

the discovery of approximately half the currently known objects in the area known as the Kuiper Belt.

Dr. Millis will remain an active pillar of the Flagstaff community. He will work with Flagstaff-area business leaders committed to improving the greater Flagstaff area and the State of Arizona by bringing together talent and resources to provide leadership on economic and quality of life issues in the region. I wish Dr. Millis the best of luck and look forward to seeing the greater Flagstaff community benefit from the energy and leadership that Dr. Millis provided to the Lowell Observatory for the past 40 years.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF
OFFICER JOSE ENRIQUE VERA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Officer Jose Enrique Vera, a trusted community partner in Brooklyn's safety.

Officer Vera, a native of La Ceiba, Honduras, migrate with his family to the United States in 1975 at the age of 12. He attended the August Martin High School in Queens, New York, graduated from Farmingdale State University with a major in Business Administration, and graduated from the Police Academy in 1991.

Officer Vera was assigned to the 80th Precinct in the Clinton Hill section of Brooklyn. He later worked in Brooklyn South Borough and the 84th Precinct.

Officer Vera now works on the Community Affairs Bureau, where he has expanded his role in working with the community as a Brooklyn North Crime Prevention Liaison, educating the community on personal safety and identity theft.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Officer Jose Enrique Vera, an individual committed to bringing diverse communities together and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Officer Jose Enrique Vera.

HONORING MARTIN KAIDO FOR
HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 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 Martin Kaido from Marietta, Georgia, has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

For the past year, Martin has attended West Point's Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Martin worked very hard during his year in prep school, and the results speak for themselves.

Before the prep school, Martin attended St. Pius X Catholic High School. Martin was very involved athletically at St. Pius, participating in both wrestling and football, and has continued to excel in sports at the West Point Prep School. In addition to his scholastic and athletic achievements, Martin has also attained the rank of Eagle Scout and has even served as an assistant scoutmaster.

Further, Martin is very involved with his church, where he serves as a Faith Formation Teacher, a Eucharistic Minister, an Atlanta Chorister's Guild Camp Counselor, and participates in the Church Teen Group. He also volunteers for the St. Francis Table, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, and Habitat for Humanity.

Martin Kaido 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 ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Martin as well as his parents, Michael and Mary Kaido, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Martin that America has the finest military in the world. Our Nation is fortunate to have his service.

FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2009

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, the 14th of June is an important day for all Americans, the day we celebrate the American Flag. The American Flag is a proud and prominent symbol of our great Nation and celebrating this important icon shows respect for the millions of Americans who consider the flag a representation of our nation's most fundamental traditions and beliefs.

As a member of Congress, I feel great pride when I see our striking stars and stripes flying over the majestic United States Capitol. Whether the Flag is flying among the mountains of southern West Virginia or above our nation's capitol, it is a sign of our nation's commitment to working together across our vast and diverse land to create one great nation. Our flag flies in every state and around the World at our embassies in foreign lands.

Today, the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red, alternating with six white, reminding us always of our Nation's humble beginnings as just thirteen colonies. The stars illustrate our one country with 50 independent and unique states each with a separate state government. Together, the stars and stripes reflect our efforts to create a unified nation with united principles joined together under one Flag for over 200 years.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed legislation requesting National Flag Day become an annual event, and since that day we have been celebrating our stately Flag every year.

On Capitol Hill, the United States Flag is celebrated everyday. Flags are flown over the Capitol each day of the year in honor of birthdays, retirements, and, as well as in the memory of loved ones lost. These flags are then shipped directly from congressional offices with an official certificate from the Architect of the Capitol, declaring the date and occasion for which the flag was flown.

I ask that you join me in supporting House Resolution 420, thereby celebrating this American symbol, honoring our country, our men and women who have served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, our veterans who bravely fought beneath flag, and all citizens who proudly fly the American Flag to show their support for our great country, and the ideals this great Flag represents.

ON THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 2200,
THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to voice my concerns with the Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act. While I supported this bill, I would like to make clear that I had concerns with the air cargo security language contained in Section 201 of H.R. 2200 and hope that as the bill moves forward that this provision is changed.

The 9/11 Commission recommended that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) be given the necessary staff and funding in order to screen 100 percent of all air cargo by August, 2010. Currently there are serious deficiencies in the screening of inbound air cargo, which accounts for nearly half of the air cargo carried on passenger airplanes each year. Section 201 of H.R. 2200 creates a significant delay of two years until 100 percent of cargo must be screened from the enactment of this bill, even though there was a year left on the original deadline as passed when Congress implemented the 9/11 Commission recommendations. It makes no sense to grant an extension with over a year until the original deadline.

Outbound passenger air cargo is screened at a much higher rate, but in order to be fully secure, inbound cargo must be thoroughly checked as well. As the United States continues to confront the threats of terrorism since September 2001, we must be as cautious and careful as possible with our transportation security net to ensure that passengers on commercial airplanes are safe, and that cargo on airplanes is thoroughly checked.

Meeting the 100 percent screening mandate presents significant challenges in both funding and manpower, however, Congress should not be diluting the requirements recommended by the 9/11 Commission and should be providing the TSA with the required resources to meet the deadline, instead of extending the deadline into the future. In doing so, we will increase our safety and security as well as fully implement the 9/11 Commission's recommendation for air cargo.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF
MARIE J. MARJORIE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marie J. Marjorie, a community leader dedicated to improving the health of Central Brooklyn's residents.

Marie J. Marjorie is an Administrative Director at Interfaith Medical Center where her responsibilities include Community Affairs, Media and Marketing, Internship and Volunteer Services, and management of the Gift Shop.

Marie J. Marjorie reaches out to the numerous community organizations, agencies, clergy, churches, schools, and other groups that are interested in working together with Interfaith to continue to improve the health of Central Brooklyn's residents. She has implemented many successful programs at the hospital including the "Health Care Career Learning Center" which gives high school students hands-on training in different departments.

A passionate health advocate, Marie J. Marjorie frequently lectures on health care disparities, patients' rights, and immigrant health issues. Her research "Who are the children and how is their Health?" was published in the book "The Multicultural Cultural Challenge in Health Education" by ETR & Associates.

In addition to her work at Interfaith, Marie J. Marjorie is a volunteer English tutor for a group of young recent immigrants and a parishioner of St. Boniface R.C. Church where she is the Sunday school instructor for the youth group.

Marie J. Marjorie earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Long Island University. She is an advisory board member of the Haitian Apostolate, the HHT Association Resource Group, and a member of Boston College for Corporate Citizenship, the American Public Health Association and the Public Relations Society of America.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Marie J. Marjorie, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marie J. Marjorie.

BILL COX'S STATEMENT IN HAVERHILL HONORING SENATOR
EDWARD M. KENNEDY

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join one of my constituents, Bill Cox of Haverhill, Massachusetts, in honoring Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Massachusetts by including a copy of Bill's heartfelt remarks, given at a recent event in Haverhill, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. His comments fondly and appropriately pay tribute to Senator KENNEDY for his lifetime of unparalleled service to Haverhill, Massachusetts, and our country.

If you tell Ted Kennedy that you are from Haverhill, the first thing he will tell you is

how proud he is to have Barbara Souliotis looking out for his Massachusetts office. Barbara has worked for the Senator since he was first elected 47 years ago and currently serves as his State Director. Barbara has been called the role model for running a senator's district office.

I can now tell you that one of the most difficult assignments anyone can undertake is to attempt to summarize the career and accomplishments of Senator Ted Kennedy.

It has been said that no one works harder than Ted Kennedy and that his legislative instincts are unsurpassed. Both statements are indisputable.

His record of achievements on educational opportunities, justice and equal rights for all people, protecting the environment and achieving quality health care for all Americans is unsurpassed. Even as he contends with his own recent health issues, his drive and determination are stronger than ever.

Having been our United States Senator for 47 years, Ted Kennedy has . . . fought for issues that benefit the people of Massachusetts and the nation, such as increasing the minimum wage and funding his 'No Child Left Behind' initiative. He continues to work to better the lives of working families and to secure our nation from our true threats.

He has a reverence for those who serve in our Armed Forces . . . and has quietly intervened for and consoled those families who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Senator Kennedy has moved an agenda that includes everything from hunger to high tech.

Senator Kennedy has a deep and abiding devotion to his home state. He led the charge to see that we have sufficient funding for a parking garage here in Haverhill. Although the Senator is a citizen of the world, he knows that he is home when he is in Haverhill. We recall fondly his recent visit to the City [with] Congresswoman Tsongas. He stopped at Mark's Deli to visit with his old friends, the Dimakis family, then on to A-1 Deli where a crowd awaited him and he met new friends and old.

On behalf of the City Committee, we send our best wishes to Ted and Vicki, and take this opportunity to reflect and pay thanks to the unparalleled service of Senator Kennedy for his lifetime of service to our City, State and Country.

HONORING JAMES AFRICANO FOR
HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 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 James Africano from Kennesaw, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. James attends Harrison High School, where he has a 3.5 Grade Point Average and serves as Senior Class Vice President. James is also a member of the Math Honors Society, the Integrity Team, and the Harrison High School robotics team. In addition to James's focus on academics, he has also remained very active in extracurricular activities. James is on Harrison's water polo,

swimming, and martial arts teams, and is also very involved in the school's band program. In fact, he was ranked second in this year's State Marching Band Competition. Despite all of these commitments, James still finds time to be involved in community service activities, where he volunteers with the Atlanta Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and devotes time to restoring the trail at the Natchez Trace State Parkway. James Africano 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. Air Force Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate James as well as his parents, Thomas and Choi Africano, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like James that America has the finest military in the world. Our nation is fortunate to have his service.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF
STEVE HUNT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Steve Hunt, a leader in adolescent drug and substance abuse prevention in Brooklyn.

Steve Hunt is the vice president of The Alpha School Center of Progressive Living, Inc., located in the east New York section of Brooklyn, New York. His responsibilities include supervision of the Adolescent Drug Prevention Program and the Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program serving youth at risk and management of daily administrative duties.

Steve Hunt has an extensive background of 22 years in community service working with both adolescent and adult populations. His experience includes individual and group counseling in areas such as chemical dependency, HIV/AIDS, and anger management.

Steve Hunt has received several awards and has been recognized for his outstanding work with civic community organizations. He is a member of the Substance Abuse Committee for the Brownsville/East New York Child Welfare Neighborhood Network as well as the New York City Addictions Treatment Providers Association and the New York State HIV Prevention Planning Group.

Steve Hunt was born and raised in Brooklyn where he attended Tilden and Jefferson High Schools. He earned a bachelor of science degree in community health education from York College. He is professionally certified as a New York State Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor, an Internationally Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor, a Pre and Post Test HIV/AIDS Counselor and is certified in Mediation/Conflict Resolution.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Steve Hunt, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Steve Hunt.