

Over the past century, the Boy Scouts of America has become one of the brightest and far-reaching youth-development organizations in our Nation with over four million youth members in its age-related divisions. Indeed, the Boy Scouts of America has become part of our national heritage. Since its founding in 1910, more than 110 million Americans have been members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Committed to teaching traditional values of trustworthiness, good citizenship, and outdoors skills through a wide range of challenging, participation-based activities and educational programs, the BSA's goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance. President Gerald Ford, a former Boy Scout himself once said, "I can say without hesitation, because of Scout-ing principles, I know I was a better athlete, I was a better naval officer, I was a better Congressman, and I was a better prepared President."

Part of the reason the Boy Scouts are so successful is because they live by a law and an oath that bind them to the quest for morality and brotherhood. Indeed, the Boy Scout Law is one we can all live by, "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

Today we can all say for certain that the Boy Scouts of America have made our country stronger, braver, and more optimistic, as many of its politicians, astronauts, businessmen and other hard-working citizens grew up in the organization—including my own sons.

It is a sincere pleasure to stand with the Boy Scouts today, and recite an Oath which for 100 years has marked our Nation:

"On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country;  
To obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."  
Congratulations, Gentlemen!

LORENA GONZALEZ HONORED AS  
2010 LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR!

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very hard worker and devout labor leader in southern California.

Lorena Gonzalez will be honored as the 2010 Labor Leader of the Year at the 28th Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet in San Diego on September 11, 2010.

In January of 2008, Lorena Gonzalez became the secretary-treasurer and CEO for the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO. The Labor Council is a coalition of 129 local unions that represent more than 192,000 working families in the region. Upon her election, Lorena became the first woman and first person of color to serve as head of the Labor Council since the organization's inception in 1902.

The daughter of an immigrant farm worker and a nurse, Lorena learned the value of hard work and determination at an early age. After graduating from Vista High School in North San Diego County, she earned a bachelor's

degree from Stanford University, a Master's degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from UCLA.

Prior to coming to the Labor Council, Lorena worked as the Senior Advisor to the office of the Lieutenant Governor of California. She served as a consultant to the Commission on Economic Development, and was the Lt. Governor's principal advisor on policy issues dealing with labor, the environment, energy, and infrastructure.

A member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 36, Lorena worked as the Labor Council's Political Director before being elected Secretary-Treasurer. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the California League of Conservation Voters San Diego, the Center for Policy Initiatives, the Environmental Health Coalition, and the United Way of San Diego. Lorena also serves on the Executive Council of the state California Labor Federation as a Vice President and on the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council/California Federation's Advisory Board.

Nonetheless, Lorena's most cherished title is that of mother. She lives in Pacific Beach with her two children—Tierra and Antonio.

#### RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today marks 20 years since the historic Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. It is one of the most important pieces of civil rights legislation of the last quarter century. Passage of this groundbreaking law came as a result of the efforts of legions of activists. I want to recognize two individuals, in particular, who made ADA possible. The late Justin Dart, a true civil rights leader, was instrumental in the fight to pass the law that made discrimination against people with disabilities illegal. He showed us the path, and we continue to look to his lessons as we chart new ground. His spirit is with us on this anniversary and every day that we fight for justice for all.

I also want to recognize Marca Bristo, who has been an unflagging national leader in the fight for people living with disabilities. I am lucky to call her a friend but Bristo has also been a teacher. She has educated untold numbers of people, including me, by opening our eyes to the barriers standing in the way of people with disabilities. Bristo has been at the helm of Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago for decades. As an organizer in the critical work of disability rights years before the ADA was passed in Congress, she, too, was incredibly influential in creating and shepherding the law to passage.

Since ADA's passage, we have taken many steps to build on its foundation—and we've accomplished many of our goals in recent years. This includes a historic health care bill that will prevent insurance companies from denying coverage, dropping coverage, setting discriminatory annual or lifetime limits on benefits, or charging higher premiums to people with disabilities. We have passed mental

health parity legislation. And we are providing more home- and community-based options for care.

Yet, we cannot sit back and become comfortable with what we have achieved with—and since—passage of the ADA. We know we have much more left to do. Every person must be guaranteed full access to safe housing, good jobs, educational opportunities, quality health care, cutting edge technology, and economic prosperity. Our great country can be made even greater by providing every person with the opportunity to contribute and live comfortably in their community.

We must work to enforce the ADA, not reward those who disobey it. There is simply no excuse for anyone who violates the Americans with Disabilities Act; laws that protect the rights those living with disabilities are no less important and no different from any other legal protection.

We have to make sure that the Community Choice Act is passed and implemented, to further expand the infrastructure so individuals can get convenient, quality care in the settings that everyone prefers: at home and in our own communities.

We must expand opportunities for independence. That is why I am the sponsor of H.R. 1408, the Inclusive Home Design Act, to require that new, single-family homes that get federal assistance meet minimum standards so those with disabilities can come and go freely and seniors can age in place. This is a common sense solution that ensures livability as well as sound economics. Building new homes that are accessible from the start cost several hundred dollars, while retrofitting can cost several thousand dollars or more—forcing some people to move into a nursing home.

We must also expand the realms of access for people living with disabilities—especially to new technologies that did not exist at ADA's inception. Therefore, I am also a sponsor of H.R. 4533, the Technology Bill of Rights for the Blind Act, to require that consumer products like home appliances and office equipment are manufactured so that they are fully accessible to blind consumers.

On this 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, I wholeheartedly thank the countless individuals who worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork for ADA in the decades that preceded its passage. Without their passion and activism, we would not be celebrating today. I also thank those who continue the fight, and I look forward to helping to build upon the enormous successes of the ADA—in this Congress and in those to come.

#### HONORING DR. RICHARD BURNEY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Richard Burney, who will be retiring from the University of Michigan after 25 years of distinguished teaching. Dr. Burney has provided exemplary service to the citizens of the State of Michigan through his tireless dedication both to treating acutely injured patients and to training physicians in trauma care

through the direction of Advanced Trauma Life Support, ATLS, education at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Burney's service to the citizens of the State of Michigan in the development of emergency and trauma care has spanned the past three decades. Since May 1982, Richard has provided ATLS in the State of Michigan and has directed over 133 ATLS courses instructing thousands of Michigan physicians in the principles and practice of caring for the acutely injured patient. Richard's efforts earned him recognition from the American College of Surgeons, ACS, as State and Regional ATLS faculty in 1988.

As a member and subsequent chairman of the Michigan ACS Committee on Trauma between 1988 and 1994, Dr. Burney provided leadership in shaping improved quality and access to care initiatives for acutely injured patients in the State of Michigan. During his tenure on the National ACS Committee on Trauma between 1994 and 2004, Dr. Burney participated in the development of the National Trauma Data Bank, which created the largest repository of data on the injured patient and enabled objective comparative research in Trauma.

Dr. Burney has authored 95 articles and book chapters regarding the care of the injured patient and has served on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Trauma and The Annals of Emergency Medicine for 14 years each. Between 1985 and 2009, Dr. Burney served as chief of the Division of Emergency Services, medical director of the Survival Flight team, and executive committee of the Transportation Research Institute at the University of Michigan.

With accidental injury remaining the cause of the largest number of years of productive life lost in the United States, Dr. Burney's remarkable contribution to the expert treatment of acutely injured patients has saved countless lives. As a preeminent physician and professor, Dr. Burney has shared his knowledge selflessly and has worked to advance a crucial medical field. Please join me in celebrating Dr. Burney's achievements and in recognizing his legacy of excellence, which will continue to touch patients and students of medicine alike for years to come.

HONORING LONNIE BRAXTON, STUART ENGLISH, AND CHRISTOPHER DUNCAN

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor three incredible athletes from eastern Connecticut. Lonnie Braxton III of New London, Stuart English of Madison, and Christopher Duncan of Groton all competed in the 2010 Special Olympics National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska earlier this month. These three tennis players, along with every other member of Connecticut's team, made our State proud by bringing tough competition to their opponents and exemplifying sportsmanship.

I want to congratulate Lonnie in particular for winning the gold medal in the singles competition. He went undefeated in the division and gave an incredible performance over the

course of the games. Lonnie's victory is the product of hard work and a great deal of training in Connecticut. All of this training happened as Lonnie continued with his classes and work at Puffins restaurant in Groton. I have had the pleasure of eating at Puffins and Lonnie is very hard-working and pleasant for all the customers. What a great role model for us all.

Stuart and Christopher also took home medals playing tennis for Connecticut—winning bronze and silver in singles, respectively. The Connecticut tennis team gave an excellent performance and I am particularly proud of the strong eastern Connecticut contingent on that team.

Having attended ceremonies and events of Special Olympics Connecticut, I am familiar with the good work they do. These competitions are, above anything else, about the athletes who participate in them. We should be grateful for the unique opportunity they provide and the overwhelmingly positive impact that the competitions have on the lives of the athletes. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lonnie, Stuart, Christopher, and every member of the Connecticut tennis team for their hard work and victory at the National Special Olympics.

### RECOGNIZING THE PROGRESS AND INSPIRATION OF NASA

#### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible innovations and inspiring achievements of NASA on the 52nd anniversary of their founding. As the world's space pioneers, NASA has pushed the boundaries of the possible, contributing significant scientific discovery along the way.

NASA was established when President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act 52 years ago today. Soon after, NASA sent the first U.S. astronaut into space through Project Mercury—Alan B. Shepard, Jr., and shortly thereafter, John Glenn became the first U.S. Astronaut to orbit the earth. NASA built upon this success with Project Gemini, collecting information on weightlessness, space docking, reentry, and executing spacewalks. Finally, in 1969, Project Apollo fulfilled President Kennedy's bold ambition to send a man to the moon before the end of the decade. We all watched as Neil Armstrong took mankind's first steps on the moon and affirmed America's place as the technological leaders of the modern world.

In words that were as poetic as the occasion was meaningful, Armstrong said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Buzz Aldrin quickly joined Armstrong on the moon as Michael Collins continued to circle overhead. I was 11 years old that day. I joined people everywhere in watching and celebrating this tremendous collective accomplishment. I remember it clearly. My family was on vacation, but I had persuaded my parents to let me stay in the hotel room alone all day to watch the television, so I could see these giant men take those giant steps. Their mission was a landmark moment for America, for the world, and for all time. Americans are

still inspired by these men and their mission to travel over 250,000 miles of dead space to reach our closest celestial neighbor. I remember thinking then that humankind as a species is capable of true greatness. While wolves howl at the moon, humans visit it.

NASA has conducted many more space flights since that historic day, and it constantly strives to contribute to humanity's knowledge of the universe and ourselves. It inspired a generation to pursue careers in science and engineering, and to believe in the power of American society. Alone in that hotel room, watching TV, I certainly felt a lasting sense of meaning—a connection to those three brave astronauts. Those astronauts represented, in that moment, America's destiny. A destiny shared by the thousands of men and women who worked to make it happen.

NASA's efforts continue today, but their legacy is already assured. From inspiring children to dream to inventing the water filter, NASA has shaped American society in ways we can hardly begin to count. In this, the most competitive, technology-oriented century man has ever known, we are lucky to have an institution like NASA. An institution that will continue to spur us to achieve what was once thought impossible.

Central Florida is proud of NASA and all that it has done. As a member of the Science and Technology Committee, I have great respect and admiration for NASA's contributions to space exploration. NASA has been, and continues to be, a positive and productive force for the advancement of our Nation's interests. I look forward to watching as they continue to carry us into the future.

### BEN HUESO HONORED WITH 2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

#### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated public servant on the San Diego City Council. City Council President Ben Hueso considers quality of life issues such as job creation, neighborhood livability and protecting the environment his top priorities this year. Since his 2006 election to the San Diego City Council, Hueso has advocated for District Eight constituents and the city as whole as a Councilmember, developing an open, consensus-building management style. As Council President, he schedules items for consideration by the Council, chairs Council meetings, and selects committee chairs and committee vice-chairs for approval by a Council majority.

In addition to serving as Council President, Hueso chairs the Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, serves on SANDAG's Borders Committee, and as First Alternate for SANDAG's Executive Committee. He is San Diego County's representative for the League of California Cities and sits on the Otay Valley Regional Park Policy Committee. Hueso recently completed his service as a Commissioner on the California Coastal Commission, where he helped protect California's coastal resources.

Prior to becoming a Councilmember, Hueso successfully owned and operated a small business in Logan Heights. His strong community