

the Treasury to immediately begin working with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the G8 to cancel the debts owed by the world's 50 most impoverished nations.

I want to thank my constituents for their participation in this effort. I am proud of my community's commitment to pursue justice, dignity, and economic self-sufficiency for all of the world's citizens. I urge my colleagues to join me in championing this global initiative that will help secure a better, more prosperous and peaceful world for generations to come.

HONORING COACH PHIL DANAHER

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen, teacher and coach from Corpus Christi, Texas: Phil Danaher. Coach Danaher reached an historical milestone on September 9, 2005, by achieving his 300th high school football victory and becoming a member of an elite group of coaches who have amassed such a record.

Coach Danaher is currently serving as the athletic director and head football coach at Calallen Independent School District and is in his 35th year of coaching. He is the winningest active coach in football and is surpassed by only three other coaches in number of victories.

Coach Danaher played high school football for Harlingen High School in Harlingen, Texas, where he was two-time All-District, and two-time All-Valley as quarterback. He continued his love for the game by playing college football at Angelo State University.

Mr. Danaher has proudly served as head coach for Calallen High School for the past 22 years, after beginning his career at San Antonio Edison as an assistant head coach. He later served as head coach for Dilley and Hamshire-Fannett high schools from 1974 to 1983 before arriving at Calallen in 1984.

His remarkable coaching talent was evident from the start, leading Dilley to the district championship and capturing three more district championships over the next 9 years at Hamshire-Fannett. Prior to Mr. Danaher's arrival, Calallen High School had not been to the playoffs in 29 years. After just one season, Coach Danaher turned the program around and led the school to the playoffs for 20 consecutive seasons.

However, for Coach Danaher, it is not all about the number of victories he accumulates. Mr. Danaher believes the real honor in coaching lies in the fact that the athletic program has made a difference in the lives of countless players who have come and gone over the years.

On the night of his 300th career victory, Coach Danaher graciously thanked the fans and his team for their significant contributions. When history remembers Coach Danaher, his win-loss record will be noted—but his most enduring legacy will be his record for teaching young people how to make the most of their talents and their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Coach Phil Danaher for his outstanding achievements and dedication to our south Texas community.

CONGRATULATING JUDIE DONALDSON

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Judie Donaldson for all of the work she has done for her community.

Ms. Donaldson spent many years working in the academia world before entering the non-profit sector full time. Moving from California, she found herself in Pittsburgh serving as the executive director of Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, an organization that provides education, networking and other resources to philanthropic organizations.

Her work for this organization earned her the 2005 Athena Award. The award is presented by the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. Ms. Donaldson was one of six finalists for the award.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ms. Donaldson for her work and dedication to the community. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled people in western Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NANCY AND MITCH TOTO ON THEIR 45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Nancy and Mitch Toto were united in marriage October 1, 1960, and are celebrating 45 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Nancy and Mitch Toto were united in marriage at St. Casimirs in Adena, Ohio; and

Whereas, Nancy and Mitch Toto are the loving parents of two children and five grandchildren.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Nancy and Mitch Toto as they celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

HONORING NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Northwest High School, located in Justin, Texas, which has recently been selected as an Intel and Scholastic School of Distinction.

The Intel and Scholastic School of Distinction award recognizes schools that demonstrate excellence in implementing innovative programs to promote positive educational re-

sults. A total of 60 finalist schools across the nation were selected from 10 distinguished categories. Northwest High School has been selected for the Excellence in Leadership category that commends the influential effort of their dynamic leaders.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Northwest High School and to its principal, Jim Chadwell, for receiving this distinguished award given by the Intel Innovation in Education initiative and Scholastic Inc. Education is one of the most important gifts we can give our children, and Northwest High School has admirably contributed to the future of excellence in education.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR OF LIBERTY CITY ON ITS 47TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. I rise to recognize the Church of the Open Door in Liberty City, Miami on its 47th Anniversary, which was celebrated on Sunday, September 18, 2005.

To celebrate its 47th year, the Church hosted civil rights activist and preacher, Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, a colleague of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Lowery's powerful sermon was heard by many of the Church's founding members who are still active in the congregation.

Open Door is home to many prominent activists in the Liberty City community. Many members participated in the March on Washington and other key events in the civil rights movement, and they continue to be strong voices in the fight for justice and equality.

The Church of the Open Door was built in 1958 at 6001 NW 8th Avenue, and was founded by the family of Marie Faulkner Brown. To celebrate this anniversary the church unveiled portraits of its founding members and pastors, and hosted four days of guest choirs, fellowship, and worship services for its annual revival week.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Open Door's pastor, Rev. Joaquin Willis, and his congregants on this happy occasion.

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly support House Resolution 276. This resolution will help increase awareness about a horrible disease: Pancreatic cancer.

Few Americans may understand that pancreatic cancer is a horrific killer. This year alone, over 32,180 people will be diagnosed with this disease. Because there are no early detection tools for this cancer, 99% of those diagnosed will lose their lives.

Many Americans are not aware that pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all cancers; most patients only survive 3 to 6

months after diagnosis. This is why it is a moral imperative for Congress to work to increase awareness of this deadly cancer.

Currently, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (known as "Pan CAN") is the only national advocacy organization available for pancreatic cancer patients and their families and friends. I became aware of Pan CAN through a constituent of mine, Bob Hammen, who lost his wife to this terrible disease. Pan CAN provides patient support and professional education about this disease, while coordinating advocacy programs to focus national attention on finding a cure for pancreatic cancer.

Pan CAN regards each November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. With the passage of H. Res. 276, Congress will be supporting Pan CAN's efforts to raise awareness about pancreatic cancer so that scientific advancements can lead to early detection programs and effective treatments.

Mr. Speaker, because all of our fellow citizens have family, friends and neighbors who are regrettably vulnerable to this dreaded disease, I urge support from my distinguished colleagues for this resolution here today.

#### DEDICATION TO A COMMUNITY

### HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure, a great pleasure, for me to inform you, my colleagues in Congress, and through you the entire nation, about the kind of public service and dedication found in Vermont and, I suspect, in other villages, towns and cities throughout America.

Aileen O'Neil has been the town clerk of Woodford, Vermont for 36 years. For well over three decades she has met the needs of the people in her town of 421 citizens, keeping the town going and its records up to date. Her long and dedicated service was recently recognized by the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association, for they named her Vermont's Town Clerk of the Year.

During all of those 36 years Aileen O'Neil has done what needs to be done, with care, with courtesy, and with a concern for the public life we share with one another. What she told a newspaper reporter recently is a model for all of us, for I think each of us would like to be able to say, while still at work after so many years, "I love my job. I've loved my job all these years. It's a purpose in life for me."

We are lucky to have her, both as a town clerk in Woodford and as an example for all of us.

IN HONOR OF SID BALICK

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Sid Balick for his outstanding contributions to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware. With over 40 years of service under his belt, Sid is the longest serving board member in the history of the organization.

While growing up in Delaware, Sid was a member of the Jackson Street Boys Club. This experience fostered an understanding of the values and lessons instilled by the Boys and Girls Clubs, prompting Sid's longstanding commitment to these important community service organizations.

Tonight, friends, family, and colleagues will honor Sid at a function paying tribute to his contributions to the city of Wilmington as an attorney, civic leader and volunteer. During his distinguished career, he has also served in the Delaware State House of Representatives and as President of the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware.

Always a generous supporter, Sid has asked that the proceeds from his event be donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs' Capital Campaign. These contributions will serve to enhance education and fitness programs at the various Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the State of Delaware.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again congratulate and thank Sid for his tremendous contributions to the State of Delaware. Generations of children owe him a debt of gratitude, and I am pleased to be able to vocalize their appreciation. An exemplary citizen and proud American, we all owe Sid a sincere thank you.

#### REPORT BY THE CENTER ON NATIONAL POLICY

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I commend to my colleagues a report by the reputable Center on National Policy focusing on early childhood education. There is much in this report that is of value to Congress as we move to eliminate the achievement gap in this. The full report can be found at <http://www.cnponline.org/Education.htm> I am enclosing the executive summary for your review below.

With mounting evidence that high-quality early child care and education can significantly affect life chances, especially for low-income children, a CNP report calls for development of a comprehensive national policy to ensure broad access to effective programs. Authors Jennifer Kolker, David Osborne and Eric Schnurer review data on program availability, adequacy and cost. They assess state efforts, current federal funding and coordination issues. They urge Congress and the President to act so that outcomes improve for all American children.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY: 2005 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD RECIPIENT

### HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that South Dakota State University (SDSU) has been awarded the 2005 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 by Secretary of Defense William Perry and the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The award was created to publicly recognize American employers who provide exceptional support to their employees who serve the Nation in the National Guard and Reserve.

Mr. Speaker, let me express my admiration for SDSU and the South Dakota National Guard and Reserve. South Dakota has one of the highest rates of mobilization in the Nation. This high rate of service is a reflection of the hard work and pride South Dakota National Guard and Reserve members maintain. I am grateful for SDSU's tremendous support of the National Guard and Reserve. The university represents South Dakota principles with remarkable distinction.

SDSU provides differential pay for its employees for the entire length of their activation and student academic progression support. In addition, it grants employees 40 hours of paid personal leave for preparation of a deployment. SDSU's support for its National Guard and Reserve employees and students is admirable and serves as an example for other institutions of higher learning to emulate.

I join with all South Dakotans in expressing my gratitude to SDSU. We are all proud and thankful for their demonstrated commitment to their employees and students who serve the Nation in the National Guard and Reserve.

#### THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3824) to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, on September 29, 2005, I missed rollcall vote 506, the vote on final passage for H.R. 3824. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." I was unable to take part in this vote because I was attending a constituent funeral.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3824, which is a threat to the recovery of endangered species.

Mr. Chairman, the original Endangered Species Act was signed into law by President Nixon in 1973 with the goal of protecting species on the brink of extinction, preserving critical habitats from human development and exploitation, and safeguarding the diversity of our natural wildlife for future generations.

This bill would redefine the entire concept of the Endangered Species Act to protect the short term economic interests of western landowners and developers.

Instead of working to protect threatened or endangered species and their habitats for the benefit of everyone, the Federal Government would now be driving the extinction of countless species—and your tax dollars would be paying for it.