

Preparedness Month, also commends the employees of the Department of Homeland Security; other federal agencies; state, local, and tribal government officials; emergency response personnel; and law enforcement officers who defend our nation against acts of terrorism.

New York's 3rd Congressional District is home to many of the Department of Homeland Security's employees, including those who work at JFK and LaGuardia airports and in the Coast Guard. We are all grateful for the important work they carry out, in partnership with local law enforcement officers and other first responders, to protect our communities, particularly in light of several recently foiled terrorist plots.

Earlier this month, we commemorated the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In these times, we cannot afford to be complacent, or to forget what it means to prepare ourselves, our families, and our communities to respond to the threat of terrorism. All Americans can help promote emergency preparedness by taking steps such as assembling emergency supply kits, creating family emergency plans, and staying informed about possible emergencies in their area.

We have come a long way since September 11th, but there is still much more to do to keep America safe. House Resolution 731 helps remind all Americans of the steps they can take to be prepared, and honors those on the front lines who tirelessly work to keep our communities safe.

HONORING THE THOMAS JEFFERSON NATIONAL ACCELERATION FACILITY ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Thomas Jefferson National Acceleration Facility in Newport News, VA, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since its creation, the Jefferson Lab has welcomed scientists and researchers from across the globe to study the matter and forces which build and drive our universe.

The Jefferson Lab is committed to educating the next generation of scientists by increasing the number of teachers who have strong backgrounds in math and science, and in doing so increase student motivation in the subjects of engineering and technology.

Current Secretary of Energy and Nobel Prize winning physicist Dr. Steven Chu joined the lab in celebrating this momentous occasion. On Tuesday, September 29, Secretary Chu visited with the lab's scientists, and discussed the future of atomic research.

Recently, the Jefferson Lab began an expansion of its accelerated electron beam, and I was glad to attend the groundbreaking of this project in April 2009. This project creates a collision of atoms so that scientists may study protons and neutrons at the smallest level. The work done at the Lab is known around the world as second-to-none, and this initiative, also known as the 12GeV Upgrade, will ensure the Lab's worldwide leadership position for the next twenty years.

I continue to be impressed by the efforts of the men and women from the Jefferson Lab and their desire to lead the Nation and the world in research and innovation. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Thomas Jefferson National Acceleration Facility on its 25th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON'S 2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Richardson and the Richardson Police Department for its efforts to combat crime and its 2009 National Night Out on October 13, 2009.

Since its inception twenty-six years ago, the National Night Out program has successfully reached out to numerous communities nationwide in its mission to raise crime and drug prevention awareness. The City of Richardson has utilized innovative methods to encourage citywide participation such as organizing neighborhood block parties, programs for the Hispanic and Asian communities, and activities at various senior centers. These gatherings unite citizens, law enforcement agencies, businesses, civic organizations, and local officials. It shows their resolve to fight back against criminals and their commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe. The City of Richardson's high participation has resulted in their being the award winner for Category #3 in the Nation. National Night Out has helped the Police strengthen neighborhood spirit and build partnerships within the local community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the City of Richardson and the Richardson Police Department for their hard work and dedication. Their efforts have made our community a safer and better place.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF DON PRIEST

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join in the celebration of the life of Don Priest, a local legend in my district in Northwest Florida. For over four decades, Don delivered broadcast news and his daily editorials to people in the Florida Panhandle and Alabama Gulf Coast.

Don's years of broadcasting made him one of the most recognized voices in the area. As news director of the radio station WCOA for 41 years, he knew the importance of keeping people in the area informed. He also recognized that the news is not one-sided, and as the first host of Pensacola Speaks, a local radio call-in show, he was instrumental to letting countless people over the years discuss what was on their minds, be it a national, local, or a personal issue. Don opened his radio show to anything people wanted to discuss, and people daily instantly recognized his voice as he took to the airwaves.

Don's radio broadcasting covered more than just the news. On Friday nights, his distinctive voice came on the air to cover local high school football games. He was a news director who was involved with all aspects of the news, and he worked hard to include people of all ages and walks of life in the community. Don's tireless work made sure that events in the area received the notice they deserved.

Madam Speaker, Northwest Florida will long remember the legacy of Don Priest. My thoughts and prayers are with him, and many will be forever grateful for Don having touched their lives. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss, but we will fondly recall his voice on the airwaves for a long time to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF DALLAS AND 2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department for its efforts to combat crime and its 2009 National Night Out on October 6, 2009.

Since its inception twenty-six years ago, the National Night Out program has successfully reached out to numerous communities nationwide in its mission to raise crime and drug prevention awareness. The City of Dallas has utilized innovative methods to encourage citywide participation such as organizing neighborhood block parties, safety fairs, visits from police, contests, and rallies. These gatherings unite citizens, law enforcement agencies, businesses, civic organizations, and local officials. It shows their resolve to fight back against criminals and their commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe. National Night Out has helped the Dallas Police strengthen neighborhood spirit and build partnerships within the local community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department for their hard work and dedication. Their efforts have made our community a safer and better place.

RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF ORANGE AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 275TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Town of Orange as it celebrates its 275th anniversary.

The Town of Orange is located northeast of Charlottesville, near James Madison's estate at Montpelier, viewing the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The Town of Orange was a strategically important location during the American Civil War. Just north of town, the Rapidan River was effectively the northern border of the Confederacy for several years. Consequently, the area witnessed countless troop movements,

patrols, skirmishes, and encampments. In addition, the Town of Orange served as General Robert E. Lee's headquarters during that time. In fact, General Lee worshipped at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Caroline Street, which still stands today.

The town continued to thrive into the twentieth century. Fire destroyed much of the eastern part of town in 1908, but many of the buildings constructed shortly after the fire still remain. In fact, Orange was well-known for its silk mill, which produced many of the parachutes used by U.S. troops during World War II. The silk mill finally closed in the 1970s, but the building still remains and is used by local businesses.

Orange residents will celebrate and honor the town's heritage and 275 years of history with events and activities throughout the year. In conjunction with the Fall Fiber Festival at Montpelier, the Gordonsville Street Festival, and other county-wide events, the Town of Orange will have a Blues Festival on Main Street on October 3rd to mark the anniversary.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the fine citizens of Orange as they celebrate their town's anniversary and wishing them the best for their continued growth and success.

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

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 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.

COMMENDING HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND ANTI-TERRORISM PARTNERS

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, over the last two days, we have considered and voted to pass legislation honoring all Department of Homeland Security employees for their service to the United States over the course of the War on Terror.

As a former Homeland Security official, I have seen first hand the sacrifices that each of these employees makes in the service of our country. These dedicated men and women spend years developing specialized skills and becoming experts on the most effective methods to prevent violence. They devote long hours away from their families, in potentially life threatening situations. And they do all of this to keep us safe from threats around the world.

These federal employees rarely make the news, but their success in the War on Terror is undeniable. Their unyielding efforts have saved lives and prevented billions in property damage. We may never hear of their successes, but they deserve our thanks just the same.

So, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor these men and women across our country, whose ongoing fight to protect us from terrorism has allowed all of us to enjoy the freedoms that make the United States great.

DON'T HIDE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FROM JUDICIAL REVIEW

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, when Democrats introduced health care legislation, the Administration wanted to rush it through Congress before its cost could be calculated.

When Republicans wanted to review health care legislation before they were made to vote on it, Democrats refused to let them see the language.

Look for more of the same. For instance, the House Democrats' health care legislation prevents federal health care decisions from getting judicial review.

Stealth provisions of the House bill take away Americans' rights to challenge government decisions that will profoundly affect their

lives. The courts are not allowed to review challenges to decisions to impose payment rates for doctors, hospitals and prescription drugs.

The courts can't review decisions to rest health care reimbursement on racial and ethnic criteria. And the courts can't review decisions intended to control other features of our health care system.

When Democrats hide what they are doing and limit Americans' rights, we know that the game is not about improving Americans' health care. It is about increasing government power at the people's expense.

And it's time to blow the whistle on that rigged game.

SALUTING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOREST HILLS GARDENS IN QUEENS, NY AND THE REDEDICATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S FLAGPOLE

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the one-hundredth anniversary of the beautiful Forest Hills Gardens, the first planned garden community in the United States—one of which of which I am a proud resident.

A bucolic extension of the Olmsteads' New York legacy, our neighborhood was designed by none other than Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., the son of the visionary who gave New York Central and Prospect Parks, two of our most cherished gifts. Much like those glorious testaments to Mother Nature, Forest Hills Gardens brings the natural world to the very heart of a New York City borough while being seamlessly integrated with its decidedly urban surroundings.

While set apart from the thronging streets of Queens, Forest Hills Gardens has evolved to truly embody the diversity of the borough in which it lies, with Christians and Jews living alongside Hindus and Muslims—all of whom are proud New Yorkers and proud Americans.

In tribute to the nation this community represents, Forest Hills Gardens recently rededicated their flagpole following a three-year, painstaking restoration. Madam Speaker, I rise also to recognize this historic occasion. The ninety-eight foot pole is the refurbished mast of the ship *Columbia*, the swift sloop that was the first to win the America's Cup consecutively, in 1899 and in 1901.

A ship whose history is inextricably tied with New York's, the *Columbia* was designed by Nathanael Herreshoff and launched in 1899 by J.P. Morgan for the New York Yacht Club. It was sailed in the cold and choppy waters of New York Harbor by Captain Charlie Barr to two glorious victories against Great Britain and retired to New York's own little port at City Island in 1913.

Towering high above the borough of Queens, the *Columbia's* restored mast tells us of past glory and of future promise. It symbolizes the resilience and ambition that has always and will continue to define New York and its people.

I take this opportunity to present to the community of Forest Hills Gardens a new flag worthy of the *Columbia's* mast and salute the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation for ensuring that