

Latin “sylvan” meaning “the woods.” It remains a city of trees today, including 27 varieties of maple, with the maple leaf as the city’s symbol.

In the decades which followed through the nineteenth, twentieth, and now the twenty-first century, Sylvania has prospered. It is a caring community with fine schools and first rate services for young and old and families. Sylvania remains a bucolic community reminiscent of its wooded early history, yet offers a bustling suburban economy of thriving businesses. Its Main Street retains charm from its past, but Sylvania at 150 years is a city moving forward. I am pleased to offer the congratulations of our entire region during this sesquicentennial celebration.

REMARKS IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, this week, CORA—Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse—celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of comprehensive domestic violence support in San Mateo County.

Three decades ago, a victim of domestic violence on the San Francisco peninsula had no resources outside of hospitals and the police. Then in 1978, La Casa de San Mateo opened its doors to become the county’s first and only emergency shelter for domestic violence survivors and their children. La Casa later changed its name to the Center for Domestic Violence Prevention and in 2003, partnered with Sor Juana Ines, the first toll-free domestic violence hotline in the county, to become CORA.

CORA’s mission is to end domestic violence and abuse through intervention and prevention. The dedicated staff and volunteers respond to thousands of calls on the CORA hotline, and answer an equal number of requests for legal assistance each year. They serve more than 6,000 clients annually, providing legal, medical and mental health services, as well as counseling and safety in the county’s only shelter for abuse victims and their children. This operation is overseen by the CORA governing board and a diverse staff of 35 who represent the vibrant cross-section of the county and region. Besides English and Spanish, CORA staff-members speak Tagalog, French, Mandarin, Italian, Korean, Hindi, and Farsi.

Madam Speaker, domestic violence is a silent epidemic. Every nine seconds, a woman in our country is abused by someone she knows. Millions of children witness acts of violence involving one or more parents every year. And one in five female high school students reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.

Domestic violence impacts all of us. It is a significant drain on police and emergency resources and costs the national economy eight to ten billion dollars annually in medical bills, community support and lost wages and productivity. It is also a leading cause of homelessness and often leads to depression, substance abuse and—most troubling—an increased likelihood that victims and young wit-

nesses will go on to become abusers themselves.

Madam Speaker, thanks to increased public awareness, domestic abuse is emerging from the shadows of shame and ignorance. Still, there are far too many instances of cruel and dehumanizing behavior within what should be the security of the family home. Because of this, society will always need an organization like CORA. My sincere hope is that, someday, we will need them less.

SUPPORTING OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND URGING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR THE AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS RESEARCH PROGRAM (ALSRP) AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for our men and women serving in the military and to urge Congress to continue funding for the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program (ALSRP) at the Department of Defense.

Studies conducted by the DOD and Veterans Administration have found that those who served in the 1991 Gulf War are approximately twice as likely to die from ALS, the deadly disease that took the life of baseball legend Lou Gehrig, as those who did not serve in the Gulf. In addition, current research suggests that ALS is occurring at greater rates in those who are serving in the current conflict in Iraq. Tragically, there is no effective treatment for ALS and it is fatal in just two to five years after diagnosis.

The ALSRP is an innovative program that has the potential not only to develop new treatments for ALS that benefit our soldiers and veterans but also to determine why they are at greater risk and enable us to take action to protect them. I therefore urge the Appropriations Committee to include \$5 million for the ALSRP in the FY 2009 DOD Appropriations bill.

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR KENNEDY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following passage on Senator TED KENNEDY written by Albert Carey Caswell.

A LION IN WINTER

A Lion in Winter . . .
Facing The Storm, with The Heart of A Champion . . . so very warm . . .
Where courage lives, to help you move on!
An American Tale, as a nation so stands behind you Ted . . . with all of our prayers, so now!
Take this to your heart Ted, take this to your soul . . . as you move out so to behold!

In this your battle to be won . . .

In this your war to be waged, in this but another chapter Ted . . . in your life’s most heroic page . . . of all ones!

As you face this new morning, as you face this dark sun!

Standing Tall, to do what must so be done!
To Fight That Good Fight, To Wage That Great War, our Lion In Winter . . . Our Precious American Son sure!

From deep down inside, that great Irish Heart . . . win this Great Battle, This Great War begun . . .

For A Lion In Winter . . .
With the Heart of A Champ, against all odds . . . we can hear your roar, can victory so command!

For no man known’s more, what a heart can so endure . . . and can so stand!

Ted it’s the bottom of the 9th, with two outs!
Like the Teddy before you of The Sox’s, we know you too can pull this one out!
Go with God My Son, as you have always done . . . we know you will be rounding the bases, no doubt!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in three votes on the floor of the House of Representatives on June 9, 2008. I was absent due to illness.

As noted, I was not present for three votes:

The first vote was H. Res. 1225, Expressing support for designation of June 2008 as “National Safety Month.” Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The second vote was H. Res. 1243, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father’s Day. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The third vote was H. Res. 127, Recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska in the Union as the 49th State. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

IN HONOR OF THE GRAND OPENING OF GREENHUNTER ENERGY’S RENEWABLE FUELS CAMPUS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the grand opening of GreenHunter Energy’s Renewable Fuels Campus located in my congressional district in Houston, Texas.

GreenHunter Energy’s renewable fuels campus—a converted waste oil refinery—is the largest and most versatile biodiesel refinery in the U.S. to date. The campus includes a 105 million gallon per year biodiesel refinery, a 700,000 barrel bulk liquid terminal operation, a

200 million pound-per-year glycerin distillation system, and a 45,000 barrel-per-month methanol distillation tower.

GreenHunter Energy's biodiesel refinery is "feedstock agnostic", meaning that it can use 100 percent animal fats, 100 percent vegetable oils, or any blend of the two interchangeably. By producing biodiesel from multiple feedstocks, including non-edible sources such as tallow and jatropha, GreenHunter offers practical solutions to the ongoing "food versus fuels" debate.

Located along Houston's Ship Channel, GreenHunter's campus has deepwater access and the ability to transport products via barge, rail, and truck. Biodiesel generators at the site will provide enough electricity for GreenHunter to power the campus and sell unneeded renewable power back to the area's power grid.

The addition of GreenHunter Energy's zero emission facility has created many new long-term jobs for Texans and will help move our nation closer to its goal of reducing dependence on foreign crude oil supplies.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on June 9, 2008, I missed rollcall votes No. 388, Expressing support for designation of June 2008 as "National Safety Month," 389, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day; and 390, Recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 388, 389, and 390.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WORKING FAMILIES GAS TAX CREDIT ACT OF 2008

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to introduce the Working Families Gas Tax Credit Act of 2008. Similar to legislation that I introduced in the 109th Congress, this bill will provide greatly needed tax credits to individuals and families so that they can cope with soaring gas prices.

The Working Families Gas Tax Credit Act will provide a \$500 tax credit to individuals and a \$1,000 tax credit to families who make up to \$75,000 or \$150,000 or less, respectively.

This legislation will act as a secondary economic stimulus by providing credits to all individuals and families who were eligible for the economic stimulus rebate recently passed into law by the Democratic Congress. Similar to the 2008 economic stimulus package, the amount of the credit will phase out for individ-

uals making over \$75,000 and families making over \$150,000.

Madam Speaker, working families are paying twice as much as they were paying for a gallon of gas last year while oil companies are reporting record profits. It's literally highway robbery, especially when you consider that beyond housing costs, low- and middle-income households in the United States spend more of their earnings on transportation than anything else. Americans are looking to Congress to help them respond to unwarranted gas price increases. The Working Families Gas Tax Credit Act will give working families the temporary relief that they need during this difficult time.

While it is true that there have been a number of proposals offered by our colleagues to confront current fuel price challenges, this proposal is unique in that it will put necessary resources directly in the hands of consumers. This will be an important stop gap measure as we reprioritize our international fuel prices and confront the corruption and failed policies that have led to our Nation's unsustainable oil addiction.

I encourage my colleagues to support this necessary legislation and look forward to its expedient passage.

150 YEARS OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 150th Anniversary of an extraordinarily important religious congregation in the city of Newton, which I am proud to represent in this body, and where I have lived for 28 years. Congregation Mishkan Tefila has been an important part of the city of Newton since 1858. At that point, of course, Jewish citizens of the city were a very small number of a much smaller city. Over time, both the city and the Jewish population have grown significantly, and Temple Mishkan Tefila has been an important element in the growth of both. Temple Mishkan Tefila has of course been primarily a place of worship for large numbers of Jewish men, women and young people, and through a series of outstanding rabbis and other leaders, it has performed that essential function superbly. It has also been a forum for community leadership in a number of other ways. Its doors have always been open to the community, both its own members and the community at large, and I have personally benefited from that openness on a number of occasions by being able to participate in forums that the temple has run, which have helped me and others fulfill our duties to relate to our constituents.

Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to salute the members of the Mishkan Tefila Congregation on this 150th Anniversary, and congratulate them on their opportunity both to look back on a very proud history, and to look forward to the promise of continued great service in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF CONSTANTINO BRUMIDI

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Constantino Brumidi, who has been referred to as the Michelangelo of the United States Capitol Building. It is appropriate that Congress honor his incredible contributions to our Nation by awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal.

On July 26, 1805, Constantino Brumidi was born in Rome, Italy of an Italian mother and a Greek father who inspired him with a love of liberty. While Constantino Brumidi's Greek ancestry stirred his passion for liberty and citizenship, his Italian heritage provided the art styles of the Renaissance and the Baroque which influenced the artwork of the U.S. Capitol.

Constantino Brumidi became a citizen of the United States as soon as he was able, embracing its history, values and ideals. Beginning in 1855, Constantino Brumidi designed and decorated one House and five Senate committee rooms in the Capitol, as well as the Senate Reception Room, the Office of the Vice President and most notably, the President's Room, which represents Brumidi's supreme effort "to make beautiful the Capitol" of the United States.

In 1865, Constantino Brumidi completed, in just 11 months, his masterpiece, "The Apotheosis of Washington," in the eye of the Capitol dome. In 1871, Constantino Brumidi created the first tribute to an African American in the Capitol when he placed the figure of Crispus Attucks at the center of his fresco of the Boston Massacre. In 1878, Constantino Brumidi, at the age of 72, and in poor health, began work on the Rotunda frieze, which chronicles the history of America. On February 19, 1880, Constantino Brumidi died at the age of 74, four and a half months after slipping and nearly falling from a scaffold while working on the Rotunda frieze.

Constantino Brumidi, proud of his artistic accomplishments and devoted to his adopted country, said: "My one ambition and my daily prayer is that I may live long enough to make beautiful the Capitol of the one country on earth in which there is liberty."

Madam Speaker, Constantino Brumidi's life and work exemplifies the lives of millions of immigrants who came to pursue the American dream.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTEX MODULAR SPACE IN LEWISVILLE, TX

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding accomplishments of Nortex Modular Space of Lewisville, Texas, an exemplary organization in North Texas that is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

Nortex Modular Space is a small business manufacturer with 95 employees based in