

of The Third Floor. Originated in 1974, the program provides critical substance abuse treatment and prevention programs as well as support services for the homeless and families in need—over 3,000 persons annually—and is currently one of the largest community-based programs in California.

From there, WestCare expanded its efforts to the other states now covered by its work (Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada and the Virgin Islands.) Now, under the direction of its national leadership, over 1,100 dedicated staff members provide care at 74 service sites. But Nevada retains the distinction of being home to the WestCare Foundation National Office.

Today, the WestCare Foundation is a national non-profit organization with a depth of experience in providing the full continuum of substance abuse and addiction treatment services, including a broad array of health and human services, in both community-based residential and outpatient treatment environments. Specializing in those historically considered difficult to treat, the WestCare family of organizations provides quality substance abuse treatment services to adults, children and families throughout its service areas.

Madam Speaker, I know you share my excitement and pride in the work of West Care and join me in congratulating them on 35 years of exceptional service in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF WADLEY, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition the historic town of Wadley, Alabama. On September 13, 2008, the citizens of Wadley will gather to celebrate their town's 100th anniversary.

The town began as a single store established by Mr. Minus Radney in 1906 to serve workers on the AB&A railway which passed through the town. The same year, Mr. Fuller E. Callaway, owner of the Callaway Development Company of LaGrange, laid out plans to acquire land and construct a model community. On September 15, 1908, Wadley was officially incorporated with a population of just 333. One month later, the town opened for settlement and investment with special events and train rates to promote the growth of the new community.

Today, Wadley is home to 640 citizens as well as Southern Union State Community College. The centennial festivities will begin with a parade down Main Street, and continue with performances from a number of local musicians. Play areas for children, storytelling and crafts demonstrations will also be open to residents.

I am pleased to recognize the town of Wadley for reaching this important milestone, and look forward to being a part of its future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN CARTER

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to pay tribute to Dr. John Carter, a physician and community leader in Southwest Michigan who is retiring from the Board of Directors of Lakeland Health Care in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Dr. John Carter's contributions and innovative spirit are legendary. Across the region he was known as a caring, compassionate man who put his patients first. He created the first Intensive Care Unit at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor. Later that same year, he partnered with two other local physicians for the area's first multi-specialty medical center that became the Cedarwood Center in St. Joseph. Dr. Carter also brought the computer-analyzed EKG system to the state of Michigan.

Dr. John Carter not only took care of his patients, but also became a leader in the community. He was appointed to the Board of Directors of both Cedarwood and Lakeland Health Care. He was part of a group of local investors who built the area's first health and racquet club, and he found time to volunteer in a good number of community organizations.

Dr. John Carter was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and moved to Michigan where he graduated from Kalamazoo High School and went on to Western Michigan University. He attended medical school at the University of Michigan and also served in the United States Air Force.

Southwest Michigan is fortunate that Dr. John Carter decided to look for a place along Lake Michigan. Thousands of people have been touched by his ability to create a healing and caring community, and we are all better off for it. He and his wife Barb and their family have always made a real difference for so many.

IN TRIBUTE TO JAMES R. MCMANUS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 74TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a true American institution—James R. McManus, who has led the McManus Midtown Democratic Association since 1963, on the occasion of his 74th birthday. Jim McManus has devoted his life to New York politics and to his community. He is a warm and generous friend, and a thoughtful advisor to generations of politicians.

Politics is in Jim's blood. He was born into one of the great political families. His great-uncle Thomas J. McManus (widely known as "The McManus" or just simply "The") earned the respect of the entire political world by defeating George Washington Plunkitt, one of the most powerful members of Tammany Hall, to win the position of District Leader. He later became a New York State Assemblyman and State Senator. Jim's great-uncle Charles A.

McManus was Vice President of the Board of Aldermen, the predecessor to the New York City Council. His father, Eugene McManus, was a local District Leader. And Jim McManus has followed the family tradition and proudly serves as District Leader and leader of the McManus Midtown Democratic Association.

Under Jim's leadership, the McManus Midtown Democratic Association is one of the few political clubs that continue to consider service to the community to be one of their prime responsibilities. People turn to the club for help with housing, social services, immigration, education, ESL classes and other concerns. Through the years, they have helped thousands of local residents and businesses resolve difficult problems.

Jim McManus worked for 12 years in the production department of The New York Times, and subsequently was a senior administrator of the Board of Elections. He has also worked with the family funeral home. Throughout, politics was Jim's first love and his chief preoccupation. Jim loves his neighborhood, his city and his country, and he has always worked to improve the quality of life in his community. He is a giant in New York's Democratic Party. His advice and good wishes are deeply valued.

Of all the events on the political calendar, the one I have always liked best is the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast hosted by Jim McManus and a few fortunate others. Everyone who is anyone in New York politics views this event as a mandatory stop—politicians from both parties, Mayors, Senators, Congressmembers, local elected officials all stop by to pay homage to the Irish, and to salute the magnificent Jim McManus.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing one of New York's great political forces—the incomparable James McManus.

CHATSWORTH TRAIN CRASH TRAGEDY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, on Friday, September 12, 2008, a Metrolink commuter train collided with a freight train near Chatsworth, California. Most of the passengers were residents of my congressional district, on their way home from the Los Angeles area. Twenty-five people have been killed and many more critically injured. It was the deadliest train accident in this country in fifteen years.

It is also the second deadly crash on this commuter line in three years. This one however, was much worse. As gas prices have skyrocketed, Southern California commuters have increasingly turned to rail service. Among the dead and injured are law enforcement personnel, educators, civil servants, students, and others, who were doing their best to save time and money while avoiding some of the worst congestion in the country. As reports continue to come in regarding the cause of this tragedy, my neighbors in Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Camarillo, Ventura, Santa Paula, and other communities in Ventura County now mourn for their loved ones.

I would like to express my condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this tragedy and offer comfort to those who are injured. I assure them we will do everything we can to determine the cause and to ensure that something like this never happens again.

ON THE BIRTH OF ALEXANDER
JACOB LEE AIMAR

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Allen and Amber Aimar on the birth of their new baby boy. Alexander Jacob Lee Aimar was born on September 11, 2008, weighing five pounds and five ounces. He has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future.

His father, Allen, serves as the military legislative assistant in the Office of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. His mother, Amber, is a former member of our staff who served as deputy campaign manager during my 2001 run for Congress, as a field representative, and as our office manager.

I want to congratulate Alexander's grandparents, Pete and Andi Riddell of Westerville, Ohio, Allen and Deborah Aimar of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Greg and Marian Erickson of Beaufort, South Carolina. On behalf of my wife Roxanne, and our entire family, we want to wish Allen, Amber, and Alexander all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 567: On motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 2403, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 568: On motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 2837. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 569: On motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 2135, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 570: On motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 344, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 571: On motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 937, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 572: On motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 1069, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 573: On motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 1307, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 574: On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6168. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 575: On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6630, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

HONORING 30 YEARS OF
HOSPICECARE IN SOUTHERN
WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of HospiceCare Inc. From its humble beginnings as a small grassroots operation serving a handful of patients in Southern Wisconsin, Dane County Hospice, now HospiceCare, has grown into an organization that serves over 400 patients each day throughout the area in a variety of settings. HospiceCare's Madison and Janesville locations maintain a staff of more than 500 professionals and nearly 1,000 volunteers.

The term "hospice" originates from the root word "hospitality." It is with this foundation in mind that HospiceCare seeks to carry out its mission of providing quality end-of-life care to patients and families coping with life-limiting illnesses. HospiceCare's comprehensive and collaborative team of professionals combines expert pain and symptom management with compassionate care to ensure that individuals diagnosed with life-limiting illnesses live the end of their lives in comfort and with dignity, whether they are in their own home or in a hospital, community based residential facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility.

Since its founding in 1978, HospiceCare has become an essential component of our community's fabric. As an innovator, educator, and above all, a quality care provider, HospiceCare has shown the way to a more peaceful end-of-life experience for a growing number of patients and their loved ones. In 1995, HospiceCare merged with Janesville Team Care to bring HospiceCare's brand of quality and commitment to the Rock County area. In the last decade alone, HospiceCare has planned, built, and opened the Don and Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, the only freestanding, inpatient hospice unit in Dane County, and more recently, the Ellen & Peter Johnson HospiceCare Residence to provide care to patients in a residential setting on the HospiceCare campus.

These accomplishments have brought HospiceCare closer to achieving its long-term vision of "building a community in which exceptional end-of-life care is accepted, expected and available to all." I am proud to stand with HospiceCare in order to make that vision a reality.

For 30 years of continued service and commitment to families across Wisconsin, I congratulate HospiceCare Inc. and wish all those involved many more years of success in the future.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT
OF ED LOVE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to make express my gratitude for my fellow jazz enthusiast and Detroit, Ed Love. For more than 24 years, Ed Love has delighted listeners with Destination Jazz: The Ed Love Program on weekdays from 7 pm to midnight on WDET 101.9FM. Ed's passion for jazz and radio extends all the way back to his youth in Kansas, when he was an avid listener of his mother's records and hosts like Dick Martin of WWL in New Orleans. After graduating from broadcasting school, Ed worked for Armed Forces Radio in several states and in the Philippines. Starting in 1960, he worked at various stations throughout Detroit until joining WDET in 1983. Ed has not only entertained Detroit radio listeners throughout his impressive career, but also spent six years hosting a nationally syndicated program entitled "The Evolution of Jazz," educating and entertaining listeners on 125 stations from coast to coast.

Ed was honored for his contribution to the world of jazz with the "Distinguished Achievement Award" from the Motor City Music Foundation. Ed was recognized by the Friends of the Detroit Institute of Arts with the "Dr. Alan Locke Award" in 1999 for his contributions to the arts. He's earned two "Spirit of Detroit Awards" from Detroit Mayors Coleman A. Young and Dennis W. Archer. The Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Senate, the Congressional Black Caucus and the National Broadcast Awards have all recognized him for his profound knowledge and love of jazz. The Southeast Michigan Jazz Association (SEMJA) recognized Ed for his outstanding contribution to jazz and the arts. In 2005, Ed received the "Detroit Jazz Guardian" Award from the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts and the Detroit International Jazz Festival. Ed was also honored in 2005 with the "Distinguished Arts Achievement" award from the Oakland County chapter of The Links. He has also served as the senior program consultant for the Detroit International Jazz Festival since 2000.

In the wake of the collapse of the International Association of Jazz Educators, Ed Love and other jazz advocates will be even more important in the preservation of one of our nation's treasures and original art forms, jazz. I know that as long as jazz has stewards like Ed Love, we can be assured that it will be taught and will thrive the future. Through his work, Ed Love has and will continue to inspire generations of performers, educators, and students for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD votes I would have cast had I been present for rollcall votes