

Sky, that competed in the affiliate completion and finished 30th. I witnessed firsthand all the hard work and dedication that ultimately granted them a spot in the Games. The members of CrossFit Sky's affiliate team are Amy Quimby, Hollace Fugate, Mandy Malloy, Sean Malloy, Brian Head, Tom Sharp, Aaron Fugate and Mike Quimby.

The CrossFit Games are only a small part of CrossFit as a whole which is ultimately spreading the desire to make oneself live a healthier and more productive lifestyle. It is available to everyone, not just elite athletes. The same concepts behind CrossFit used to train elite athletes can be used for people of all ages to help them reach their fitness goals. Tony Budding from CrossFit headquarters couldn't have said it any better, "CrossFit is really about helping others achieve their goals. For even the top athletes, their achievements are temporary, whereas the impact we make on others is lasting."

I rise today not only to honor these great athletes who have not only achieved the ultimate success of being named among the fittest in the world, but to celebrate the sport of fitness in general. In an era when we are faced with less time for physical activity and the temptation and convenience of unhealthy food, it is important for all Americans to take simple steps to live long and better lives, especially considering the obesity epidemic facing my state of Oklahoma and our Nation. I believe CrossFit is helping in this fight against obesity and I challenge all Americans to challenge themselves to live a healthier lifestyle.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARRIS RF COMMUNICATIONS IN ROCHESTER, NY

#### HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to express my sincere congratulations to Harris RF Communications on celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The division is a shining example of how a sense of entrepreneurship and perseverance can leave a lasting impression on an industry and a community.

Started by Bill Stolze, Elmer Schwittek, Roger Bettin and Herbert VandenBrul in 1960, the outfit has transformed itself from a basement operation in Rochester, NY to a \$2 billion dollar business in international company producing cutting edge technology.

It is especially fitting that we celebrate this achievement as this radio is used and sought after by every branch of the U.S. Department of Defense as well as several of our ally nations. Today, their radios are seen not only as meeting industry standards, but surpassing them with their forward looking technology. Their products contain next-generation communications capabilities that are designed to be compatible with existing communications systems. Moreover, they can be upgraded in the future to grow as new software and encryption technology advances.

It is this superior design and production, which was recognized by the U.S. Army as one of 2007's greatest inventions that leaves me confident that our troops and those of our

allies are in good hands while using Harris RF Communications products.

The company, which has given so much to the industry, should also be commended on their dedication to the community. Their mark has not only been felt through their donations to local educational institutions, but by participating in mentoring youth in engineering such as the newly established Harris Scholars Program for economically disadvantaged young girls.

However, no achievement is won alone, so I would also like to recognize all of Harris' local employees for the critical work they perform every day in support of our soldiers. Their care and dedication assure me that there are many more years of innovative products to come.

#### INTER-LOCAL PENSION FUND BILL

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to improve the retirement savings of hard-working union members. Specifically, members of the Inter-Local Pension Fund of the Graphic Communications Conference of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters do not have access to some of the same retirement provisions that other workers do. And I think it simply makes no sense.

The Fund, formed in 1950, is a 501(c)(18) pension trust that provides benefits to 12,500 active and 20,000 retired union members. Sixty-eight local affiliated unions participate in the Fund, and benefits are financed entirely by employee contributions and the earnings thereon. Section 501(c)(18) provides a tax exemption for a pension trust created before June 25, 1959 and funded solely by employee contributions. Further, the pension plan of which the trust is part must satisfy certain non-discrimination tests. The Fund appears to be the sole remaining section 501(c)(18) pension trust in existence.

Madam Speaker, my legislation would simply apply the same cap to annual contributions to 501(c)(18) pension trusts that applies to annual elective deferrals in 401(k) plans. Those caps for workers in 401(k) plans are also adjusted for inflation. Without such parity the Fund's pension value will continue to decline. These workers deserve to be on equal ground as 401(k) participants.

Additionally, the legislation makes available to the Fund the same exception from the debt-financed real property rules currently available to section 401 pension trusts allowing for better diversification of assets.

In closing, Madam Speaker, these provisions will allow the Fund to better serve its union members and do so in sync with its tax exempt purpose of providing self-funded employee benefits. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. MABLE A. WATKINS-CASS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor a distinguished constituent, community leader, humanitarian, and family woman, Mrs. Mable A. Watkins-Cass, on the occasion of her 75th birthday. A native of Holly Springs, Mississippi, Mrs. Watkins-Cass and her parents moved to Chicago in her early teens. She graduated from the Chicago Public Schools and attended Wilson Junior College in Chicago.

A retired employee of the Chicago Public Schools, Mrs. Watkins-Cass remains active in the Morgan Park community of my congressional district. She is the mother of four adult children, a grandmother and great-grandmother and is a dedicated member of the Vernon Park Church of God on the southside of Chicago.

Mrs. Watkins-Cass continues a lifelong commitment towards making a difference in the lives of other people. She is a shining example of how God can use even the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary. She has endeavored to share the wisdom and knowledge that God has granted her with others to enable them to prosper in knowledge and wisdom. Indeed, many who have had the privilege of knowing and associating with her have come to recognize that they are much better the person as a result.

Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to pay tribute to and congratulate my constituent and friend, Mrs. Mable A. Watkins-Cass on the occasion of her 75th birthday. I want to encourage her to continue to let her light so shine that men and women will see her good works and give glory to God in Heaven. I am privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

#### STATEMENT HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CONTINENTAL STRUCTURAL PLASTICS (CSP), LLC-SAREPTA, LOUISIANA

#### HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of a local Louisiana manufacturer. The manufacturer that I am recognizing has demonstrated innovation in manufacturing operations and business growth, as well as a commitment to community involvement.

Continental Structural Plastics (CSP), LLC—Sarepta, located within my district in Louisiana, has been providing innovative and technical solutions to Louisiana manufacturers since 1997. The economic impact that CSP-Sarepta brings to North Louisiana is significant. The facility employs more than 1180 people with an annual payroll of \$5 million. This local manufacturer has made noteworthy advances in productivity throughout their organization resulting in substantial growth. Because of these accomplishments, CSP-

Sarepta a will be honored by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana (MEPOL), with the Fifth annual Platinum Award for Continued Excellence, PACE Award.

MEPOL, a non-profit business resource based at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, serves to provide business and technical assistance to emerging and established manufacturing firms throughout the State of Louisiana. Since 1997, MEPOL, based on a philosophy of education, encouragement, and empowerment, has worked with manufacturers such as CSP-Sarepta to increase their productivity and profitability.

**HONORING SAVAGE PRECISION  
FABRICATION**

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Savage Precision Fabrication for being named the Small Business Subcontractor of the Year.

Savage Precision Fabrication, and its owner W.T. Gardner, represent the very best of the American entrepreneurial spirit. The company is a Native American and Veteran owned business, founded by W.T. Gardner and his business partner and wife, JoAnn. The company started as a one man shop fabricating sheet metal components with only \$2,000 worth of tools and equipment, and now boasts over \$4 million in annual sales, and is a preferred manufacturer in the aerospace and defense industry.

I am proud to have a company like Savage Precision in my district. Small businesses like this are what make America great, and I would again like to congratulate Savage Precision for their accomplishments and service to our country.

**HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BRAD  
OWEN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2010  
GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN INTER-  
NATIONAL BUSINESS COMMEMO-  
RATIVE AWARD**

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen for his contribution to the growth of international trade in Washington State.

Brad Owen has served as Washington State's 15th Lieutenant Governor, first elected to the position in 1996. Since taking office, Lieutenant Governor Owen has been a leader on trade, conducting many foreign trade missions and advocating for stronger economic and international ties for Washington State.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce presented Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen with the 2010 George Francis Train International Business Commemorative Award on June 2, 2010. Given at the annual Tacoma Globe Awards Dinner, hosted by the

World Trade Center Tacoma, this award is presented annually to honor businesses' and individuals' contributions to the region's strong international economy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen on this impressive achievement, and celebrate his many contributions to growth of international trade in Washington State.

**RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"**

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1525, which recognizes the 50th anniversary of the classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which was written by Nelle Harper Lee of Monroeville, Alabama. This novel has become an American classic and every year thousands of students across the country read it and grapple with the significant moral issues that it raises.

I thank Chairman TOWNS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I would also like to thank Congressman BONNER for introducing this important measure.

Growing up in Monroeville, Alabama, Harper Lee was no stranger to the racial injustice of the American South in the first half of the 20th Century. In 1960, she decided to publish a novel channeling the racial climate she experienced during her youth. This novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, is considered one of the greatest American novels of our time. Its depiction of racial inequality as seen through the eyes of a child offers a unique and insightful view of American race relations in the segregated South.

Madam Speaker, when I was growing up, students across the country read *To Kill a Mockingbird* in high school. While discussing the novel with one of my interns, Brittni Hamilton, I learned that she read the novel as early as middle school. I guess such a classic novel that raises such important issues about the social and moral character of our nation cannot wait until high school any longer. In any case, I am pleased that all the young people in our nation are exposed to the timeless moral lessons of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Madam Speaker, Harper Lee's novel is classic. In addition to winning a Pulitzer Prize, *To Kill a Mockingbird* has also earned Harper Lee induction into the American Academy of Arts and Letters as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Since first being published in 1960, it has sold over 30 million copies. I am proud that our nation continues to cherish and appreciate this landmark literary achievement.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

**THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO:  
FRIEND OR FOE?**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to a letter

I recently sent to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as well as reports from nongovernmental organizations, NGOs, regarding human rights and religious freedom in Morocco and the Moroccan occupied territory of Western Sahara.

Since March, dozens of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals have been expelled from Morocco without due process on charges of proselytism. In the wake of this action, I have repeatedly called on the board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation to suspend the \$697.5 million compact with the government of Morocco. As Americans deal with tough economic times, it is unacceptable for U.S. taxpayer dollars to continue to flow into a country which flagrantly disregards the rights of U.S. citizens.

I am continuing to press the MCC to act decisively to suspend the compact with Morocco until the government of Morocco agrees to the return of all United States citizens affected by the expulsions, thereby sending a clear message that these actions by a purported ally will not be tolerated.

Morocco's recent actions may seem surprising to many, but to those who have followed events in the Moroccan occupied territory of the Western Sahara, this is business as usual for the Moroccan government.

Yet the Obama administration has remained notably silent on these issues despite repeated calls from within the Congress to address these grave injustices. Just yesterday, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed its version of the FY 2011 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations measures which "directed the Secretary of State to submit a report not later than 45 days after the enactment of this act, detailing steps taken by the Government of Morocco in the previous 12 months on human rights, including deportation of U.S. citizens in Morocco without due process of law, and whether it is allowing all persons to advocate freely their views regarding the status and future of the Western Sahara through the exercise of their rights to peaceful expression and association, and to document violations of human rights in the territory without harassment."

I submit for the RECORD my letter to Secretary Clinton as well as reports by highly respected NGOs clearly illustrate Morocco's disregard for the basic principles of human rights and religious freedom as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*Washington, DC, July 28, 2010.*

Hon. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON,

*Secretary of State,*

*Washington DC.*

DEAR SECRETARY CLINTON: I write today to express my continued concern about the situation involving Americans in Morocco and urge you to issue a strong statement in support of the American citizens whose lives have been uprooted by the Moroccan government's recent actions. I ask that either you or President Obama call on the Moroccan government to unconditionally allow all those expelled or denied reentry to return to Morocco.

Just yesterday, yet another U.S. citizen, Mike Hutchinson, was denied reentry into Morocco. This came after repeated assurances by the Moroccan government to the U.S. Embassy in Rabat that the expulsion order issued to Mr. Hutchinson last month had been suspended and he was free to reenter the country at a time of his choosing.