

“Joe” and “Rina” have been outstanding parents, rearing PAT and his two sisters Ida and Tania. They are also proud grandparents of six wonderful children: Anthony, Alex, Angelina, Cristina, Daniela and Gabriela.

As loving parents and grandparents, they continue to set an amazing example for others to follow. I join with all of the Tiberi family and their many friends in wishing Joe and Rina all the best on this joyous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW HARRISON
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge the recent grand opening celebration of the new Harrison Township Public Library (HTPL) which was held on October 24th, 2009. I had the privilege to attend this special occasion along with other public officials, library staff and community leaders. The HTPL truly is a remarkable story and is a shining example of what can occur when people come together to accomplish a common goal.

The HTPL is an all-volunteer library and operates on a budget from the sales of used books and other promotional items and also the collection of private donations. Not a single dollar of tax-payer money was used to open the new facility.

It took the will power of very dedicated individuals who worked as a team to ensure Harrison Township would no longer be the only municipality in Macomb County without a library. However, the road to complete this project was anything but easy to navigate. The economic challenges were extremely difficult to overcome, and there were many road blocks along the way. At times it appeared that the dream was all but lost.

In fact, many would have given up on this project. But the community volunteers would not let this dream fade away, and instead rolled up their sleeves and went back to the drawing board to get the job done. Only through hard work and determination was Harrison Township finally able to open the doors on its new library.

Numerous organizations and people helped make this dream come true: The Township offered the space to house the library; Macomb County donated materials and books to stock shelves; partners from the private sector and academia provided other key resources to furnish the library with proper information technology.

I certainly want to commend the numerous library volunteers for all the hours they contributed and the personal sacrifices they made to assist with this effort. I too was more than happy to lend a helping hand by donating books obtained through the Library of Congress' Surplus Book Program.

Now I am pleased to say that the residents of Harrison Township have their own library! Senior citizens now have a place to read the newspaper or check out a book. Students now have a quiet place to do research, finish their

homework or use the Internet. There is even a children's section that has games, toys and books for families to utilize to help their children learn.

I would like to name for the record the key volunteers who made this dream a reality, for without them, this project would have never come to fruition: Marge Swiatkowski, the Director of Library Volunteer Committee, and her husband Jack; we need to also recognize Joyce Bane, John and Carolyn Bicsak, Jim and Mary Lou Bilen, Gale Brady, Tracy Champine, Natalie Cruz, Donna Dertinger, Phil and Marsh Devergillo, Julie Dries, Bobbi Gust, Ann Marie Hergott, Toni Hindman, Kathy Hunt, Jane Jones, Althea Lanuzza, Mary LaPlante, Joan Lavey, Katie LeBlanc, Madaline Mannino, Diane Marvaso, Jean McKay, Kathy McRae, Ellen McKee, Jo Mitchell, Nancy Motring, Mary Oberliesin, Beverly Ortman, Joan Schmidt, Sandy Schwab, Marty Shadel, Stephanie Simon, Thomas Sycko, Chris Hearn, Nancy Trompicks, Mary Mahoney, Sheri Mathison, Jane Roda and Dee Turowski.

I applaud each of you for your tireless efforts! Your display of leadership and teamwork are something to be emulated throughout the community.

HONORING THE JUILLIARD
SCHOOL'S MUSIC ADVANCEMENT
PROGRAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Music Advancement Program at The Juilliard School.

The Music Advancement Program (MAP) is a Saturday instrument-instruction program that was created in 1990. MAP targets students, ages eight to fourteen, who are underrepresented in the performing arts. The program is designed to help students at the early stage of their musical development on violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, and piano. MAP has served families by providing education workshops on diverse topics, information about various concert opportunities and a literacy program for younger siblings of MAP students. MAP has also supported New York City public school music teachers by building upon their work, starting where most school instrumental programs must end, and by motivating students to excel in all of their endeavors. Through MAP, The Juilliard School has demonstrated its commitment to being a cultural citizen in New York City by reaching out to underrepresented communities and investing in a future arts community that is diverse in its performers, educators, audiences, and patrons. This exemplary program has enriched the lives of countless students, and will continue to provide valuable opportunities in the performing arts for underprivileged students in New York City schools.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Music Advancement Program at The Juilliard School.

HONORING CITY OF GRAND
PRAIRIE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Grand Prairie. The city is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to speak about the history of the city and its great future.

In 1841, the area that is now Grand Prairie began to be settled by people accepting Republic of Texas land grants. In 1861, Alexander MacRae Dechman traded his wagon and oxen for 239.5 acres in what is now downtown Grand Prairie. He filed for a town plat in 1876, and named the town Dechman. That same year Alexander gave a portion of his land to the Texas and Pacific Railroad in exchange for operating a depot. In 1877, the railroad renamed Dechman to Grand Prairie because of its location on the eastern edge of the prairie that stretched into West Texas. On March 20, 1909 the citizens of Grand Prairie voted to establish a local city government in order to create the civic infrastructure necessary for public safety, growth and prosperity.

In 1909, the City of Grand Prairie had roughly 1,000 citizens. The city's growth accelerated during and after World War II when its population changed from 1,595 in 1940 to 14,594 in 1950. The population then doubled to 30,386 by 1960. Today the city is home to more than 168,000 citizens. The growth is symbolic of the city's strength and success over the last hundred years.

Grand Prairie has created a strong infrastructure to ensure continued growth. The city has constructed attractions for both economic development and tourism such as Lone Star Park in 1992, Nokia Theatre in 2001, the Ruthe Jackson Conference Center in 2002, the Uptown Theater, QuikTrip Ballpark and the AirHogs in 2008 and Market Square in 2009.

The city's success is also demonstrated by its long list of awards. Some recent awards include the Money Magazine 2008 Best Places to Live in USA, Today Newspaper 2008 Readers' Choice Award—Best Place to Live, the 2008 National Recreation and Parks Association Gold Medal Award for best parks system in America and named a Playful City USA in both 2008 and 2009.

Under the able leadership of Mayor Charles England, the City Council and City Manager's Office, Grand Prairie plans to continue growing stronger for their citizens and businesses. In 2010, the city will open a new Lake Rescue Center, Summit Activity Center for senior citizens and Public Safety Headquarters. A city known for being comfortably casual and incredibly friendly, Grand Prairie looks forward to the next 100 years of dreaming big and making it happen.

I am honored to represent the City of Grand Prairie and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the city upon their 100th anniversary.

HONORING ELI WARREN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eli Warren, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1179, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eli has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eli has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eli Warren for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
GREATER AWARENESS OF OVARIAN
CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 727, which supports the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

We all know someone who has been diagnosed with cancer and understand the devastating impact that diagnosis can have on the patient and his or her family. Although we have made great strides in recent years in finding new treatments for those afflicted with cancer, ovarian cancer continues to be difficult to diagnose and when discovered in later stages, the survival rate is lower than 45 percent. Ovarian cancer silently spreads because we cannot reliably screen for it and because its symptoms are common with other diseases.

As an original cosponsor of H.R. 1816, the "Ovarian Cancer Biomarker Research Act," introduced by my friend and colleague Representative BERMAN, I believe we should encourage collaboration between the federal government and institutions conducting invaluable research on biomarkers for use in risk stratification for, and the early detection and screening of, ovarian cancer. These types of initiatives will ensure that the United States remains a leader in medical breakthroughs and innovations.

We must continue to support funding for research into ovarian cancer, so that we may one day find a cure. We also must devote the necessary resources into developing new screening technology for cancers like ovarian cancer which all too often are found late. Equally important, all women and men need to educate themselves about ovarian cancer so that we save our own lives or those of our loved ones.

I want to commend Representative ISRAEL for introducing this important resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall number 911, 912, and 913 I was unavoidably detained due to flight complications from Billings, MT to Washington, DC.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 911, "yea" on rollcall 912, and "aye" on rollcall 913.

ENERGY AND WATER RESEARCH
INTEGRATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of H.R. 3598, "Energy and Water Research Integration Act". I would like to thank my colleague, Rep. BART GORDON, for introducing this important legislation.

I support this legislation because our country faces immense challenges with increased demand on our energy and water resources. It is for that reason that this bill is a critical component of our country's energy strategy. According to the Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, the thermoelectric power sector accounts for 39 percent of total freshwater withdrawal in the United States, and 3.3 percent of total freshwater consumption.

Not only do we need vast quantities of water for energy production, but we also need energy to transport and treat water. Water resource problems are intensifying across all regions of the country. As demand for water continues to rise and supplies dwindle, it has become increasingly apparent that the federal government should create a comprehensive strategy for energy-water research and development of new technologies to ensure sustainable water and energy supplies.

This legislation takes the first steps toward tackling these problems by directing the Secretary of Energy, in carrying out energy research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy (DOE), to: seek to advance energy and energy efficiency technologies and practices that would minimize freshwater withdrawal and consumption, increase water use efficiency, and utilize non-traditional water sources with efforts to improve the quality of that water; consider the effects climate change may have on water supplies and quality for energy generation and fuel production; and improve understanding of the energy required to provide water supplies and the water required to provide reliable energy supplies throughout the United States.

It further requires the Secretary to incorporate specified considerations, including: new

advanced cooling technologies for energy generation and fuel production technologies; innovative water reuse, recovery, and treatment in energy generation and fuel production; and reduction of water resource impacts of fossil fuel resource development.

Finally, this bill directs the Secretary, in coordination with other relevant federal agencies, to establish an Energy-Water Architecture Council to promote and enable improved energy and water resource data collection, reporting, and technological innovation.

This Council would be required to: adopt data collection and communication standards and protocols for the energy required to provide water supplies and the water required to provide reliable energy supplies; make improvements to federal water use data to increase understanding of trends in power plant water use; integrate existing monitoring networks to provide nationally uniform water and energy use and infrastructure data; and conduct an annual technical workshop to facilitate information exchange among experts on technologies that encourage the conservation and efficient use of water energy.

With these first steps, our country will be far better informed about the challenges wrought by increasing demands for water and energy, and so will be better able to face them.

CONGRATULATING KIM JAKOVICS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend Kim Jakovics, a social studies teacher at Annapolis High School in Maryland, for winning the Milken Educator Award. Since 1987, this prestigious award has been given annually to honor teachers who have distinguished themselves in their incredibly important and challenging field. Of the fifty-three teachers across the nation to be awarded this prize, she is the sole recipient from Maryland. Mrs. Jakovics was selected because of the immeasurable impact she has had on her students. Michael Milken, co-founder of the foundation, said of her instruction, "Students' self-image changed, their aspirations changed. Students were different after that experience."

For the past six years, Mrs. Jakovics' dedication to her students has made them feel more confident to aim for loftier goals. She has been effective in leading classrooms full of students at different skill levels and embraced the challenge of teaching diverse groups.

Because of teachers like Mrs. Jakovics, Annapolis High School has experienced a dramatic improvement in student results. For five years the school failed to meet state testing standards. Over the last two years, however, the school has met standards and been removed from Maryland's troubled schools watch list. The dedication of teachers like Mrs. Jakovics is what makes such a dramatic turnaround possible.

I hope Mrs. Jakovics will inspire other talented individuals to enter the field of teaching. Once again, I congratulate Mrs. Jakovics and wish her the best of luck.