

less—stretching every local dollar through regional cooperation, obtaining financial grants from a wide array of external sources, and the old fashioned approach of just plain spending every fire department dollar wisely.

Jay is open to new ideas, willing to listen, ready to change, and always ready to cooperate for the larger good. He has been a tireless leader at the regional level on initiatives to improve emergency responder communications, strengthen training, pool fire resources, and enhance safety. He is never concerned with who gets credit for success, only that success is achieved.

How many millions of dollars in property were spared and how many dozens of lives were saved through Jay's efforts may never be known, but Napoleon Township and surrounding communities know he is owed a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, HISTORIAN AND ACTIVIST

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and achievements of John Hope Franklin, and his dedication to, "weave into the fabric of American history enough of the presence of blacks so that the story of the United States could be told adequately and fairly." In March 2009, the passing of John Hope Franklin removed from the world a scholar whose academic excellence was profound in its effect on modern U.S. history. Though he is no longer with us we will not forget the contributions he has made to this country and the world.

John Hope Franklin succeeded in his intention to recognize the presence of African Americans in our history and through his scholarship which was unparalleled in its brilliance and so complete that it was universally acclaimed. He created an awareness of the role of the African American in American history that did not exist prior to his work.

John Hope Franklin was born just fifty years after the Emancipation Proclamation in Rentiesville, Oklahoma on January 2, 1915. He graduated from Fisk University in 1935 and earned a PhD from Harvard University in 1941. From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African-Americans, perhaps his most famous book, traces the African-American journey from the African continent to their struggle for equality in the twentieth century. Through his efforts to explain that African-American history is American history, John Hope Franklin himself became an integral actor in that history not only through his published scholarly papers but through his engagement in the Civil Rights Movement, beginning with the part he played in the landmark case of Brown vs. Board of Education and subsequently as an activist scholar providing an eloquent voice for the Movement.

John Hope Franklin was a true scholar and activist. Through his life he has inspired generations of historians. Today, I am proud to pay tribute to the life of Mr. John Hope Franklin.

ALLEN CAYIR, ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR

### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. BACCA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allen Cayir, President of Transech Engineers, Inc., who will receive the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Established in 1986 by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our nation's immigrant heritage by recognizing those individuals whose achievements have helped to foster respect and understanding for America's ethnic diversity. Since the award began, recipients have included United States Senators, Congressman, Nobel Laureates, military leaders, outstanding athletes, and clergy.

A native of Turkey, Mr. Cayir, or "Ali" as he is known to his friends, arrived in the United States after earning an engineering degree from Istanbul Technical University. In 1989, he founded Transtech Engineers, Inc, which provides professional and technical expertise to governmental agencies, educational institutions and the private development sector.

Through his dedication and hard work, he was able to grow the business to a multi-million dollar enterprise. Notable projects over the years have included the Alhambra Civic Center Public Library and the Renovation of the Historic Santa Fe Depot Train Station in San Bernardino, California.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Ali is also known for his philanthropic contributions. He has participated in fundraising activities for the Tools for Education organization at California State University San Bernardino, as well as helped with the restoration work at Mission San Juan Capistrano. In 2005, Ali started a matching fund drive for local businesses for Hurricane Katrina victims, and personally matched other funds collected.

Ali is a volunteer teacher at California State University, where he sits on the board of the College of Education and the Tools for Education Project. He was instrumental in raising \$3 million for a new education building at the University.

He is also very active in the Southern California Hispanic community, engaging in many community organizations that provide support services to the Latino population. In 2006, the Embracing Latino Leadership Alliance honored Ali with the "Honorary Latino Citizen" award.

Finally, Ali is a founding Board Member of American Friends of Israel and Turkey, an organization dedicated to improve cooperation and understanding between American, Turkish, and Israeli citizens by supporting cultural, ethnic, and community events.

Throughout his extraordinary career as an engineer and community servant, Ali has always remained a dedicated family man. For the past 31 years, he has been married to his wife Sybil. Together, they have a daughter, who is currently following in her father's footsteps, pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

On behalf of myself, my wife, and my family, I congratulate Mr. Cayir for this tremendous honor. His contributions to his family and his community provide a wonderful example of service for all Americans to follow.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CLIFTON SPRINGS HOSPITAL & CLINIC AUXILIARY

### HON. ERIC J. J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the service and achievements of the Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic Auxiliary. The Hospital Auxiliary celebrated 50 years of community service on January 26, 2009. A reception to commemorate the first meeting of the Auxiliary was held on the same day. During their first year, the Auxiliary ambitiously initiated five projects that were used to better patient care: occupational therapy, hostesses to serve daily coffee/tea, magazine distribution, flower committee and Pinkie Puppets for Easter. The Hospital Auxiliary has since organized numerous fundraising events to pay for projects and equipment that would not have come to fruition otherwise. These important projects have been critical to increasing the comfort of Clifton Springs Hospital patients. For their tireless dedication to patient well-being, it is my pleasure to honor the Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic Auxiliary.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL W. DAWSON

### HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor and congratulate Michael W. Dawson upon his recognition as Mason of the Year by the Battle Creek Lodge #12 Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

Since being raised a Master Mason in 2005, Mike has served as Senior Deacon, Senior Warden and is now serving his second year as Worshipful Master. He also has served on the Finance Committee and is active on the lodge's MDOT Adopt-A-Highway program.

Mike is appreciated by other area lodges for his many visits and willingness to help in their degree work. He is active in his church and serves as a Greeter and Usher. Mike also is a past President of the local Optimist Club where he has presented monthly awards to outstanding middle school students.

Mike and his wife, Elizabeth (Betty), are both retired from the Federal Government, DOD. It is with deep appreciation of the significance of this recognition that I commend Michael W. Dawson upon being named Mason of the Year and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING CLAIN ROBERTS ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS MINISTER OF MUSIC AT IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN PACE, FLORIDA

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an

honor for me to rise today in recognition of Clain Roberts on his 25th Anniversary as Minister of Music at Immanuel Baptist Church in Pace, Florida.

For the past twenty-five years Clain Roberts has inspired the congregation at Immanuel Baptist Church with music. As the Minister of Music, Mr. Roberts leads all of the church's choirs as well as the orchestra and band. Mr. Roberts has also written many of the choruses in use by Immanuel Baptist including the church's Easter musical.

The choir program has grown dramatically under Mr. Roberts who created ensembles, quartets, the orchestra, and band. But Mr. Roberts is also an integral figure in the church because of his active participation in all other aspects of the church's doings. He takes senior adults on outings and visits congregants in the hospital. Because of the hard work and dedication put forth by Mr. Roberts over the past twenty-five years, he enjoys a special relationship with the members of Immanuel Baptist Church and is greatly loved by the fellowship.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Clain Roberts for twenty-five years of outstanding achievement and look forward to seeing what the next twenty-five will bring.

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HONORING THE MARIN  
CONSERVATION LEAGUE

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**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor the Marin Conservation League on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary Celebration. Founded by four visionary women, the League has worked to preserve and protect for public use many of the magnificent lands of Marin County.

As the Golden Gate Bridge was nearing completion in 1934 Caroline Livermore, Sepha Evers, Portia Forbes, and Helen Van Pelt were deeply concerned about unplanned growth a completed bridge would enable. Not wanting 'hot dog stands and billboards,' they met to discuss the future and agreed to raise money for the county to hire planning expert Hugh Pomeroy.

Intrepid women, not easily discouraged they raised \$2500 and Pomeroy developed the first countywide planning study. Learning the powers of political persuasion quickly, the women convinced the Board of Supervisors to adopt the plan which recommended the preservation of significant open spaces and guided the county's future growth. Almost at once, they swiftly proposed and persuaded the Supervisors to enact a county ordinance forbidding billboards which is in force to this day.

Caroline Livermore and her three co-founders, along with a growing organization, worked for more than 30 years to create public parks and secure for permanent preservation such Marin landmarks as Stinson Beach, Samuel P. Taylor Park, Drake's Bay, Tomales Bay State Park, and Richardson Bay Wildlife Refuge.

Never shying away from battle, MCL stopped plans for the commercialization of Angel Island when it was declared surplus by the federal government after WWII. The

League further fought to have it declared a state historic site and worked 14 more years to ensure the Park's master plan prevented commercial development, preserved historic resources, and protected wildlife habitat. Mt. Livermore, on Angel Island, was named to honor MCL co-founder Caroline Livermore.

Working with Audubon Canyon Ranch and the Nature Conservancy, MCL prevented the development of a recreational resort complex locally dubbed 'Newport Beach North.' By purchasing Kent Island and tidelands and donating the lands to Marin County as a park, Bolinas Lagoon was permanently preserved as a wildlife refuge.

Over the years Mann Conservation League has played many significant roles including helping to establish Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. In the 1960's they led the fight against massive development in West Marin and stopped a proposed cross-county freeway. They advocated for agricultural zoning and in 1972, MCL helped launch the Marin County Open Space District.

During the 1970's and 80's, as land became more costly, MCL shifted its political priorities to work collaboratively towards the protection of environmental quality throughout the county. They campaigned vigorously to oppose offshore oil drilling, prevent logging on Bolinas Ridge, and worked tirelessly to defeat the peripheral canal, the environmentally costly state plan to divert Northern California water to the Southland.

Never resting on its laurels, MCL continues to work on protecting important natural features while developing environmental public policy, and working to implement that policy. Through careful research and evaluation, MCL prepares positions on government proposals, development projects and ballot propositions.

Madam Speaker, I have appreciated working with Marin Conservation League on many complicated issues and know they will conscientiously continue to monitor project proposals, track policies, and encourage government to adopt decisions that protect the environment. I congratulate the Marin Conservation League on its 75 years of extraordinary achievement!

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RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY

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**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, as many of my colleagues know, today is Earth Day.

Earth Day is dedicated to raising awareness of how we can all be good stewards of our environment and leave our world better than we inherited it for future generations.

An important task to achieve this laudable objective is a comprehensive federal energy policy, one which puts all options on the table for debate and discussion. In other words, an "all of the above" approach.

Included in this energy policy will be exciting new technologies which incorporate more efficient, cleaner and safer ways to harness energy from the sun and our natural resources. There will also be an expansion of common-sense practices to conserve our resources.

One such method is recycling. We're familiar with recyclables, as more and more Ameri-

cans chose to participate in local recycling programs nationwide. Recycling results in a net reduction in ten major categories of air pollutants and eight major categories of water pollutants. To put this in perspective, a national recycling rate of 30 percent reduces greenhouse gas emissions as much as removing nearly 25 million cars from the road.

One vital contributor is the scrap recycling industry. In these challenging economic times, the scrap recycling industry employs more than 85,000 workers while providing high-quality products at lower costs, thus strengthening our economy.

Each year the scrap recycling industry keeps over 160 million tons of material out of landfills. Recycled aluminum saves our country 95 percent of the energy that would have been required to make new aluminum from ore. It also invests significant capital in high-tech, environmentally-designed manufacturing machinery that is used to sort, pack, transport, process, manufacture and ship materials to become new products.

As a member of the House Recycling Caucus, I believe Congress must continue to build our partnership with the scrap recycling industry. Last year's Recycling Investment Saves Energy tax credit has been well received, and I think we all agree that more can be done.

On this Earth Day I would like to thank the scrap recycling industry for the dedication to strengthening our economy in earth friendly way.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 21, I was absent for three rollcall votes. If I had been here, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted: "yes" on Rollcall Vote 193; "yes" on Rollcall Vote 194; and "yes" Rollcall Vote 195.

I would like this inserted into the RECORD in its appropriate place.

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IN HONOR OF MAYOR ELWOOD L.  
MALICK

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**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary citizen, someone who has served the people of Spring Lake Heights and my state of New Jersey with distinction—Mayor Elwood L. Malick. He is being recognized as the 2009 Citizen of the Year by The Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce for the exceptional work he has performed in his community.

Mayor Malick served as mayor of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights from 2004 to 2009. Located on the Jersey Shore, Spring Lake Heights is considered one of New Jersey's best places to live, with a vibrant and small beachside community. In his position, Mayor Malick has helped Spring Lake Heights continue to thrive as a vibrant town with acclaimed picturesque views and a tight-knit