

House will join me in expressing our deepest condolences to his family and friends. He was a dedicated servant to the Sedalia community, but above all he was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, son and friend.

DARYA SHEVCHENKO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

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

The dedication demonstrated by Darya Shevchenko 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 Darya Shevchenko 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 academic career to her future accomplishments.

DAYTON PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE
IN AMERICA'S AMATEUR RADIO
SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, last weekend the Dayton, Ohio area played host to America's Amateur Radio operators. The Dayton Hamvention, located in Trotwood, has been a fixture of the Amateur Radio community since the event's founding in 1952.

There are 663,000 FCC-licensed amateurs in the United States and Ohio ranks fourth nationally with a total of 27,800. Many traveled to the Dayton area to attend the Hamvention.

The Amateur Radio Service, which began in the early 1900s, is both a challenging hobby and a valuable national resource in times of local and national disasters. Amateur Radio has repeatedly proven its value in providing two-way communications for local emergency operations centers and public safety officials during hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and even terror attacks. Its motto, "When all else fails . . . Amateur Radio," is more relevant today than ever.

For most of the 20th century, Amateur Radio attracted and nurtured telecommunications skills in America's youth, inspiring many to seek careers in communications and engineering while advancing the art of radio communications. Today, Amateur Radio satellites link hobbyists around the globe, and Amateur Radio operators combine the latest computer technology and digital communications with a commitment to public service.

The Dayton Hamvention, sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, has steadily grown in size and popularity to become the premier annual gathering of ham radio operators from around the world. The three day event offered exhibits of the latest in radio and digital communications technology and forums for hams to share their skills and interests.

Thanks to the never ending hard work of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, hams eagerly look to Dayton each year for innovation and inspiration.

IN TRIBUTE TO BISHOP SEDGWICK
DANIELS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a compassionate spiritual and community leader from the Fourth Congressional District, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels. Bishop Daniels is the pastor and spiritual leader of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ. His involvement in the well-being of this community, whether it is his church ministry or providing critical services, has been a lifelong pursuit. Bishop Daniels is a recognized leader at the national, regional and local level for his work.

Bishop Daniels has been recently honored with his election and elevation to the General Board for the International Church of God in Christ. The General Board oversees both the temporal and spiritual affairs of the church in the United States and in more than 50 countries. The 12-member General Board of Bishops is elected to this board from the Church of God in Christ's International Board of Bishops.

Bishop Daniels is the jurisdictional Bishop for the historic Wisconsin 1st Jurisdiction, where he oversees more than 90 congregations and includes all of Wisconsin and northern Illinois. In addition to his duties as jurisdictional Bishop, he oversees an array of resources and services to assist the community as leader of the Holy Redeemer Institutional Church including: a credit union, youth programs through the Daniels-Mardak Boys and Girls Club, educational programs and plans for the development of Bishop Creek Initiative.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Bishop Sedgwick Daniels' contributions to the Fourth Congressional District.

HONORING THE 19TH ANNUAL DC
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, Memorial Day Weekend, May 17th–25th, is the 19th Annual DC Black Pride celebration in Washington, DC.

DC Black Pride is an exciting six-day event complete with dynamic workshops, receptions, cultural arts activities, small and large nightclub events that culminates in the world's old-

est, most inclusive Black Pride Festival. Many consider DC's festival one of the world's pre-eminent Black Pride celebrations. The Festival consistently draws more than 30,000 people to the Nation's Capital. Attendees come from every major urban area in the United States as well as Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. The Black Pride Festival features activities for the entire family, including performances by national recording artists, 200 exhibition booths, book signings from noted writers, participation from national and local health organizations, and arts and crafts.

Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc. (BLGPD), the celebration's organizing body, chose the theme "Pure Love" to encourage the Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community to recommit themselves to advocacy, continuing the work towards combating homophobia and heterosexism, promote health and wellness, strengthen their community, and inspire Black LGBT people everywhere to live their lives with pride and integrity.

Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc., a non-profit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors, coordinates this annual event. BLGPD's 2009 Board of Directors consists of: Khalid Parker, President; Christopher Lane, Secretary; Maegan Marciano, Treasurer; and the following Members at Large: Jhabriel Moore, Karim Shabazz, and Jimma Eliot-Stevens; and these Members Emeriti: Earl Fowlkes, James W. Hawkins, Eric E. Richardson, Clarence J. Fluker, Courtney Snowden, Sterling Washington and Cheryl Dunn, who lead BLGPD in its mission to build knowledge of and to create greater pride in the Black LGBT community's diversity, while raising funds to ameliorate and prevent health problems in this community, especially HIV/AIDS.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all attending the 19th annual DC Black Pride celebration in Washington, DC, and I take this opportunity to remind the celebrants that United States citizens who reside in Washington, DC, are taxed without full voting representation in Congress.

JUSTIN TRUJILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

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

The dedication demonstrated by Justin Trujillo 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 Justin Trujillo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS "BOB"
GALANTE OF BROCKTON, MASSA-
CHUSETTS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Francis Galante, in recognition of his bravery, sacrifice and service to the United States of America.

Francis is the son of Teresa (Ferrante) and Carl Galante who emigrated from Frigento, Italy. He was born on August 28, 1916 in Brockton, Massachusetts, and lived in West Bridgewater with his aunt and uncle through the Depression.

He graduated from Brockton High School, married Diana Ferrini in 1939, enlisted in the United States Reserves, and was then drafted into the United States Army. He was deployed overseas and stationed in Africa, leaving his wife and ten-month-old daughter.

Francis was later shipped to Salerno, Italy, with the 34th Infantry nicknamed the Red Bull Division. He served as a ranger behind enemy lines. He was hit with shrapnel in Leghorn, Italy, wounding both of his legs and his head. He crawled for days to get back to base in order to receive medical treatment. He received the Purple Heart while in the hospital August 9, 1945.

After being hospitalized in Italy, Atlantic City, and Framingham, Massachusetts, he was discharged August 9, 1945, VJ Day, and returned home to Brockton. He then drove an Eastern Mass bus and also worked for his father-in-law's bakery, Superior Bakery, making over 200 deliveries in one day. Later, he was an important part of the creation of the cabinet company, Wood-Hu Kitchens, in Brockton, later becoming President. He retired from Wood-Hu Kitchens in August, 1981.

Francis was a star athlete, held records in track, and was also a professional gymnast performing in many Brockton clubs. He was a member of the YMCA since he was eight years old and was the longest standing member of the YMCA until his recent illness. He was a member of the Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton for over forty years.

Madam Speaker, Francis had many passions in life, the most important being family. He was married at the age of twenty-three to the love of his life, the late Diana. He was the proud parent of two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Francis was known for his amazing health and vigor at the age of 92. He always had the ability to make people laugh while poking fun at the same time. Francis is remembered and admired by his family and many friends.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Francis Galante's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his community of Brockton and to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN CROFT

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Helen Croft, who died unexpectedly this month at the age of 45.

Known for her warmth, optimism and contagious enthusiasm, Helen was an art teacher at North Allegheny School District's Hosack Elementary School. In this capacity, she positively impacted the lives of thousands of young students, including most recently my two daughters, Natalie and Grace.

She treated every student, teacher and parent with respect, and brought a smile to the face of seemingly everyone with whom she came into contact. She exhibited a love of life that extended well beyond the school.

She also worked as a coach in a community soccer league, and cultivated at her home a renowned colonial-style garden that drew admirers from across western Pennsylvania. A graduate of Buffalo State University and the Fashion Institute of New York City, she was known for her talent for embroidery, which she regularly shared with friends and neighbors.

She will be greatly missed by those friends and neighbors, as well as the entire North Allegheny School District, especially her students. But of course her loss will be most deeply felt by her husband Corky and their two children, Jacob and Hannah.

Her work lives on in the hearts of everyone she touched, and she serves as a lasting inspiration to the students who loved her.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE OHIO AERO-
SPACE INSTITUTE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Ohio Aerospace Institute, as they celebrate their 20th anniversary on 20th of May, 2009.

The Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) is a non-profit organization whose work is supported by several institutions, including the NASA Glenn Research Center, the Air Force Research Laboratory, and the Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The institute works in conjunction with ten public and private universities in the State of Ohio by offering students the opportunity to study aerospace engineering for their graduate work, as well as with numerous companies around the country.

The OAI leads research projects and develops technology partnerships in order to connect universities, laboratories and industries working in the field of aerospace engineering. Their partnerships with local universities educate and mentor local students, creating the future leaders of our aerospace workforce. The OAI also brings together various representatives of the governmental, industrial and educational sectors—fostering and improving stronger cooperation between them.

Since OAI's inception 20 years ago, they now have 80 employees and have led more

than 250 research and development projects funded by 206 million dollars from the space industry sector and the federal government. The OAI is continuing Ohio's instrumental and historical role in space research by inspiring our future John Glenns, Wright Brothers, and Neil Armstrongs.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the tireless service and significant contribution that the Ohio Aerospace Institute has provided to the State of Ohio and to our entire nation.

SHELBY WEST

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Shelby West who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Shelby West is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shelby West 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 Shelby West 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 academic career to her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON OB-
TAINING OBSERVER STATUS IN
WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taiwan on its participation as an observer in the 62nd annual World Health Assembly (WHA), which is taking place in Geneva this week. The recent H1N1 influenza outbreak serves as yet another reminder that international cooperation is vital to protecting against the spread of infectious diseases. In order to achieve this goal, it is important to have broad participation in the activities of the World Health Organization (WHO), and I commend the WHO for inviting Taiwan to assist in carrying out its mission.

Taiwan is a key trading partner for the United States and the fifth largest overseas market for U.S. agricultural exports. With growing attention to ensuring the safety of the food supply in a global economy, our close economic ties with the people of Taiwan present another compelling argument for Taiwan's involvement in the WHA. Furthermore, I believe the Taipei delegation will bring a valuable perspective to the WHA in light of Taiwan's remarkable success in advancing the public health of its people.