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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

accident free work is a significant achievement and I wish the workers and leadership of Umicore many continued safe and productive years of prosperity.

HONORING KRISTI SAITAMA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Kristi Saitama for her ten years of service on the Almond Board of California and congratulate her on her new position at the U.S. Dairy Export Council. Kristi has assisted the Almond Board of California in exporting California almonds and building relationships through trade with Japanese, Korean and Indian markets.

Kristi has accepted a new position as vice president, Export Ingredient Marketing at the U.S. Dairy Export Council. I am confident that Kristi has left a team of colleagues well prepared to carry the future of the California almonds exportation endeavors, and will seamlessly transition into her new position. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending and congratulating Kristi Saitama on her new position and on her job well done.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cherokee County Rescue Squad and recognize its 50 years of life-saving service. Rescue squads harness the spirit of volunteerism to provide a unique sense of security and safety to their communities.

Rescue Squads around the country tend to all types of accidents and respond with the utmost effectiveness and efficiency. Usually, these groups are made up of volunteers who endure hours of extensive training. Their membership includes many who are certified paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders and heavy rescue personnel.

The volunteers that make up the Cherokee County Rescue Squad provide top-notch, life-saving services. The Cherokee County Rescue Squad has worked tirelessly not only to serve and protect the citizens of Cherokee County but to also ensure that their equipment and vehicles are up to date. They now boast their resources as some of the best the state of North Carolina has to offer.

I am proud to support these men and women who put their lives on the line to come to the aid of their neighbors. This type of assistance is rare in today's world, yet these people administer help in any way they can for the better good of the people of Cherokee County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to join me in recognizing the Cherokee County Rescue Squad's 50th anniversary and their unfailing service to the citizens in Cherokee County.

TRIBUTE TO BESSIE REDMOND

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bessie Redmond of Plattsburgh, NY, on her 99th Birthday.

Bessie and her family moved when she was 3 years old to Brooklyn, where her parents ran a candy store near the Brooklyn Bridge. Throughout her full life, she has shown an unrelenting passion for education. At the age of 6, she received her first library card and regularly visited her local library every week, looking for more material to learn. This steadfast dedication to learning was engrained in her from her first day of school, where absences from class were never excused by her parents.

Bessie attended high school in Saranac Lake, went to college at St. Lawrence University, and took her love for reading to the Columbia Library School in New York City. She currently resides in the same community as my father at the Lake Forest Senior Living Community in Plattsburgh. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of having several conversations with her and look forward to seeing her each time I visit.

To this day, Bessie continues to look for new experiences and truly represents the liveliness of her community. I congratulate her on 99 full, exciting years and thank her for playing such a vibrant role in our region.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF VIRGIL E. BROWN, SR.

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 recognition of Virgil E. Brown, Sr. for his longtime service on behalf of our community.

Virgil was born Louisville, Kentucky on August 12, 1917, and moved to Cleveland in 1929, where his father worked in construction. Virgil graduated from local public schools and attended college at night before beginning a career in insurance and politics. He married Lurtissia Spencer and they had two children. They also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Virgil thrived as an entrepreneur and small business owner, opening his own insurance agency in the early 1960s. In 1967, he was recruited to run for City Council by a group of local women, though he was a Republican in a Democratic ward. He won the election, and went on to a great career in Cleveland politics, serving six years on the City Council, seven years as the Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, twelve years as the Cuyahoga County Commissioner, and three years as director of the Ohio Lottery.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Virgil E. Brown, Sr., for his dedication to Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. His lifetime of service shows his devotion to the needs of the people in our community, and his hard work will be remembered for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER KEVIN COLLOPY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Kevin Collopy who has retired from the Burlingame Police Department after 31 years of service.

He joined the force in 1978 and became one of the youngest police inspectors in department history. He has worked in many capacities throughout his law enforcement career, including that of Patrol Officer, Evidence Technician, Inspector and Acting Watch Commander.

He has consistently performed his duties in a professional manner while sharing his wisdom and work-ethic with all those who have been fortunate to work with him.

With retirement comes the opportunity for Kevin and his wife, Jenny, to share more time together and for Kevin to use his pilot's license to full advantage as he is bound to fly over the area he was once patrolled.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting that Officer Kevin Collopy will be honored at a retirement dinner and I ask that the members join me in saluting Officer Collopy for his 31 years of dedicated service to public safety.

IN TRIBUTE TO BOB BROOKS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks—a good friend to my wife, Janice, and me and a consummate law enforcement professional.

Sheriff Brooks is retiring after 37 years as a sworn officer for the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, including three terms as Sheriff.

Bob was elected Sheriff in 1998. Under his guidance, the Department's 1,300 employees and 2,000 volunteers provide law enforcement services to 800,000 people in the unincorporated parts of Ventura County and the cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Ojai, Fillmore and Moorpark.

Over the years, Bob and I have worked on many projects to enhance public safety in Ventura County, including initiatives to crack down on methamphetamine labs, clear cold case DNA felonies, suppress gang activity, screen inmates for illegal immigrants, and upgrade communications for deputies in the field. Bob rose through the ranks and never forgot what deputies face on the streets and what they need to do their jobs.

Sheriff Brooks earned his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of Redlands, a Master's degree in Organizational Management from Regent University and graduated from the U.S. Department of Justice's National Sheriffs' Institute, the FBI's National Executive Institute, and with distinction from the P.O.S.T. Command College. He recently received his second Master's Degree in Homeland Security from the Naval Post Graduate School.