

SUPPORT OF THE UNITED
NATIONS MILLENNIUM GOALS**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and to strongly urge the United States to do everything in its power to combat global inequalities. This week, as the UN gathers to discuss these important priorities, we must demonstrate our shared commitment to meeting the challenges we face as a global community.

The Millennium Development Goals aim to significantly reduce global injustices including extreme poverty and hunger, inferior education and healthcare systems, and unequal opportunity between the sexes by 2015. Of particular importance is the effort to cut in half the number of people worldwide—nearly one billion—who suffer from undernourishment or malnourishment.

Before the recent global economic and agriculture crises, many developing regions of the world were on track to meet the Millennium Development Goals for hunger. Now, the tremendous progress seen in Southeast Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean has been stymied. It is imperative that we address this issue now. Increased food security leads to advances in health, education, and equality in developing nations, all of which are vital to fostering international goodwill and national security.

Rashieda Weaver, president of the African Youth Coalition Against Hunger, Malnutrition, HIV and AIDS, and a constituent of mine, believes the key to solving this crisis lies in a strong local response, particularly through supporting women farmers. Women produce the majority of food in many developing regions, including up to 80 percent in Africa and 60 percent in Asia. However, in many developing nations, inferior education and economic injustice leaves women, and as a result their families and communities, unable to maximize their output. The U.S. should support programs that emphasize empowering women to produce at their full capacity, which studies show can increase yields by up to 20 percent, reducing hunger in the process.

As we approach the deadline, I urge my colleagues to embrace and support the Millennium Development Goals, and take steps to eradicate food insecurity worldwide.

HONORING NICK VAN DER DRIFT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nick van der Drift. Nick is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 235, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Nick has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nick has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Nick reached out to local businesses and citizens and successfully collected funds and supplies for the Community Service League of Blue Springs, Missouri, benefitting hundreds of those in need.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nick van der Drift for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE SMALL MANUFACTURERS EXPORT
INITIATIVE—INCLUSION IN
SMALL BUSINESS BILL**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of our nation's small manufacturers. Earlier this year, I introduced H.R. 5797, the Small Manufacturers Export Initiative. I am pleased to see that the provisions of the Small Manufacturers Export Initiative have been included in this Small Business bill that we are voting on today. This legislation, and this Rule, will help small and medium sized manufacturers export their products—not their jobs—overseas. I want to see the label “Made in America” again, continuing our drive to create American jobs, and expand America's manufacturing sector—and this bill is an important step in that direction. When we make it in America, we lead the world economy, we promote competitiveness, and we create jobs. The provisions are simple; they provide resources to the Department of Commerce to help small and medium sized businesses and manufacturers export their products overseas and create jobs here at home. The global market presents a fast and ever growing market for U.S. exports. Nationwide, nearly 3.7 million manufacturing jobs are supported by exports—27 percent of all jobs in the manufacturing sector. In my district alone there are over 170 aerospace manufacturing companies, and in Washington state there are over 100 boat manufacturers—with many of these small businesses exporting their products. We must do all we can to support these manufacturing companies sell their products both here in the United States—and in other countries. The small business export promotion provisions included in this bill will build the infrastructure necessary to connect American Small and Medium Sized manufacturers with export opportunities around the world and help them increase their productivity and expand their businesses. Let's work together to ensure “make it in America” is a reality for today's economy—and the future. I urge support for this legislation and this Rule.

TRIBUTE TO THE TENTH ANNUAL
BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute the Tenth Annual Binational Health Week to take place next month. This program was first established in 2001 to facilitate discussion on the challenges and opportunities that face migrant Latino populations. The annual forum allows participant agencies and organizations to effectively strategize public health policies that benefit border populations by addressing issues pertaining to health care.

Established as a partnership between the California-Mexico Health Initiative and the Mexican Ministry of Health and Foreign Affairs, Binational Health Week has become one of the largest mobilization efforts to improve the health and well being of underserved Hispanics in North America. Today, it is the product of relationships between multiple agencies and organizations that minister to immigrant population health issues.

This tradition has become an annual festival of health promotion and education activities which include workshops and medical screenings. Last year, the Binational Health Week was kicked off in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Through the inaugural event forum, five national campaigns were implemented with the aim of increasing the Latino population's awareness of: H1N1 and Preparing for Public Health Emergencies, Prevention of Addictions, Nutrition, Stroke Awareness, and Living Green.

In addition, to celebrate the Binational Health Week last year, an estimated 766,000 people participated in over 5,000 activities throughout the United States and Canada. Over 10,000 agencies, 140 consulates and 17,000 volunteers participated in the organization of the 2009 week long events.

This year, the inaugural forum will take place in Guanajuato, Mexico with the aim of exploring collaborative opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the cross-border migrant and immigrant population. Binational Health Week will be celebrated from October 4th through 15th in 40 states in the U.S. and 3 provinces in Canada. Also participating will be the consular networks of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

During Binational Health Week, a national campaign will take place to create awareness among the underserved Latino community on the topics of prevention of addictions, gang involvement among adolescents, oral health, obesity, diabetes, disabilities, autism awareness, and access to existing health care. During the campaign a series of activities and health education programs will be conducted including informational workshops, free screenings, core exams, and vaccinations to the public.

The expansion of Binational Health Week over the years has contributed to the main partnerships that have been formed between California's Department of Public Health, The California Endowment, The California HealthCare Foundation, the Health Initiative of the Americas at the University of California in Berkeley, the United States-Mexico Border

Health Commission, the Secretariats of Health and Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Colombia, the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, and the Mexican Social Security Institute.

Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Binational Health Week and its organizers, volunteers and participants for realizing this important initiative. Planning for the Tenth Annual Binational Health Week is already well under way in the Inland Empire. I encourage the residents in my district and around the country to observe and partake in local Binational Health Week activities. It is fitting, on such an occasion, that we stand here today to honor Binational Health Week for their many years of outstanding service to our communities on and across the border.

HONORING THE GOLDEN MEMBERS
OF THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE
NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its 103rd Anniversary and Golden Member banquet on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include: Franklin N. Boskovich, Diana L. Budzielek, Jerry John Cogelja, Mark C. Corey, Anne Marie Glivar, William M. Glivar, Carl A. Helsing, Patrick Joseph Kane, William R. Kaurich, William M. Maluvac, Robert Petrussha, Filomena Schmidt, Judith Surowiec, and Georgene S. Trippel.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with approximately 489 additional Lodge members who have previously attained this important designation.

This memorable day will begin with a mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating. The banquet will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170 for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE WINSTON EUGENE ARNOW AND HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS A U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the House bringing this legislation to the floor today in making the technical change to designate the Historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the Winston E. Arnow Federal Building.

Since the United States District Court in the Northern District of Florida moved to a new courthouse location in 1999, this building underwent a major renovation and opened for occupancy in 2005. Occupying the building is the Bankruptcy Unit of the District Court, the United States Probation Offices and a portion of the District Court. The building has become an integral part of the Florida Northern District Court in Pensacola.

Madam Speaker, this measure provides a fitting tribute to the service and life of a man who did so much for Northwest Florida. He is widely acknowledged as the judge who made the hard decisions that reshaped our local area in the late sixties and seventies. Judge Arnow's decisions have shaped northern Florida's governments, its schools and its jails.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure to recognize a legacy of American fairness by a man whose decisions were in the right spirit of the instrument in which he believed most, the Constitution of the United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF THE MERION
VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Merion Village Association for twenty five years of fostering goodwill in its historic community. Merion Village was home to some of the first settlers of Columbus and has proved to be a resilient, vibrant community that is still very active today.

Two hundred years ago, Nathaniel Merion arrived in central Ohio to establish the town that would eventually bear his name. His intuitive business sense and the hard work and determination of the people of Merion launched the town into a hub of activity and industry. By the early 20th century, Merion had become a prime manufacturing center and the home of two large steel plants. Today Merion is a melting pot of different cultures, a vibrant town rooted in the past but looking toward the future.

The Merion Village Association cultivates a small-town feel in an increasingly global age. The Association seeks to preserve the values instilled by early settlers while incorporating the many cultures that have since come to the area. Merion Village is now a rich tapestry of new and old residents, an interesting blend of German, Irish, Italian, and Hungarian. The As-

sociation brings together Merion's many diverse residents to discuss hard issues facing their community and provides social outlets for residents to meet one another and forge new friendships.

Merion Village was the land of opportunity for many people, a place where they could realize their dreams. For the past 25 years, the Association has provided the residents of Merion with the social support needed to achieve their goals. Residents of Merion may learn about and discuss the issues facing their community through one of the monthly meetings the Association hosts. Additionally, residents who normally may not have had contact with one another have the opportunity to mix and mingle at one of the Association's many events.

As Merion Village continues to grow and strive, the Merion Village Association will continue to play an important and vital role in the community. On October 16, 2010, the Merion Village Association will celebrate its 25th anniversary. I am proud to recognize and honor the Merion Village Association for its efforts, past and future, in making Merion Village what it is today.

THE PHILLIES ARE OFF-FIELD
CHAMPIONS TOO

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, the Phillies in my hometown of Philadelphia are closing in on another baseball championship season with the aim of a third straight trip to the World Series.

But we don't need the latest baseball scores to declare the Phillies and their players as true champions in the neighborhoods and environs of Philadelphia.

It starts at the top with the Phillies themselves and Phillies Charities Inc., which has a lengthy and impressive list of community activities and charitable initiatives. The Phillies hit another home run this week, announcing a major partnership with Mayor Michael Nutter, the City of Philadelphia and Major League Baseball to expand the club's commitment to youth baseball in the inner city.

The partners announced they are launching the nearly—\$3 million Philadelphia Urban Youth Academy, a year-round program that will provide baseball and softball instruction as well as academic enrichment to youth in low-income neighborhoods. The academic investment is huge—combining baseball skills with life skills and a commitment to quality education. As Mayor Nutter said during Wednesday's ceremonies at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park, less than a mile from the Phillies home Citizens Bank Park: "Not all the children who enter this Academy will become professional athletes, but all of them will leave with a firm grasp of how a quality education can help transform their lives."

This will be the fourth MLB Urban Youth Academy nationally—and the first to operate on multiple sites within a city. It was fitting that Phillies second baseman and Phillies linchpin Chase Utley, who has served as Chairman of the Phillies RBI ("Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities") and Rookie League programs since