

sons, and five brothers. Mr. Rahman made a lasting mark on the Voorhees community for his religious passion and understanding.

Mr. Rahman was the Managing Director of the Muslim American Community Association (MACA), but many will remember him for building a mosque in Voorhees. Six years ago, while trying to find a site for the mosque, Mr. Rahman and the MACA faced many obstacles. To overcome these challenges, Mr. Rahman brought together leaders of different backgrounds to create the Coalition for Multi-Faith Democracy. The members worked together to encourage tolerance and tear down stereotypes within the South Jersey community. Mr. Rahman inspired others with his passion to unite and build understanding between members of different faiths.

Mr. Rahman was an advocate for peace and understanding. He spoke in front of community groups, churches, and synagogues to encourage a better understanding of Islam. One of his proudest achievements was creating an agreement of cooperation and understanding between his mosque and the Diocese of Camden. Mr. Rahman educated and connected many throughout his lifetime. He united many people of different faiths while breaking down stereotypes about Islam.

Madam Speaker, Zia Rahman's commitment to Voorhees and its citizens should not go unrecognized. I express my deepest condolences to his family for their loss and pay tribute to the memory of this outstanding individual.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL DAVID J. FURNESS TAKING COMMAND OF THE 1ST MARINE REGIMENT OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel David J. Furness on the occasion of his taking Command of the 1st Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division.

Colonel Furness was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 16 May 1987 upon graduating from the Virginia Military Institute. After completing the Basic School and the Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, Virginia, he reported to the Second Marine Division where he served as a rifle platoon commander and 81mm mortar platoon commander with the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and the 2d Battalion, 8th Marines from February 1988 to September 1991. During this period he participated in a contingency deployment to the Republic of Panama and two unit deployments to the Mediterranean Sea with the 26th and 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). From September 1991 to May 1995, he served on the staff of the Basic School as a Staff Platoon Commander and a Tactics Instructor for both the Basic Officer and Infantry Officer Course. In June 1995, he left the Basic School to attend the Infantry Officer Advanced Course (IOAC) at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Colonel Furness served as a Rifle Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer with the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines in 29 Palms, California from November 1995 to November 1998.

In November 1998, he served as the Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Sacramento, until July 2001. In August 2001, he reported to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC) where he graduated and earned a Masters of Military Science degree in June 2002. From July 2002 to January 2003 he attended the School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW).

While a student at SAW, he was ordered TAD to augment the G-3 section of the First Marine Division and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Assistant Plans Officer. During April 2003, he returned to SAW, graduated, and in June 2003 reported to the First Marine Division and returned to Iraq where he served as the Operations Officer of the First Marine Division. In October 2003 he was reassigned as the Deputy G3. In January 2004, he returned to Iraq as part of the Division's advance party to prepare for the relief-in-place with the 82d Airborne Division in support of OIF II. He returned to Camp Pendleton in April 2004 and assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

From December 2004 to June 2005, he deployed to the CENTCOM AOR as the Commanding Officer of Battalion Landing Team 1/1, the Ground Combat Element of the 15th MEU (SOC) and participated in Operation Unified Assistance and OIF III in South Baghdad, Iraq. From 20 January to 18 August 2006 he deployed as Commanding Officer Task Force 1/1, RCT-5 in support of OIF 05-07.1 operating principally in the cities of Karmah and Western Baghdad, Iraq. In October 2006 he relinquished command and assumed the duties of Executive Officer, First Marine Regiment.

During July 2007, He reported to the National War College as a student and was promoted to his current rank. After graduating from the National War College in June 2008 he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs to serve as the Director, Marine Corps Legislative Liaison Office, U.S. House of Representatives.

He is married to the former Lynda Taylor of Richmond, Virginia. They have four children David Jacob (17), Elizabeth (12), Benjamin (8), and Zachary (6).

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Colonel David J. Furness serving the United States Marine Corps and the People of the United States.

RECOGNITION OF MADISON TOWNSHIP ON ITS BICENTENNIAL

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 200th anniversary of Madison Township. At this significant milestone in the township's history, we reflect on the region's roots and acknowledge the hardworking families who call Madison Township home.

Madison Township, established as a part of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, predates the state of Ohio by 16 years. However, it was not until March 4, 1810, that the township was officially organized as its population reached 500. From humble roots, the township has swelled to a population of more than 22,000.

Named for the United State's fourth president, James Madison, the township includes all or part of Canal Winchester, Columbus, Groveport, Obetz, Pickerington and surrounding unincorporated areas. Madison Township consists of 24 square miles of land in the southeast corner of Franklin County and rests quietly at the confluence of Blacklick Creek, Big Walnut Creek, and Alum Creek. The proud home of Robert M. Brobst Park and the Madison Township Community Center, Madison Township is the home of regular community gatherings and festivities.

For two hundred years, Madison Township and its residents have played a crucial role in the growth of central Ohio and particularly of Ohio's 15th Congressional District. I am proud to represent the residents of Madison Township and recognize them as they celebrate their rich two hundred year history.

IN HONOR OF MARION EMILY FORD'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marion Emily Ford for her 95th birthday. Mrs. Ford is a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and for this she deserves great praise.

Mrs. Ford was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 12, 1915. During the Great Depression, she left school at age sixteen to help her parents who were raising eleven children. Her first job was as a saleswoman for Wanamaker's Department Store. While working at Wanamaker's, she was approached to be an understudy for Vivian Leigh, the famous star of *Gone with the Wind*. Mrs. Ford turned down the flattering offer. She moved to New Jersey in 1948, and settled in the Fairview section of Camden until 1975 when she moved into her daughter's home in Brooklawn.

Mrs. Ford has a deep appreciation for her heritage. She is a proud great-granddaughter of Pecan Wolf, a Native American from the Ottawa/Chippewa tribe. Mrs. Ford also has a passion for reading that continued even though her sight was taken by macular degeneration.

Madam Speaker, Marion Emily Ford's commitment to her family and community should not go unrecognized. I wish her a happy 95th birthday and all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEVADA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nevada City Fire Department (NCFD) on its 150th anniversary.

In the early history of Nevada City, the town was plagued by wide-reaching fires, which burned the central business district to the ground five times between 1851 and 1863.

The need for a firefighting force was clearly evident, and in June of 1860 the Nevada Hose Company, No. 1, the Eureka Hose Company, No. 2, and the Protection Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1 were formed. These companies were constituted entirely of volunteers and over the months that followed all three were consolidated into the Nevada City Fire Department.

Today, in partnership with the Nevada County Consolidated Fire Department, the NCFD maintains a fully-staffed professional fire station that provides much-needed fire protection and emergency services in Nevada County. As our community gathers to celebrate this auspicious occasion, I am proud to recognize NCFD's 150 years of service and excellence.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUART ROSSMAN, OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF GREATER BOSTON

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stuart Rossman who stepped down on June 9, 2010 as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston.

An honors graduate of the University of Michigan and Harvard Law School, Mr. Rossman has dedicated himself to working for social justice, ensuring the well-being of the State of Israel and building a strong Jewish community in the greater Boston area. As an adjunct faculty member at both the Northeastern University School of Law and at the Suffolk University Law School, he trains and educates the next generation of lawyers and legal scholars.

Throughout his legal career, during which he served in the Massachusetts Attorney General's office and in his current post with the National Consumer Law Center, a national advocacy organization for low-income consumer justice, he has stood up for those whose voices are seldom heard. Mr. Rossman has brought together partners across ethnic and religious lines to speak out for what is right.

Mr. Rossman has also been a strong supporter of Israel and of the Jewish community. During his term as Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Cabinet from 1991 to 1992, he led a solidarity mission to Israel during the Persian Gulf War and led the 8th Annual UJA Young Leadership Conference in Washington, attended by the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and over 3,000 participants. In addition to his work with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, he has been actively involved in the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, where he has served on its Executive Committee and Board. He also served as President of the Bureau of Jewish Education, President of the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations and Chair of the Boston-Haifa Connection, a partnership that seeks to build economic and social bridges.

He is also is a member of the Advisory Committees for the South Area Solomon

Schechter Day School and the American Society for the University of Haifa New England Region.

Madam Speaker, Stuart Rossman has spent a lifetime working for the betterment of his community and of Israel and the relationship between our two countries. It is my pleasure to join with Stuart's family, his wife Shelley and daughters Rina and Jessie, JCRC Executive Director Nancy K. Kaufman and their colleagues to recognize his achievements and to congratulate him as he concludes his tenure as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston.

AMERICA COMPETES
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (H.R. 5116). Our investments in scientific research and education underwrite our national prosperity and success. Economists attribute over half of the growth in our gross domestic product (GDP) since World War II to progress in science and technology. Yet for decades, we have underinvested in our nation's tools for advancing innovation and competitiveness. In 2005, the National Academies issued a call for action in the Rising Above the Gathering Storm report. In 2007, Congress responded by implementing many of the report's recommendations in the America COMPETES Act, and this reauthorization would build on the progress we have made over the last three years.

Basic research is a powerful source of new and unexpected discoveries that can transform our economy. This legislation maintains the doubling path for authorized funding at our nation's basic research agencies—the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Department of Energy's Office of Science. These funds support fundamental research in every discipline, maintain our national laboratories, and provide vital training for the next generation of scientists and engineers. Under this legislation, research grants will be awarded on the basis of scientific merit alone and not for any other considerations. The dividends from our investments in research and development are the breakthroughs that yield new industries, drive job growth, and sustain our future economic and technological competitiveness.

The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act includes a number of new programs and initiatives to foster innovation. Regional Innovation Clusters would leverage collaboration between businesses, academic institutions, and other participants to facilitate the transfer of technologies from the laboratory to the commercial sector. The Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the Department of Commerce would accelerate the commercialization of research and development by identifying ways to overcome existing barriers and providing access to relevant data and technical assistance. Agencies involved in the Networking and Information Technology Re-

search and Development program would be required to develop a strategic plan to address long-term challenges related to information technology, encourage the transfer of research and development into new technologies and applications, and strengthen education in networking and information technology.

Additional assistance for manufacturers and other businesses would promote the adoption of new technologies and improve productivity. The legislation requires NSF to support research in transformative advances in manufacturing. It increases the federal government cost share of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program to 50 percent through 2015, and MEP Centers would be required to inform regional community colleges of the skill sets needed by local manufacturers. A newly established Innovative Services Initiative would assist small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing energy and waste reduction technologies, including renewable energy systems. A loan guarantee program would allow manufacturers to access capital for the installation of innovative technologies and processes that will help increase their efficiency and maintain their competitiveness.

To preserve our leadership in scientific and technical fields and strengthen our competitiveness in the 21st century economy, the U.S. must continue to produce the world's best scientists, and we must ensure that every student is exposed to the fundamentals of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act would establish an interagency committee to coordinate federal STEM education programs and a separate advisory committee on STEM to present recommendations on how to better align federal programs with the needs of states and school districts. Updates to the NSF's Robert Noyce Scholarship program would allow more schools to participate and more qualified STEM educators to reach high-need schools. Support for graduate students would be strengthened, and academic institutions would be awarded grants to reform graduate education to emphasize preparation for diverse STEM careers. New grant and fellowship programs would encourage research in STEM education, help transform undergraduate education in STEM fields, and expand educational opportunities in energy systems science and engineering.

Women and minorities remain underrepresented in STEM fields, and this legislation would provide grants for institutions of higher education to increase recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups. Federal science agencies would be required to carry out a series of workshops to minimize gender bias in academia, and a uniform policy would be developed to assist federally funded researchers with care giving responsibilities in maintaining their research programs. It also would ensure that smaller, minority-serving institutions will be more fully integrated into research partnerships with major universities and prioritize the inclusion of these institutions in grants to establish regional university-industry partnerships for research and innovation.

In the energy field, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act includes a first-time authorization for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, which is the nation's largest supporter of physical sciences research. Reauthorization of the Advanced Research Projects agency for Energy (ARPA-E),