

visit and coordinate services for those in need of assistance in managing and in accessing benefits and medical and social services to which they are entitled. Project Renewal provides information, referral and ongoing monitoring and care management as well as providing some special services that are not offered by other service providers. The agency also collaborates with organizations at all levels to develop and improve coordination of services for the homeless and formerly homeless persons who need individualized community-based preventive protective services if they are to live safely in their own homes. Thanks in no small part to Edward Geffner's expert leadership, Project Renewal now provides dedicated and compassionate assistance to more than 10,000 New Yorkers every year.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of a lifetime of service to others, I request that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to Edward Geffner, a great New Yorker and a great American. Throughout a career of professional and voluntary activity, he has fought for and secured immeasurable improvements to the quality of life of his fellow New Yorkers. Edward Geffner's selfless and enduring dedication to public and community serves as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING MR. CARL VILARDO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Carl Vilardo. Mr. Vilardo served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Westfield Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Vilardo served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Vilardo is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
WOODEN

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Coach John Wooden. As a student of the University of California, Los Angeles during Coach Wooden's tenure, I recall with nostalgia the spirit of honor and humility that he embodied. For a man with a larger-than-life reputation and unparalleled winning record, John Wooden was surprisingly modest—a trait that many would say is particularly uncommon

in Los Angeles. His playing career at the high school, college, and professional levels was marked by numerous record-breaking and award-winning performances, and his coaching career was no different. He led the UCLA Bruins to an unmatched 10 National Championships in NCAA Men's Basketball and four perfect seasons, one of which was while I was a law student at UCLA. It was an incredible time to be a Bruin. Coach Wooden was the first person to be inducted to the basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach, and remains one of only a handful of people to earn the dual honors.

I can't talk about John without mentioning Nell, his wife of over 50 years. Like Coach Wooden, Nellie Wooden was until her death in 1985 an integral part of the fabric of UCLA and a fixture in the crowd at the court that now bears her and her husband's names. She always wore a smile, and a game rarely started without it.

John Wooden's spirit will continue to roam the hills of Westwood by the blue Pacific shore. My colleagues and I can all take a page out of Coach Wooden's playbook when it comes to teamwork and diligence. May his memory be a blessing and his life an example to us all.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR ORA MAE HARN, THE FIRST
LADY OF MARANA

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ora Mae Harn, the First Lady of Marana, Arizona, who on June 10th will be honored at the Marana Council Chambers for her work to establish the Marana Heritage Conservancy.

Ora Mae Harn is the former mayor and current town historian of Marana, a fast-growing community in the northwestern corner of Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Those two titles, however, do not even come close to describing the extraordinary impact that Ora Mae has had on her hometown.

Ora Mae is one of the most prominent voices and faces of Marana. She is well-known as a tireless champion for the citizens of Marana and their interests. If any one person can embody the community spirit that defines Marana, it is Ora Mae Harn.

The residents of Marana acknowledge the contributions of Ora Mae every time they play a ball game, use a grill or go for a stroll at Ora Mae Harn Park. Having a park named after her is one way that her grateful community expresses appreciation for all she has done to implement the vision that has made Marana such a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Ora Mae was a member of the Marana Town Council and served as mayor for eight years. As a public servant, her commitment and dedication to the betterment of Marana always were obvious. Under her wise leadership, the town grew from an agricultural community to the family-friendly town it is today.

When Ora Mae moved to Marana in 1961, she immediately became involved in civic life. Early on she worked for the Marana Unified

School District driving a school bus and cooked in the school cafeteria. She helped found and worked at the Marana Health Center and she still helps the center with fundraising to this day. She also has served as the president of the Arizona Women in Municipal Government and as a representative to the Pima Association of Governments.

Ora Mae's activism went beyond the corridors of government. She applied her well-honed organizational skills to Marana's Founder's Day Committee, the Sister Cities Program, Yoem Pueblo Rehabilitation Project and the Lot Beautification Program. She also was instrumental in the formation of the Marana Food Bank.

Today, in addition to serving as the town historian, Ora Mae heads the Marana Heritage Conservancy, which aims to preserve and enhance the town's past. Given her longstanding association with and deep love for Marana, there is no better person for that important job.

Recently the Marana Town Council entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Marana Heritage Conservancy. This unanimous decision affirmed the credibility of the Conservancy and Ora Mae's efforts to develop an organization that will ensure that the history of Marana is preserved and shared with current and future residents of the Town.

Town Manager Gilbert Davidson summed up how much this decision by the Town Council is attributable to Ora Mae's leadership. He wrote: "Former Mayor Ora Mae Harn played a crucial role in getting the Conservancy to this point. She has been a Marana champion for many years, and it was her hard work that helped create the Conservancy. Ora Mae is one of a kind and a true inspiration. Her dedication to the Town's progress helped put Marana on the map and made us the outstanding community we are today."

On behalf of the citizens of Marana and myself, I commend Ora Mae Harn and thank her for the more than four decades she has devoted to the Town of Marana. There is no doubt that her legacy will endure, as her town continues to grow and prosper in the decades to come. Because of her work, Marana will always remember its rich history. She is truly Marana's Heritage Ambassador.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, I missed 1 vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 351, on Agreeing to the Edwards Amendment No. 12, I would have voted "yea."

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD
LABOR

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support and recognition of World Day

Against Child Labor. I join with all of my colleagues in the House, and on both sides of the aisle, in condemning the horrendous practice of child labor. While great strides have been made in eradicating child labor in the United States, this Congress and our Nation must do more to end the practice across the world. Throughout the world, children are exploited and forced to work in often horrendous conditions. As a moral and just society, we can not continue to turn a blind eye.

According to the Child Rights Information Network, from 1997 to 2007, more than 35 percent of African children were subject to illegal child labor. Statistics from other regions are just as alarming. In the Caribbean, Latin America, East Asia and the Pacific, 11 percent of children are laborers, and in South Africa, 13 percent of children are in the workforce. It is clear that we, as leaders in the global economy, must do more to work with the governments in these regions to rid our world of the practice of child labor. However, as we tackle the challenges posed by child labor, we must realize that the primary culprit in the continuation of this practice is global poverty. Unfortunately, many families are left with no other alternative than to send their children into the workforce to help support their family. In our capacity as a world leader, we have a responsibility to raise global standards in order to improve the global standard of living and thus eradicate the demand for child labor.

Madam Speaker, although the problem of child labor in the United States is less evident when compared to the labor issues of many other nations, there is still and always will be progress that can be made. The U.S. Department of Labor calculates that 4 percent of all 14-year-olds and 8 percent of 15-year-olds are working at "high intensity" in the United States. High intensity is defined as a child that works 15 or more hours per week, and more than half of all school year weeks. This may not seem like a difficult burden to carry, but in a Nation with a population of 17 million citizens between the ages of 14 and 17, these numbers are far too high. Like their international counterparts, many American families can not afford to have an able bodied member of the family sit out of the workforce regardless of their age. We all know that poverty in the United States is a major problem and I call on my colleagues to remember the indirect problems caused by it, such as child labor.

The recent Hague Global Conference Against Child Labour set a goal of completely eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labor by 2016. Madam Speaker, I believe that the United States should display the same dedicated and unwavering leadership that was displayed at the 1999 ILO Conference Against Child Labor. If we are successful in eliminating child labor and unfair labor practices around the world, we will ensure that children, regardless of where they are born, are able to be just that, children.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. NAVY
COMMANDER PETER J. CARTY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual

whose service to his country and family are exceptional. On December 17, 2009, U.S. Navy Commander Peter J. Carty passed away after a two-month battle with cancer. He will be deeply missed.

Commander Carty was born in September 29, 1965 in Portland, Oregon, to parents William and Janet Carty. He grew up in Williamsport, Pennsylvania with his siblings David, Jeanmarie, Robert, Timothy and Elizabeth. He graduated from high school in 1983 and attended the Virginia Military Institute. He graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following graduation, Peter was commissioned into the United States Navy as an officer and was assigned to the USS *Jarrett* (FFG-33) stationed at Naval Station Long Beach. Peter continued his career in the Reserves, eventually earning the rank of Commander.

In 1994, Peter received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California and went on to work as the Western Regional Manager for Parker Hannifin Corporation. Peter is survived by his wife, Carmina; his son, Andrew; stepdaughter, Lauren; parents, and siblings. Peter joins his older brother David who passed away in 2008 after a battle with cancer.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men like Commander Carty who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. Commander Carty was a true patriot who will be sorely missed by his family and friends, but his legacy and service to our great nation will always be remembered.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks on June 14th, Flag Day, as a tribute to the life and legacy of Commander Peter Carty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 10, 2010, I was not present for eight recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 347—yea; roll No. 348—yea; roll No. 349—nay; roll No. 350—yea; roll No. 351—yea; roll No. 352—yea; roll No. 353—yea; roll No. 354—yea.

McKEE FOODS/LITTLE DEBBIE—
STUARTS DRAFT 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, it was two decades ago that the largest privately-held, family-owned bakery in the United States decided to make its newest home in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, just miles from the Blue

Ridge Mountains. I am delighted today to help mark the 20th anniversary of the arrival of McKee Foods in Stuarts Draft, Virginia. Based in Collegedale, Tennessee the company best known in all 50 states and in Canada and Mexico for its "Little Debbie" brand snacks has settled into its location in the Commonwealth over the last 20 years and become an integral part of the business community in Augusta County. The bakery is considered one of the industry's most cutting-edge facilities, and more than 1,000 folks are employed in the production of what I believe are among the country's best snack goods—they are standards in the cupboards of my home and countless others. There's nothing like their Snack Cakes, Fudge Rounds, Swiss Cake Rolls, Oatmeal Creme Pies—and more than 70 other Little Debbie products made from the highest quality ingredients. The enjoyment that accompanies eating these goodies is endless.

In addition to marking the company's 20 years in Stuarts Draft, we're also noting a half-century of the Little Debbie brand. It was 50 years ago that the company's founders—O.D. and Ruth McKee—decided to use a likeness of their young granddaughter Debbie to mark the brand. All these years later, "Little Debbie" is the unmistakable trademark of a company that has been profitable every year since. That's quite a tribute to a company whose commitment to "total quality" is a daily endeavor. Having met hundreds of McKee employees over the years, I can attest that they constantly strive for integrity and to be innovative in their business.

McKee Foods is now one of the foundations of a region of my Congressional district that's long been known for its strong work ethic. The McKee family clearly recognized that attribute when it chose Stuarts Draft for its newest operation 20 years ago. I commend President and CEO Mike McKee and Vice President of Stuarts Draft Operations Randy Smith for making the Stuarts Draft facility a great place to continue the company's guiding values. It's been a true recipe for success since 1990 in Virginia. The Sixth District looks forward to much continued success for McKee Foods and "Little Debbie" for many decades to come.

CAPTAIN BOB O'BRIEN

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Robert O'Brien on his retirement from the United States Coast Guard. Captain O'Brien has dedicated his time, energy, and resources to maintaining and defending our country's maritime borders.

Captain O'Brien was born in Savannah, Georgia, and raised in Ridgeland, South Carolina. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on April 6, 1970, and served his country for 40 years. He will officially retire on October 1, 2010. He started his career as a seaman, and he rose through the ranks to become commanding officer of the New York Coast Guard Sector.

Captain O'Brien had a diverse and honorable history in the Coast Guard. In 1976, he was assigned Officer-in-Charge of the USCGC Blackberry in North Carolina. He was then