

would like to extend my personal appreciation to ACT members for their service and contributions to our national security.

#### HONORING ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

##### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. This year marks a very important milestone in the school's history. For over one hundred and fifty years, St. Cecilia has played a vital role in the spiritual and academic lives of young women in Middle Tennessee.

For a century and a half, St. Cecilia Academy, an all-girl, Catholic, college-preparatory school, has proudly guided young women through their formative years, helping them become confident women leaders of faith. The school was founded by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, who arrived in Nashville in August of 1860. The Sisters' dedication to the Catholic tradition, as well as passion for education, made it possible for the school to flourish and become one of the educational leaders in college-preparatory education. Most notably, St. Cecilia has been recognized four times by the Action Institute as one of the Top Fifty Catholic High Schools in the United States. St. Cecilia's students have been awarded prestigious scholarships, and the school's seniors are regularly accepted into top colleges.

And so, Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor St. Cecilia Academy on its 150th anniversary. As Nashville's oldest private high school, it is an institution that embodies the ideals of excellence, creativity, and leadership development.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting St. Cecilia Academy for its many decades of service toward the betterment of our youth.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE 2010 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

##### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2010 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition (NECO), the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since NECO's founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The

richness and diversity of American life makes us unique among the Nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who really seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promotes unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO, and congratulating all of the 2010 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor. I also ask unanimous consent that the names of this year's recipients be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my statement.

#### 2010 ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

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#### HONORING McLANAHAN CORPORATION

##### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friends and constituents at the McLanahan Corporation on the occasion of their 175th anniversary, which they will celebrate on August 28, 2010. Located in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, McLanahan Corporation has long been committed to service, innovation, and family ownership. From its founding in the 1830s when James Craig McLanahan moved his family to Hollidaysburg, where the company first produced castings used in farm implements, McLanahan Corporation has developed into an international powerhouse as a supplier not only of equipment, but also of process solutions.

McLanahan Corporation is poised to remain a leader well into the future as its customer base has expanded from a small town in central Pennsylvania to reach around the world. Customers have grown to appreciate McLanahan's heavy-duty equipment and outstanding customer service and support. All of this has been done without abandoning its roots or compromising its sound values as the 6th generation of family now assumes a leadership and ownership role.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating The McLanahan Corporation on their 175 years in business.

#### REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN A. PETRONELLA

##### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, It is with a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of a great ally and advocate for working families in Connecticut. Brian Petronella, President of The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 371 in Westport, died suddenly on Friday. He leaves behind a remarkable record of public service and long list of victories on behalf of workers and their families.

Brian was a skilled labor leader who never forgot his beginnings as a member of 371. He believed in decent wages, benefits, safety, and respect for his brothers and sisters and cared deeply about their rights. In his role at Local 371 and in his own life, Brian put these values into practice each day. He held leadership roles on the local and international levels of UFCW and had many successful organizing campaigns under his belt.

In addition to Brian's professional role and successes, he was a vibrant member of the community—one that worked tirelessly to help those around him. He generously raised money for and gave his time to the Leukemia Society, the Women's Network, and after school programs in the area.

Most important to him though was his family. His father was also a nationally recognized leader at UFCW, and Brian's success was a source of great pride in the Petronella family. Brian's wife Elaine and daughters Lindsey and Ashley were the number one priority in his world and his passing as a husband and father is the hardest loss of all.

I had the pleasure and honor to know Brian for over ten years. He was smart, funny, and down to earth. His success did not go to his head—if anything it made him more committed to working for the people he represented so ably.

Brian left us too early. He leaves behind a life of work that should be the envy of anyone seeking to better our society. He was a consummate professional, loving family man, and friend that I was lucky to have. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss and honoring the life of Brian Petronella.

#### SOLOMON PORCH MINISTRIES

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past ten years; and

Whereas, Pastor Phillip Mosby and the members of the Solomon's Porch Ministries Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past ten (10) years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solomon's Porch Ministries Church family on their 10th Anniversary and for their leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 13, 2010 as Solomon's Porch Ministries Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of August, 2010.

### CONGRATULATING THE COOPERS, BOONE COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker I rise today to congratulate the Cooper Family who was earned the honor of being named the Boone County 2010 Farm Family of the Year.

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year Program has honored farm families all across the state for their outstanding work both on their farms and in their communities. Recognition from the program is a reflection of the contribution to agriculture at the community and state level and its implications for improved farm practices and management.

The Coopers raise more than 700 cattle on 450 acres and are planning to expand. Since 1985 they have maintained a commitment to agriculture and have worked diligently to improve the health of their cattle and to protect the environment.

I congratulate Tim, his wife Debra Sue, and their family Caleb, Ethan and Amy Lippe for their outstanding achievements in agriculture and ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring them for this accomplishment. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors and look forward to the contributions they will offer in the future to Arkansas agriculture.

### HONORING STAFF SGT. AARON M. KENEFICK

### HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Staff Sergeant Aaron M. Kenefick who gave his life September 8, 2009, while supporting combat operations in the Kunar province of Afghanistan.

A few years ago on Thanksgiving, Aaron had asked his mom what time dinner would be served. He wanted to make sure he would have time to visit his fellow service members at the Veterans Administration hospital. "That's where the true heroes are," he had told his mother. Sergeant Kenefick did not brag about his own achievements and numerous missions. He had received a Purple Heart after being injured by shrapnel and had twice, during his 12-year career, been named Marine of the Year. Nevertheless, called to serve, Kenefick returned to combat.

Staff Sgt. Kenefick graduated from Roswell High School in 1997 after moving there as a 10th grader from Williamsville, New York. He joined the Marine Corps after high school. He is survived by his mother, Susan Price and father, Donnie Kenefick; two sisters; and his young daughter, Landon.

Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that we honor Staff Sgt. Kenefick's sacrifice on behalf of our Nation. He is a hero to his countrymen, his family, and his fellow Marines. He reminds us that America is blessed to have so many young men and women willing to stand up and fight to

preserve our precious freedoms. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all our military families, whose selfless dedication to this Nation is an inspiration to us all.

### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAKE RIDGE OCCOQUAN COLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, LOCCA.

The builders of the Lake Ridge Planned Community began development in the mid 1960s. The developers of Lake Ridge envisioned a community where people could live, work, shop and play. However, early residents desired a way to shape the vision for their community. They recognized a need for an organization that was capable of influencing planning and development decisions in Lake Ridge.

On July 6, 1970, the residents established the Lake Ridge Communities Civic Association, LRCCA, as a non-political, nonpartisan organization that gave citizens an organized community voice. The LRCCA hosted bake sales, dances and other fund-raising activities to support local civic projects and to foster a newfound sense of community in Lake Ridge.

In 1978, the organization matured into the Lake Ridge Occoquan Civic Association, LOCA, in response to growing concerns over unchecked growth and development in Prince William County. The membership created the Planning, Environment, Land-Use and Transportation Committee, PELT, to evaluate new development in the area. The organization encouraged quality development with appropriate infrastructure investments, compatible architecture, signage and landscaping and promoted the use of green community designs complete with sidewalks and trails. In 1997, the membership rewrote the bylaws to refocus the group and formally include the Coles Magisterial District within its jurisdiction, creating the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, LOCCA.

The influence of this community organization on quality development standards in Prince William County cannot be understated. For four decades, dedicated members have sacrificed their time and contributed their considerable talents to the responsible stewardship of their community. Their work has not gone unnoticed. This was the first civic association to be awarded the Virginia Green Award, and it was recognized as one of the most influential civic associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia when it was honored with the Virginia Citizen's Planning Association Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the membership of the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association for the tireless advocacy efforts and congratulating them on their 40th Anniversary. I extend my personal appreciation to the past and current members of LOCCA for improving and safeguarding the quality of life of countless Prince William County residents.