

Council and also serves as co-chair of the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Study Advisory Committee.

Under her leadership, the School of Nursing has embarked on several new programmatic endeavors. Dean Starck worked tirelessly to ensure the creation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, a practice doctorate degree focused on patient quality outcomes. The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston was the first school in Texas to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree. During her tenure, the School has also established the Women's Health Care Nursing Program; the Center for Nursing Research; the Center on Aging; the Pediatric Nursing Practitioner Program; the Neonatal Nursing Program; the Acute Care Nursing Program; the Adult Health Nursing Program; the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Education and Research; the Biological Sciences Laboratory; and the Nursing Leadership and Administration Program.

Dean Starck has also contributed to scholarship and research in her field, receiving fourteen grant awards for her work; publishing forty-five articles for journals; publishing and serving as editor on eighteen publications; and collaborating on and leading twelve clinical research projects and six education research projects for instructional distribution.

She has brought honor to the School and to herself as the recipient of numerous awards and distinctions, including the 2005 Health Policy Award; the Presidential Award for Distinguished Contributions and Sterling Leadership, the XIV Congress on Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy; the Griffin B. Bell Distinguished Lecturer, Georgia Southwestern State University; Sister Bernadette Armiger Award, American Association of Colleges of Nursing; Nursing Excellence Leadership Award, Houston Organization of Nurses; Distinguished Professional Woman's Award, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Committee on the Status of Women 1993; Collaboration Between Nursing Service and Education Award, Council Deans/Directors and Nurse Executives; Woman of Excellence, Federation of Business and Professional Women; Outstanding Woman in Education, YWCA Honoree; Leadership Texas; and Lifetime Membership, Alumni Association, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Xi, Sigma Theta Tau and Phi Kappa Phi societies; and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Starck for twenty-five years of outstanding work for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing, and best wishes for the years to come.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. BRITTANY BERGQUIST

##### HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in congratulating a young, profoundly dedicated community volunteer—and a constituent of mine—Ms. Brittany Bergquist.

As a distinguished winner of the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, Brittany was recently named as one of our nation's top 10 youth volunteers. Her passion for improving the lives of others was sparked five years ago by a TV news story about an Army reservist who struggled with overwhelming cell phone bills while trying to keep in touch with his loved ones overseas. Sympathetic to our brave men and women in uniform, Brittany and her brother Robbie began raising money to send on their behalf. They scraped together piggy-bank savings, hosted car washes, and organized bake sales as their dedication to the cause intensified day-by-day.

Today, the nonprofit organization that the Bergquist kids co-founded—"Cell Phones for Soldiers"—has collected and recycled nearly 700,000 pre-paid phone cards for the men and women serving in our armed forces. She and her brother arranged for a recycling company to purchase donated phones; designed a Web site to spread awareness of their campaign; recruited volunteers from across the continent; and secured a large donation from a mobile phone company. To date, the Bergquist children have sent more than \$2.5 million worth of one-hour phone cards to military hospitals and bases around the world.

What began as the idealistic initiative of a young girl and her brother, "Cell Phones for Soldiers" has blossomed into a national effort well-deserving of the recognition it has received. Brittany is an inspiration not only to the people of her home state of Massachusetts, but to young adults nationwide who aspire to make a difference.

On behalf of the thousands of soldiers who have been able to communicate with their families thanks to Brittany's efforts, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank her for her exemplary work and compassion. She is a young woman of exceptional potential, and I wish her the very best of luck in all her future endeavors.

#### A TRIBUTE TO CHRYSALIS AND THE 8TH ANNUAL CHRYSALIS BUTTERFLY BALL ON THE OCCA- SION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chrysalis, a nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County that is dedicated to helping economically disadvantaged and homeless individuals find jobs and become self-sufficient through employment opportunities.

The organization derives its name from the term used to describe the growth stage during which a caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Chrysalis, the organization, seeks to lead its clients on a similar path—transforming lives by helping people who have fallen on hard times work their way out of poverty and obtain economic stability.

When Chrysalis was founded by 22-year-old John Dillon 25 years ago, the organization was a food and shelter agency located on Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles. John soon realized that he wanted to change the

agency's focus. He then transformed the organization into what it is today: an agency dedicated to helping people find jobs and become self-sufficient through employment opportunities.

To date, Chrysalis has assisted more than 30,000 people on the path toward self-sufficiency at three centers located throughout areas in Los Angeles County where poverty is most pervasive: Downtown Los Angeles on Skid Row, Santa Monica, and Pacoima in the San Fernando Valley. Through its employment programs and services, Chrysalis helps more than 2,500 people each year. Chrysalis clients not only find employment, but they change their lives through their new jobs, reuniting with their families, decreasing their reliance on government support, renting their own apartments, and regaining self-esteem.

To support their work, Chrysalis will hold its 8th Annual Chrysalis Butterfly Ball on June 6 at the Mandeville Canyon home of Susan Harris and Hayward Kaiser. This incredible evening is supported by friends of Chrysalis, including executives and artists in film, television, and music who will come together to help raise funds to keep Chrysalis' doors open to people in need throughout the year.

In recognition of the important role of Chrysalis' supporters, this year's celebration will honor several individuals critical to the organization's success, including Bruce Cohen and Dan Jinks, Academy Award Winning producers most prominently known for their work on the movies MILK and AMERICAN BEAUTY, as well as Doug Ellin, the creator and executive producer of the HBO television series, "Entourage." In addition, Chrysalis client Terry Moore will also be honored as this year's recipient of the John Dillon Butterfly Award. With the help of Chrysalis' services, Terry Moore overcame multiple barriers to find and keep a job, build a successful career, and regain dignity and self-esteem.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of Chrysalis' 25th anniversary, I join today with my congressional colleagues in recognizing all of the many dedicated people who make this fine organization the beacon of hope that it is today. I extend my thanks to this year's honorees, incredible donors and supporters, invaluable volunteer force, the Chrysalis staff, and, most of all, the agency's clients. Chrysalis provides the resources that enable those seeking a brighter future to truly "transform" themselves and their lives, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

#### HONORING BUD DOGGETT

##### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, this week the District of Columbia is renaming 10th Street, NW., "Bud Doggett's Way" after Leonard "Bud" Doggett, an iconic civic, business and political leader here in Washington who passed away last year. It's a well-deserved honor to an individual who devoted his life to making Washington, the Nation's Capital, a better place. During my tenure both as a member and Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia I had the

privilege of knowing Bud and, as was the case for many, he became my friend.

Bud Doggett was born in Washington, returned here after World War II, and never left. He loved this city and worked tirelessly to help it and its residents. While building a significant corporate empire based on parking, real estate and banking, Bud kept an eye and a hand on everything political and important that shaped Washington over the past 50 years. Bud was "old school," literally smoking cigars in the back room. He shunned publicity and attention, liked to refer to himself as a parking attendant, but Bud was the D.C. power broker who always had the best interest of the city at heart.

Bud spearheaded diversity in Washington's business community in the early 1960s when segregation was still pervasive if more quiet. He walked the streets with Mayor Washington to calm the turmoil after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, and played a decisive role in the election of most District leaders since Home Rule and the economic development that transformed a sleepy southern town to a world-class city.

With the strong, paternal hand came a softer heart. Bud's philanthropic efforts are legendary, anchored by HEROES, a largely anonymous group he founded in 1964 that helps the families of law enforcement and firefighters in the region who die in the line of duty. There are literally hundreds of families who have had their mortgages paid, their children sent to college, and their lives re-established because Bud and HEROES never forgot their loved one's sacrifice and were always there to help.

Bud was the last of his breed for Washington. There's no one with the same reach, respect, and authority to single-handedly keep the city on track. It's up to a new batch of political, business, and civic leaders to see if collectively they can provide the stability, direction and discipline that Bud did. It's a very tough act to follow.

**TRIBUTE TO BRANDON AND TONY SILVERIA IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATION TO CURBING UNDERAGE DRINKING IN OUR COUNTRY**

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brandon Silveria and his father, Tony Silveria, two courageous individuals who have turned a personal tragedy into a message of hope and possibility for teenagers and their families across the country.

On March 1, 1987, Brandon Silveria had the world at his fingertips. He was a popular high school athlete in Los Gatos, California. He and his friends had dreams of making the Olympic rowing team and attending Boston College on rowing scholarships.

But on that day, Brandon's dreams were shattered by one bad decision. Brandon and his friends went to a party and drank alcohol. Seventeen-year-old Brandon drove everyone home. After he dropped his best friend off, Brandon continued the short drive to his house. He never made it. Brandon crashed his car into a tree and barely survived.

Brandon's parents, Tony and Shirley Silveria, rushed to the hospital to be by Brandon's side and faced the nightmare of almost losing their son to an underage drinking and driving crash. Brandon spent 3 months in a coma followed by 3 years in rehabilitation. Brandon had to relearn everything. Walking, talking and eating were skills he had to regain. He worked hard to recover and his family stood by his side and nursed him back to health.

Today, Brandon and Tony travel the country for The Century Council, a not-for-profit organization funded by distillers to fight drunk driving and underage drinking. Over the last 20 years they have spoken to over 2 million students in all 50 states across the nation—from Maine to California—and their story has been told on "Rescue911," NBC's "TODAY Show," and the Discovery Channel's "HEALTHWATCH." Their message focuses on encouraging teens to make the right choices, resist peer pressure, and realize the trauma created by this kind of personal tragedy.

I first met the Silverias in the fall of 2007 when The Brandon Tells His Story program was featured at one of the high schools in my district. I was so moved by their presentation that I have worked with The Century Council to bring this compelling message to the teenagers and parents in two other high schools in my district.

Brandon walks and talks with great difficulty but that doesn't prevent him from delivering a forceful message to teens about the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving. He has permanent health problems as a result of a traumatic brain injury and must travel the country with his father. Tony has his own program for parents called Tony's Tips where he discusses the impact Brandon's crash had on his family and about the importance of talking to your kids about underage drinking. Many families unravel emotionally or financially in the face of a tragedy like Brandon's. Despite this often sad reality, the Silverias managed to pull together and make it their mission to deliver a lifesaving message to teenagers and families across the country.

Madam Speaker, because of the Silverias' mission to share their story, more than 2 million students have seen firsthand the tragic consequences of underage drinking and driving. I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Brandon and Tony for their courage and commitment to saving the lives of our nation's children, and in extending to them our best wishes for continued success in exemplifying for all us what it means to overcome tragedy and work to make a difference.

**IN HONOR OF RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER**

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher for his retirement in June 2009 after more than thirty years of service at Congregation Beth Emeth and throughout the Delaware community.

Rabbi Grumbacher moved from New York City to Wilmington upon his ordination from

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He became an Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education at Congregation Beth Emeth and after several years of service to the Jewish faith and the community, he was named Senior Rabbi in 1982. Constantly pursuing ways to better serve our community, the Rabbi earned his Masters of Social Work from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University.

Along with his strong emphasis on education, Rabbi Grumbacher also served on a variety of local boards, including as the chairperson of the State Human Relations Commission, chairperson of the Delaware Interfaith Coalition of Aging, and as the senior co-chair of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (now the National Conference for Community and Justice). Locally, the Rabbi served as a chaplain for Jewish patients for 27 years. On a national level, Rabbi Grumbacher serves on the National Commission for Rabbinic and Congressional Relations while also previously serving as President of the Mid-Atlantic Region Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Once again, I commend Rabbi Peter Grumbacher's achievements and over three decades as leader of Congregation Beth Emeth. His remarkable commitment to his congregation, our state, and our nation speaks volumes about his character, integrity, and selflessness. I am very fortunate to feel his positive impact in the community where my own family and friends reside, and I trust that this will still be so. I wish Rabbi Grumbacher the very best in his well-deserved retirement and am confident he will find happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAIRFAX CABLE ACCESS CORPORATION (FAIRFAX PUBLIC ACCESS)**

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fairfax Cable Access Corporation and to celebrate their 25 years of service to the community.

As a provider of public access television and radio programming, Fairfax Cable Access Corporation stands as an exceptional example of a nonprofit organization working closely with the community for mutual benefit. In 1984, Fairfax Public Access broadcast its very first program. From these humble beginnings, airing just a few hours each week, Fairfax Cable Access Corporation has grown into one of the larger organizations of its type in the country. Fairfax Public Access now operates two cable television channels and one cable radio channel. In 2008, Fairfax Public Access employed 20 full time staff members and aired 5,327 hours of programming.

This remarkable growth has been matched by the successes of Fairfax Cable Access Corporation in reaching out to our diverse community in Fairfax County. The programming is representative of the county's diverse ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. With programs in 14 different languages, Fairfax Cable Access Corporation is able to inform, educate and entertain peoples from around the world who call Fairfax home.