

HONORING THE NOTTINGHAM FIRE
DEPARTMENT

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Nottingham Fire Department in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. This fire department has a long and notable history of protecting the residents of Bucks County.

In 1956, sensing the need for another fire company in Bensalem Township, a group of concerned Bensalem residents filed an application with the Bucks County Courthouse to establish an additional fire department. Despite facing strong opposition, the Nottingham Fire Department was formally established on April 25, 1958, following a lengthy legal battle. The original members of the Nottingham Fire Department were instrumental in setting up the company and creating the framework the department still maintains today. At personal cost and sacrifice, the founding members established the department's first station, purchased its first tanker, and elected officers to run the company's business.

Since its beginning, the Nottingham Fire Department has used cutting edge technology and practices to improve its service to the community. The fire department was the first in the county to initiate pre-designated fire fighter bucket assignments. To accommodate the growing demands on its firefighters, the department also took the initiative to start an organized bunk-in-program, a live-in-program and duty crew nights. In addition, the fire department was the first to establish formal Standard Operating Procedures and have them compiled into a training manual, and the first in the area to institute a first responders unit.

The Nottingham Fire Department is proof that a group of concerned citizens can truly make a difference in the lives of those in their community. Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the Nottingham Fire Department and grateful for the opportunity to recognize their significant 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Columbia University on its newly announced initiatives to restructure their financial aid policies, in order to provide those students from lower- and middle-income families with an affordable solution to skyrocketing tuition costs.

Columbia University has long held the reputation of inclusion, attracting the most socioeconomically diverse undergraduate student populations among Ivy League universities. The University has recently gone a step further announcing that the College will replace loans for students qualifying for financial aid with University grants. The University is expected to spend upwards of \$1 million an-

nually to ensure that income disparities do not prevent capable students from attending a top university. As the price of college increases more and more every year, Columbia's actions display their understanding of the importance of a good education to underprivileged children in escaping poverty and opening the door to opportunities in life.

It is my sincere hope that other colleges and universities across the Nation will join Columbia in providing those students from lower- and middle-income families with a feasible way to pay for college.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERSHIP
OF DR. LYN BEHRENS OF LOMA
LINDA UNIVERSITY AND MED-
ICAL CENTER

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend Dr. B. Lyn Behrens, who is retiring after nearly two decades of guiding Loma Linda University Medical Center into a regional, national and international role in modern medical technology, trauma care and cancer research.

An innovator and pioneer throughout her career, Dr. Behrens became the first pediatric resident at Loma Linda University Medical Center in 1966, just 2 years after completing her medical degree at the Sydney University School of Medicine. She became the first female dean of the medical school in 1986, and in 1990 she became the university's first female president.

Over the next 10 years, Dr. Behrens became the CEO of Adventist Health System, and then president of Loma Linda University Medical Center, making her the top leader of all of the institutions affiliated with the university in San Bernardino County. Loma Linda now has a staff of 13,000, with 4,000 students from 80 countries.

I first became closely acquainted with Dr. Behrens when we joined Dr. James Slater of Loma Linda in the quest to create the Nation's first proton beam treatment center in the late 1980s. That facility, which has treated more than 12,000 cancer patients, has become a model for Federal/local cooperation in research and medical technology. Although Dr. Slater was the driving force behind this medical breakthrough, Dr. Behrens marshaled the resources and staff of the medical center to provide crucial support for the effort.

Following her first love of pediatrics, Dr. Behrens led the creation of the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, the only dedicated children's hospital in the Inland Empire—one of the fastest growing major urban areas in the United States. As with all of Loma Linda's institutions, this is a true teaching hospital, and will soon have a state-of-the-art pediatric and maternal health sciences campus.

As an outgrowth of the children's hospital, Dr. Behrens led Loma Linda in creating the Rehabilitation, Orthopedic and Neurosciences Institute, which provides innovative rehabilitation for those who have lost limbs, and is an international leader in research on the development of longer lasting artificial joints. The institute includes a park and playground with 26

different play features designed for interaction between able-bodied children and disabled children.

Growing in many other ways under Dr. Behrens' leadership, the university has added a Behavioral Medicine Center, a school of pharmacy and a school of science and technology. The university and medical school have reached out to the community and region in many ways, creating clinics to serve low-income patients and counseling programs for after-school children and at-risk teenagers.

Loma Linda has also established an international reputation for excellence under Dr. Behrens' leadership. Adventist Health International provides administrative support to hospitals and clinics in 12 developing nations, and provides medical support in 48 other countries. The most prominent efforts are in Kabul, Afghanistan, where Loma Linda provides direct support for that nation's only teaching hospital, and in Hangzhou, China, where the Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital is the first in China to receive endorsement of quality care by the Joint Commission for International Accreditation.

It goes without saying that Dr. Behrens has taken a leadership role in many medical societies in California and across the nation. Her accomplishments have recently been recognized by the California Hospital Association, which awarded her the Ritz E. Heerman Memorial Award for outstanding contribution in the improvement of patient care in California.

Madam Speaker, after more than 40 years as a leader in medicine and health education, Dr. Behrens is retiring next month. Please join me in thanking her for a lifetime of public service and congratulating her on the many accomplishments that have helped make Loma Linda University Medical Center one of the nation's finest institutions of medical research and education.

ENERGY CONSERVATION THROUGH
TREES ACT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Energy Conservation through Trees Act. On this Earth Day in 2008, my legislation builds on an innovative program developed in my hometown of Sacramento that will help Americans lower their energy bills while increasing energy conservation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Through the targeted and strategic planting of specific species of shade trees around residences, homeowners and utilities can conserve significant amounts of energy.

Planting shade trees in strategic locations is a proven method to help homeowners manage the amount of electricity they need to run their air conditioners and heaters. For more than a decade, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District has partnered with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to offer their customers free shade trees to help reduce energy consumption.

This program has succeeded in planting more than 400,000 trees, which will help conserve enough energy to cool 9,000 homes in Sacramento. In addition, these trees will contribute to the fight against global warming by

absorbing an estimated 2 billion pounds of carbon dioxide. They will absorb 5 billion gallons of rainwater as well, and will eliminate or avoid the production of about 61 million pounds of air pollutants. Most important, they will save my constituents millions of dollars in energy costs, and will relieve SMUD from having to purchase expensive and dirty power during periods when demand is at its peak.

Madam Speaker, the benefits of strategically planted trees to the environment, to energy conservation, and even to public health are many, and the Federal Government certainly has a role to play in helping to encourage more utilities to utilize them. With this in mind, the Energy Conservation through Trees Act creates a grant program at the Department of Energy to help residential power providers institute targeted tree-planting initiatives dedicated to reducing residential energy consumption.

In order to qualify for financial assistance under this legislation, utilities must partner with local tree-planting organizations to serve as experts in the siting, planting, and care of the shade trees provided to homeowners. These tree-planting organizations must employ science-based guidelines to ensure that planted trees do not interfere with pre-existing solar panels, wind turbines, septic systems, building foundations, and other essential infrastructure. These guidelines are also meant to ensure that ecologically appropriate trees are distributed to homeowners.

Madam Speaker, the American people are concerned about our Nation's energy policy. They want us to take action to combat global warming. They are demanding relief from energy bills that continually rise year after year. Utilizing strategic planting of trees to increase energy conservation is a proven and reliable way for Congress to take action to address these concerns. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Energy Conservation through Trees Act. Doing so will send a strong signal to our constituents that we are taking steps today to create a more affordable and energy-conscious future for them.

RECOGNIZING SARAI INGRAM

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarai Ingram on achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award. Receiving the Gold Award is a testament to Miss Ingram's leadership, citizenship, and service to her community.

For her Gold Award project, Sarai Ingram designed and provided a library of books for the Children's Room at the Battered Women's Foundation in Hurst, Texas. In addition, Miss Ingram helped care for the children while their mothers were receiving support at the center for themselves and their families.

The Girl Scouts of America promotes a positive influence for young women of today. I am honored to represent Sarai Ingram in earning the highest award bestowed in Girl Scouts. I commend her commitment and dedication for the betterment of her life, her community, and her country.

MADDIE HOLMES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maddie Holmes who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maddie Holmes is a senior at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maddie Holmes is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Maddie Holmes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

HONORING ANDREW FORTIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Fortin of Kansas City, Missouri. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 260, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Fortin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GARDEN CITY

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share an inspirational story about a community coming together in a time of need. Like Americans across the country, Kansas families are burdened with the rising cost of fuel, healthcare, and other basic needs.

The Bible Christian Church of Garden City raised funds to help reduce the pain many Kansas families are facing at the pump by

lowering the price \$0.40 a gallon at a local Shell gas station. They allowed as many residents to participate in the event in 1 hour as possible. The turnout was so great that the hour was extended for those who waited in line throughout the hour and didn't make it through.

In addition to giving a discount on gas, Bible Christian Church held its third annual Community Day of Service. Many free services were provided in the church's Family Life Center, such as hair cuts for children; hearing, dental, and vision screenings; cancer screenings and bone marrow registry, along with free clothing.

I would like to recognize members of the Bible Christian Church, community physicians, and local residents for their time and efforts in their act of services to the Garden City community.

While Washington remains divided on ways to help the needy, it is small acts of generosity like this that our Nation can be proud of and encourage. Even the smallest deeds are a step in the right direction.

HONORING NORMAN MOORHEAD

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary achievements of Mr. Norman Moorhead. Mr. Moorhead is being recognized by the Newtown Township Police Department, honoring his retirement from the force after 40 years of hard work and dedication to his community.

A longtime resident of Bucks County, Mr. Moorhead began his exceptional service to others in 1963. After graduating from Council Rock High School, Mr. Moorhead enlisted in the Air Force and began basic training that following September. During his time in the United States Air Force, Mr. Moorhead was trained as a Power Production Specialist. He used his specialized skills and knowledge and served for 18 months as part of a Vietnam support base in Okinawa, Japan.

Mr. Moorhead was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1967. After, he returned to Bucks County he continued his work on behalf of our community. Mr. Moorhead joined the Newtown Township Police Department in 1968, beginning his decades-long commitment to improving the safety of Bucks County. Over the years, Mr. Moorhead established himself as an outstanding public servant, undertaking various special tasks necessary to keep the police department running.

Years later, as a sergeant for the Newtown Township Police, he worked to establish the Newtown Youth Aid Panel. The Youth Aid Panel is a volunteer organization established to help police officers with juvenile offenders and other related problems. In 1989, Mr. Moorhead was promoted to Captain and, in addition to his other responsibilities, he undertook the duties of planning various special events in Newtown, such as First Night, First Fourth, and local parades.

As his outstanding work and achievements show, Norman Moorhead dedicated his life to helping those in his community and beyond. Through his extensive efforts, Mr. Moorhead