

serve on the appellate court. These four remarkable women deserve our thanks for their outstanding work on behalf of women in New Jersey and everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, there remains today an equality gap between women and men that contradicts the basic principles of our great Nation. With the tireless efforts of the Alice Paul Institute and the 2005 Alice Paul Equality Award honorees, this gap is being closed. I thank all those who have sought a more just America through the advancement of equality for women, and encourage my colleagues to support this cause in the U.S. Congress. Together we can continue to create better opportunities for all women.

IN HONOR OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SISTER MARY HELEN JACZKOWSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sister Mary Helen Jaczkowski, upon the joyous occasion of her 50th Jubilee Year. As she has for half a century, Sister Mary Helen continues to serve in dedicated and holy ministry, a ministry of faith that focuses on the children, seniors and families of our community. She teaches by example, and her words and deeds, reflecting kindness, compassion and love, radiate strength and hope within the hearts of many, including my own.

Inspired by a true calling of spiritual and humanitarian duty, Sister Mary Helen began her ministry with a strong foundation in education. She started her life-long career in education by teaching third, fourth and fifth grade students at St. John Cantius School. Sister Mary Helen taught at various parochial schools throughout Cleveland and Northeastern Ohio, and also held leadership roles as assistant principal and principal. To fortify her knowledge and educational expertise, Sister Mary Helen earned a Master's degree in Education along the way. Today, she continues her educational ministry and leadership as assistant principal at Immaculate Conception School in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood.

As a long-time social activist, Sister Mary Helens' unwavering dedication, focused on improving the lives of those around her, is clearly reflected throughout our Cleveland neighborhoods, from Tremont to Slavic Village and beyond. In Slavic Village, Sister Mary Helen led the restoration effort to transform the long-since abandoned Harvard School into an affordable, warm and secure place to call home for senior citizens, now known as the Harvard Village Senior Apartments.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Sister Mary Helen Jaczkowski. Her commitment, kindness and caring for the people of our community, from our children to our elderly, has served to lift the spirits of countless individuals, and continues to radiate faith, hope and light throughout our entire community.

HONORING THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

A TRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERIAN HOMES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Berkeley Police Department of Berkeley, California on the occasion of its 100th year of service.

At the time of its founding over a century ago, the Berkeley Police Department was a pioneering institution. Led by August Vollmer, who was elected Town Marshall in 1905 and appointed as Berkeley's first Chief of Police in 1909, the Berkeley Police Department became known for its innovative management and law enforcement methods, and its practices were adopted by other departments nationwide.

Chief Vollmer is considered by many to be the father of modern law enforcement. He was one of the first officials to institute the use of a basic records system, scientific investigation, and motorcycle patrols as law enforcement methods. He sought police officers with good educations, worked with U.C. Berkeley to establish a police school, and also established the department's Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, which prohibited officers from receiving gratuities and from smoking on duty, and also required them to use as little force as possible in making arrests.

In addition to these innovations, Chief Vollmer was also one of the most progressive figures in law enforcement during his time. He recruited the first female and African American officers to the force in Berkeley, and also became a prominent opponent of the death penalty.

In the years since its remarkable founding, the Berkeley Police Department has continued to serve the public with courage and compassion, working to protect the residents of Berkeley and also to become involved in the community. In addition to its establishment of the charitable Christmas in April program in 1991 and other community service projects, the Department has also made a sustained effort to establish an effective model for community-involved policing.

Furthermore, the Berkeley Police Department has devoted considerable resources to the development of other programs of dire importance, such as the Domestic Violence Unit, Youth-Police Workshops with Beat Officers, the Citizens' Academy and Toys 4 Tots with Marines. In recent years, the department has received grants from the Department of Justice, the Office of Traffic Safety and others to institute innovative public safety reforms, and in 2003 reported the city's lowest violent crime rates since 1974.

On April 7, 2005, the Berkeley Police Department will be holding its centennial celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank those who have given of themselves to serve the public through their work with the police force. I congratulate the Berkeley Police Department for 100 years of invaluable service, and salute its officers for their tireless efforts to make our community a safer, better place.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Southern California Presbyterian Homes for 50 years of providing outstanding housing and health care services to older adults throughout Southern California.

Southern California Presbyterian Homes, a nonprofit corporation, was founded in 1955, as a mission outreach of the Presbyterian Church, to provide quality housing, health, and support services for senior citizens regardless of faith, race, income, or ethnicity. The organization is dedicated to serving the needs of seniors that enrich the physical, social, and spiritual dimensions of their lives.

Southern California Presbyterian Homes has grown from its humble beginnings of one continuing care retirement community in La Jolla in 1955 to 38 facilities in 2005 and serving over 3,300 senior citizens. There are continuing care retirement communities, like Royal Oaks Manor in Bradbury and Windsor Manor in Glendale, that provide multi-level care from independent living through skilled nursing. Kirkwood of Glendale is an assisted living facility that provides a residential alternative to older adults who currently reside in a nursing home or their own homes, and need assistance with activities of daily living and specialized dementia care. Affordable housing facilities such as Rosewood Court in Pasadena, Casa de la Paloma, The Gardens, Otto Gruber House, Palmer House, and Park Paseo in Glendale provide excellent living opportunities and support services for senior with limited incomes. Southern California Presbyterian Homes also provides home and community-based services through its adult day health care center and through Southern California Presbyterian Homes Home Care.

I am proud to recognize Southern California Presbyterian Homes for its 50 years of compassionate care to senior citizens in Southern California and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Southern California Presbyterian Homes for their remarkable achievements.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN SEAN GRIMES

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I join the people of the 9th Congressional District and the State of Michigan in honoring the passing of an American hero and patriot, Captain Sean Grimes, who lost his life in the line of duty in Iraq on March 4th. Captain Grimes was assigned to the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team where he served with distinction as a Combat Medic. At the time of his passing, Sean Grimes was 31.

A Bloomfield Hills native, Captain Grimes graduated from Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills in 1991. Shortly after graduating

from high school Sean enlisted in the Army Reserve serving as an enlisted man for four years. His love of the Army prompted him to enroll in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) while pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Michigan State University. In 1997 he graduated from MSU and was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate. His efforts and desire to provide the best medical care to soldiers led him to the Brooke Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston in Texas in 2003, whereupon he graduated from the Army's Physician Assistant Course.

Until the day of his death, Captain Grimes displayed a sense of service not only to his fellow soldiers, but to his fellow man, helping civilian Iraqis in need of medical care. We may never really know the full impact his selfless acts may have had on the lives of his fellow soldiers and civilians he came into contact with. But the manner and character in which he fulfilled his duties tells us that he indeed made a difference in the lives of others and that that difference was for the better. These efforts have been recognized by the Army through a variety of medals Captain Grimes received during his career, culminating in being awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart posthumously.

Captain Sean Grimes exemplified what is best about the American soldier, devotion to duty above self, tireless dedication to his fellow soldiers and most importantly a driving desire to protect the freedoms we cherish so dearly. While he will certainly be missed most by his family, his sacrifice will not be forgotten. Captain Grimes paid the ultimate price both to protect the freedoms we exercise daily and to, bring those same freedoms to people who have never experienced true liberty. Today we honor his memory and may we never forget his sacrifice.

IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND
DETECTIVE MAURICE HAMILTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Detective Maurice Hamilton, Badge # 758, in celebration of his recent retirement from the Cleveland Police Department, after twenty-five years of dedicated and honorable service to the force and to the citizens of Cleveland.

Prior to joining the Cleveland Police Department in 1980, Detective Hamilton worked for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. He began basic patrol in Cleveland's Sixth District on May 29, 1980. In 1986, Detective Hamilton was needed on basic patrol in the First District. By 1989, he was promoted to Detective, working within the First District Strike Force, then the First District Detective Bureau in 1992.

Throughout his committed public service as protector and guardian of the residents of our community, Detective Hamilton maintained the highest level of integrity, grace and skill. He developed strong and trusted bonds with colleagues, neighborhood leaders, members of Cleveland's court system and members of the FBI. His expertise, unwavering focus, and compassion for others reflected in his out-

standing work in solving cases and helping individuals and families who needed assistance. Over the years, Detective Hamilton has been duly recognized with numerous awards and commendations for his exceptional police work, yet these honors held little personal significance to him. His family, friends, fellow officers and the people of our community have always been, and continue to be, his motivating force. A true believer in giving back to the community, Detective Hamilton continues to volunteer his time as a member of the Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association and as an elder with his church, Grace Lutheran in Lakewood, where he is actively involved in community children's programs.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Cleveland Police Detective Maurice Hamilton, as we reflect upon twenty-five years of his significant service to the citizens of Cleveland. Detective Hamilton's compassion for others, integrity, expertise, and focus on protecting his constituents in Cleveland have all served to elevate the lives of countless families and individuals within our community. We wish Detective Hamilton, his wife, Joyce Hamilton, and their entire family many blessings of peace, health and happiness as they journey from this day onward.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN
PACIFIC STATE EMPLOYEES AS-
SOCIATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to an organization with a great record of service to the Sacramento Region. For the past three decades, the Asian Pacific State Employees Association has worked tirelessly to protect and advance the interests of Asian American state employees. As the Asian Pacific State Employees Association hosts its 30th Anniversary celebration on April 28, 2005, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting the Asian Pacific State Employees Association, one of the Asian Pacific Islander community's most important service organizations.

The Asian Pacific State Employees Association, formerly known as the Asian State Employees Association, was founded in 1975 for the purpose of working toward achieving equal opportunity within the state work force through professional development and community empowerment. The Association's vision is one of Asian Pacific state employees serving, enhancing, and leading state government and their community.

Objectives adopted by the Association include advocating for Asian Pacific Islander state employee interests; providing an Asian Pacific network for its members and employers; advancing personal and professional development of its membership; consulting with members facing adverse action or other employment problems; working with the community to promote career opportunities, professionalism, cultural pride, self-esteem, and citizenship; and providing services and interchange with community, academic, and business groups.

Benefits and services offered by the Association include employee development, networking, scholarship opportunities, communications, and celebration of Asian Pacific contributions. At the present time, the Asian Pacific State Employees Association has over 1,000 members statewide, which includes the Southern, Central Valley, and Bay Area chapters, and officers frequently serve on legislative fact-finding committees, and provide testimony before the legislative committees regarding advocacy and affirmative action policies.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the evening's special honoree, Assemblywoman Judy Chu. Judy's distinguished career and her commitment to advocate for the interests of Asian American state employees make her a most deserving recipient of special praise and recognition.

Mr. Speaker, the Asian Pacific State Employees Association has evolved into a leading organization within the state, a dynamic force striving to improve the quality of life of its members and the general community. I am confident that the Asian Pacific State Employees Association will continue to do great work and yield tremendous benefits to the Asian Pacific Islander state workers of California. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing the Asian Pacific State Employees Association continued success in the future.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS PAUL
RAY SMITH'S MEDAL OF HONOR

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor one of our nation's bravest servicemembers, Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith. Tragically, Sgt. Smith lost his life two years ago while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his valor, Sgt. Smith on Monday was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The Medal of Honor is this nation's highest military honor and is awarded in the name of Congress by the President of the United States. Before Sgt. Smith, only 3,459 men and women, who have distinguished themselves, at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty, have received the Medal of Honor since its inception in 1861.

Sgt. Paul Smith is the first recipient of the Medal of Honor for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also is the first to receive this great distinction since it was awarded posthumously in 1993 to two soldiers who died fighting in Somalia.

Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 2004, this body approved legislation, signed by the President, to name a post office in Holiday, Florida, the "Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office." On that date, I first spoke about Sgt. Smith's heroic actions. On April 4, 2003, outside of Saddam International Airport in Baghdad, Sgt. Smith's unit, the Bravo Company of the 11th Engineer Battalion of the 3rd Infantry, was tasked with securing a prison for Iraqi prisoners of war at the Baghdad airport.

While Sgt. Smith and his men were working in the POW prison, they spotted members of the Republican Guard nearby. Sgt. Smith