

at the top of his class. He went on to earn his medical degree at the University of Chicago. While training in Chicago, he became an expert in gastroenterology and helped to make the University of Chicago the premier center for research and therapy of inflammatory bowel disease. His leadership and research led to unprecedented medical advances in the field of gastroenterology, enhancing the lives of people across the world.

Despite his devotion to his research, Kirsner was compelled to join the Armed Forces in World War II, earning a third battle star in the battle of the Philippines before serving under General Douglas MacArthur in Japan. Following the war, Kirsner became a full professor of medicine at the University of Chicago. During his time as a professor, he published over 700 papers and 15 books, and gave over 25 named lectureships. He has served as a leader on a number of boards and foundations, such as the National Institutes of Health, the American Gastroenterological Association and the Chicago Medical Society. Despite all of his world-renowned successes, he continues to provide personal care to patients from across the country.

Dr. Kirsner, a World War II veteran and devoted civil servant to the field of medicine, has lived his life in service to others, deserving of national recognition for his honorable contribution to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO SUSAN PRATHER

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman ELLEN O. TAUSCHER, to commemorate and celebrate the life and accomplishments of life-long Contra Costa County resident and untiring social service advocate, Ms. Susan Prather. For over 30 years, Susan Prather successfully battled the establishment at all levels of government on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens—our homeless. Sadly, on July 29th, she lost her own battle with cancer, and we all lost a true treasure in our community.

Susan's commitment to the needs of the homeless began in 1976, when she was working at a senior meals program and was confronted with the struggles of the homeless and poor of Contra Costa County. Using her own financial resources, she began by single-handedly providing what help she could. She held down multiple jobs to support herself during the day; after hours she traveled the streets of Richmond, Concord, and Berkeley helping the homeless one client at a time. Her commitment to her clients of all ages often took her to their encampments with city and county officials and even Members of Congress in tow. She is well known for the tremendous pressure she put on public officials to make the concerns of the poor and homeless a top priority and increase both funding and services nationwide. She wanted to make sure that those in positions of power could put a face to the problem of homelessness.

In 1999, the City of Walnut Creek hired Susan to initiate the outreach program now known as Fresh Start. Under Susan's direction

the program proved highly successful. When the funding ran out a short 2 years later, Susan transitioned Fresh Start into a private non-profit organization and it flourished under her leadership. In her role as Founder and Executive Director of Fresh Start, Susan provided her clients with clothing, meals, showers, counseling and other critical social services. She has helped countless residents find jobs and establish homes for themselves and their families.

Over her years of service, Susan Prather has been recognized by a long list of government agencies and private organizations for her outstanding community work. In 1994, the California State Assembly recognized her efforts in a formal resolution. In 2002 she received the "Women Working for Justice" award from the Contra Costa County Commission for Women. In 2004, she was Honorably Mentioned at the Contra Costa County Humanitarian of the Year Awards Ceremony. Also in 2004, the Walnut Creek Journal named Ms. Prather one of the "Six People Who Made Our Lives Better in 2003". Susan certainly made life better for the countless poor and homeless residents of Contra Costa County and in doing so, she raised the quality of life for us all.

To Susan's family and friends, we extend our heartfelt condolences. Your loss is shared not only by those who knew Susan personally, but also by all who have been touched by the work she has done. We will be forever grateful for the courage, compassion, integrity, and tenacity with which she sought to make our community a better place for everyone. Susan Prather will be deeply missed and in her memory, we must vow to continue the work she started.

HONORING STATE SENATOR LEWIS H. ENTZ

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Coloradan and a great American former State Senator Lewis H. Entz.

Senator Entz is a native of Colorado's San Luis Valley and has been a tireless champion for rural veterans in Colorado. A potato farmer from Hooper, he served our Nation as a United States Marine during the Korean war.

He served as a State representative from 1983 to 1998, and then was appointed in 2001 to serve as State senator. In 2006, Senator Entz returned to private life.

During his tenure at the State level, Senator Entz routinely showed his commitment to Colorado's rural veterans. He carried the legislation which created the Homelake Veterans Nursing Home in Homelake, Colorado. He consistently fought for State capital dollars to ensure Homelake's ongoing service to Colorado's elderly veterans.

Today, he serves on the Colorado Board of Commissioners of State and Veterans Nursing Homes. He is also an active member of the Homelake Foundation Board where he continues to work tirelessly to preserve and rehabilitate one of Colorado's most prized and historic veteran's care facilities.

Most recently, Senator Entz completed a 6-year process of acquiring and installing an

A7-D Corsair to be displayed at Homelake in honor of our Air Force's contributions to tactical, close air ground support for our troops during the Vietnam war.

A life long member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, Senator Entz remains one of the strongest advocates for rural veterans in Colorado.

Senator Entz is also a brave survivor of colon and prostate cancer.

A twin and 1 of 11 children, Senator Entz his wife, Lorie, have four children: Cindy, Mike, Sandy, and Cathy.

His efforts to improve the quality of life of elderly veterans at Homelake makes him one of my heroes.

CONGRATULATING DR. RENU KHATOR AS THE NEW PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Renu Khator as the new President and Chancellor of the University of Houston System.

Dr. Renu Khator has been a long-time advocate of higher education. She dedicated 22 years of her career to the University of South Florida and, at the helm of it, was awarded the position of provost and senior vice president. Her tenure at South Florida is highlighted by leading the expansion of its sponsored research and overseeing an annual \$1.6 billion budget for the university.

Her accomplishments lend experience that will positively shape the future of the University of Houston System. She has already shown exceptional enthusiasm and dedication toward students enrolled in the System. Within the first 100 days of her appointment, she gained feedback from over 12,000 students on issues that most concern them. Based on this feedback, it has become one of her top priorities to build a reputation for the University of Houston as a nationally recognized research institution. I have complete confidence that Dr. Khator, the UH faculty, staff and students will achieve this goal and as an institution and community continue to serve as an example of excellence to public universities throughout our country.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Dr. Renu Khator as the new president and chancellor of my alma mater, the University of Houston.

IN HONOR OF STORK MEDICAL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stork Medical, a company that fulfills a great need in the medical community.

Hope is a powerful emotion. It can turn despair into jubilation; futility into purpose, fear

into comfort; and isolation into community. Because Stork Medical and Community Blood Services are helping to provide hope to our military, it is my privilege to honor these patriotic companies with this resolution. Their forward thinking and generous program makes umbilical cord blood storage affordable to all who have ever served in our military, and are thus transforming this abstract word into a tangible commodity.

With the help of Stork Medical and Community Blood Services, the depressed soldier lying in bed, recovering from war injuries, will now have the hope that stored cord blood may one day repair his or her spinal cord injury, brain trauma, or even restore an amputated limb. Hope enables a smile to appear, a laugh to become audible, and allows healing to truly begin. To be sure, hope is potent medicine.

Families of our soldiers bravely live in a perpetual state of anxiety, constantly praying for the safe return of their beloved. These families, who reluctantly send their loved ones into battle, now have the hope that if a major injury occurs, it may one day be reversible through the use of this "liquid gold." With stem cells already being used to build new fingers, bladders, noses, heart valves, and cartilage, it is more than just a "wish."

Madam Speaker, it is indeed "hope." With their proven ability to treat many leukemias and cancers, these cells, which are harvested without any injury to the baby or mother, offer protection for soldiers exposed to chemical warfare and other toxic battlefield substances. Since these cells can be used for any close family member, they also offer added protection against many of the unspoken fears that young parents harbor.

This gift is a spectacular example of patriotism in its finest form. This program is offered by private enterprise without asking for a single tax dollar. It demonstrates that everyone can play a part in defending our freedom and liberty. As our military and their families sacrifice to defend all that we hold dear, Stork Medical and Community Blood Services have put hope into action.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD W.
FOGELSON ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Gerald W. Fogelson a very happy 75th birthday today.

Mr. Fogelson is the founder and CEO of the Fogelson Group and has been involved in real estate since 1955. In 2003, he was inducted into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame for his leadership in the industry and in the community.

Mr. Fogelson's long career has been filled with many accomplishments, including being an early pioneer of planned unit development in the United States, as well as other mixed-use developments. Furthermore, Mr. Fogelson's portfolio encompasses large, diverse, and high quality ventures in several states.

Throughout his career, Mr. Fogelson worked with municipal governments for more than just real estate interests; he was committed to

working to improve his community. Mr. Fogelson is an active member of numerous charitable and philanthropic organizations, and was a cofounder of the renowned Chicago School of Real Estate at Roosevelt University.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Fogelson has been a leader in real estate and a great Chicagoan. I am proud to recognize Mr. Fogelson for his accomplishments and wish him a very happy 75th birthday with many more to come.

HONORING ADA BUDRICK CHILD
CARE AND LEARNING CENTER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center, a pre-school in Boonton, New Jersey, an exceptional organization I am proud to represent! On August 28, 2008 Ada Budrick celebrated 40 years of educating young children from low-income families.

Ada Budrick is a non-profit early childhood education center, accredited by the National Association for Education of Young Children.

Ada Budrick provides an opportunity for children of low-income families to enter school on an equal footing with their peers. Its primary goals are to provide a secure, stimulating and loving atmosphere for self-discovery, and to develop feelings of self-worth and accomplishment by stressing cooperation and involvement through interactive learning.

Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center was founded in 1968 in the Town of Boonton by Ada Budrick, a local welfare leader. The program primarily serves low-income and single parent families of multi-cultural and multi-lingual backgrounds in Morris County, New Jersey. It has grown and changed over the years to meet the needs of this community.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated and talented trustees and staff of Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center on the celebration of 40 years of providing critical educational services to the Boonton community.

CONGRATULATING DR. SUSAN
COLE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Susan Cole for her 10th year of service as president of Montclair State University. Throughout her distinguished career, as an educator, advisor, and director, Dr. Susan Cole has been a tireless advocate for all New Jersey's residents.

Dr. Cole has a long and accomplished record of service in the field of higher education, having served as the vice president for university administration and personnel at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey from 1980 to 1991. Later, Dr. Cole became president of Metropolitan State University in Min-

neapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota serving from 1993 until 1998. Dr. Cole has also served as a visiting senior fellow at the City University of New York and an associate university dean Antioch College. Governor McGreevey appointed Dr. Susan Cole his co-chair of higher education transition team and she also held this post within his cabinet. Never failing to answer the call of service, Dr. Cole has also served within the cabinets of Governor DiFrancesco and Governor Whitman. Today, as the eighth president in the history of Montclair State University, Dr. Susan Cole oversees New Jersey's fastest growing university with the utmost commitment to its continued expansion.

When Dr. Cole finds time in between her 17,000 students at Montclair State University, she continues to devote her time to serving New Jersey residents. Realizing that education doesn't end outside of the classroom, Dr. Cole serves on the board of directors for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Liberty Science Center, and the American Council on Education. While her already mentioned accomplishments speak for themselves, Dr. Cole has also served on the boards of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Mountaintop Hospital, and the Property Tax Convention Task Force.

Not only serving New Jersey, Dr. Cole has also served the State of Minnesota. Notably, Dr. Cole has served on the boards of Twin Cities Public Television, the Saint Paul Foundation, Western Bank, and as chair of the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation.

I would like to personally thank Dr. Susan Cole for her contributions to the State of New Jersey, and to the educational welfare for thousands of students. Again, I would like to congratulate her on her 10th year of exceptional service at Montclair State University.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 6834, TO
DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF
THE UNITED STATES POSTAL
SERVICE LOCATED AT 4 SOUTH
MAIN STREET IN WALLINGFORD,
CONNECTICUT, AS THE "CWO
RICHARD R. LEE POST OFFICE
BUILDING"

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues from Connecticut to introduce a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4 South Main Street in Wallingford, Connecticut, as the "CWO Richard R. Lee Post Office Building."

Chief Warrant Officer Richard R. Lee was born July 28, 1954, and grew up in Wallingford, Connecticut, attending local elementary schools in the Yalesville section of town. In his younger years, Rich loved to fish with his friends and his father, Earl. One of his favorite places was the Black Pond in Meriden. Rich attended Lyman Hall High School until 1971 when the growing town built a new high school. Sheehan High opened and his fondness for the water led him to join the swim team. Rich won the Regional Championship for Diving at Sheehan. He played soccer as