

commitment and service to the Xenia community and state of Ohio.

Mr. Brantley's contributions to his country and the community are invaluable. He was an active Board member and distinguished trustee emeritus of the Golden Age Senior Citizens, Inc. to which he worked countless hours to ensure the growth and success of the Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center by assisting with construction of the tornado shelter for the Center, developing a home-delivered meals program and starting the tradition of providing desserts for the Center's monthly luncheons. Mr. Brantley was also a very well-respected Xenia Rotarian, friend and colleague. His civic, cultural, religious and educational endeavors over the many years never went unnoticed as the following list of awards indicate: the Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce Award, the Xenia Community Schools Hall of Honor, Greene County Citizen of the Year, the Nutter Award, induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, nomination for the American College of Health Care Administration and numerous others.

Along with his natural penchant for civic engagement, Mr. Brantley and his late wife, Helen, established Hospitality Homes in 1961. The skilled-nursing and rehabilitation facility has been a vital asset for seniors in the Xenia area and has carried on the many great traditions that Mr. and Mrs. Brantley built it upon.

Finally, as a husband, father of three, brother of four and grandfather to many, Mr. Brantley demonstrated the importance of balancing various obligations and activities with the needs of family. His belief that service to his family and community is imperative to a meaningful life has inspired many to follow his example.

Thus, with great pride, I recognize Mr. Virgil Brantley for his lifetime of remarkable achievements and his unparalleled contribution to our community.

FOODNME AND SMASH YOUR FOOD

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today applauding the work of a pair of constituents, Marta and Frederic De Wulf, who decided to use their many talents and passion for education and healthy living to create a website—foodnme.com—dedicated to the pursuit of healthy living and interactive nutrition information. Their innovative work earned them a trip to the White House to be honored as a top winner in Michelle Obama's "Apps for Healthy Kids" contest.

Marta and Frederic teamed up because of their understanding of the problems associated with poor eating habits, a sedentary lifestyle and obesity. Instead of bemoaning the problem of obesity privately, Marta and Frederic used their knowledge and experience. Marta, a nutritionist by trade, and Frederic, an experienced and successful filmmaker, believed an interactive website encouraging children and their parents to properly scrutinize their eating habits could help in the fight against obesity. Therefore, FoodNMe was born.

The aspect of the website deemed extraordinary is the 'Smash Your Food' tab, which al-

lows users to gain an understanding of the nutritional content of everyday foods—hamburgers, pizza, French fries, and the like. This great tool is a creative way to educate parents and children about what's in their food and encourages them to make healthy dietary choices.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Marta and Frederic for creating a unique tool in the fight against obesity. I'm proud to congratulate them for their good work.

HONORING ANDREW DUNCAN IRELAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Duncan Ireland. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Andrew has earned the rank of Junior Assistant Scout Master in his troop and Tom Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Andrew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Andrew devoted over 160 hours to a shelter house at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, restoring it back to its original architecture and cedar composition.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Duncan Ireland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF JERRY CASTELLANO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a dear friend, Jerry A. Castellano. Jerry was a wonderful husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend to many, many people. He was born Feb. 2, 1918, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Frank Castellano and Teresa DiVito and moved to Warren, Ohio in 1944.

Jerry retired in 1986 from the Trumbull County Board of Elections as a voting machine official after 27 years. He previously worked at Mullins Manufacturing.

Jerry served our country with the finest distinction, a World War II U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

He expressed his faith in his worship at St. James Catholic Church.

He was in the Trumbull County Legends of Leather Boxing Commissions, Trumbull County Chapter of DAV Chapter 11, Amerital Club, where he was president, and was a precinct committeeman for Precinct 5A.

He was an avid New York Yankees fan and enjoyed woodworking, Italian classes, playing cards, spending time with his family and grandchildren, and also teaching and storytelling to his great-grandchildren.

He is survived by and greatly missed by his wife of 66 years, Esther Pagano Castellano; his children, Teresa (William "Bill") Massucci of Warren, Philomena (Gary) Lucariello of Warren, Frank P. Castellano of Warren and Jeri (David J.) Germano of Cortland; five grandchildren, Angela (Jason) Menz, Marla (Dan) Chain, Jim (Renee) Fogarty and Jenna and Jacqueline Germano; four great-grandchildren, D.J., Dylan, Drew and Olivia; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends. His parents, eight brothers and two sisters are deceased.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor such a wonderful human being, an avid participant of democracy, a veteran, and above all, a family man. Jerry Castellano was, indeed, a model American.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR MORRIS VANCE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VISTA

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service of Mayor Morris Vance on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Vista. I commend Mayor Vance on his 29 years of public service.

Starting with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Brigham Young University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Mr. Vance began his career by serving in various local government positions throughout the Los Angeles area. He joined the City of Vista as City Manager in 1981, a post which he served for 17 years.

In the role as City Manager, Mr. Vance led the establishment of the Vista Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Project area, establishment of the Vista Economic Development Association (VEDA) and Downtown Commercial Revitalization Program, as well as the development of a Business Park, Industrial Park and a multi-tier Capital Improvement Program and Budgeting System.

Mr. Vance was then elected Mayor of Vista in November of 2002. At the city helm, he worked with officials to put the city on a course for success. Critical programs include the Ask, Share, Know meeting program which provides a forum for residents to meet face-to-face with city officials and council members to have their questions answered about current and pending city projects. Mayor Vance was also instrumental in establishing Operation H.O.P.E., a temporary winter shelter for homeless families and women by providing them an opportunity to get back on their feet and lead them toward self-sufficiency.

To improve community spirit and safety, Mayor Vance led an effort to construct the new Vista Civic Center and two new fire stations. Along with the City Council, Mayor Vance worked to convert Vista into a Charter City to gain the maximum amount of local authority.

Wearing many hats, Mayor Vance also serves on the board of directors for the Regional Transportation Planning Authority, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, the Encina Wastewater Authority and is a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Shadowridge Vista along with other regional organizations. In 2009 he was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Distinguished Citizen Good Scout of the Year title.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me in honoring Mayor Morris Vance and his 29 years of admirable public service to the City of Vista.

IN HONOR OF THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 120th anniversary of Saint Joseph Academy—the only all-girl Catholic high school in the City of Cleveland.

Saint Joseph Academy was formed in 1890, when the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph created a secondary school for young women, focused on academic excellence, and built upon a foundation of faith, social justice, and service to others.

The mission of Saint Joseph Academy, with a focus on young women becoming leaders in the community, was dramatically ahead of its time. Today, the school has grown in size and in scope of programs offered, but the core mission has remained the same: to mentor young women in a positive and creative atmosphere, as they transition to becoming responsible, independent and compassionate leaders; to hone their academic and interpersonal skills; and to reach their goals and dreams with personal commitments to justice, equality, compassion and integrity.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of all students, staff and administrators of Saint Joseph Academy of Cleveland, Ohio, past and present, as we celebrate their 120th anniversary. The Academy exists as a vital source of opportunity through academic achievement, and also as a springboard of personal strength, confidence and integrity for every young woman who has ever entered its doors, brightening the futures of every student, and ultimately, strengthening the foundation of our entire community.

CONGRATULATING DR. JULIA A. HEATH FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE 2010 CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING TENNESSEE PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Julia A. Heath, University

of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and Economics professor, for being recognized as the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Tennessee Professor of the Year. Professors bestowed this award have demonstrated dedication to undergraduate teaching based on their impact on and involvement with students, their scholarly approach to teaching and learning, their contribution to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession, and their support from colleagues, current and former undergraduate students.

Dr. Heath has contributed greatly to the Fogelman College course selection. She developed several new courses including 'The Economics of Sports' and 'Men, Women and Work.' She is in the process of developing an Economics and Law course that will be added to the department's elective rotation in spring 2011. Professor Heath developed and taught a Ph.D. Teaching Seminar for the teaching assistants in the College where she would tape each student and provide individual feedback.

Professor Heath has worked diligently to advance financial literacy for school children across the state of Tennessee. Serving as the director of the Center for Economic Education at the University of Memphis, she initiated the Smart Tennessee program which has provided financial literacy instruction to elementary, middle and high schools across the state. In recognition of her dedication to financial literacy, she was named Educator of the Year by The Institute for Financial Literacy, receiving its Excellence in Financial Literacy Education Award.

This most recent award will be added to her already impressive list of honors. In addition to being named Educator of the Year, Dr. Heath was the winner of the 2010 University of Memphis' Distinguished Teaching Award. She received the 2008 Elzinga Award by the Southern Economic Association—the economic discipline's highest recognition of teaching excellence. Dr. Heath is also the recipient of The Thomas W. Briggs Teaching Excellence Award, the Teaching Excellence Fellowship and has been named Senior Fellow for Redefining Progress.

Dr. Julia Heath has represented the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business well. Her hard work and dedication to teaching and higher education has been recognized by University of Memphis president Shirley Raines, her colleagues and by many across the nation. Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Dr. Julia Heath on being selected as the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Tennessee Professor of the Year.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H. Res. 1637, the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Act. This act recognizes the importance of efforts to raise awareness of this problem

nationally, while educating health care workers about the signs of domestic abuse and its long-term effect.

Domestic violence affects people of all races, religions, cultures, gender, age and economic standing. In New York City alone, it is estimated that over 25,000 women suffer some sort of domestic abuse annually. In New York State, over 20,000 women sought assistance from the authorities last year. Although much has been accomplished since the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, much remains to be done.

This is not a problem that affects women alone; children, teenagers, men and the elderly can also be affected, either directly or indirectly. For example, research shows that children who grow up in violent households tend to do badly in school, abuse drugs or alcohol, engage in prostitution or become abusers themselves when they are older. This is why it is important for Congress to broaden and strengthen its efforts in educating the public about this issue.

I commend Rep. TED POE of Texas for his legislation recognizing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the work that needs to be done, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill. I also commend the work of activists, organizations and law enforcement agencies in raising awareness of this issue.

RECOGNIZING AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LEGENDARY RUGBY PLAYER LA'AULI MICHAEL NIKO JONES

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the legendary rugby player La'auli Michael Niko Jones. On Monday, I had the privilege to welcome Mr. Jones, his wife Maliena and son Levi to the U.S. Capitol. Known to his fans around the world as Iceman because of the calm and confident manner in which he played the game, but also because of the number of icepacks he needed for injuries, Jones was born in Auckland, New Zealand. He first entered the rugby scene in 1986 as a 20-year old and scored three tries in his debut for the Auckland provincial side against South Canterbury. His breakthrough performance at such a young age was a strong indicator of what lay in Jones' future. Being of Samoan descent on his maternal side, Jones played for Manu Samoa in his first international debut instead against Wales. Since then, his rugby career took off, leading him to become one of the greatest rugby players of all time.

Jones first played for the New Zealand All Blacks in the inaugural World Cup in 1987 and scored the first try of the tournament. As an open side flanker, Jones was well known for powerfully running through the heart of the backline defense and then finding space to offload. With the ball in hand, he had the finesse and judgment of an inside or outside center. His bone crunching tackles on defense were feared by opponents. In a sport in which the individual must exhibit both defensive and offensive skills, Jones exemplified the complete rugby player.