a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Timothy McWilliams, Superintendant Dr. David Goldblatt, teachers, Mike Nussear and Glen Stokes.

The Saddle River Youth Leadership Program allows children to defeat the negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth and empowering them with confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at the Wendell School, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Jeffrey Conocenti, Scotty Derosier, William Fullerton, Sydney Hayday, Samantha Holder, Ellie Hughes, Ankit Kakar, Baasil Khalil, Jeffrey Korb, Nathan Levin, Kyler McVay, Courtney Micallef, Joshua Moll, Rachel Pasternak, Bailey Pennell, Dylan Pierz, Anne Pless, Glennis Walter, Francis Ahearn, Victoria Amimiroumand, Alejandro Asef-Sargent, Nicholas Biondi, Connor Bovino, Kristyn Del Campo-Banrevy, Shannon Duggan, Alex Formento, Ashley Holder, William Hughes, Woody Kim, Skyler King, Tyler Levin, Julia Massimi, Michelle Ritota, Russell Simmons, Jennifer Vincent

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we know how difficult the transition to Washington, DC, can be for our spouses. The Congressional Club provides them a home away from home, encouraging bipartisan friendships.

The Congressional Club was established in 1908, by a group of 25 women from Washington who sought to establish a nonpolitical group which would bring the spouses of Members of Congress together when in Washington, DC. The Club was officially chartered by a unanimous Act of Congress in 1908, and remains the only club to be established by Congressional action. President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Congressional resolution into law on May 30, 1908.

Today, the Club is a charitable organization active in the Washington, DC, community and hosts events for the spouses of foreign dignitaries.

Since its beginning, the Congressional Club has participated in a wide range of charitable work, including rolling bandages, purchasing two evacuation planes for wounded soldiers, and honoring local fire and police departments. They have hosted Christmas parties and end of school pizza parties for inner-city children, appreciation days for local nursing home senior citizens. The annual First Lady's luncheon raises tens of thousands of dollars for charity.

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, the club has a year full of festivities and ceremonies that include a Founder's Day program, a birthday cake at the First Lady's Luncheon, an anniversary postage stamp, and a 100-year pin/pendant designed by past president Lois Breaux.

I would like to thank all the members of the Congressional Club for all their work and dedication over the years. Congratulations on your first 100 years. I wish you many, many more.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN LARRY BOUNTY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor my friend Captain Larry Bounty by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Captain Larry Bounty for his life and accomplishments, and applaud him for 30 successful years with the Boulder City Fire Department.

Larry began his fire service career as a volunteer Fire Fighter with the Boulder City Fire Department in 1975 while working for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at Hoover Dam. He was then hired as a full time career Firefighter in 1978 and would spend the next 30 years with the Boulder City Fire Department. During Larry's career, he has held many different positions and assignments. He was a Firefighter/EMT, an Engineer, and for the last 18 years he was a Fire Captain of A Platoon.

He was one of the department's first arson investigators and eventually, the department's only fully post certified investigator. He was also instrumental in improving the city's emergency dispatch procedures, which resulted in faster response times and saved lives. When the Boulder City Fire Department decided to upgrade its Emergency Medical System, Larry became heavily involved in the project. He helped lay the groundwork for the transition from an intermediate based program with little invasive skills, to a full-blown Advanced Life Support paramedic program which has been hugely successful throughout the community.

In the 30 years he has spent in the fire service, Larry has been honored several times for his service and valor to our community. He has been honored with both the Valley of Heroes Medal and with the Medal of Valor.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Larry Bounty for his distinguished accomplishments during his 30 years at the Boulder City Fire Department. His dedication to his career and the community is a true testament to his character. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEE FOSTER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening to praise and thank the dynamic, effervescent and talented Lee Foster for her service to the community and congratulate her on winning Hillbarn Theater's highest honor, the Bravo! Award.

Madam Speaker, there are few areas of this country with a finer performing arts tradition than the San Francisco Bay Area. With top-notch professional theaters, operas, symphonies and dance companies, not to mention first-rate venues for live music and comedy, Northern Californians have a phenomenal choice for live entertainment. In this competitive, excellence-driven market, it is remarkable that a community organization like Foster City's Hillbarn Theater can not only survive, but thrive.

Much of the credit for this is attributable to Lee Foster. Just ten years ago, Hillbarn was in dire straits. Faced with a debt in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, a dwindling audience and a roof the fire chief said wouldn't support his crew in the event of a fire, this proud institution, that entertained my family and thousands of others for more than a generation, was about to close its doors.

When Lee took the helm as Executive Director, she set four goals: Hire a top notch Artistic Director, create new and strengthen existing relationships with local communities, build a sound financial foundation and most urgently, repair the roof.

With the help of volunteers and a committed Board of Directors, Lee accomplished her goals. And in the process, Madam Speaker, she made the 12th Congressional District of California even more inviting than it was when she started.

On top of her remarkable management and fundraising skills, Lee is also a many-faceted and inspiring performer. I have been fortunate to be in her audience for numerous productions and Lee has never been short of amazing.

Lee's hard and selfless work has led to hundreds of opportunities for local actors, singers, dancers, set constructors, lighting and sound techs, and all the other volunteers who make community theater possible. Without Lee Foster, my blessed, beautiful and entertaining district would be a little less beautiful and entertaining.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is June 3, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,916 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, died and screamed as they did so, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, no one could hear them.

And all of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, ''The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government.'' The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution, it says, ''No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law.'' Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

Madam Speaker, let me conclude in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard this Sunset Memorial tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 12,916 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is June 3, 2008, 12,916 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children, this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS TO ARMED SERVICES

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today, I became a cosponsor of the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2007 (H.R. 4544), a bill that recognizes the service of members of Native American Tribes in our Armed Services as Code Talkers in World War I and World War II. Code talking was made famous by the members of the Navajo Tribe who served in the Pacific in World War II, and we have rightfully recognized this service by the granting of such medals to these veterans in 2000. However, members of 17 Native American Tribes also used their languages as unbreakable, top secret codes, on the Western front in World War I and on all fronts in World War II.

Time is running out to recognize these heroes. Ruth Frazier McMillian resides in my home State of Washington. She is the daughter of Tobias Frazier, a Choctaw Code Talker who risked his life to serve in the 36th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, who helped the Americans win several key battles in the Mousse-Argonne campaign. I am told that this was the first time that a Native American language was used in an overseas battle for Americans. Mr. Frazier was wounded in battle and received a Purple Heart. It is my hope that Congress considers H.R. 4544, to honor the service of Tobias Frasier, his family and the many others who deserve the honor of a gold medal.

HONORING TREVOR PARRISH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trevor Parrish of Blue Springs, Missouri. Trevor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1138, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trevor has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Trevor has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Trevor Parrish for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.