

DINNER HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge the celebration that will take place on June 9, 2010 in honor of the 40th anniversary of the League of Conservation Voters, LCV. Since its inception in 1969, LCV has transformed environmental policy into national priorities. I believe that protecting our environment is vital to the health of all Americans and LCV has continued to make that commitment over the past 40 years. With an ultimate goal of ensuring the survival and sustainability of the planet, LCV continues to inform the public about the most important environmental issues facing our nation.

Through organizing at the grassroots level, building coalitions and training the next generation of environmental leaders, LCV is fighting for the future of our environment. Madam Speaker, the League of Conservation Voters has been an invaluable resource for voters across the nation and advocate of the preservation of our natural resources and environmental policies. I would like to congratulate the League of Conservation Voters and wish them much continued success. The dinner honoring the LCV on this landmark anniversary is truly a celebration of a momentous occasion.

JONATHAN D. SCHANUEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan D. Schanuel. Jonathan 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 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jonathan 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 Jonathan 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 Jonathan D. Schanuel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 2010 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2010 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition, NECO, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since NECO's founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The richness and diversity of American life makes us unique among the Nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who really seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promotes unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO, and congratulating all of the 2010 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor. I also ask unanimous consent that the names of this year's recipients be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my statement.

Ichak K. Adizes, PhD; Adrienne G. Alexanian; Richard F. Ambinder, MD; Cyrus Amir-Mokri; Anousheh Ansari; Rao S. Anumolu; Robert S. Atallah; Mohamed A. Atassi, MD, FACC; Kevork D. Atiniazian; Nancy H. Bailey; Hon. Rosemary Barkett; Samira Kanaan Beckwith; Sarkis Bedevian; Jerold E. Beeve, MD; Dorothy Beeve, RN; Suraj P. Bhatia; Carole Black; George F. Brown; Richard R. Burey, Jr.; Michael Capasso; Dominic Chianese; Mr. Hank Hyunho Choi; Yen S. Chou; Lin-Chi Chu; Carl J. Clause; Eugene P. Conese, Sr.; John F. Conley; Thomas J. Cook; Edward Cruz; Paul R. Davies; Chief Raymond Diaz; Dr. Edward B. Diethrich; Andre C. Dimitriadis, PhD; Borko B. Djordjevic, MD; Thomas J. Donohue; David

Du; David B. Falk; Lina Fang; Eric Friedberg; Col. Arnald D. Gabriel (Ret.); Rod G. Gilbert; Col. David G. Goulet; E. Bulkeley Griswold; Col. Gina M. Grosso; S. K. Gupta; Wolf Hengst; Gregory M. Hodge, PhD; Maj. Gen. Karl R. Horst; Hon. Jerry M. Hultin; Chief James Jephthah; Ted Johnson; James Keach; Alan Krutchkoff; Tak W. Kwan, MD; William K. Lee, MD; Robert J. Loggia; Wing K. Ma; Vahid Majidi; Fouad Malouf; James Malpeso, MD; MSgt. Chester L. Marcus, Jr.; Chief Denis McGowan; Shekhar Mitra, PhD; Moshen Moazami; Curtis E. Moll; Yasmin Motamedi; Jeremiah A. Mullins; Agneta E. Nilsson; RADM Joseph L. Nimmich; Sr. Irene M. O'Neill; Bedros S. Oruncakci; Hemant Patel, MD; Francis J. Pearn; Richard R. Pergolis; Timothy A. Phillips; Michael J. Piazza; Hon. Rose Pierre-Louis; Kappana Ramanandan; Maj. Gen. Michael S. Repass; Hon. Edward Rollins; Stanley M. Rumbough, Jr.; William J. Ryan; Kenan E. Sahin, PhD; Joseph M. Saponaro; John F. Scarpa; Jane Seymour; Faryar Shirzad; John Shu, Esq.; Dr. Ruth J. Simmons; Prasad Srinivasan, MD; Bert R. Sugar; Hon. Eugene R. Sullivan (Ret.); Jordan P. Thomas; Annie S. Totah; Suzanne von Liebig, PhD; William D. Walsh; RADM Philip A. Whitacre (Ret.); Morrill Worcester; Mohammad Yahyavi; Vartkes Yeghiayan, Esq.; Matt H. Yildizlar; Chang Bin Yim.

HONORING YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Yosemite Conservancy upon its conception. The Yosemite Association and the Yosemite Fund have come together to launch this new organization to protect Yosemite National Park and inspire enduring connections for current and future generations.

In January 2010 the Yosemite Association and the Yosemite Fund, two non-profits with over one hundred years of combined experience in supporting the park, merged. Since 1923, the Yosemite Association has provided opportunities for people to learn about, enjoy and experience Yosemite National Park. The focus has primarily been on providing publications, outdoor programs, history museums, volunteering and a wealth of visitor services. The Yosemite Fund was established in 1988 to focus on projects that enhance the visitor experience, including trails, restoration of vital habitats, preservation of art and artifacts. The Yosemite Fund has supported over three hundred projects funded through fifty-five million dollars in grants. The Yosemite Fund has more than forty projects planned for 2010. The organization has four hundred volunteers annually to assist park visitors, restore natural areas and help with operations, events and fundraising activities. With the merging of these two organizations, the Yosemite Conservancy was created.

The Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to the protection and preservation of Yosemite National Park and enhancement of the visitor experience. With the experience and knowledge of the Yosemite Fund and the Yosemite

Association, the Yosemite Conservancy will provide the best of both organizations. It will aim to create new benchmarks in innovation and quality through its programs and projects. The 2010 signature project is a one million dollar effort to support Youth in Yosemite an experimental learning program that will also improve campgrounds, repair trails, preserve images from Yosemite's archives and expand educational programs and exhibits at Happy Isle Nature Center. Different programs and projects will be put in place in 2010 as well, such as Outdoor Adventures programs to teach people about the park, Yosemite Art and Education programs, meadow restoration, big-horn sheep monitoring and pacific fisher research and bear canister rental and wilderness permits.

Under the leadership of Mike Tollefson, former superintendent of Yosemite National Park, the Board of Trustees and the permanent staff, the Yosemite Conservancy will work toward their mission to provide for Yosemite's future by inspiring people to support projects and programs that preserve and protect Yosemite National Park's resources and enrich the visitor experience.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Yosemite Conservancy for its commitment to better serve and protect Yosemite National Park. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the organization many years of continued success.

HONORING HARVEY ZEIGLER

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable American on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Mr. Harvey Zeigler, the sixth of thirteen children, grew up amid the de facto segregation of the 1920s in Damascus, Maryland, where his grandfather settled in 1863 after escaping slavery via the Underground Railroad. Three years after graduating from an all African-American high school, on December 8, 1941 Mr. Zeigler was drafted into the United States Army.

A member of the 329th segregated unit of the U.S. Army, Mr. Zeigler courageously fought for his country, only to return home to face oppressive discrimination. An early advocate of civil rights, Mr. Zeigler battled the discriminatory practices of local banks after he was denied funds for a start-up business venture because of his race. Even after securing a loan from a local bank, Mr. Zeigler continued to fight for equal treatment until all bank services were opened to all African-Americans in his community.

In 1959, Mr. Zeigler was hired as a custodian for the new Atomic Energy Commission in Germantown, Maryland. After he and other minority employees were passed over for numerous promotions, Mr. Zeigler, with the assistance of the NAACP, sued the AEC. Despite overwhelming odds, Mr. Zeigler and the NAACP won the case and forced the AEC to offer African-Americans opportunities for advancement to the higher-paying skilled-labor jobs.

Mr. Zeigler continued to play a critical role in his community in numerous ways. He orga-

nized Montgomery County community members' involvement in the historic March on Washington. He led protests to integrate public facilities, including movie theaters, amusement parks, and country clubs. He was instrumental in enabling African-American teachers and counselors to obtain positions in the Montgomery County Public Schools and for African-Americans to become firefighters in Damascus.

Mr. Zeigler retired from federal service in 1977. In retirement, Mr. Zeigler worked tirelessly with the NAACP, leading youth services, organizing church activities, and integrating many of the United Methodist Churches in Montgomery County.

Mr. Zeigler, a man of extraordinary conviction and perseverance, has been a role model throughout his inspirational life of service to our Nation and to the African-American community. His brave leadership helped to change our Nation's history in critically important ways.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Harvey Zeigler on his 90th birthday and to thank him for his courageous leadership and service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE WATERLOO FREE METHODIST CHURCH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the Waterloo Free Methodist Church, Lighthouse Fellowship of Waterloo, Iowa, on celebrating their 50th anniversary as a congregation at their current location.

The church was formed in 1883 and after several sites built the facilities at the present location of 1737 Cornwall Avenue in Waterloo, IA in 1958–1959. The church now goes by the name Lighthouse Fellowship and is a member of the Free Methodist organization.

The Lighthouse Fellowship has been an integral part of the surrounding Waterloo community, and I offer them my utmost congratulations and thanks on a prosperous history. I wish all the parishioners of Lighthouse Fellowship and the current pastor Reverend Al Taylor continued success, grace, peace and celebration as a community.

MICHAEL HUBBERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Hubbert. Michael 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 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his fam-

ily, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Michael 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 Michael Hubbert 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 AND RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLMSTED UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Olmsted Unitarian Universalist Church of North Olmsted, Ohio, as they celebrate 175 years of spirituality rooted in diversity and a deep sense of community.

The First Universalist Church of Olmsted was founded in 1834. The founding members included early leaders of North Olmsted such as the Coes, Kennedys, Roots, Stearnses and Fitches. In 1847, church members built the first building at the corner of Lorain and Butternut Ridge Roads.

Cast in 1851, the large bell in the belfry continues today to act as a symbol of inclusion and emancipation. Before and during the Civil War, the bell tower was used as a station on the Underground Railroad to hide escaping slaves and their families. In 1963, this historic landmark structure was moved to its current site at Porter Road in North Olmsted. More than a thousand Unitarian Universalist churches exist throughout North America. They operate autonomously, with each congregation having the right to decide its own worship styles and ministers.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the congregation and ministry of the Unitarian Universalist church of North Olmsted as they celebrate their 175th anniversary. May this church continue to act as a beacon of spiritual truth, tolerance, and diversity for the people of Greater Cleveland.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY STOLL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Stoll, of Indianola, Iowa, and congratulate her on her acceptance to the People to People World Leadership Forum held in Washington, D.C. from the 1st through the 7th of July 2010.

Chosen for her academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential, this forum will provide Emily with daily leadership oriented curriculum, as well as allow her to visit the historic sights of Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas.

The People to People Ambassador Programs, founded by President Eisenhower in