

of Army Private First Class Paul Orazio Cuzzupe II, of Plant City, Florida.

PFC Cuzzupe, an Army combat medic, was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on August 8th when his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device.

U.S. Army combat medics are the battlefield's first responders, fearlessly providing first aid and basic medical care to those in desperate need. PFC Cuzzupe personified this bravery and compassion. In fact, a week before he died, PFC Cuzzupe was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his tireless efforts to save life of an Afghan child that had been severely wounded by an insurgent's bomb.

Outside of the Army, Paulie—as he is known to his friends—was an outstanding young man in his own right. He had been an honor student at Armwood High School and was a talented self-taught guitarist who led his own rock band and performed songs for Sunday school students.

Madam Speaker, though proud to have such a fine example from the Tampa Bay community, it is with great remorse that I rise to commemorate the life of PFC Cuzzupe. I am in awe of the young men and women like Paul Cuzzupe who choose to serve their countrymen in the armed forces. I appreciate their professionalism and dedication. Their sacrifice, like that of PFC Cuzzupe will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ST. LOUIS ZOO

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the world-famous St. Louis Zoo, which I am proud to represent. For a century, the St. Louis Zoo, a national landmark located in St. Louis' historic Forest Park, has entertained and educated millions of visitors from around the world.

Since the St. Louis Zoo's first days it has pioneered the preservation and propagation of endangered species. The St. Louis Zoo is a world leader in efforts to conserve animals and their habitats through animal management, research, recreation, educational programs and environmental stewardship.

The St. Louis Zoo has played an indispensable role in the development of environmental awareness for generations of American children and its ongoing research continues to spur new ideas to help visitors understand, appreciate and respect the diversity and fragile balance of life on earth.

This year, over three million visitors will be enriched and inspired by a visit to the St. Louis Zoo as it continues to entertain and educate animal lovers of all ages.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Centennial of the St. Louis Zoo, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this American cultural treasure.

HONORING DIANA AND LÉON BERLINER,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diana and Léon Berliner, extraordinary citizens of Humboldt County, California, who have dedicated their lives to public service. The husband and wife team are being honored by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee as 2010 Citizens of the Year for one of our nation's most precious rights—participation in the political system. Their commitment to the general health and welfare of the community and to the preservation of our liberty is worthy of appreciation and recognition.

Diana Berliner has been a dedicated educator for over 40 years. She has focused her career on the needs of special education students, in the classroom and in training student teachers. Diana has also had a distinguished career in connection with the California Association of Resource Specialists, serving as a board member, president, conference presenter and newsletter editor. She has served as an advisory member to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and served on advisory committees to the Humboldt County Office of Education. And, as a vigorous advocate for public education, Diana Berliner has also been active in the Association of Retired Teachers. She continues to volunteer in many capacities throughout our community, including Ferndale Repertory, College of the Redwoods and North Coast Repertory Theatre.

Léon Berliner arrived safely in the United States after boarding a Liberty Ship at the age of 13 in 1948. As a Holocaust survivor and native of Antwerp, Belgium, Léon's harrowing story of survival inspires our deepest admiration. It is a story of perseverance and determination that led to a life-long commitment to help those less fortunate. Léon became a citizen and went on to receive his education, then served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. Upon returning to civilian life, he launched a long and distinguished career serving children and adults with disabilities. He worked in that capacity from New York to California, developing model programs and educating the community to the needs of people with disabilities. After moving to Humboldt County in 1971, he became the founder and Executive Director of Redwoods United Workshop, dedicated to providing training and work experience for the disabled. Following his retirement, Léon pursued his passion for classical music by opening Berliner's Cornucopia, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for life by further educating and enriching the lives of many on the North Coast.

These extraordinary individuals have demonstrated many times over their commitment and public spirit. They possess a keen interest in community life and participate every day in a meaningful and thoughtful manner by making our community a better place in which to live.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Diana and Léon Berliner for their unwavering compassion and for

their contribution to the ideals and traditions that have made America a nation of hope and achievement.

DR. THOMAS P. CAMPBELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Thomas P. Campbell for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award.

Dr. Campbell began his Ophthalmology practice in 1988 and since has become a leader in his field. His investment and restoration of property along 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge, Colorado has provided the city with an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally conscious building that will increase property values.

This new office design has provided a model that will promote sustainable development projects in Wheat Ridge. Specifically, the design features a porous pavement drainage system that significantly reduces the need for on-site storm water detention facilities creating cost effective use of the land.

I extend my congratulations to Dr. Thomas P. Campbell, on receiving the 2010 City of Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award and thank him for his dedication and commitment to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO IASHA A. RIVERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Iasha A. Rivers.

Iasha Rivers is the Director of External Affairs and Corporate Communications for Macy's Inc. She specializes in creating synergy in and out of the company from a brand marketing and customer first perspective. She has developed significant relationships within our communities, diversity initiatives, special projects, and the coordination of a number of charitable events on behalf of the company. She is also charged with the strategic planning and execution of advertising compliance for Macy's stores. Iasha is closely involved with working in partnership with city and state agencies, government officials and consumer boards to remain ahead of the curve on issues that affect the industry and customers. Ms. Rivers is responsible for developing policies and procedures to streamline store-line operational functions, as well as advising store executives on internal and external matters.

Iasha has a background in the entertainment industry. She worked for ASCAP (American Society of Composers and Publishers) and Double Xposure where she developed her skills in communications in the field of public relations. Previously, she worked in healthcare as a Performance Improvement Manager and Resident Coordinator for Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center/Special Care Unit, one of the first units in the nation to have a

dedicated AIDS center for long-term care patients.

It was through her work in healthcare that Rivers began to develop a commitment to volunteerism. Her commitment has continued to grow over the last 15 years, and she has become involved in organizing holiday events for foster children, raising funds through AIDSwalk, the Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure and working with children with cancer and their families at the Ronald McDonald House of NY. She has also coordinated mammography reminders for breast cancer awareness in all Macy's stores in the New York City area in conjunction with the City Council Speaker's Office of New York.

Iasha's passion for children and education has led her to giving presentations for college students on dressing for your success. She has also taught business seminars at the Henry Street Settlement for displaced workers building the skills to get back in the workforce.

Ms. Rivers is currently the 2010 Chair of SOCAP's (Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals International) Conference Board. She has also been named the Chair for United Way's 2011 Women United in Philanthropy—The Power of Women. With her combination of leadership, communication skills and volunteerism, Iasha was recently honored with a national award for the 40 Under Forty Dynamic Achievers in 2010. She has also been recognized by the United Way with the prestigious Rising Star Award in 2009.

Rivers attended Hunter College for a B.S. in Economics and is currently pursuing a degree in International Affairs at Columbia University.

Iasha is a single mom of two children, Andrew and Brianna, and lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Iasha A. Rivers.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT ACT

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Federal Employees Responsible Investment Act, which would add a socially responsible investment option to the Thrift Savings Plan.

The reckless actions of financial institutions and corporations that contributed to our nation's recession have provided countless illustrations of the need to place a greater emphasis on good corporate governance, as well as social and environmental practices that contribute to safety and sustainability. We must create an environment in which businesses take care of—and are held accountable to—their shareholders, employees and customers. Companies should be encouraged to implement sustainable environmental policies and practices, promote solid workplace relations and produce safe products.

While Federal employees currently have several investment options for their Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contributions, they are unable to choose one of the fastest-growing categories of investment—socially responsible investment. Investors are increasingly turning to socially responsible investment (SRI) options

because good corporate practices are often an indicator of good management, financial success and long-term stability. In 2009, three out of four large cap SRI mutual funds outperformed the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index by an average of 6 percentage points, according to data analyzed by the Social Investment Forum, a national association made up of over 400 financial professionals and institutions. A majority of these funds have also outperformed the S&P 500 over three years and over 10 years.

Federal employees deserve the opportunity to invest in companies that embrace the same integrity in their practices that government employees work to uphold. The Federal Employees Responsible Investment Act would direct the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (FRTIB) to select a "Corporate Responsibility Index" as an option for TSP investment. The index would include companies that meet strict financial criteria, in addition to having strong corporate governance, sustainable environmental policies and practices, solid workplace relations, positive community involvement, safe products, and respect for human rights around the world. Under this bill, the FRTIB would select an index that best meets Federal employees' needs and demonstrates returns comparable to the other investment options available under the TSP.

Making an investment in companies that are committed to corporate responsibility will have a positive impact on our financial system, as well as empower federal employees to reward companies that share their values. I encourage my colleagues to support this measure.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. CHRISTOPHER CERF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Christopher Cerf upon receiving the 2010 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. Mr. Cerf has dedicated his life to making educational resources more accessible to all children, and enriching children's educational experiences.

Mr. Cerf began his career after graduating from Harvard University, when he spent eight years as a senior editor at Random House, working with such diverse authors as George Plimpton, Andy Warhol, Abbie Hoffman, Ray Bradbury, and Dr. Seuss. Mr. Cerf then took his talents to the acclaimed children's show Sesame Street where he has been a regular contributor of music and lyrics since the show's first season. He won two Grammy and three Emmy awards for his work with Sesame Street. For over forty years, Mr. Cerf has creatively been educating children using music and lyrics as educational tools.

In 2000, Mr. Cerf and his company Sirius Thinking Ltd., started a new highly acclaimed children's educational daily television program, Between the Lions. Mr. Cerf's literacy series Between the Lions has appeared on PBS for nine seasons, and received two Television Critics' Award for Outstanding Children's TV Program and 10 Emmy Awards. Academic studies have shown that Between the Lions,

and its companion literacy instruction resources, is hugely successful in helping children learn to read, especially those who are at a high risk of literacy failure. The literacy series has proven to have particularly strong results in phonics, vocabulary, and reading frequency.

Mr. Cerf is currently working on yet another educational television series, Lomax, the Hound of Music, which aims to develop children's musical awareness.

In addition to working tirelessly on his educational series, Mr. Cerf is currently a member of the board of directors of Reading Is Fundamental, First Book and the We Are Family Foundation. He is also a governor of the New York Chapter of the Recording Academy.

I am deeply appreciative for Mr. Cerf's life's work in education. On behalf of the 14th District of New York, I am honored to thank Mr. Cerf and to congratulate him on receiving the prestigious Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. May it help him with his future endeavors in teaching children. I know we can expect to see more great achievements from Mr. Christopher Cerf.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO PAKISTANI PEOPLE AFTER FLOODS

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, Pakistan is suffering from the worst floods in 80 years. About 20 million people have been affected; 1.2 million homes damaged; infrastructure destroyed; and water-borne diseases, such as cholera, are spreading. Significant resources from abroad are needed to alleviate the suffering and long-term consequences.

The U.S. government has responded quickly and effectively. But we also need to address the long-term recovery. We need to help the Pakistani people get back on their feet, even as the waters subside.

I commend the thousands of American individuals, NGOs and private companies that have responded with contributions. I call on them to continue to make or expand their donations. Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, Monsanto, GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan, Western Union, Americares and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are just some of the large donors that have stepped up to the plate. Donations can be made via the State Department's secure web page at www.state.gov/pakistanrelief/index.htm. Donation forms can be downloaded at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/146290.pdf>. Americans can also donate \$10 by texting "FLOOD" to 27722 (Standard text messaging and data usage rates apply).

A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN JOSEPH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Martin Joseph for his contributions to health care management.