

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

center will serve to provide solutions to plant conservation challenges through research and education.

To accomplish their goals, 200 plant scientists along with students and collaborators will aid the full time scientists and research assistants in the 38,000-square foot building. The space will also house a teaching facility and the country's first doctoral plant biology program.

Additionally the Center utilizes green building practices, including an innovative rainwater garden to collect and filter storm water runoff and a 16,000-square foot green roof. The visitor's gallery will also allow the public to witness the scientific work occurring and various exhibitions.

The Chicago Botanic Garden successfully opened the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center on September 29, 2009. I commend all the students, researchers and scientists who are committing their time and energy to this important project and wish them the best of luck.

#### TRIBUTE TO PEARL BEATTY ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 74TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to acknowledge the 74th birthday of my good friend, Ms. Pearl Beatty. Her family, friends and associates have gathered on October 8, 2009, to hold a party in her honor and to wish this incredibly talented woman best wishes. Pearl Beatty has always been passionate about her community and those closest to her want to be sure that she knows how much she is loved and appreciated.

Pearl Beatty never allowed her early fragile health to preclude her from involvement in the things that mattered most to her. Throughout her life, Pearl Beatty has been an active participant in the political process and community organizing. She was also gifted with a beautiful voice which she utilized at Arts High School and with the Sweethearts, a group that was fortunate enough to sing at a John F. Kennedy for President rally. In fact, Pearl Beatty was active in the New Jersey campaign for the election of President Kennedy. Always an advocate for fairness, Pearl Beatty joined me and my brother, Bill, in the picketing of a local Woolworth 5&10 forcing them to hire young African Americans to work at the lunch counter.

In addition to being active in the Urban League and the NAACP, Pearl Beatty assisted in organizing the New Jersey contingent for the 1963 March on Washington. She was also instrumental in the four successful campaigns of Newark mayor Kenneth Gibson, the first African American to be elected mayor of a major eastern city. She represented Governor Hughes at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago and was the New Jersey campaign scheduler for President Jimmy Carter in 1976. In June 1978, Pearl Beatty was elected as a freeholder for Essex County and soon found herself as the first director of the newly elect-

ed Board of Chosen Freeholders under the new form of charter change government of Essex County. Ms. Beatty was the first African American appointed as president of the New Jersey Council of Counties and in 1987, she was appointed executive chairperson of the New Jersey State Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commission.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Pearl Beatty deserves to be feted at this 74th Birthday celebration. I am pleased to congratulate her and thank her for the many lasting contributions she has made to the Greater Newark community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH "JACKIE" NOYES

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Elizabeth "Jackie" Noyes on her retirement from more than 36 years of service as the Associate Executive Director with American Academy of Pediatrics. Throughout her career, Ms. Noyes has played a significant role in shaping health policy in the United States—especially as it affects children.

I've worked closely with the American Academy of Pediatrics to ensure that each and every child in America has quality, affordable coverage. They are a rare provider organization in Washington, DC. Their mission is much more about advancing better health care for their patients than it is about advancing pay increases for their member physicians. Jackie has been a key player in that mission for nearly four decades.

Ms. Noyes has a long, varied list of accomplishments, honors, and boards that she's participated in throughout her time with the American Academy of Pediatrics. Highlights include serving as Chair of the National Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines; on the board of the Children's Dental Project, Inc., Children's Hospice International, and the Coalition for Health Funding; and as a member of the Specialty Society Advisory Committee for the American Medical Association. She's also been published by well-respected organizations, including *Advances in Pediatrics*, *California Pediatrician*, and the *American Journal of Psychology*.

Throughout Ms. Noyes' career, she has been recognized for her dedication to children's health with several awards, including a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions to the Health and Welfare of America's Children and Adolescents by the U.S. Surgeon General.

She has played a key role in creating and improving health care laws including vital programs like Vaccines for Children, Head Start, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. She also played key roles in the passage and renewal of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990, the Children and Pregnant Women Health Insurance Act of 1993, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Children's Health Insurance Accountability Act of 1996, and the Paul Wellstone and Pete

Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equality Act of 2008.

In honor of her retirement, the Friends of Children Advocacy Fund has been created to support the initiatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics and its advocacy for child health programs and public health. The Friends of Children Advocacy Fund will continue her work to improve the health of children.

She has been a valuable asset to the American Academy of Pediatrics and their mission to improve the health of America's children. I thank her for her dedication, wish her well in retirement, and fully expect to continue to hear her name in connection with initiatives to improve children's health.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES PATRICK'S HEROISM

#### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic deeds of one of my constituents, Mr. James Patrick of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Earlier this year, while Mr. Patrick, a letter carrier for the US Postal Service, was on his route, he saw flames and thick black smoke erupting out of the top of a church. He immediately found someone to call 911 before he selflessly entered the burning church to make sure that everyone was safe.

Even though the roof of the church and the adjacent rectory were rapidly becoming engulfed in flames, Pastor Robert Hall and the church's secretary were unaware of the fire. Patrick informed the two of the fire, but Pastor Hall wanted to put the fire out himself. However, Patrick insisted that everyone leave. He is quoted as saying, "Father, you have to get out—the whole roof is on fire."

Because of his courageous deeds, two people's lives were saved. Subsequently, Pastor Hall, in a letter to the Postal Service wrote, "In this day and age when people don't want to get involved, I want to say thank you to your employee for going the extra mile."

Patrick is a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Johnstown Branch 451. For his actions, he was recently recognized by the Association and was awarded the Eastern Region Hero Award.

Madam Speaker, I wish to close my remarks by commending Mr. James Patrick for his heroic actions. We are fortunate that we have people like Mr. Patrick who choose to go above and beyond what is expected so that lives may be saved.

#### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH E. BARRON RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

#### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize CMSgt Joseph E. Barron on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.