

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAROSCH BAKERY

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Jarosch Bakery in Elk Grove Village, Illinois in my Congressional District.

Jarosch Bakery was founded in 1959 by father and son George and Herbert Jarosch in order to provide quality baked goods to the northwest suburbs of Chicago. George emigrated from Germany where he had grown up learning the art of baking from his father's business. His son Herbert, a veteran of the Korean War and a trained baker, worked with his father to establish this successful business in downtown Elk Grove.

Together with their wives and children the business has grown today into a successful company that employs more than 50 employees, many of whom have worked for the bakery for over 20 years. The bakery has grown by leaps and bounds, creating a welcoming environment for customers and producing some of the community's most sought-after treats. Through the years, the success of this business has depended on the tireless work of the Jarosch family and their dedicated employees.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this 50th Anniversary as we celebrate Jarosch Bakery's legacy of hard work entrepreneurial spirit.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, HOSTING THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MOVING WALL

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Cherokee County, North Carolina, hosting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall. Because of the outstanding efforts of the Cherokee County Marine Corps League, Western North Carolina residents can visit the Moving Wall at the Koneheta Park in Murphy, North Carolina.

The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC, allows veterans around the country to experience the Memorial with their families and friends in their communities. The Wall will also provide area schools with valuable hands-on educational opportunities for children to gain better understanding of the

Vietnam War. The Memorial honors members of the U.S. armed forces who served in the Vietnam War and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I am honored that Cherokee County has the opportunity to host the Wall as a commemoration to the sacrifices made and the respect earned by our veterans in Western North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, it is with greatest appreciation that I recognize the outstanding contributions made by our veterans in Western North Carolina to ensure our nation's freedom and safety. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall as a tribute to the invaluable service of our veterans, and to celebrate the unique opportunity it provides people around the country to honor our veterans in their home towns.

THE MARKET IS RESPONDING TO FAILING MORTGAGES

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, one of America's top concerns during this difficult economic time has been the frequency of home mortgage foreclosures.

Last week, there was news to encourage us. Efforts by banks, borrowers and the Administration to modify troubled mortgages have begun to produce much larger numbers of modifications.

As banks have stabilized their balance sheets and raised fresh capital, their officers even have been able to reduce borrowers' mortgage principal when they work out loans. Modifications that reduce the balances that borrowers owe on their homes have more than tripled.

Earlier this year, Congress debated legislation to change the Bankruptcy Code and force principal reductions on the market. The measure was rightly defeated. To send homeowners into bankruptcy is not the answer and forced principal reductions will chill future lending.

Recently, calls for bankruptcy legislation re-emerged in the House. Last week's news shows once more that the measure is not needed. The market has found a better solution.

Americans need Congress to do something else to help homeowners. Let's pass effective legislation to bring growth and jobs back to America. That is the better way to help people keep their homes.

RECOGNIZING ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AUBURN AND CAYUGA COUNTIES

**HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I stand today in recognition of the Italian Heritage Society of Auburn and Cayuga Counties for providing over 30 years of service and hard work promoting the achievements of Christopher Columbus and local citizens who dedicate themselves to improving the community. The approaching Columbus Day holiday marks an opportunity to celebrate the rich heritage of Italian-Americans in our country and reflect on the important work of organizations like the Italian Heritage Society.

I would like to express special recognition of the late Professor Joseph Camardo, Sr., founder of the Italian Heritage Society of Auburn and an educator at Cayuga Community College for nearly 50 years.

Professor Camardo was a distinguished member of the Italian Heritage Society, described as the glue that bound the organization and kept its work on track. Never a stranger to long hours and working on weekends, Professor Camardo was inspired by the sacrifice and dedication embodied by our ancestors—both Italian and non-Italian alike—when they arrived in this great country many years ago. He knew that to attain a better life and a brighter future for our children and grandchildren, we must carry on the tradition of hard work established by our ancestors.

Professor Camardo leaves big shoes to fill, and I am confident that those who knew him understand the importance of his legacy and the need to continue his work. To the Camardo family and all whose life he touched, I offer my sincerest condolences. He will be remembered as a great friend, a wonderful husband and a loving family man.

The Italian Heritage Society continues carrying out its mission to promote civic engagement in the community by recognizing the men and women who go above and beyond, day-in and day-out, but don't always receive the recognition they've earned. With the help of a strong committee of leaders, each year the Society recognizes four or five members of the community who work hard to better the lives of those around them.

Madam Speaker, I offer my best wishes to all members of the Italian Heritage Society of Auburn and Cayuga Counties and encourage them to keep up the great work. It's truly an honor to serve as your representative in Congress.

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HONORING RESURRECTION  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Resurrection Elementary School in Dubuque, Iowa. The students, parents, faculty, and staff at Resurrection Elementary have earned the 2009 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award. Resurrection is one of 320 schools in the United States and one of only 50 private schools that have earned the Blue Ribbon award this year.

The Blue Ribbon School Award is given annually to a select number of schools that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. These schools are exemplary models that other schools can learn from. The students, families, faculty, and staff at Resurrection are a caring community. As part of the Holy Family Catholic School system, Resurrection is shaping students who believe in justice, peace, stewardship, academic and personal excellence, and civic responsibility.

Resurrection Elementary has worked hard to be one of the best schools in the country. I'm proud to represent Resurrection Elementary and the entire Holy Family Catholic Schools community in Congress and look forward to their continued success.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAROL STREAM, ILLINOIS

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of Carol Stream, Illinois, a vital part of my Congressional District.

The Village was founded by Jay Stream, a leading figure the city's first residential housing development, Carol Stream Estates, in 1959. Named after Jay's daughter Carol, the Village was incorporated on January 5th, 1959. From its early origins, Carol Stream has been a model for other cities and towns to follow, through its continued dedication building a friendly and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike.

On the occasion of this 50th Anniversary, we join together to celebrate Carol Stream's legacy of growth and prosperity and to look ahead to the opportunities facing our state and our nation. Today both marks 50 years of working together to build a brighter future, and reminds us that our work continues.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Carol Stream Mayor Frank Saverino, the Carol Stream Village Legislative Board and the citizens of Carol Stream, and in wishing them every happiness on this special occasion.

RECOGNIZING OLIVIA PATRICIA  
THOMAS, THE OLDEST LIVING  
NATURAL BORN U.S. CITIZEN

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Williamsville, New York resident Olivia Patricia Thomas, who recently became the oldest living natural born United States citizen.

Born on June 29, 1895, Olivia, or Pat as she prefers to be called, recently celebrated her 114th birthday with family and friends. Originally from Iowa, Pat met her late husband Frederick in grade school in 1923, and the couple then moved to Buffalo in 1946 when Frederick began teaching engineering at the University at Buffalo.

Described as a "social butterfly" by friends, Pat can often be seen moving to the beat of music in group activities classes at St. Francis Home, where she has lived for the last few years.

An avid plant lover, Pat is affectionately referred to as "the plant lady" by her former neighbors for her love of foliage and always keeping a beautiful garden at her previous home, where she lived by herself until she was 109 years of age.

Pat is a wonderful woman and an inspiration to us all.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of her incredible achievement, I ask that this Honorable Body join me in honoring Olivia Patricia Thomas.

HONORING LOGAN SMITH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Logan Smith, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Logan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Logan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Logan Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA DAY  
IN TEXAS

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the State of Texas for honoring Dr. Hector P. Garcia, with its first official Day of Recognition as a civil rights leader and founder of the American G.I. Forum of the United States.

During this past legislative session, the lawmakers of the State of Texas saw it fitting to honor September 16 as the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day of Recognition throughout the great State of Texas.

Dr. Garcia was born on January 17, 1914, in the Mexican village of Llera, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to Jose and Faustina Garcia. In 1918, at the age of four, Dr. Garcia's parents and his six brothers and sisters left Mexico during the Mexican Revolution and relocated to Mercedes, Texas. During a time of unprecedented Hispanic uprising, he along with five of his brothers and sisters became doctors.

He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1940. In 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in World War II. Army officials would go on to discover later during Dr. Garcia's enlistment that he was a medical doctor and he was asked to treat his fellow soldiers, a task he accepted.

While serving in Italy, he earned the Bronze Star Medal with six battle stars and also met his future wife, Wanda Fusillo, whom he married in 1945. In 1946, he was honorably discharged from the Army with a rank of major.

After the war, he moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he opened a medical practice, and founded the American G.I. Forum on March 26, 1948, to fight for the rights and benefits promised to returning Hispanic veterans' under the G.I. Bill. His civil rights movement would then grow to also combat discrimination in housing, jobs, education and voting rights.

Congress honored Dr. Hector P. Garcia, who died on July 26, 1996, at age 82. President Bill Clinton eulogized him as a national hero. Congress paid homage to Dr. Garcia in 1998 by granting the American G.I. Forum a congressional charter. This prestigious status places the American G.I. Forum on equal footing with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other such veterans organizations. The American G.I. Forum is the largest Hispanic veterans organization in the country, with over 500 chapters throughout the United States.

Dr. Hector P. Garcia is survived by his three daughters; a brother, Dr. C.P. Garcia of San Antonio; and Dr. Dalia Garcia of Corpus Christi. A son, Hector Jr., died in 1962 at age 13.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day of Recognition in which his service and dedication to the State of Texas and this country will be remembered on September 16 for years to come.