

Hispanic-American to the position of Director of a NASA center. Mr. Lugo's journey at NASA has been framed by integrity, expertise and energy. He brings a renewed hope and vision to NASA Glenn, to the citizens of Cleveland and to our entire Nation.

HONORING BRIANNA COMMERFORD  
ON BEING NAMED HOPE ON  
WHEELS' NATIONAL YOUTH AM-  
BASSADOR

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Hyundai Hope on Wheels program, and to congratulate a brave young woman named Brianna Commerford on being named the Hope on Wheels' National Youth Ambassador. This program will donate \$6.8 million to 68 children's hospitals across the nation, continuing Hyundai's long-standing commitment to the treatment of pediatric cancer. The organization could not have picked a more able or appropriate ambassador than Brianna.

One of the great joys of serving in Congress is representing so many outstanding and remarkable citizens who use their life abilities and experiences to improve the lives of those they may never meet. Brianna Commerford is one of those exemplary citizens. Just twelve years old, Brianna displays a wisdom and maturity far beyond her years, and has created incredible good out of one of life's most terrifying situations.

When she was nine years old, Brianna was diagnosed with Stage IV Hodgkin's Lymphoma. With courage, tenacity, and support from those around her, Brianna overcame a year of grueling treatment and eventually defeated the cancer. Since entering remission in October 2009, Brianna has shared her story of survival in schools, hospitals, and other places across New Jersey, bringing hope and inspiration to so many. Moreover, Brianna has helped raise over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Brianna has taken a scary and daunting prognosis and unlocked its potential for good. She has learned one of life's most difficult lessons—that greatness is found in our ability to create good within our own locus of control. I can think of no one better suited to serve as a National Ambassador for this important cause. The same energy that carried her through treatment will serve the Hope on Wheels initiative well, as Brianna and Hyundai partner to find new ways to treat and hopefully one day prevent and cure pediatric cancer.

Thanks to her courage and the skill of her doctors, Brianna is back to doing what she loves: riding horses, playing soccer, and living the life of an active twelve-year-old. She has made the commendable decision to further the cause of pediatric cancer research by sharing her story with us today. In closing, I would like to leave you with you a line from a poem Brianna wrote while she was in treatment: "I have CANCER and I really DON'T like it. The chemo is GROSS, but I'm STRONG and can fight it."

Brianna brings a powerful testimony to the importance of living courageously and pur-

suing your goals relentlessly. It is an honor to represent Brianna and her family in Congress, and pay tribute to the many successes she has achieved with her great courage and persistence.

SUPPORTING GOLD STAR  
MOTHERS DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1617, which supports the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day. Gold Star Mothers Day is observed on the last Sunday of September each year. I am proud to cosponsor H. Res. 1617, and I thank my colleague, Congressman ROSKAM for introducing this resolution.

Gold Star Mothers Day reminds us all of the ultimate sacrifice made by our men and women in uniform who gave their lives for our country. We also remember the mothers of our fallen soldiers who have to deal with the pain of losing their child.

On June 4, 1928, the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was established when twenty-five mothers who lost a child in World War I met in Washington, DC. Membership was later opened to mothers who lost children in other armed conflicts. Congress then designated the last Sunday as Gold Star Mothers Day on June 23, 1936.

These remarkable women have turned their grief into service to others. Gold Star Mothers provides a mutual bond of sympathy and support. They also assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims, and provide aid to service members and their families who have died or were wounded during active duty.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to recognize the 11 service members from Long Beach, California, which is in my district, who lost their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. They are: Pfc. Sephen Castellano, Sgt. Anthony Davis, Jr., Pvt. Ernesto Guerra, Spec. Roberto Martinez Salazar, Pfc. David T. Toomalatai, Staff Sgt. Joshua Whitaker, Sgt. 1st Class Randy Collins, Sgt. Israel Garcia, Pfc. Lyndon Marcus, Jr., Spec. Astor Sunsini-Pineda, Pfc. George Torres. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and remembering these individuals for their service to our country, and to keep their families and especially their mothers in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1617 and I yield back the remainder of my time.

CONGRATULATING SRC, INC.  
PRESIDENT, BOB ROBERTS, ON  
HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Robert U. Roberts, a lifelong servant to the U.S. military and defense industry,

on the occasion of his retirement from SRC, Inc., formerly Syracuse Research Corporation.

A native of Hamilton, New York, Bob Roberts joined the U.S. Air Force in 1960 and soon after receiving his commission entered flight training at Dover Air Force Base. He flew more than 200 combat missions in Southeast Asia and in 1972, he became Director of Acquisition Management to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Special Projects. After 20 years of distinguished military service in numerous assignments at various levels of command, Bob retired from active duty in 1980. Bob received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 15 Oak Leaf Clusters, Airman Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. He has always welcomed professional challenges and never declined an opportunity to serve his country. The list of Bob's active duty assignments is long and many Air Force personnel, both uniformed and civilian, count themselves fortunate for the opportunity to have served with and learned from Bob Roberts.

Bob joined SRC in 1991 as president and CEO. His knowledge and leadership in U.S. government and private sector programs has greatly advanced SRC's capabilities to support numerous customers, including the Department of Defense, the National Air Intelligence Center, the Naval Air Warfare Center and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as state and local initiatives associated with economic development, technological innovation, environmental quality and academic-to-industry partnerships.

SRC was fortunate to have Bob's leadership for nearly 20 years. Under Bob's direction, the company has seen tremendous growth, and continues its mission to keep America safe and strong by protecting its people, environment and way of life. An independent, not-for-profit research and development company with more than 50 years of experience in defense, environment and intelligence, Bob helped shape the company into what it is today—a resource that is delivering unique, next-generation solutions of national significance to our government. SRC plays a critical role in protecting America's freedom and Bob leaves SRC strong, successful and well-positioned to meet future challenges.

Bob has been supported in his professional career by numerous close friends, strong relationships and his eight children. On behalf of the 25th District of New York, I would like to thank Bob Roberts for his many years of service to our Nation. Bob Roberts answered the call to serve his country, and his service has made a difference. We wish you well, Bob, and hope you know how deeply grateful we are for your contributions. Best wishes to you upon your retirement.

HONORING THE HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS OF WATERVILLE AREA

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area on the 30th anniversary of their founding.

Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area (HVWA) was founded in 1980 by a small

group of concerned community members looking to provide non-medical support for individuals and their families during the last phases of life and grieving process. It has since gone on to become a cornerstone for end of life care in the region, serving 27 communities in central Maine. HVWA has gone on to expand their services through the establishment of Camp Ray of Hope, an award winning statewide program aimed at bringing together those who have lost loved ones to illness, accidents, suicide, and homicide, as well as Hope's Place—a youth peer counseling program.

For anyone who finds themselves in this position, the last stages of life are often filled with tumultuous emotions, pain, and fear. The services which the staff and volunteers at HVWA provide to their neighbors during a period of ultimate vulnerability are truly remarkable. At no cost to patients or their families, volunteers operate a multitude of support groups, direct care companionship and bereavement counseling.

There is no way to quantify the value of HVWA to the central Maine region. For thirty years, they have remained a steadfast beacon of compassion, understanding and comfort for those who need it most. I wish them the very best going forward, and I hope their example stands as a testament to what can be achieved through the kindness of the human spirit.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area for their three decades of devoted service to their community.

#### RETIREMENT OF DAVE NEWBY

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man who spent a majority of his career fighting for the rights of Wisconsin workers, the current President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, David Newby. After years of service to workers in the State of Wisconsin, Dave is retiring this year. Although his leadership and dedication to the labor movement will be greatly missed, his contributions will not be forgotten.

For 16 years, Dave has led the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, a federation of over 1,000 local unions, representing 250,000 Wisconsin workers. Dave was determined to achieve economic justice in the workplace and social justice in Wisconsin communities, and throughout the years he has had tremendous success accomplishing these goals. One issue at the forefront of Dave's agenda was to ensure quality health care for Wisconsin workers. In 2003, the Wisconsin AFL-CIO created the Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan, an innovative proposal that strengthened the debate in Wisconsin on how to solve the health care crisis. In 2007, this plan was combined with other health care proposals to become "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice, Your Plan," a plan to provide health care for all.

Dave's passion for equality and helping others goes back to his involvement in the civil rights and anti-war movements during the 1960s and 1970s. After the movements, Dave taught history at the Tuskegee Institute in Ala-

bama before becoming a teaching and project assistant at the University of Wisconsin. His first labor leadership role came in 1982 when he was elected President of the Madison Labor Council. During this time Dave literally showcased how far he was willing to go to advocate for the labor movement during a strike against Greyhound. Dave stood in front of a fast-moving bus driven by a strikebreaker, forcing it to come to a screeching stop.

In 1986, Dave became the secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO where his hard work and enthusiasm to help other unions helped him win the election for AFL-CIO President in 1994. In addition to his commitment to improved health care, minimum wage increases, family and medical leave, improved health and safety on the job, and plant closing notifications, Dave also spent his years leading the AFL-CIO reshaping the labor movement. He recognized that in order to achieve success, it was essential to build relationships with local communities and involve the general public. This transformation brought increased success and visibility to Wisconsin labor.

The AFL-CIO and the Wisconsin workers it represents will surely miss the hard work, courageous advocacy, and genuine dedication of Dave Newby. Personally, I will greatly miss his leadership, advocacy and vast knowledge. I wish Dave the happiest retirement and thank him for the work he has done to support Wisconsin's working families and their communities.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRADING POST TRAIN SHOP

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Trading Post Train Shop located on Pearl Road in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood. I also recognize its owner, Mr. James Berilla.

The Trading Post Train Shop opened in the fall of 1950 under its first owner Ralph Brown. Mr. Brown discovered a community-wide clientele of train enthusiasts of all ages. Forty years later, he sold the shop to the current owner. Sixty years later, the Trading Post Train Shop serves clients including second and third generation patrons. The shop fills orders from throughout Ohio and across the country.

The Trading Post Train Shop carries Lionel model trains and collectibles for sale or trade. The busiest time of year for the Train Shop is always the December holiday season. Model trains with real smoke, metal tracks and whistles continue to be a treasured American holiday tradition, circling Christmas trees in millions of homes every December.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Trading Post Train Shop, its patrons, past owner Ralph Brown and current owner James Berilla. Images of trains racing through a tunnel, across the desert or atop a bridge remain deeply embedded within the spirit of our nation. They reflect the great frontier, innovation, adventurous spirit and en-

ergy that define America. The legacy of the train will always manifest the trailblazing spirit Cleveland's small business owners, whose sense of independence and innovation are vital rails along the economic track running from Cleveland, Ohio to all points across our nation.

#### HONORING BILL FELTON

#### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Bill Felton of Knoxville, Tennessee, is one of the most respected men in my District. His military career and civic service make him admired by everyone fortunate to know him.

Bill Felton is a leading expert in the transportation field. His education began at the University of Tennessee, where he majored in transportation and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He soon found himself in the United States Army Transportation Corps, rising to top leadership positions.

Bill's long and distinguished career in the Corps began with his commission as Second Lieutenant and lasted three decades, when he retired as a Colonel. During his time in the military, Bill was stationed mostly at the U.S. Army Transportation Corps' headquarters at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he became an expert in transportation and logistical matters for the military.

During his military career, Bill continued his training and education through many courses, including instruction at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the completion of the Defense Advanced Traffic Management Course, Transportation Movements Officer Extension Course, and Transportation Corps Career Officer Course. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff College.

Bill loves the military and does everything he can to help those in active service; but he has always had an especially soft spot for Veterans.

He is the founder of the East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial Association and is largely responsible for the Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville.

Bill has always felt very strongly about our Nation and is very patriotic. Never one to sit by idly and complain, he has always taken an active role in politics. He served as President of the West Knoxville Republican Club and Executive Committee Member of the Knox County Republican Party.

His other civic contributions include serving as Vice President of the Knoxville Convention and Visitor's Bureau and on the Board of Directors of the Bijou Art Center. He also worked tirelessly for the Knoxville Dogwood Arts Festival, Girls' Club, Knoxville Rotary Club, and rose to top leadership at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce.

Bill is also a respected businessman who is a leader in the life insurance industry. Several articles he wrote on the industry have been published nationally, and he is the former President of the Knoxville Association of Life Underwriters.

Madam Speaker, I do not see how anyone could love this Country more than Bill Felton.