

Foundation Board and the Jefferson Economic Council. In addition, she is the 2009 Board of Directors Chair for the Jefferson Economic Council, and is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Denver West.

Kirsten Anderson's passion lies in her two daughters and is always very supportive of her daughters' success, spending countless hours cheering them on and helping to coach their teams.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kristen Anderson for her recognition by the West Chamber of Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING CORNING, NEW YORK,
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
POST #524

HON. ERIC J. J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Corning, New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #524, who this Wednesday will be celebrating Veteran's Day with a ceremony in my district. This year, however, will be a special year, as they will be rededicating the POW-MIA monument in that town which I call home. Though obligations throughout my district will keep me from being able to attend this ceremony with my home post, my thoughts will be with them and with the millions of veterans across our Nation who served our country in times of war, and who even today work to protect our freedoms.

In 1998, Doug Herbert, a marine and Vietnam veteran had a plan. He wanted to build a POW-MIA monument to memorialize and honor the POW's and MIA personnel of all of our Nation's wars. Doug and his wife Jackie designed and drew plans for the monument, and they worked for over a year to raise the funds necessary to see Doug's dream become a reality. Indeed, this original monument was even built in their backyard, and on November 11, 1999, the Herbert's and their comrades at Post #524 dedicated this unique memorial to our Nation's heroes.

This year, on November 11, 2009, a new monument will be dedicated in the place where the original once stood. Doug Herbert's dream is now complete and a new monument of granite and will stand in place forever. For Doug, this was a labor of love as well as a personal journey, but for his comrades and his community, it is an incredible gift. The commitment and hard work of Doug and Jackie Herbert, as well as that of their fellow volunteers, make the rededication of this monument a poignant moment in the proud history of Post #524. And it is through this selfless commitment that the memory of those who served our Nation—the POW's, those missing in action, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice—will be enshrined forever in the hearts of all Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE HARLEM COUNCIL OF ELDERS, INC., SALUTE TO FLORENCE M. RICE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great pride to join New York Democratic County Leader Keith L.T. Wright and the Harlem Council of Elders to pay tribute to the Harlem Consumer Education Council's founder and president Florence M. Rice.

Florence M. Rice was born on March 22, 1919, in Buffalo, New York. During her childhood, Rice spent several years in the Colored Orphan Asylum and in several foster homes in New York. Upon completion of the eighth grade, Rice left school for work as a domestic seamstress where she became a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Rice spoke out against the discriminatory practices against African American and Latino workers. She participated in a congressional hearing held by my predecessor Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., in 1962, which probed dressmaker union's policies. After testifying, Ms. Rice was blacklisted in that industry.

In the 1960s, Rice founded the Harlem Consumer Education Council, waging a war against corporations who discriminated against African Americans and other minorities. The council organized many successful New York City boycotts and picket lines against grocery stores, furniture stores, and individuals found to be overcharging minorities. Rice's biggest victory was against the New York State Public Service Commission, forcing New York Telephone to stop charging low income residents pre-installation fees. The Harlem Consumer Education Council investigated over 100,000 complaints.

During the 1970's, Florence was appointed Special Consultant to the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board. She also taught consumer education at Malcolm-King College and has lectured to thousands at her workshops and seminars. In the 1990s, Rice was responsible for the Bell Atlantic Technology Center in Harlem. Today, the center, Verizon, is dedicated to educating business people, students, senior citizens and other customers about the latest advances in telecommunication technologies. She has lectured in several different countries, including South Africa, where she was named a delegate in the first World Consumer Congress. She has held a number of state, national and international positions. In 1975, Florence served as the Official Member of the United States Delegation to the World Congress of the International Women's Year in Berlin, and in 1976 she served as a representative to the United Nations Congress of Non-governmental Organizations.

Florence Rice is the recipient of the Lane Bryant Award for Volunteer Service, the Sojourner Truth Award, and the Ophelia DeVore Award for Community Service, the National Urban League Frederick Douglass Award, the Consolidated Edison Better Business Award, the Josephine Shaw Lowell Award, the New York Consumer Assembly Prestigious Special Award and the Harold C. Burton Republican Club's 1977 Woman of the Year Award. On June 29, 2006, Florence Rice was interviewed by The HistoryMakers.

Florence M. Rice is a very dear friend and indeed a National Treasure.

SALUTING THE STUDENTS OF THE PLANO WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SHEPTON HIGH SCHOOL AND JASPER HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA PROGRAM

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the students of the Plano West Senior High School, Shepton High School and Jasper High School joint FFA chapter on the achievement of Two-Star recognition in the 2009 Future Farmers of America National Chapter Award program.

According to the National FFA Organization, "The National Chapter Award program is designed to award FFA chapters who actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. Based on a chapter's Program of Activities (POA) local FFA chapters are recognized for working in established areas called "quality standards." The standards are organized into three divisions: Student development; Chapter development and Community development."

The PWSH-SHS-JHS Chapter has had a tremendous year of competition and community service leading up to this award.

The group received its Two-Star award at the 82nd National FFA Convention, October 21-24, 2009 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Six students and the program advisor, Cristen Fowler, were able to attend.

Congratulations one and all. I salute you. The names of the 2009 PWSH-SHS-JHS Future Farmers of America follow:

Syed Akhtar; Ethan Alexander; Sydney Alto; Will Baker; Kristen Barg; Lauren Beyer; Seneca Bottom; Nick Brandon; Mackenzie Brotzman; Chandler Buning; John Bunker; Alicia Cardena; Catherine Carroll; Fernando Carvallo; Claire Caudall; Heather Cook; Riley David; Jessica Davis; Sebra Debrecht; Caroline Deville; and Brittany Diamond.

Ashton Doeringsfeld; Paige Doherty; Thomas Dubis; Blair Edwards; Natalie Fears; Beth Fortner; Dimitri French; Allee Gargillio; Amanda Goldstein; Marie Gowan; Bronte Hampton; Erik Hansen; Riley Harmon; McKenzie Hearn; Haley Henning; Sarah Herigon; Kyra Hochberg; Alyssa Horan; Jordan Hunt; Brandon Jacques; and Tanvi Jaiswal.

Jordan Johnson; Brook Johnson; Nick Kirkwood; Addison Lancaster; Max Leader; Tiffany Lee; Brian Lee; Brady Martin; Robyn McCaffrey; Molly McClellen; Robby McDermott; Molly McLaine; Sheddan Medhnie; Madeline Minchillo; Francine Moise; Trevor Mouton; Dardan Neziraz; Melissa Ng; Morgan Nussbaum; Haley Olberg; and Carolyn Pereira.

Haley Price; Brooke Ramsier; Molly Raymond; Morgan Reosenfeld; Ana Reyes; Luke Rivera; Jacob Rizos; Moses Rodriguez; Mark Rule; Dodge Salisbury; Stacy Samuels; Garrett Shepherd; Nia Stewart; Emma Strand; Allison Sutherland; Ore Vangruber; JT Wade; Austin Webster; Kelsey Webster; Claire Wheatly; Ryan Winchester; and Sam Young.

M.L. RICHARDSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and applaud M.L. Richardson for her outstanding service to our community.

M.L. Richardson has served the Jefferson County community in numerous ways since 1994. Currently, M.L. is serving as the Director of Strategy and Sustainable Development for two area corporations.

M.L. Richardson's dedication directly benefits her community with continued service to Jefferson County through countless volunteer hours spent for area organizations, serving on area Chambers of Commerce and boards including the Jefferson County School District's Bond-oversight committee, the Jefferson Economic Council, Community First Foundation, the Golden Civic Foundation and many others. Additionally, M.L. works to raise funds for area charities such as the Mother Cabrini Shrine.

In the words of one of her colleagues, "M.L. is a woman who exhibits leadership through her everyday actions and has a professional and entrepreneurial spirit that has been proven over and over through countless accomplishments."

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to M.L. Richardson for her recognition by the West Chamber of Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING SSGT. SHAWN MICHAEL ROBERTS, UNITED STATES ARMY FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SGT. AUDIE MURPHY AWARD PROGRAM

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate a fine Alaskan soldier—SSgt. Shawn Michael Roberts. SSgt. Roberts has recently been inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Award program in the Army. Sgt. Audie Murphy, for whom this award was named, was a famous Hollywood actor, as well as the most decorated American combat soldier of World War II. Sgt. Murphy was a courageous warrior and received every decoration of valor our country has to offer, including two Silver Stars, three Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Medal of Honor. In short, this induction is one of the highest honors in the Army and reflects the comparable level of commitment and dedication that has been exemplified in SSgt. Roberts' performance.

It is little wonder, in light of his many accomplishments, that Shawn has received this award. Since entering active duty in December 2001 SSgt. Roberts has served two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as one tour in Bosnia. During his tenure with the U.S. Army, Roberts has received numerous medals of commendation, including the Iraq Campaign Medal with three campaign stars.

Alaskans are proud of our military heritage and I am proud that our country has such noble defenders. I thank SSgt. Roberts for his service to our country and I congratulate him on his induction into this award program.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to oppose the amendment offered by my colleague, Representative BART STUPAK. I know that he is following his own conscience, but I want to preserve the right of women nationwide to follow their conscience as well. I support a woman's right to be either for or against abortion. The decision is a private one and it is a matter of faith as well as a matter of conscience, and it is supported by our Constitution.

This amendment is not about federal funding for abortion . . . the current version of the bill and federal law, the Hyde Amendment, already prohibit spending tax dollars to finance abortions. This amendment goes beyond that language. It prohibits private health insurance plans that receive even one dollar of federal funding to offer abortion services to any of their customers. This eliminates coverage for an important health service that millions of women currently have. This amendment leaves women even worse off than they are now. I cannot support such all-encompassing language.

There is a certain irony here that demonstrates how prejudiced this amendment is toward women. Insurance plans would allow a man to obtain Viagra and cause an unwanted pregnancy, but it penalizes women for becoming pregnant.

Insurance is intended to cover the unexpected. Yet, this amendment would deny women the right to purchase their own coverage as part of a regular insurance plan. It will heap an ugly punishment upon those who often times can least afford it, and it will push women into the past of back-alley butchers.

Today women are entitled under the law to a safe abortion. It is estimated that in California before the Roe v. Wade decision, about 100,000 illegal abortions were performed each year. Abortion was the most common single cause of maternal deaths in California prior to 1973. We should not turn back the clock. As we work to provide universal health for all our citizens, women should be protected. This amendment does nothing to advance this and I ask my colleagues to defeat it.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, this past Monday night I decided I could better serve the

citizens of the 18th district of Illinois by hosting a town hall meeting to listen to their thoughts and concerns with the Speaker's health care proposal, rather than rush back to Washington to vote on a resolution honoring man's best friend.

As I participated in a town hall in Washington, Illinois with more than 1,000 people in attendance, I heard a reoccurring theme of concern, outrage, disbelief, frustration and fear for what Speaker Pelosi's health care proposal could mean.

The final question of the night came from a young man named Joshua. In a room surrounded by those three or four times his age, young Joshua had the courage to ask me the difficult question if I supported what President Obama wants to do with Healthcare.

I told Joshua that I've spent my first 9 months in office trying to figure out exactly what the President was actually trying to do with health care. It is this precise confusion of goals, conflicting messages and lack of communication from the Majority which has all Americans still trying to figure out exactly what the President and the Speaker are trying to do.

Unfortunately, we've finally learned what they want to do. Tonight, under the cover of darkness, the majority finally passed a health care plan that will raise taxes, raise health care costs, add to our national debt, and hurt America's seniors, families and small businesses. Over half those covered in the bill are done so by expanding entitlements instead of helping them afford insurance. This only exacerbates insurance premiums for ordinary Americans and dramatically increases our nation's debt.

The bill tonight was about expanding the size of government and leading us down the road to a no-choice government-run healthcare system. Instead of working across party lines to pass bipartisan reform, Speaker PELOSI has decided to let the votes against this massive entitlement expansion be the only true thing bipartisan about it.

HONORING PHILLIP MALIK**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Phillip Malik. Mr. Malik passed away on October 8, 2009, at the age of 94. His life was remembered by friends and family on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Phillip Malik was born January 1, 1915, in a region of Iran known as Urmia, in the small village of Gengachi. His father was a leader in the village, which was being pursued by marauders with intentions of persecuting all villagers based on their Christian beliefs. They would eventually end their journey in Habbaniya near Baghdad, Iraq. As a young man he survived the Assyrian Genocide and was a manager of the British Officers Club in Baghdad. Mr. Malik set his eyes on the United States, and in 1953 he settled in Chicago, Illinois. Five months later his wife, Maria, and their five children joined him in the United States. They did not like the cold of Chicago, and with a short visit to San Francisco, California, they decided to head west.