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I commend my colleague Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON-LEE for introducing this resolution which honors an outstanding Texan and American.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR MAJOR
MEGAN McCLUNG, USMC

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2008

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine MAJ Megan McClung who was killed in Ramadi, Iraq on December 6, 2006.

Major Megan Malia McClung graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1995. She later completed her masters in Criminal Justice through Boston University. Throughout her career, she was stationed at various posts. While at Camp Pendleton, she served as the Public Affairs and Media Officer. She later served at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island as the Academics and Scheduling Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point as the Public Affairs Officer, and finally at Camp Lejeune, where she served as the East Coast Regional Representative for the Marine For Life program.

Always dedicated to the mission in Iraq, Major McClung took a civilian position in public relations in Baghdad, Iraq in 2004. While there, she handled public relations preparation for Congressional hearings and escorted media throughout the theater. In 2006, she deployed with I Marine Expeditionary Force for one year in Al Anbar Province. While there, she worked as the Public Affairs Plans Officer at Camp Fallujah and later volunteered for duty with the Army's 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, operating in Ramadi.

Major McClung, the first female Marine officer killed in the war, was a polished professional who received numerous accolades for her ability to communicate complex thoughts and issues to various and diverse audiences across the globe. She volunteered to serve and sought to be where she could make a difference. Of her service in Iraq, she told her friends, "Before we leave here we will make Al Anbar a safer place." She accomplished her mission.

In her passing, Major McClung has done what she did in life—bring people together to create a better understanding.

I wish to extend my condolences to Major Megan McClung's family and hope that they continue to find solace in Major McClung's lasting impact on both her country and her Corps.

HONORING THE WEST GENESEE
GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the West Genesee High School Girls Lacrosse Team on their Class A New York State Championship victory. West Genesee defeated Farmingdale by a score of 13–12.

The Wildcats played an impressive game returning from a 10–12 deficit to take home another state title. This talented team has claimed victory in their last 48 straight games and was the only lacrosse team in all of New York State to post a perfect undefeated season.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, I congratulate these young ladies on their outstanding athletic achievement and praise Athletic Director Anthony Pascale, Head Coach Bob Elmer and Assistant Coach Dan Hallinan on their team's success. I look forward to another exciting season of lacrosse and congratulate the Lady Wildcats: Davey Gallagher, Laura Lucchesi, Jeri Burke, Kellyn Savage, Lauren Corso, Kiersten Tupper, Maddie Farchione, Lindsay Vona, Amanda Cizenski, Bre Hudgins, Nicole Perkins, Amanda Corso, Maria DiFato, Emily Rozwood, Steph Dattellas, Ariel Kramer, Carley Motondo, Lauren Welch, Lauren Bianchi, Morgan Corso, Sarah Brown, Karlyn Tupper, Carly Graham, Nikki Greco, Jenny Perkins, and Kelly Fucillo.

EMERGENCY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT
OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of including the extension of unemployment benefits in the emergency supplemental bill that the House is considering today.

First, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Chairman McDERMOTT, Ranking Member WELLER, and the Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee for all their hard work on this important piece of legislation. I am proud to be a Member of the Subcommittee and to have cosponsored the legislation that provided the framework for this compromise. I also thank Chairman RANGEL and Ranking Member McCRERY for their leadership and support in negotiating a compromise.

It is essential that congressional leaders were finally able to come together and find a way to help hard-working Americans. The need for this legislation is critical. It is a first step of hopefully many to jumpstart our economy. Today there are 200,000 more long-term, jobless Americans than the last emergency unemployment assistance extension in 2002.

My constituents call and email and write the same question over and over again. They

want to know what Congress is doing to support them during the current recession. Almost every month, unemployment is on the rise while higher gas and food prices are making it even harder for Americans to make ends meet. Our duty is simple—we must show the American people that we hear them, that we understand them, and that we will act.

We are a great nation, but we cannot continue to be great unless we honor our commitment to everyone in need. In times like these, we must use every tool at our disposal to help those who want and need to work. Unemployed workers cannot wait. They rightfully expect Congress's full support in their fight to become gainfully reemployed.

I urge my colleagues to support extending unemployment benefits now. It's the right thing to do for Americans, and it's the right thing to do for our economy.

HONORING HARBORVIEW MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Harborview Medical Center, a premiere hospital in the Pacific Northwest, for receiving the 2007 Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service from the American Hospital Association (AHA). Every year, the AHA presents this prestigious award to a U.S. health care organization that displays a strong commitment to the health and well-being of its community.

Harborview was chosen as the recipient of this year's award because of its outstanding record of providing services to the surrounding community. The medical center has made great strides in handling major public health concerns including mental illness, homelessness, cultural and linguistic barriers to health care, childhood safety, and chronic illness. Harborview is our region's Level I trauma center, and continues to provide exceptional emergency care for people across the Northwest.

Harborview is a deserving recipient of recognition for its outstanding commitment to public health and quality care. I offer my sincere congratulations to Harborview Medical Center for receiving this honor and their continued dedication to Washington State.

HONORING ELIZABETH A. ZEPF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2008

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, Elizabeth A. Zepf, a Toledo treasure to her family, friends and community, departed this life on Friday June 6, 2008. Elizabeth was born July 6, 1903, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Matthew and Elizabeth McCarty. Elizabeth, a consummate and indefatigable social activist throughout her life, was engaged in community and religious affairs. Her broad range of interests spanned the horizon—higher education, leadership development, the advancement of women, the

advancement of religious efforts, music, and health care. In fact, she championed the cause of mental health. With her husband, Arthur, she led the effort to create the Zepf Community Mental Health Center in Toledo to more effectively serve this population. She positively influenced the lives of all who met her. A committed Roman Catholic, she was devoted to her husband, Art, and her family but made the time to advance the broader human family through her many church-related organizations, locally and nationally. She held the office of president in the Blessed Sacrament Altar Society, the Toledo Diocesan Council Catholic Women, and then was elected nationally to serve as its president of the National Council Catholic Women 1960–1962. Her community involvement included: Serving 13 years on the board of trustees for the University of Toledo with 7 of those as Vice-Chairman of the Board. She remained a mem-

ber of St. Vincent Medical Center Advisory Board for 11 years, established the Women's Cancer Education Council and was a past president of the board of trustees of Toledo Mental Hygiene Clinic. Elizabeth was one of the founding members of the Toledo Opera Guild and chairman of the Sapphire Ball in 1965.

President John F. Kennedy recognized her gifts when he named her to the board of directors of the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, serving as its vice president. More so, she served as vice chairman of the board of the Lucas County Mental Health from 1963 and is now an Honorary Life member. She has served on the board of the March of Dimes.

For her dedication improving the quality of life of her community, in 1960 she received the Distinguished Citizenship Award from the Toledo Blade "for outstanding service to her

community". Additionally, a clinic, in San Salvador, for homeless mothers and children, was named the Elizabeth Zepf Madonna Shelter. In 1974, the Elizabeth Zepf Community Mental Health Center was opened by the Lucas County Mental Health Board. In September 1988, the Satellites of the Medical College of Ohio honored her as one of the "Treasures of Toledo." She was an honorary member for 5 years of Family Child Abuse Prevention Center. She was a life long member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church as well as the Maumee River Yacht Club and the Toledo Club. She is the widow of Arthur L. Zepf and is survived by her son, Arthur Zepf Jr. and grandsons, Kurt, Reilly and Arthur. Our entire community celebrates her life, her ever present smile and all her good deeds that flowed from her productive and generous spirit.