

River Athletic Association, the Board of Education of Toms River, the Ocean County Bar Association, the Toms River Rotary Club, the Ocean County Council Boy Scouts of America, and Toms River Chamber of Commerce. He was named Ocean County College (OCC) Foundation's Humanitarian of the Year twice, and also twice received the OCC Distinguished Service Award.

His benevolent acts in the community through the Citta Foundation are legendary. His significant contributions through the Foundation are directed at the betterment of education and life in Dover Township, which he has called home for so many years.

I am pleased to congratulate my friend, Joseph A. Citta, on his retirement, and to extend the gratitude of the community for his generosity and support during a lifetime of service.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF GEORGE TOZZI, SR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of George Tozzi, Sr.; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. was a retired meat cutter with Kroger company, the former owner of the Tee-Pee in West Bellaire, and former owner of Phillip's Trailer Court; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clairsville, the Knights of Columbus, Board of Directors for A Special Wish Foundation, former member of the Bellaire Civil Service Commission, and American Legion Post 52 of Bellaire; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. bravely defended our country for four years aboard the U.S.S. Nashville in the Pacific Theater of World War II; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which he gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. His life and example inspired all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of George Tozzi, Sr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

April 24th, of every year, marks the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Ninety years ago, 1.5 million innocent Armenians were killed at the hands of the Ottoman Empire. This, the first genocide of the 20th century, must be remembered, acknowledged, and continuously reaffirmed.

It must be our goal to remind the Congress, remind the country, and remind the world that the Genocide happened. It is a historical fact, and we will never forget.

The United States should affirm the genocide once and for all for so many reasons. But one of the most important reasons is so that we prevent atrocities from happening in the future.

If we're ever going to prevent genocides in the future, the world has to admit to the past. When genocides happen, we have to condemn them for what they are.

The quote from Adolf Hitler, in justifying his evil acts, says it all—"who remembers today the extermination of the Armenians?"

Well, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I'm here today to answer that question. We remember. And we'll never forget.

And we're not alone by a long shot. In fact, 37 States in this country have formally recognized the Armenian Genocide. I think that's a strong statement about the level of support in this country for recognizing the Genocide.

And of course the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues is fully committed to this cause. On April 24th of every year, the President is required to issue a statement on the Armenian Genocide. Recently, 178 Members of the House of Representatives, and 32 Senators sent letters to the President urging him to use the word "genocide" in this year's statement.

We will continue our efforts here in Congress and use all the means at our disposal.

Some dispute the charge against the Ottomans, but let me make my feelings clear; the Armenian Genocide happened, and it is the duty and responsibility of the United States and this Congress to affirm that. I rise today, to reaffirm my position; it is time the United States Congress does the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on April 27, 2005, I was out of the office and was unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted:

H.R. 748, On Agreeing to the Scott Amendment—"No".

TRIBUTE TO VAN JOHNSON

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a man with a truly distinguished career in the healthcare community. To say that Van Johnson has made a permanent mark in the healthcare field would only begin to skim the surface of the many wonderful contributions that he has made as a leader in the healthcare industry and in his own community. As his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate Mr. Johnson's illustrious career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting

one of Sacramento's most outstanding citizen leaders.

Mr. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in international relations and psychology from Brigham Young University, and a master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of Minnesota. Upon completion of his education, Mr. Johnson served for 13 years in leadership roles at Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Prior to assuming his current position as president and chief executive officer of Sutter Health in 1995, Mr. Johnson served as senior vice president and chief operating officer for Sutter's acute and non-acute facilities as well as services and physician organizations in the Sacramento, Placer and Yolo County region. Under his exemplary and innovative leadership, Sutter Health has built or replaced more than a dozen hospitals and major patient care centers, and has introduced hundreds of new patient services. Mr. Johnson's commitment and dedication culminated in an initiative worth over 5 billion dollars to rebuild, replace, and expand much of Northern California's health care infrastructure. In just the past five years, Sutter Health has invested well over 1 billion dollars in services for the poor and in programs and services that benefit local communities.

Mr. Johnson has also long been active with community-based organizations. In 2001, the Sacramento division of the Boy Scouts of America recognized him as "Man of the Year," and the United Cerebral Palsy Association named him "Humanitarian of the Year." In 2002, he received the prestigious National Healthcare Award from B'nai B'rith International, one of the world's oldest and largest organizations focused on human rights, community action, and humanitarian causes.

In addition to his duties as president and CEO of Sutter Health in Northern California, he is currently board chairperson for the Integrated Healthcare Council of California and an advisory council member for the University of California-Davis Graduate School of Business. He also serves on the boards of the Sacramento Regional Foundation and the Northern California chapter of the March of Dimes.

Mr. Speaker, as Van Johnson's friends, family, and colleagues gather to celebrate his great career, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. Mr. Johnson's continued leadership is a true testament to public service. If a template for commitment to healthcare could be made, it would surely bear the resemblance of Van R. Johnson. Although his time at Sutter Health may soon be complete, his involvement in community service is, fortunately for us, far from over. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Mr. Van Johnson continued success in all his future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF NATALIE J. VANNELLE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Natalie J. Vannelle; and

Whereas, Mrs. Vannelle was a loving sister, wife to her husband, Frank, mother to their four children, and grandmother to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mrs. Vannelle was a member of the St. John Catholic Church in Bellaire, Ohio; and

Whereas, Mrs. Vannelle will certainly be remembered by all those who knew her because of her loving nature towards her family, friends, and community; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which she gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Natalie J. Vannelle.

TRIBUTE TO FALLEN HEROES OF THE KENTUCKY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, with great honor I rise today to pay tribute to the fallen heroes of the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police. We are the beneficiaries of their bravery and sacrifice. We will always be indebted to these men and women who sacrifice daily to protect our communities and ensure our safety. Their commitment to this country inspires future generations and stands as a powerful symbol of what draws us together as Americans. I want to commend them for setting such a fine example of what it means to live a life of duty and honor.

In these difficult times of fighting terror abroad, it is important to remember and thank those who keep us safe at home. Every day police officers put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms we often take for granted. Every day police officers work so America's children will always know what it means to be free.

At a minimum, Mr. Speaker, we must always remember to give police officers the resources they need to do their jobs to the best of their ability. Shortchanging our police departments does more than hurt the officers, it hurts our entire country. And we must do more than fund our police departments—we must also be advocates for their service so all citizens know of their honor and courage, and sometimes ultimate sacrifice.

I am extraordinarily grateful to the men and women of Kentucky's Fraternal Order of Police. Their service, dedication and commitment to protecting the citizens of Kentucky are vital to the future of our Commonwealth and reflected in all our past successes. It is my great honor to recognize these American heroes today.

A TRIBUTE TO VERMONT JOHNSON

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Vermont Johnson of Bayfield Wisconsin, who recently retired after nearly twenty years as an Advisor to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Mr. Johnson represented the sport fishing interests on that Committee and worked tirelessly to support measures that protect and improve the Great Lakes fishery.

The Commission's Committee of Advisors was established under the 1955 Great Lakes Fisheries Act. The Committee is charged with advising the Commission about all fishery matters relating to fish stocks shared by Canada and the United States and is also an avenue for citizens to be heard on issues that concern them. Representatives on the Committee speak for the sport fishery, the commercial fishery, the public-at-large, and State agencies.

Mr. Johnson has a lifetime of experience with the Great Lakes and has a deep knowledge of the matters relating to the resource. As a motel owner, he certainly appreciated how the Great Lakes and their fisheries lured tourists. During his tenure on the Committee of Advisors, Mr. Johnson took on a number of issues of vast importance to the Great Lakes, and although he technically represented the sportfishing concerns of the Lake Superior waters of Wisconsin, his contributions to the Committee had a basinwide impact. He was, by all accounts, an integral member of the Committee, providing leadership on issues ranging from the rehabilitation of native species to the effect of underwater log salvage on fish habitat. He regularly attended and led meetings—often at great distance from home and at his own expense—and interacted with interests throughout the Great Lakes region.

Mr. Johnson grew up in Bayfield, Wisconsin, on the shores of Lake Superior. After attending the University of Wisconsin, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served as Chief Boatswain's Mate aboard the Coast Guard buoy tender *Balsam* in the Pacific—which I am told is the only vessel of its type to sink a Japanese submarine during World War II. After his service, he returned to Wisconsin, earned a degree in school administration, and served as a school superintendent for 35 years in several districts, as well as continuing on in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Mr. Johnson and his wife Harriett, who have been married for more than 60 years, continue to reside in Bayfield. He is an active leader in his community, helping to enlarge his church and leading the building committee of the Bayfield Heritage Association. In fact, he remains involved in almost every civic activity in Bayfield.

For twenty years, Mr. Johnson—and usually Harriett—were stalwart participants in the meetings of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and the Committee of Advisors. I am happy to honor Mr. Vermont Johnson as he retires from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's Committee of Advisors—it is a pleasure to take note of his service.

VERMONT'S COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS: FORTY YEARS OF SUSTAINING COMMUNITY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, in Vermont we are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Community Action Programs which have transformed the lives of thousands and thousands of people in our state. These CAP agencies provide citizens with assistance: the young and the elderly, rural residents and urban residents, homeowners and renters and the homeless, those with jobs and those without. These are not programs created to give handouts; instead, they work to develop comprehensive approaches to addressing the root causes of poverty, and to alleviating the consequences of poverty. Nor are they spinoffs of some far-distant Washington bureaucracy: the CAP agencies are locally staffed and their programs result from collaborative efforts with the lower-income people they are meant to serve.

Vermont's Community Action Programs are community-based networks for social and economic development. There are five of them: Southeast Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), Central Vermont Community Action Council (CVCAC), Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (BROC), Northeast Kingdom Community Action Agency (NEKCA) and Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO). Nearly 3,000 individuals (in 1165 families) were provided services through the SEVCA's Community Services department last year. NEKCA serves more than 6,000 moderate-to-low income families. Over 8,000 individuals obtained early childhood education, crisis fuel assistance, meals, and household insulation through CVCAC. CVOEO provides a wide variety of vital services to approximately 8,000 households (just over 19,000 individuals) every year.

But numbers alone, as impressive as they are, do not tell the whole story. From child care to fuel assistance in cold weather, the CAP agencies are always there when people have needs. CAP agencies not only help hard-pressed families find food, they support family farms through the Farm to Family coupon redemption program. They help retrain workers who have lost their jobs, and they provide a sound basis for a lifetime of learning through Head Start. They run micro-business development programs—and help citizens with their tax returns.

In SEVCA's building there is a wonderful version of the Washington mural of men waiting in a breadline in the 1930's, a reminder that economic need is—unhappily—always among us. That mural reminds us too of Franklin Roosevelt's eloquent words, which are painted on the mural itself: "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have little." Those words ring, today, with truth.

Too often the glowing colors of our television and the bold headlines of our newspapers ignore the actuality of life in America: that in the midst of the richest Nation in the history of the world, many go hungry, or are without health insurance, or lack adequate