

Transit, a transportation agency serving Washington's Puget Sound region. However, she will also be leaving behind a legacy of service that will endure in the Bridge District's improved infrastructure, modernized services, and sounder long-term financial outlook.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Ms. Kupersmith for her contributions to the Bay Area and in wishing her all the best in her new endeavors. Ms. Kupersmith leaves our Bridge, buses, and ferries stronger than when she arrived, and with a sound footing for building on recent progress.

CONGRATULATING MS. CATHERINE CARNAHAN

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Catherine Carnahan of Oregon for receiving the award of Middle Level Principal of the Year. The National Association of Secondary Schools Principals honors the secondary school principal who has succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.

Ms. Carnahan believes in the spirit of collaboration and unselfishly credits the highly-trained team that she leads. Over the last five years, this cooperation has led to increased test scores and an attendance rate of 95 percent or higher. She and her team work together to find strategies to help each student succeed.

I am privileged to represent Duniway Middle School in McMinnville, Oregon, and the team of professionals that provide quality education to their students every day. Not only do I honor Ms. Carnahan for her contribution to the noble endeavor of teaching, but I commend her as an example of true leadership. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Carnahan for this important recognition and her commitment to excellence in our public schools.

HONORING HOWARD S. WEITZMAN

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the Nassau County Comptroller Howard S. Weitzman for his remarkable contributions to the Long Island community. As Comptroller, Mr. Weitzman served as a fiscal watchdog and continuously worked to strengthen Nassau County. For these reasons and many others, I believe he is worthy of recognition.

As the first Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to be elected to the office of Nassau County Comptroller, Mr. Weitzman successfully strengthened the Comptroller's office. He achieved a significant financial turnaround, changing deficits into surpluses and providing balanced budgets without a tax increase for five years in a row. Mr. Weitzman focused on

audits in the areas of County government with the largest expenditures, which resulted in identifying millions of dollars in potential savings. In addition, he has assembled a highly professional staff and continuously improved the office by implementing innovative management techniques.

Under the Office of Comptroller, Mr. Weitzman created and implemented the NassauRx Card. This innovative prescription drug program provides discounts up to 40 percent on commonly prescribed drugs and is accepted at more than 90 percent of the County's drugstores. Mr. Weitzman successfully implemented this program with no cost to County taxpayers and the NassauRx Card has saved Nassau residents more than \$12 million.

The work of Mr. Weitzman is inspiring, and I am grateful to him for all that he has accomplished for Nassau County. It is through his hard work and determination that Nassau County remains prosperous and strong. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for his contributions to society.

RECOGNIZING CISCO SYSTEMS, INC. FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE IN RICHARDSON, TEXAS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Richardson, Texas, branch of Cisco Systems, Inc. on 10 years of outstanding operations. Cisco, the global leader in building the "Human Network," has over 70,000 employees worldwide, 1,400 of which work in the Third Congressional District of Texas.

The American public recognizes the company's internationally famous name and logo from popular TV shows such as 24 and Rubicon where, true to life, Cisco's unmatched technology is used by government agencies to defend the Nation against enemies foreign and domestic. The company also leads the way in keeping our kids safe as they navigate the Internet. In fact, Cisco invented key technology that helped shape the Internet—transforming how people connect, communicate and collaborate.

The vision of Len Bosack and Sandy Lemer, Cisco's founders, propelled this company into a multi-billion dollar business. Recognized by hundreds of magazines and investors as one of the "Best Places to Work," Cisco's commitment to innovation and research is at the company's core. With over five billion dollars a year invested in Research and Development, R&D, Cisco represents one of the biggest R&D spenders in the world. Their technology and innovations have changed the way the United States—and the world—communicates.

It is a privilege to have many of this top-notch company's best and brightest living and working in North Texas. To the outstanding employees of Cisco-Richardson, happy 10th anniversary, and I salute you.

HONORING SAMES MOTOR COMPANY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sames Motor Company's one hundredth year in operation. Sames Motor Company is Texas' oldest dealership. This automotive company has accomplished a century of service to our community throughout the years.

Founded in 1910 by William J. Sames, this successful and prospering company has been sustained through five generations of Sames, traditional values and great work ethic. It continues to be locally owned in Laredo, Texas and operated by the Sames family. The dealership started with humble beginnings with an inventory starting with three Ford Model-Ts. Today, it sells over 3,000 new vehicles and an excess of 4,000 used vehicles a year and employs over 400 workers through the Sames Auto Group.

Within 4 years of its founding, a new location was needed for the booming business. By 1919, a new, grander location was established in downtown Laredo, which sold Ford, Cadillac, and other automobiles. Years later after World War II, Sames agreed with Ford Motor Company to be a dealership selling the Ford brand exclusively. The company continued to prosper under a succession of the Sames family, Harry E. Sames, Sr., son of W.J. Sames; Harry E. Sames, Jr., son of Harry, Sr.; and Harry "Hank" E. Sames III. In 1926 the dealership sold over a thousand Fords. By the 1960s and '70s, Sames Motor Company expanded to add three more locations in Laredo. The company, owned by the fourth generation of Sames, continued forward by acquiring Sames Red Barn, a dealership in Austin and expanding to Corpus Christi locations. Hank Sames developed the in-house financing division known as Thunderbird Auto Finance and launched the state of the art Sames Collision Center. Today, Sames Motor Company is owned by the fifth generation of Sames and thrives on traditional business values and excellent customer service.

Sustaining a business for a century is not the only accomplishment of this establishment—community outreach and philanthropic contributions have come along with the success of Sames Motor Company. The founding of the Sames Scholars and the Driven to Success Programs is the only program of its kind for south Texas as an education based initiative. Evelyn Sames, fifth generation owner, implemented a new program called "Mission: Give Laredo," which benefits Bethany House, a local charity. In 2009, Mission: Give Laredo raised over \$100,000 and contributed food, clothing, and goods. Recently, working with city officials, Evelyn is developing the Tires for Life recycling and wellness program, which will commit to the youth to healthy living and recycling. Sames Motor Company has also been the recipient of numerous awards and recognition.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize Texas' oldest dealership and its 100th anniversary. Through outstanding service and a family owned business, Sames Motor Company has accomplished a century of dedication.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICKELODEON
AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
"DORA THE EXPLORER"

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to recognize Nickelodeon for their commitment to educational programming that promotes the ideals of multiculturalism, bilingualism, and diversity. August 14, 2010 marked the 10-year anniversary of the popular animated television educational program "Dora the Explorer," and this week the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute will recognize Nickelodeon at the organization's 33rd Annual Public Policy Conference.

As co-chair of the Communications, Technology, and Arts Taskforce, I work with my colleagues to promote the advancement of Latino arts and culture in all mediums, including print, broadcast, and the Internet. Achieving these goals requires forming partnerships with local, state, and national groups, including artists, non-profit advocacy organizations, and corporate broadcasters and programmers.

Nickelodeon is one of these important partners that has been successful in incorporating the values of multiculturalism, bilingualism, and diversity by producing shows like "Dora the Explorer." The interactive children's television show, created by Chris Gifford, Eric Weiner, and Valerie Walsh, ranks among the top-rated shows in nearly every major market in the world, and is syndicated to TV broadcasters in 151 markets and translated into 30 languages. The program teaches Spanish in the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Ireland, and teaches English in most other international markets.

The show's main character, Dora Marquez, has become an ambassador of Latino language and culture, reaching millions of children around the world. The show's creators have been able to use the full power of animation to transform the television medium as a force for bridging cultural gaps and educating children about diversity.

I also applaud Nickelodeon for marking the 10th anniversary of "Dora the Explorer," with a multi-year, multi-platform, pro-social campaign titled "Beyond the Backpack." This program, named for Dora's iconic backpack, champions overall school readiness for preschoolers as they prepare for the important adventure of starting school.

In partnership with an advisory committee that includes the National Parent Teacher Association, PTA, and other experts and leaders in school readiness, "Beyond the Backpack" will provide parents with tools and resources that can help children prepare for a well-rounded, positive experience as they enter kindergarten. Programs like these will promote education to all children and assist parents.

I am pleased to recognize Nickelodeon on the 10th anniversary of "Dora the Explorer," and commend the network for their commitment to educational programming that promotes the ideals of multiculturalism, bilingualism, and diversity.

CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY
INVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the main issue facing public power providers, corporate electric companies, and tribal utilities who wish to generate renewable energy is the lack of equal treatment under the current tax credit bond system. The "Clean Renewable Energy Investment Act of 2010," brings parity to these providers by giving them the necessary tools to help solve the nation's energy problems while creating thousands of jobs. In 2005, Congress created the Clean Renewable Energy Bond ("CREB") program to provide the not-for-profit sector of the utility industry with a federal incentive to assist them in creating green jobs and developing renewable power generation. Many much needed improvements and modifications to the CREB program have been discovered through the practical application of the CREBS program over the past five years. This bill provides the much needed improvements to the CREB program, bringing the program's effectiveness in line with Congress's initial intent.

The bill contains four key provisions. First it provides parity with the Section 45 production tax credits. Second, it targets incentives to commercial scale projects. Third, it clarifies that tribal utilities may issue CREBs. Lastly, it includes important technical modifications to make CREBs more consistent with other types of existing tax credit bonds.

Ultimately, this bill enables these power providers to develop and own renewable resources directly, while ensuring that the full benefit of the federal incentive flows directly to electric consumers—resulting in lower costs to the consumers through the creation of green jobs and renewable energy.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE OHIO ASSOCIATION
OF REALTORS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 100th birthday of the Ohio Association of REALTORS (OAR).

Home ownership stands as a hallmark of the American way of life, and, for millions of working families throughout this nation's history, owning a home comprises a large part of achieving the American dream. At the core of this promise is the industry which helps make this dream a reality.

Realtors serve a vital role in the healthy propagation of homeownership; therefore, those who contribute to the furtherance of this profession are deserving of our thanks and recognition. The Ohio Association of REALTORS was created to help protect the investment Americans place in their homes, and for 100 years this fine organization has served with distinction. Where homeownership flourishes neighborhoods prosper, as residents are more civic-minded, schools stronger and streets safer.

For 100 years, the Ohio Association of REALTORS has worked to emphasize the value of home ownership and other property ownerships as well as property improvement across the state. Moreover, the OAR actively promotes a sense of civic responsibility and volunteerism with its over 35,000 members, while also pushing members to adhere to the National Association of REALTORS' stringent Code of Ethics.

Through commendable love of our community and fidelity to their craft, OAR serves a vital need in the state of Ohio. Therefore, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Ohio Association of REALTORS and in honor of all those individuals who serve their community as a realtor, I am proud to offer this recognition. As a former realtor, I am especially pleased to honor this fine organization for its service to our great state and the realty community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FLOURTOWN
FIRE COMPANY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Flourtown Fire Company on the 100th Anniversary of their founding. Located in Springfield Township, this all-volunteer fire company serves not only the residents of Springfield, but also several surrounding communities.

When a local barn burnt down in 1910, a small group of dedicated citizens came together to form what would become the Flourtown Fire Company. From a modest start of a hand-drawn hose-cart stored in a barn to a modern firehouse with state-of-the-art life saving equipment, the Flourtown Fire Company has been a vital asset to the community.

The volunteers of the Flourtown Fire Company have relocated several times to accommodate their growing fleet. In 1983 the company opened its doors to women volunteers as well as men.

Over the past century the Flourtown Fire Company has demonstrated its commitment to protecting its neighbors numerous times. The Flourtown Fire Company is the home of station 6, Engine 6, Ladder 6, Squad 6, and Utility 6. The company's heroic work and valor has been recognized by the Montgomery County Firemen's Association for life saving efforts far above and beyond the call of duty. In 2003, the company added a Firefighter Assist and Search Team to help protect volunteers during rescue operations. The company also offers safety training courses and activities for children and families.

My constituents in the Springfield area are safer and more secure because of dedicated men and women like those who serve and support the Flourtown Fire Company. I am honored to represent the volunteers of the Flourtown Fire Company and the communities they serve.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Flourtown Fire Company's 100 year celebration and wishing them many more years of faithful service to the community.