

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH OF TEMPLE  
CITY

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the First United Methodist Church of Temple City upon its centennial anniversary.

The church was established in 1908, when about 30 people gathered to worship in an old wooden schoolhouse in the Santa Anita area of the San Gabriel Valley. In 1910, Rev. John Leonard Collins was appointed the new minister of the rapidly growing church, called the Mountain View Methodist Episcopal Church. As the church continued to grow, a new building was completed in 1911, with 14 different denominations worshipping in the facility.

The church was moved to its current location in the Town of Temple, today Temple City, in June of 1925, and, with these new roots, the church continued to prosper under the new name, Temple Community Church, Methodist Episcopal. Much differentiated from the schoolhouse, the newly dedicated church boasted Ionic columns and was a fine example of modern church architecture. In 1950, the new Sunday school building was completed, with the members performing much of the construction. At that time, the membership had grown to over 600 members and more space was needed, so in 1957, a new sanctuary was completed. In 1964, the mortgage was paid off and the church name was changed—this time to Temple City First Methodist Church. The original, white columned church was demolished in 1964 to make room for a new building housing a fellowship hall and church offices. In 1972, the church's name was changed to its present name, the First United Methodist Church of Temple City.

Since its inception, the First United Methodist Church has been an inclusive and accepting church. In 1987, when the church was asked to share their facilities with a Korean United Methodist Church congregation, it gladly did so—and again when the church offered to share their facilities with a Chinese/English language church in the community.

Under the leadership of Reverend David Palmer, First United Methodist Church of Temple City offers a variety of programs and ministries such as adult Sunday school, church choir ministry, stress management support groups, and the Crafty Ladies, a fellowship group that makes handcrafted items for those in need. The church has an impressive health ministry program, a cooperative effort between Methodist Hospital and local churches, which provides health services to congregants. This ministry includes a parish nurse, who provides education, information, health counseling, referrals, and training of volunteers. In addition, the church created a fitness program called Shape Up 2010 that includes walking, biking and low impact aerobics.

I am proud to recognize the First United Methodist Church of Temple City for its 100 years of service to the people of the San Gabriel Valley, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation upon this significant milestone.

HONORING DR. MARY MCINERNEY

### HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career, service, and achievement of Dr. Mary McInerney, Principal of the Richard Hungerford School in Staten Island, NY.

Born and raised in New York City by Irish immigrant parents, Dr. McInerney began her education in the parochial school system in the Bronx. After earning several degrees in psychology and history and education, she received her Doctorate from Columbia University in 1994, with her studies focusing on technology and the disabled.

Mary's teaching career was as long as it was exemplary: she served as a teacher with the Preschool-Early Intervention Program at the Kennedy Child Center before beginning her career with the New York City Department of Special Education, first starting as a teacher of a Track IV class, she became Coordinator of P.L. 89–313, then Data Manager and then Assistant Principal of the Manhattan Occupational Training Center. Ultimately she was designated the Principal of the Richard H. Hungerford School, formerly the Richmond Occupational Training Center. In addition to her roles as teacher, administrator, and supervisor within the school system, Mary has also served as Adjunct Professor and as part-time Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Adelphi University. At Columbia University, she served as Assistant Instructor and Guest Lecturer, and at the College of Staten Island she served as a member of the adjunct faculty.

Having published and presented extensively on subjects ranging from computer technology for the disabled to Inclusion and the Learning Disabled Child, and having received an impressive array of academic honors and community service awards (including Principal of the Year from the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers and Irishwoman of the Year from the New York City Board of Education Emerald Society), Mary is perhaps best known for her successful leadership at the Hungerford School. With the support of her staff, parents, and community, the school has attained a remarkable level of excellence with an enviable track record for independent problem-solving and participatory management. In 1998, the school was recognized by the United States Department of Education as having an exemplary program in teacher and staff development, thereby becoming the first New York City school to earn the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award.

Our community and our Nation are enriched and ennobled by individuals whose character, perseverance, and public contribution perpetually nourish the present and empower the future for us all. Dr. Mary McInerney is such an individual, and I call on all Members of the House to join me in recognizing her many enduring accomplishments.

HONORING HAROLD H. HOPKINSON,  
JR.

### HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the service of Harold H. Hopkinson Jr. to Central New York. He dedicated his life to public service and to the betterment of his community.

Harold H. Hopkinson Jr., graduated from the University of Maine in 1950 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Upon completing his education, Harold began a 35 year career working with Carrier Corporation in Syracuse, New York. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of New York and was a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers for over 35 years.

Harold began his career in public service in 1957, when he was elected Village Trustee for the Village of Manlius. Prior to holding this position, he served a few years on the Village of Manlius Planning Board. In 1977, he was appointed Deputy Mayor of the Village of Manlius.

During his illustrious career in public service, Harold has had an active roll in obtaining sanitary sewers for the Village, the planning of Mill Run Park, establishing the Manlius Fish Hatchery, organizing the Manlius Senior Centre, and starting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Additionally, he also served as a member of the Manlius Library Board, the Manlius Historical Society and a founder of the New York State Designer Blacksmith Organization.

Overall, at the completion of his term, Harold will have served 52 years as a Trustee for the Village of Manlius and 32 years as Deputy Mayor. This is indicative of Harold's life long dedication to his community.

Madam Speaker, I invite the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the outstanding life contributions of Harold H. Hopkinson Jr. to Central New York.

RECOGNIZING THE GUJARAT,  
INDIA DELEGATION AND THE AL-  
LIANCE FOR U.S.-INDIA BUSI-  
NESS (AUSIB) FOR PROMOTING  
U.S.-INDIA TRADE

### HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome the Gujarat, India delegation to Washington, D.C. Gujarat is one of the most prominent States on the western coast of India and has contributed significantly to India's growth story with consistent double digit GDP growth for almost a decade.

Since 2003, the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit has attracted investment agreements worth more than USD 370 billion. The State is now gearing up for the 5th Vibrant Gujarat Summit scheduled to be held on January 12–13, 2011 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

As prelude to the Summit, the Gujarat delegation will be visiting New York to highlight

Gujarat as a leading investment destination while identifying areas of Gujarat-U.S. collaboration.

The delegation will also visit Capitol Hill where members will be hosted by the Congressional Taskforce on U.S.-India Trade and Investment Relations in cooperation with the Alliance for U.S.-India Business (AUSIB), a leading non-profit trade association that offers a pathway to help businesses succeed in the United States and India.

Members of the Gujarat delegation include: Nitin Shukla, CEO, Hazira LNG Pvt. Ltd.; Nitin Sandesara, Chairman, Sterling Biotech Ltd.; Rajiv Modi, Chairman, Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd.; H K Chudgar, Chairman, Intas Pharma; Parimal Nathwani, Group President, Reliance Group; Ravi Sharma, CEO, Adani Group; Sudhir Mehta, Chairman, Torrent; Sunil Kakkad, Chairman, Sai Infosystem (India) Ltd.; Kriti Joshi, Sr. VP, Sai Infosystem (India) Ltd.; Sushil Handa, Chairman, Fifth Veda Entrepreneur/Abellon Energy; D Alok, Business Head, Suzlon Energy Ltd.; B K Goenka, Chairman, Welspun; R J Shah, CEO, Dahej SEZ Ltd.; Samir Patel, CMD, Amos Enterprises; Nirav Mahadevia, Managing Director, Technopolis; Bina Hermeith, Business Head, Abellon Energy.

I join with my colleagues in recognizing the importance of this delegation's visit to our Nation's capital, and I commend AUSIB's President, Mr. Sanjay Puri, for playing a pivotal role in advancing, promoting and strengthening the U.S.-India partnership.

#### IN HONOR OF THE TOMS RIVER NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

#### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of the Toms River National Little League team, who recently returned home from the 2010 Little League World Series. I join the constituents of New Jersey's 3rd District and the State of New Jersey in displaying an immense amount of pride for this inspiring and hard-working team.

Carrying on a tradition of great Jersey Shore baseball, this group of 13 young little league stars played their hearts out to win an impressive 10 straight elimination games. They went all the way to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, representing the U.S. Mid-Atlantic Division with spirit and determination. They returned home to the hero's welcome they deserve by the Toms River community.

The team was one of only eight out of some 16,000 Little League teams across the country to make it so far in the series. It was the fourth Toms River squad and the 10th in the state to ever reach to the World Series.

Regardless of what the scoreboard read, the athletes of the Toms River National team are winners. These young athletes learned valuable life lessons such as the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, while meeting and developing bonds with other players from countries all over the world.

It is with great honor that I place the names of this year's Toms River Nationals Little League team into the CONGRESSIONAL

RECORD. Under the leadership of Manager Paul Decegle and coaches Karl Blum and John Lazzaro, assistants Russell Petranto Sr., Tom Tiplady, Ronnie Marinaccio, Larry Ciervo, Ronnie Marinaccio Jr., Nic Lebar, and Ryan Decegle, team members Anthony Decegle, Billy Lumi, Russell Petranto, Patrick Marinaccio, Joey Rose, Zack Burns, Joey Hertgen, Kevin Blum, Johnny Lazzaro, Jake Loffredo, Cody Lebar, Michael Tiplady, and Jeff Ciervo made their hometown, their State, and this Congressman very proud.

#### DREAM FOR A CURE EVENT

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and sincerity that I take this time to honor Mr. Fred Halpern, Mrs. Nancy Adams, and Dr. David Gross for their many years of service and dedication to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For their exceptional contributions to such a worthy cause, each of them were honored with the "Different Faces of MS" Award at the Dream for a Cure event held at Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso, Indiana, on Friday, August, 20, 2010.

Since 1960, Mr. Fred Halpern has been the owner of Albert's Jewelers, which originated in East Chicago and is now located in Schererville. It is due to Fred's warm and enthusiastic personality that Albert's Jewelers has become the success it is today. Family has always been the core of Fred's life and it is no surprise that he has shaped his business by turning customers into family friends. Multiple Sclerosis became a part of Fred's life when the love of his life, his wife Donna, was diagnosed soon after their two children, Holly and Joshua were born. Fred has an enormous sense of pride and respect for Donna's courageous struggle and has said, "Donna has been battling this disease for forty years and has never once complained. My wife has an amazing inner-strength, she loves to laugh and everyone who meets her loves her. She inspires me to do my best everyday." The Multiple Sclerosis Society has become a channel for Fred and Donna to give back to others who are struggling with this disease and they have been involved with the foundation for many years. Albert's Jewelers holds an auction each year in which the proceeds go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Fred's business also participates in the MS walk each year. In addition, Albert's continues to concentrate on MS events throughout the area that contribute to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For his continued passionate and enthusiastic devotion to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Fred is to be commended.

Mrs. Nancy Adams and her husband, Russ of Valparaiso, Indiana are the proud owners of Strongbow Inn. In 1999, Nancy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a prognosis that changed her life forever. After three years, Nancy was doing very well and decided that it was time to give back to the many people struggling with the disease. In 2003, Nancy rode in two bike-a-thons for Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) and raised \$20,000. She was also asked that year to host the first WAMS luncheon in Northwest Indiana.

Nancy continues to donate her time and energy to the cause and has since hosted three WAMS luncheons and rode in three bike-a-thons. For Nancy, having MS is a blessing and has made her realize the importance of life. She and her beloved husband have three amazing children, Ashley, Courtney, and Matthew, with whom she has shared her journey. Nancy's lifelong commitment to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and its many members is an inspiring testament to her character.

Dr. David Gross of Schererville is an ophthalmologist and maintains three offices in Northwest Indiana. In 2002, Dr. Gross rode in his first MS bike tour at Eagle Creek and since has participated each year consecutively, making this year his 9th tour. With the help of many friends, colleagues, and family, David has been able to raise \$175,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Other than through his patients, Dr. Gross has no personal ties to MS, but he has discovered the outstanding benefits that the Multiple Sclerosis Society provides for its patients and selflessly continues to support the cause. His commitment to the Multiple Sclerosis Society can only be matched by the devotion he has to his family. David and his wife Nancy have been married for 19 years and have three beautiful daughters; Sami, Rachel, and Elly. Dr. Gross's compassion and generosity are to be admired and he is worthy of the highest praise.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals as they are honored with the "Different Faces of MS" Award. Through their selfless devotion and service to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, they have been able to touch the lives of countless individuals, and each recipient is truly an inspiration to us all.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,443,442,988,893.40.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,805,017,242,599.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### U.S.-TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERATION

#### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, since the Taiwanese election of President Ma Ying-jeou in March 2008, leaders in Beijing and Taipei have promoted cross-strait engagement. Yet it