

and other states. The unregulated flow of trash from Canada into Michigan and other states creates significant environment and public health concerns.

Even more alarming; a January 2006 audit conducted by the Department of Homeland Security has shown that these trucks are often found containing medical waste, illegal drugs, and illegal currency.

This report raises significant border security and national safety concerns that must be addressed.

This legislation would give residents of Michigan and other states the power to limit the trash from outside the United States they are currently forced to accept.

I look forward to continuing to work with supporters on both sides of the aisle to move this legislation to the President's desk.

Given the environmental, public health, border security, and national safety concerns, it is especially important that we act immediately to control the flow of trash from Canada.

I'd like to thank Chairman DINGELL for his leadership on this issue, and I encourage my colleagues to support this long overdue legislation.

#### TRIBUTE TO KEITH PETERS

### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2007*

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Keith Peters, who is retiring from his position as president and CEO of the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce. Keith has dedicated himself to bettering the Ypsilanti community for over 40 years.

Keith Peters was born in Grabill, Indiana, in 1941 and moved to Michigan for college in 1960. In 1964, he graduated from Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing and married Betty Jackson, his wife of 43 years. Keith honorably served the citizens of Ypsilanti from 1963 to 1983 as senior minister at First Christian Church in Ypsilanti.

After 20 years at First Christian, Keith changed directions and held a variety of positions within Ypsilanti's business community. In 1983, he served as production controller at Barfield Manufacturing in Ypsilanti. In 1989, Keith became sales manager at WAAM Radio in Ann Arbor.

Keith began his career at the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce in 1995 as membership director and small business advisor. After just 2 short years of hard work, a strong record of success, and proven dedication to the Ypsilanti business community, Keith became president and CEO of the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce. Keith's leadership at the Ypsilanti Chamber has yielded great results, such as the doubling of both its membership and budget, as well as the creation of the Ypsilanti Area Chamber Education Foundation in 2000.

Keith has also given of himself to the broader Ypsilanti community, serving on such boards as the Workforce Development Board; the Washtenaw Development Council Board; the Board of Elders of the Memorial Church of Christ; the Advisory Board of the Eastern Michigan University College of Education; the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives Board, to name a few.

Keith Peters has done tremendous work for his community. I am sure that his wife Betty, his two children, and his eight grandchildren are all very proud of him. Keith has provided spiritual, economic and educational wisdom and much of his time to the Ypsilanti area and I am proud to call him a friend: I wish him an adventurous and healthful retirement and am certain he will have great success in all of his future endeavors, both personal and professional.

#### TRIBUTE ON THE PASSING OF ERNEST GALLO

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2007*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart as we mark the passing of a man that meant a great deal to the State of California and our Nation as a whole. Armed with nothing more than a \$5,900 investment and a winemaking pamphlet from the public library, Ernest Gallo—along with his brother, Julio—created one of the world's largest wineries out of a small family-owned business, employed thousands of hard-working Americans over the years, and revolutionized the way the wine industry operates in the United States.

And while his role as co-founder of the Gallo Winery may be his claim to fame, Ernest Gallo was also a generous philanthropist who willingly answered the call when his community needed him most. Ernest created an endowment at the Gallo Center for the Arts in Modesto, CA. He established the Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Center at the University of California at San Francisco. And those are just two examples of his strong support for educational and health-related endeavors the world over.

Ernest Gallo was the personification of the American Dream—a self-made man who transformed his personal business successes into tangible public benefits that enhanced the lives of countless Americans. And I would like to extend my most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ernest Gallo as we mourn his loss.

#### SOWING THE SEEDS THROUGH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RE- SEARCH ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 363) to authorize appropriations for basic research and research infrastructure in science and engineering, and for support of graduate fellowships, and for other purposes:

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 362, the "10,000 Teachers, Ten Million Minds" Science and Math Scholarship Act, and H.R. 363, the Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act.

For the past century or more, the United States has been the undisputed leader of the global economy. The reasons for this success are many and diverse, but they are united by the principle of innovation that has guided our economy for decades. The United States is the birthplace of aviation and the automobile. We have led the information technology revolution and created the internet. The names of American pioneers are as familiar to us as those of our greatest Presidents: Henry Ford, Robert Oppenheimer, Bill Gates.

But today, the supremacy of the United States in international innovation is at risk. In 2005, the National Academies convened a panel, known as the Augustine Commission, made up of some of the most distinguished national leaders in academia, industry and government. Their report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, was startling. It expressed serious concern that "the scientific and technological building blocks critical to our economic leadership are eroding at a time when many other nations are gathering strength." In order to prevent this erosion and maintain the United States' place at the forefront of the global economy, the Commission proposed several concrete actions.

The "10,000 Teacher, Ten Million Minds" Science and Math Scholarship Act is the direct result of the Augustine Commission's first recommendation. In 2000, more than 85 percent of students in grades 5–9 were taught physical science by a teacher lacking a major or certification in the physical sciences. In 1999, 68 percent of U.S. 8th grade students received instruction from a mathematics teacher who did not hold a degree or certification in mathematics. This legislation will create thousands of new math and science teachers, each with expertise in their specific area of teaching, and will create centers for improvement of undergraduate education in science and mathematics.

The "Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act" derives from the Augustine Commission's second recommendation. This legislation will improve innovation efforts at the National Science Foundation. It will especially focus on outstanding researchers in the early stages of their careers. These are the researchers who are most likely to break existing paradigms and realize that singular achievement that will keep the United States at the cutting edge of global innovation.

These bills are only the first step. In the weeks and months to come, the House will consider several bills that will encourage technological progress and innovation. I commend Speaker PELOSI for her initiative and commitment to the innovation agenda, and I urge passage of these bills.

#### RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP BY COLUMBIA GORGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE DALLES- WASCO COUNTY COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2007*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw your and my fellow colleagues' attention to a tremendous and especially unique educational effort underway at

Columbia Gorge Community College in Wasco and Hood River counties, Oregon and to single out the highly effective leadership of The Dalles-Wasco County Community Outreach Team.

This gorgeous area of Oregon benefits from some of the most dedicated and determined local leaders in the country. The Dalles-Wasco County Community Outreach Team provides an outstanding model of local government co-operation and their efforts, in conjunction with Columbia Gorge Community College, have had a very positive impact on the Columbia River Gorge economy. The Community Outreach Team's members band together at all levels of city and county leadership and work in synchronized fashion to both tout the benefits provided in their region and echo with one clear voice the ways government at all levels can better work together and deliver favorable results to local residents and employers and the large number of visitors who flock to this picturesque area.

The rural nursing program at Columbia Gorge Community College is hailed as a state and national model of instruction delivery in a rural region and has added to the College's clout as a premier center of learning and training in the West. Another feather in the cap of Columbia Gorge Community College is their renewable energy training program. The Pacific Northwest is witnessing unprecedented, rapid growth of renewable energy and Columbia Gorge Community College, in cooperation with its renewable energy industry and workforce partners, has initiated and deployed the first renewable energy program on the West Coast that offers wind energy technician training. As the co-chair of the bipartisan House Renewable Energy Caucus, I'm very proud of the College's national leadership on this front.

The renewable energy program at Columbia Gorge Community College will be sustained through the same highly successful industry partnership model as developed by the College's nursing program. The development of renewable energy contributes to our Nation's security by lessening reliance on imported fossil fuels, and its development substantially reduces the impact of fossil fuels on the important issue of climate change. Workforce training is an essential element of renewable energy expansion, and Columbia Gorge Community College is blazing trails on this exciting new front.

My colleagues, I ask you to join me in commending Columbia Gorge Community College and its industry and workforce partners for establishing the first program on the West Coast for renewable energy that offers wind energy technician training. They're providing outstanding results, and it's my honor to represent in the United States House of Representatives such dedicated local leaders.

HONORING NED BAUDAT FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE P.E. MARION SCIENCE/MATH SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2007*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Ned

Baudat for his contributions to the P.E. Marion Science/Math Scholarship that is offered to students at Aldine High School in our district. With Mr. Baudat's support, students from Aldine High School have the opportunity to further their collegiate studies in math and science. I know P.E. Marion and his excellent teaching ability, and it is an additional honor to have this scholarship in his name.

Our Nation is currently facing criticism relating to a decreased interest of American students in the study of math and science. For this reason, we are unable to keep up with the international community whose students often excel in their math and science studies. By encouraging advance study in these subjects, American students are able to better compete with students from all over the world, and we have persons like Ned Baudat to thank for this.

Mr. Baudat graduated at the top of his class from Aldine High School and went on to Rice University. During his career in the oil industry, he developed a patent regarding an improved method to convert liquid natural gas back into its original gaseous state. A portion of the proceeds from Mr. Baudat's patent were used to develop this scholarship.

I am very proud of his outstanding accomplishments as well as his continued support of the P.E. Marion Science/Math Scholarship. For his service to my constituents as well as the country, I offer Mr. Baudat my most sincere congratulations in his well deserved recognition.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2007*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 24, I missed the vote on rollcall No. 252. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM FROM MASSACHUSETTS ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCES AND WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (WPI)

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2007*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the FIRST Robotics team from the Massachusetts Academy of Mathematics and Sciences at WPI for their recent championship victory at the FIRST Championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The team earned an invitation to this competition after months of demonstrated excellence in competitive play, sportsmanship, and development of partnerships among schools, businesses, and communities.

The diligent efforts of these students over the course of 6 weeks enabled them to channel their energy and creativity into the construction of robots while adhering to competition guidelines and design specifications. This final effort was the culmination of months of

competitive innovation among over 1,300 teams from across the United States and six other countries. The team was recognized earlier this year with the prestigious Regional Chairman's Award at the FIRST BAE Systems/Granite State Regional in Manchester, New Hampshire, making it the first team in the competition's history to win the award for the second consecutive year. The team has also been recognized with the Tournament Champion's Award and the Motorola Quality Award at the Silicon Valley Regional Robotics Tournament in San Jose, California.

FIRST is a not-for-profit whose acronym means "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," that was founded by Dean Kamen, a WPI alumnus. The organization provides programs to motivate youth to pursue opportunities in math, science, technology, and engineering, while also building practical life skills.

The FIRST Robotics Team from Massachusetts Academy of Math and Sciences at WPI works diligently in the pursuit of knowledge and innovation as they apply it to technology. The team's accomplishments this year illustrate their tremendous hard work, determination, and creativity. These achievements make them role models to their fellow youth and assets to the community at large. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating the team on their extraordinary achievement.

TRIBUTE TO 2007 INDUCTEES TO THE MEDFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2007*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 10 talented men and women being inducted into the Medford Sports Hall of Fame on April 28, 2007, at the Skyline Plaza in Medford, OR. The Medford Sports Hall of Fame was established to ensure that local athletes, coaches, and contributors would be rightfully recognized for their significant support of athletics in southern Oregon both on and off the field. Today, I would like to share some of the stories that depict the inductees' illustrious athletic achievements.

Larry Binney has spent over 40 years coaching and teaching students the fundamentals of softball, the importance of good sportsmanship, and the values of teamwork. In his last 20 seasons as the head coach of the North Medford Black Tornado, he produced 16 conference championships and 4 State championships. In 1998, he was named the "National High School Coach of the Year." Mr. Binney concluded his distinguished coaching career at Southern Oregon University in 2006.

Dick Entinger's appreciation for sports began at an early age and his enthusiasm for promoting athletics continued as he moved to the community of Medford in 1976. As a two-time president of the Medford Linebackers, Mr. Entinger played a key role in raising money to support numerous community athletic programs and projects. Perhaps two of his most recognizable contributions include his role in raising \$700,000 to install FeldTurf and a new track at the Spiegelberg Stadium and another \$800,000 to open the stadium to local soccer,