

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

2006, was on hand with the Mayor and Phillies President Dave Montgomery for the launch.

Uteley is by no means alone. Numerous members of this exciting and community-minded team have established personal foundations, visited inner city playgrounds, donated generously to charities and performed like All-Stars of public service.

Leading off in center field is Shane Victorino, the Phillies nominee for the Roberto Clemente Award that Major League Baseball bestows each year on the player who best exemplifies the charitable spirit of the late and great Pirates Hall of Famer. On June 7, he officially launched the Shane Victorino Foundation and announced that he would be donating \$900,000 over the next three years to the Nicetown Boys and Girls Club to be renamed for Victorino—in one of Philadelphia's most impoverished neighborhoods. Victorino is paying homage to the Boys and Girls Club where he spent time as a youth in Hawaii.

Batting cleanup is first baseman Ryan Howard. The popular slugger has teamed up with Victorino to support Philadelphia Futures, a mentoring program for inner-city students. He has donated to the Police Athletic League and received recognition from PAL for community service. He has worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, granting special wishes for children and teens suffering from serious illnesses. He has been Spokesman for the Boys and Girls Clubs nationally, for the Variety Club, and has visited a number of schools and recreation centers in Philadelphia.

Shortstop Jimmy Rollins has turned his defensive skills into a big time community offensive. He hosts an annual Celebrity BaseBOWL charity event which has raised over \$200,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation and local literacy efforts. He's also worked with the American Red Cross, Easter Seals and the Volunteers of America organization, and donated 30 computers to Olney High School.

Uteley hosts Chase's Champs which benefits Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and St. Christopher's Hospital and provides young patients and family members with the opportunity to attend a Phillies game. He and his wife Jen have been prominent fundraisers and spokespeople for the Pennsylvania SPCA and their love for animals is known to just about every Phillies fan.

Pitcher Cole Hamels and his wife Heidi have created the education-minded Hamels Foundation, which has a dual mission to provide support for quality community-based education in the United States and to establish a school in Malawi, Africa. The Foundation has also been active closer to home, with Cole Hamels hosting pitching clinics for campers at FDR Park.

Pitcher Jamie Moyer and wife Karen have long been recognized for their tireless efforts for young people. Jamie Moyer, who set records for longevity and accomplishment almost every time he took the mound this year, has set more records through the Moyer Foundation, raising more than \$19 million in the past decade to assist over 170 programs that directly serve the needs of children in severe distress. The Moyers established Camp Erin, in 2007, as a weekend bereavement camp for children, and the Foundation has set up three dozen such camps with hopes to establish a Camp Erin in every Major League City.

Coming out of the bullpen are J.C. Romero, with his "Romero's Rookies" benefitting underprivileged children, closer Brad Lidge, who with his wife Lindsay partner with the Food Trust to raise awareness about healthy eating and access to healthy, affordable food. Brad Lidge also has Lidge's Legion, benefitting Children's Hospital, its patients and their families.

I'm proud to have this All-Star lineup going to bat for the underserved youth, for those battling diseases and health concerns, all across the Philadelphia area, from the inner city to the far suburbs. Thanks to all our champions in Red, on and off the field, and go Phillies!

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 4347, "The Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act." This legislation gets us much closer to fulfilling our special nation-to-nation relationship with Native American people and tribes in our country. H.R. 4347 includes critical amendments to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act that essentially allow for greater self-governance by Indian tribes; it directs the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Health and Human Services to implement criteria that make it possible for more tribes to learn about and eventually enter into self-governance compacts or agreements to administer whole programs currently performed by the Federal Government. In addition to enhancing their sovereignty, this legislation has the potential to significantly improve the effectiveness of social, education, and health programs because leaders within specific Indian Tribes are often in the best position to determine the needs of their communities. Additionally, as suggested by a 2004 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Indian tribes that participated in self-governance agreements often experienced greater growth in employment levels from 1990 to 2000 compared to those that had either lower or no participation in these programs.

I have been an ardent supporter of tribal sovereignty throughout my career as an elected official, and advocated to ensure that the Federal Government is accountable for exercising its full fiduciary responsibility. During my early career as an educator, I traveled through Indian Country doing educational research for Stanford University. Over the past 15 years serving in the California State Assembly and U.S. Congress, I have authored legislation and voted to support measures that respect and protect tribal sovereignty.

As a member of the Congressional Native American Caucus since coming to Congress in 2001, I have been a strong supporter of full respect and recognition of tribal jurisdictions, for the expansion of tribal courts, the protection of Indian water and fishing rights, increased funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and key programs serving Indian Country. As a member of the House Appropriations

Committee, I have fought to increase funding for vital self-governance programs and funding for programs serving Indian Country.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the House of Representatives has taken a significant step in the right direction!

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 126TH AIR REFUELING WING

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the 126th Air Refueling Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

The 126th Air Refueling Wing, ARW, traces its origin to the formation of the 126th Composite Wing at Chicago's Midway Municipal Airport on November 1, 1950. During the 1950's there were a couple of name changes for the unit and its home moved between Chicago's Midway and O'Hare airports before it was finally designated the 126th Air Refueling Wing, received its first KC-97 flying tanker and flew its first air refueling mission in 1961.

From 1967 to 1976, the 126th ARW took part in Operation Creek Party, during which they would fly refueling missions in support of the U.S. Air Force in Europe. 150 million pounds of fuel was off-loaded to U.S. Air Force and NATO aircraft during approximately 600 flights. This marked the first time the Air National Guard had performed a continuous operation without activation.

The first KC-135 Stratotanker, the aircraft that is still flown by the 126th ARW today, began its service in 1976, at which time the 126th ARW began support of the Strategic Air Command. The 126th ARW would support U.S. Air Force operations in the first Gulf War and in Kosovo as well as respond to the Illinois Governor's call for assistance during the 1993 Midwest flooding.

As part of the 1995 round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), the decision was made to move the 126th ARW to Scott Air Force Base and the move was completed in 1999.

After September 11, 2001, the 126th ARW was called to fly missions to monitor the skies over major U.S. cities. The wing again was called to support U.S. Air Force missions during the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The mission of today's 126th Air Refueling Wing is to provide air refueling support for U.S. and allied nation military forces throughout the world. As it has shown throughout its history, the 126th answers the call to protect the citizens of Illinois through civil defense and disaster relief. The men and women of the 126th Air Refueling Wing continue to protect and defend "Anytime, Anywhere!"

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wing Commander, Colonel Peter Nezamis, and all the service men and women of the 126th Air Refueling Wing on their 60th Anniversary and wishing them the very best as they continue to provide valuable service to the State of Illinois and our great Nation.