

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

1956 to promote cross cultural and political understanding, currently operates on all seven continents, has over 400,000 alumni and provides students with the opportunity to learn and establish the necessary tools to become an effective leader.

Madam Speaker, I commend Emily Stoll for her commitment to academic and personal development. She is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Emily and her family in the United States Congress and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR TAM TRAN AND CINTHYA FELIX

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of two young graduate students, Tam Tran and Cinthya Felix, who both died in a tragic car accident on the 25th of May of 2010. They were 27 and 26 years of age, respectively.

Tam Tran was born in Germany to Vietnamese refugee parents and moved to the United States at the age of 6. Denied political asylum in the United States, unable to return to Vietnam for risk of political persecution, and refused entry to Germany, her immigration status was in limbo, but Tran proceeded to excel and graduate from Santiago High school in Garden Grove, California, and be admitted to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). As an undergraduate and vocal supporter of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, she joined Improving Dreams, Equality, Access and Success (IDEAS), a student organization that advocates for undocumented immigrant youth and students. Tran shared her story in congressional testimony, newspaper interviews, and events across the country. She eventually produced a collaborative student publication entitled, *Underground Undergrads: UCLA Undocumented Immigrant Students Speak Out*, an account of the struggle facing undocumented UCLA students and relevant legislation. She went on to become a Ph.D. candidate in American Civilization at Brown University.

Cinthya Felix was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States at the age of 15. Despite a late start, she eventually graduated from Garfield High School in East Los Angeles at the top of her class and was admitted to UCLA in 2003. As an undocumented student, she conducted research on educational inequalities and was one of the founders of the student run organization IDEAS, where she worked with Tran. She graduated from UCLA in 2007 with a double major in English World Literature and Spanish Literature and was admitted to Masters in Public Health programs at Colombia University and the University of Michigan. Because of her undocumented status, Felix was unable to access financial aid and had to defer her admissions. With much determination, Felix spearheaded an online fundraising campaign and was able to matriculate at Colombia University a year later, becoming the first undocumented student in the history of the school's public health program.

Her goal was to pursue medical school and to return home as a practicing physician to help underserved communities.

Over three million students graduate from U.S. high schools every year. Most get the opportunity to continue on and live their American dream, but approximately 65,000 youth are denied this possibility because of their undocumented status. Tran and Felix were both outspoken advocates on this issue. The DREAM act can solve this injustice by allowing qualifying undocumented youth a conditional path to citizenship through the completion of a college degree or military service. As Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I recognize the needs of immigrants, especially those that concern our youth, and have long made comprehensive immigration reform one of our caucus' top priorities. Although Tran's and Felix's lives were tragically cut short, let us not forget their mission. Let us continue to work towards making the DREAM act a law.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow members to join me in remembering Tam Tran and Cinthya Felix. The adversity they faced and their stories of perseverance in achieving the American dream are an inspiration to every American student who wishes to pursue life's endeavors.

IN HONOR OF HOWARD R.
CATHERS, JR.

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 Howard R. Cathers Jr. who passed away on May 28, 2010 at the age of 90. Howard was a devoted and loving husband, father of four, grandfather of eleven, and great-grandfather of twenty-four.

Mr. Cathers served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in Okinawa, Japan, and was a member of Browns Mills Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6805 and the Seabees.

Howard was a resident of Browns Mills for forty-eight years. He was a stationary engineer for Buttonwood Hospital, drove a school bus for the Pemberton Township Board of Education, and he and his late wife, Frances, worked for the Burlington County Times as newspaper carriers. Howard was also a member of Browns Mills Senior Citizen Club and St. Ann's Church. In his retirement he enjoyed making miniature doll house furniture.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me and a grateful nation in paying tribute to the life of this honorable man for his many contributions to his community and to our great country.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR KERRY M.
STUDER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Kerry M. Studer as a re-

cipient of a Bronze Star Medal for his noble service as Commanding Officer of the 443rd Transportation Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Studer is a native of Mallard, Iowa and is a current resident of Des Moines.

Major Studer earned the Bronze Star, the Department of Defense's fourth highest award given, for his meritorious service, fearless leadership, and dedication to service during his twenty-one years in the Army Reserve. Major Studer has been deployed during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and twice during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Major Studer's commitment and courage during his service in the United States Military serves as an inspiration for soldier and citizen alike. I commend Major Studer for his selfless dedication to our great nation and consider it an honor to represent Major Studer and his family in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating him and wishing him the best in his future service to our country.

MAY AS WORLD HEPATITIS
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize May as World Hepatitis Awareness Month and May 19th as World Hepatitis Day.

I commend the House Energy and Commerce Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee for their support for raising awareness of the risks and consequences of undiagnosed Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C infections and the need for governmental and public health actions. I also want to thank my good friends Rep. Ed Towns and Rep. Bill Cassidy for working with me on hepatitis issues and speaking out on World Hepatitis Day.

An estimated 5.3 million people living in the United States are infected with either Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C. Hepatitis viruses are highly contagious viruses that infect the liver, cause liver disease, liver cancer, and premature death. Hepatitis patients are found in every Congressional district in every state across the U.S. Tragically, more than half are unaware of their status. Hepatitis is often called a silent crisis, but we cannot afford to be silent any more, and we will not be silent any more.

I introduced H.R. 3974, the Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act of 2009 to unite the Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C community in a singular cause. H.R. 3974 will amend the Public Health Service Act to make critical improvements for education for patients and health care providers, access to immunization and screening, and surveillance and referral to care programs. The Act will also put in place a coordinated federal response to fight viral hepatitis. Through this legislation, and with strategic investments in public health and prevention programs, the lives of tens of thousands of people across the nation will be improved.

I commend the Obama Administration and Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services Dr. Howard Koh for developing an intradepartmental