

of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, Robin has proven herself to be a strong and dedicated leader and public servant for her community and its youth.

Robin is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our nation with distinction. She has shown that same commitment and dedication in the many community boards, commissions and youth sports activities where she has volunteered her time. I am honored to call Robin a friend and I look forward to seeing what her future in public service brings to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Robin Arredondo-Savage's induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. J. CAMERON THORNHILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill, a doctor whose work has been invaluable to the Brooklyn community.

Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill was born August 28, 1909, in Christ Church, Barbados, West Indies, and will celebrate his 101st birthday on August 28, 2010.

Dr. Thornhill graduated from Boys High Evening School in Brooklyn in 1934. He attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania from 1936–1940, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts. He attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1940 to 1944, where he was awarded his Medical Doctor degree. Between 1944 and 1946, Dr. Thornhill did an internship and residency at Kansas City, Missouri, General Hospital Number Two. He started a medical practice in 1946 in Brooklyn, NY.

From 1950 to 1952, he served as a medical officer, Captain, in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Between 1953 and 1957, Dr. Thornhill performed various surgical residencies at Bethel Hospital, now known as Brookdale Hospital, in Brooklyn, New York; Veterans Hospital of East Orange, New Jersey; and Harlem Hospital, New York City, where he remained on staff for over 15 years. From 1958 to 1996, he opened and operated a surgical family practice in Brooklyn, while working at St. John's Hospital, which is now Interfaith Hospital, and Lefferts General Hospital of Brooklyn, New York. He served the Brooklyn community for over 40 years before fully retiring at the age of 84 from the New York State Workers Compensation Board as a Medical Examiner.

Dr. Thornhill is an emeritus member of the Kings County Medical Society, National Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He has been honored by the Provident Clinical Society of Brooklyn, New York and most recently received special recognition at the 2009 National Medical Association Convention.

Dr. Thornhill and his wife, Mercedes Murray, were married on April 3, 1947. They have four children: J. Cameron Thornhill Jr., Dr. Monica

Thornhill-Joynes, MD, Dr. D. Blair Thornhill, MD, and Ms. Donna Thornhill. His eldest child Cameron, Jr., predeceased him in 2008. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and the proud great grandfather of two great grandchildren. His brother Cleveland Thornhill is 97 years old, and his sister Gladys Minnette Powell passed away on August 21, 2009, at the age of 98.

Dr. Thornhill loves the outdoors and has vacationed at Chenango Valley State Park in upstate New York every year with family and friends since 1955. He is an avid handball and paddle ball player and played the game until the age of 98. He enjoys golf and bridge. Additionally, Dr. Thornhill is an avid traveler and has visited several nations in Africa and walked the Great Wall of China in his 90's. He has visited many Caribbean countries on numerous trips, including Cuba and Panama.

He has been attending Siloam Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York for more than 50 years. Dr. Thornhill is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He is a tenacious motivator who continues to avidly inspire the pursuit of education to his family members and the community at large.

Dr. Thornhill is a pillar of his community and has always been a loving and giving person to his family, friends and community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill.

MIKE DIERINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mike Dieringer. Mike is 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 75, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mike has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mike has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Mike and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

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

CONGRATULATING PENNSWOOD VILLAGE ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and

congratulate Pennswood Village and its residents on their 30th Anniversary.

What began as a desire among friends to turn unused farm land into something useful has since blossomed into a community that has contributed significantly to the lives of our senior citizens.

Since it's opening on June 10, 1980, Pennswood Village has excelled at delivering a senior program that is truly representative of the needs of our seniors. With 435 residents and 420 employees, Pennswood Village stands as one of the outstanding continuing care retirement communities in Bucks County.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Pennswood Village on its 30th Anniversary and I am sure that as Pennswood Village moves forward, it will continue to exemplify the meaning of senior care.

TRIBUTE TO THE ICS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the International Court System (ICS) as it celebrates the 45th anniversary of its founding. A non-profit charity and international social service organization, ICS is one of the oldest LGBT charities in the world, with chapters in over 68 cities within the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

ICS fundraising efforts have benefited countless causes both within and outside of the LGBT community including numerous children's charities, AIDS organizations, and cancer patient advocacy groups. In fact, several AIDS social service organizations were established in the 1980's by organization members. In addition, there are over 30 student scholarship programs within the International Court System of the United States and Mexico. The ICS welcomes all and is proud of its diversity.

The first ICS chapter was established in 1965 in San Francisco, California by World War II veteran and Hispanic gay activist, Jose Julio Sarria. In 1961, he made history as the first openly gay citizen to run for public office in North America when he ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. For his activism, the Board named a public street in his honor.

In 2007, Sarria stepped down as titular leader of the International Court System and was succeeded by my constituent, San Diego City Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez who himself has been a Latino and gay activist for over 40 years. Commissioner Ramirez currently serves on the board of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force and is a past national board member of the Human Rights Campaign. Ramirez is a recipient of the Cesar Chavez Social Justice Award and is currently the National Co-Chair of the Harvey Milk Foundation's Citizen Advisory Board.

I commend Jose Julio Sarria and Nicole Murray Ramirez for their dedication and community service that has benefitted so many. I congratulate the ICS on the occasion of its 45th anniversary, and I am proud to honor its legacy of activism and philanthropy.

H.R. 5145, ASSURING QUALITY
CARE FOR VETERANS ACT**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support of H.R. 5145, Assuring Quality Care for Veterans Act. This legislation authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reimburse VA health professionals for continuing professional education expenses.

Our Nation's veterans deserve high-quality medical care. This means having top-notch facilities and equipment, and highly-trained medical professionals. Many professions require continuing education, and it is absolutely essential in the medical field. With constantly changing techniques, procedures and treatments, continuing education is indispensable for medical providers. This legislation rightfully will ensure that our VA medical professionals have access to continuing training and therefore ensure that our veterans receive the best care possible.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me in support of H.R. 5145 to provide high-quality medical care for our Nation's veterans.

AARON A. PINE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron A. Pine. Aaron is 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 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Aaron and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

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

IN HONOR OF CHAD BOUTON,
BATTELLE INVENTOR OF THE
YEAR**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chad Bouton who on April 30, 2010, was named the Inventor of the Year for Battelle, the world's largest independent research and develop-

ment organization. Battelle, with its team of researchers and inventors like Chad Bouton, helps make central Ohio a leader in cutting-edge research.

Chad came to Battelle in 1997 and since then has shown his true worth to this important Columbus, Ohio nonprofit charitable trust by excelling in a variety of fields. Chad Bouton has been the primary innovator, inventor and/or principal investigator for dozens of medical device projects, from enabling paraplegics to control wheelchairs with their thoughts to providing surgeons with tools that aid in minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Chad Bouton developed processing algorithms for a medical device that allows people to control computers entirely by their thoughts. He also was central to the development of a system used in minimally invasive surgical procedures that evaluates the potential spread of cancer to lymph node tissues and organs. Additionally, his research contributed to a detection system to ensure that contrast media injections into a patient do not do unwanted damage.

Chad is known for his expertise in control systems, automated and robotics systems, sensor development, and signal processing of electrophysiological parameters including neurological types. He also has extensive experience in electrical and electromechanical device design methodologies and techniques and holds 15 patents with six others pending.

Tangible results of Chad Bouton's success come in various forms, first and foremost that his inventions have affected the quality of life of patients around the world. He also has been the recipient of two R&D Magazine Top 100 awards and a Battelle Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards and has published nine works in scholarly journals. Chad's prowess has resulted in more than half a billion dollars worth of contract research for Battelle.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and well-wishes to Chad, and wish him great successes in innovations of the future. With people like Chad working to use science to help mankind, Columbus, Ohio and America will continue to lead the world in compassionate research.

INTRODUCING GREEN RAILCAR
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2010**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Green Railcar Enhancement Act of 2010 with 49 of my colleagues.

This legislation will help save a critical domestic industry, create 32,000 to 50,000 family-wage jobs, enhance the fuel economy of freight rail, and reduce the carbon emissions of the freight and logistics industry.

As a result of the financial crisis and subsequent recession, the freight railcar industry neared collapse. New car deliveries declined from 75,000 in 2006 to fewer than 10,000 in 2010. Only a handful of suppliers remain operating today and there is great concern that several of them may not survive this downturn. Without any action to pull forward some future market demand, the potential loss of the American rail supply base is at great risk.

The Green Railcar Enhancement Act provides a 25 percent tax credit for replacing or rebuilding old, inefficient railcars. The tax credit is limited to cars built in 2010 or 2011 and requires a minimum 8 percent increase in capacity or fuel efficiency. In effect, the legislation shifts market demand from 2012–14 to this year and the next, which will help the rail supply industry survive these two treacherous years.

This bill will continue to improve the great efficiency of rail transportation, which currently gets 480 ton-miles to the gallon. In fact, if 10 percent of the long-distance freight currently moved by truck switched to rail, then the national fuel savings would exceed one billion gallons each year. Requiring increasingly efficient rail cars will improve these figures.

Upgrading our fleet of railcars will also make the rail industry more competitive, reduce costs for consumers, and will help relieve our congested highways. In fact, one freight train can carry a load equivalent to that hauled by 280 trucks. Shifting the movement of freight to rail clears congestion from our roadways, eases wear and tear on our commercial corridors, and clears our air. In addition to these environmental and system capacity benefits, rail transport continues to be a leader in worker safety, with one of the lowest worker injury rates in the transportation sector.

Finally, by helping to pull market demand forward, our Nation will maintain the strong railroad supply industry and manufacturing base necessary to the Nation's defense.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

IN HONOR OF CATHOLIC CHAR-
ITIES, EMERGENCY AND COMMU-
NITY SERVICES**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services (ECS), a non-profit organization that has been feeding hungry Burlington County residents for the past 29 years.

The ECS food pantry program is available to any county resident in need of food and no one is turned away because of their income or life circumstances. The food pantry serves consumers throughout Burlington County and distributes food to over 9,800 households, or 32,700 individuals annually.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Emergency and Community Services on their nearly three decades of hard work and extraordinary commitment in ensuring that those individuals and families in Burlington County have the food they need to carry on with their daily lives.

CODY BARTHOLOME

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody Bartholome. Cody is