

This week, we celebrate National Nurses Week, to honor the men and women that care for us in some of our hardest moments. I am humbled to recognize the nurses of El Rio who endure so much for the health of our community.

From its beginning, El Rio has had a strong community base which comes from advocating and working to ensure that quality and affordable health care were provided to underrepresented communities in the late 1960s. Today, it is among the largest community health centers in Southern Arizona.

The legacy of quality and affordable health care continues at El Rio, because of the sacrifice and commitment of its nurses.

El Rio nurses are often the unsung heroes; they are protective of their patients, are selfless in the care they provide, and are in tune with the needs of the patient. This is just what we see as patients or family of loved ones.

Behind the scenes and off the clock, El Rio nurses are constantly training or researching the newest techniques, health trends, nurse education, or how to provide culturally and ethnically competent care. They do this so that their patients can have the most up-to-date and personal care.

This year, Congress is preparing to undertake health care reform, a debate that is decades old to which we will hopefully find solutions. The work by El Rio nurses are actions and principles that my colleagues and I should embrace as we move forward on this important debate. El Rio nurses are committed to the idea that each patient deserves respect, receives quality care, and is part of the community. If we could replicate their concern, passion, energy, and success, our country's system would provide the quality health care we all hope to attain.

Words are not strong enough to thank the nurses at El Rio on behalf of their dedication, sacrifice, and work for a better future.

HARRY FRANCIS CUNNINGHAM,
JR.

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the death of Harry Francis Cunningham, Jr., a patriotic American, a great Nebraskan and an unsung hero.

Harry Francis Cunningham devoted 31 years to the U.S. Foreign Service, serving in posts in Hungary, Spain, Germany, Vietnam, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Canada during the tumultuous times of 1938–1969. During that time, Mr. Cunningham was personally responsible for the safety and survival of many families. At the tender age of 25, Mr. Cunningham was able to accomplish feats only achieved by real heroes, and through his noble actions, countless Jewish lives were saved.

One example of Mr. Cunningham's many accomplishments is the story of Mr. Zoltan Roth and Mrs. Elizabeth Foldes, two people that he helped escape Hungary just before the onslaught of World War II.

Both Zoltan and Elizabeth were graduate medical students seeking to escape Europe

for America and facing dire circumstances. Both were brilliant students, but were banned by Hungarian medical school quotas against Jews. Instead, both graduated with honors from their respective schools, Zoltan from the University of Bologna in Italy and Elizabeth from Charles Medical University in Prague.

Upon her graduation, Elizabeth had been accepted at Columbia University in New York City to do graduate studies. She and Zoltan were about to be married, and wanted to come to America together. When she arrived at the American Embassy in Budapest, however, she learned for the first time that her student visa was unattainable. Six years before, her mother had, without Elizabeth's knowledge or consent, signed her up for permanent residency status and this had nullified the student visa process. A person applying for a student visa could not have signaled a desire to remain permanently. Their plight looked hopeless. They made an appointment, again at the American Embassy in Budapest, this time, fortuitously, being assigned to a Foreign Service Officer, who turned out to be Harry Francis Cunningham, Jr., 25 years old and on his first post. Creatively, Mr. Cunningham readjusted their visas giving Zoltan Roth, Elizabeth's permanent visa that she had not known about, as well as a quota number so he could leave Hungary within the next couple of months, freeing up her student visa application for her, and allowing them both entry into the United States.

Because of his kindness and creativity, Elizabeth and Zoltan came to the United States, each practicing medicine in Reading, Pennsylvania for over 50 years, they were generous philanthropists and community citizens. They raised three daughters who have been teachers, professors, authors, lecturers and leaders in the world-wide medical support community.

This was just one example of how Mr. Cunningham was able to assist refugees after the war by providing them safe entry into America to start new and productive lives.

Mr. Cunningham received a bachelor's of arts degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1933 and was awarded an UNL Alumni Achievement award in 1984. He was a former trustee of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation and the UNL Alumni Association. He served on the Bishop's committee and was a church warden at St. Mark's Campus Episcopal Church.

Mr. Cunningham comes from a strong Nebraskan family as well. His father, Col. Harry Cunningham, took over the Nebraska State Capitol project after the death of Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue. He is survived by 11 grand children and 8 great grand children, several of which are still living in Nebraska.

Many families owe their survival, and the lives of their children and grandchildren, to Mr. Cunningham. So it is my true honor to remember this unsung hero here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that on May 5th I was in my district attending the funeral of my Aunt

Julia Taglibue Monda who recently passed away at the age of 96, and I therefore missed the three rollcall votes of the day.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 231, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 299—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and throughout the year.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 232, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 338—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 233, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 353—Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Days.

BOSWELL ENGINEERING

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Boswell Engineering. In 1924, the late David C. Boswell recognized the need for engineering expertise in a world that was expanding and developing at a lightening-fast pace. It was then, in Ridgefield Park, NJ, that he founded Boswell Engineering. His leadership provided the solid foundation upon which the company is built.

Family ownership continued as both of David C. Boswell's sons—the late Howard L. Boswell, Sr. and David J. Boswell—became the second generation to own and operate the firm, each making his unique contribution toward establishing Boswell as a full-service engineering company. The company's third generation of family ownership and management headed by Stephen Boswell who together with his brothers Bruce and Kevin are presently providing the leadership for continuation and expansion of the superb quality of service and high standard of excellence Boswell is known for in the engineering community.

Through the company's fine history of engineering accomplishments—from a two-man field office concentrating on surveying and civil engineering to a 250 person multi-disciplined engineering firm serving numerous public sector clients at all levels of government, Boswell continues to play a major role in the structuring of the future and improving the quality of life for the cities, towns and counties with which it is associated.

Today, as the fourth generation is now actively engaged at the family owned business, Boswell Engineering, which has been headquartered in Bergen County since it's founding in 1924, looks forward to maintaining a reputation for excellence by continuing to provide superb engineering services envisioned by its founder 85 years ago.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE'S (USPTO)
NATIONAL TRADEMARK EXPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) National Trademark Expo. In a time of great challenges for the American and global economy, I want to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role trademarks play in the economy.

The 2008 National Trademark Expo was a great success and was attended by more than 7,000 from the trademark community as well as the public at large. This year's 2-day event will be held on Friday, May 8th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 9th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. The purpose of the Expo is to educate the public about the value and important role trademarks play in our society and the global marketplace.

Trademarks are words, names, symbols, sounds, or colors that identify and distinguish the goods and services of one party from those of others. The Trademark Expo will highlight the different types of trademarks including trademarks that identify shapes and configurations of products, century-old registered trademarks, the historical evolution and transformation of trademarks, and the history of people behind certain trademarks.

The USPTO campus will turn into a "Trademark Theme Park" featuring company booths, themed displays, costumed characters, and inflatables. Additions to this year's Trademark Expo include guided tours, activities for children, and educational lectures on anti-counterfeiting, how to file a trademark, and "Trademarks 101." A large cast of costumed characters masquerading to tunes played by the United States Air Force Band's brass quintet promise a festive introduction for speakers at this year's opening ceremony.

During the Trademark Expo, costumed trademarked characters that the public has come to associate with particular goods and services, including the Pillsbury Doughboy®, Sprout®, Hershey's Kisses®, Maisy®, Curious George®, Peter Rabbit®, Energizer Bunny®, Mr. Jelly Belly®, and The Grinch®, among others, will parade about the USPTO campus, and large inflatable characters, including The Cat in the Hat®, Thomas the engine from Thomas & Friends®, and Green Giant®, will decorate the grounds. Costumed characters in the shape of crayons from Crayola®, displayed in a spectrum of colors, will escort children through the educational activities including a story time featuring literary trademarked characters sponsored by Hooray for Books!, a local children's bookstore. The Hershey's Kissmobile® and a UPS® truck will help tell the story of the prevalence of trademarks in our daily lives and their value as source indicators.

On average, people are exposed to 1,500 trademarks each day and more than 30,000 if they make a trip to the grocery store. In a time of globalization, counterfeit goods pose an increasing threat to American businesses, and

trademarks assist the public in discerning between authentic and counterfeit merchandise.

Some of America's leading large corporations, small businesses with unfolding success stories, governmental agencies, and non-profit corporations will highlight the various types of trademarks and the benefits of Federal trademark registration. The exhibitors include Bridgestone Corporation, Burberry Limited, Callaway Golf Company, CMG Worldwide, Inc., Fred Gretsche Enterprises/The Bigsby Company, Galaxy Systems, Inc., International Trademark Association (INTA), Internet Keep Safe Coalition, The Hershey Company/Hershey Chocolate & Confectionery Corporation, The Pepsco Group, Inc., The Travelers Companies, Inc., United Parcel Service of America, Inc., Urangatang Web Design, LLC, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Department of Energy.

The Trademark Expo will emphasize the essential role the USPTO plays in reviewing applications for trademarks and issuing federal trademark registrations. An award-winning leader in handling electronic filings, the USPTO will also showcase its electronic trademark application system.

During these uncertain economic times, I applaud the USPTO for its continued efforts to educate the public on the role of trademarks through the National Trademark Expo. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the USPTO, at this time when trademark protection and intellectual property rights play an increasingly important role in our global economy.

MOMMA HARRIS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, in recognition of this Mother's Day, I rise to honor a special mother and grandmother, Sandra L. Harris—or Momma Harris as she is more affectionately known.

Sandra grew up in Cartersville, GA where she spent a good bit of time up on Red Top Mountain State Park. From a young age Sandra knew the value of a day's pay as she worked in the concession stand and as a lifeguard at the park.

Sandra would later meet Charles Harris from Cassville, GA and the two would become married. Sandra relocated with him to San Antonio and Wichita Falls, TX while he served in the military. In her personal career Sandra has worked in various occupations through the years including a bank teller and salesperson, but her passion lies in the real estate business where she has been quite successful.

After leaving Texas and moving back to Georgia Sandra had two sons, Chuck and James Harris. Momma Harris has taught her boys work ethic, faith, and the strength and character only a southern woman can instill into her sons. In addition to her two sons, Sandra has a vibrant grandson who she loves deeply, Wyatt Harris, who calls her Granny Harris.

Momma Harris is a woman of deep love, faith, and generosity. She is the type of person that anyone could hope to have for a mother. You can just ask anyone in Cartersville, GA and they will tell you that San-

dra Harris will leave a lasting impression on anyone that spends just a few minutes around her.

Madam Speaker, I would like to wish the best to Sandra Harris, and thank her for representing the ideals of a loving and supporting mother on this Mother's Day. Let her commitment to her family serve as an example to us all. Sandra is a great American and I wish her a very happy Mother's Day with many more to come.

And that's just the way it is.

COMMENDING THE MIDLAND
NORTHSTARS PEE WEE AA
HOCKEY TEAM

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the team members of the Midland Northstars Pee Wee AA hockey team on winning the USA Hockey Tier II 12-and-under Youth Nationals on Sunday, April 5, 2009. They have represented the state well with their perseverance and athleticism, and we are very proud of their national accomplishments.

The Northstars' 6–3 win over the East Coast Eagles of Raleigh, NC completed a six-game unbeaten run through the national tournament.

The Northstars—a travel team from the Midland Amateur Hockey League located in my district, outscored their opponents 36–7 in the five-day national tournament.

Team members include Turner Anderson, Tyler Angers, Samuel Brushaber, Drake Cergnul, Cam Fisher, Andrew Healey, Matthew Lee, Michael Leslie, Jacob Mackie, Travis McNally, Zachary Paisley, Steven Roberts, Joshua Ruthig, Derek Striker, Jacob Swartz, Brandon Veihl, Colin Walters. The team is Coached by Gregory Walters, assisted by Scott Cergnul, John Hollingsworth, Terry McNally, and James Roberts. The team manager is Kent Striker. The Northstars are also two-time Michigan state champions.

I am honored today to recognize the Midland Northstars Pee Wee AA team for their accomplishments, and congratulate them on their outstanding performance.

HONORING TAYLOR COURTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Taylor Courter 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 66, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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