

Texas. I would like to share Mr. Caswell's poem as a tribute to Congressman JOHNSON at his request.

THE STAR OF TEXAS

In the darkest days of night . . .
 All in that battle, all in that fight!
 To but bring our light!
 All in our souls, so very bright!
 As but a Freedom Fighter, who all those
 wrongs must right!
 While, all around you such a living hell . . .
 All in those moments of faith and courage,
 that do tell!
 While, all in that darkness . . . where such
 evil dwells!
 As against all odds, Sam . . . your fine heart
 so chose to swell!
 A Star was born!
 For now Sam, the Eyes of Texas . . . are
 upon you, as a Hero you will live on!
 With but only your most heroic heart, as
 against all odds you fought!
 To stay the course, and rise above . . .
 A Freedom Fighter, now in our Lord's heart
 you are but his special love!
 Because, your fine heart of courage . . . so
 chose to swell . . .
 From out of this darkness, from out of such
 hell!
 A Star of Texas would rise, rise up to ever
 dwell!
 Your life, has been a Tour De Force!
 You Soar! As an Eagle, in The United States
 Air Force!
 Mothers teach your children well!
 All about, such heroes you must tell!
 And one day Sam, you will get your new
 wings . . . "Come to Heaven my son,"
 as our Lord sings!
 For we need Angels like you, to fight the
 darkest of things!
 This Star of Texas, one of our Nation's
 greatest beings!
 For the Eyes of Texas, are upon you . . .
 And as a great American Hero Sam, you will
 live on, YOU!
 In honor of Sam Johnson, a real
 American Hero . . .

REAFFIRMING FRIENDSHIP AND
 ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE
 UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding and for the introduction of this very timely resolution. Last weekend, in a free and open democratic process, Colombia elected a new President. The people of Colombia should be commended for continuing their long tradition of democracy.

President-elect Santos is a strong U.S. ally who will continue Colombia's efforts to strengthen the rule of law, restore peace and stability, and promote economic growth for all Colombians. Colombia's progress is undeniable and its workers are safer now than ever before.

So, while we should be reaffirming our alliance today, we should also be strengthening that alliance by passing the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. The United States already offers Colombia almost total duty-free access to the U.S. market, yet American exports face significant tariffs entering the

Colombian market. The U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement would lift these barriers and level the playing field, increasing U.S. exports by at least \$1 billion.

The Administration and Congressional Democrats have instead allowed this agreement to languish and this valuable ally to twist in the wind. As a result, U.S. employers have paid over \$2.8 billion in unnecessary duties on American exports to Colombia. Those duties would vanish under the agreement and would allow U.S. employers to use this cash to create new job opportunities.

But that's not the worst of it. In disregarding our agreement, the Administration and Congressional leadership have allowed other countries to race ahead of us, giving foreign workers a competitive advantage.

American farmers are already experiencing the ramifications of this inaction. U.S. farmers have lost millions in potential exports to Colombia; those sales are instead being made by farmers in Argentina and Brazil, because those countries already have an agreement in place with Colombia.

The damage to American workers and farmers will only get worse if Colombia's agreements with Canada, the EU, and others go into effect before our agreement. There is absolutely no reason for this to happen. The U.S.-Colombia agreement was signed over 1,300 days ago. The United States had a huge head start that the Administration and leadership has willfully conceded. For over a year now, the Administration has promised to find a way forward on this Agreement and present Colombia with the list of things it needed to do. The Colombians are still waiting for that list.

If the Administration is serious about doubling exports and creating jobs, it must do what's necessary to bring this Agreement up for a vote.

DALLAS SCHOOL NAMED BEST IN
 AMERICA FOR THE TALENTED
 AND GIFTED

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, every year Newsweek magazine selects the best high schools in America. For the third time in four years, the School for the Talented and Gifted at the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center located in Dallas ranks number one. The school is part of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) that enrolls students in grades nine through twelve. Known for its intimate student-to-teacher ratio and progressive liberal arts Advanced Placement Program, the School for the Talented and Gifted is an ideal learning environment.

With a total of 277 students, Townview Magnet Center's mission is to "educate and graduate students who are college ready and who will be successful in college". This year, the 2010 senior class students combined earned scholarship and grant offers summing to approximately \$12.5 million. Furthermore, Townview is comprised of six different schools of concentration to include: (1) the School for the Talented and Gifted; (2) the School of

Science and Engineering; (3) the School of Business and Management; (4) the School of Health Professions; (5) the School of Education and Social Services; and (6) the School of Government and Law.

Madam Speaker, this public college preparatory magnet secondary school is applauded for its tremendous accomplishments, superb students, and committed faculty.

RACHEL STRAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachel Strand who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rachel Strand is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rachel Strand is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rachel Strand for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
 UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor Ron Gettelfinger for his years of service leading the United Auto Workers.

Mr. Gettelfinger spent his entire career in the car business; his first job was at Ford's truck plant in Louisville, Ky. He has been part of the United Auto Workers since 1964 while he was working as a chassis line repairman. After working all day on the line, he went to school at night for a degree in business. While working on his degree, he made the decision that he would apply his education to helping his fellow workers with their daily problems while remaining close to the assembly line. Holding true to this philosophy, he advanced through the UAW organization, becoming president in 2002.

His time as president came during some of the most difficult economic times in our Nation's history. As president, he has served as an effective partner to the major domestic automobile manufacturers during their restructuring. He steered the UAW through this catastrophic period and played an important role in saving the American car industry and the jobs of the workers in the UAW.

During his presidency, Mr. Gettelfinger has fought for basic American values. He has labored to ensure that workers receive a fair

share when they help a company prosper. He has championed the rights of workers to receive good health care if they get sick. He has worked to make sure that each worker receives a secure pension for their lifetime of loyal service.

Thanks to the work of leaders like Ron and his predecessors, working people have come a long way—an eight-hour work day, pensions, safer job conditions, and health benefits.

Most notably, Ron Gettelfinger has been known for his outspoken advocacy to make health care accessible and affordable for every woman, man, and child in the United States. I agree with him on this goal and long have supported universal health coverage. I am pleased that this year Congress has passed into law health reform legislation that provides secure coverage to almost all Americans and gives workers more control over their health care.

I again congratulate Mr. Gettelfinger on his retirement and thank him again for his service.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD KLOIAN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Richard Diran Kloian, who passed away on May 1, 2010. Mr. Kloian was founder of the Armenian Genocide Resource Center of Richmond, California.

Richard Kloian and the AGRC were best known for "The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915–1922," a landmark 1985 collection of articles reproduced from the New York Times and other sources. Painstakingly compiled from microfilm in the years before digitization and the Internet made historic newspaper stories widely accessible, this coverage of what America's newspaper of record had once called "systematic race extermination" made a powerful impact just as denial of the genocide was accelerating. Originally published in 1980 and 1981 as "Armenian Genocide: First 20th Century Holocaust," the collection's subsequent editions were expanded to cover the Hamidian massacres of the 1890s and the Adana massacre of 1909.

A fellow scholar called him "an indispensable bridge" between genocide researchers, historians, educators, and the public. Richard's interest in the Genocide was inspired by his discovery of his father Zakaria's memoir and the harrowing story of survival of his grandmother, Khanum Palootzian, which he recorded in 1972. Realizing the effectiveness of personal narratives as a teaching tool, he would later encourage others to send family memoirs to Armenian studies centers where the stories could be preserved and shared.

To facilitate the teaching of the Armenian Genocide, Richard compiled hundreds of articles from scholarly journals and published scores of booklets and readers. He collected, edited, produced, and distributed a 400-page resource manual of maps, web sites, photographs, news reports, primary-source documents, scholarly articles on the genocide and its denial, and U.S. state-level curricula that

mandated teaching about the Armenian Genocide.

Israel Charney, Executive Director of the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide in Jerusalem wrote, "I consider him a GIANT on behalf of Armenian Genocide recognition and memory. His devotion to his work in enabling education and memory about the Armenian Genocide was immense."

May Richard's life and work live on through the tremendous contributions he made to the study and teaching of the first genocide of the 20th century.

TRIBUTE TO WILL BAKER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Will Baker of Hyden, Kentucky, a storied man who lived 102 years and was beloved by his community.

Will Baker loved his country and dedicated a lifetime of service to his community, to civic responsibility and honoring fellow military veterans. He was likely the oldest living election officer in Kentucky, dedicating more than 25 years to the electoral process late in his life, even past his 100th birthday. However, he started his service as a young man, proudly serving during World War II, in the United States Army. Following his service, he became an active member of the Leslie County D.A.V. Chapter 133 and took great pride in honoring fallen soldiers. Outside of his military service, Will Baker was a handy man. He spent many years as a carpenter, coal miner and business owner in Leslie County. Will shared his heart of gold with everyone he encountered, earning him the respect and love of hundreds of families across the region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Will Baker for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of Eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a man who dedicated his entire life to rising up for hardworking men and women in this country.

Ron Gettelfinger, known to many as "the chaplain" for his drink-free, smoke-free habits, started out as a chassis line repairman at a Ford factory in Indiana. He would later succeed in leading automotive employees for 8 years as president of the United Auto Workers union.

Mr. Gettelfinger spent a significant amount of his presidency guiding over 500,000 men and women through a period of disheartening job cuts, plant closures, and financial hardship.

And yet, he never relented in his fight for others. He never quit standing up for the people and the principles he believed in.

As one of 12 siblings from a small farming town, President Gettelfinger has always had a way of bringing people together in solidarity. I have no doubt that he will, for the rest of his life, greet his union members as "brother" and "sister."

He found dignity in all work and refused to accept the notion, much in fashion these days, that working men and women don't deserve a middle class wage that allows them to own a home, provide for their families, send their children to college, and afford quality health care.

His make-no-apology approach saved countless jobs and even the viability of some businesses. To his core, he believes in respect for the working men and women of America.

As President Gettelfinger begins the next stage of his life, we should all pay heed to a motto he lived by: Every job we save is an important job—that is what we are all about.

It is an ideal we should all be about. He is a man to whom we should all give our gratitude.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Ron Gettelfinger for his commendable service to others and leadership in the face of adversity.

RAE LANIEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rae Laniel who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rae Laniel is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rae Laniel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rae Laniel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives recently considered H. Res. 1422, honoring the 140th anniversary of the Department of Justice. I voted against this resolution