

talents, but he is always patient, even with a future Congressman who struggled to extract melodious sounds from a baritone saxophone. By the end of each school year, however, the students have become a cohesive team, an accomplishment made evident in the annual spring concert in which his students play while marching in formation down Charlottesville's Market Street. In helping each student reach his or her potential, he has consistently created accomplished ensembles of young musicians dedicated to ensuring the school music program's continued success. He has been important to my whole family, particularly my late father, Vito Perriello, who found in Gary a like-minded music lover as well as a teacher he could trust to share such a love with his— and others'—children.

Many of Mr. Fagan's students have been inspired to enter the field of music and performing arts as a career, and their accomplishments will continue his legacy. For those of his students who have gone to other fields, his invaluable lessons of teamwork, dedication, and striving for personal excellence still persist. On behalf of Albemarle County and Virginia's 5th District, I thank Mr. Fagan for his generosity and devotion in sharing his talent throughout the years and wish both him and Phyllis all the best in their retirement.

HONORING MONUMENT BANK

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and opening of the new headquarters for Monument Bank in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

This day 141 years ago marks the anniversary of the official dedication of the Doylestown Monument. The Doylestown landmark commemorates the officers and men of the 104th Pennsylvania Regiment who fell in the Civil War, and serves as the namesake for Monument Bank.

The founding members and shareholders of the new Monument Bank have a proven history of successful local banking. They have provided some of the most outstanding professional banking services in our area, recognizing the importance of local community relationships and support. Their service and community leadership will undoubtedly be an important asset to Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

I applaud Monument Bank for moving forward in these trying economic times to provide valuable banking services to our community. Madam Speaker, I proudly recognize Monument Bank and I extend my congratulations on the dedication of their headquarters today.

RECOGNIZING EMMA JURADO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Emma Jurado, a member of my staff. Friday, May 29, was Emma's last

day as a Legislative Aide and Scheduler in our office. Emma served the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois with distinction from 2003–2005, returned in 2007, and deserves our wholehearted appreciation for her efforts.

After graduating from Georgetown University in 2005, Emma went to work for my predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, beginning as a Staff Assistant. After spending a year working for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and the National AIDS Marathon Training Program, Emma returned to Congressman Emanuel's office in January 2007, working as a Legislative Aide and Scheduler.

In addition to doing superlative work for my predecessor, Emma has been an extraordinary asset to my office as we've managed the transition process. This process has been a lot of hard work, but that is nothing new to Emma. Whether it was handling science and technology, art, innovation, or postal issues legislation, assisting the people of the Fifth Congressional District during the interim period, or establishing my scheduling operation, Emma has always given her all.

I would like to wish Emma the best of luck working in President Obama's Administration. I am confident that she will find success in whatever path she chooses, and I thank her for her service to the people of Illinois' Fifth Congressional District.

JOHN HORTON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

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

The dedication demonstrated by John Horton 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 John Horton 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.

HONORING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAY TRAIL PROJECT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, the Bay Trail Project will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on July 6, 2009 at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center in Hayward, California. A commemorative event will highlight the adoption of the Bay Trail Plan by the Association of Bay

Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board since July 1989 and will point to the accomplishments and importance of the Bay Trail over the past 20 years. California State Senator Bill Lockyer will be honored for his contributions of creating and preserving the Bay Trail.

In 1987, then-California State Senator Bill Lockyer conceived the idea of a hiking and bicycling trail that would encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. His plan was often called "Ring Around the Bay." Lockyer authored Senate Bill 100 authorizing ABAG to, "develop and adopt a plan for a continuous recreational corridor which will extend around the perimeter of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays." SB 100 required that the plan include: a specific trail route, connections to parks and other recreational facilities, links to existing and proposed public transportation facilities, an implementation and funding program for the trail, and provisions for implementing the trail without adversely affecting the natural environment of the Bay. SB 100 was passed into law with widespread support.

A broad-ranging advisory committee to ABAG developed the Bay Trail Plan over a 2-year period and its policies continue today to guide the development of the Bay Trail.

For oversight of the Hayward section of the Bay Trail, the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA) was formed in 1971. HASPA continues to preserve and advocate for the Hayward shoreline as part of the Bay Trail. To date, slightly more than half of the Bay Trail's ultimate alignment, approximately 293 miles out of the envisioned 500-mile trail, has been completed.

I join the Bay Area community in honoring State Treasurer Bill Lockyer for his vision in authoring SB 100, ABAG for developing the plan for the recreational corridor, HASPA for its oversight and stewardship of the Hayward section of the Bay Trail and all the individuals who continue to contribute to the success of the Bay Trail. The Bay Trail is a treasured gift for all to enjoy.

HONORING CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN SLEDZ

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Master Sergeant John Sledz upon his upcoming retirement from the United States Air Force after 30 years of service to our country.

Chief Sledz has reached the pinnacle of enlisted service, the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Less than 1 percent of airmen are allowed to hold this rank, and achieving it is a testimony to the extraordinary abilities that Chief Sledz has put to work for the protection of our nation.

He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among many others awards and decorations. He has served on three continents and five different states, and is concluding his career in

the position of Chief, Fuels Management Flight, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina.

By focusing his career on the critical logistical tasks required in maintaining the Air Force's ability to launch aircraft, Chief Sledz's efforts have contributed mightily to the safety and well being of the citizens of this country and the stability of the world. We owe him a debt of gratitude that is impossible to repay. He has set a high example of service, leadership, caring, and commitment that all would do well to follow.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Chief Sledz and his family on his well-deserved retirement, and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his accomplishments.

HONORING DR. VINCENT J. VIVONA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Vincent J. Vivona, who has dedicated his time to fighting cardiovascular disease and stroke. Throughout his many years of service, Dr. Vivona has worked to make the community of Ocean County a healthier place to live. On May 30, 2009 his accomplishments earned him the Ronald Rubinstein, M.D. Hearts-In-Action Award, presented by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association at the annual Have A Heart Ball.

Once a year, this prestigious award is given to a health care professional who embodies the spirit and commitment of Dr. Ronald Rubinstein. As a former regional president of the American Heart Association Board in Central-South Jersey, Dr. Rubinstein devoted himself to his community. Dr. Vivona has inherited this passion by also using his skills for the benefit of those around him.

Dr. Vivona has become a valuable member of the state of New Jersey, and this is largely due to his distinguished past. He is the founding member of Brick Cardiovascular Specialists P.A., a group that strives to provide its patients with the highest quality medical care. Additionally, Dr. Vivona has served as Chief of Staff at Ocean Medical Center and Chief of Cardiology at Community Medical Center. Currently, he is an active member of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Cardiology, two institutions that relentlessly strive for a healthier America.

Rarely do you find someone who has such a deeply rooted interest in the well-being of his community. Dr. Vivona has practiced in Ocean County for the past 30 years. Moreover, he has resided within Toms River for 29 years. Dr. Vivona's place in the New Jersey community has allowed the citizens of my great state to receive the best care in dealing with cardiovascular disease and stroke. I am certain that Dr. Vivona will continue to serve his community with the same dedication he has shown in the past.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Vivona on this achievement and thanking him for his service to the community. His accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents and future generations.

MISTY HOCKMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Misty Hockman who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Misty Hockman 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 Misty Hockman 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 Misty Hockman 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.

HONORING NI INDUSTRIES, INC.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate NI Industries, Inc. for over fifty-five years of business in Stanislaus County. Although the company is relocating, I would like to recognize NI Industries for its success while in California.

NI Industries, formally known as Norris Industries, Inc., was founded in 1930. The company manufactures over four hundred high quality munitions products including cartridge cases, mortars, projectile bodies, grenade bodies, rocket motors, warheads and rocket launchers. Headquartered in Vernon, California, NI is the United States Army's Industrial Mobilization Base Supplier with over one million square feet in manufacturing space. Their unique capabilities are unrivalled anywhere in the world, with over fifteen hundred pieces of equipment and many thousand tons of press capacity.

NI has been the operating contractor at the Riverbank Army Ammunitions Plant in Riverbank, California since 1951. Since the reactivation of the cartridge case facility at the Riverbank plant ten years ago, the company has produced over half a million cases of the Navy's 5"/54 gun and the Army's 105mm gun on the Stryker. NI Industries has also been an innovative leader in the development of the steel cartridge case for the Navy's 155mm-Advanced Gun Systems (AGS) for the DD (1000) Program.

The metal manufacturing technology that NI uses employs a deep draw process and a unique technology, to produce a single, unwelded piece of alloyed metal with high precision to fit a complex configuration. The company has management, technical and manufacturing teams with hundreds of years of experience in the defense industry. They take

great pride in their engineers and researchers, as well as their production artisans and machinists. With the registration of the ISO 9001 and the ISO 14001, NI has taken appropriate steps to further ensure both products and processes meet the highest quality and environmental standards. Their attention to detail and technical capabilities has earned NI the reputation for being the only munitions manufacturer capable of deep drawing a combination of steel, brass and aluminum.

Due to the outcome of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Law, the highly successful cartridge case facility at the Riverbank Army Ammunitions Plant will be beginning the relocation process in June 2009. The plant is being relocated to Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, and the relocation project will be completed in 2012. NI will operate the new facility and continue its production of cartridge cases and other products with the same care of quality.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish NI Industries the best of luck with the relocation. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing NI Industries, Inc. continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH M. ARTHUR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the retirement of Joseph Arthur, Special Assistant to the Commander 919th Special Operations Wing, Eglin AFB, Duke Field, Florida.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur was commissioned through the Air Force Officer Training School in 1981 and entered Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) in 1982. Upon graduation from UPT, he was assigned to the 711th Special Operations Squadron as an AC-130A Spectre Gunship Pilot. In 1997, he joined the 5th Special Operations Squadron (SOS) flying the MC-130P. During his service with the 5th SOS, Lieutenant Colonel Arthur served as Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, Chief Pilot, Chief of Training, Director of Operations and Combat Mission Commander.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur has deployed and supported combat operations in the air and on the ground in support of Operations Just Cause, Restore Democracy, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His command experience in support of the Global War on Terrorism includes serving as Mission Commander, Air Force Special Operations Detachment-South, Jacobabad Air Base, Pakistan, Deputy Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component, Masirah Air Base, Oman. His other deployments include peacetime aerial reconnaissance missions in Central America and participation in military operations over Haiti.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Lieutenant Colonel John M. Arthur for his excellent leadership and selfless service in the United States Air Force and wish him well in his retirement.