

marks on the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) exam. In 2009, BASIS was the only high school in Arizona with 100 percent of its students passing the AIMS exam in every subject tested.

Documentary filmmaker Robert A. Compton has produced a film about BASIS Schools entitled 2 Million Minutes: The 21st Century Solution. The title chronicles a student's journey in school from eighth grade until high school graduation. The filmmaker lauds BASIS schools saying that they "demonstrate that American students are capable of competing academically with the best in the world." The film will premiere in Tucson on October 1, 2009.

I am proud to acknowledge the great achievements of BASIS Charter Schools. The founders, the teachers, the students and their parents are leading the way for the critical improvements we must bring about in our public education system.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 735 (on agreeing to H. Res. 766, which provides for consideration of motions to suspend the rules), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 736 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 163), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 737 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3631).

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
SERGEANT RICHARD ALLYN
WALTERS, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and in remembrance of United States Army Sergeant Richard Allyn Walters, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio. Sergeant Walters was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the country.

A graduate of Columbian High School in Tiffin, Ohio, Sergeant Walters followed in his father's footsteps and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was a ten-year Navy veteran and served in Operation Desert Storm. In 2006 Walters re-enlisted in the Army and became a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in March of 2009. He worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC before being assigned to the 14th Combat Support Hospital in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Sergeant Walters' military service is a reflection of excellence, loyalty and achievement. He was awarded the Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service

Medal with Bronze Service Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. Sergeant Walters' pending posthumous awards and decorations include the Army Good Conduct Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembrance of Sergeant Richard Allyn Walters Jr., whose heroic actions, kindness and love for those closest to him will always be remembered. Sergeant Walters was a courageous United States soldier, and a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Stephanie; to his daughters, Rachel and Piper; to his mother, Margaret; to his brother Greg; to his sister-in-law Stacy and nephew Benjamin; and to his extended family and many friends. Sergeant Walters will live on within their hearts and memories for all time.

IN HONOR OF MR. BEN MOORE'S
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ben Moore, who this weekend will receive a Lifetime Service and Achievement Award from the Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in my district.

Mr. Moore was born in Texarkana, Arkansas on October 24, 1913. In 1920, his family fled the Dust Bowl and made their way to Atlanta, Georgia. At the age of 14, a young Ben Moore took a job as an office boy at the First National Bank of Atlanta, beginning what would become a long and distinguished career at First National.

Mr. Moore served his country with valor during World War II, joining the Army Air Corps on Oct. 1, 1942 and seeing service in Italy. He returned to Atlanta after the war and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1949. He has been a member of the bar for 60 years and continues to practice law to this very day.

In 1953 Mr. Moore was named as one of "Atlanta's 100 Leaders of Tomorrow" by Time Magazine. He served on the Atlanta Board of Aldermen, the precursor to today's City Council, during Mayor Ivan Allen's first term. During this period, the City of Atlanta saw numerous changes including the arrival of the Atlanta Braves, the opening of construction on Interstate 285, and the beginning of the transformation of Zoo Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport into the institutions we recognize today.

Mr. Moore became a Baptist in 1957 when he and his two daughters were Baptized by Dr. Monroe Swilley, then pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Tech High, the Woodrow Wilson College of Law, and the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Moore will celebrate his 96th birthday next month. When he isn't practicing law, he enjoys the company of his two daughters, three grandsons, and one great grandson in the Atlanta area.

Throughout his life, Ben Moore has answered the call to serve his family, his community, and his country. I'm proud to honor him today in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE DESIGNATION
OF SEPTEMBER AS
CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE
MONTH

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the designation of the month of September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

September has been designated as Craniofacial Acceptance Month to raise awareness and acceptance of the courageous children and adults who live daily with craniofacial deformities. These brave patients and their families often face significant medical challenges over the course of their lives. While the commonly known cleft palate or cleft lip condition may call for a simple surgical fix, there are many other unique and complex anomalies which can require extensive surgeries throughout a child's developmental years.

In the 7th District of Virginia, a young constituent of mine named Chase has a moderately severe craniofacial deformity. At the age of 9, he has already had 28 surgeries and hospitalizations to improve his ability to breathe, walk, see, hear, and talk. He will need more surgeries as he grows. Despite his many challenges, Chase and his family celebrate his growth and milestones with joy. His unique medical needs do not stop him from riding the bus to school and making friends. His big smile and enthusiasm for life have enabled Chase and his family to approach each day with a positive outlook.

This month also marks the 20th anniversary of the Children's Craniofacial Association, an incredible charitable organization that offers a network of resources and assistance to families with children who have deformities. The association's mission is to "widen the circle of acceptance," through promoting the message that "beyond the face, there is a heart." I would like to commend the CCA for connecting Chase, his family and other families across America with resources to improve the lives of these patients. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in raising awareness of the needs of these extraordinary individuals.

EARL DANIELS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran Earl Daniels of Strasburg, Illinois, as Strasburg American Legion Post #289 holds a dinner in his honor this Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Mr. Daniels was drafted into the United States Army at the age of 18. After he had completed training he joined the 28th Infantry Division. His unit served admirably in France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

In November 1944 he was taken prisoner and held in Cologne, Germany. He was later sent to Stallag 3G, near Berlin. After his release he returned home to the United States and was eventually discharged.

I am pleased to honor Mr. Daniels and all of our brave veterans for their service to our great nation. May God continue to bless him and may God bless America.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (H.R. 3221), which will end the giveaway of \$87 billion in corporate welfare to financial institutions for processing paperwork. Those funds instead will be reinvested to expand the Pell Grant program, increase assistance to community colleges, and support early learning to ensure more low-income children are prepared to start kindergarten. A savings of \$10 billion will also be used for deficit reduction.

H.R. 3221 terminates the Family Federal Education Loan (FFEL) program. Instead, all new federal student lending will originate through the existing Federal Direct Loan Program. This change will result in a more reliable system for students and their families by avoiding risks in the private lending market, which were exposed in the recent financial crisis. Taxpayers will benefit from a more efficient student loan system because eliminating the unnecessary middleman will produce \$87 billion in savings for taxpayers over the next 10 years.

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act also makes strategic investments to allow more students to attend college and graduate with less debt. The Pell Grant Scholarship program is increased by \$40 billion. As a result, more than \$75.5 million in additional funding will be provided to students in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District over the next decade. Additionally, this legislation strengthens and expands the Perkins Loan Program, and it helps families by simplifying the complicated and time-consuming Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—the bill enables families to apply for federal student aid using their tax form.

America's community colleges are another priority investment in H.R. 3221. At a time when millions of Americans are seeking new employment opportunities, this bill makes significant new funding available to retrain workers, prepare students for 21st century jobs and introduce students to post-secondary education. These investments will improve the quality of education for over 100,000 students that are enrolled in Minnesota community colleges.

This legislation is a historic opportunity to invest in education while, at the same time, reducing the federal deficit. Unfortunately, the Republican minority is trying to distract attention from the bill by offering a motion to recommit that prohibits Federal funding to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). ACORN, a nonprofit

organization that works to empower low-income Americans, does not receive \$1 of Federal funding in H.R. 3221. ACORN is currently under investigation for possible wrongdoing—these inquiries should proceed and final judgments should be made. No organization found guilty of criminal conduct should continue to receive taxpayer support. However, it is inappropriate and likely unconstitutional for the House of Representatives to pre-judge the outcome of a formal investigation by prohibiting Federal funding. I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this political ploy and in supporting passage of H.R. 3221.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DALLAS' POLITICAL CONGRESS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements and celebrate the anniversary of Dallas' Political Congress of African-American Women. This organization has been an integral part of the Dallas community for 25 years, and I am proud of the work its members have done in the group's quarter-century of existence. In addition to keeping the community informed about candidates running for elected office, the Congress registers voters and hosts forums for candidates so that they are accessible to citizens.

The Political Congress of African-American Women and organizations like it are incredibly important for the well-being of our communities. These groups offer opportunities for civic and political leadership to people who traditionally would not have been able to serve in such capacities. By engaging their communities, these organizations reflect our democratic values and encourage everyone to be engaged in the political process.

I commend Dallas' Political Congress of African-American Women for their civic leadership and encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing this organization's 25th anniversary. Truly, the Dallas community has benefited greatly from the Congress' efforts, and I commend all of its members on their hard work.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church in Caseyville, Illinois.

Bethel Baptist Church was founded in 1809 and immediately became a leading institution on the Illinois frontier. Bethel has been an active force for positive change since its inception, advocating abolition nearly 60 years before the ratification of the 13th Amendment. The first pastor at Bethel, James Lemen, Sr.,

was such a strong abolitionist that the church's original constitution prohibited any member from owning slaves or promoting slavery. As the abolition movement grew, the church became an important part of the Underground Railroad.

As Bethel Baptist Church celebrates its proud history, it can look to a bright future. While the congregation has grown and changed over the past two centuries, it has never forgotten its mission in the community and continues to work for a better tomorrow.

I would like to congratulate Reverend Michael D. Evans and the entire Bethel Baptist Church family on their 200th anniversary. I wish them the best as they continue to build on their rich history.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ROSEMARY STASEK

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of my friend and fellow public servant Rosemary Stasek who passed away at the age of 46 on September 24, 2009, in Afghanistan. Rosemary is survived by her beloved husband, Morné Du Preez of South Africa, her parents Patricia and Andrew Stasek of McAdoo, Pennsylvania and many other loved ones.

Rosemary was born in 1963 and raised in northeast Pennsylvania. She graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, the first person in her family to graduate from college. She was a Dean's List student and manager of the football and wrestling teams.

Rosemary served two terms on the City Council in Mountain View, California, located in the 14th Congressional District. She was elected to her first term in 1996, re-elected in 2000, served as Vice Mayor in 1999 and as Mayor for the year 2000. She represented the City in many regional, statewide and national forums, specializing in issues pertaining to housing and homeland security. She was committed to many City initiatives and fought to protect the environment, youth programs and services, diversity, parks and trails and the public open space. She served on the City Council at a time when they took critical steps to meet the need for affordable housing in the community, downtown revitalization, increased transportation options, and new business developments. Current Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga notes, "Our City was blessed to have known such a dedicated and talented person. Our community has benefitted from her tireless efforts and leadership on behalf of everyone, but especially those who are most in need. This is a loss that is felt throughout Mountain View and countless parts of the world she has touched . . ."

In addition to serving on the Mountain View City Council, Rosemary had a broad history of political involvement, especially women's issues. She served on the Board of Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte and the Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women. Her honors included being named a Distinguished Woman of the 14th Congressional District, the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights Freedom of Religion Award,