

missed six recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall 896, “nay” on rollcall 897, “nay” on rollcall 898, “yea” on rollcall 899, “yea” on rollcall 900, and “yea” rollcall 901.

CONGRATULATING JOHN “HUT” HUTSON, WILLIAM C. JENKINS, DAVID F. LUCIER, PETER MARTINEZ, PAT CHORPENNING, JOAN E. SISCO AND CARL G. SCHNEIDER—INDUCTEES TO THE ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John “Hut” Hutson, William C. Jenkins, David F. Lucier, Peter Martinez, Pat Chorpenning, Joan E. Sisco and Carl G. Schneider, the Class of 2009 inductees to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. These citizens are recognized for their exemplary service for our country.

For both bravely serving our country and inspiring those outside their military service, 19 Arizona residents were selected to be part of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. In a state boasting more than 600,000 veterans, I am truly honored to represent five of this year’s recipients.

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society annually rewards and honors veterans for their continued service to the community. Each recipient of the prestigious award is personally selected by the Office of Governor Jan Brewer in partnership with the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services.

These veterans represent the courage and patriotism that is so revered by many Americans. It is people like this that I am continuously thinking of and am proud to serve. As members of the Hall of Fame Society, I am sure these veterans will carry on inspiring and serving our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognition of John “Hut” Hutson, William C. Jenkins, David F. Lucier, Peter Martinez, Pat Chorpenning, Joan E. Sisco and Carl G. Schneider’s exceptional service.

THANKING GEORGE MCNEILL FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE RIPON SOCIETY

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize George McNeill for his many years of service to the Ripon Society.

For the past five years, George has served as Chief Administrative Officer of the organization. In this position, he has not only run the day-to-day affairs of the group, he has also helped position it as one of the leading voices of centrist Republican thought in Washington, D.C.

As one of the founders of the Ripon Society, I have to confess—when we established the organization in 1962, we could only dream of

some of the things it has achieved since that time. Through his hard work and dedication, not only as the Chief Administrative Officer since 2004, but also as a member of the Ripon Board of Directors dating back to 2001, George has helped turn that dream into a reality.

In the process, he has not only made a difference in the life of the Ripon Society, he has also added another impressive chapter to his own rich and full life. It is a life that has taken George from the streets of his birthplace in the Bronx to the hills of his ancestral home in Scotland, from the jungles of his tour of duty in Vietnam to the meadows of his current home in Danby, Vermont. It is also a life dedicated to service, and one that has revolved around his loving family and devoted friends.

George has indeed worn many titles in his lifetime, earning the respect of friend and foe alike along the way. But the title that he is perhaps most proud of is that of husband and father. George and his wife Barbara are the proud parents of two wonderful daughters—Megan and Caitlin.

George recently announced that he is retiring as Chief Administrative Officer of the Ripon Society. It is a real loss for the organization. Those of us who have worked with and gotten to know George over the past several years will miss him and are sorry to see him go. But we also understand that, after five years of commuting weekly back and forth between Vermont and Washington, the time has come to return home.

We thank George McNeill for his service to the Ripon Society. We honor him for his many contributions to the group and for advancing policy debate in Washington. And we wish him all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, this week the co-chairs of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus joined with 129 original cosponsors to introduce H. Res. 914, a resolution supporting the observance of National Diabetes Month.

The resolution encourages people in the United States to fight diabetes through raising public awareness about stopping diabetes and increasing education about the disease. It also recognizes the importance of early detection, awareness of the symptoms of diabetes, and the risk factors for type 2 diabetes. Finally, it supports decreasing the prevalence of diabetes, developing better treatments and working toward an eventual cure for type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

Since diabetes afflicts nearly 24 million Americans and is the seventh leading cause of death, we must increase awareness and encourage the research to find cures. National Diabetes Month is observed every November and is an excellent way to build awareness about both type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Too many people are not familiar with the differences between type 1 and type 2 diabetes and how they are treated, what the risk factors are, and what sort of research is needed to make progress in the fight against this disease.

That is why the mission of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus is to educate Members of Congress and their staff about diabetes. It is also our mission to support legislation and other efforts to improve diabetes research, education, and treatment.

The legislative priorities of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus support the goals and ideals of National Diabetes Month. For example, H.R. 1995, The Eliminating Disparities in Diabetes Prevention, Access and Care Act, is designed to promote research, treatment, and education regarding diabetes in minority populations. This specific focus will help us address the unique challenges faced by minority populations and provide more effective treatment and education.

H.R. 1625, the Equity and Access for Podiatric Physicians Under Medicaid Act, would classify podiatrists as physicians for purposes of direct reimbursement through the Medicaid program. Podiatry is critical to the treatment and understanding of diabetes.

The Medicare Diabetes Self-Management Training Act, H.R. 2425, would make a technical clarification to recognize certified diabetes educators (CDE) as providers for Medicare diabetes outpatient self-management training services (DSMT). CDEs are the only health professionals who are specially trained and uniquely qualified to teach patients with diabetes how to improve their health and avoid serious diabetes-related complications. The 1997 authorizing DSMT statute did not include CDEs as Medicare providers. This exclusion has made it increasingly difficult to ensure that DSMT is available to patients who need these services, particularly those with unique cultural needs or who reside in rural areas.

Another bill that is a priority of the caucus is the Preventing Diabetes in Medicare Act, H.R. 2590. This bill would extend Medicare coverage to medical nutrition therapy (MNT) services for people with pre-diabetes and other risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes. Under current law, Medicare pays for MNT provided by a Registered Dietitian for beneficiaries with diabetes and renal diseases. Unfortunately, Medicare does not cover MNT for beneficiaries diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Nutrition therapy services have proven very effective in preventing diabetes by providing access to the best possible nutritional advice about how to handle their condition. By helping people with pre-diabetes manage their condition, Medicare will avoid having to pay for the much more expensive treatment of diabetes.

In addition, we are working hard to pass, H.R. 3668, and reauthorize the Special Diabetes Programs for Type I Diabetes and Indians. This program provides federal funding for the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type I Diabetes Research at the National Institutes of Health and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians at the Indian Health Service. H.R. 3668 would extend these critical programs through 2016 and increase funding for both programs to \$200 million a year.

I want to thank my colleague, Congressman MIKE CASTLE, for his many years of leadership working together with me as Co-Chair of the Diabetes Caucus. I also want to thank the many Members who are supporting this effort and both sides of the House leadership for their bipartisan support of diabetes issues. I look forward to working with the Congressional

Diabetes Caucus to pass the important legislation we are promoting and continuing to further the goals of National Diabetes Month.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL LEWIS
MILLETT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from my Congressional District whose dedication to defending the people of this country and preserving the basic freedoms and liberties that we hold so dear earned him the highest military award our country has to offer. Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Lewis Millett passed away on November 14, 2009. He was a true American hero and today I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to honor and remember him and his 31 years of service.

Colonel Millett was born in Mechanic Falls, ME, on December 15, 1920. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940 and served as an air gunner, then joined the Canadian Army when it appeared the United States would not enter World War II.

Millett returned to the U.S. Army in 1942 upon the United States' entrance into World War II and served in the 1st Armored Division. After making sergeant, he was awarded a battlefield commission.

According to his Medal of Honor Citation, then-Captain Millett distinguished himself "above and beyond the call of duty in action" in Korea, after he and his men came under heavy enemy fire on February 7, 1951.

Captain Millett ordered and led a bayonet counterattack up the hill, killing enemy soldiers in hand-to-hand assault during which he was wounded by a grenade blast. Despite the adverse conditions Captain Millett's company had taken the hill by early afternoon.

Captain Millett was presented the Medal of Honor by President Harry S. Truman in July 1951. He retired as a colonel in 1973 after a 31-year career in which he served in World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam conflict.

Other notable military decorations awarded to Colonel Millett include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, four Purple Hearts and three Air Medals.

Colonel Millett's dedication to his country is a testament to a life of service and a legacy that lives on through his sacrifices. Today let us pledge to always remember Colonel Lewis Millett—the goodness he brought to our world and the sacrifices he made will never be forgotten.

IN MEMORY OF SGT. EDUVIGES
WOLF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sgt. Eduviges Preciado Wolf of Hawthorne, CA. Sgt. Wolf

was an army sergeant assigned to the 704th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, out of Fort Carson, Colorado. Sgt. Wolf was a hero who gave her life in service to her country.

Sgt. Wolf, also known as "Duvi," dreamed of serving in the U.S. military as a child who emigrated to the United States from Mexico with her family. As soon as Duvi was able, she joined the United States military so that she could fulfill her lifelong dream to serve and protect her country. She met her husband Josh at Fort Bragg. Together they had 2 daughters: 3-year-old Isabel and 1-year-old Valerie. Both Duvi and Josh were deployed to Afghanistan, where they served in separate units. Tragically, Duvi recently died in an insurgent attack while in Afghanistan. She was 24 years old.

Earlier this month on Veterans Day, I had the honor and privilege of participating in events with veterans and their families in my congressional district—in Hawthorne and Inglewood, California. I was deeply moved by the families of our servicemembers. Not only do servicemembers make major sacrifices, but so do their families. They live with the harsh realities of war and its implications on them. Spouses must sacrifice long-term career planning, and children are oftentimes forced to transfer to different schools throughout the country. Tragically, as is the reality of combat theater, some of our troops do not make it home.

Today, I salute and thank Sgt. Wolf, along with all of our Nation's past and present heroes who sacrificed a great deal in service to their country.

I expressed my condolences to Duvi's sister Cecilia in Hawthorne on Veterans Day, and I know that her friends and family are still mourning. It is my hope that they will find comfort and peace in the loving memories and the distinguished legacy of service that Duvi leaves behind.

IN HONOR OF JOHN GAFFANEY

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of a man who dedicated his life to helping others, Mr. John Gaffaney of San Diego, California. Tragically, John was killed on November 5, 2009, a victim of the horrible events at Fort Hood.

John was a man of sacrifice and devotion who spent his life counseling others. After 15 years in the Army National Guard, he went on to work for the San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services. After spending the last 22 years investigating cases of elderly abuse and neglect for San Diego County, John once again answered the call of duty and re-enlisted in the Army Reserves. He arrived at Fort Hood only a few short weeks ago to prepare for deployment to Afghanistan to help other soldiers cope with the trauma of war.

Madam Speaker, John Gaffaney was a man of integrity and will be greatly missed by all of San Diego, especially his wife Christine and son Matthew. I ask that this body honor John and the rest of the fallen at Fort Hood for their dedication and sacrifice to this country.

RECOGNITION OF BILL LANE'S
LEGACY AS AN EDUCATOR

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bill Lane for a lifetime of service to the Worthington community. Bill Lane built a legacy as a dedicated and innovative educator for three decades. He passed away in 2008, but he will be remembered for his extensive service to our community.

Bill Lane began teaching at Thomas Worthington High School in the 1950's. He went on to become the high school principal, the assistant superintendent, and the interim superintendent of the Worthington Schools. He was a creative and farsighted educator who contributed greatly to the school's development until his retirement in 1981. As well as overseeing the creation of a large, complex, and modern high school, Bill Lane helped to form the Linworth Campus. This alternative school allows students to make choices about their education, take responsibility, and learn through experiential education.

In addition to his loyal service to our schools, Bill Lane was active in several local organizations. As a member of the Worthington Historical Society, he helped organize its semi-annual Antiques Sale. He was also involved in the St. John's Episcopal Church, Kiwanis, and a men's prayer group.

To honor the service of this visionary educator, those who knew him have formed the Friends of Bill Lane to raise money for a plaque honoring Bill's career at Thomas Worthington High School. They also are planning to establish a teaching grant in his name through the Worthington Educational Association. They have received donations and support from people throughout the community who remember Bill Lane's devotion and character. His contributions to our school system will not be forgotten, and I am proud to recognize and honor this highly-esteemed and dedicated educator for a lifetime of service.

RICHARD SALINARDI

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Salinardi. Mr. Salinardi has done extensive work with the developmentally disabled population for the past 40 years. He has ensured that disabled individuals in my district have had their voices heard.

Mr. Salinardi has spent much of his career improving the treatment of developmentally disabled individuals. From his 30 years of teaching developmentally disabled adults through his decades volunteering his time and knowledge, he has helped these individuals become productive members of our community.

Richard serves as the Executive Director of Lifestyles for the Disabled Inc., overseeing all aspects of the agency. Richard has taken an aggressive and innovative approach, yielding remarkable results.