

Humanitarian Award from the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee.

Raised in a family devoted to the ideals President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt espoused, John Keeton grew up with and advocated for such beliefs throughout his career as an attorney and political activist. Mr. Keeton, along with his wife Patricia, has been involved in campaigns for prominent figures such as Governor Deval Patrick and Hillary Clinton. I will be forever grateful for his friendship over the years.

Throughout his distinguished career, John Keeton has been involved in both the Westborough and Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committees. Having distinguished himself as the Chair of the Shrewsbury Town Committee, Mr. Keeton not only presided over a period of great success for the committee, but became widely recognized as a loyal and committed Democrat in Worcester County.

John Keeton's dedication to the principles of justice and Democratic ideals has worked to positively enhance Worcester County. His tireless efforts and activism is admired by many, including those who Mr. Keeton has campaigned for. In tribute to his outstanding efforts for the Democratic Committees throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I congratulate Mr. Keeton on receiving this award. I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to him today.

HONORING THE SOUTH TEXAS  
COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND  
DRUG ABUSE

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned citizens who wished to address issues related to substance abuse; and

Whereas, October 15th is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day; and

Whereas, Latinos represent 15% of the U.S. population, but make up 18% of new HIV infections; and

Whereas, Latino women are infected with HIV at a rate of up to four times greater than other women; and

Whereas, citizens from Hebbronville, Zapata, Roma, Rio Grande established the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse 19 years ago as a nonprofit agency; and

Whereas, the agency was created out of a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to develop a Statewide Initiative Council for the four county regions consisting of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse was established to provide screening, assessment, referrals related to substance abuse, and education services to the region for substance abuse; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has expanded its services to include HIV prevention, treatment, and Voces Fronterizas—an HIV prevention and intervention program from the CDC; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has expanded their role to encompass not only that of being a Clinical Training Institute but also providing intervention outreach studies to impoverished border communities like the colonias; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has served over 12,000 clients through HIV programs in the past 6 years; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has invested over \$1,000,000 annually on HIV programs; and

*Be it hereby resolved*, that Congressman HENRY CUELLAR, in representing the 28th Congressional District of the State of Texas, honors the contributions of the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for their exceptional service to South Texas communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, October 14th, I was unavoidably detained due to official business at the White House and was not present for a number of roll call votes.

Had I been present I would have voted: "Yea" on Rollcall 776, H.R. 1327, the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009.

"Yea" on Rollcall 777, H. Res. 816, mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquakes and tsunamis that occurred on September 29, 2009, in American Samoa and Samoa.

"Yea" on Rollcall 778, H. Res. 786, commemorating the canonization of Father Damien de Veuster, SS.CC. to sainthood.

"Yea" on Rollcall 779, H.R. 3371, the Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009.

RECOGNIZING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BIRTH OF MAHATMA  
GANDHI

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 14, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution. I join my colleagues in celebrating the amazing life and accomplishments of Mahatma Gandhi. Through his fearless leadership in promoting civil rights and justice for the people of India, he demonstrated the power of non-violent civil disobedience to effect change. He has contributed immeasurably to the legacy of peace.

While I wholeheartedly support this resolution, the best way for this body to recognize Gandhi's accomplishments is to stop funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Stability in Iraq and Afghanistan cannot be achieved as long as war and occupation are the tools with which we purport to build peace. When the U.S. kills innocent civilians and destroys families, homes and communities, the results often incite fear and rage. After more

than 8 years of war in Afghanistan and more than 6 years of war in Iraq it is clear that lasting peace and stability cannot emerge from such beginnings.

Rather, stability is best fomented through the seeds of peace such as upholding human rights, promoting social and economic justice, and ensuring education, employment and access to basic goods and services. Regrettably, the billions of dollars of funding that this body has dedicated to the wars have devastated Iraq and Afghanistan. If this body wants to see peace and stability in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. must stop engaging in policies of aggression.

I strongly support this bill, the powerful accomplishments of the great Mahatma Gandhi, and urge my colleagues to honor his vision.

FORT MASSAC

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the unveiling of a commemorative mural at Fort Massac in Massac County, Illinois.

Fort Massac was built on the bank of the Ohio River in 1757 by the French during the French and Indian War. In 1794, during the Northwest Indian War, President George Washington ordered the fort be rebuilt. For the next 20 years Fort Massac protected U.S. military and commercial interests in the Ohio Valley.

In the fall of 1803, the Lewis and Clark Expedition stopped and recruited two volunteers at Fort Massac as they journeyed west. The Fort Massac site was designated a State Park in 1908, becoming the first Illinois State Park.

Every October, the Fort Massac Encampment draws 80,000 visitors to re-create the lifestyles and atmosphere of the late 1700s. As a part of this year's celebration on October 17th and 18th, the Fort Massac Museum is unveiling a mural depicting a restored cabin from the early 1800s. More than 100,000 visitors are expected to attend the celebration to take part in the mural unveiling.

I want to congratulate the volunteers, supporters, and everyone else who helped make this mural and museum such a great success. I wish them my best as they open this new exhibit to offer a glimpse into the fascinating history of the United States and Illinois.

IMMIGRATION LAWS WORK

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the New York Times once again misses the mark with its latest immigration editorial, "Wrong Paths to Immigration Reform."

The Times wrongly suggests that the 287(g) program should be used only for serious criminals.

As one of the authors of the legislation that created 287(g), I can testify that Congress created 287(g) to let state and local law enforcement officials help enforce all immigration laws, not a select few.

When it comes to Sheriff Arpaio, the Times laments that his "raids use minor infractions like broken tail lights as pretexts for mass immigration arrests."

In fact, minor infractions can ensnare major bad guys. As the Times itself reported in another story, accused Dallas terrorist Hosam (Maher Husein) Smadi was pulled over for "a broken tail light" before he was arrested for terrorist activities.

This is a powerful reminder that enforcing immigration laws against all those who violate them can prevent crime.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN RED  
CROSS OTTAWA COUNTY CHAP-  
TER ON 100 YEARS

**HON. PETER HOEKSTRA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to congratulate Ottawa County's Red Cross on such a significant milestone—100 years serving Ottawa County.

The American Red Cross of Ottawa County, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The organization has helped people throughout the world, but closer to home it has provided residents of Ottawa County with tremendous help, whether it is emergency relief, offering health and safety classes or assisting active duty military personnel.

It is rightfully proud of its record in preventing and relieving suffering, offering community assistance and offering compassionate services across the board.

Most notably, it has facilitated in giving people the gift of life through countless blood drives every year. It is amazing that it is able to do all that it does with no taxpayer dollars, but by the generous donations of time, money and blood.

Moving into the next 100 years of dedication to Ottawa County, ongoing fundraising and community partnerships are crucial to the Red Cross's ability to serve.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the American Red Cross Ottawa County on its celebration of a century of success.

RECOGNIZING 10TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE ATLANTIC INTRA-  
COASTAL WATERWAY ASSOCIA-  
TION

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 14, 2009*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association, Date which has been fighting on behalf of our great Atlantic marine highway for 10 years.

The AIWA was formed in 1999 to address the declining condition of the Atlantic Intra-

coastal Waterway, running along the eastern seaboard from Virginia to Florida. A persistent lack of maintenance funding has resulted in severe shoaling of the waterway through many sections, rendering the waterway impassable at times. The AIWA has been a strong advocate for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Association has earned the title "Voice of the Waterway".

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work closely with members of the AIWA over the years to secure funding to maintain North Carolina's portion of the waterway. The resolution on the floor before us today officially recognizes the contribution made by the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association and I am pleased to rise in strong support of it. I look forward to continuing to work with the AIWA and my colleagues in Congress to support the AIWA and to secure funding to dredge the waterway to its full authorized depth.

GASKIN CITY MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gaskin City Missionary Baptist Church, which celebrated its 100th anniversary this past August.

Pastor Andrew Yates and the congregation of 160 held its first service on August 21, 1909. Although the congregation is smaller today, its members still make an impact on both the local community and the mission field worldwide. Their commitment to service can be seen in many ways, such as singing at local care centers and retirement homes and sending pens to Botswana that are used to copy chapters from the Bible.

I would like to congratulate the members of Gaskin City Missionary Baptist Church for reaching this milestone and wish them a blessed and joyous celebration as they mark 100 years of service to God and their community, both at home and around the world.

SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING LAB-  
ORATORIES CELEBRATES 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) and its founder, Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer III, on the 25th anniversary of the lab's first sale from its headquarters in Pullman, Washington.

From its first delivery to the Otter Tail Power Company in Fergus Falls, MN in 1984, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories has grown to provide a variety of power management systems and automated networking devices that are capable of withstanding extreme electrical and weather conditions. Ed Schweitzer is a pioneer in the field of power protection, having invented the first all-digital protective relay. This device reduces the cost and

complexity of power protection. This digital technology can respond in milliseconds to systems faults and keep millions of customers safely supplied with power.

The spirit of entrepreneurship is alive and well in Eastern Washington. Today, SEL continues to develop the next generation of energy-efficient technologies and to promote smart use of our nation's natural resources. The company is proud to be 100 percent employee-owned and to serve 126 countries, employing more than 2,000 people here at home and around the world.

Madam Speaker, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories and Ed Schweitzer represent the creative and bold nature of our country's innovators and the trailblazing spirit of the Inland Northwest in particular. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Schweitzer Engineering on twenty-five successful years in business and in wishing them many more successful, productive years to come.

HONORING MR. JERRY  
RASMUSSEN

**HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Jerry Rasmussen, Principal of Dakota Valley High School in North Sioux City, South Dakota. Mr. Rasmussen was named South Dakota High School Principal of the Year by the MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals, NASSP, National Principal of the Year Program. This award recognizes the achievements of secondary school principals like Mr. Rasmussen who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.

Mr. Rasmussen has proudly devoted 21 years to education, including 10 years as an administrator. Mr. Rasmussen is most proud of his efforts to create a caring, student-centered culture which permeates throughout the community in North Sioux City. Mr. Rasmussen's devotion to the success and well-being of all of his students and efforts to ensure that all are welcomed at school is an example readily followed by his fellow teachers and staff.

I send best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Rasmussen on this noteworthy honor and commend him for his years of service as an educator in South Dakota.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND  
SUPPORT TO INDONESIA IN THE  
AFTERMATH OF THE EARTH-  
QUAKE THAT STRUCK SUMATRA

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 14, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 810 to express condolences to the people of