

community will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

CONGRATULATING WESTON DEWOLFF, SOUTH CAROLINA'S JUNIOR DUCK STAMP DESIGN "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD WINNER

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, legislation that I sponsored with Congressmen Solomon Ortiz, has passed out of committee with unanimous consent.

Also, I wanted to congratulate Weston DeWolff, a 15-year-old student at the Charleston County School of the Arts and winner of the Junior Duck Stamp Design Program's "Best of Show" award for the State of South Carolina, for his depiction of a male and female mallard duck.

I congratulate Mr. DeWolff for his achievement and I am proud to support the extension of the Junior Duck Stamp Design program so as to ensure that other students, like him, will have the opportunity to participate in this contest in the future.

Finally, in addition to applauding the unanimous passage of this essential conservation legislation, I want to congratulate Ducks Unlimited, the world's largest and most effective waterfowl conservation organization, for recently receiving a \$1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant.

This money will ensure that Ducks Unlimited is able to continue their mission of protecting waterfowl habitats nationwide and will provide additional funds to protect and enhance over 8,000 acres of diverse wildlife habitat in both Charleston and Georgetown counties in the First District of South Carolina.

HONORING EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The students and alumni of Eisenhower High School will celebrate 50 years of continued academic excellence, October 17, 2009. This anniversary is a milestone for Rialto, California. Throughout the past 50 years, the school has provided an exemplary educational service to its students and has contributed greatly to the community.

Eisenhower first opened its doors in fall of 1959, and since then has achieved success in academics, athletics and community service while providing a high level of education. They

have always been a school of inclusion and unity regardless of an individual's background.

Eisenhower High School has been able to maintain an outstanding athletic program for their students, allowing them to participate in activities that promote the values of team work, integrity, and dedication. Their athletic teams have consistently won conference titles in varied sports, including football, basketball, wrestling, and swimming. The boy's basketball team currently holds the state championship title. With this victory they became the first California Interscholastic Federation State title holders for a school from San Bernardino County.

Pro Football Hall of Famer, Ronnie Lott graduated from Eisenhower High School; he went on to play for the San Francisco 49ers and was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary team. Among other Eisenhower High School alumni whom have played on the professional level are Brandi Burton, David Lang, Jeff Conine, Darnell Coles, and Craig Newsome. Another distinguished alumnus is Derek Parra, Olympic Speed-Skating gold medalist and 1500 meter world record holder.

Eisenhower High School has also achieved recognition in academics and community service. They have achieved recognition on the state level as well as national recognition. Anita Ware, alumna of Eisenhower, was its first student to be awarded the prestigious Westinghouse Science Award. The school newspaper, the Eagle's Eye, received an award in 1976 for being one of the nation's best student newspapers from the National Scholastic Press Association and Quill & Scroll. Eisenhower High School was also recognized as a National Blue Ribbon and as a California Distinguished School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Eisenhower High School. Their continuing record of accomplishment is due in no small part to the teaching practices of the faculty who have guided the school through the years.

HATE CRIMES PROVISION IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, our nation's founding principles guarantee individual freedom and liberty. We risk these rights when hateful discrimination and violence are allowed to flourish. Hate crimes prevention legislation gives law enforcement the tools they need to protect our liberties and ensure that no American is assaulted because of who they are.

We have existing federal hate crimes laws to assist local law enforcement in cases of violent crimes motivated by a victim's race, color, religion, or national origin. With this legislation, we expand protections to gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability.

Hate crimes devastate individuals and families and terrorize communities. By giving law enforcement resources to combat and prosecute the thousands of hate crimes that occur

in our country each year, we continue to defend those freedoms that define America's character.

IN HONOR OF LTG ROBERT ORD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend a distinguished career of public service. On February 1, LTG Robert Ord will be retiring as the Dean of the School of International Graduate Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School.

After 34 illustrious years in the U.S. Army, culminating as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Pacific, Bob Ord joined the faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School, bringing his wealth of military experience and relationships from the halls of the Pentagon to one of the most significant graduate military education programs in the Nation. The School of International Graduate Studies addresses current and emerging global security challenges by providing U.S. military and international students with a graduate education in foreign policy, international relations and security cooperation.

Having been a former Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia from 1964–66, I have a deep appreciation for the programs in the SIGS department that focus on the need for capacity building. Two programs of special interest to me are the Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace and the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies. Both of these programs address a gap I identified while serving in the Peace Corps—the need to have greater cross-cultural awareness in our security building programs; and, the importance of bringing stabilization and reconstruction stakeholders together in the classroom before they work together in an operational environment. Along with the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, the only Department of Homeland Security-sponsored master's degree program, SIGS is at the cutting edge of 21st century security and homeland defense challenges.

Since February 1, 2008, General Ord has served as the first Director of the Global Center for Security Cooperation, located at the Naval Postgraduate School. The Center ensures the Secretary of Defense is knowledgeable about all the Department of Defense international education providers. Supporting the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review and the Defense Security Cooperation Guidance, the Global Center coordinates, integrates and deconflicts international education providers' activities and programs. In his capacity as the first Director, Bob Ord's dynamic leadership and breadth of experience has enabled him to stand up a highly resilient organization that can quickly respond to OSD priorities for global international education. The success of the Global Center for Security Cooperation is a lasting tribute to LTG Robert Ord.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to call Bob Ord a friend and I wish him well in the next chapter of his storied life.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR
ELINOR OSTROM ON RECEIVING
THE NOBEL MEMORIAL PRIZE IN
ECONOMIC SCIENCES

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Ms. HILL. Madam Speaker, on October 12, 2009, Indiana University Professor Elinor Ostrom became the first woman in the forty-one year history of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences to receive the award. Prof. Ostrom's ground breaking research on the management of common pool goods has shown her commitment to original and progressive thinking in the field of economic sciences. I am particularly proud of Prof. Ostrom's achievements as Indiana University is located in the Southern Indiana congressional district that I am so proud to represent.

Prof. Ostrom, a member of Indiana University's faculty since 1965, has a history of leading her field in scientific research. She co-founded the workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis and is also the first woman to chair Indiana University's Department of Political Science. She currently serves as the Arthur F. Bentley professor of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences as well as a Professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Having been the first woman to win the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science, as well as the William H. Riker Prize in Political Science, it is no surprise that she has now received the prestigious Nobel Memorial Prize in economic sciences. Her dedication and innovative thinking can serve as a model for all those who seek to achieve original solutions in their respective fields.

NEW YORK TIMES WEIGHTS POLL
IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the New York Times reported recently that President Obama has "considerable political strength."

The Times based this statement on its own poll, which found the President has an approval rating of 56 percent—the highest number of any recent poll.

One reason for this might be that the Times weighted the poll in favor of Democrats.

Among those who actually responded to the poll, there were more Democrats than Republicans by 6 percentage points.

But when the Times finished computing the results, they had increased the gap to and unreasonable and inexplicable 15 percentage points.

With so many more Democrats in the sample, it should come as no surprise that the President's approval rating is a higher than other polls have found.

The Times would do well to show more balance in their polling—and their reporting.

TRIBUTE TO THE POLISH PEOPLES
HOME

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an institution, The Polish Peoples Home—Polish American Cultural Center, that is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of dedicated service and support to the Polish Community of Passaic, New Jersey and the surrounding area.

It is only fitting that The Polish Peoples Home be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the cultural home has provided friendship and guidance to Polish-American families, especially those just embarking on their American dream. Its dedication to the entire community, however, is what keeps this deeply-rooted institution growing towards the future.

The history of Polish people in Passaic is rich and complex. During the first decade of the Twentieth Century, New Jersey had become a magnet for migration. There was a demand for labor and the opportunities brought thousands of immigrants to New Jersey's burgeoning industrial centers. Polish immigrants were one of the many groups who struggled to create new lives for themselves here in America. They brought with them customs and culture they wanted to preserve and maintain as a link to the lives they left in Poland.

On October 9, 1909 fifteen of these hard-working Polish immigrants formed a corporation called "Polish Peoples Home." The object of this corporation was to establish and sustain a home for all Polish societies in the City of Passaic and the surrounding areas. One hundred years later it continues to preserve and enhance the Polish heritage of the past while providing immeasurable lasting contributions to America's present.

The Polish Peoples Home of Passaic has served as a haven for Polish immigrants and the Polish-American community, combining their recreational, cultural, social and educational endeavors. By promoting the beauty and richness of their Polish heritage, they honor the lasting impression made by Polish-Americans in the arts, sciences, industry and agriculture.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of wonderful, thriving community institutions such as The Polish Peoples Home.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join the members and Board of The Polish Peoples Home, all whose lives have been culturally enriched throughout the years and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of The Polish Peoples Home to the Polish-American community and beyond.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN
OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
FRESNO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all of the women of the Junior

League of Fresno, California on this occasion of their 50th anniversary aptly recognized as, "Women Building Better Communities."

In 1948, the Service League of Fresno was formed and within the course of eleven years, it was accepted into the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. Each year since their inception, 20,000 hours of voluntary service time has been generously provided by the women of the Junior League of Fresno. As a result of their years of commitment, over one million hours of service has been given to the community of Fresno by members of the Junior League. Since 1959, it has raised more than \$3,000,000 toward community projects in the areas of children, health, social services, education, women's issues and cultural arts.

Meeting the needs of their community has been and continues to be the Junior League's highest priority. Members research, develop, manage and support projects in conjunction with community partners, concentrating on areas where resources are nominal and where they can have the most meaningful impact.

Throughout the years, projects and organizations the Junior League has championed include: Break the Barriers, The Central California Blood Mobile, Children's Hospital Central California; The Craycroft Youth Shelter; The Discovery Center; Exceptional Parents Unlimited; Firefighters Creating Memories; Footsteps Child Bereavement Program; The Fresno Art Museum; the Fresno County Shot Mobile Immunization Clinic; the Fresno Metropolitan Museum; The Marjaree Mason Center; The Ronald McDonald House; The Sanctuary Youth Center; and Senior Girl Athlete Awards Banquet.

The Junior League believes, as do I, that volunteers make a powerful difference in the community. Their service, advocacy, leadership roles and mentoring have touched countless lives throughout our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this wonderful group of women as the Junior League of Fresno celebrate their 50th Anniversary of "Women Building Better Communities."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present: rollcall No. 753—yes; rollcall No. 754—no; rollcall No. 755—yes.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO
BOTANIC GARDEN ON THE OPENING
OF THE DANIEL F. AND ADA
L. RICE PLANT CONSERVATION
SCIENCE CENTER

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chicago Botanic Garden for the opening of the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center. This new