

He has touched the lives of so many, and we are truly thankful.

It is the servant leadership of Mr. Gage, and those like him, which truly makes our Nation great. Once again, Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Lewisville's "Citizen of the Year" Mr. Ronnie Gage.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
VILLAGE OF BROWN DEER, WI

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2005*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Village of Brown Deer, WI. It gives me great pleasure to join Brown Deer in celebrating this historic occasion.

Brown Deer was not incorporated into a village until January 20, 1955. However, its history began much earlier in 1835, when Irish and German migrants from the eastern United States settled in the Brown Deer-Granville area in search of farm lands. A few men from Granville, New York gave the township its name, which means "large city." In 1841, the original towns of Lake and Milwaukee were parceled out into seven townships of roughly 36 square miles apiece. The township of Granville was positioned in the northwest corner of Milwaukee County. It was in the northeast corner of this township where a small community referred to by residents as Brown Deer developed.

With a population of about 225, the first town meeting took place in 1842. The early 1900s showed moderate population growth in the Brown Deer area, but it was not until September 1953 that the process of incorporating Brown Deer into a village began. On November 3, 1953, incorporators applied for an order incorporating the Village with the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County. Following a hearing and a subsequent trial, the people of Brown Deer voted overwhelmingly at a referendum ordered by the Circuit Court in favor of incorporation, thereby officially creating the Village of Brown Deer and making it a municipal corporation on January 20, 1955.

Its humble beginnings helped make Brown Deer the Village it is today. I congratulate the Village of Brown Deer on its incorporation, and wish the residents of the Village of Brown Deer a very happy 50th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF PAUL BODEN

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2005*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as Paul Boden prepares to step down as Executive Director of the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness, I would like to thank him for his service to San Francisco's homeless and mentally ill. Paul has been a tireless and thoughtful advocate, ensuring that city, State and national policies on homelessness reflect the diverse needs of our population.

In 1987, Paul founded the Coalition on Homelessness as an organization run by and

for the homeless. By hiring homeless and formerly homeless people, the Coalition both ensured homeless people had a voice in setting policies and empowered them with skills they could use to help others.

The Coalition's accomplishments include the creation of the Community Housing Partnership, the Treatment on Demand Program, the Shelter Grievance Project, and the Continuum of Care Plan. In addition, the Coalition created The Street Sheet, a community newspaper highlighting the work of homeless and formerly homeless people through writing, artwork, and poetry.

In addition to his work at the Coalition, Paul helped strengthen many community organizations by serving as a board member at the Community Housing Partnership, the Central City Hospitality House, and the National Coalition on Homelessness. With the National Coalition on Homelessness, he helped draft the Bringing America Home Act, which was introduced in the 108th Congress and aims to end homelessness in the United States.

As he departs the Coalition on Homelessness, Paul is expanding his focus to the national policy debate on homelessness. We will miss his leadership greatly at the Coalition, but it is heartening to know that the network of homeless people, service providers, and advocates he built will continue to act as a voice of conscience for the City of San Francisco. And I am certain that he will continue to make enormous contributions to lifting the lives of the homeless.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY  
AND MEDICAL LEAVE INCLUSION  
ACT AND THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL  
LEAVE ENHANCEMENT ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, February marks the twelfth anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act. The Family and Medical Leave Act (PL 103-3), allows employees to take time off from work to care for a new baby or sick family member. It has allowed more than 35 million Americans to be able to take unpaid leave without the risk of losing their jobs in its twelve years since becoming law. Today, I am introducing two pieces of legislation that will expand the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

Imagine if your adult child, your parent-in-law, domestic partner or grandparent was involved in a serious car accident and had no one to take care of him or her. Then imagine your employer telling you that you can't take a few days off work to care for your loved one because you are not covered by FMLA. This situation sounds preposterous, but there is no protection for you in current law. That is why I am introducing the FMLA Inclusion and the FMLA Enhancement Acts.

The Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act (H.R. 1430 in the 108th Congress) amends the FMLA to permit leave to care for a domestic partner, same-sex spouse, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, or grandparent if that person has a serious health condition. Currently, the FMLA allows qualified workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for

newborns, seek emergency medical care for himself/herself, parents, children under 18 or a legal spouse.

The Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act (H.R. 956 in the 108th Congress). Building on the success of the FMLA, this legislation would allow more people to benefit from Family and Medical Leave by allowing employees in companies with more than 25 employees to take Family and Medical Leave and would extend employee leave for workers to go to parent-teacher conferences or to take their children, grandchildren or other family members to the doctor for regular medical appointments.

MR. AMADOR CALLEROS—  
LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2005*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. I want to recognize and congratulate one of my most distinguished constituents from the 39th Congressional District, Mr. Amador "Cal" Calleros. I commend him for his invaluable contribution to his family, to his company—Southern California Gas, to the Whittier community, and to the Los Angeles area. On January 15, 2005, Mr. Calleros retired from the Southern California Gas Company after 34 years of outstanding service.

Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Mr. Calleros grew up as the oldest of three children, providing a shining example to his sisters. His father Sirilo, who was born in Springfield, IL, and his mother Helen, who was born in Riverside, CA, met in Los Angeles. Mr. Calleros, who was raised by his hard-working father and loving mother, also spent time with his grandmother Maria and his step grandfather Prieto.

In 1965, Mr. Calleros graduated from Montebello High School, where he excelled as the star catcher on the baseball team. After high school, Mr. Calleros attended Los Angeles Trade Tech for a short time before he decided to enlist in the military, where he pursued a special interest in the communications branch of the Army. The war in Vietnam was escalating and Mr. Calleros wanted to serve his country. He was stationed in Strasbourg, Germany, for 2 years from 1966 to 1968, where he awaited the call to the Far East. Though he never was asked to serve in Vietnam, Mr. Calleros suffered the loss of countless friends from East Los Angeles who were killed in the Vietnam War. Upon his return, Mr. Calleros helped bring comfort to these families during their time of grief.

In 1970, which proved to be a milestone year for Mr. Calleros, he met and married his wife, Esther, and began his career at the Southern California Gas Company. In 1972, Amador and Esther moved from Monterey Park to Whittier, and still live in the same house. Amador has been a devoted husband to Esther, a supportive father of two sons, and a loving grandfather of one. Though committed to his work, he has always put family first, and this commitment has helped to create a strong family and nurtured immediate and extended family members.

Having lived in Whittier for over 30 years, Mr. Calleros has volunteered his time at Lambert Little League, Gunn Park (now called Adventure Park), California High School, and St. Gregory the Great Parish. His greatest passion is coaching baseball. Through coaching, Mr. Calleros has provided instruction, mentoring, and guidance to hundreds, if not thousands of youth from Whittier, La Mirada, and other surrounding areas of the 39th Congressional District.

Professionally, Mr. Calleros distinguished himself within the Southern California Gas Company. He began his career as a field technician with his shiny, white Gas Company pick-up truck. Having excelled as a technician, he moved on to become a meter-reader, a field service representative, a measurement analyst, and eventually a measurement technologies expert. The latter two jobs were completed as a member of the management team. It was rare for someone who started out in meter reading to ascend to management, but Mr. Calleros did, paving the way for others to do the same. He continually gave his coworkers inspiration and valuable leadership, which enabled them to succeed.

Mr. Calleros has generously offered support to his family, his baseball players, his neighbors, his colleagues, and his friends. He has dedicated his entire professional career to one organization to which he remained loyal. I am pleased to commend and thank him for his excellent work and look forward to many more years of his service to the community.

CONGRATULATING THE IRAQI PEOPLE ON AN HISTORIC ELECTION

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2005*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the people of Iraq for going to the polls this weekend to participate in their first free elections in over 50 years. In many cases, Iraqis defied death threats to take another significant step toward rebuilding their country and reconstituting a society built on democracy. The huge number of people who voted is clear evidence of the historic transformation ongoing in Iraq. Their actions serve as a signal to the United States and to the world that Iraqis are anxious to embrace freedom.

As independent accounts have verified, the turnout for Iraq's elections surpassed all expectations. But let it not be called a surprise, Mr. Speaker, that the people of this country, no longer living under a cloud of fear, are eager to freely elect a leader to lead a free Iraq.

As President Bush has said, it was the Iraqi people who made this election a resounding success. But it also bears mentioning that these elections would not have been possible without the leadership of President Bush. It also bears mentioning that these elections would not have occurred had it not been for the will of enlightened countries that allied with us in our war on terrorism. From the first day of the invasion, through the toppling of a tyrant, to today, these countries stand firm in their commitment to fight terrorism.

I commend the Iraqi people for their strength and willingness to embrace freedom.

I know many have died in making this day possible and we mourn those we have lost. Though this election is just one step, it is representative of the Iraqi commitment to a brighter future, a future that I believe, Mr. Speaker, is based on peace and freedom.

COMMENDING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR MARKING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 25, 2005*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, on this tragic anniversary, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 39, which commends countries and organizations for marking the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration Camp at Auschwitz.

On January 27, 1945, the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz, including Birkenau and other related camps near the Polish city of Oswiecim, was liberated by elements of the Soviet Army. According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, at a minimum, 1,300,000 people were deported to Auschwitz between 1940 and 1945, and at least 1,100,000 were murdered at that camp. That fateful day marked the end of the horror at Auschwitz.

In total, an estimated 6,000,000 Jews, more than 60 percent of the pre-World War II Jewish population of Europe, were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators at Auschwitz and elsewhere in Europe. Also, hundreds of thousands of civilians from many nationalities, all of whom the Nazis considered "undesirable," perished at Auschwitz and other concentration camps throughout Europe.

It is important that the United Nations General Assembly, in response to a resolution proposed by Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, the United States, and the European Union, recently convened its first-ever special session marking the liberation of Auschwitz and other concentration camps. Several countries around the globe are taking part in remembrance ceremonies and honoring the victims of Auschwitz and the Holocaust. We must never forget the tragic events that led up to the Holocaust and we must urge all countries and all peoples to strengthen their efforts to fight against racism, anti-Semitism and intolerance around the globe. If we do not remain committed to teaching the lessons of the Holocaust for future generations, then history will be doomed to repeat itself.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ON THEIR 90TH BIRTHDAY—THE VISION AND VOICE OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2005*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest congratulations to

the American Medical Women's Association, AMWA, on the occasion of its 90th birthday year celebration.

Throughout this century, AMWA has been indefatigable in its efforts to advance women in medicine and to promote women's health. As the leading multidisciplinary association of women in medicine in our country, AMWA has encouraged and honored excellence in the fields of medicine, healthcare and science through a wide array of scholarships, grants, and awards, as well as diverse educational programs for physicians, medical students and the general public.

AMWA's Local Legends program is a partnership with the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine and the NIH Office of Women's Health Research. This past year, I was fortunate enough to nominate Dr. Marian E. Melish and Dr. Cynthia Goto, two outstanding physicians from the state of Hawaii. Dr. Melish is a Professor of Pediatrics, Tropical Medicine and Medical Microbiology at the John A Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii. She is also Chief of the Infectious Disease Division of the Department of Pediatrics and Medical Director of Infection Control at the Kapiolani Medical Center. Dr. Goto is a second generation OB-GYN practitioner. Her father, Dr. George Goto, was the champion of women's reproductive rights in the nation and in Hawaii in the 1960s. Dr. Cynthia Goto continues that tradition through her work to connect Hawaii's public health services with clinical care for women and infants. Her efforts have resulted in an ongoing collaboration between Hawaii's OB-GYNs, the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition and the March of Dimes.

AMWA has distinguished itself through support of numerous charitable programs, particularly focusing on the needs of disproportionately disadvantaged women and their families. For 75 years, AMWA's American Women's Hospitals Service, AWHS, clinics in the U.S. and abroad have provided desperately needed care to the medically underserved. In addition, hundreds of medical students and residents have received remarkable healthcare training in these and other remote clinics worldwide through AMWA's AWHS travel stipends.

AMWA's advocacy on behalf of women's health and research, especially bringing underaddressed concerns to the national agenda, has made AMWA a leading voice for the care of women and their children. Again, I wish to commend and congratulate AMWA for making a positive and enduring contribution to the healthcare of the communities and our country.

GLEN PARK ELEMENTARY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Glen Park Elementary, located in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for its recognition as a 2003-2004 Blue Ribbon School.

I congratulate Glen Park Elementary, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Cassandra Morris-Surles, for this outstanding achievement. Glen Park Elementary is only one, of fifteen,