

grown into the most prestigious Hispanic honor and event for Latino youth in the United States.

Since 1998 the Hispanic Heritage Foundation has been celebrating Hispanic pride, culture, and accomplishment in the community and in classrooms throughout the United States.

Latinos are our Nation's largest minority and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation works to make sure that our Nation's Latino youth are prepared for the challenges to come. Through leadership, cultural, educational, and work programs, these future role models are identified, inspired, and instilled with the knowledge and experience to succeed.

Over 1,500 students have been awarded more than three million dollars in educational grants through the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards. There are seven categories for these students to demonstrate their ability to excel in their areas of focus, with three finalists in each category from the Chicago area.

I am proud to recognize two winners from the Fifth Congressional District, Thalia Urbina and Estefanie Garcia. Thalia Urbina from East Lyden High School has earned a gold medalion for her commitment to education and Estefanie Garcia from Notre Dame High School for Girls has earned a bronze medalion for her excellence in journalism. These winners of the 2008 Hispanic Heritage Youth Award are part of the best and brightest in the Chicago Region.

This year's Chicago Regional award recipients will be honored with a special ceremony hosted by local businesses and community leaders to pay tribute to their accomplishments at the University of Chicago tonight.

Madam Speaker, Thalia and Estefanie have earned tonight's honors through hard work and dedication. I am proud to serve as their representative in Congress, and I wish them the best of luck tonight and in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING THE CHARITY EVENT, CRUISIN' MICHIGAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge an event, Cruisin' Michigan, which will be held in Wayne County, Michigan.

Cruisin' Michigan is a charity event created by Don Nicholson, an avid community serviceman. On July 12, 2008, classic automobiles will be cruising Michigan Avenue from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. This is the first multi-city Michigan Avenue cruise where classic beauties will be traveling through Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Wayne, and Westland, Michigan. Cruisin' Michigan will benefit many non-profit organizations, the Wayne Rotary Club, service groups and supports the City of Inkster's Summer Jazz Festival. This special occasion is expected to bring more than 50,000 visitors to the area, which will increase the sales for local businesses and stimulate the economy.

Madam Speaker, Cruisin' Michigan will encourage travel, create economic growth, and benefit numerous organizations. This event is also expected to promote future charitable

events produced by Mr. Nicholson including, the Don Nicholson Charity Car Show and EnjoyWayne.com Charity Car Show, which raise money for adults with special needs and for scholarship funds. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the Cruisin' Michigan event and acknowledging Mr. Don Nicholson for his loyal service to the community and our country.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BILL LAHUE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the long and selfless career of Dr. Bill LaHue of Lexington, Missouri. Dr. LaHue has spent over 35 years as a dedicated general practitioner in the field of medicine.

Dr. LaHue received his BA and MD Degrees from the University of Missouri before completing his internship at Kansas City General Hospital and his residency at Tampa (FL) General Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. He began his practice in general surgery in Lexington, Missouri, in 1972, and has served the needs of his community and the surrounding area since that time.

Dr. LaHue was recently named Presiding Chief of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, an honorary Boy Scout Organization of the Heart of America Council, which serves over 45,000 youth. This honor is the highest recognition within the Scouting Organization. This prestigious award comes with the responsibilities of conducting council meetings and presiding over council ceremonies for the course of one year, after which Dr. LaHue will remain a chief, but no longer the presiding officer.

Dr. Bill LaHue continues to practice medicine in Lexington and remains an active member of his church and community. I trust that the Members of the House will join me in thanking Dr. LaHue for his devotion to the youth of our Nation.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the University of Idaho for their re-designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Information Assurance Education (IA).

The National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security has bestowed this distinguished recognition on only ninety-three schools across 37 states and the District of Columbia.

In order to be considered a CAE high academic standards must be in place. A CAE is required to have a full-time faculty dedicated to teaching IA, academic courses focused on IA and students involved in IA research projects. CAE students are trained to play a critical role in protecting our national information infrastructure.

The University of Idaho will now be eligible to apply for scholarships and grants through both federal and Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Programs.

Congratulations to the University of Idaho for this fine distinction and commitment to cultivating the minds of our future leaders.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes during the late afternoon and evening of May 22, 2008. For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed that day.

On rollcall 355, on the Akin amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 356, on the Franks amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 357, on the Tierney amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 358, on the Pearce amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 359, on the Lee amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 360, on the Braley amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 361, on the Price amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 362, on the Holt amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 363, on the McGovern amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 364, on the Motion to Recommit with instructions the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (H.R. 5658), I would have voted "no."

I would have done so because the Motion to Recommit—as written—would have effectively killed the bill by sending it back to Committee. I also objected to what the Motion attempted to do. It would have repealed Section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act, which ensures that federal agencies do not procure or promote alternative fuels that emit, on a lifecycle basis, more greenhouse gas emissions than equivalent conventional fuels produced from conventional petroleum sources. This provision relates primarily to efforts of the Department of Defense to obtain half of its domestically used fuel from domestic synthetic sources by 2016. Specifically, the Air Force is pursuing 'coal-to-liquid' fuel (CTL). According to both the EPA and DOE, liquid coal produces double the global warming emissions compared to conventional gasoline.

An amendment adopted on the floor clarified Section 526 to ensure that federal agencies could procure conventional fuels that contain incidental amounts of unconventional fuels. With the passage of this amendment, it is my belief that there is no reason to repeal Section 526, since the Department of Defense has said that it intends to pursue CTL with carbon capture and sequestration. In addition, the Defense Science Board Task Force on Energy recommended that if DOD decides to provide financial backing to synthetic fuel production plants, it should avoid investing in processes that exceed the carbon footprint of petroleum.

On rollcall 365, on Passage of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for

Fiscal Year 2009 (H.R. 5658), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 366, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to H. Res. 986, a resolution recognizing the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and calling for a full accounting of the 1,729 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict, I would have voted "yes."

The resolution recognizes the 35th anniversary of "Operation Homecoming," when the first wave of the longest-held POWs from Vietnam left that country to return to the United States. We honor those POWs, but we also honor those brave heroes who fought and died for our country but never returned home.

LOCAL 1010 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the United Steelworkers Local 1010 on the 50th anniversary of their union hall in East Chicago, Indiana. They will be celebrating this occasion by rededicating the hall in honor of four members who selflessly gave their lives in the "Memorial Day Massacre" in 1937. This event will take place at the Local 1010 United Steelworkers Hall in East Chicago, Indiana, on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

Local 1010 has a long history of selfless sacrifice for the advancement of workers' rights, which in 1937 culminated with the "Memorial Day Massacre." After a picnic and rally on May 30, 1937, hundreds of members of Local 1010 picketed with members of other local unions at the plant gates of the Republic Steel Company in a show of solidarity against "Little Steel." While the strikers were protesting for union and worker's rights, Chicago police officers opened fire on the crowd, wounding over 100 union members and killing ten individuals, including four members of Local 1010. The four courageous Local 1010 members who gave their lives were: Earl Handley, Sam Popovich, Kenneth Reed, and Alfred Causey.

These selfless individuals will be honored at this milestone event with a workers' memorial, which will be displayed in the union hall. The memorial will bear the engraved names of these four men, as well as all 387 members of Local 1010 who have lost their lives while working for the union. This will ensure they will be remembered forever.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Local 1010 President, Mr. Thomas Hargrove, and all members of the United Steelworkers Local 1010 for their loyalty and devotion to workers' rights.

HONORING MATTHEW PERRY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Perry of Liberty, Missouri. Matthew 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 1247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew 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 Matthew Perry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on earning the 2008 Outstanding Regional Theatre Tony Award. The honor, presented annually to a non-profit professional theater company in the United States, recognizes the hard work and dedication of Chicago Shakespeare artistic director and founder Barbara Gaines and the entire Chicago Shakespeare Theater staff.

The Tony Award for outstanding regional theatre was first presented to the Virginia Barter Theatre in 1946 and has been presented annually since 1976 to a theater company that maintains an unrelenting level of artistic achievement while advancing the development of theater nationally.

From its home on Chicago's Navy Pier, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater meets and exceeds that high standard. With over 600 annual performances during its 50-week season, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater reaches an audience of 225,000 per year. The theater has 20,500 subscribers and is the largest employer of Chicago actors.

Founded by Ms. Gaines in 1986, the theater staged its first performance, of "Henry V," on the rooftop of the Red Lion Pub in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. Since that show, the theater has grown into one of Chicago's leading cultural establishments.

In addition to its award-winning Shakespeare adaptations, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater reaches out to over 50,000 students and teachers yearly through a program entitled "Team Shakespeare." This program aims to make Shakespeare more accessible to a whole new generation and will reach its millionth student this year.

The Chicago Shakespeare Theater becomes the fourth theater based in Chicago, Illinois to earn the outstanding regional theatre

title. Along with previous Chicago-area winners the Steppenwolf Theater Company, the Goodman Theater, and the Victory Gardens Theater, these theaters and others throughout Chicago make up an artistic ensemble that rivals any group of theaters throughout the world. Their work is a testament to the quality and commitment of those who write, produce, and perform theater in Chicago.

Madam Speaker, I once again congratulate the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on this accomplishment, and I hope my colleagues will watch as the Chicago Shakespeare Theater receives their award on June 15th at the 62nd Antoinette Perry "Tony Awards" from Radio City Music Hall in New York.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. DOROTHY THOMAS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Ms. Dorothy Thomas, a remarkable Michigan citizen, upon her 100th birthday on May 27, 2008.

Ms. Thomas was born on May 25, 1908, in Detroit, Michigan. Dorothy grew up surrounded by an affectionate and giving family. Dorothy attended Craft Grade School and Condon Junior High. While attending Western High School, Ms. Thomas completed a business course, which included shorthand and led to her first job after graduation as a stenographer with Ford Motor Truck Company.

Ms. Thomas has been alone since age 58 after her husband passed away in 1966, and both children passed away at an early age. Dorothy continued to press on in spite of her loneliness. She worked as a Kelly girl, was a secretary at Art Center Hospital, and retired at age 67 from working in a business office at Mercy College. Ms. Thomas has filled her life with personal interests such as playing the piano, spending time with family, and her new pastime favorites: crafts and bingo. Dorothy has also been a devoted member of the church and continues to attend regularly. Dorothy's two nephews, two nieces, 12 great nephews and nieces, five great-great nephews, and five great-great nieces, all look to Dorothy for strength and inspiration as she reaches this amazing milestone.

Madam Speaker, for 100 years Ms. Dorothy Thomas has graced the world with her kindness, hard work, and spirit. Ms. Thomas's claim to a long life is a wonderful upbringing, athletics, strength under tragedy, and her dedication to work and church. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Dorothy Thomas upon reaching her 100th birthday on May 27, 2008, and for being an upstanding citizen to her community and country.

TRIBUTE TO JANET FAGAN-McNULTY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the distinguished