

six years. In 2006 those numbers grew to include: 31 states, 42 California cities, 1,014 activities, with about 3,000 agencies involved and an estimated 300,000 people reached. This year the event will take place throughout 31 states in the United States and three provinces in Canada. BHW has extended its outreach to include participation from 46 Mexican, 11 Guatemalan and 15 Salvadoran consulates.

With the efforts of all participating parties, BHW has become one of the largest mobilization efforts in the Americas to improve the health and well-being of an underserved population, including immigrants and migrants of Mexican and Central American descent. It encompasses an annual week long series of health promotion and health education activities that include workshops on health care and health insurance referrals, health education and health promotion by encouraging healthy behaviors and routine health care. They also provide information about local social services and clinics. The success of BHW is due to the thousands of organizations and volunteers dedicated to a common cause.

Madam, Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Binational Health Week Committee for the counties of Fresno, Merced, Tulare and Kern on their success in bringing the Binational Health Week to their counties. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the committee many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, on October 2, I inadvertently voted "no" on rollcall 931, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. I intended to enter an "aye" vote on this rollcall.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM JOHN NATHEY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of William John Nathey for his contributions to the settlement of Niceville, a City in my district in Northwest Florida.

William Nathey, born in England in 1820, traveled to the United States on a timber ship. After settling in the community of Boggy, he built a large gristmill in 1857. He traveled as far as Mobile, AL, to retrieve gristmill stones, which he brought back by oxen. The stones from the Nathey Gristmill have been preserved and are now located at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida.

The Nathey legacy extends much further than the gristmill stones. When he settled in Northwest Florida, he met and married a woman from North Carolina. Their first child, William John, born in 1846, carried on the

Nathey family legacy and went on to be a key figure in the establishment of the City of Niceville.

William John followed in his father's footsteps and set up his homestead in Northwest Florida. While his father had worked the land to support his family, William John sold carpentry shingles and often traveled to neighboring cities to support his family.

Strong family values and a solid Christian foundation also carried on from generation to generation in the Nathey family. William John and his wife, Mary Jane, were two of the founding members of the First United Methodist Church in Niceville. The Nathey family tree continued to grow with their children and grandchildren and carries on today. Many of William Nathey's descendants still reside in Northwest Florida.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Nathey Gristmill, Governor Charlie Crist recently approved the designation of the William Nathey Bridge, which is to be celebrated with a dedication ceremony on November 12, 2007. Appropriately, the William Nathey Bridge crosses Boggy Bayou, which was the southern border to William John's original homestead.

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to a man and a family who have served as an inspiration to us all. Such a unique family history stretching back so many years is something to truly be admired and honored.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of William Nathey, and as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the construction of the Nathey Gristmill, our community reflects upon how this family has helped to create a home for so many. May God continue to bless them.

REGARDING H.J. RES. 52

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker. I rise to oppose the escalating rhetoric in Washington that is dividing our Nation, diverting attention and resources from the needs of Americans, and extending President Bush's failed policy in Iraq. I join the majority of Americans in seeking an end to the Iraq war and allowing U.S. troops to return home safe and soon.

Americans are united in support of our troops. Americans are beginning to unite behind ending the war. Ratcheting up rhetoric only divides Americans and distracts from the stark reality facing our Nation—our Nation is bogged down in President Bush's Iraq war.

My vote to recommit and amend H.J. Res. 52 was a vote to return to substantive debate of policy and priorities. This was a vote against the rising level of incivility in American political discourse. This was a vote to repudiate the MoveOn.org advertisement questioning General David H. Petraeus' loyalty to our Nation.

While members of MoveOn.org have been allies with Democrats and the majority of Americans who are seeking an end to the Iraq war, the decision by the group's National leaders to attack General Petraeus only contributed to the vitriol in Washington and provided

a rally point for those who wish to extend the failed Iraq policies of President Bush and Congressional Republicans.

Just as the Swift Boating of Senators JOHN KERRY and Max Cleland poisoned the political process and disenfranchised the public by questioning the patriotism and character of honorable men, the attempt to discredit General Petraeus is equally damaging. General Petraeus is an honorable person who deserves respect, even as the public deserves to hold him accountable for the policies he implements.

Irresponsible and heated rhetoric has resulted in the current impasse on Federal funding for Government operations. To prevent funding shortfalls that would force a Government shutdown, Congress was forced to pass H.J. Res. 52 as a stopgap bill.

With bipartisan support, the House of Representatives has passed all 12 of the appropriations bills necessary to fund Government operations in Fiscal Year 2008 under pay-as-you-go balanced budget discipline. However, President Bush's combative posturing and veto threats have so thoroughly blocked progress that the Senate has only approved a third of those bills.

During the short 9 months that Democrats have led the House of Representatives, we have taken America in a new direction by developing a fiscally responsible record accomplishment. We are putting the needs of the American people first and making long-delayed investments in our future with no new deficit spending. We are investing in health care for America's children and veterans, strengthening homeland security to better protect the American people and creating American jobs by building safer roads and bridges.

President Bush has responded with vetoes, tough talk of veto threats, including a threatened veto on the bipartisan reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program H.R. 976, which passed the House with 45 Republicans joining the vast majority of Democrats. A veto of this legislation by the President would deny 10 million low-income children the health care they need and deserve.

While President Bush claims that a \$35 billion increase for children's health care is too much, he is seeking \$190 billion in additional funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—the largest single-year amount so far. The President continues to pursue an open-ended and dangerous commitment of American troops in Iraq and an open wallet from the American people to pay for it.

It is time for Americans to stand together—Republicans and Democrats—to end the Iraq war.

CONGRATULATING MRS. DONNA DOHERTY, RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 "SAM AND JANE CALI STAR AWARD" PRESENTED BY THE BROADWAY THEATRE LEAGUE OF NEPA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute

to Mrs. Donna Doherty, this year's recipient of the Sam and Jane Cali Star Award presented by the Broadway Theatre League of NEPA in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Each year the award is presented to a distinguished community leader who has demonstrated exemplary dedication and service to the arts in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Named for the current president of the Broadway Theatre League of NEPA, Sam Cali and his late wife, Jane Nicolais Cali, the award is sponsored by the Fidelity Deposit Discount Bank and will be presented this year at the BTL's season opening gala on November 3.

Married to Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty, Donna Doherty has a long history of dedicated service in promoting the arts. In addition to serving on the board of trustees of the Everhart Museum in Scranton, Mrs. Doherty served as Scranton coordinator for "Miles of Mules," an initiative of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor that combined history and art, linking communities in eastern Pennsylvania.

Her long-standing enthusiasm for the arts is evidenced by the success of her numerous arts related community efforts. In 2001, Mrs. Doherty committed herself to "Art and Jazz on the Ave," a project that showcased the energy, diversity and skills of the region's many artists. Using empty retail stores on a historically preserved block of downtown Scranton as gallery space, the event offered juried competition that included over 100 local artists. Accompanied by a street festival featuring local jazz musicians and culinary stylists, the event attracted the attention of thousands of people.

Mrs. Doherty has also served as co-chair of "Arts in Bloom," a fund raising event that benefits the Everhart Museum. Mrs. Doherty is currently the owner of Heart to Art, a full service design and marketing company dedicated to building better communities through collaborative art experiences. Mrs. Doherty and her husband are the parents of six children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Doherty on this auspicious occasion. Her selfless devotion to the arts has been an enriching experience for so many and has had a lasting positive impact on improving the quality of life for all who live and work in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I inadvertently missed last Wednesday's vote on final passage of H.R. 2895. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "yes" on the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.

VISION CARE FOR KIDS ACT 2007

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my continued support for children's vi-

sion awareness and the Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007 (H.R. 507). Unfortunately, millions of children in the United States suffer from vision problems, many of which go undetected and negatively affect a child's life.

I know all too well how important it is to have a regular eye exam. When I was young, my own eyesight problems caused me to struggle in school until those problems were properly diagnosed and corrected.

This legislation will help improve access to eyesight testing and follow-up treatment for children so they can see, study, and learn to the best of their ability. I hope the Senate will pass this critical legislation so we ensure that our children are receiving the best eye care possible.

Madam Speaker, I urge everyone to support this legislation and I look forward to working with my colleagues as we strive to increase awareness in preventive vision care for children.

HONORING YUM! BRANDS AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the partnership of YUM! Brands and the World Food Programme (WFP) for their efforts during World Hunger Relief Week.

A 2006 report by the Food and Agriculture Organization estimated that 854 million people worldwide suffer from hunger. This is more people than the populations of the United States, Canada and the entire European Union combined. Hunger is the number one risk to health worldwide. It weakens the immune system, making people, especially children, vulnerable to life-threatening diseases. A report by the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that over 5 million children die before the age of 5 from malnutrition.

YUM! Brands, which is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky has been fighting hunger in the United States for over 10 years. During this period, they have donated over 97 million pounds of food to combat hunger in the United States.

When YUM! Brands wanted to expand their efforts worldwide, they searched for a well established organization that shared their same long-term global mission of eliminating hunger. After an extensive search YUM! Brands teamed with the World Food Programme (WFP). The WFP has been providing food aid to the world for over 41 years. Given the background of both these organizations I know they will make a significant difference toward eradicating this epidemic.

The partnership has already launched an important initiative to bring awareness to and stop world hunger. During World Hunger Relief Week, October 14th–20th, YUM! Brands will be activating a global campaign of TV advertisements, print ads and public service announcements. YUM! Brands employees will mobilize in their communities to bring awareness to this cause. The company will simultaneously promote the partnership and raise millions in funds for the WFP to use in feeding the hungry around the world.

I salute YUM! Brands and their partnership with WFP to end world hunger. I encourage my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in supporting this partnership during World Hunger Relief Week.

HONORING DR. HOWARD KNOBLOCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Howard Knobloch of Bay City, Michigan. The Bay Medical Foundation will honor Dr. Knobloch for over 60 years of work as a pediatrician in the Bay City community at a dinner to be held on October 24th.

Dr. Knobloch graduated from Maryland University Medical School in 1936. After completing his internship and pediatric residency, Dr. Knobloch joined the practice of Dr. Fernald Foster in 1940. From 1942 to 1946 he served as an Army captain. Once his military service was completed, Dr. Knobloch returned to Bay City and resumed his illustrious career as a pediatrician.

His motto is, "If this were my child, what would I do for him?" and Dr. Knobloch has lived this philosophy daily. In the beginning, he charged \$2 for an office visit and \$3 for a home visit. He was still making home visits at the age of 77. He never turned away a patient and held office hours 6 days a week. He also served on the staff of Bay Regional Medical Center for 60 years, holding various positions during that time. He was Chief of the Medical Staff for two terms, Medical Staff Secretary/Treasurer for two terms, Vice-President for eight terms and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics for 35 years.

His peers have recognized Dr. Knobloch on numerous occasions. The Michigan Academy of Pediatrics has awarded him the Franklin D. Roosevelt Service Award, the Harry S. Truman Service Award, and in 1996 named him Doctor of the Year. The American Academy of Pediatrics presented him with the Pediatric Review and Education Program Award. In 1990 the Michigan State Medical Society recognized him as the oldest practicing physician in their membership and in 2002 Bay Regional Medical Center presented the first Excellence in Teaching Award. This award was created in honor of Dr. Knobloch for his dedication, commitment and compassion for the health care of the community. Recently at the age of 96, Dr. Knobloch published an autobiographical book entitled, "An American Pediatrician's Odyssey."

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the life and career of Dr. Howard Knobloch. He is an inspiration to all health care providers, and anyone desiring to improve and deliver quality healthcare to our children.