

reduce errors by leveraging cutting edge technology to make medical records available almost instantaneously to doctors when they are needed so that they can best treat patients. Technology can help reduce paperwork and administrative burdens and thus help doctors provide the best and fastest care possible to their patients.

Finally, as we have heard, by 2010, more than 90 percent of all scientists and engineers could be living in Asia. This is a major challenge to our competitive leadership, but America must keep pace. To address this issue, the Innovation and Competitiveness Act includes provisions that will provide incentives for teachers to specialize in math, science, and other technical fields—and to remain in the classroom to educate our youth in these fields. In addition, this legislation provides incentives for students to receive degrees in technical fields with financial aid and scholarships.

The Innovation and Competitiveness Act will get Congress into the business of protecting America's place as the world leader in innovation and competitiveness, and I urge the Members of the House to support the initiatives in this important legislation.

HONORING THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR CANCER SURVIVORSHIP ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship based in Silver Spring, Maryland on its 20th anniversary.

For the past two decades, NCCS has worked tirelessly to advocate for quality cancer care for all Americans and to empower cancer survivors. By stressing its commitment to evidence-based advocacy, NCCS has worked with policy makers to evaluate and recommend changes in how the nation researches, regulates, finances and delivers quality cancer care.

In addition, NCCS has provided cancer survivors and their loved ones access to credible and accurate information on many important survivorship issues, especially the critical role of advocating for oneself.

I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, whose leadership has provided an invaluable service to this country's more than ten million cancer survivors and the millions more affected by this devastating disease. I wish them all best in the future.

RECOGNIZING ROSS HAYNES JR. FOR HIS ENDLESS COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Ross Haynes Jr., from Fort Worth, Texas, in the heart of the 26th Congressional

District of Texas, for his dedicated service to the community.

Ross Haynes Jr. makes helping his community a high priority in his life. He has dedicated time to assisting others in the community, specifically, its youth. From sports to education on life, Ross Haynes Jr. has made a difference in our lives.

From his own humble beginnings, Mr. Haynes has amassed great wealth in the form of friendship and encouragement in which he has inspired throughout his community. He has been involved with the lives of a great deal of Fort Worth's underprivileged youths through the Fort Worth Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Haynes effortlessly educates kids about the positive things to aspire for in life.

In addition, he has fulfilled his dream to open his own business along with his wife, Delessa. This alone is a phenomenal achievement for one to accomplish. Mr. Haynes serves as a most honorable role model for many by continuing to strive for one's own personal goal.

I am proud to represent Ross Haynes Jr.—a man who has given so much back to his community. Mr. Haynes's advice, council and support to the community, whether directly or indirectly, over the years, are certainly something for which to be thankful. I am grateful to represent such a wonderful citizen like Mr. Haynes.

TRIBUTE TO THE CRISIS SHELTER OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County on the 25th anniversary of its founding.

In September of 1981 the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter opened its doors to women and children who have suffered domestic abuse. Over the past 25 years the Shelter has grown to provide free services to men, women and children that are victims/survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Crisis Shelter. To kick off the celebration, the shelter will be holding its annual auction, which is scheduled to be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Saturday, February 25th at 6 p.m. The funds raised at the auction help support many services offered by the shelter, including the 24-hour hotline, prevention education in schools, intervention training, and the emergency shelter.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 25th anniversary of The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled organization as The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County.

HONORING THE SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN UPON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden board of trustees, staff and volunteers as they celebrate the 80th anniversary of the garden. The botanic garden provides many different services to the Santa Barbara community, including conservation, education and research.

As an active member of the Center for Plant Conservation, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is the only organization actively developing and maintaining a conservation collection of rare and endangered species in the central coast region. Through cooperation with private and public resource management agencies, seeds and living plants are collected in the wild to represent genetic and geographic variation. These conservation efforts are critical to ensuring that the areas of vast beauty and great significance are preserved so that our future generations may enjoy and learn from them.

The Botanic Garden has a comprehensive education program that includes programs for school groups, various certificate programs and excursions to such regions as Anacapa Island and Lake Cachuma. Their education program aims to increase our understanding of the role of plants in the natural world. Currently, the Botanic Garden co-sponsors programs with the Los Padres National Forest, University of California Cooperative Extension and the Gevirtz Research Center in the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They also have a relationship with our local schools that ensures that our children learn the importance of preserving our natural treasures and allows teachers an opportunity to help students learn in an outdoor classroom environment.

Research at the Botanic Garden began in the late 1920s and has continued to be innovative and to contribute to our understanding of the natural world. Beginning in the 1960s, Dr. Ralph Philbrick (Garden Director from 1974 to 1987) expanded the Garden's floristic research of the Channel Islands. For over 40 years, Garden surveys and inventories have significantly expanded our knowledge of these remarkable offshore terrains. As a result, the Garden's herbarium includes over 30,000 specimens of the Channel Islands' vascular plants and lichens, which are consulted by researchers throughout the world. This research on the Channel Islands is of particular importance because of its status as a National Park which possesses many native plants and animals.

I am so pleased to be able to recognize all of the hard work of the trustees, staff and volunteers as a part of this 80th Anniversary celebration. I am privileged to work and live in a community that is so physically beautiful and blessed with so many dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to maintain the many things that make this area so special. Congratulations and happy anniversary!

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF
NATHANIEL COLE ZARRELLI

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am happy to congratulate Leslie and Mike Zarrelli of Silver Spring, Maryland, on the birth of their new baby son. Nathaniel Cole was born on February 9, 2006, at 10:46 a.m., weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Nathaniel has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future. His birth is a blessing.

RECOGNIZING AN ARTICLE BY
RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN, SPIRITUAL
LEADER OF CONGREGATION BETH CHAVERIM IN VIRGINIA
BEACH, VA

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce an article written by Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The article by Rabbi Zoberman reads as follows:

I was in Israel on a mission of the ARZA (Association of the Reform Zionists of America) Rabbinical Council during the recent Palestinian elections to its legislative Council. The unexpected, stunning victory of Hamas winning 74 out of a total of 132 seats though only 44 percent of the cast votes, remains a source for analysis and a cause of concern.

The embarrassing defeat of ruling Fatah whose leader Mahmud Abbas continues to serve as a Palestinian Authority President, was primarily due to the long frustration and mounting anger caused by years of Fatah's inept management and outright corruption. Hamas cleverly ran on a Change and Reform list having already succeeded in establishing an infra-structure of supportive economic and social services to a deprived population. However, the victory took Hamas too by surprise saddling it with critical choices and decisions. Is it ready through to transform its very identity from a terrorist organization to one recognizing the State of Israel and negotiating peace with, is yet to be seen.

Essential financial support from Israel, the United States and the European Union depend on it. Hamas may likely choose a middle course of not repudiating its very nature while abstaining from military action to allow it to consolidate power, becoming in time even a greater threat to the Jewish state. A nightmarish scenario would be a hostile Hamas state bordering on Israel with an extreme Muslim agenda and heavily influenced by Iran who is also behind the Hizballah in Southern Lebanon. That would pose unacceptable risks to the entire Middle East and beyond.

Our group was most warmly greeted by the new American Ambassador to Israel, Dr. Richard Jones, who reiterated President Bush's policy of fighting terrorism and non-support for a Palestinian Authority deviating from the Road Map. We also had the opportunity to meet at the historic King David

Hotel with Laura King, Jerusalem Bureau Chief for the Los Angeles Times, who covered the Palestinian elections and conveyed her sense of not being surprised by the outcome.

Our memorable day visit to Jordan's fascinating Petra via the Yitzhak Rabin border crossing at Israel's most southern city of Eilat, was a reminder to appreciate anew the Israel-Jordan peace treaty of 1994. In addition to the natural wonders and rich history of the 1800 year old Nabatean city of Petra carved in Biblical red rock, the past interconnectedness of the entire region through fruitful commerce and cultural exchange should inspire once again its revitalization for benefit of all.

With hospitalized Ariel Sharon's unchanged medical condition, Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's resolve has weathered the evacuation of the illegal outpost of West Bank's Amona in spite of the accompanied violence. Surely it is the first of the post-Gaza disengagement challenges that will test the emerging new leadership and the vibrant Israeli democracy, even as was revealed for the first time by the Israeli Institute for Economic and Social Research the high financial cost of 14 billion dollars investment in the territories since 1967. The centrist Kadima ("Forward") party created by Sharon and now headed by Olmert continues with only a small drop in its strong showing in the polls toward the March 28 elections. However, the unpredictable nature of erupting Middle East events forestalls the assurity of the elections' outcome at this time. The elections will nonetheless reflect the Israeli voters verdict on Sharon's legacy of sacrificing the vision of a greater Israel for the more realistic one of a smaller Israel yet a Jewish and democratic one; an Israeli society in a far better position to tackle its demanding and urgent agenda of socio-economic dilemmas and gaps that will ultimately determine Israel's character and moral fiber so crucial for its survival.

HONORING AND PRAISING THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 97TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), as they celebrate the 97th anniversary of their inception. The Delaware chapter of the NAACP was founded in Wilmington, Delaware in 1909, only 1 year after the initiation of the national office. The Wilmington branch of the NAACP distinguished itself locally in the equal pay battle for teachers in Delaware. The positive impact that the Wilmington branch had on our community inspired the development of other branches around the state, including lower Sussex, Milford, Central Delaware, and Newark.

I would personally like to thank the past and present leaders of the NAACP in Delaware for their continued dedication to bring about peaceful movements for change. This illustrious organization's success can be attributed to leaders such as Reverend Maurice Moyer, Alice Dunbar Nelson, Louise L. Redding, Sam-

uel Dawson, Gary Hammond, Littleton Mitchell, and Charles Brittingham. They are each heroes both locally and nationally.

These remarkable trailblazers have led the battle for equality in the state of Delaware. They worked to pass the local elective "one-person, one vote," fought for suitable living quarters for migrant laborers, worked for fair public accommodations throughout the state, and made extensive advancements in educational equity.

The perseverance demonstrated by members of the NAACP reflects the strength of this exceptional organization. Over the past 97 years, the national organization has provided communities around the United States with strong and passionate leaders who have fought for social change. I congratulate them on the successes of the past 97 years, and I look forward to many more years of continued achievements in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE 2006 CENTRAL
INDIANA BUSINESS HALL
OF FAME LAUREATES

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to personally congratulate Dick Johnson and Fred Klipsch, two individuals inducted into the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame last week. These business and civic leaders are being recognized with this high honor for achieving success and contributing to the Indiana business community.

Dick Johnson exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit that has made Indiana great. He graduated from Indiana University and started a petroleum distribution company in 1957 with a \$10,000 loan co-signed by his father. In the beginning, wife Ruth and children Rick and Jenny helped out by preparing all invoices for mailing. Johnson Oil Company grew to be one of the largest independent gas distributors in the country with 200 Bigfoot stores employing 1,500 people.

Dick went on to build multiple companies from scratch, starting with very little capital to build a significant enterprise. A generous philanthropist, he and Ruth have given over \$1 million to his alma mater alone.

I am proud to say that Dick has roots in my own hometown of Columbus, where he has never stopped giving back to the community. He has received numerous awards, including Columbus Community Service Award, 1997; IU Annual Distinguished Entrepreneur Award, 1994; and Columbus Small Business Person of the Year, 1988.

Another hometown hero, Fred Klipsch is the model of the successful American businessman. From humble blue-collar beginnings to the blue suits of the boardroom, he made the transition without losing the ethics and values with which he was raised.

Along the way, Fred acquired and managed several companies. Perhaps the most well-known firm is the one that bears his name: loudspeaker manufacturer Klipsch and Associates.

Managing multi-million-dollar companies didn't keep Klipsch from volunteering his services. He has been very active at Purdue University and just retired from a term as president of the Educational Choice Charitable