

Mr. Kalkofen graduated from Ferris State University in 1971 and began working as a sanitarian for the Macomb County Health Department. He earned his Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1977 and continued to rise through the ranks of the Health Department, holding various positions, until he became director in February of 1996.

Under Mr. Kalkofen's leadership the Health Department established effective community coalitions, such as the Tobacco Prevention Coalition and Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures Coalition and a minority health outreach office. Mr. Kalkofen also fought for the continuation of one of the few remaining public health dental programs in the State of Michigan. He worked successfully to leverage Emergency Preparedness funds making it possible for the county to build a new Medical Examiner Office and Morgue, both of which were sorely outdated.

In addition to his many accomplishments in the public health sector, he was passionate about fighting to ensure that recreational and drinking water quality was safe for the residents of the County. Fifteen years ago, Macomb County's beaches and lakeshore waters were closed by the Health Department due to the rapid seaweed growth and excessive *E. coli* levels. The Blue Ribbon Commission was founded to address the aforementioned concerns of Lake St. Clair, and Mr. Kalkofen acted to provide full administrative support for its activities.

Mr. Kalkofen has also been an advocate for an array of county- and grant-funded pollution prevention activities over the years. In 2004 and 2005, he secured \$2.5 million from the Department of Environmental Quality to perform an unprecedented comprehensive water quality assessment of watersheds of Lakes St. Clair, and Belle, Pine, and Black Rivers which stretch across four counties. Most recently, he worked as a member of the Macomb Water Quality Board to spearhead the acquisition of State and Federal funds to build a system of real-time water quality monitors at the intakes of all water treatment plants on the United States side of Lake Huron to Lake Erie Corridor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tom Kalkofen, who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of living for the people of Macomb County for nearly 40 years. I am confident he will continue to play an important role in the community where he is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement with his wife Marge, their twin sons and five grandchildren.

#### ADATH EMANU-EL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Adath Emanu-El in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey on their 50th anniversary.

The local synagogue has been providing residents with a sense of community since 1960, when five families gathered together to form the first Jewish Reform Congregation in

Burlington County. In 1997, Adath Emanu-El moved its residence from Willingboro, NJ to Mt. Laurel where the synagogue had its first service with more than 400 people to celebrate the establishment of a new house of prayer.

The traditions of Adath Emanu-El, a family growing, learning, worshipping, and working together, are still upheld today. These valuable practices are due to the wonderful leadership by Rabbi Andrew I. Bossov, Rabbi Emeritus Richard A. Levine, teachers, and most importantly, dedicated members to the synagogue.

In recognition to the many years of dedicated religious practice and service to the community, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adath Emanu-El on its 50th anniversary.

#### KAZAKHSTAN'S LEADERSHIP OF THE OSCE

#### HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, the Republic of Kazakhstan this month undertakes its new role and responsibilities as the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the world's largest regional security organization.

I would like to congratulate Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and his fellow citizens on this signal achievement. Kazakhstan is making history with this new assignment and its broader engagement in global affairs. For the very first time, the OSCE will be headed by a new post-Soviet country east of Vienna. It is also the first Asian and Muslim nation to head the OSCE. It is a recognition that the OSCE draws its strength not only from Europe and the United States, but also from Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans.

Kazakhstan has been a leader in international nuclear security since its earliest days of independence. After the Cold War, Kazakhstan renounced its nuclear weapons, closed the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site and transferred over half a ton of uranium to secure sites outside their country. Our government continues to work with Kazakhstan to advance our common non-proliferation goals: In April, President Obama will host the Global Nuclear Security Summit, with President Nazarbayev and other world leaders participating.

Since its independence, Kazakhstan has also made economic reforms that have attracted investment and created jobs. It has developed multiple energy export routes and diversified its economy to ensure that its oil wealth can be enjoyed by all sectors of society.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and a co-chair of the Friends of Kazakhstan Caucus, I look forward to the progress that Kazakhstan can make during its tenure at the helm of the OSCE. We will work with Kazakhstan this year to modernize and strengthen the OSCE, for the benefit of all member States. And I wish President Nazarbayev—and his able Chairperson-in-Office, Secretary of State-Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev—great success as Kazakhstan

embarks on this new path toward increased democracy, improved security, enhanced cooperation, and stronger economic growth and prosperity.

#### RECOGNIZING CORNELIUS AND MARY DOLLISON OF MUNCIE, INDIANA

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, as it is written in the Good Book, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." And I can think of no better example of Christ's compassion and generosity than Cornelius and Mary Dollison of Muncie, Indiana. Recently the recipient of the Muncie Star Press "Person of the Year Award," this extraordinary couple has dedicated their time, their finances, and, most importantly, their hearts to serving their community, and I rise today to honor their legacy of service.

Cornelius and Mary have a deeply-rooted history within the Muncie community. Cornelius was born and raised there, and Mary has lived there since she was a young teen. Though they knew each other in high school, Cornelius and his sweetheart were not united in love until a few years after they had graduated. Now married for nearly 50 years, Cornelius and Mary have formed a special team that has left an indelible mark on the Muncie community.

In their own special ways, Cornelius and Mary have used their individual talents and passions to work together for the betterment of those most in need in their community. Cornelius is the strong and silent type, an expert electrician and builder, and the rock of support for his dear wife. Mary is the more outspoken of the two, always using every ounce of energy to be on the forefront and making a difference in the community. Together, the Dollisons have formed an unstoppable force that serves the residents of their community to this very day.

Over the last few decades, Mary and Cornelius have consistently made sacrifices, and today we can see the many fruits of their labor. More than twenty years ago, Mary saw a need for a mentoring program for children in the Muncie community, and thus, from the Dollison's living room, Motivate Our Minds (MOMs) was born. What originally began as a summer program for a handful of students has now blossomed to a fully operational after-school tutoring organization that serves nearly 700 minority students every year. While Mary coordinated the programs, Cornelius went to work restoring a facility to accommodate the growing number of students served by MOMs. Never ones to sit on the sidelines, the Dollisons took it upon themselves to do whatever it took to make MOMs the successful program that it is today.

This same can-do attitude was also demonstrated at the end of 2008, when the City of Muncie was poised to strip funding for the Buley Community Center out of its budget. For over 30 years, the Buley Center had been a safe haven for some of the city's most underprivileged children. One by one, Cornelius and Mary began receiving phone calls from members of the community, begging them to intervene to save the Buley Center from certain

closure. With their servants' hearts, the Dollisons did just that, acting immediately. They began talking to individuals, administrators, government officials, and any other contacts they had to raise funds so the Buley Center could continue to serve the community. While Cornelius again used his God-given skills to fix up the dilapidated center, Mary used her decades of experience as an elementary school teacher to restructure the educational curriculum. Thanks to the Dollisons, more than \$100,000 was raised to pay maintenance costs on the Buley Center, and a little more than one month after the city cut funding, the Buley Center reopened its doors. Not only does the Buley Center provide after-school programs, but it also hosts computer programs and history classes for adults. The Muncie community will reap the benefits of services offered by the Buley Community Center for years to come.

Their years of service to the community make the Dollisons deserving recipients of the Star Press "Person of the Year" award. Without the compassion and dedication of Cornelius and Mary Dollison, there is little doubt that the Muncie community would be vastly different, and far worse off. Countless children and families have been the blessed recipients of the Dollison's love and service, and I am proud to recognize the impact on the community made by their decades of selfless service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
ROBERT L. KLYCE

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 29, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Robert L. Klyce. Robert has been an inspiring leader in the Hernando Mississippi community, and I recognize his service as Emissary on behalf of St. Augustine's National Foundation.

As an Emissary for St. Augustine's National Foundation, Robert L. Klyce served by providing leadership critical to the mission of the St. Augustine's National Foundation, Inc.—a faith based endeavor commissioned to prevail in the establishment of a heritage to benefit a global community-at-large, demonstrating compassion to humankind.

I applaud Mr. Klyce's achievements and I hope he will continue to guide, inspire, and represent Mississippi's First District. I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Robert L. Klyce for his years of service and leadership in Mississippi.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 29, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, January 12, I requested and received a leave of absence until January 27, 2010.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have

voted on the following votes I missed during this time period.

On rollcall 1, Establishing a quorum in the House of Representatives for the Second Session of the 111th Congress, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 2, Disposing of the President's Veto of H.J. Res. 64 (H.J. Res. 64), I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 3, Honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (H. Res. 1002) I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 4, Supporting the initiatives of Chicago Wilderness and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights (H. Res. 860), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 5, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Highway 64 Bypass in Roper, North Carolina, as the "E.V. Wilkins Post Office (H.R. 3892), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 6, Congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science and improving health (H. Res. 1004), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 7, Congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I national championship (H. Res. 1015), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 8, Commending the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship (H. Res. 991), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 9, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3254—Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act—H.R. 3342 Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act—and H.R. 1065—White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009 (H. Res. 1017), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 10, Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009 (H.R. 3726), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 11, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act (H.R. 3254), I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 12, Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act (H.R. 3254), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 13, Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act (H.R. 3342), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 14, White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009 (H.R. 1065), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 15, Expressing Condolences to and Solidarity with the People of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating Earthquake of January 12th, 2010 (H.R. 1021), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 16, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act (H.R. 730), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 17, Expressing support for designation of January 2010 as "National Mentoring Month" (H. Res. 990), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 18, Recognizing the importance of cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages and supporting the goals and ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month (H. Res. 1011), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 19, Expressing support for the designation of January 10, 2010, through January 16, 2010, as National Influenza Vaccination Week (H. Res. 1003), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 20, Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4474—Idaho Wilderness Water Facilities Act—and H.R. 3726—Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2010 (H. Res. 1038), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 21, Expressing support for designation of January as Poverty in America Awareness Month (H. Res. 1024), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 22, Idaho Wilderness Water Facilities Act (H.R. 4474), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 23, Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2010 (H.R. 3726), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 24, To provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (H.R. 4508), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 25, Honoring the 95th anniversary of the signing of the Rocky Mountain National Park Act (H.R. 1020), I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EL PASO  
DIABETES ASSOCIATION AND DR.  
ROBERT CHRISTENSON

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 29, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize and thank the El Paso Diabetes Association, its Executive Director, Mr. Henry Brutus, and his team for their continued leadership and dedication to educating our community about living with and preventing diabetes.

The statistics regarding diabetes are staggering. Diabetes is an epidemic affecting nearly 24 million Americans and another 57 million with pre-diabetes. Every 24 hours, 4,100 people in the United States are diagnosed with diabetes. If current trends continue, one in three children born in the year 2000 will develop diabetes at some point in their lifetime. For minority populations, this number is nearly one in two. In El Paso, as many as one in six people are currently living with diabetes, and many more are unaware that their lifestyle choices are putting them at risk or have already made them pre-diabetic.

Diabetes is a leading cause of heart disease, stroke, amputation, blindness, and kidney disease. In 2007, diabetes cost the United States \$174 billion in direct and indirect costs. Locally that same year, El Paso hospitals incurred more than \$75 million in emergency costs related to complications with diabetes. However, these complications and costs are for the most part preventable through education.

It is important that we all understand how diabetes affects us, our families, and our community. Since 1968, the El Paso Diabetes Association has been an invaluable asset to my community by providing personalized services for those interested in learning about diabetes management and prevention. The organization's mission to promote education and early detection, empower people to take control of their health, and increase access to resources that make these goals possible are all exemplified by the work done by this year's Person of Vision.