

As a community activist, Dr. Parikh has donated to charitable organizations in both the United States and India. Most notably, he accompanied former President Bill Clinton to Gujarat in 2001 following the devastating earthquake and in 2004 launched a humanitarian program to help tsunami victims. Dr. Parikh has worked to establish trauma centers in India and supports the One Teacher School in tribal regions. Moreover, Dr. Parikh has donated considerably to the Indian Independence Day Parade, the American India Foundation, Share and Care, and the Nargis Dutt Foundation. Dr. Parikh is one of the largest benefactors of both the Vraj Temple and the Vaishnavite Temple.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the extraordinary contributions of Dr. Sudhir Parkikh. He is a greatly valued citizen of the state of New Jersey, and I am honored to recognize him today.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAVE
NEWMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember Dave Newman who died on September 2, 2010. Most people in the Cleveland area will remember him as Cousin Dave Wilson, the host of the long-running show "When the Roses Bloom Again" every Thursday night on WRUW, 91.1 FM in Cleveland, the radio station of Case Western Reserve University.

Cousin Dave has hosted the country music show since 1975 which has featured all manner of American roots music, including folk, blues, bluegrass, country & western, rockabilly, twang and many other similar genres. Cousin Dave was not only popular with college music listeners, but he also had a wide and diverse global audience which grew from the early days when WRUW operated around the campus at 10 watts, through power increases to 1000 watts and 15,000 watts, and in recent years as the station webcast at www.wruw.org. Cousin Dave, along with deejays Dan Ewry and Jim Gilliland who adopted the names Cousin Dan and Cousin Jimmie, took on the "Wilson" surname to honor and remember one of their early listeners and supporters, Rose Wilson, who could not find other sources in Cleveland for the beloved music of her native West Virginia. Cousin Dave changed the name of his show from "Mather Jamboree" to "When the Roses Bloom Again" after Rose Wilson died. Besides playing the music from vinyl and CDs, Cousin Dave featured live performers on an almost weekly basis with the help of his assistant James E. Guyette, also known as Mr. JG. Together, Cousin Dave and Mr. JG featured little-known performers who later developed large local, regional and national followings, such as Stacie Collins, Colette, David Childers, Charlie Christopherson, Hillbilly Idol, Al's Fast Freight, and Crossties, to name just a few.

Dave Newman, Dave was his given name, David was a nickname, was born in Dayton and moved to the Cleveland area as a child. He graduated from Warrensville Heights High

School in 1962 and Kent State University with a degree in Sociology in 1968. In 1969 he began his career as a caseworker for the Cuyahoga County welfare department and went on to become a casework supervisor before he retired in 2003. In his retirement, he started working at Sokolowski's University Inn in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood until he was diagnosed with cancer in 2005. Surviving the cancer, Dave went on to serve as a liaison between the welfare department and the county Bureau of Developmental Disability, running a successful experimental program which enabled clients with disabilities to receive all the services and benefits to which they were entitled.

Dave married Denise Kassoff in 1970 and they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 14 of this year. Together they had 3 children, Amanda, Zachary, and Benjamin Adon, who survive him. He is also survived by his mother Mary Newman and sister Joyce Norman. Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Cousin Dave and giving our condolences to his family and his many friends in the Greater Cleveland community and beyond.

HONORING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NANTICOKE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION NO. 4

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the 100-year anniversary of the Nanticoke City Fire Department Station No. 4.

The Station is located at 108 Espy Street in the Hanover section of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and is home to the Hanover Hose Company, Engine No. 4 of the Nanticoke City Fire Department.

The Nanticoke City Fire Department is comprised of seven volunteer fire companies operating out of two fire stations. The Department serves a population of over 10,000 Nanticoke residents, including myself and my wife, and responds not only to fire calls but also EMS calls, motor vehicle accidents, and mutual aid calls with neighboring townships.

In 2010, they have responded to over 500 incidents throughout the community.

The Hanover Hose Company was originally organized in 1895, making it one of the oldest of the seven volunteer fire companies of the Nanticoke City Fire Department.

In 1897, the Hanover Hose Company purchased property at 108 Espy Street in Nanticoke, and donated the property to the local area government—at that time the Nanticoke Borough.

Shortly after its donation, the Borough erected an original frame structure on the property where the Company held some of its earliest meetings.

In 1910, the Borough replaced the original structure with a brick building, which celebrates its 100-year anniversary this year.

The current structure was first home to the Company's hose and chemical truck and horses until 1924. Since then, the building has

housed the Company's upgraded fire equipment, including first a Reo Hose and Chemical Truck from 1924 to 1927, and its replacement, an American LaFrance triple combination truck.

Since its construction in 1910, the building has also been used as a police station, a jury room, and a library, and has hosted a countless number of community gatherings.

Currently, the building at 108 Espy Street in Nanticoke serves as one of two fire stations of the Nanticoke City Fire Department, and currently houses the Hanover Hose Company's 1974 Hahn Pumper.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this local milestone. Over the past 100 years, 108 Espy Street in Nanticoke has become a symbol of community pride and service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. D.J. PANDIAN, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ENERGY AND PETROCHEMICAL DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. D.J. Pandian, Principal Secretary of Energy and Petrochemicals of the Government of Gujarat.

Mr. Pandian, who has 30 years of experience in public policy and administration, is leading a high-level business delegation from Gujarat, India to the U.S. to promote and strengthen U.S.-India trade. The Gujarat delegation is on a four-city visit to the U.S. to showcase investment opportunities.

In cooperation with the Alliance for U.S.-India Business, AUSIB, the Congressional Taskforce on U.S.-India Trade and Investment Relations welcomed the Gujarat delegation at a meeting held in the U.S. Capitol on September 15, 2010.

The taskforce and the Gujarat delegation discussed ways in which they could collaborate, particularly in the fields of healthcare, IT, renewable energy, and the oil and gas sectors. On behalf of the delegation, Mr. Pandian extended invitations to Members of Congress to attend the Vibrant Gujarat 2011 Summit to be held on January 12–13, 2011, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Gujarat delegation received an overwhelming response of support from Members of Congress and I want to personally thank Mr. Pandian for his leadership in bringing key stakeholders together and, once more, I commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, President of AUSIB, for highlighting the importance of this delegation's visit to Washington, D.C.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Pandian served as the Chief Executive Officer of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation, GSPC, and its group companies for 8 years. During his tenure, he converted the minuscule GSPC into a giant oil and gas company with presence in the entire Value Chain of Hydro Carbon Sector.

He developed extensive gas grid networks for transmission and distribution of natural gas throughout Gujarat. Through his visionary policies and program implementation skills, he

also developed city gas distribution systems in most of the districts of Gujarat with active public and private participation.

He was also instrumental in setting up a modern university, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, to provide highly skilled technical manpower to the industries in the petroleum sector.

Mr. Pandian's work is unmatched and it is my honor to pay tribute to him.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, September 11, 2001, is a day forever etched into the memory of most Americans. On that day, over 3,000 innocent people—including 48 men and women from the state of Maryland—died during the attacks on the Pentagon, the World Trade Center, and aboard Flight 93. We gather today to honor their memory and the sacrifice of the families of the victims. We also renew our commitment to honoring the sacrifice and service of the citizens who risked their lives to help the victims as well as the survivors.

While 9/11 is a day of great sadness, it is also a moment of pride. Our reaction as a nation to those events—both as they were unfolding and afterwards—reveals much about us as a people. On that day, our enemies thought they could break our will, but they underestimated our resolve and resilience. They sought to divide us, but they misjudged the breadth of our unity and the depth of our commitment to freedom.

As we look back on the 9 years since the attacks, we are reminded that the threat is not over—the United States still faces enemies who spread hate through violence. The federal government and Congress have an obligation and duty to protect our nation. We have made great progress since the attacks, but there is still much to be done.

It is on this day that we also reflect on the way Americans from all backgrounds came together as one in the face of adversity. While every American should take a moment out of his or her day to remember those who were lost, we must continue to dedicate ourselves to giving back to our communities.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to join with Latinos and Latinas in California's 35th Congressional District and all across the United States in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, which starts today. This month is a great opportunity to learn about and to recognize the history of Hispanics in our state and our country, their significant accomplishments and their important ongoing contributions.

The Hispanic community in America, which now numbers almost 50 million people, is di-

verse. The largest group is Mexican-Americans, many of whom tomorrow will be celebrating 200 years of Mexico's independence from Spain and later this year will commemorate the centennial of the Mexican Revolution, when the people of Mexico rose up against an oppressive dictatorship to establish a democratic government that promoted equality and human rights.

Despite the diversity among Hispanics, members of the community share common values with one another and with all other Americans: faith, family, and love of country. The Hispanic dream—the hope of a better, more prosperous future—is the American Dream.

Economically, culturally, and politically, Latinos are a vital part of our district, our state and our nation. American life has been enriched by Hispanic contributions in business, education, government, and the arts for more than 200 years.

As we celebrate the progress, success and achievements of the Hispanic community, we must also recognize the considerable challenges the community faces. Many Hispanic families and businesses have not fared well economically over the last several years as the failed economic policies of the Bush Administration led to the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Hispanics, like African Americans and other minorities, have been particularly impacted by the economic downturn, with higher rates of unemployment and predatory subprime mortgages.

Over the last year and a half, the Democratic-led Congress has been working hard to improve the lives and meet the needs of America's Hispanic families—from the economy, to small businesses, to making college more affordable, to health care, to veterans. We must do all we can to better ensure that all Latinos, like all Americans, have a meaningful opportunity to improve their lives and pursue the American Dream. I will continue to be a strong advocate for Hispanics and all of my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably delayed and unable to return to the floor in time for rollcall vote 519.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 519, I would have voted "aye" (H. Res. 1052, Honoring the members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard of the State of Oklahoma for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States since September 2001).

FINDINGS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ARMED SERVICES RELATING TO EFFICIENCY AND REFORM PURSUANT TO H. RES. 1493

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the budget enforcement resolution for fiscal year 2011 passed by the House of Representatives on July 1, 2010, as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee I am submitting for inclusion in the Congressional Record efforts by the committee that will achieve deficit reduction through reduction in waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, promoting efficiency and reform of government, and controlling spending within Government programs authorized by this committee.

As stewards of the public funds, it is imperative that Congress support a commitment to oversight of all aspects of federal spending and to ensure that tax dollars are protected from waste, fraud and abuse and that the Federal Government is efficient in meeting the needs of our country. Members of the Armed Services Committee embrace this obligation and have taken an active role to protect America's tax dollars while ensuring our nation's defense.

Of all our efforts to ensure the best value for every taxpayer dollar, I am particularly proud of the Committee's accomplishments on defense acquisition reform during the 111th Congress. As you know, former ranking member John McHugh and I appointed a Panel on Defense Acquisition Reform in March 2009. Over the course of the subsequent 12 months, the Panel held 14 hearings examining all aspects of the defense acquisition system. The exceptional work of this panel, led by Chairman ROB ANDREWS and Ranking Member MIKE CONAWAY, led directly to passage of the IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010, which will reform much of the defense acquisition system and potentially save taxpayers billions of dollars. This is in addition to the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, signed into law by President Obama on May 22, 2009, which has already started to save money for the American taxpayer by reforming the way the Department of Defense acquires weapon systems.

These major efforts to bring much needed reform to the defense acquisition system are in addition to all of the Committee's continual work overseeing defense budgets, programs, and spending. Also, the committee undertakes an annual national defense authorization bill that includes a number of provisions that seek to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse within the Department of Defense, and the Department of Energy for defense matters.

During the first session of the 111st Congress, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, H.R. 2647, was signed into law on October 8, 2009. Public Law 111-84 contains a number of provisions that seek to root out fraud, waste and abuse within the Department of Defense (DOD), and also sought to enhance the effectiveness of our national security programs and policies. Examples of such legislative action include:

Limited low rate production of Future Combat Systems spin-out early-infantry brigade