

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary work of Warren Slocum and wish him a retirement filled to the brim with good health and many new adventures. Warren says he was raised to believe that one person can make a difference, and he has been working all his life to do just that. The creativity and accountability he has brought to the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office, and the deep integrity and abiding respect for our system of government, have made Warren Slocum a model County official, and a man we could count on to count right. I count myself blessed to know this dedicated public servant who has done so much to make our democracy flourish, and has strengthened our community and our country in countless ways.

CONGRATULATING TURKEY ON ITS REPUBLIC DAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Turkey's Republic Day, which was celebrated on October 29, 2010. On this day, America's ally Turkey commemorated its 87th year as a Republic. Turkey, under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, officially became a Republic in 1923—paving the way for the creation of a modern nation-state.

Turkey has been and continues to be an important ally to the United States. It serves an important role in the international community, and as a member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, it has supported the United States on many critical issues.

I congratulate Turkey and its citizens on this important day.

HONORING MAYOR CLAUDE A. "BUD" LEWIS

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Mayor of Carlsbad, Claude A. "Bud" Lewis. Mr. Lewis has dedicated over 36 years of his life to public service in the Carlsbad community. After serving our great country during the Korean War as a United States Marine, he spent 34 years as an award-winning high school teacher at Carlsbad High School. After witnessing the apathy of his students and community to their local government, he decided to set an example and run for public office. In 1970, Mr. Lewis began his public service as a city council member serving for 16 years before becoming the Mayor of Carlsbad, a position he has held for 24 years. Mr. Lewis' dedication to ingenuity and focus on the future is honored by his numerous awards and accomplishments.

Mayor Lewis' ability to create and implement long-term goals has allowed for Carlsbad's

economy to thrive and attract new high-tech and environmentally conscientious industries. In this vein, he was the first in his region to implement an award-winning and forward-thinking "Growth Management Plan," which focuses on sustainability and growth far into the future. Mayor Lewis' determination to think of tomorrow has also enabled Carlsbad to be prepared for extreme drought in California. Moreover, he was the first Carlsbad Chairman of the San Diego County Water Board and merged the Carlsbad Municipal Water District with the City of Carlsbad to provide a more efficient use of the city's precious water resources. In doing so, Mayor Lewis has taken steps to protect the local ecosystem, especially the city's lagoons, so that it will thrive for future generations.

Mayor Lewis' forward thinking transformed his community into the "Jewel of North County" and his changes and ideas will continue to bring Carlsbad benefits in the future as it has today. His dedication to public service is an inspiration to all citizens and is both commendable and honorable. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to call Bud a friend and I wish him well during his much deserved retirement. North County San Diego will miss him.

RECOGNITION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Christian Faith Baptist Church on this, their twentieth anniversary and for their outstanding contributions to the welfare of residents of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Christian Faith Baptist Church and its congregation have distinguished themselves through many years of service to their community and to their county through their extended ministry.

Created in February 1990 by a small band of believers guided by their faith, the Christian Faith Baptist Church dedicated itself to the mission of being a beacon of faith to the community. Immediately, the church set out to extend hospitality and Christian love to all who came through their doors by establishing a Christian Education Ministry within a month of creation. From their modest beginnings at the Shaw University Divinity School Campus, the church has grown to presently include some 30 ministries.

In 1999, Christian Faith Baptist Church had the honor of hosting the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Ministry Convention, the oldest and largest African-American mission convention. It was attended by over 6,000 people, including representatives from across the United States and the world.

Christian Faith Baptist Church and its congregation have provided spiritual guidance and service throughout the community; this dedication and desire to serve others was evident from the very beginning. The service to the community is evident in the ministries that the church has built and in work such as the Saturday lunches that the Christian Faith Baptist

Church has held for the elderly and the needy for the past twenty years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of the Christian Faith Baptist Church.

RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WOODBRIDGE, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 160th Anniversary of Bethel United Methodist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia.

In 1850, the community came together to erect Bethel United Methodist Church on property donated by Burr and Emsey Glasscock. Mr. Burr was one of the members of the first Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, and he later served as a lay preacher at Bethel. Neighbors donated materials and labor to complete the structure that still stands today. The building has served as a Civil War hospital, community meeting place and sanctuary for Bethel United Methodist Church.

The church family has grown and contracted over the years, but it has always maintained its mission of fellowship, service and outreach. Bethel members support or participate in a number of community organizations: Action in Community Through Service, Alcoholics Anonymous, Boy Scout Troop 1363, Cloverdale School, Cooperative Council of Ministries, Cub Scout Pack 1936, Greater Prince William Mentoring Ministry, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program, Marriage Encounter, Project Mend-a-House, Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service, Turning Points and Volunteer Emergency Foster Care. This is a congregation that cares deeply about its surrounding community and takes an active role in strengthening its civic bonds.

Revered Frederick L. Parish currently serves as the Senior Pastor at Bethel United Methodist Church. He has been with the Bethel family since 1974 and is a pillar of the Prince William faith community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Didlake Foundation, an organization that helps individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities enrich their lives with education and employment opportunities. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Project Mend-a-House, where he helps the non-profit provide home rehabilitation or home access modifications to seniors and people with disabilities. Reverend Parish serves as a volunteer Chaplain at Potomac Hospital, is a member of the eastern Prince William Ministerial Association, and plays an active and valued role in a number of other community organizations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 160th Anniversary of Bethel United Methodist Church. Bethel has a vibrant congregation dedicated to continuing the church's long tradition of service and worship. I wish Reverend Parish and his congregation the best as they celebrate their heritage and plan for a successful future.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA A.
NYEGRAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Barbara A. Nyegran, mother of seven, grandmother of thirteen, and a passionate and steadfast advocate for older persons in and around the Cleveland area.

Whether it was in policy, planning, or service delivery, Barbara was a determined and consistent leader in ensuring the needs of seniors were met, and that the livelihood and independence of seniors were maximized to the fullest extent possible.

Barbara began her career in aging as a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels in Parma, Ohio. As former director of both the Tri-City Senior Center in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and the Ehrnfelt Senior Center in Strongsville, Ohio, Barbara spent her days listening, problem solving, informing, community building, and serving.

She also was an effective leader of several organizations with a mission rooted in serving vulnerable seniors. Barbara chaired the Cuyahoga County Advisory Council on Senior and Adult Services, and she was a Trustee of the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. She was instrumental in the establishment and development of programs to assist seniors with transportation, home health, and personal needs.

Barbara also took the lead in establishing the Strongsville Community Foundation and the Strongsville Backyard Preserve—a 37-acre green space for recreation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life and work of Barbara A. Nyegran, a dedicated mother, grandmother, public servant, and friend to many.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN WALSH,
ELMHURST, IL “MAYOR FOR A
DAY”

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a young leader from my Congressional District, Kathleen Walsh. Kathleen's essay was selected as the winner in the City of Elmhurst's "Mayor for a Day" competition. The competition focused on citizenship, encouraging applicants to propose new ideas to improve their local community.

The text of Kathleen's essay reads as follows: "If I were mayor of Elmhurst, I would encourage all residents young and old to be good citizens by creating a volunteering program called 'Good Citizens.' To help the elderly and less fortunate do things such as shovel the driveway, help paint, move heavy things, run errands and cook. If you earn a certain amount of 'Good Citizens points,' you can earn 'volunteering city dollars' (which are donated by local businesses). You get an official nametag, and when you're running an errand you can stop by some local restaurant and get a drink."

Kathleen's dedication to those in need exemplifies her sense of civic responsibility. Though Kathleen is a young constituent, she understands her duty to the community to be a good neighbor, and recognizes the positive impact of volunteer programs. Kathleen is a reminder of the power of our nation's youth. She is a role model for other young leaders who wish to contribute, and her words serve as a reminder to all young people to be aware of those who are less fortunate in their own communities.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Kathleen Walsh is a promising young leader who has demonstrated a future in public service. Please join me in recognizing her altruistic spirit and wishing her happiness in her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF THE HONORABLE VIC-
TOR CALVO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a dear friend and extraordinary public servant, Victor Calvo, who passed away on September 26, 2010, in Mountain View, California, where he was beloved and respected.

One of the staunchest environmentalists I've ever known, Victor Calvo tirelessly championed environmental issues in local and statewide offices, where his compassion and conviction made him easy to believe and hard to resist. For thirty years he determinedly devoted himself to new ideas that would better the lives of his constituents and leave this earth a better place.

Victor Calvo was born on a ranch in Mountain View, and quickly set about becoming one of the city's most accomplished and dedicated residents. He was the valedictorian of his Mountain View High School class, and joined the Army Air Force in 1942. Over two-dozen bombing missions later—including top secret ones never recorded—Victor Calvo returned to the Bay Area and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University. In 1948, he married his wife Nellie, a wonderfully warm woman who would be by his side for the next 62 years.

In 1957, Victor Calvo began his three-decade political career. It started, fittingly enough, on Mountain View's Environmental Planning Commission, one of the first of its kind in the region. Victor Calvo continued to advocate environmental causes on the Mountain View City Council. He was elected Mayor of the City three consecutive times before being termed out in 1968. Impressed by his razor-sharp intellect and integrity, appreciative community members elected him to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and then to the State Assembly in 1974.

Victor Calvo continued his environmental activism in Sacramento, using the chairmanship of the Committee on Resources, Land Use and Energy to author key legislation and protect California's forests, wetlands, and open spaces. In recognition of his efforts he was named California's "Elected Environmental Legislator of the Year in 1979," and

named to the California Public Utilities Commission by Governor Jerry Brown the following year. Victor Calvo spent a final stint in politics on the California Coastal Commission before retiring in 1989. Of course, even retirement couldn't keep him from helping the City of Mountain View deal with problematic geese on the golf course, where he loved to spend his days.

Among Victor Calvo's many accomplishments stands the creation of Shoreline Park in Mountain View, where thousands of community members gather to stroll, picnic, and watch fireworks on the Fourth of July. Victor Calvo constantly amazed everyone with his impressive grasp of issues, his appreciation for people, and the earnestness and enthusiasm that shone through in everything he did. He was a kind and affectionate husband, father, and grandfather, and a true public servant, quoting Aristotle to teach his children that "you can judge a nation by the way it treats its most vulnerable citizens," and then proceeding to demonstrate this maxim by the power of his own actions.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincere condolences to Victor Calvo's wife, Nellie; his children Suzanna, Victor, Peter, Theodore and Mary; his 12 grandchildren, his brother, and his two sisters. Throughout his life, Victor Calvo was a man of Mountain View, and a crusader for all Californians. He will be missed, even as his life's legacy lives on for future generations of Californians. I consider it a high privilege to have known Victor Calvo and to have been a beneficiary of his friendship, his service, his vision and his integrity.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE LIBRARY OF YOLO
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Yolo County Library. Yolo County Library was created as one of eight original California county libraries with the establishment of state legislation in 1910. Originally known as the Yolo County Free Library, it began in partnership with the Woodland Public Library.

As the agency responsible for public access to information and literacy, Yolo County Library initiated the first school library system in California, supplying books, maps, records, globes and other materials to schools throughout the county, eventually becoming the model for other counties.

Yolo County Library has provided countless hours of public service, superior customer interaction and valued children's and family programming that serves more than 690,000 customers annually. It also circulates more than 1.5 million items and hosts 1,176 programs for more than 23,098 children, teens and adults.

As a cornerstone of social democracy, Yolo County Library continues to provide innovative and free services: information about job and career opportunities; resources for lifelong learning and pursuit of personal and professional development; reliable information