

enough to lift my spirits and the spirits of so many others. Madam Speaker, no event at the beautiful Bristol waterfront will ever feel quite complete without his cart and long lines of people waiting for his delicious food.

A devoted grandfather, father, and husband, as well as a member of the Hope Lutheran Church, Lumpy was always someone who put the community first. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring this kind man, whose big smile and seemingly limitless strength will be loved and remembered in the hearts of many.

#### HONORING THE CITY OF HUGHSON, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Hughson upon celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

In 1882 Hiram Hughson purchased 1,000 acres in Stanislaus County, in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Over the years the Hughson land grew to about 5,000 acres, and small towns were erected all around his parcel. The San Joaquin railroad purchased a piece of the land and built a new railroad station, Hughson Station.

The City of Hughson was founded in 1907 when Hiram Hughson placed his 5,000 acres in the hands of the Hughson Town Company. From there the land was opened up for settlement and this small community became a small town.

The township of Hughson became a city when it was incorporated December 9, 1972. The city has continued to thrive. The city has grown around a strong agriculture center; with orchards of Almonds, Walnuts and Peaches. In the past five years Hughson has grown from 4,920 residents in 2002 to about 6,127 in 2007. However, it is still the smallest city in Stanislaus County. The people of Hughson pride themselves on the small, hometown feel. The city demonstrates its small town pride with the Annual Fruit and Nut Festival. The festival allows the city to come together to showcase their home grown fruits and nuts.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the City of Hughson on 100 years. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Hughson many years of continued growth and success.

#### HONORING THE NASA SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS AND AEROSPACE ACADEMY (SEMMA)

#### HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Ms. KILPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I respectfully submit the following resolution, this 19th Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE NASA SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS AND AEROSPACE ACADEMY (SEMMA) SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Whereas, the NASA Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy

(SEMMA) is transforming the lives of historically underserved and underrepresented K-12 students, families and communities across America every day; and in many cases is saving the lives of America's youth by getting them off of the streets and supporting them inside the classroom. As an innovative national program designed to increase the participation and retention of historically underserved and underrepresented K-12 youth in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), NASA SEMMA has inspired, engaged and educated over 450,000 students, families, and teachers in as many as 18 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands;

Whereas, established in 1993 as a joint venture between NASA Glenn Research Center and Cuyahoga Community College, NASA SEMMA has grown from a single site started in Cleveland, Ohio by former Congressman, the Honorable Louis Stokes, to a national organization that is supported by a network of 200+ partners and stakeholders dedicated to improving the academic success of children nationwide. Today, NASA SEMMA can be found at 14 sites located in 11 states and the District of Columbia serving the educational needs in my district and other urban and rural districts. NASA SEMMA site locations include community colleges, four-year colleges and universities. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), elementary and secondary schools, science centers and museums;

Whereas, NASA SEMMA harnesses the collective resources of NASA, institutions of higher education, science centers, museums, and primary and secondary schools to bridge the education gap for historically underserved and underrepresented K-12 youth in STEM. America is facing a serious shortage of young people entering STEM fields today. This fact, coupled with the high-tech workforce needs of the 21st Century and the lagging test scores indicating a lack of STEM proficiency amongst the next generation of leaders and explorers, poses a bleak picture of an America left behind. SEMMA is addressing this critical need by increasing K-12 student exposure and interest in STEM by delivering three core components, a K-12 hands-on/minds-on curriculum, a state-of-the-art Aerospace Education Laboratory (AEL) and an innovative Family Café;

Whereas, the inquiry based classroom curriculum is aligned with national standards, and encompasses the research and technology of each of NASA's four Mission Directorates. NASA SEMMA graduates who have participated in the entire K-12 curriculum will have completed 441 hours of advanced studies in STEM prior to their enrollment in a post-secondary institution. The AEL is a state-of-the-art, electronically enhanced, computerized classroom that puts cutting-edge technology at the fingertips of NASA SEMMA middle and high school students. The AEL consists of ten computerized research stations that provide NASA SEMMA students with real-life aerospace challenges involving science, engineering, mathematics, and NASA technology. The Family Café is an interactive forum that provides STEM education and parenting information to parents, guardians, relatives and any supportive, adult role models that the student might have;

Whereas, the NASA SEMMA program has been ranked as a 2007 Innovations in American Government Award Finalist. NASA SEMMA shares this honor with 17 distinguished projects, which collectively represent the top 2% of applicants for this prestigious national award. The award is sponsored by the Harvard University John F.

Kennedy School of Government's Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, and is funded by the Ford Foundation. The purpose of the Innovations in American Government Award Program is to strengthen American democracy by increasing public trust. The annual awards competition recognizes programs that provide concrete evidence that government can work to improve the quality of life for citizens. Of special significance is the fact that NASA SEMMA was the only educational initiative to be recognized as a 2007 finalist. NASA SEMMA's success in elevating the education of America's youth to this platform is profound; a platform that addresses such critical issues as fostering renewable energy, improving health care access, promoting affordable housing, and fourteen other extraordinary and deserving innovations; and

Whereas, we the members of the Congressional Black Caucus extend our sincere appreciation and congratulations to the NASA SEMMA program as well as to their participants and partners; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we celebrate and honor NASA SEMMA as one of the Nation's premier K-12 STEM educational programs; be it finally

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Education Office at NASA Headquarters, Educational Programs Office at NASA Glenn Research Center and the National SEMMA Office.

#### RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC on September 10, 2007 when the House considered H. Res. 643, commemorating the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 866.

It is hard to believe that 6 years have passed since that fateful day when terrorists struck the World Trade Center in my district in New York, and hijacked planes that crashed into the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. September 11th exposed significant vulnerabilities in our homeland security, and much of the last 6 years has been spent trying to fill these holes and make us more secure.

I am proud of the progress we have made to address homeland security. Earlier this year, Congress passed H.R. 1 finally implementing all of the 9/11 Commission recommendations. Included in that bill was a provision I championed to fill the gaps in our port security system. This provision requires that within five years every shipping container must be scanned before coming to the United States so that terrorists cannot smuggle deadly weapons into this country through our ports. H.R. 1 also created a new rail and transit security program, increased risk-based homeland security grant funding, included measures to secure loose nuclear material overseas, and required 100 percent screening of air cargo.

Despite the progress that has been made, we still have not fulfilled our moral obligation to the victims of the September 11th terrorist attack, which includes not just the people who

live and work and go to school in the area around Ground Zero, but also the emergency response workers who came from all over the country to aid in the recovery and who are now sick as a result of exposure to World Trade Center toxic dust.

This week, I, along with Congresswoman MALONEY and Congressman FOSSELLA introduced essential, new legislation that ensures that everyone exposed to World Trade Center toxins, no matter where they may live now or in the future, would have a right to high-quality medical monitoring and treatment, and access to a re-opened Victim Compensation Fund for their losses. Whether you are a first responder who toiled without proper protection; or an area resident, worker or student who was caught in the plume or subject to ongoing indoor contamination; if you were harmed by 9/11, you would be eligible. This bill builds on the best ideas brought to Congress thus far and on the infrastructure already in place providing critical treatment and monitoring.

What is also troubling is that 6 years have passed, and the Environmental Protection Agency has yet to conduct a comprehensive testing and cleanup program to remove World Trade Center dust from area buildings. A recent GAO report confirms the horrible reality that to this day, due to their negligence and inaction, the EPA cannot say with certainty that even a single building in the area is free of World Trade Center contamination. As such, we cannot know how many more people will become sick because of lingering environmental toxins in their homes, workplaces and schools. The Administration must act immediately to design and implement a new, proper testing and cleaning program.

For many of us, the effects of 9/11 are always present in our hearts and minds. But I hope that the 9/11 anniversary will serve as a reminder to others that we must fulfill our moral obligation to remove the threat of 9/11 contamination and to provide health care for those who are sick as a result of it. My colleagues and I will not stop fighting until this obligation is met.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2007*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 879, I actually attempted to vote with a malfunctioning voting card. I was present and on the floor. I would have voted "yes."

#### EXPANDING AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 18, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1852) to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administra-

tion to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Chairman, I rise in support of the Expanding American Homeownership Act. Homeowners in Colorado and nationwide are facing a crisis and passage of this bill will ensure continued access to responsible, safe, and affordable mortgage options.

There are serious problems with our country's mortgage lending market. Foreclosure rates are rising, housing prices are stagnating and too many Americans are surprised to find their monthly payments on the rise. While the difficulties in the lending market have so far been concentrated in subprime loans, which generally go to borrowers with limited or damaged credit, these problems have caused serious and sometimes irreparable economic damage to families and communities of all income levels throughout the Nation.

I am pleased that this legislation modernizes the Federal Housing Administration, FHA, to provide lower monthly payments for borrowers who make on-time payments, raises the loan limits on FHA loans and allows the FHA to vary premiums based on their credit risk. These provisions, among others, will allow consumers to choose a more reliable mortgage as opposed to other mortgages that could impose excessive rates and fees, prepayment penalties, and reset terms that can result in exorbitant interest rate increases.

While this bill is not a complete fix for the problem, it is an important step in the right direction. It is vital to provide FHA with the flexibility to respond to the mortgage crisis to help families in Colorado and the Nation to retain and purchase a home. I urge a "yea" vote.

#### IN MEMORY OF MELVIN SCHEXNAYDER

### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2007*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend Melvin Schexnayder of Dumas, AR, who passed away September 12, 2007, at the age of 87.

Melvin Schexnayder spent his lifetime dedicated to his family, his community and the newspaper business. After returning from World War II and completing a degree in chemical engineering, he went to work for Texas Pacific Railroad. However, the job forced him to travel frequently, which kept him away from his wife. For the sake of spending more time together, the two decided to try their hand in the newspaper business. His wife Charlotte, a journalism major, served as the editor and Melvin served as the advertising manager. What they thought would be a 1-year experiment working at the McGehee Semi-Weekly Times, uncovered a passion for reporting news that turned into a lifelong career path for both of them. After working at the Times, they bought their own newspaper, the Dumas Clarion, near Charlotte's hometown of Tillar. With the Schexnayders working as a team, the Dumas Clarion won over 500 State and national awards for its excellence in journalism.

If owning and publishing a weekly newspaper was not a big enough task, Melvin de-

voted his life selflessly to serve others for the sake of making Dumas and Desha County a better place to live and raise a family. He was an active participant in the community where he served as president of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce and the Dumas Lion's Club, and just this year, he was awarded the esteemed Lion's Club Citizenship Award. He held the post of chairman of the Desha County Hospital Board and served as chairman of the Chicot-Desha Boy Scout District. He also worked in numerous roles with the Red Cross and March of Dimes over the years.

In addition to his civic leadership, Schexnayder was also a man of devout faith. He was a member of Holy Child Catholic Church where he served as a lay reader and building committee member.

I give my deepest condolences to his wife, Charlotte; his two sons, M. John Schexnayder, Jr. and Dr. Stephen Schexnayder; his daughter Sarah Steen; and to his numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Melvin Schexnayder will be greatly missed in Dumas, Desha County and throughout the State of Arkansas, and I am truly saddened by this loss.

#### TRIBUTE TO HARRY "MOO" MOORE

### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2007*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the induction of Harry "Moo" Moore into the West Virginia University Athletic Hall of Fame. A standout on the men's basketball team, Moore joins a distinguished collection of student-athletes continuing West Virginia University's rich athletic tradition.

Moore perfected his soft shooting touch by practicing in the dark on a basket outside his family's home. During his three seasons, Moore averaged seven points per game, leading the Mountaineers to a 60-20 record and a Southern Conference Championship in 1951. Impressively, his 84 percent free throw percentage still remains second on the all-time Mountaineer record books.

After college Moore was drafted by the Syracuse Nationals of the National Basketball Association but opted to serve as a lieutenant in the Army infantry. Nonetheless, Moore continued to excel on the basketball court. In 1954 he was selected to play in the Armed Forces Pan Am Games in Mexico and the International Games in Germany.

Although his playing days are long over, Moore's legacy on the court continues to grow. The State of West Virginia congratulates "Moo" and the rest of the 2007 Hall of Fame inductees.

#### "WE DON'T SERVE TEENS"

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the "We Don't Serve Teens," national campaign to fight underage drinking.