

I call his service and devotion to the United States and his Community to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

INTRODUCING A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a concurrent resolution to support the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, in recognition of the people who have died on our streets, in emergency shelters, condemned or abandoned properties, and from elements directly related to homelessness.

On or near the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, National Homeless Persons' Memorial events have been held nationwide every year since 1990 to remember the homeless persons whose lives and deaths might otherwise go without any public recognition.

Throughout my home state of Florida, this important day is being recognized, along with over 200 other local municipalities, organizations, and statewide organizations throughout the United States. With the support of the National Coalition for the Homeless, National Consumer Advisory Board, and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day brings attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember our homeless neighbors and friends who have paid the ultimate price for our nation's failure to end homelessness.

The statistics are daunting: more than half a million people in the United States do not have a place to call home each night and half of them are without shelter; nationwide each year, an estimated 2,000,000 people experience homelessness; and the mortality rate among homeless populations has been shown to be almost four times that of the general population.

As American citizens, it is not only our desire to help those in need; it is our duty to provide every homeless man, woman, and child with a place to sleep at night, an opportunity to sustain economic stability, and the right to access health care.

On June 22, 2010, President Obama and Members of Congress were presented with "Opening Doors: the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness" which describes how the federal government will partner with states, local communities, non-profit organizations and the private sector. This resolution provides us with the opportunity to commend the efforts of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States who support the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, to encourage those not already doing so, and to salute the dedicated professionals and organizations who provide assistance 365 days a year to people in need.

It is time we acknowledge, as a nation, all of the people in our country living on the

streets who have paid the ultimate price for our failure to end homelessness. In remembering those who died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is the Nation's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.

I urge my colleagues to support this House Concurrent Resolution and reaffirm Congress' commitment to ending homelessness by promoting a comprehensive national response that addresses the housing, health care, income, and civil rights causal factors and consequences of extreme poverty. Let us make this year's first night of winter and longest night of the year, December 21, 2010, a true national day.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY MEDICAL AND AIR CREWS

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 1605, which recognizes the service of medical and air crews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States and commends the personnel of the Air Force for their commitment to the well-being of all our service men and women.

The Air Force's Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons help guarantee that our wounded soldiers are quickly reunited with their families and given the best medical care in U.S. hospitals. Since September 11, 2001, Aeromedical Evacuation flights have been responsible for transporting over 81,000 patients from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, yielding a 98 percent survival rate for injured soldiers. Today, a soldier injured on the battlefield in Afghanistan or Iraq will be back in an American hospital in an average of three days. This is over seven days faster than during Operation Desert Storm and over 40 days quicker than during the conflict in Vietnam.

As a veteran who was wounded in Vietnam, I was flown into Travis Air Force Base in Northern California. Travis Air Force Base is now home to the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. These physicians, nurses and medical technicians go above and beyond the call of duty every day.

I am honored to bring this resolution to the floor and remain committed to supporting our Armed Forces.

HONORING BOB WHITLEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bob Whitley.

As President of the United States Tour Operators Association, Bob Whitley dedicated his life to promoting travel, tourism and building lasting friendships. I am proud and honored to have worked with such a caring and dedicated

professional on issues so important for our nation.

In my efforts to advance current legislation providing United States citizens the freedom to travel to Cuba, I seized an opportunity to visit New York City and create national media discussion of the issue. Accompanying me on that trip in September 2009 was Bob Whitley, truly one of the most knowledgeable and respected travel industry leaders.

As our trip progressed, I came to know Bob for the man he was and the legacy he would leave behind. His passion for United States generated tourism and his love for people around the world drew us together. This past March, Bob helped organize and lead the U.S. Cuba Travel Summit in Cancun, Mexico—an event that drew strong participation from both nations in an effort to open communications and discuss easing travel restrictions.

Bob passed away in May, and his funeral included an unrivaled gathering of travel industry colleagues and friends. Today, I add my name as one of his greatest admirers.

Bob held many distinguished positions throughout his career, including Director of both the Florida and Pennsylvania Departments of Tourism, Director of the Virginia Beach Convention and Tourist Bureau, and an incredible thirty-two years at the United States Tour Operators Association. Because of his outstanding record, Bob has been recognized internationally many times. This year, he will receive the 2010 National Tour Association Pioneer Award, an honor given to career leaders in tourism. I am proud to be a past recipient of this same award and it is my honor to share it with Bob.

In addition to his career accomplishments, Bob was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling to new destinations around the globe, eventually visiting over 100 countries. He leaves his wife, two sons, a daughter, their spouses, and his grandchildren to carry on.

The travel industry has lost a giant, with Bob's passing. We will miss him.

HONORING JOSEPH BARBAGLIA

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Joseph Barbaglia, a successful businessman, person of faith and selfless community volunteer.

Joe and his business partner Guy Bopp are owners of Southwest Hill Auto Parts Inc. They are celebrating their 25th year in business at the same location in the famous "Hill" neighborhood in the City of St. Louis. Joe's business is one of the most successful and reputable auto parts firms in the St. Louis region, and Joe is a member of business organizations that are dedicated to providing quality service and products to the general public; groups such as the Better Business Bureau, the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, the Hill Business Association and the Professional Business Men. Additionally, he is also on the Board of Directors of Eagle Bank.

Joe Barbaglia is a faithful leader in his church serving on various committees for the good of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Joe has been instrumental in the success of such

church as La Festa at St. Ambrose Church, St. Ambrose Golf Tournament, and the Alumni Breakfast at St. Ambrose.

Joe will help out anyone in need. Joe and Southwest Auto Parts are the main sponsors for Car Show/Soap Box Derby held at Shaw School every year in June and the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association fishing tournament.

As a community leader Joe has held provided critical support for numerous community events such as the Fireworks Display at Sublette Park, Bike Race on the Hill, and Party in the Park at Berra Park, the Southwest High School Alumni, and Second District Police Association.

Joe has been named the Hill Neighborhood's "Citizen of Year" and is the president of the Hill 2000 Neighborhood Association, demonstrating the community's confidence in Joe Barbaglia's ability as a leader who gets things done.

He is married to his wife Thersea and has a loving daughter Nina. Joe Barbaglia is a shining example of what it means to be an exemplary citizen for one's community, state and nation.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MR. J. THOMAS MULLEN

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 remembrance of Mr. J. Thomas Mullen, a devoted husband, father, and friend. His faith and his dedication to serving all of humanity, especially the poor and marginalized, were unshakable.

Mr. Mullen moved to Ohio in 1983 to work in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. Two years later, Governor Dick Celeste appointed him Director of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. He joined Catholic Charities in 1987 and combined Gospel values with business savvy to transform the organization's Cleveland branch. At the time of his death, he was president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities Health and Human Services. He was also serving his third term as Chair of the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice.

Mr. Mullen played a key role in helping the Cleveland's Catholic Charities branch develop into a \$100 million operation that serves hundreds of thousands of people. Coworker Tom Allio praised Mr. Mullen as "brilliant in his capacity to leverage foundation and government support to help the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized."

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. J. Thomas Mullen. I offer my condolences to his wife, Julie; to his daughter, Maggie; to his sons, John, Patrick, Matt, and Jim; to his thirteen grandchildren; and to his many friends. Mr. Mullen lived his life with love, generosity, and commitment to social justice. He will always be remembered for his good work and his generous spirit.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT CHIEF
STEPHANIE REDDING AND HER
HISTORIC CAREER OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise today to celebrate the distinguished career of Assistant Police Chief Stephanie Redding. After twenty-five years on the force, Stephanie announced her plans to retire from the New Haven Police Department and I am honored to have this opportunity to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to thank her for her exemplary service to the Department and our community.

The daughter of a former West Haven fire chief, Stephanie has always understood the importance of public service. She chose a career in law enforcement and entered the New Haven Police Academy in 1986—still in a time when women were not commonplace among the ranks. Stephanie started at the New Haven Police Department as a Patrol Officer and throughout her career served as a Mounted Patrol, Sergeant, and Lieutenant before becoming the first female Assistant Chief in New Haven's history.

Whether as District Manager of the East Shore/Morris Cove District, the Officer in Charge of the Family Services Division, or Assistant Chief, Stephanie has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and community leaders alike. Stephanie's tenure has been marked by her integrity, professionalism, and compassion. She has twice served as acting Chief of Police during transitional phases at the Department, and was appointed to the State Victim Advocate Advisory Committee. She has also shared her expertise with her colleagues around the world, serving as an instructor at the Academy and presenting on community policing and other family and children's issues at both national and international conferences.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Stephanie on a project we both care deeply about. She has spearheaded the collaborative effort between the NHPD and the Yale Child Study Center's National Center for Children Exposed to Violence and their extraordinary joint multi-disciplinary intervention programs—including the Child Development-Community Policing Program. This groundbreaking work has changed the way police officers and clinicians respond to children in trauma. It has galvanized support services around at-risk youth, and it has saved and healed lives.

Stephanie's contributions to our community and commitment to community service extend far beyond her professional career. She volunteers with the New Haven Boys and Girls Club, the Yale Child Study Center, and the United Way of Greater New Haven, and she has served as the cheerleading coach at the Sacred Heart Academy. In all that she does, Stephanie touches the lives of others and this is particularly true of our young people.

As a peace officer and a public citizen, Stephanie has been a credit to our New Haven community and to the State of Connecticut. A trailblazer in our City's history, she

has fought hard to protect the public and worked to improve the lives of countless New Haven families for the better. I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Stephanie and find myself in awe of the many ways in which she has enriched the lives of others and enhanced the quality of life in our community.

I am so pleased to join her husband, New Haven Police Captain Pat Redding, their son Patrick, her parents William "Wiggy" and Dolly Johnson, as well as all of the family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered today to congratulate Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding as she celebrates her retirement. I cannot thank her enough for her decades of service and innumerable contributions to our community. Stephanie has set a standard to which we should all strive and I have no doubt that no matter what her future endeavors may be, she will continue to find ways in which she can make a difference in the lives of others. My very best wishes to her and her family for many more years of health and happiness.

CONGRATULATING PETER BOHLIN
ON RECEIVING THE 2010 GOLD
MEDAL FROM THE AMERICAN IN-
STITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Peter Bohlin on receiving the 2010 American Institute of Architects Gold Medal.

The Gold Medal is considered the highest individual honor an architect can receive from the American Institute of Architects. It recognizes "a significant body of work of lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture." Mr. Bohlin is the 66th recipient of this prestigious award.

Mr. Bohlin graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1959 before receiving his Masters in Architecture from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1961.

During his sophomore year of college, Mr. Bohlin's parents moved from New York to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

After graduation from Cranbrook, Mr. Bohlin founded Bohlin and Powell in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania with his former Rensselaer classmate Dick Powell. Their first job was to design a home for Mr. Bohlin's parents in Bear Creek, Pennsylvania.

Only a few years later, they designed a second home for Mr. Bohlin's parents in Connecticut, known as the famous "Forest House," which landed their small firm on the front page of the New York Times' Home section in 1976.

After the success of the "Forest House," Bohlin and Powell continued to expand. Shortly thereafter they opened two more offices in Pennsylvania.

In 1989 Bohlin and Powell opened an office in Seattle, Washington after winning a contest to design Bill Gates' home.

In 1991 Mr. Powell retired and Bohlin and Powell became the firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson.