

constituent of the Fourth Congressional District, Dr. Ian Harris, who was recently honored for 30 years of service to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Dr. Harris serves on the faculty of the School of Education at UW-Milwaukee. He is currently chairperson of the Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies, and was the founder of the Peace Studies Certificate Program. He is widely known in national and international circles for his work in the field of peace research.

The hallmark of Dr. Harris' work is his dedication to non-violence and peaceful methods of conflict resolution. He has published numerous articles and books, including one that offers peacebuilding strategies for educators and community leaders who work with young people.

Dr. Harris' approach is certainly relevant to the needs of young people in my district. I thank him on behalf of the students he teaches at UW-M, as well as the broader Milwaukee community.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. This year, the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, serves as a solemn reminder of the tragic events that resulted in the murder of six million Jews and millions of other men and women. Today, we honor their memory and sacrifice.

Yom Hashoah is a sad day, but it also has a message of hope. It evokes memories of the lows of humanity and what can happen when the world turns its back to oppression. It reminds us of the suffering of millions who endured the evils of discrimination and racism. The entire world was impacted by the terrible events of World War II. We remember and honor the many individuals and their loved ones who suffered simply because of their religion or ethnicity.

This occasion is also a time for hope because we honor the memory of the past by passing down the lessons we have learned to future generations so that such tragic history will never repeat itself. Today, many events are taking place around the world to remind us of the events that took place during World War II and to unite all people together against racism, bigotry and hate.

The Days of Remembrance Ceremony was held in the Rotunda of our Nation's Capitol, a fitting place to spread the message of justice and freedom and to remember the heroes who gave their lives in the fight for freedom and democracy only 60 years ago. I am proud to stand here today to honor the memory of the victims in hope that the world will never again witness these atrocities.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important day for all mankind to stand together against racism, hate and intolerance and I urge all my colleagues to take a moment to reflect and remember.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JOSEPH CHIUSOLO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to direct your attention to the life of a remarkable individual, Mayor Joseph Chiusolo of Cedar Grove, New Jersey, who was recognized on Friday, May 6, 2005 as Man of the Year by UNICO National.

Joseph Chiusolo was the son of a fire captain and spent his formative years living in Jersey City. He attended catholic elementary school before moving on to the Hudson County Vocational School in North Bergen. Mayor Chiusolo has accredited much of his success and accomplishments to his adolescent experiences in Jersey City which inspired him to dedicate his life to enhancing the lives of others.

At the age of 14, Joseph began volunteering his time at the Secaucus Ambulance Corp. and the American Red Cross. Upon reaching his eighteenth birthday, he became an Emergency Medical Technician at the Jersey City Medical Center. Joseph continued to work hard and eventually his sacrifices and efforts were rewarded.

In 1978 he became Assistant Director for the American Red Cross Disaster Services. He was primarily responsible for the coordination of emergency disaster responses in Jersey City and Hoboken. While serving at this post, in 1979, Joseph arrived at the scene of a burning building before the Fire Department and subsequently rescued the occupants.

After this experience, he vowed to do all he could to educate people about Fire Safety. It was at this time, that Joseph started a T-shirt screen printing business in the basement of his parents' home which became known as "Turn Out Fire and Safety." He became a major supplier of Police, Fire, and EMS uniforms as well as protective clothing throughout the tri-state area.

Joseph Chiusolo moved to Cedar Grove, New Jersey in 1989 and immediately volunteered his time to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He quickly became a fixture within the town and was elected by the residents to serve on the town council in 1997. Since that time, Joseph has served two terms as Deputy Mayor and two terms as Mayor.

As a former mayor and the Congressman for the Eighth Congressional District of NJ, I cannot think of another individual who has given more to Cedar Grove. Thus it is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on Earth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Township of Cedar Grove, Joseph's family, friends, and me in recognizing the outstanding service of Mayor Joseph Chiusolo.

IN MEMORY OF RAMON WAGNER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplish-

ments of Ramon Wagner, a Milwaukee resident and an advocate for low-income people whose legacy will live on despite his untimely death on April 15, 2005.

Mr. Wagner, who founded Community Advocates in 1976 and served as its Executive Director, dedicated his life to serving the Milwaukee community. For almost 30 years, Community Advocates endeavored to be a place where people in need could come for help. In service of Mr. Wagner's vision, Community Advocates developed and implemented a range of services that help low-income families cope with the everyday challenges of living in poverty.

Low-income people throughout Wisconsin can thank Mr. Wagner for helping to organize the moratorium on natural gas shut-offs during the winter months. He negotiated an agreement with the gas company after an elderly woman died in her unheated apartment in 1984, because her landlord had not paid the heating bill.

Mr. Wagner will be remembered as a champion of services for low-income people, but he also leaves a strong legacy in his efforts to strengthen the network of service organizations. He understood that connecting to others' efforts would magnify the impact of scarce resources.

Ramon's was a well-lived life. I salute him for his dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MEMBERS OF GARY INDIANA, BRANCH OF NAACP

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize and commend the members of the Gary, Indiana, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On Friday, May 13, 2005, the Gary NAACP will hold its 42nd Annual Life Membership Banquet and Scholarship Dinner at the St. Timothy Fellowship Hall in Gary, Indiana.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Gary branch of the NAACP. The funds generated through this activity, and others like it, go directly to the organization's needed programs and advocacy efforts. The featured speaker at this gala event will be Attorney Dennis Wayne Archer. Attorney Archer will be honored with the Roy Wilkins Award. Archer is the Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association. He is the first person of color to hold the position as president of the ABA. Attorney Archer is also the former Mayor of the City of Detroit.

Attorney Fred Work will be honored with the Benjamin Hooks Award. Attorney Work is a distinguished attorney who has provided legal services to many citizens, not only in the community of Gary, but also throughout the State of Indiana. Attorney Work was the first African-American Judge in Lake County. Work was also the first African-American to graduate from Vanderbilt Law School and the first African-America to be nominated by the Democratic Party for statewide office.

The Gary NAACP would also like to recognize the accomplishments of the West Side

High School girls basketball team. The team's record is 24–4. The team's winning accomplishments include: the Gary Holiday Tournament, the Northwest Conference, the East Chicago Sectional, the Valparaiso Regional, and the Elkhart Semi-State finals. Those team players I would like to applaud are Michelle Hamblin, Isabell Rhenwick (recipient of the 2004–2005 Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award) Ashley Cheairs, Ashley Gates, Farren Congress, Candise Matthews, Shanee' Butler, Erica Simpson, Jaime Sherls, Lecreia Hudson, Loreal Brown, Jasmine Brown, Moenesha Headen, Sydney Pettigrew, Ashley Woods, Nicole Moore, Britney Peeples, and Britney Harris. I would also like to recognize Head Coach Rod Fisher and Assistant Coaches Darryl Brandford, Erza Alexander, and Arnetta Gates. Their leadership both on and off the basketball court is a valuable resource to the girls on the West Side girls basketball team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the new life members as well as the other members of the Gary NAACP for the efforts, activities, and leadership that these outstanding men and women have championed to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING YVONNE EWELL
TOWNVIEW MAGNET SCIENCE
AND ENGINEERING SCHOOL ON
BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF
THE NATION'S TOP SCHOOLS BY
NEWSWEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Yvonne Ewell Townview Magnet School for Engineering and Science for receiving the extraordinary honor of being ranked as one of the top schools in the country.

Each year, Newsweek chooses this distinct group from a pool of more than 27,000 high schools in America. Newsweek unveiled its current list in the latest, May 16th edition.

The Best High Schools list is assessed by using a ratio based on the number of Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests taken by all students at a school in 2004, divided by the number of graduating seniors. This formula is said to indicate a wide measure of students' readiness for higher level work. Based on this formula, Townview was ranked # six in the nation, and number one in the State of Texas.

I am absolutely delighted that Townview has received a recognition I have long touted.

Located in my district of Dallas, Texas, Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse schools in the state. More than two-thirds of Townview's student body consists of minorities.

For the last four consecutive years, Townview has ranked number one in the nation, in the number of minority students to pass advanced calculus.

It has been discussed on numerous occasions and in numerous venues that the United States will not be able to lead—nor for that matter, successfully compete—in the global

economy if we cannot put a stop to the continuing shortage of highly qualified scientific and technology brainpower in this country.

In response to this, in 2003, under the tutelage of Dr. Da Hsuan Feng, I partnered with the University of Texas at Dallas to sponsor a lecture series designed to expose Dallas-area high school students to the best and brightest minds in mathematics and science in order to promote career opportunities in those fields. Various leaders in these fields have participated in the lectures series, including, world-renowned sickle cell researcher, Dr. Betty Pace; Nobel Laureate, Dr. Russell Hulse, and the remarkable Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

This honor is of particular significance, as I have long championed the need for more emphasis in science and math education, particularly for young children. I believe these students and others like them will become tomorrow's leaders in the fields of science and technology. Showing students the importance and the value of the science and technology fields is a life long process.

It cannot happen overnight. It begins here and now. I implore our community leaders to also encourage science education in young men and women.

I would like to commend Townview's Science and Engineering School principal, Richard White and Executive Principal Alice Black for their "leadership and commitment to these students.

Mr. Speaker, again, I congratulate the students, teachers, principals and parents of Townview Magnet School in Science and Engineering on this distinguished honor.

LEGISLATION TO TREAT EMPLOYMENT TAXES PAID TO THE EU BY EMPLOYEES OF THE EU AS INCOME TAXES PAID TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES OF THE FOREIGN TAX CREDIT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to correct an outdated tax law that is forcing a husband and wife of 27 years from my district to live thousands of miles apart during what should be the golden years of their retirement together. In introducing this legislation, however, I seek to not only assist the couple in my district who has brought this inequity to my attention, but also to assist any other families facing the same problem.

Mrs. Novella Wheaton Nied, a U.S. citizen and native Taosena, and Veit Nied, a German citizen, called my attention to this issue early last year. The Nields have been married almost 30 years and have lived overseas in various countries for the length of their marriage until September 2001. Mr. Nied, an economist, retired in September 2001 from the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. The couple decided to return to Taos, New Mexico, Novella's home, for their retirement years, but learned upon Veit's approval of permanent resident status in the United States that his pension from the European Commission would be subject to double taxation—the initial tax by

the European Commission, and again by the U.S. should he choose to make his residency here.

Double taxation on his pension will create a hardship for the Nields in their retirement—both financially and emotionally. As a result, Mr. Nied did not accept the permanent resident status and has been traveling back and forth between Germany and the United States, being very cognizant and diligent about following U.S. immigration and taxation laws, and therefore has not stayed longer than 120 days per annum in the United States, which would render him liable for taxes in this country. This unfortunate living situation has been ongoing since 2001 when they learned of the double taxation and have been seeking a solution that would allow them to once again live together.

During this time, the Nields have corresponded with the IRS seeking a solution to the problem, to no avail. I have consulted with the IRS, as well as with the Congressional Research Service, seeking a solution short of introducing legislation, but it has become clear that only legislation will remedy this problem.

The IRS tax code is outdated and does not recognize such multinational organizations as the EU for purposes of the foreign tax credit. As a result, the Nields, and most likely other families in the United States, find themselves in this unfortunate predicament. The United States has tax agreements with many countries to prevent double taxation, as well as provisions in the tax code that allow resident aliens who pay taxes to a foreign country to claim the foreign tax credit that reduces their U.S. income taxes. Unfortunately, the EU does not qualify as a foreign country for purposes of the foreign tax credit.

As such, today I am introducing legislation that amends the Internal Revenue Code to treat employment taxes paid to the European Union by employees of the European Union as income taxes paid to a foreign country, for purposes of the foreign tax credit. This bill will allow Mr. Nied, and others in his situation, to qualify for the foreign tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, this is a simple bill that brings a section of the tax code up to date with the changes in international political institutions. While it certainly will help Mr. and Mrs. Nied, this legislation will also help other families who face the same situation. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and pass it quickly to allow the Nields, and others, to be permanently reunited so that they may enjoy their years of retirement in the company of their loved ones.

COMMENDING NATIONAL
HEPATITIS B AWARENESS WEEK

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to lend my support for House Resolution 250, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Hepatitis B Awareness Week.

We possess the weapons to combat hepatitis B, including vaccination and treatment. For those infected, treatment options exist that are designed to stop the progression of liver disease and reduce liver damage. It is encouraging that educational programs like the "Aim