

widespread community support with its Harvest Day Sale and Golfing for Jessica Tournament. Oakland's annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast draws hundreds of local families and serves as the kick-off of the Celebrate Cleveland Independence Day Festivities.

Today, the congregation offers a wide range of activities that minister to all ages. Members of the congregation lead the weekly Golden Circle Bible Study at the Brian Center nursing facility in Clayton. Two mission teams have been sent to New Orleans to help rebuild the community devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Ministries generously supported by the Oakland faith community include the Basic Needs Ministry, Harbor House, Operation Hope, the Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, wounded veterans and troops in foreign conflicts, local school teachers, and the Barium Springs Children's Home.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Oakland Presbyterian Church as it celebrates 150 years of service to the community. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending this outstanding institution.

#### TRIBUTE TO HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay tribute to over 112,000 of my constituents during Hispanic Heritage Month. September 15th through October 15th has been selected to honor, celebrate and commemorate the history and contributions that people of Hispanic heritage have made to the United States of America.

Today there are 45.5 million Hispanic Americans and it is fitting to acknowledge their many contributions. The belief that hard work can bring a better life and future for our children is part of our shared and treasured American dream.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding organizations serving California's 14th Congressional District. In addition to many other excellent organizations, the following make important contributions to our community while respecting, preserving and sharing their heritage and culture.

The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley is a public foundation that cultivates philanthropy to inspire Hispanic children and families to achieve personal greatness.

The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley engages leadership and bridges resources to invest in a thriving Hispanic community.

MACLA Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana is a contemporary art space dedicated to supporting the work of emerging Latino artists and audiences and promotes programs that create opportunities between traditional audiences and new art forms and emerging artists. Mexican Heritage Corporation is an arts and cultural organization whose focus is to affirm, celebrate, and preserve the complexity and richness of Latino art and cultural heritage. The Mexican Heritage Corporation serves Silicon Valley and Northern California by presenting and advancing Mexican and multicultural performing arts. It is one of the largest Latino cultural centers in the Nation.

Fair Oaks Community Center—The Fair Oaks Community Center is a multi-service center offering a variety of services to the broader Redwood City Community. Services include: Education, immigration and citizenship, senior services, housing, employment, legal services, and crisis intervention. They also offer emergency food programs served by a combination of City staff, as well as representatives from public and private non-profit agencies.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the citizens who work daily to build a better future for all American families.

HONORING ASSEMBLYWOMAN  
PATTY BERG CALIFORNIA STATE  
ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Assemblywoman Patty Berg, an extraordinary citizen of Humboldt County, who is being honored for her years of dedicated public service to the people of California.

Over the past 3 decades, Assemblywoman Berg has been a tireless advocate for families and children and for older adults. She was the founding Executive Director of the Area 1 Agency on Aging, which serves Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Under her passionate direction the agency was recognized nationwide for its model comprehensive system providing services to California's seniors. She has also become an indispensable resource on aging issues within the State Assembly.

The citizens of California's 1st Assembly District recognized Patty Berg's dedication to preparing California for its current and future challenges by electing her three times to represent them in the California Legislature. During her tenure, Patty has chaired the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, and the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. She has served on many committees with jurisdiction over important public policy areas, including health, insurance, agriculture, and the environment. Patty's exceptional "people" skills were evident in bringing together progressive and conservative colleagues to help improve the lives of North Coast residents. She is passionate, committed to public service, hard-working, and extremely skilled.

As a champion for the rights of families, youth, and older adults, Assemblywoman Berg has touched many lives. Her K-12 comprehensive family life education curriculum was the first in California and was distributed throughout the country. She increased funding for computers and technology in our local schools. As chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus she emphasized the need for flexible workplace policies to allow working families to care for their loved ones. Due to her relentless efforts, Trinity County's only hospital was saved, and a vital county medical services program was preserved.

Assemblywoman Berg is being honored for her contribution to one of our Nation's most

precious rights—participation in the political process. She is being recognized for her contribution by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee as "Democrat of the Year, 2008."

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Assemblywoman Patty Berg for her unwavering commitment to public service and to the ideals and values that sustain our great Nation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 2638

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Description of Request:

The City of Trenton will use the \$500,000 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation funding in the FY 2009 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill to begin elevating the utilities of 270 flood prone properties that have suffered severe and repetitive physical damage resulting in significant economic loss.

Trenton's Island and Glen Afton neighborhoods are greatly affected by rapidly rising flood water as a result of their proximity to the Delaware River. These two neighborhoods are bordered by the Delaware River to the southwest and the Delaware and Raritan Canal to the northwest. Route 29 (a four lane state highway that traverses the City) splits the two neighborhoods; causing an island-like geography.

These waterfront communities are home to approximately 270 structures, many of which are occupied by single family working class homeowners who have suffered great financial loss as a result of: water damaged electrical distribution systems, hot water heaters and central heating units, as well as the loss of personal items that can never be replaced.

Six historical river crests (occurring from the earlier part of the 20th century until present) have caused considerable property damage and interrupted sewer, electric and gas services, causing the evacuation of these neighborhoods. Although these neighborhoods are designated as a 100 year flood plain, the last two floods occurred within seven months of each other (September 2004 and April 2005). Just as the Island and Glen Afton residents saw their lives getting back to some semblance of normalcy, the second flood occurred, resulting in lost wages, belongings, property, major systems and complete dislocation.

One major contributing factor to the early flooding is the storm sewer outfall, which provides an early entry point for water to backflow into the lower points of the Island and Glen Afton neighborhoods via the storm sewer system during early flood stages. However, once the river reaches two feet above flood stage,

the entire Island and Glen Afton neighborhoods will flood. The City of Trenton wishes to assist the most affected residents so that property loss and displacement are minimized.

This project is designed to elevate the utilities of approximately 270 properties that have suffered repetitive damages. The 270 identified properties will abandon the use of their basements and elevate their major systems by re-wiring the electrical system and redirecting the duct work so that the hot water heating and heating system can be moved to above the first floor; minimizing loss during future floods.

#### CELEBRATING CENTRAL LOUISIANA'S RICH MILITARY HERITAGE

##### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 66th anniversary of the creation of the Airborne at Camp Claiborne, La., and to celebrate Central Louisiana's rich military heritage.

Central Louisiana has strong historic ties to America's military history, from colonial days to the present, having served as a major training location for the U.S. military forces in World War I, World War II, as well as more recent conflicts around the world.

On August 16, 1942, the 101st Airborne Division was created at Camp Claiborne, La. The 101st Airborne had a "rendezvous with destiny" to defend American interests on the battlefields of the world since World War II.

To commemorate this day in history, the City of Alexandria and the City of Pineville, with Louisiana State University (LSU) at Alexandria, are cosponsoring a historic event on October 3, 2008.

This celebration will recognize and honor the service and sacrifices of the 1st Battalion of the 509th Airborne Infantry, currently based at Fort Polk, La., which saw action in World War II.

In addition, this event will honor the service of Dr. H. Rouse Caffey, former Chancellor of LSU Alexandria and Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, as well as a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The National World War II Museum in New Orleans, La., which is dedicated to preserving and studying the history of the war, is also collaborating with LSU Alexandria in celebrating this historic event with other organizations including the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Louisiana National Guard, the Don F. Pratt Memorial Museum at Fort Campbell, Ky., the Louisiana Military Maneuvers Museum, the Kent Plantation House, the Arts Council of Louisiana, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, the Alexandria/Pineville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum and the Alexandria Museum of Art.

Distinguished speakers of the event include Thomas Czekanski, Director of Collections at the National World War II museum in New Orleans, La., and Dr. Jerry Sanson, Professor of History and Political Science at LSU Alexandria.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the historic celebration of Central Louisiana's rich military herit-

age and specifically the 66th anniversary of the creation of the Airborne at Camp Claiborne, La., in 1942.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SAVANNAH DRAMA CLUB

##### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Savannah Drama Club for their excellence in the arts. The Savannah Drama Club is a youth based ministry that presents youthful styles of praise and performance. Founded by Pastor Carl Gilliard and his wife, Lashawanda, thirteen years ago, the Savannah Drama Club is now known for its polite and respectful youth members as well as their amazing talents.

The Savannah Drama Club is visiting Washington DC this coming October and will be making their fifth performance at the White House. The group has also performed on the steps of the Capitol, the Nation's monuments, as well as local jails, community centers, Christian camps, and family shelters. Through their use of theater, poetry, music, dance, spoken word, and even miming, the group is able to spread the Word of God to all.

Since its inception, it's estimated that about 900 children have been involved with the program and currently has 42 active participants. This revolutionary drama club has not only touched the thousands who have bore witness to their show, but has also had a great influence on the children involved. This program has kept students off the streets, shown them the rewards of strong discipline, and most importantly, how important it is to serve a higher power than themselves.

I would like to take this time to recognize their accomplishments in the arts and ministry, and also to wish them a warm welcome to Washington.

#### HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNINGTOWN LIONS CLUB

##### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Downingtown Lions Club on its 80th Anniversary and to honor the service organization for its commitment to serving the community.

Founded in 1928, the Downingtown Lions Club is part of the largest service organization in the world with approximately 1.3 million members in 202 nations.

National Lions Club founder and Chicago businessman Melvin Jones said in 1917 that the organization was created to give something back to their communities. And the Downingtown Lions Club has certainly carried out that mission admirably.

Thanks to the dedication and work of its members and volunteers, the Club built the Kerr Park Pavilion and installed a drinking fountain along the Struble Trail. Hundreds of

people in the community have benefited from the Club's distribution of free eyeglasses and funding raised for sight and hearing programs, including the Leader Dog Program.

The Club will celebrate its 80th Anniversary on Saturday, October 4th during a dinner at the Thorndale Inn.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Downingtown Lions Club for reaching this special milestone and in commending the efforts of Club members, both past and present, for their tireless dedication and service to the Downingtown area.

#### THE DAILY 45: ANOTHER VIOLENT WEEKEND IN CHICAGO

##### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Last weekend, while my colleagues and I worked to help restore our nation's financial ship of state, the state of our urban communities continued to be plagued with an obscene level of gun violence. The Chicago community I serve tops our nation's list for gun-related violence which tragically included the second loss of life, in just two months, of a Chicago police officer. Last night, 14-year veteran officer Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., 39, lost his life while serving a search warrant and he leaves behind an orphaned daughter and a grieving city.

There were also three other gun-related murders last weekend including 34-year-old James Purifoy who was shot in the back. Two others lost their lives whose names have yet to be released. And, to top it off, five people were shot on the Near West Side early Saturday night following a dice game gone bad. Fortunately, none of their wounds were life threatening.

My condolences go out to the family and friends of Officer Taylor and to Mr. Purifoy whose lives ended much too soon at the end of a gun.

Americans of conscious must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say 'enough is enough, stop the killing!'

#### BREAST CANCER PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

##### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 758, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007. This important legislation will ensure that patients have the health care they need following breast cancer surgery.

In America, there are more than 2.4 million women living with breast cancer. In 2007, more than 178,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed. The Breast