

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Chief Master Sergeant Steven J. Perrault for his outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great nation. Chief Perrault will retire from the United States Air Force service with more than just his experience, decorated career and remarkable accomplishments. He will also have served as a shining example and constant reminder of what it means to be an American patriot and leader. I am grateful for his service and salute him as he retires from the United States Air Force.

INTRODUCING THE SAVE THE BAY HOME OWNER ACT OF 2010

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Save the Bay Homeowner Act of 2010. This legislation would allow the 17 million citizens of the Chesapeake Bay watershed to become citizen stewards of the Bay and give them an active role in restoring it.

The bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home" designation program that identifies various steps homeowners could voluntarily take around their property to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff and improve water quality in local streams and rivers that feed into the Bay. If a participating home meets certain standards, such as installing rain barrels or reducing fertilizer on their lawns, that home could be designated a "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home." The legislation further directs the EPA to give credit to states and local jurisdictions for nutrient and sediment level reduction based upon the number of homeowners that achieve the "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home" designation.

Under the Clean Water Act, the EPA must develop a Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) because the Bay has failed to meet water quality goals and segments of the Bay are classified as "impaired" water ways. The TMDL will limit the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment that may enter the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries based on what is required to restore the Bay. Each state within the watershed will be required to meet pollution limits and water quality goals under this new framework. There are different ways that state and local governments can meet these standards but many require relatively expensive infrastructure upgrades or storm water runoff retrofits. This bill gives those state and local jurisdictions a voluntary tool to meet TMDL standards while engaging the 17 million citizens of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Furthermore, if states and local jurisdictions receive credit towards their TMDL limit for "Save the Chesapeake Bay Homes," they can pass along those savings to homeowners who choose to participate in the program through reductions in their water and sewer bills or their property taxes—a meaningful incentive for citizens who do right by the Bay.

Madam Speaker, to truly Save the Chesapeake Bay, we need the 17 million people who live in the Bay's watershed to become cit-

izen stewards of the streams and rivers in their community. If each individual within the watershed were to contribute to clean-up efforts, even in small ways, the aggregate would yield significant results in moving Bay restoration forward. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation.

HONORING GENESEE COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY PEACE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, October 2nd, the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace will dedicate a statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint. The statue, the first of its kind in Michigan, will be installed in the Peace Park in celebration of Peace Day.

The Genesee County Committee for Community Peace has been celebrating Peace Day in Flint Michigan for over 15 years. The Committee is part of the Chinmaya Seva Samiti of Flint. Over the years they have sponsored several events including essay writing competitions, building of a sports field for the underprivileged, painting a peace mural, honoring a Peace Maker annually, and the creation of the Peace Park. Their goals are promoting peace, teaching ways of harmonious co-existence, and educating future generations on the principles of peace and nonviolence. The University of Michigan-Flint, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Dr. and Mrs. M. Nagaraju, the Genesee Intermediate School District and the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance are represented on the Committee.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings. My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love." In keeping with his sentiments, the Committee believes in embracing the unifying features of all different beliefs and ethnicities and strives to pass on this wisdom to the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the dedication, efforts and enthusiasm of the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace to promote unity, and enhance peace in Flint and Genesee County. I pray that their work to create a more harmonious world is successful.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BRAD MORAN

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Brad Moran for being inducted into the Tech University Mass Communications Hall of Fame.

Brad received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Texas Tech in 1982, making him the first college graduate in his family. While attending Texas Tech, Brad worked as an afternoon disk jockey. After graduation, he

went to work for his father at KJTV-34 as a national sales manager. In 1985, Brad and his father decided to make their station a FOX affiliate. The father-son team also launched a Spanish-language station, Telemundo 46. Since then, Brad has launched several successful news and interactive talk radio shows under the name of Ramar Communications. Most recently, the Ramar radio group launched TT 104.3, the Texas Tech University athletics station.

Not only is Brad Moran a successful broadcaster, but he is also very active in the community. He has served on, and chaired, numerous fundraising committees for Lubbock. A few of these include the Lubbock Area United Way, American Cancer Society, South Plains Area Food Bank, and Lubbock Rotary Club. Brad continues to support Texas Tech from academics to athletics. He is a member of the Chief Executives Roundtable for the Rawls College of Business and has committed to begin a scholarship endowment for the Texas Tech College of Mass Communications. Additionally, Brad has served on numerous committees of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and he is currently serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

A few noted accolades and awards Brad has received include the 1999 LAF Silver Medalist; 2003 Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award for his community dedication through philanthropic and human service; and the Lubbock Chamber's 2006 Businessperson of the Year Award.

I am enormously appreciative to Mr. Brad Moran for his contributions to Texas Tech and the Lubbock community. Those in District 19, including myself, congratulate him on being named to the Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for his future endeavors.

TEJANOS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, America honors Hispanic Heritage this month. I would like to recognize some of Texas' heroes who served their country in body and deed, held up the torch of bravery and, in turn, were awarded Medals of Honor for their actions.

Born in San Marcos, Texas, Cleto Rodriguez enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944, where he served as a Private in Company B, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division. On February 9, 1945 in Manila, while crossing a railroad station, Cleto's platoon was stopped by intense Japanese gunfire. Without being ordered to do so, Rodriguez and a fellow soldier, Private First Class John N. Reese, Jr., left the platoon and marched straight into the enemy volley. For two and a half hours, charged on conquest, Rodriguez and Reese killed over 82 Japanese soldiers and paved the way for an American victory at the railroad station that day. Sadly, Reese was killed in action defending his friends and country. For his "determination to destroy the enemy and courage in the face of tremendous odds," Rodriguez was awarded the Medal of Honor. He became the first Mexican American GI to be given this award in the South Pacific.

Private First Class Silvestre Herrera, drafted to the U.S. Army in 1944, was a seasoned

veteran. He had been stationed on the front lines in Germany for several months. A part of the 36th "Texas" Division, Herrera had experienced the most violent fighting in the Central Europe campaign when the Allies closed in to deliver the finishing blow on Nazi Germany. As Americans advanced toward the border, German resistance mounted. That day, Herrera's division, the 142nd Regiment, neared the French-German border town of Mertzwiller. When orders were given to advance the town, Herrera, being a scout, was 400 yards ahead of his company. The regiment was suddenly overwhelmed by machine gun nest fire from the enemy. Armed with only a bayonet and an M1 hand rifle, Herrera single-handedly captured eight German soldiers and sent them to American lines. However, upon gearing up for a second attempt to end the gunfire, he stepped on an anti-personnel mine that blew off both his feet. Despite the intense pain and loss of blood, Herrera continued to fight and kill two more German soldiers. His presence enabled his comrades to lead a full frontal attack on the enemy position. For his heroism that day Silvestre Herrera was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

And last, but certainly not least—a hero from Congressional District 2. One of twelve children from a large Mexican American family, Lucian Adams was born in Port Arthur, Texas in 1922. The summer of 1944, Adams was stationed near the town of Saint-Die in the Mortagne forest of France. With supply lines cut off by the Germans, Adams was sent out as a scout for his company and alerted the commander of three enemy machine gun nests. He was given orders to "go on out there and make a breakthrough to get those GIs." Armed with a borrowed Browning automatic rifle, Adams and his men started walking in a heavily wooded area of the forest. Having only walked 10 yards, enemy machine guns killed three men and wounded six others almost instantaneously. The company ran to take cover. However, Adams charged forward. He killed nine Germans, shot lobbying grenades, eliminated three enemy machine guns and forced two German infantrymen to surrender. In a matter of 10 minutes, Adams had successfully cleared the woods of enemy soldiers and reopened the severed supply line. Adams was dubbed "The Texas Tornado" by his company men and received the Medal of Honor in 1945.

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest award for gallantry in action and is only given to the bravest of the brave. It is the American symbol of knighthood. Men like Rodriguez, Herrera and Adams deserve only the utmost respect from their countrymen. They are statues of strength—true visions of valor. With a thankful heart, I tip my hat to the Texas heroes who fought and are fighting for liberty. America salutes you.

And, that's just the way it is.

HONORING APPLETON FIRE-
FIGHTERS CAPT. RICK JAMES,
CAPT. MIKE WOODZICKA, DOUG
VRECHEK AND MIKE BECKER

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Appleton firefighters

Capt. Rick James, Capt. Mike Woodzicka, Doug Vrechek and Mike Becker, as they are inducted into the Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame for saving the lives of four young children. As friends, family and colleagues gather to pay tribute to their courage and bravery, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these outstanding individuals.

On December 29, 2007, Capt. Rick James, Capt. Mike Woodzicka, Doug Vrechek and Mike Becker valiantly rescued four children from a burning house in my hometown of Appleton, WI. The children, who were all under the age of seven and included 15-month-old twins, were trapped in the house, unable to escape. The firefighters acted swiftly and heroically, rescuing the children within four minutes of arriving at the scene.

In recognition of this courageous act, the firefighters were inducted into the State of Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame on September 10, 2010. The Hall of Fame recognizes firefighters and police officers in Wisconsin who have performed a heroic act, been an innovator in advancing the productivity or safety of services, or who have provided exceptional community service.

Madam Speaker, without questions, the service of Capt. Rick James, Capt. Mike Woodzicka, Doug Vrechek and Mike Becker has been selfless and exemplary, and their induction into the Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame is very well-deserved. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these truly heroic members of our community.

HONORING MICHELLE STAUFFER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Michelle Stauffer upon her retirement from Wawona School.

Mrs. Michelle Stauffer has spent the past 29 years serving as a teaching principal at Wawona School; a kindergarten through sixth grade, one-room elementary school in Yosemite National Park. Wawona School has been serving the children that live in the park since the late 1800's. Park rangers, firefighters and other National Park Service employees rely on this community school, and Mrs. Stauffer, to educate and nurture their children. During its existence, the school has educated the children of many Yosemite pioneer families, including the Washburn, Bruce and Gordon families.

Mrs. Stauffer is dedicated to providing a solid education for the students. Field trips to Washington DC, museums, live theater and the San Francisco Opera are part of the curriculum at Wawona School. Mrs. Stauffer believes these field trips are an important part of exposing her students to life outside of the park.

Mrs. Stauffer is an extraordinary person and educator. She is dedicated to the Yosemite community and especially to her students. She is committed to providing her students with the very best education in the most nurturing environment possible.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Stauffer for her dedicated service to

the students of Wawona School. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Stauffer many years of continued success.

HONORING MARIA RODRIGUEZ FOR A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate decades of service to the community by a longtime and dear friend, both to me and my husband and to the children and families of New Haven, Connecticut: Maria Rodriguez.

Elected to New Haven's Board of Aldermen in 1976, Maria has the distinction of being the first Hispanic alderperson in the history of our city. But that service was only the beginning of her contributions to our city and state. For as long as I have known her, Maria has given of herself to the people around her, and has worked to make New Haven a richer, more vibrant, and more compassionate community.

Indeed, Maria has spent a lifetime doing so. She began her career in the early 1970s as a trained mental health therapist at the Connecticut Mental Health Center, where she worked day in and day out to improve the experience and the quality of life of Hispanic families in the Greater New Haven area. As my husband Stan, Maria, and I worked on so many local political campaigns then, we became great friends. She helped us to forge many wonderful friendships in New Haven's Hispanic community. She is a tireless worker and a strong ally.

After receiving her Masters from Southern Connecticut State University in 1983, and spending a year as a key and valuable aide to my predecessor, Bruce Morrison, Maria soon moved into full-time social work. For over 25 years, through organizations such as the Connecticut Board of Education, Family Counseling of Greater New Haven, and Latino Youth Development, Inc., she provided therapy to families and students in need of mental health care.

In her off-hours, Maria kept on giving. From serving on the Board of the YMCA to tutoring students in her free time, she has always looked for more ways to help those in need and to improve our city. And, now that she has decided to retire from the Connecticut Board of Education, I can only expect she is already thinking of new ways to volunteer her time and her effort.

For that is who Maria is. For decades now, she has continued to infuse our community with her warmth and energy, her caring and compassion. I thank her deeply for her service to the families of New Haven, and for her years of friendship to me. And I congratulate her and her family—her husband Alquilino, her son Paul, and daughter-in-law Bunny—on reaching this milestone. Congratulations, Maria, you have earned it.