

countless Michiganders. As she embarks upon the next chapter of her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding her legendary leadership, and in thanking her for her unfaltering service to our community and our country.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLMESBURG BRANCH OF THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Holmesburg Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia on celebrating its 100th Anniversary. I am proud that the Holmesburg Library has served the people of my district as a lending library since June 26, 1907.

The Holmesburg Library was named for Thomas Holme, who was granted the land that eventually became the Mayfair section of Philadelphia, in payment for his services as Surveyor General to William Penn. The Holmesburg Library began its development in the late 1800's, first as a subscription library and then becoming a free library in 1899 upon entering into an agreement with the Free Library of Philadelphia. In 1906, Andrew Carnegie, industrialist and philanthropist, donated funds for a new library building which opened on June 26, 1907. Andrew Carnegie's philosophy was that education is the key to life and that all people should have access to information through free local libraries.

The red brick library building sits on the main commercial avenue that defines the Mayfair neighborhood. Built in the Carnegie style with front steps leading up to a decorative and welcoming entrance, both the main and children's reading rooms maintain the integrity of the original architectural design to this day.

The Holmesburg librarians and staff work diligently to maintain the library as a hub of learning and community activity. Currently housing a collection of over 35,000 books and media as well as computers with Internet access for public use, the library has year-round programs that engage children and adults in lifelong learning pursuits, some in cooperation with local corporations and civic groups. Programs for youth include homework assistance, computer literacy, library skills, multicultural enrichment, and "Science in the Summer." Adult programming includes reading enjoyment, how-to seminars on gardening, and other topics of interest. Family programming includes movie nights for everyone's enjoyment.

The volunteer Friends of Holmesburg Library sustain outreach, advocacy and fundraising activities to strengthen the library's presence in the community. Their most recent venture is the planting of a Children's Reading Garden to be dedicated at the Library's 100th birthday celebration on June 20, 2007.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Holmesburg Library's 100th anniversary milestone, and wish them many more years of community enrichment and service.

CONGRATULATING STUDENTS FROM HOLUB MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate four students from Holub Middle School in Houston, Texas.

Nicholas Chan, Andrew Ngo, Emily Tat and Eleanor Haack were among only 22 out of thousands of students selected to present their National History Day projects at the Smithsonian Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC.

Young history scholars were selected from Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin to present their work reflecting this year's National History Day theme "Triumph and Tragedy in History." The National History Day program annually engages more than half a million students in grades 6–12 across the country.

I believe that behind every promising student is a dedicated and committed teacher. In addition to commending the accomplishment of these students, I would also like to recognize their teachers, Cindi Payne and Doni King, for their dedication to fostering an appreciation for American history among the students at Holub Middle School.

The history of our great nation is full of lessons that transcend generations. By learning from our past, we ensure a brighter future. Programs like National History Day help to highlight this important connection and encourage teachers and students to rise above what is written in text books by bringing history to life.

HONORING FAITH AND HARRY FEDER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, health care has never been more important, or more complex, in the United States than it is today. An efficiently functioning health care system requires many contributors, perhaps especially evaluation and quality improvement.

Harry Feder is a senior vice president and chief operating officer of IPRO, one of the Nation's largest and most experienced health care evaluation and quality improvement organizations, and the man responsible for ensuring that necessary and appropriate care is provided across the continuum of care.

Faith Feder is well known for her commitment to education, her abiding concern for the elderly and the care of the needy. As part of her commitment to education, she has served as both the Treasurer and President of the SAR Academy, where she led a parent body of its 600 children. In addition, she has been involved in numerous communal causes that treat the uninsured and assist the elderly. She is a founder and treasurer of Foremost Home Care.

Harry has in-depth knowledge of processes and issues surrounding the monitoring and as-

essment of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. He has extensive knowledge and a national perspective on programs dealing with Utilization Review, Quality Improvement, Managed Care, Long-Term Care, Fraud and Abuse, and Independent Review of Appeals.

He was awarded a Masters Degree in Public Administration from New York University Graduate School of Public Administration and is a lecturer in the Department of Health and Epidemiology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine as well as on the faculty of the New York University School of Continuing Education.

Those are some of Harry's and Faith's accomplishments and just a few of the reasons that they are being honored by the Riverdale Jewish Center. For me, however, it is not only these accomplishments, but their being my close and dear friends for so many years that makes them so special.

TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE SERGEANT DAVID G. WURTZ, UPON RECEIVING THE 2007 NATIONAL MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN'S AWARD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Detective Sergeant David G. Wurtz of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office upon receiving the 2007 National Missing and Exploited Children's Award for outstanding work in the case concerning Genevieve Nielson.

For nearly three decades, Detective Sergeant Wurtz has strived to better our community. Since joining the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in May of 1979, he has served in numerous Units, including the Road Patrol Unit, the Marine Division, the Protective Services Division, the Corrective Services Division, and in the Technical Services Division. In September of 1989, due to his superior investigative ability, Detective Sergeant Wurtz was promoted to Sergeant, and he currently serves in the Special Investigations Unit and as a hostage and crisis negotiator.

During his career, Detective Sergeant Wurtz has earned the recognition and admiration of his co-workers and community for his thorough investigations and criminal prosecutions. Recently, he teamed up with the United States Marshalls Service to investigate the kidnapping of Genevieve Nielson, the 21-month old infant who went missing during Mother's Day weekend in 1976. Detective Sergeant Wurtz has headed the case since 1990 and has a large box of files dedicated to Genevieve. Finally, after years of searching, his commitment to justice in the joint investigation led to Genevieve's discovery in Arizona.

Madam Speaker, Detective Sergeant Wurtz's uncanny ability to collect critical crime scene evidence, sort through complex information, and coordinate the efforts of dozens of investigators has resulted in the apprehension of Oakland County's most vicious criminals. For his unfaltering dedication to the people of Oakland County and for his leadership in the case of Genevieve Nielson, Detective Sergeant David G. Wurtz has been recognized

with the 2007 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Award. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Detective Wurtz for his relentless pursuit of dangerous criminals and legendary service to our community and our country.

BAY PINES VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM RECEIVES GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to report to my colleagues that the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, which I have the privilege to represent, has just been awarded The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for meeting rigorous national standards for health care quality and safety.

This award in particular honors the staff, volunteers, and management team at Bay Pines for its Behavioral Health Care, Home Care, Long Term Care and Hospital programs. The Joint Commission is the Nation's oldest and largest health care standards-setting and accrediting body. The Gold Seal is the result of The Commission's unannounced, on-site evaluation of Bay Pines from April 10th to the 13th.

Following my remarks, I will include for the benefit of my colleagues more information about this award and the standards to which its recipients are held.

Madam Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Wallace M. Hopkins, the Director of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, the doctors, the nurses, and the volunteers at Bay Pines who are dedicated to caring for our Nation's veterans in a way befitting their brave and selfless service to our Nation and to the cause of freedom.

BAY PINES VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System has earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for its Behavioral Health Care, Home Care, Long Term Care and Hospital programs.

"We sought accreditation for our organization because we want to demonstrate our commitment to safety and quality care," says Wallace M. Hopkins, FACHE, Director. "We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward achieving excellence."

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," says Darlene Christiansen, executive director, Hospital Accreditation Program, Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that Bay Pines VA Healthcare System is focusing on the most challenging goal—to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

Hopkins spoke of his pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by The Joint Commission. "In addition, they appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors."

The Joint Commission conducted an unannounced, on-site evaluation of Bay Pines VA Healthcare System on April 10-13, 2007. The accreditation award recognizes Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's dedication to complying with the Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, The Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

CONGRATULATING THE HARLINGEN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. RUBEN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the mighty Harlingen South High School Hawks, who last Saturday represented the City of Harlingen and the entire Rio Grande Valley of South Texas in the 2007 State Class 5A High School Baseball Championship. Harlingen South was first victorious over Midland Lee, 4-2, in its state semifinal game. The Hawks (38-6) then advanced to the state championship where they were defeated 6-1 by Houston Cypress Fairbanks (32-7). However, their performance in 2007 was nothing less than spectacular.

The Rio Grande Valley is a Texas region with a long tradition of great high school sports successes, with state titles in football and soccer. The Hawks were one win away from adding a baseball state title to our impressive history of victories.

When any high school team approaches the pinnacle of high school sports—state championship glory—the entire region comes together to cheer on that team. That was the case this year as the Hawks advanced one win at a time. This past Saturday, all of Harlingen and every city in South Texas watched on the edge of their chairs and on their feet. All high school rivalries in the Valley ceased and were united behind the Hawks as they faced their formidable opponent.

The Hawks have reminded all of us that with outstanding players, solid coaches, hard work, disciplined training, and supportive parents and school districts, more state titles are in our future. Thank you, Mighty Hawks, for representing your school and the Rio Grande Valley so admirably for all the State of Texas to see.

As their Congressman, I am so proud of the Harlingen South High School Hawks from Har-

lingen, Texas for their outstanding wins on the baseball field and for playing their heart out throughout the season and in their fight for the state crown. Please join me in applauding the coaches and each and every one of the Hawks:

Coach, Tony Leal; Assistant Coaches, Jesse Landeros, Rolando Ruiz, and Ignacio Medina; Joey Reyna, Junior, Outfield/Pitcher; Randy Cavazos, Senior, Outfield; Peter Maldonado, Junior, Outfield; Logan Brown, Senior, Shortstop/Pitcher; Michael Johnson, Senior, Third Base; Javier Torres, Senior, Outfield/Pitcher; Sean Messick, Junior, Outfield/Pitcher; Joey Garcia, Senior, Third Base/Outfield; Danny Gidora, Senior, Pitcher/First Base/Catcher; Andrew Huerta, Senior, Shortstop; Kaleb Bryan, Senior, Second Base; Adrian Ramon, Senior, Catcher/pitcher; Josh Martinez, Senior, Outfield; Jonathan Salas, Junior, Second Base; Steven Mata, Sophomore, Shortstop; Jonathan Lopez, Senior, Outfield; Daniel Cardenas, Junior, First Base; and Cody Thompson, Senior, First Base.

Again, congratulations to the Hawks and their families, Harlingen South High School, the City of Harlingen, and the Rio Grande Valley.

TRUTH IN CALLER ID ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this legislation, and want to thank its sponsor, Mr. ENGEL, as well as Chairmen DINGELL and MARKEY for working with me on an amendment that was added to the bill during the full committee mark-up.

Caller ID is a great benefit to millions of Americans by giving them more control over their telephones and who and when they talk on the phone.

Like many technological advances, caller ID is a benefit, but bad actors can take advantage of it and turn the technology against the people it is supposed to help.

The amendment accepted during full committee clarifies that the standard in this bill—"intent to cause fraud or harm"—covers dirty political tricks that use caller ID spoofing.

Using fake caller ID info to commit identity theft or stalk or harass someone is wrong and should be prohibited.

Using fake caller ID to falsely pretend to be calling from the Democratic Party or the Republican Party or any candidate for office is also wrong and should be prohibited.

We are not limiting anyone's speech, but we are saying that if you choose to contact thousands of people by phone through robocalls, Americans deserve accurate information on where you are calling from.

We are focusing on pre-recorded robocalls because there is no other way besides caller ID to know where they came from since there is no real person on the other end.

Current law requires commercial telemarketers to transmit accurate caller ID, but there is a loophole for non-commercial calls.

We are closing this loophole for non-commercial robocalls which includes political robocalls.