have a great impact on the future of Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Carl J. Montante for this great honor and applaud him for his service and dedication to the Western New York community. I wish Carl and his family the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY AND THEIR NOBLE CAUSE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, every hour in the United States someone new is diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. It is a lasting disease which attacks the central nervous system, and can be extremely disabling. This week the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is in town to promote awareness of people living with MS—approximately 400,000 Americans and 2.5 million people worldwide.

Many Americans know a person living with multiple sclerosis, a mother or father, a son or daughter, another family member or friend, or maybe even a colleague. For me, it was a member of my staff. This brave and strong woman inspired me to get more involved in the battle to live in a world free of multiple sclerosis.

As a medical doctor prior to coming to Congress, I'm working to find sensible solutions for the health care challenges that Americans face. As the co-chair of the newly formed Congressional Multiple Sclerosis Caucus, I intend to bring the needs of those individuals into the larger discussion of quality health care.

Madam Speaker, we must work together to improve access to quality health services, to break down barriers, and to make MS therapies more affordable. I ask other Members of the House to join me in this noble cause. We must always remember that behind every statistic is the face of a family member or friend. We have a shared responsibility to offer help and hope. There is no better time than now to begin offering it.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN JAQUETTE AND SUE WILSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize high school athletic trainers Brian Jaquette of Fort Dodge High School and Sue Wilson of Johnston High School, for their quick thinking in treating a football player who suffered serious internal injuries during a football game last fall.

The injured football player was tended to by Jaquette and Johnston, who decided that his abdominal pain was serious enough to call for an ambulance. It turned out that the injured player was suffering from a ruptured gall bladder, which would have caused blood poisoning and possibly death if left untreated. Were it not for Jaquette and Johnson's accurate initial examination and determination, it is unlikely that his injury would have been treated in time.

The quick thinking and calm demeanor displayed by these two athletic trainers serves as a wonderful example to all those who care for others. I commend Sue Wilson and Brian Jaquette for their outstanding professional work and dedication to the young athletes they serve. I am honored to represent each of them in the United States Congress, and I wish them the best in their careers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND JUDY ALVAREZ

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Judy Alvarez by entering their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I honor Mr. and Mrs. Alvarez for being awarded with the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 2008 Home-Based Business of the Year, sponsored by the SBA's Nevada District Office.

RJ Communications Concepts, LLC was established by Bob and Judy Alvarez in 1995. The company began as a home based business and represents a culmination of the couple's combined 60-plus years of work within the telecommunications industry. Their experience, hard work, and dedication quickly resulted in the company expanding beyond the walls of the Alvarez's home.

Today, the company covers a wide range of services. The distribution of electronic components and testing equipment comprises over half of the company's business. The company also provides services for multiple fields, including information technology supplies, consulting, training equipment and business provisions.

In addition to the professional accomplishments, Bob and Judy have been good community partners to a variety of local non-profit organizations in Southern Nevada. Through their company, Bob and Judy helped organizations including the North Las Vegas Boys and Girls Club, the Nathan Adelson Hospice and the Sunrise Children's Foundation, among others. According to Judy Alvarez, ''We feel a level of social responsibility . . . Even if you're small you can still do something.'' Additionally, as a former member of the U.S. Air Force, Bob and his wife, Judy has also provided assistance to Nellis Air Force Base.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Judy Alvarez for their accomplishments as small business owners, their contributions to the Southern Nevada community, and for their recognition by the SBA as the 2008 Home-Based Business of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE DON BOSCO WRESTLING TEAM

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by the Don Bosco wrestling team at the Iowa State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines this past winter.

Don Bosco rolled to its third straight Class 1A title with a stunning 81 point win over New London/WMU. This win set a new class record with 175.5 points. Also celebrating his third straight win was Bart Reiter, a junior, who became a three-time state champion and joins only 13 other three-time winners this decade.

I congratulate Don Bosco for winning the Iowa Class 1A state championship. The last team to win three in a row was Lisbon from 1988–1990.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Don Bosco wrestling team, both on and off the mat, and I am proud to serve them in Congress.

HONOR POLICE OFFICERS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. SMITH of Texas. In a few days, thousands of police officers from around the country will travel to Washington, DC for National Police Week.

This occasion provides Congress with the opportunity to honor those who have given their lives to protect our families, constituents, and communities.

In my district, ''The Memorial Wall'' stands in the San Antonio Police Academy's courtyard and lists the names of those forty-eight officers who have sacrificed their lives while fighting to keep San Antonio's neighborhoods safe and crime-free for our children.

We can honor their legacies and the lives of other police officers by bringing legislation to the floor that will help Federal, State and local law enforcement officials combat crime.

For example, the bill Congressman FORBES and I introduced, H.R. 3156, the ''Violent Crime Control Act of 2007,'' would do just that.

Why is the Democratic leadership in Congress stalling crime legislation?

KEEP STARRETT CITY AFFORDABLE

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the need for additional affordable housing across the nation. Financial planners suggest that families devote 30 percent of their income to paying for housing costs. But for many families across the country such a rule of thumb sounds more like a pipe dream. According to the 2006 American Community Survey, twenty-five percent of renters across the

nation spend more than 50 percent of their income on rent. Nationwide, there are 9 million extremely low-income households but only 6 million units renting at affordable prices, leaving a shortage of 3 million affordable housing units.

In my hometown of New York City, 28 percent of renters are paying more than half of their income for rent. Keeping the Starrett City development in Brooklyn affordable is critical. Starrett City is the Nation's largest government-subsidized rental housing complex. It was designed in the 1970s as a subsidized, middle-class co-operative under New York State's Mitchell-Lama program. It is home to 12,000 residents in nearly 6,000 housing units. Most of the residents of Starrett City live on annual gross incomes of about $20,000 to $40,000 and the average subsidized rent is $200–$400.

I, along with my colleague from New York, Representative EDOLPHUS TOWNS, requested that the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity hold a field hearing in New York City following an attempt to sell Starrett City that jeopardized the complex's affordability. The hearing was held in July 2007 and investigated the impact of affordable housing sales on housing costs in New York City.

Mr. TOWNS' legislation before the House today will allow owners and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to convert the current subsidy contracts that are in place at Starrett City into a new, 20-year Section 8 contract. This will ensure that a new owner can secure the long-term financing necessary to keep Starrett City affordable and its tenants in their homes.

Without this legislation, Starrett City's owners would likely opt out of their Section 8 contract and convert Starrett City to market-rate housing, further contributing to the lack of affordable housing in New York City.

I thank my colleague, Mr. TOWNS and support his legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

Had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 294.

PASS A CLEAN AND HONEST SUPPLEMENTAL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, American men and women are on the front lines of the Global War on Terrorism defeating our enemies abroad so we do not have to face them here at home. Unfortunately, at home, Democrats are threatening to push through an emergency war supplemental spending bill, without committee consideration, that includes unrelated spending.

Funding for our troops should be priority number one. However, it is not the time nor the place to add additional spending on top of what our military has requested in an effort to push it through on the coattails of our bravest and brightest. If the majority wishes to increase spending on other programs unrelated to the Global War on Terrorism, then they should bring those requests up under regular order—not hidden in an emergency troop funding bill.

As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen has made it clear, this supplement spending bill is vital to our security. Without passage of the supplemental, our soldiers will stop getting their paychecks and our ability to equip our troops will be undermined.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

IN HONOR OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SULLIVAN'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR HOSPITALITY STUDIES

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Sullivan University's National Center for Hospitality Studies, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Nearly four thousand students have graduated from NCHS and gone on to impact the culinary, travel, and hospitality fields. The impact of Sullivan's exceptional program can be felt throughout the nation, from Las Vegas to New Orleans and many lucky cities in between, but nowhere—I am pleased to say—has NCHS and its alumni had a greater influence than in my hometown of Louisville.

On any given weekend night, there are over 600 Sullivan students working in our community's hotels and restaurants. Alumni include many of our city's finest chefs and restaurateurs, who have helped ensure that Derby week, when our town becomes the nation's top tourist destination, visitors will leave raving about more than just horse races.

But while I certainly recommend it, one does not need to come to Louisville to recognize the excellence of the program. President and CEO A.R. Sullivan has assembled an award winning faculty, including program director Chef Tom Hickey, a Culinary Olympics medal winner who has overseen culinary operations for presidential inaugurations; catering department chair chef Kimberly Jones, who has developed nationally renowned recipes and catered some of the world's highest profile events; chef John Castro, our local celebrity chef who bested the competition on the TV Food Network's Throw Down with Bobby Flay and has been featured on the Travel Channel; and baking and pastry department chef, the nationally ranked Derek Spendlove, who won a gold medal in the 1988 Culinary Olympics.

That faculty and leadership has helped Sullivan's Culinary Competition team win 291 medals, including Southeast Regional Pastry Chef of the Year in 2008 and Southeast Regional Champions in 2001, 2004 and 2005. The school was the first culinary school in America to be invited to cook at New York's prestigious James Beard House.

The alumni list of four-star chefs has the length of a school celebrating its centennial. Still for all that has been accomplished through NCHS in a quarter century, the promise for the future is equally bright. The program now builds on a proud tradition where students and alumni never cease to exceed our highest expectations.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Sullivan University's National Center for Hospitality Studies on the last twenty five years of distinction and to wish the center the best as it continues to satisfy our taste for excellence in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING NANCY BRINKER, WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, ON HER BEING NAMED ONE OF THE 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

HON. RAY LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nancy Brinker for the recognition she has received from Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Nancy grew up in my hometown of Peoria, Illinois, and all of us are extremely proud of her many accomplishments in diplomacy and in the health care arena.

As White House Chief of Protocol and previously as President Bush's Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Nancy has fostered meaningful, positive relationships for the United States around the world and advanced a broad range of U.S. security and economic interests.

But Peorians know her best for her role as founder of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure after promising her sister, Susan, that she would fight to end breast cancer forever. Named after Susan, who died from breast cancer in 1980, the foundation is now recognized as the Nation's leading catalyst in the fight against breast cancer. It all began with a race in Dallas, followed by one in Peoria, and now there are over 112 races with over a million participants. Research is the key to finding a cure for this disease, and with the financial assistance of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, much progress has been made. The success of this foundation and its mission is known throughout the world.

In the words of Cokie Roberts' tribute in the Times article, "When Nancy Brinker meets up with her sister, Susan G. Komen, on the other side of the pearly gates, she will be able to say, "I did what you asked." And, in the process, she will have helped millions who suffer from this dreaded disease.