

As a former teacher and Head Start coordinator, I fully understand the importance of all proposals that extend the reach of education among the youth of our country. In Fiscal Year 2010, I requested funding for the African-American Male Achievers Network to provide students access to year-round technology enrichment activities and opportunities to explore STEM related education and career paths. This funding has the potential to increase academic achievement of inner city students and decrease gang involvement and community violence. Furthermore, innovation is key to our economic competitiveness in the World. Under current trends, by the year 2010, more than 90 percent of engineers and scientists will be living outside of the U.S. and currently more than 50 percent of all engineering doctoral degrees awarded by American engineering colleges are to foreign nationals. We have a pressing need to cultivate the next generation of science and mathematically oriented Americans by providing them access to the vast resources that our federal agencies can provide.

Madam Speaker, this measure is quite important to the future of our great country and I'm pleased to add my voice in support for this legislation. I plan to work with my colleagues to ensure that future American engineers and scientists have the resources have the capability and resources to innovate and create technologies.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS DAY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work being done in Connecticut to bring attention to the problem of elder abuse, and to ask that all of my colleagues join the national observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th.

Older adults are our parents and neighbors and friends—the grown-ups who cared for us when we were young and once protected us from harm. Now, we can help them live safely and with dignity. Sadly, elder abuse and neglect happens all too frequently in America. Elder abuse can be financial, sexual, emotional, and neglect; and it is not always intentional. It can happen in any kind of home. Sometimes abuse is the unintended action of an overwhelmed family member. Sometimes it is out of anger. Never is it deserved. Only one out of five cases is ever reported, and awareness of the problem is our first line of defense.

In Connecticut's Third District, The Coalition for the Advocacy, Prevention and Elimination of Older Adult Abuse (CAPE), is working to bring this hidden crisis into the light. They began a little over a year ago with a grant from the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. CAPE is led by The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Jewish Home for the Elderly and the Southwestern Area Agency on Aging. Today, the partnership has earned the generous support of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships and many local funders including The Fairfield County Community Foundation

and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. These resources allow The Center to help victims who cannot stay at a domestic violence shelter, because of physical or cognitive issues that occur in late-life, find a safe temporary place to live, where their special needs can be met and the healing can begin.

On June 15th, CAPE will be holding a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event at the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield. I commend their efforts to ensure that my constituents know how to spot the signs that a friend or loved one may be the victim of abuse, and where they can go for help. And I encourage my colleagues to contact me to learn more about elder abuse and become part of the solution in their communities.

Again, I commend the work of The Center and CAPE. Ending elder abuse begins by making every day World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN'S CREW TEAM

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

University of Washington Men's Rowing Team and Honored Guests,

I write to give my hearty congratulations to the University of Washington's men's rowing team for earning their 12th varsity eight national championship, the 107th IRA Regatta, and sweeping the eights on the way to a historic four golds and five medals overall.

This astounding overall performance was capped by a thrilling come-from-behind victory over arch-rival California and I would like to take this time to commend the varsity rowers on their fine performance. Heath Allen, Aljosa Corovic, Will Crothers, Steve Full, Rob Gibson, Jesse Johnson, Max Lang, Katelin Snyder, and David Worley have earned my utmost admiration, as have all the members of the University of Washington's rowing team, down to the last rower in the boathouse.

What makes this victory so impressive is the volume of dominance exhibited by this extremely deep team. The varsity eight winning gold is an impressive feat in itself, but to sweep the eights is the highest testament to the dedication of the team and the culture of hard work and determination established by Coach Bob Ernst.

Since 1903, when the University of Washington first participated in intercollegiate rowing, our crews have established themselves as the toughest and most determined crews in the country. This year's crews have continued that tradition by emphatically putting the "gold" back in the purple and gold.

I am extremely proud to represent you in Congress and I know that with the foundation of hard work instilled in these young rowers by their coach and the University of Washington, there are no limits to what they will go on to accomplish in life.

MARIAH McCORMICK

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Mariah McCormick 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 Mariah McCormick 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 GRANT TUCEK FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Grant Tucek from Powder Springs, Georgia has received appointments to both the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy and will enter the Military Academy this year. Grant attends Harrison High School where he has a 4.22 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Beta Club. Grant is also in the top 5% of all foreign language students. Despite Grant's heavy focus on academics, he has remained very active in extracurricular activities. During High School, Grant has participated in the Navy JROTC, where he has served as Company Executive Officer, Orienteering Team Commander, and as a member of the Rifle Team. He was also honored with the American Legion Military medal.

Grant has also contributed to the arts and athletics at Harrison High School, playing trumpet in the Symphonic Band and running on Harrison's track and field team. Grant Tucek is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy. I want to take this time to congratulate Grant as well as his parents, Wayne and Denise Tucek, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Grant that America has the finest military in the world. Our Nation is fortunate to have his service.

HONORING NEWSWEEK RANKING OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE TALENTED AND GIFTED AND THE SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT YVONNE A. EWELL TOWNVIEW CENTER

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the School for the Talented and Gifted and the School for Science and Engineering at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center for receiving the extraordinary honor of being ranked as the top two public schools in the nation.

Each year, Newsweek ranks the top public high schools out of a possible 27,000, placing these two schools as the top two out of the 1,500 schools listed. For 2009 the Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted ranked number one, with the Magnet School for Engineering and Science ranking number two. I am delighted that these two schools have achieved such a distinction, placing them among the elite public institutions in this country.

Additionally, I would like to recognize W. T. White High School which ranked 171st and Woodrow Wilson High School which ranked 637th. These rankings put all of these high schools in the top 6 percent of all public secondary schools in the country.

Located in my district of Dallas, Texas, Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse schools in the state, with minorities representing over half of the student population. Given the diverse nature of the City of Dallas itself, and the increased globalization of most industries, the students attending these two schools will have the opportunity not only to impact the Dallas area, but on a global scale. This marks the third time in 4 years that the School for the Talented and Gifted has been ranked number one in the nation. This unveiling marks the second time that the School of Engineering and Science has been ranked second nationally, the other year being in 2007.

This honor shows the values of a good educational environment, as many of the students attending these two schools will have opportunities to be the future leaders of this country. This honor will serve as an inspiration to the faculty, staff and students of Townview Magnet School to maintain a high level of work. I extend my appreciation for the hard work of everyone involved in achieving this honor, and lend my support to the future success of Townview.

Madam Speaker, again, I congratulate the students, teachers, principals and parents of Townview Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted and the Magnet School for Science and Engineering on this honor.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO VAN WERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very

special tribute to an outstanding school in my district in Northwest Ohio. Van Wert Middle School in Van Wert, Ohio is one of only 80 schools in the United States to be recognized as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform.

Madam Speaker, there is no question that education is the foundation of our country. From the earliest days of our nation's history, children have sought out the opportunity to learn subjects such as math, science, and literature. Education has opened doors for America's citizens and allowed our nation to be one of the most advanced in the world.

Every year, the Schools to Watch program identifies schools across the country that are well on their way to meeting the criteria for high performance. These schools are known to be academically excellent, developmentally responsive, and socially equitable.

In order for Van Wert Middle School to be selected for this prestigious honor, this high-performing school established norms, structures and organizational arrangements to support and sustain its trajectory toward excellence. Van Wert Middle School has a sense of purpose that drives every facet of their practice and decision-making.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Van Wert Middle School. Our communities are well served by having dedicated educators who go above and beyond the norm to teach the citizens of tomorrow. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

HONORING ANNETTE GODISSART

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Annette Godissart, the recipient of the Bedford County Rotary Club's 2009 Citizen of the Year Award. As this year's award winner, Annette has shown exemplary service as a citizen of Bedford County.

In addition to her duties as a Laboratory and Cardio-Pulmonary Manager at UPMC Bedford Hospital, Annette has remained steadfast in her service to the community as a volunteer, with an emphasis on the youth of Bedford County. Whether serving the Bedford County School System as a member of the Athletic or Technology Committee, or acting as umpire for youth softball games, her efforts to aid in the positive development of Bedford County youths have been constant.

Annette has been integral to the success of the Bedford County "Reality Tour" at the Bedford County Jail. Here, on a monthly basis, she has spent the last five years working to convey the importance of remaining drug-free to hundreds of local teenagers by showing them the stark realities of drug abuse. This type of selfless volunteerism is another way in which Annette seeks to mold the future leaders of Bedford County.

The artistic and civic-minded aspects of Annette's community service are shown in her involvement in community theatre as well as the Boy Scouts of America. In the theatre Annette entertains Bedford County residents

through her stage talents, appearing in several shows each year with the Bedford County Players, a local non-profit theater group that promotes the involvement of youth in on stage productions. With respect to scouting, after years of service to her two sons, and the Boy Scouts, as a scout leader, Annette remains active as a merit badge counselor, where she helps scouts to earn their Theatre Merit Badges.

Through her dedication to community service, and her enduring commitment to the young men and women of Bedford County, Annette Godissart is an exemplary citizen who embraces the Rotary Motto of "Service above Self." She is deserving of this year's Citizen of the Year Award, and I congratulate her for all her efforts.

EMILIO MARTINEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

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

RECOGNIZING CONGREGATION TORAT EMET

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Congregation Torat Emet. This synagogue is the product of the hard work and dedication of many individuals in Central Ohio and their commitment to the religious growth of their membership and the local Jewish community.

Central Ohio is blessed with many houses of faith that can claim long traditions of service to our community. The addition of Congregation Torat Emet to Central Ohio will continue to make it a vibrant and thriving spiritual center. The congregation will serve the community well and is an inspiration to all.

Throughout our community's history those seeking a place to learn more about their faith have found a home among our houses of worship. The faithful dedication exhibited helps to make Columbus and Central Ohio the kind of place where citizens of all religions and nationalities desire to live, work and raise their families.