

is truly deserving of this award and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to honor his decades of service.

Bob graduated from St. John's Academy in Plattsburgh in 1964 and from Gannon College in 1968. After graduation, he served as a weapons officer on the guided-missile cruiser Columbus CG-12 from 1968 to 1972. Following his service to our country, Bob returned to Plattsburgh, where he and his wife, Diane, raised their three children, Kristin, Lindsey and Michael.

I've known Bob for over 20 years, both professionally and personally. He is a person dedicated to his family, his community and his business.

Bob's commitment to contribute to his community began when his children were young. He has served on the CVPH Medical Center Board and Executive Committee, and as chair of the Plattsburgh Development Corporation, the 2002-2003 business campaign for Plattsburgh State, the American Heart Association Heart Walk, the United Way Fund Drive, and the United Way Board of Directors.

Currently, Bob serves as chair of the Development Corporation Strategic Planning Review Committee, as a volunteer for Vision 2040, and as a member of the Plattsburgh State Investment Committee.

A co-founder of the Plattsburgh Visitors and Convention Bureau, Bob is also a member of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee and has served as a board member of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Bob Smith for his ongoing efforts to support his community, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his work to improve New York's North Country.

#### RECOGNIZING THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS NEW WELCOME CENTER

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, OLHSA, as it celebrates the completion of its new Welcome Center.

For 46 years, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency has been an invaluable community institution in Southeast Michigan, providing services to make low-income, senior and disabled persons more self-sufficient. Along with its 1,100 fellow Community Action Agencies, OLHSA provided service to 11.5 million Americans last year, specifically thousands of Oakland county residents. In fulfilling its mission to diminish poverty and empower the disaffected, OLHSA has tirelessly advocated on behalf of its clients, provided educational and economic resources to those in need and fostered the involvement of area residences in the design of programs and initiatives to provide needed services in a tailored and specialized manner. The completion of OLHSA's new Welcome Center marks a significant moment in the Agency's fight on poverty, in which it will have facilities to expand its programs and reach even further into our community.

The opening of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's new Welcome Center marks a new venture for OLHSA with a new presence and a renewed determination to combat poverty in Southeast Michigan. The Welcome Center makes OLHSA's vital services such as its weatherization, Emergency Utility Assistance, Head Start preschool, foreclosure counseling and food assistance programs more easily available to residents of Oakland county who are in need. Additionally, extended hours of operation will ensure that all who seek assistance will have an opportunity to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today and recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency on the completion of its new Welcome Center, which will expand access to vital services for those in need in Oakland County and across Southeast Michigan. I look forward to the day when we can rise together to celebrate the eradication of poverty and the protection of the most vulnerable members of our community.

#### HONORING REVEREND D. GRADY SCOTT FOR HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Reverend D. Grady Scott as he celebrates 20 years of leading the spirit-filled congregation of the Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona. With Reverend Scott's guidance, Grace Temple has become an exemplary model of community ministry. When Katrina ravaged the states along the Gulf of Mexico, Reverend Scott lead the way for churches throughout Tucson and Pima County to become involved and to welcome those seeking refuge. He opened Grace Temple for meetings and encouraged elected officials Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Mayor Bob Walkup, and, myself, Congressman RAUL GRIJALVA to participate and, subsequently, to organize and to contribute resources.

Reverend Scott has worked diligently to improve the quality of life for the community. He has often been at the forefront of issues seen by others as controversial. When he learned that HIV and AIDS were an epidemic in the community, he invited expert speakers, non-profit organizations, community people and other ministers to attend meetings at Grace Temple so all could understand the need to speak out and to educate. He supports an ongoing HIV Speakers Bureau; he was and continues to be active in educating others about the dangers of drugs, especially methamphetamine, through community sessions held with the Meth Free Alliance. In addition, because of the experience with Katrina, Reverend Scott is a strong advocate of Emergency Preparedness and promotes community involvement with both the national and the local Office of Homeland Security.

Through his leadership, Grace Temple has become a community center of learning and caring. In addition to the activities of its many church ministries, Grace Temple provides senior citizens with computer training; the Pima

County One Stop has an active satellite office for assisting the unemployed to find jobs; there is an active Nurses Guild that regularly provides health fairs for both the congregation and the general public; a Fine Arts Ministry works with the community; the youth and adult Re-entry Community are actively assisted with resources and information. In addition to his many responsibilities as pastor, Reverend Scott personally visits and ministers weekly to the Pima County Adult Detention Center population.

Reverend D. Grady Scott's personal outreach and accomplishments are many. Currently, he serves as Executive Secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission; as a member of the Tucson City Magistrate Merit Selection Commission; and as the President of the Minister's Conference for the Southern District Association. Reverend Scott has served on the Governor's Advisory Board for Faith-based and Community Initiatives since 2002. He recently completed serving as President of the Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention; the Moderator of the Southern District Association; President of the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance of Tucson and Vicinity; and President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Southern District Association.

His contributions to the well-being of the community and to civil rights have been recognized through his many service and civic awards including: the LULAC Presidential Citation, the FBI Community Service award, the NAACP Community Service Award, the Rosa Parks Community Service Award.

Reverend Scott has a close and loving family that is equally committed to service and is active in church ministries. He is married to Theresa E. (Teel) Scott and they have three grown children: son, Lonnie, and daughters, Lauren and Leslie. They have one grandson, Kameron Scott. Reverend Scott has two sisters and one brother; Roberta (Scott) Guary, Reverend Pearl (Scott) Johnson and Deacon Cornelius Scott, Jr.

Today I honor Reverend D. Grady Scott for his faithful service of 20 years to Tucson and the Pima County, Arizona, community. May his example provide a path for others to follow.

#### HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 2008

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, as the 111th Congress comes to a close, it is fitting for us to recognize our Colleagues who will not be joining us in January for the start of the 112th Congress. Specifically, 19 of my classmates from the incoming Congressional class of 2008 will be moving on to new endeavors, where they will undoubtedly achieve great success and distinguish themselves, just as they did while serving their constituents and the American people in this body.

For the outstanding legislative accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them for their service: BOBBY

BRIGHT, ANN KIRKPATRICK, BETSY MARKEY, ALAN GRAYSON, SUZANNE KOSMAS, WALT MINNICK, DEBBIE HALVORSON, FRANK KRATOVIL, MARK SCHAUER, DINA TITUS, JOHN ADLER, HARRY TEAGUE, MICHAEL MCMAHON, JOHN BOCCIERI, STEVE DRIEHAUS, MARY JO KILROY, KATHY DAHLKEMPER, GLENN NYE, and TOM PERRIELLO.

Each of these members has been instrumental in formulating and implementing policies that serve the best interests of the country and that will continue to shape our future for generations to come.

These colleagues—while their service, intellect, and companionship will be missed dearly—can look back on these last 2 years in Congress and take pride in the historical legislative achievements of which they were a part. The Class of 2008 can take heart in the knowledge that our legislative achievements helped pull the country through some of its toughest times. You were instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as:

Health Care Reform, ensuring that the wealthiest country in the world gives all of its citizens an opportunity to receive decent care and ending the worst insurance industry abuses.

Wall Street Reform, promising the middle class that Wall Street executives will never again jeopardize their savings, retirement, or livelihood.

The Recovery Act, providing the investments necessary for the American economy to create new jobs while saving existing ones, and to spur economic activity while laying the groundwork for long-term growth.

The Congressional class of 2008 can also proudly look back at other important accomplishments such as the: Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act; Credit CARD Act; Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act; American Clean Energy and Security Act; Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act; Hire Act; Cash for Clunkers; Small Business Jobs and Credit Act; Disclose Act; and Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.

Congressional scholars have called this Congress "one of the most productive" in history. Thanks to your hard work and vision, for the 2 years, we have been a part of a Congress that has looked forward, rather than backwards, and has always put the middle class first.

In closing, I would like to thank each of these members for their extraordinary commitment to public service and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, which I and my Democratic colleagues hope one day includes a return to this body.

IN HONOR OF SALUD PARA LA  
GENTE

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Salud Para La Gente on its thirty years of service to the community as a community health clinic, providing high quality, comprehensive and cost-effective health care services to low-income communities of the Monterey Bay Area.

Salud Para La Gente began as a "free clinic" in 1978 in a converted apple shed ware-

house in Watsonville. Gradually it grew and developed, incorporating in 1980, and in the early 1990's was designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center. Salud has now expanded to twelve clinic sites, including seven school-based medical and dental clinics. The staff of 195 saw over 23,000 patients in 2009 and has a budget of \$19.2 million for fiscal year 2010–2011.

Sixteen physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and medical assistants provide general family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, family planning and nutrition. Eleven dentists and dental assistants and an optometrist take care of the needs of patients of all ages. A staff of twenty-two assists elders with their daily living tasks.

With this large array of services, Salud has become a leader in delivering primary care to medically underserved populations in my District. All who seek care are welcome, regardless of ability to pay.

Madam Speaker, I know all my colleagues in the House join me in saluting the success of Salud Para La Gente, and congratulate them on this important milestone anniversary. We wish Salud great success over the course of its next thirty years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MS.  
MARCEL ROCAWICH CRACIUN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ms. Marcel Rocawich Craciun, a generous community leader and a devoted wife, mother, and friend. Her love for her friends and family inspired her to love all people, and she has left behind a legacy of civic engagement, volunteerism, and cooperation.

A lifelong Ohio resident, Ms. Craciun was born on January 17, 1958 to Robert and Annette Rocawich. She was well known in Cleveland for her professional work as a funeral director for the Craciun Funeral Homes. She was the first Craciun woman to receive a funeral director's license and was known for not turning anyone away for lack of funds. In her eyes, everyone deserved a proper funeral.

Marcel's charitable spirit also found expression in extensive volunteer work on Cleveland's west side. She was an active member of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and the OLMC Sacred Heart Sodality. She was the first female president of the Edgewater Homeowner's Association and was often called to meet with Mayor Jackson, Councilmember Westbrook, and Councilmember Matt Zone on local issues. She was also actively involved with Boy Scouts of America and numerous parent groups at St. Ignatius High School. Mrs. Craciun cared deeply about her neighborhood, the broader communities she served, and the future of Cleveland. When people asked her why it mattered so much to her, she'd say, "Cause this is where my kids live!"

While raising her five children, Marcel received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Cleveland State University with a focus on Anthropology. Her husband James states that she taught her children about respect for dif-

ferent cultures and inspired them to be active and involved members of society. She was also supportive of her husband's international work on Romanian human rights issues. Neighbors will miss her chats over the fence and will remember her wonderful smile, her kindness to everyone at their time of need, and her abundant love for Jimmy and their five children.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Ms. Marcel Rocawich Craciun. I offer my condolences to her husband, Jim; to her brothers, Bob and Ed; to her children, Noelle, Jason, Jonathan, Jesse, and Nicholas; to her brothers and sisters-in-law; and to her many friends. Ms. Craciun lived her life with love, generosity, and commitment to the general welfare. She will always be remembered for her good work and her generous spirit.

IN CELEBRATION OF UMICORE  
AUTOCAT USA INC.'S 10 YEAR  
ACHIEVEMENT WITHOUT A LOSS  
TIME ACCIDENT AT ITS AUTO-  
MOTIVE CATALYST TECHNICAL  
CENTER

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Umicore Autocat USA Inc. of Auburn Hills, Michigan on the occasion of the milestone achievement of 10 years without a loss time accident. As a Member of Congress it is both my honor and privilege to recognize and congratulate Umicore Autocat USA Inc. for its dedication to safety at its Auburn Hills facility.

Established in 1997, the Automotive Catalyst Technical Center in Auburn Hills has since provided catalyst system development and emission testing capabilities to its customer base for a wide range of gasoline and diesel engines as well as alternative powertrains. This 10 year milestone is a tribute to the quality and character of the employees at the technical center. Their safe practices and internal safety programs has made this achievement possible.

Umicore is a materials technology group with an eye fixed on the future of industry in Michigan. The primary focus of its work is materials science, chemistry and metallurgy, with up to 80 percent of its R&D budget devoted to development of clean green technologies. These technologies such as emission control catalysts, materials for rechargeable batteries and photovoltaics, fuel cells, and precious metals recycling are the keys to supporting advanced manufacturing, next-generation vehicle production, and alternative energy development in Southeast Michigan. In its current operations the Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and currently employs approximately 14,300 people worldwide, with the potential for more opportunities as Umicore's plans come to fruition and these next-generation technologies are developed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the safe work environment Umicore has created in its pursuit of developing technologies for the industries of Michigan and America's future. Ten years of