

community. Throughout its history the Lions Club has worked with city, county and state government to improve the lives of residents in Marquette and its surrounding areas. During its 90 years, the Club has made the needs of children and the health of residents across the Upper Peninsula top priorities, and has worked with the community on a wide range of projects.

In 1919, the Marquette Lions Club was the first Lions Club in Michigan to receive its charter. The club wasted no time in getting to work. In its first year the Club passed a resolution to establish a tourist camping ground, requested the city install street cobblestones to prevent the injury of horses and worked with members of the Marquette Rotary Club to support the Boy Scout movement.

Over the years the Marquette Lions Club has made the health and well being of children in Marquette and across the world a primary concern. Whether purchasing eye glasses for needy children in 1937, supporting Camp Sunnyside for mentally challenged youth in 1980 or holding fundraisers to allow a local family to be with their young child under going cardiac surgery in 2008, the Marquette Lions Club has given children throughout Northern Michigan a chance at a better life.

When Helen Keller proposed that Lions become Knights of the Blind at the National Convention of Lions in 1925, the Marquette Club began to recycle and purchase glasses for those in need. To date the club has recycled more than 150,000 eye glasses. The Club has continued this tradition championing causes such as Campaign SightFirst II to battle preventable blindness across the world. In 2007, the Club became the only model club in Single District 10 donating more than \$14,000 to this campaign. The Club has also participated in joint state projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Michigan Eye Bank.

Over the years the Club has worked with Operation Lollypop to inoculate children in the area with the polio vaccine and with the March of Dimes to fight polio and work with victims of the disease. The Club has also worked with the Upper Peninsula Diabetes Outreach Network to eradicate complications, including blindness, from diabetes as well as provided equipment and funding to support those with diabetes.

The Marquette Lions Club has supported the Salvation Army for over 50 years by ringing red kettle bells and donating to the food bank, has made financial donations to agencies providing services to the disabled and financially challenged, and has supported district projects including Northwoods Airlifeline, Teaching Family Homes and Bay Cliff Health Camp.

Madam Speaker, the Marquette Lions Club has been a leader in community and humanitarian service since receiving its charter in 1919. It has worked tirelessly to provide support and resources to those in need by embodying the Lions motto: We Serve! I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in thanking the members of the Marquette Lions Club for their generous service and recognizing the Club on its 90th anniversary.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, as we prepare to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts of America, I rise in support of H.R. 621, the Girl Scouts USA Commemorative Coin Act.

On March 12, 1912 Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 young girls from Savannah, Georgia, for a local Girl Scout meeting. Low assembled these girls for this first meeting with several goals in mind. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop, physically, mentally, and spiritually, while at the same time, bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into the open air. These original Girl Scouts hiked, went on camping trips, played basketball, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid.

Within a few short years Ms. Low's Girl Scouts idea would spread across the Nation. Today there are over 3.4 million Girl Scouts in the United States, and 236,000 troops or groups worldwide in more than 90 countries. The United States contains more than 50 million women who are Girl Scout alumnae. Girl Scouts became an American Institution on March 16, 1950 when it was officially chartered by the United States Congress.

Girl Scouts has a long and rich heritage within my Congressional district. The Morris Area Girl Scout Council was established in 1929 at their Jockey Hollow location in Mendham Township. In 2007 the Morris Area Girl Scout Council merged with two other northern New Jersey Councils to form the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey. Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey has three offices including two within my Congressional District in Riverdale, and Randolph.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary achievements made by millions of Girl Scouts for nearly one hundred years.

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP L. BROWN, SR.

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, the State of Maryland and the American people lost a great educator and civil rights icon when Philip L. Brown Sr. passed away at his home in Annapolis, Maryland on October 16 at the age of 100. I rise to honor this man who was pivotal in the desegregation of our Nation's public schools. My heart goes out to his wife of over 77 years, Rachel; his sons Philip L. Brown Jr. and Errol E. Brown Sr.; his four grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; and his six great-great-grandchildren during this very difficult time.

Philip L. Brown served as a teacher and administrator in the Anne Arundel County school system for more than 40 years. His commitment to civil rights began early in his career. In 1938, Mr. Brown and his wife, Rachel Hall Brown, formed the Colored Teachers Associa-

tion which promoted equal pay for African American teachers. Their civil rights struggle helped change history in 1940 when Mr. Brown became part of a successful lawsuit seeking equal pay for Anne Arundel County teachers. This was one of several cases that laid the legal foundation for *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court case that forced integration of our Nation's schools. Thurgood Marshall represented the teachers, arguing their case before a federal court in Baltimore.

Mr. Brown was born in Annapolis in 1909 and earned an elementary teacher's certificate in 1928 from the Bowie Normal School, now Bowie State University. He and his wife earned bachelor's degrees from Morgan State and master's degrees from New York University.

After his retirement in 1970, Mr. Brown wrote four books on the subject of African American history in Anne Arundel County.

Let us honor Philip L. Brown Sr. as an educator and civil rights pioneer and for his determination in bringing about equality in America.

IN HONOR OF PETER CANCRO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Cancro and his exemplary service to his community. Mr. Cancro is the founder and CEO of Jersey Mike's Subs, a sandwich franchise with more than 400 stores open and under development nationwide. Based in Manasquan, New Jersey, Jersey Mike's has a long history of community involvement and support.

Peter Cancro began his sandwich franchise at the age of 17 when he purchased the sandwich shop he worked in during high school. Since then, he has expanded the store to the rest of the nation, and he has turned his humble sandwich shop into a profitable, nationwide franchise. Despite his title as CEO of the company, Mr. Cancro still enjoys jumping behind the counter to test his skills and demonstrate his passion for the product and the customer. He tries to instill this same passion into every Jersey Mike's store that he opens around the Nation.

Mr. Cancro has successfully spread his mission to bring customers the highest quality, freshest made sub in the industry and give back to the communities in which the company operates. In addition to delivering a quality product to customers around the nation, Mr. Cancro also actively contributes to his community. That is why he strongly encourages all of his employees at Jersey Mike's to become involved in their respective communities in order to build a more lasting relationship with their customers.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking Mr. Cancro for his service to his community and to communities across the nation. His accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents, as well as his many colleagues and friends for years to come.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE CUMBERLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, while remaining a pillar of faith in its community, Cumberland United Methodist has grown significantly from its initial parish; and

Whereas, Cumberland United Methodist has consistently and generously served those in need; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the varied community service projects and activities the Church sponsors throughout the year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Cumberland United Methodist for its 200 years of service to the community of Cumberland.

CALLING ON VIETNAM TO RELEASE IMPRISONED BLOGGERS AND RESPECT INTERNET FREEDOM

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I extend my strong support to H. Res. 672, which calls on the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom.

Since 2002, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has enforced heavy surveillance of the internet activity of Vietnamese citizens. The U.S. Congress is aware that a number of internet bloggers and cyber activists have recently been arrested and imprisoned for exercising their inherent human right of freedom of expression. This matter, among others, is of grave concern to me, and more importantly, to the thousands of Vietnamese Americans that I represent.

Reporters Without Borders considers Vietnam one of 15 "internet enemies" and the OpenNet Initiative, a project of academic institutions including the University of Toronto, Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard Universities, classifies Vietnam's online political censorship to be "pervasive." In fact, an electronic communications decree issued by the Vietnamese government, that came into force in September 2008, states "opposition to the Republic of Vietnam is forbidden."

The freedom of expression, including the freedom to express one's views on the internet, is a necessary prerequisite for a healthy and vigorous democracy. Without free and open debate where citizens need not fear retaliation by government for the opinions they hold, a country foregoes the opportunity to harness the full capability of its citizens to advance social and economic development.

Along with my friend from California, Ms. SANCHEZ, I call on Vietnam to respect Internet freedom and allow the people of Vietnam to

freely express their views. Moreover, I call upon Vietnam to immediately release imprisoned bloggers and political prisoners. To the Vietnamese government, the message we send today is that the United States will embrace you, but only when you embrace the inherent rights and freedoms of your people.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3792, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. Our state receives \$75 million in federal Ryan White assistance which provides care to an estimated 10,000 people in the state.

People in Illinois depend on Ryan White Care programs for help with expensive anti-retroviral drugs, to aid them in getting to and from the medical appointments, to prevent transmission from mother to child, and for continued access to dental services through the University of Illinois at Chicago. Throughout the year, I meet with Illinoisans whose lives have been changed because of these services and whose futures would be jeopardized without them. So I am pleased to see that the bill will result in a 4 year reauthorization that will allow states to continue their current programs without disruption to programs currently in operation. I am also glad that the draft continues the extension period for names-based reporting. Illinois is one of the states still transitioning from collecting surveillance data under a code-based system to a names-based system, and the state is grateful for the extended time.

I would also like to acknowledge the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and the many others in the Illinois HIV/AIDS community for being tireless advocates and unwavering resources for me and the 44,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in the state. We could not have accomplished this bill and other important pieces of legislation, like comprehensive health reform without their activism and community organizing.

We have come a long way since the start of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Twenty years ago, someone was diagnosed as being HIV positive and people assumed it was a death sentence. The public was often misinformed about modes of transmission, and the science behind treatment was far more limited than it is today.

Unfortunately, a recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that the level of attention paid to HIV/AIDS awareness has declined rapidly. The percentage of the American people who say that they have seen or heard or read a lot about HIV/AIDS in the U.S. has fallen from 34% five years ago to just 14% today. The percentage of African Americans reporting has fallen from 62% to 33%.

The public's sense of urgency is down. And yet we learned earlier this year that 3% of the residents in the District are infected with HIV or AIDS, making D.C.'s rates higher than those in West Africa.

Our need to increase prevention efforts and raise awareness about the disease is no less important or any less urgent today than it was when the first cases were diagnosed in 1981. The Ryan White Care Act enables us to continue moving forward with prevention and treatment. I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF MR. CLIFFORD "PETE" TOMLIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to the memory of much-loved "Bulldog," Mr. Clifford "Pete" Tomlin.

Mr. Tomlin died in September 2006 at the age of 42. He suffered from rheumatoid arthritis, but his ailment didn't stop him. Tomlin was named the Calhoun County's Outstanding Handicapped employee of the Year in 1989. Tomlin served as the voice behind the Anniston High School Bulldogs including the varsity, junior varsity and junior high football games for both WHMA and WAMA radio stations in Anniston, Alabama.

Although Mr. Tomlin is sorely missed, he would be proud today to know the Press Box at Chink-Lott Stadium of Anniston High School will now proudly bear his name. Mr. Tomlin will always be remembered as the voice behind the football games at his alma mater and this great honor will help keep his spirit alive.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM MURPHY III

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. William Murphy III, of Wilmington, North Carolina, for his commitment to his community and as a dedicated man of public service. As a long-serving youth coach and a retired director at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, he was an irreplaceable mentor for many inner city youth in his community. He was also a devoted family man and dear friend. Murphy passed away on October 18, 2009, and he will be dearly missed.

Driven by a strong love for his community and a deep investment in its youth, Mr. Murphy coached numerous sports during his lifetime, and most recently served as the head coach of the Wilmington Tigers minor league football team. In this capacity, Mr. Murphy was a valuable leader and role model, who pushed young athletes to achieve things they never thought possible and worked to shape their senses of integrity, character, discipline, and teamwork.

As a co-founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, and as a former coach of over 130 young people in three different sports over 7 years, I have a deep, personal respect for Mr. Murphy's