

education. He served for 30 years as chairman of the Trustee Board. Judge Gumbs was also active as a Master Mason with a local lodge.

My condolences go out to his wife Rachel, his children, Robina and Kelvin, his three grandchildren, his sisters and brothers, and his nieces and nephews. Judge Gumbs's legacy of service to his community will be remembered for generations to come.

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RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT WHITEWATER'S SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

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**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a talented group of students and teachers from Wisconsin whom I am proud to represent. From Les Paul to Boz Scaggs, Wisconsin has a long history of producing diverse musicians of international acclaim. Continuing this legacy, the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater's Symphonic Wind Ensemble always sets a high standard and soon it will set that standard on a much larger stage. On November 4–6, they will travel to England for the Royal Northern College of Music International Festival of Winds. The ensemble will perform at one of the most prestigious band conferences in the world.

In being invited to the festival, the ensemble will not only be representing Wisconsin but they will be the sole representative of the United States at the festival. The ensemble embodies the American values of hard work and dedication, which is a testament to their Director, Mr. Glenn Hayes. Fittingly, Wisconsin will recognize these students as Official Musical Ambassadors as they travel abroad.

While at the festival, they will receive the special privilege of instruction from faculty at the Royal Northern College. I applaud the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater's Symphonic Wind Ensemble for their accomplishments and for their contributions both to Wisconsin and the United States.

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MARTIAL ARTS DAY

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**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the National Association of Professional Martial Artists, Project Action Foundation and martial arts schools in my community recently joined together to bring attention to martial arts and the positive benefits of martial arts training.

On this day of awareness, the martial arts schools hosted open houses to provide exposure and bring attention to the art. Martial arts has a reputation for introducing and reinforcing the values of self-discipline, focus, self-esteem, while enhancing non-violent conflict resolution, self-confidence, goal setting abilities

and strength of character creating productive healthy people.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I ask you to join me in congratulating those in my home town of Albuquerque, New Mexico who participated in this successful celebration and commend them for the positive impact martial arts has on those who participate.

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IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF ANN CHUDNER

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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ann Chudner, devoted wife, mother, champion of social and civil rights, and friend to countless.

Mrs. Chudner was born and raised in New York City where she became actively involved in social causes when she was a young employee at Macy's Department Store. While there, Mrs. Chudner joined the union movement and took part in the first major strike against the store. Her husband, Irving Chudner, was also involved in the union movement and became a union leader with Local 1250 at Ford's Brook Park plant. She moved to Cleveland with her husband, where their focus on their son, Rick, and their dedication to causes of social justice never diminished.

Mr. and Mrs. Chudner and their son, Rick, who has followed the activism path of his parents, direct their spirit of activism throughout the City of Cleveland and the West Park community. Mrs. Chudner became deeply involved in social issues ranging from fighting against corporate tax abatement to working toward educational and recreational opportunities for youth, to supporting numerous candidacies. Mr. and Mrs. Chudner were immersed in the mayoral candidacy of Carl Stokes, helping him to win the election as the first African American mayor of a major American city. She was instrumental in the success of the grassroots campaign to save Cleveland's municipal power company from takeover by the local monopoly private electric company when I was mayor of Cleveland. She was instrumental in working with Cleveland school officials to implement the Compu-Tech program, which introduced students to computers at a young age. Mrs. Chudner also rallied against the closings of West Tech and John Adams high schools, and was a steadfast leader in the West Park Community Council, a social action group whose membership climbed to 300 during her tenure.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Ann Chudner, whose fearless advocacy on behalf of the people of her community was framed by courage, heart and unwavering conviction in the philosophy that a unified group can affect real change. I offer my deepest condolences to her husband, Irving; to her son, Rick; and to her extended family and many friends. Her journey through life has made our world a better place, and her legacy will forever live on in the West Park community and miles beyond.

IN HONOR OF DORIS SEPTEN

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**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Doris Septen, a dedicated employee and caring staff member of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey. It is with great admiration that I honor Doris today for her unwavering commitment to the VNA for the past 50 years.

Doris originally came to the association as a clerk for a fundraising consultant, the Foote System, in 1955. Since then, she has held such positions as receptionist, assistant supervisor and supervisor of the Foote Department, and senior clerk. Her warm, caring voice has greeted callers and reassured patients and their families for many years.

Through her hard work and devotion, Doris earned herself further promotions to communications operator, and customer service coordinator. Furthermore, Doris was named VNA of Central Jersey's first employee of the month in 2003. These accomplishments only further reiterate what a worthy, notable person Doris Septen is and how indispensable she has become to her organization.

Doris is a compassionate woman that is genuinely concerned with the well-being of those who rely on the VNACJ. She handles many tasks, such as tracking down nurses for patients, helping callers on the main switchboard, and facilitating the Monmouth County support staff council.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Ms. Doris Septen for all she has done for the VNACJ community, and congratulate her on reaching the milestone of 50 years of service.

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RECOGNIZING THE CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

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**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, for more than 10 years, the Cambridge High School Environmental Club has performed valuable community service. Their activities have ranged from collecting of old cell phones to be recycled to puppet shows that promote ecology lessons for children. The club's recent research at Custer State Park in the Badlands of South Dakota is a fine example of their desire to be active at both the local and national level. They are a diverse group of "active environmentalists" whose lives and goals are as varied as the projects that they have taken on. Living together for 14 days, the club worked as an environmental research team at Custer State Park. The club, using the advanced protocols of a professional research team, performed chemical tests and journaled about their research at night. These students have experienced a life lesson that is of far greater value than anything that could be read in a

textbook. It is with great pride that I congratulate the Cambridge High School Environmental Club, and the leadership of their student advisor, Ed Grunden, for their commitment to environmental research and awareness.

GENESEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 1, 2005*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise before you to honor a dedicated group of men and women, the Genesee County Medical Society. On November 5, the members of this distinguished organization will gather to pay tribute to their history and the diversity of their membership at their Past Presidents Ball.

The Genesee County Medical Society was originally formed in the winter of 1841, when Drs. Robert D. Lamond, John Hoyes, John King, and George W. Fish, all natives of New York and graduates of Fairfield Medical College, met in an office in the tiny village of Flint, and drafted the constitution and bylaws for what was to be the region's first medical society. On August 17, 1871, 14 physicians gathered to organize the Flint Academy of Medicine, the precursor to today's Genesee County Medical Society. Over the years, thousands of doctors joined the society, addressing all public health issues, as well as working to improve the community and making it a safer and healthier place in which to live.

Today, the Genesee County Medical Society is home to an ever-increasing roster of health professionals, hailing from all four corners of the world. Society members, as well as their spouses and families, represent each continent and virtually every religion. The various cultures, languages, dialects, and customs exhibited by the men and women of the society, and experienced by all those they come in contact with, serve as a microcosm of our very Nation and what it stands for. Their celebration of diversity reminds us that we are "One Nation, under God."

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House of Representatives, I consider it my duty and my privilege to work to improve the quality of life for our citizens. I am grateful that the work performed by the members and staff of the Genesee County Medical Society helps make this task easier. Each member honors the spirit of the Society's vision: leadership, advocacy, and service on behalf of its members, and their patients. I ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in congratulating them on their tremendous work.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST ROSA PARKS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 1, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Rosa Parks, a powerful woman, an American heroine, and a champion for all Americans.

The transformation of a young seamstress into an immortal heroine is a rare occurrence. Rosa Parks had a number of societal barriers working against her: she was an African American in the segregated South and a woman, with no political or social standing, emerging from humble parentage. Nonetheless, she conquered obstacles, set the stage for a movement for civil rights, and is forever an example for all of us.

Rosa Parks was born and raised in Alabama by a carpenter and a teacher. Brought into a world that degraded and intimidated her with its racism, Rosa Parks, along with many others, lived in submission and fear. By the age of 42, Rosa Parks was married and an active member in the NAACP. Her frustration with the intolerance around her led to an event that set the stage for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and became a cornerstone in the Civil Rights Movement.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to surrender her bus seat to a white rider. This dignified pronouncement depicted to the country the injustice facing African Americans. Her single action eventually led to a Supreme Court ruling that outlaws segregation on city buses. Not only did her effort lend support to America's civil rights movement, but to civil rights movements worldwide.

The fight for equality and justice Rosa Parks sparked will never end, and we will continue to be motivated by the courage of one woman who made a profound choice in 1955. In her honor, and for the integrity of every citizen in this country, it is essential to continue in Mrs. Parks's footsteps.

The United States Congress calls Rosa Parks the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement." Throughout her life she was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the NAACP's Spingarn Medal, and the Congressional Gold Medal.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Rosa Parks, whose dedication to the pursuit of justice for all Americans will never be forgotten. Though she will be greatly missed, her legacy will be a constant reminder of how far we have come in ensuring civil, social, and political rights to African Americans, and how much further remains to guarantee equality to every citizen of our country.

IN HONOR OF ZETA EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER OF THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 1, 2005*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Zeta Epsilon Lambda alumni chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Red Bank, New Jersey for their fiftieth anniversary on November 5, 2005. The Zeta Epsilon Lambda chapter has been an active contributor in the community over the past 50 years.

Since 1980, the chapter has donated over \$200,000 in scholarship money to approximately 150 local high school students in Monmouth and Ocean counties. A large number of these scholarship recipients have returned to

Zeta Epsilon Lambda after receiving their degrees to assist in other community outreach programs.

Over the past 17 years, through Project Alpha, the fraternity has been educating young males on the prevention of teenage pregnancies. Thus far, they have provided meaningful guidance to over 700 elementary, middle, and high school students.

Further establishing themselves as mentors in the community, the Zeta Epsilon Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha has been in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County since 2001. Through this partnership, the brothers of Zeta Epsilon Lambda have given valuable guidance to dozens of young boys each week from Asbury Park Middle School in Asbury Park, NJ. The chapter has also successfully assisted Big Brothers Big Sisters with obtaining a \$222,000 grant from the Justice Department to organize a Juvenile Mentoring Program, which has already achieved great success.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the brothers of the Zeta Epsilon Lambda chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity on their 50th anniversary and thank them for their continued spirit of contribution and service to the community.

COMMENDING MR. JOHN GABUSI

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 1, 2005*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. John Gabusi, former Pima Community College Vice Chancellor.

Mr. John Gabusi retired from his position as Vice Chancellor for governmental and external relations at Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. He dedicated 14 years of service to the college, where he tirelessly worked to create Pima Community College's first economic development office.

Mr. Gabusi has been credited with elevating the College's national prestige by developing strategies to convince the Governor and State elected officials that the citizens of Arizona are deserving of a strong community college system.

His work helped to limit district wide budget reductions and to revive the marketing and advertising of Pima Community College. His help also played a vital role in a thirty percent increase in student enrollment from 1996-2002.

John Gabusi consistently strived to improve educational opportunities for the people of Tucson. Thanks to Mr. Gabusi's ability to rally community support, Pima Community College was granted a \$140 million dollar bond. He focused on providing students with an environment conducive to learning, and believed that the community is deserving of an excellent community college system.

Even before his work at Pima Community College, John Gabusi was committed to serving his community. Mr. Gabusi served as an assistant to former U.S. Congressman Morris K. Udall. He led four of Mr. Udall's congressional campaigns as well as Mr. Udall's 1976 presidential campaign. After serving under Congressman Udall, Mr. Gabusi went on to start his own marketing firm called DAC international and later presided over the Washington, DC based Procurement Assistant Corporation.