

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER
EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAMS,
Washington, DC, April 12, 2007.

Hon. RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JUDY BIGGERT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES HINOJOSA AND BIGGERT: On behalf of the members of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP). I am writing to enthusiastically support House Resolution 273. Our members help millions of students fund higher education each year. We agree with you that it is more important than ever that students and their families have the information and tools necessary to make good financial decisions.

NCHELP members support and share the goal of House Resolution 273 to increase financial literacy among all Americans and to raise public awareness about the importance of a sound financial education. Our members provide information and training to college-bound students all around the country on topics like managing credit and checking accounts, basic credit and budgeting concepts, and personal financial management, better preparing these students to make good financial decisions and borrow responsibly. Materials are made available in Spanish and other languages where needed to ensure all Americans receive this important information on college access and financial literacy. Our members also partner with organizations like the JumpStart Coalition, Junior Achievement and 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy to promote financial education to middle and high school students.

I thank you both for your continued leadership of the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus and pledge that the members of NCHELP stand ready to assist you and your colleagues in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

BRETT E. LIEF,
President.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I was not present for several votes on April 17. I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 216 on H. Con. Res. 100, condemning actions of the Government of Zimbabwe, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 217 on H. Res. 273, Financial Literacy Month, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 218 on H. Con. Res. 76, International Geophysical Year, I would have voted "yea."

HAILING THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, last fall roughly 100 high school students applied to serve on the Third Congress-

sional District's Congressional Youth Advisory Council. A panel of community leaders nominated 43 high school students attending public, private and home schools based on academic achievement, community service, student leadership, outside interests, and the application essay. These 43 have done an outstanding job serving as the voice of their generation. I fondly call this distinguished group "young ambassadors to Congress."

Civil service among young adults remains the cornerstone of our future. These dynamic students are leaders of their peers and achievers in and out of the classroom. They are the future of America and hold tremendous promise. They sacrificed their time to boldly share their hopes and their dreams for our Nation. They should be proud of their commitment and commended for their work.

This year, the members of the CYAC wrote a patriotic essay detailing, "My dream for America" or "The cost of freedom." The country and the Congress must know that high school students in North Texas firmly believe in this mighty Nation and express great optimism for the future. I gladly entrust it to them—the leaders of tomorrow. Their names are listed forever in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Their country needs them to stand up, speak out, and continue to make a difference in their communities. They are the young leaders who help make America great. God bless you, God bless Texas and God bless America.

Freshmen: James "Wil" Callison and Ian Webber.

Sophomores: John Lipscomb, Evan Rosenfield, Sharan Shetty, and Melissa Stepczyk.

Juniors: Caroline Alvarez, Morgan Bailey, Anna Bashmakov, Susie Choi, Abigail Dekle, Patrick Dyer, John Hollingsworth, Emily Kaufman, Kristy Luk, James MacGibbon, Charlie Manion, Meredith Morgan, Jason Palmatary, David Paxman, Andrew Pedigo, Nirjhor Rahman, and Spencer Wood.

Seniors: Lynzee Benoit, Yoojin Cho, Alyssa DeLorenz, Erik De Sousa, Andrew Graham, Luke Gunderson, Kelli Lafferty, Amanda Lipscomb, David Michael McCleary, Brendan O'Kelly, Benjamin Oppenheim, Rachel Reichenbach, Catherine Russell, Elizabeth Sanford, Jordan Schmittou, Hannah Sedlet, Hansini Sharma, Jennifer Smart, Britney Thomas, and Evan Wise.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SANDRA LEE THOMPSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Sandra Lee Thompson for her commitment and dedication to the Las Vegas community and being selected by the Clark County School Board to have an elementary school named in her honor.

Sandra Lee Thompson was born in Hanover, Pennsylvania in 1948 and was one of six children. She attended DeLone Catholic High School and then graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Social Work. She began her career as a reporter in Connecticut, where she met her husband Gary

Thompson in 1973. The couple had one daughter, Kelly, who was the pride and joy of her parents. In 1978, Sandra and her husband moved to Las Vegas and began a long career with the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper. Sandra started out working as a copy and features editor and eventually became managing editor. In 1997, she was promoted to Vice President/Associate Editor for the Las Vegas Sun.

While working for the Las Vegas Sun, Sandra was able to incorporate her love for children into her job. She held hands-on workshops for local high school students at the Sun Youth Forum and she routinely lectured in schools around the valley to educate youth on the field of journalism. Sandra spent the last five years of her career focusing on issues relating to children and families. She was the only journalist in the state to write regularly about children and family issues. Her unwavering commitment to families earned her a reputation for being "the voice of the children" in Nevada. Sandra's efforts to draw attention to important family issues led to legislative changes in child welfare programs and an increase in the cap on child support payments.

Sandra's commitment to children and the family permeated her life. She was truly dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth. In addition to her professional commitment to these issues, she was actively involved in a variety of community organizations and service projects. She focused much of her time in Clark County mentoring students and encouraging them to succeed. She actively participated in projects such as the Las Vegas Sun Camp Fund, Christmas in April, Children's Advocacy Alliance, Clark County Family Court, Raising Nevada and Class! Publications. Additionally, her leadership on the subject of children and family inspired the creation of a scholarship program for Class! Publications and the Mother of the Year Contest.

On August 9th, 2002, Sandra tragically died in an automobile accident. She left a lasting legacy of compassion, service and devotion to children. Her leadership and her steadfast commitment to enriching the lives of others have truly made a difference in Southern Nevada.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Sandra Lee Thompson for her profound commitment to children and the family. I am proud that the Clark County School District has chosen to recognize her outstanding contribution to Clark County by naming the Sandra Thompson Elementary School in her honor. I wish the Thompson family and the students, teachers, and administrators at Thompson Elementary the very best as they celebrate the dedication of this special school. I am certain that this educational establishment will live up to the legacy Sandra Thompson has left behind.

HONORING THE MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a respected and important landmark in the First Congressional District, the Middle Country Public Library.

Since 1957, the Middle Country Public Library has been a dynamic center for continuous learning that provides information, resources and programs to meet the needs of our diverse Long Island population. Visionary leadership, outstanding facilities, a skilled staff and collaborative partnerships enable the Library to deliver model services including free and spacious meeting rooms for use by community groups.

The Middle Country Public Library has received numerous awards including the "Pioneer Vision Award", "The Godfrey Award for Excellence in Public Library Services for Children and Families", and the "Groundbreaker Award" for promoting diversity and cultural awareness. On Saturday, April 21, the Library will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. The celebration will include performances, puppet shows, and stories to commemorate five full decades of stellar service and commitment to the community.

Madam Speaker, I strongly agree with John Quincy Adams, this great country's 6th President, when he said, "To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind." Indeed, the Middle Country Public Library is a welcoming place for knowledge, dedicated to excellence and to enhancing the quality of life in Suffolk County, New York. I am proud to honor its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. NAOMI A.
ADAMS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Miami's great ladies, Mrs. Naomi A. Adams, who on April 19, 2007, will celebrate her 90th birthday. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in extending to her our congratulations and best wishes on this important occasion.

In so many ways, Mrs. Adams exemplifies determination, strength and service. She grew up in a segregated Southern city and was educated in a segregated school system. However, she overcame adversity, and thrived in every facet of her life.

Determined to develop her talents and make the most of her abilities, Mrs. Adams was admitted into the prestigious Tuskegee Institute, which was and still is one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the nation. She worked in campus jobs in the dining hall and in the registrar's office to help make ends meet.

It was at Tuskegee that two very important events occurred: Mrs. Adams studied under the instruction of Dr. George Washington Carver, a distinguished American of genius, and she met Mr. Nelson L. Adams, Jr., the man who would later become her husband.

Mrs. Adams graduated in 1940 with a degree in Home Economics, and when the couple moved to Miami, she put her knowledge to good use by teaching others. She taught home economics and science for more than twenty years at Miami's George Washington Carver High School. When the Dade County Public Schools were desegregated in 1966, she was transferred to Robert E. Lee, Jr. High

School, where she worked until her retirement in 1977. Mr. Adams, also an educator, was principal of Dunbar Elementary School for nearly 25 years.

Mrs. Adams and her late husband had an overwhelming commitment of faith to St. John Baptist Church in Overtown. She has served as a Girl Scout troop leader; as a volunteer with the American Red Cross; as a member of the board of directors of the Dade County Teachers Credit Union and on the board of directors of the Dade County Retired Teachers Association. Even today, she is an active member of the Optimist Club, AARP, the Tuskegee Alumni Association and the Tuskegee University's Presidential Associates Club.

Mrs. Adams is the mother of two children, Sceiva and Nelson, III, the grandmother of five and the great-grandmother of two. Mrs. Adams is the embodiment of the ultimate matriarchal figure, and I wish her continued happiness as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF PEACE
ACTION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Peace Action's 50th anniversary. Peace Action has been a seminal part of the peace movement. On the evening of April 12, 2007 at Madison's Lake Merritt Hotel in Oakland, California, Peace Action West, a regional organization of Peace Action, will celebrate their work during the last 50 years as well as their recent victories.

The evening celebration will include reminiscences by Peace Activist Norman Cousins' daughters, Candis Cousins and Shigeko Sasori. Norman Cousins was an eminent activist and founder of SANE. As a child, Shigeko survived the Hiroshima atomic blast, and soon after was unofficially adopted by the Cousins family. From her experience at the very center and origin of the nonproliferation movement, her lifetime of peace activism is an inspiration to us all. Together they will speak to the memory of their father's work and ideals, which I find new expression in this generation of peace organizers.

In 1957, motivated by the realization that nuclear weapons could put an end to human life on the planet, the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy was born. SANE, as the organization came to be known, later merged with the Nuclear Freeze movement and became Peace Action. For 50 years Peace Action has galvanized a voice for a world where the threat of nuclear weapons is eliminated and where foreign policy is based on international cooperation and respect for human rights. Peace Action has grown into a regional organization nearly 50,000 members strong.

I join the community in celebrating Peace Action's 50-year milestone of waging peace. I thank the members of Peace Action West for their exemplary efforts and deep commitment to peace and human rights and I applaud their five decades of accomplishments.

HONORING ROD GRUSY

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Rod Grusy, a remarkable public servant and friend from my home state of Kentucky. Dr. Grusy recently announced his intention to retire from his position as Extension Service Agent at the Hardin County Agricultural Extension Office at the end of this month.

Dr. Grusy has distinguished himself as an ardent educator and trusted advisor to the communities of Hardin County, Kentucky throughout his 16 year tenure. He has been consistently praised for his unique hands on approach, routinely visiting local farms in person to offer his advice.

Dr. Grusy is the only Extension agent in Kentucky at the county level specializing in crop production and farm management. His extensive education and keen intuition developed over many years spent in the fields have made him a valuable resource to countless farmers and students throughout the Commonwealth.

One of Dr. Grusy's most important contributions to Kentucky agriculture is his work to organize the annual Central Kentucky Farm Expo. Each year, the popular event teaches farmers about new technology and innovations in their rapidly changing industry. The Expo also teaches schoolchildren about farming, inspiring future careers and building a deeper understanding between rural and non-rural residents.

On behalf of the countless men and women who have benefited from his skill and generosity, I would like to express my profound appreciation to Dr. Grusy for his years of service and wish him a very happy and healthy retirement.

It is my great privilege to recognize Dr. Rod Grusy today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his exemplary citizenship and community leadership. His unique contributions to farming and education make him an outstanding American, worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TIME
TRAVELERS HISTORY CLUB AT
CHARLES R. DREW MIDDLE
SCHOOL IN LINCOLN, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize today the students and adult leaders of the Time Travelers History Club at Charles R. Drew Middle School in Lincoln, Alabama.

Since 2005, the Time Travelers club has taken a significant role in enhancing learning opportunities for students, preserving local history, and serving the community. Their events, such as a Constitution Day celebration, have joined students with community figures and in turn allowed students to learn more about history through interacting with people who lived