

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.

#### HONORING THE MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE

**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!

#### RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY

**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.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**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.

#### IN HONOR OF MAYOR ELWOOD L. MALICK

**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

community. Under his leadership, Spring Lake Heights has become a welcoming summer escape for thousands of visitors every year.

Mayor Malick has served on the governing body of Spring Lake Heights for 31 years, 26 as a member of the Borough Council, 13 as council president, and the last five as mayor. Beyond his dedicated service in government, Mayor Malick has served as a model school teacher for over 20 years. His dedication to education is commendable, though his commitment to community service extends outside the classroom. As a coach of Little League and high school basketball, Mayor Malick has touched the lives of young students in many meaningful ways.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Mayor Malick on his award, and I wish him the best as he opens a new chapter in his life. His example will continue to inspire us all and visitors will continue to enjoy their visits to Spring Lake Heights as a result of his accomplishments.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL G.  
CURRY

HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor a truly exemplary public servant, Chief Michael G. Curry, as April marks the 35th anniversary of his service as Napoleon Township Police Chief. Mike's unflagging dedication to the community, his extensive knowledge and experience in police work, and his effectiveness as a leader are keys to the long and continued success of the Napoleon Township Police Department.

Mike has always placed the welfare of children as his highest priority. That emphasis is reflected in a long list of local initiatives he has championed: child safety training, pedestrian and bike safety programs, SAVE (school active violence event) training for students and teachers, student finger printing, driving safety training, uniformed police officers taking children out to shop at Christmas, and numerous other initiatives.

He is especially resourceful in finding ways to maximize the benefit Napoleon residents receive from every local dollar spent on law enforcement—obtaining financial grants from many different external sources, leveraging resources through regional cooperation and consortiums, staffing the department with highly experienced officers who are willing to work part-time for Napoleon, and closely managing every expenditure large or small.

A recognized leader at the regional level, he is a past president of the Village and Township Police Association, past chair of the 911 Board, as well as current board member and chair of the curriculum committee for the Jackson and Lenawee County Training Consortium. Mike treats every resident issue, no matter how small, as important because every resident is important to him. Napoleon is a safer and more desirable community to live in, its children are better protected, and its residents are served by a highly effective Police Department thanks to Chief Curry.

How many lives have been saved, traffic accidents prevented, injuries avoided and crimes

deterred through his efforts may never be known, but we as a community know we owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

## MOLECULAR IMAGING WEEK

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge this week as Molecular Imaging Week. During this week, the molecular imaging and therapy community at hospitals, clinics, imaging centers, educational institutions, and corporations around the world, will educate Congress and the public about health policy issues related to molecular imaging and therapy.

Annually, more than 20 million men, women, and children need noninvasive molecular/nuclear medicine procedures. These safe, cost-effective procedures include: positron emission tomography (PET) scans to diagnose and monitor treatment of cancer, diagnose neurological disease such as Alzheimer's and stroke, cardiac stress tests to analyze heart function, bone scans for orthopedic injuries and follow-up for breast and prostate cancer patients, and lung scans for blood clots. Patients also undergo procedures to diagnose liver and gall bladder abnormal function and to diagnose and treat hyperthyroidism and thyroid cancer.

Molecular imaging and therapy procedures provide safe, painless, and cost-effective techniques to image the body and treat disease. These procedures are crucial in the early diagnosis of cancer, renal disease, cardiac disease, and Alzheimer's. Imaging procedures often identify abnormalities very early in the progress of a disease—long before many medical problems are apparent with other diagnostic tests. The techniques that are used in molecular imaging include radiotracer imaging/nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), optical imaging, the PET scan, ultrasound and others.

Molecular imaging offers unique insights that allow a more targeted approach to evaluation and management of heart disease. It also plays a pivotal role in guiding the management of cancer: diagnosis, staging (extent and location), assessing therapeutic targets, monitoring therapy, and evaluating prognosis; and is playing an increasingly significant role in conditions such as: tumors, dementias (Alzheimer's and other), movement disorders, seizures disorders and psychiatric disorders.

Why is molecular imaging important? It is revolutionizing the practice of medicine and is critical to quality health care. Molecular imaging delivers on the promise of "personalized medicine"—it can provide patient-specific information that allows tailored treatment of disease. It can show a precise (molecular) level of detail that provides new information for diagnosis, for determining which kinds of therapy will and will not work for which patient, and for tracking the results of a specific therapy to see exactly how well it is working. It is also key to the development of pharmaceuticals and genetic therapy. Molecular therapy utilizes targeting molecules that deliver

the therapeutic agent directly to the site of interest, bypassing normal tissue that is responsible for the toxic side effects of many current therapies.

Based in Reston, Virginia, the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) is an international scientific and professional organization founded in 1954 to promote the science, technology and practical application of nuclear medicine. Its 16,000 members are physicians, technologists and scientists specializing in the research and practice of molecular imaging and nuclear medicine. In 2005, SNM created the Molecular Imaging Center of Excellence, an organizational component within SNM, dedicated to all aspects of molecular imaging in the detection and management of disease. The primary focal areas of the Center are educational programs, professional and inter-society networking, and serving as a resource for development and implementation of SNM policy in this specialized area.

I applaud SNM and its members for their efforts to educate others on this major healthcare innovation during Molecular Imaging Week (April 19–25), and I urge my Colleagues to join me in supporting policies that will continue to keep our nation on the cutting edge of molecular imaging research.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, on March 23, 2009 I stayed at home due to an ongoing medical. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Stan Lundine Post Office Building Designation. (Roll Call #145)

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building Designation. (Roll Call #146)

On March 24, 2009 I stayed at home due to an ongoing medical. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Act of 2009. (Roll Call #147)

No on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act (Roll Call #148)

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as School Social Work Week. (Roll Call #149)

On March 25, 2009 I stayed at home due to an ongoing medical. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

No on Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act. (Roll Call #150)

No on Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act. (Roll Call #151)

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Special Inspector General for the