

Washington Honor Medal. In addition, Mr. St. John, Mr. Fabbri, and Mr. Shaw were awarded the Medal of Honor by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. In 2007, Mr. St. John was inducted into the Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame as part of its inaugural class.

Last Saturday, as on the 240 Saturdays prior, one flag was retired and another was raised in Bantam. We celebrate and remember the lives of not only the 2 veterans honored at the ceremony, but all those who have participated over the years.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH D. EARLY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ROLE IN LAUNCHING THE LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY IN WORCESTER, MA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the life sciences industry as a major economic force within the city and the entire region. Due to scheduled votes here in the House of Representatives, I regret that I am unable to attend tonight's celebration of this occasion which has been organized by the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives (MBI) and will be hosted by Abbot Laboratories in Worcester's Biotechnology Park. I am personally grateful to Kevin O'Sullivan and the leadership of MBI for ensuring this important milestone did not pass without properly recognizing the many individuals who had the foresight to realize the limitless potential of this fledgling industry and who in turn planted a flag in the heart of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announcing to the world that biotechnology will be the future of our proud city. I particularly want to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of my friend Governor Michael Dukakis and the late William Short to this effort which now, a quarter century later, has spawned thousands of jobs and remarkable advances in healthcare right in Worcester, Massachusetts.

I am, however, especially pleased that my predecessor, friend and colleague, Congressman Joseph D. Early, is also being honored tonight for the absolutely pivotal role he played in the creation of Worcester's biotechnology cluster. In his own quiet but effective way, Congressman Early relentlessly championed federal funding on the House Appropriations Committee for both the biotech park and for medical research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Before anyone else, Congressman Early understood that the local economy of his beloved city was in need of a transformation from a rich heritage of heavy manufacturing towards a new 21st century industry that would produce the next generation of highly skilled jobs. His prescient vision and dogged determination forced Worcester to confront a harsh reality at that time; the city's future prosperity was directly dependent upon the ability to marry the immense intellectual capital at the University of Massachusetts

Medical School and the city's other fine colleges and universities with its renowned tradition of industrial innovation. Due in large part to Congressman Early's leadership, that marriage took the shape of Worcester's Biotechnology Park and its success today is part of his unrivaled legacy of service to his district and the untold number of constituents who have benefited from his advocacy.

Madam Speaker, all of us in elected office hope one day to be remembered not so much for the votes we have taken or the speeches we have given but for the very real, tangible and enduring examples of our public service. In that spirit, Congressman Joe Early's fingerprints are all over Worcester's Biotechnology Park and the rapidly expanding life science industry our city now enjoys. In as much as Congressman Early is a household name in Worcester, he remains a revered figure to those crusading pioneers at the National Institutes of Health who still remember and desperately miss his fierce commitment to federal funding for medical research.

As he modestly accepts the honor bestowed upon him tonight, I want Congressman Early to personally know how much I truly admire him for the contributions he has made to the life sciences in Worcester and around the world. He inspires me to work all that much harder to support and promote biotechnology in Worcester and I will forever be grateful for the example he has given me.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week and earlier this week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state for the record how I would have voted had I been present: rollcall No. 812—"yes"; rollcall No. 813—"yes"; rollcall No. 814—"yes"; rollcall No. 815—"yes".

HONORING FRIENDS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Friends of Children With Special Needs (FCSN), a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support, friendship, and life skills training to developmentally disabled individuals and their families. Formed in 1996, FCSN is based in Fremont, California.

FCSN offers special needs children an accepting, educational, and fun environment. The organization provides resources and information for families with special needs children and advocates for full-inclusion educational systems that allow special needs children to interact with their peers. FCSN also educates family members, friends, and students to promote better understanding of developmental disabilities.

The organization assists thousands of special needs individuals each year. In 2006, FCSN opened the Dream Center in Fremont, California, which now serves over 250 children and adults with autism, Down's syndrome, and cerebral palsy. In May 2008, FCSN began offering programs in San Jose to support the South Bay community. There are plans to transform the South Bay Center into another fully operative Dream Center in 2010. These centers allow FCSN to provide additional services, such as job training, therapeutic modalities and day programs.

FCSN's mission is to "help children with special needs and their families find hope, love, respect, and support through integrated community involvement." I applaud everyone who has come together to support the continuing success of Friends of Children With Special Needs as they strive to meet these goals.

CONGRATULATING THE CLOPTON HIGH SCHOOL LADY HAWKS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Clopton High School Lady Hawks Softball team for winning the Class 1A Missouri State Championship on October 24th.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the 1A Softball Championship to their school and community.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Clopton Lady Hawks for a job well done.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, the First United Church of Christ was founded in 1859, and

Whereas, the church will celebrate its 150th anniversary with an All Saints Day service filled with celebration and music, and

Whereas, New Philadelphia Christians met as early as 1857 without a minister until they declared Rev. John Rettig to be their first minister in 1859, and

Whereas, the group merged with the German Reformed church to form the German Evangelical Reformed Church in 1886; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the First United Church of Christ for 150 years of service to the community and their continued dedication to cooperation and learning.

S. 1793, THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. This program is a last resort in providing life-saving care to the more than 500,000 Americans currently living with HIV/AIDS. Named after Ryan White, who courageously fought this illness and helped bring to the forefront a national dialogue about HIV/AIDS, this program helps the most vulnerable receive the treatment and support they need to maintain a high quality of life. While we race to find a cure, the Ryan White Act provides access to doctors, drugs, counseling and the care many people living with HIV/AIDS would otherwise not receive.

In my home State of Connecticut, there are over 10,000 reported cases of people living with HIV/AIDS. A disproportionate amount of these cases occur in low-income areas of the State where people are less likely to have the ability to access HIV/AIDS treatment. In Hartford alone, the largest city in my district, there are over 2,000 reported cases. For many of my constituents, the Ryan White Act is vitally important.

Because of the Ryan White Act, the most vulnerable of those living with HIV/AIDS have access to important services like housing, food, substance abuse treatment, and medical care that are shown to help people make safe choices and live constructive lives. Of those that are served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, 33 percent do not have health insurance and 56 percent are underinsured. In a country with as much wealth and advances in medical technology as ours, it would be unconscionable to allow the most vulnerable to go without essential care. This legislation is a clear example of action we can take that will truly make a positive difference. I am proud to support the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, which will bring hope to so many lives.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individ-

uals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony will be held on November 11, 2009, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

Robert Wayne Archer, Vincent O. Arellano, Linzy Ray Banks, Frank L. Bernich, Charles E. Billups, Floyd J. Birch, Camillo Razo Calderon, Arthur A. Carvalho, Leon Chagolla, James Franklin Colvin, Harry W. Cutting, Raymond Ortiz Guerrero, Eugene B. Guilbert, Sr., Richard Louis Haller, Charles R. Hazen, Jr., Randall N. Klauk, Rodney Scott Lloyd, Robert Magan, Salvador Soria Murillo, Ronald Edward Pearson, Harry Peterson, Hubert Pierce, Si Porter, Edward A. Sandoval, Harold E. Six, Sr., Garey Dale Smith, Jerry E. Tidwell, Roger Jay Williams, and Eldon Ray Wilson.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all the above individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

CONGRATULATING ST. LUKE'S QUAKERTOWN HOSPITAL

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Edward Nawrocki, Richard Anderson, and all of the hardworking staff of St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital on their achievements as part of the Premier healthcare alliance's groundbreaking QUEST: High-Performing Hospitals collaborative.

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital has been recognized as one of the 32 national hospitals to reach the top levels of performance in the areas preventing mortality, reducing costs, and improving the delivery of evidence-based care delivery. In reaching this level of performance, they are truly putting patients first and setting the standard for clinical excellence.

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital is helping improve the quality care not only in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, but nationwide. As a group, QUEST hospitals across the country have saved over 8,000 lives, reduced costs by

\$577 million, and provided 24,818 additional patients with all evidence-based appropriate care. According to an analysis of these Year 1 results, if all hospitals were to achieve the improvements found among the QUEST participants, they could save an estimated 52,760 lives and \$1.16 billion in costs. In addition, 27,771 more patients could receive all recommended care.

I am pleased that the residents of my district are being served by a top-performing hospital and congratulate them on their outstanding accomplishments in improving patient care.

TRIBUTE TO THE JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND, THE MARCHING SOUTHERNERS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the actions of the Jacksonville State University Marching Band, the Marching Southerners.

During halftime of every football game this season, the Marching Southerners, under the direction of Kenneth Bodiford, the Director of Bands, perform a patriotic musical and visual tribute to our veterans, entitled "Of Thee I Sing". The performance is a special presentation to all veterans in honor of the many sacrifices that our brave men and women make during time of war.

The Marching Southerners first took to the field in the fall of 1956 and have been defining the future of marching band ever since. Comprised of students from all over our great nation, the Southerners perform for thousands each season—sending chills up the spine and tears down the face.

With class and excellence, the Southerners extend "The friendliest campus in the South" wherever they go, both on and off the field.

I commend the Marching Southerners and the community that supports them for producing and performing such a show. I wish them success in all their future endeavors and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our fellow patriots.