, November 20, 2004*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protest the inclusion of the federal refusal clause in the FY2005 Omnibus Appropriations bill. As a strong supporter of a woman's constitutionally guaranteed right to choose, I fear that this provision chips away at this right and will place women's health in jeopardy.

A woman's right to exercise control over her own body and to make her own health care decisions is vitally important. This right, as guaranteed by the United States Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*, has been the target of systematic attacks in recent years. This most recent attack—the federal refusal clause—is particularly egregious due to its radical change of current law.

The federal refusal clause allows a broad range of health care entities to refuse to comply with existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to abortion services. The bill severely limits patients' rights and access to services and information, thereby impeding their ability to make informed decisions about their health care options.

This drastic departure from current law will have devastating effects on countless women. This clause would change existing law to say that federal, state, and local governments may not require a health care entity to perform, provide coverage of, pay for, or even refer for abortions. Further, the clause was drafted so as to encompass the broadest possible range of health care entities, including insurance companies, hospitals, HMOs, and many others.

This clause will be far-reaching. It will override federal Title X guidelines ensuring women

receive full information. It will strip states of their ability to set the parameters of their own Medicaid programs. It will block states' attempts to improve women's access to full reproductive health services.

But most disturbing, the end result of this clause will be that women will be prevented from obtaining the reproductive health information and care they need and deserve.

This radical change is unacceptable and I hope that my colleagues will join me in working to repeal this dangerous provision.

A TRIBUTE TO LYDIA PATRICIA IRBY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Lydia Patricia Irby for her spiritual leadership and varied efforts to strengthen the community.

Lydia Patricia Irby was born on December 11, 1952. She has been married 26 years to Minister Willie H. Irby and is the proud mom of her “royal court,” 3 beautiful princesses, Kiwana Yiesha Simon-Garcia, Nikkia Latanya George-Caquias, Kristina Dawn Irby and one handsome prince, Adam Benjamin Irby. She is also proud of her grandchildren, the lovely Jordan Lydia Garcia, and her handsome grandsons Taiwan Michael Simon, Christopher Todd Caquias, and Jeremiah Justin Caquias. They are “the sweetest sugars in her life”.

Lydia answered the call of God upon her life 27 years ago, when she was filled with the Holy Spirit and called into the ministry of Missionary and Evangelist. She has carried the word of the Lord throughout these United States, Canada, and Jamaica. She is a faithful member of Brooklyn Miracle Temple under the anointed leadership of Pastor Jimmy Talton and Lady Daisy Talton. The “Voice of God” and the BMT experience have brought her to another level of ministry. Lydia and her husband are the visionaries for a thriving clothing and food ministry, which meets the needs of people in the community.

Lydia is a very industrious woman, “true to her biblical name.” She is an international millinery designer, a parent coordinator, conflict resolution specialist, and coordinator of student activities at the Brooklyn High School of the Arts. She has worked in successful partnerships with Principal Robert Finly for the past five years.

She also has a diverse educational and occupational background and training including work as a licensed stockbroker for 12 years through the New York State Institute of Finance, seven years in licensed real estate management in the City of New York, certification in conflict resolution and mediation at Long Island University and successful completion of academic requirements as a Bible teacher at The Total Truth Institute. However, when it's all said and done Lydia's heartfelt desire is simply to live a life that is pleasing and acceptable to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her motto is: “I will leave the life of everything and everybody that I touch better than when I found it.”

Mr. Speaker, Lydia Patricia Irby has been a leader in our community through her spiritual

leadership and civic participation to improve the quality of life in Brooklyn. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

CONGRATULATING BOSTON RED SOX ON WINNING THE 2004 WORLD SERIES

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Boston Red Sox on their historic World Series Championship, and I want to thank my colleague from Massachusetts, Mr. Capuano, for his continued—and, I might add, longstanding—leadership on this issue.

I must admit this moment is somewhat bittersweet. As a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, winners of 26 titles and 6 American League East division titles in a row, I had become accustomed to the annual October routine of dispatching the Red Sox—often in the most heartbreaking of fashions.

As such, I have always treasured moments like Bucky Dent hitting his game-winning home run off Mike Torrez in a sudden death playoff game against the Red Sox in 1978. Last year had been particularly satisfying, as the Yankees had triumphed over the Red Sox in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series with Aaron Boone's extra-inning homerun after having stormed back against a seemingly dominant Pedro Martinez.

And this year, the Yankees seemed poised yet again to break the collective heart of Red Sox Nation—having outmaneuvered Boston to trade for Alex Rodriguez in the off-season before staking a three-games-to-none lead in the American League Championship. No baseball team had ever come back from a three-game deficit in a best-of-seven series. And with a crippling injury to Curt Schilling's ankle in Game 1 and a 19-to-8 drubbing of the Red Sox at Fenway Park in Game 3, it seemed once again that the fabled Curse of the Bambino would be making its annual devastating appearance.

Yet then, the impossible happened—in what even this ardent Yankee fan must admit was thrilling, historic fashion, the Red Sox won the next 4 games and the series.

And so, with their defeat of not only the Yankees but also their commanding 4-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals, I join my New England colleagues in congratulating the Boston Red Sox for rewarding the fans of Red Sox Nation with their first World Series title in 86 years. I, for one, will miss the “Nineteen-Eighteen” chants for sure, but life will go on. Even if the Red Sox are the very best baseball team in the world right now, I know that a return to Yankee domination is but 4 short months away. So, we will give you this one.

Let me again thank my colleagues—I can only hope that they will join me here next year as we return to our annual practice congratulating the Yankees.