

younger sister's airway during a family dinner. After Caitlyn regained her breathing and recovered her color, she tearfully hugged Piran.

Piran has continued his participation in Scouts and is now a Star Scout in Troop 1367. The Boy Scouts of America, upon recommendation of the National Court of Honor, has awarded Piran the Medal of Merit. This is the Boy Scouts' fourth highest national award. The award recognizes Piran for demonstrating the finest Scouting skills and ideals.

For nearly 100 years, the Boy Scouts have developed upstanding youth with the character and maturity to handle tough situations. Piran is an exceptional example of a young Scout. He also is an Honor Roll student and winner of the Fifth Grade Science Fair for Physical Sciences. Piran's life-saving measures were not an isolated instance of distinction. He works hard to reach the highest levels of achievement in everything he attempts.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding Piran's accomplishments. The decisiveness and skill with which he acted to save his sister can be attributed to his scouting background. This training will serve him well throughout his life, and I am confident that his future will be full of success and outstanding accomplishments.

KENNETH M. STAMPP, UC
BERKELEY PROFESSOR EMERITUS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Kenneth M. Stampp, professor emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley. He was a prolific historian, accomplished scholar and a devoted friend, husband, partner, father and grandfather. Professor Emeritus Stampp passed away on Friday, July 10, at the age of 96.

Dr. Stampp, who was born on July 12, 1912, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, struggled to earn money for his education during the Great Depression. He ultimately earned a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D in History at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. In 1946, after short teaching stints at two other universities, Dr. Stampp joined the staff at Berkeley as an assistant professor.

During his nearly 40-year career at Berkeley, Dr. Stampp established himself as a sometime controversial, though conclusively influential 19th Century historian. He is best-known for his decades of work changing historical perceptions about American slavery, the Civil War and Southern Reconstruction.

His trailblazing research and publications helped further humanize enslaved African Americans by giving their stories equal historical weight. Dr. Stampp heroically countered other historians' arguments at a time when the accepted historical record characterized slavery as a necessary institution.

In his books, Dr. Stampp rejected 1950s theories suggesting that sectional compromise might have saved the Union from civil war. Rather, he traced the cause of the war directly to a moral debate over slavery.

According to colleagues, his 1956 book, "The Peculiar Institution: Slavery in the Ante-

Bellum South," remains the preeminent historical reinterpretation for that period.

Dr. Stampp had the distinction of travelling throughout the United States and Europe as a visiting professor, visiting fellow, and as both a Commonwealth and Fulbright lecturer. His humble upbringing contributed to a dedicated sense of social justice, which he demonstrated in his professional life and political views. Dr. Stampp participated in a 1965 Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

Throughout his career, Professor Emeritus Stampp earned many accolades, which included serving as President of the Organization of American Historians, being twice named a Guggenheim Fellow and winning the Lincoln Prize from the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.

Perhaps most admirable is the way in which Dr. Stampp resurrected long-forgotten voices from generations of our African-American brothers and sisters living through one of the grimmest scourges in our nation's history. Over time, Dr. Stampp's work has invaluable altered the framework of academic assumption, historical discrimination and public perception.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a great human being, Professor Emeritus Kenneth M. Stampp. Our community is indebted to his life's contribution in countless ways. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Stampp's family and to all who were dear to him. May his soul rest in peace.

HONORING MR. FRANK G.
MILLS, SR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Frank G. Mills, Sr. Mr. Mills was elected and installed as the State Commander of the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars at the 90th State Convention.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a congressionally chartered war veterans organization that has been serving the community as well as other veterans for over 100 years. The VFW is a model organization that exemplifies the principles that our Nation was founded upon.

Mr. Mills, a Life Member of Post #1754 in Huntington, Pennsylvania, has successfully served in all post chairs at the VFW. He served as the Post Commander four times and attained All State Post District Commander in 2006–2007. Frank also served on the national level on the Americanism and Community Activities Committee, Finance and Organization Committee, and Veterans Service Resolution Committee.

Frank Mills proudly served our country in the United States Navy as an Engineman 2nd Class on the USS *Tang* SS 563 submarine during the Vietnam war. His service medals include: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.

Mr. Mills has led a life of service through the VFW and military service that instills a unique

sense of pride in the hearts of every American citizen. For his commitment to the citizens of Pennsylvania, I am extremely grateful to Frank G. Mills Sr.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand here before you not only as a member of the United States Congress, but as a woman. I fully support H.R. 1700, "National Women's History Museum Act of 2009", this is an issue that I hold dear to my heart. This bill will increase awareness and knowledge of women's involvement in history.

Women's history is a vital part of American history, however it is not public knowledge; mostly in part to the lack of women's history education in the schools. The establishment of a National Women's History Museum would be a great tribute to all of those women whose stories are not told in history books. We must celebrate the women who paved the way for the rest of us. I thank my colleague Representative MALONEY, for introducing this valuable piece of legislation.

Today, women account for 51 percent of the world's population and throughout "woman's-kind" we have had countless sisters whose brilliance, bravery and power changed the course of history. H.R. 1700 will provide for an establishment which will recognize and honor the women and organizations in the United States that have fought for and continue to promote women's history.

A National Women's History Museum will bring awareness to all of those women who have broken barriers and glass ceilings for the rest of us. Women such as the honorable Speaker PELOSI, the honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Shirley Chisholm, Susan B. Anthony, Barbara Jordan, Sojourner Truth, Sacagawea, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Annie Oakley, and the list could go on for miles.

A museum devoted to women's history will shed light not only on well known women of history, but also those less renowned, such as Belva Ann Lockwood, who fought for admittance into law school. She fought to practice before the Supreme Court and even ran two full campaigns to run for President of the United States, although she could not vote.

In Texas, women such as former Governor Ann Richards, who was an accomplished political worker, Texas state treasurer, and Governor of Texas. Furthermore, Rosanna Osterman was a Texas pioneer, American Civil War nurse and philanthropist. She lived in Galveston, and during the 1853 yellow fever epidemic, she erected a temporary hospital on her family premises in order to nurse the sick and the dying. Osterman also chose to stay in Galveston during the civil war and opened her home as a hospital, first to Union soldiers, then to Confederate soldiers.

American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded

ways. They have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home.

American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation and were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation. In addition, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement. American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in literature and the teaching and study of American history which is even more reason to dedicate a museum to all of the trailblazing women throughout history.

HONORING 2010 CENSUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS: ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, NORTHERN VIRGINIA URBAN LEAGUE AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA COALITION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Northern Virginia Urban League and the Northern Virginia Coalition for partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to educate our community on the importance of a complete and accurate count in the 2010 Census.

These organizations kicked off their education initiative with a forum on October 1, 2009 at Alexandria City Hall. Their efforts will be directed toward participation from Northern Virginia's African American community. They will discuss the logistics and strategy behind a successful Census and call on community leaders to take up this historic cause.

A Census is conducted once every 10 years and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. It counts everyone living in the U.S. to determine the distribution of Congressional seats and the fair allocation of more than \$400 billion in federal funding to state, local and tribal governments. Widespread participation is essential to accurate representation in Congress and the correct apportionment of federal funds. An accurate Census helps to ensure fair representation for all, which is an ideal that lies at the heart of American democracy.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Northern Virginia Urban League and the Northern Virginia Coalition as responsible community partners for the 2010 Census. I appreciate their call to action as

such partnerships will be vital to the success of the Census.

HONORING BILL AND BETTY KICK

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friends Bill and Betty Kick of Saugerties, New York. Their kind demeanor and dedication to service work stand as a testament to the importance of giving back to the community.

Bill and Betty first met in kindergarten in Teaneck, New Jersey, where they grew up around the corner from one another. It came as no surprise when these childhood sweethearts married just days before Bill left to serve his country during World War II. During his 4 years in the Army, Bill was stationed in France, Germany, and Africa, rising to the difficult and challenging circumstances that this momentous conflict presented. Meanwhile, Betty remained in the U.S., doing her part by working for U.S. Rubber and the Syrian Embassy. Once Bill returned from the war, the couple settled in New York and soon welcomed their wonderful children, Linda and Peter. As new parents, they continued their commitment to community service by volunteering as Scout leaders.

When the time came to retire, and much to our benefit, Bill and Betty chose Saugerties, New York, as their home base. But Bill and Betty were far from homebound. Avid sailors, they have spent much of their retirement sailing around the world, going from Maine to the Florida Keys, and even as far as the South China Sea. In fact, Betty became one of the first female Celestial Navigators in the Hudson Valley. In spite of their passion for sailing, they still make time to volunteer within their community. Local organizations like Benedictine Hospital, Ulster Literacy Association, and the Winston Farm Alliance have all benefited from their time and dedication.

Throughout their lives, Bill and Betty have selflessly donated their time to help better their community. The 22nd District is fortunate to call them our own and it is with great enthusiasm that we look forward to many more years of their reminding us all of the importance of volunteerism.

THAILAND'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support submitted by Ambassador Don Pramudwinai on behalf of Minister of Foreign Affairs Kasit Piromya of the Kingdom of Thailand in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

ROYAL THAI EMBASSY,

Washington, DC, October 7, 2009.

Hon. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

THE HONORABLE ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA, I have the honor to transmit herewith a condolence message on the earthquakes and tsunami incident in American Samoa from His Excellency Mr. Kasit Piromya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand to the Honorable as follows:

THE HONORABLE FALEOMAVAEGA, It is with profound sorrow that I learned of the intense magnitude of the undersea earthquakes and tsunami that hit the United States territory of American Samoa on 29 September 2009, causing a terrible loss of lives, widespread property damage and left so many people homeless.

I would like to extend my sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to you and, through you, to those families who lost their loved ones as well as those who were distressed by this dreadful disaster. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this time of sorrow. In 2004, Thailand suffered through the devastating effects of a tsunami, and therefore, we share your grief and understand very well the hardship besetting the people of American Samoa. I am certain that with strong spirit of solidarity of the people of American Samoa, the affected areas will be quickly rehabilitated and restored.

Accept, the Honorable, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

KASIT PIROMYA,

*Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Thailand.*

Please accept, the Honorable, the assurances of my highest consideration.

DON PRAMUDWINAI,

Ambassador.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF LIFE ON AMERICAN SAMOA AND SAMOA AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

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. 816 to mourn the loss of life and express my condolences for the disaster that took place in Samoa and American Samoa on September 29, 2009.

On that dreadful day, over 150 people lost their lives when a tsunami rose twenty feet into the air and made landfall on the shores of Samoa and American Samoa in the southern region of the Pacific Ocean. The destruction that this tsunami caused was overwhelming, and in addition to the loss of life, countless more individuals have lost their homes and possessions. I extend my deepest condolences to the victims and their families, and offer my deepest sympathies for their loss.

I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 816 to remember those that died in Samoa and American Samoa on September 29, 2009.