man, he should be concerned about the laws that govern man." Dr. Maxwell was an effective and hard-working legislator and a strong voice for the downtrodden. When I first became involved in community activities and politics in my hometown of Newport News, I was following in Dr. Maxwell's footsteps. Dr. Maxwell was serving as President of the Newport News branch of the NAACP when I came back to Newport News after finishing law school, and I was honored to step into his shoes in 1975 as President of the branch. Dr. Maxwell ran for Newport News City Council in 1976. Although his campaign was unsuccessful, the work of his campaign served as a foundation for my successful run for the Virginia House of Delegates in 1977. During my tenure in the Virginia House of Delegates, Dr. Maxwell was a trusted advisor and friend. When I was elected to the State Senate in 1983. Dr. Maxwell was elected to my House of Delegates seat. We served as colleagues in the Virginia General Assembly, until I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. Following my election, Dr. Maxwell was successfully elected to the State Senate.

Dr. Maxwell's tenure in the Virginia General Assembly as both a member of the House of Delegates and the State Senate, was characterized by a deep tie to the needs of his community. He was critical in obtaining state funds to restore the historic Newsome House and support its use as a community cultural center. He was an advocate for the continued operation of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. He was also instrumental in ensuring that judges in Virginia properly reflected the community they served. In addition to his formal duties as a member of the House of Delegates and a State Senator, Dr. Maxwell was engaged in many civic organizations. He was a Life Member of the NAACP, member of the board of trustees of the Peninsula Economic Development Council, the United Way of the Peninsula, and the Newport News Alliance for Youth.

Madam Speaker, the city of Newport News has lost a great public servant and I have lost a dear friend. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Dr. Maxwell's wife of 53 years, Gladys, their children Walter, Ronald, and Angela, great-grandchildren, sisters Pauline, Sallie, Shirley and Gwendolyn, brothers Wesley and Thomas, nieces, nephews, other family and friends and the Ivy Baptist Church community.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAM WAR VETERANS FROM THE OAK CLIFF LIONS CLUB

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vietnam War Veterans of the Oak Cliff Lions Club. It is my great privilege and pleasure to honor these individuals.

On November 3, 2010, the Oak Cliff Lions Club paid special tribute to its members that served in the Vietnam War. This group of distinct individuals includes Captain Stan Altschuler, USA; Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Bown, USN; Airman First Class Danny Boyce, USAF; Colonel Rich Buickerood,

USAF, Ret.; Major Durhl Caussey, USA, Ret.; 1st Lieutenant Scott Chase, USA; Colonel Ken Cordier, USAF, Ret.; Lt. Colonel Stoney Green, USA; Captain Ray Morey, USAF; 1st Lieutenant Edwin Strom, USA; Sgt. Joe Wells, USAF; Captain David Mills, USA, USAF; and Spec. 4 Jim Foster. USA.

These veterans deserve our deepest gratitude for their great sacrifice made in defense of liberty, freedom, and democracy. No words can ever fully express our gratitude for all they have done for our country. Their patriotism, courage, and selflessness is commendable and deserves our highest regard.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for their service to this great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HORACE WELLS CLUB OF CONNECTICUT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Horace Wells Club of Connecticut. For over 100 years, this organization has been dedicated to promoting the field of anesthesiology. This remarkable breakthrough in the field of medicine and dentistry has dramatically improved the comfort of patients during surgery and transformed once painful experiences into routine procedures.

The Horace Wells Club of Connecticut was founded in 1894 by a group of dedicated dentists on the 50th anniversary of the discovery of anesthesia. Since then, they have held an annual dinner and given out the Horace Wells Anesthesia Award to an individual who has contributed to the advancement of the field of anesthesiology. The event has been held at the historic Harford Club for the last 75 years. This year's event will be held on December 11th, exactly 166 years to the date of anesthesia's discovery.

The Horace Wells Club of Connecticut is named after the Hartford dentist who discovered that nitrous oxide could be used as anesthesia. Horace Wells pioneered this medical advancement by first experimenting on himself during a tooth extraction. After his own successful use of anesthesia, he worked tirelessly to spread and advance this technology to improve the lives of people everywhere. He is famously quoted as wanting to see anesthesia become "as free as the air we breathe." Horace Wells has been recognized multiple times by the American Dental Association and the American Medical Association, Additionally, the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford commissioned a bronze statue in 1874, which sits at Bushnell Park in Hartford, CT to this day.

Anesthesia's abundant availability has contributed greatly to the relief of pain and suffering and Horace Wells was instrumental in this important medical breakthrough. I commend the Horace Wells Club of Connecticut for honoring his contribution to medicine and wish that they have a successful gala on December 11th.

HONORING SCOTT DAVIS GEISINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Scott Davis Geisinger. Scott 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Scott has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Scott 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, Scott has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS AND FORECLOSURE STABILIZATION ACT OF 2010

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Thursday,\ November\ 18,\ 2010$

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, in the midst of this recession, the American people face impossible job prospects, decreased wages, and the continuing decline in the value of their homes. Reports show that 23 percent of all residential properties are underwater and the foreclosure rates are only rising. Underwater homeowners are often ineligible for refinancing, and are kept from restructuring the mortgage debt on their primary home in bankruptcy. With banks being largely ineffective in modifying loans, homeowners are left with little choice but foreclosure. The American people deserve better, and fixing this problem will help the economy and American families.

The "Protecting Homeowners and Fore-closure Stabilization act of 2010" will give homeowners the ability to restructure the debt on their primary residence in bankruptcy. Furthermore, homeowners will receive increased protection from foreclosure by the automatic stay in bankruptcy, and increased time to file a plan in Chapter 13. Homeowners facing foreclosure have the additional benefit of waiver of the pre-filing counseling requirement to ensure minimal delay in accessing the court. As a condition of filing, homeowners must certify that they requested a loan modification from their bank.

The ability to restructure the debt of all assets in bankruptcy has long been enjoyed by businesses. There is no reason that the American people should receive fewer protections than businesses do in bankruptcy. The "Protecting Homeowners and Foreclosure Stabilization act of 2010" will help put American homeowners on equal footing with the banks when working to save their homes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for all votes on Thursday, November 18, 2010. However, had I been present. I would have voted as follows: "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3774, Extending the deadline for Social Services Block Grant expenditures of supplemental funds appropriated following disasters occurring in 2008; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 329, Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 1677, Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic upcoming elections on November 7, 2010.

HONORING SURFING LEGEND ANDY IRONS

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to surfing legend Andy Irons, who passed away suddenly on November 2 at the age of 32. A kama'aina from Hanalei on the island of Kauai, Andy Irons was one of the sport's most recognized athletes with three world championship titles, an accomplishment that no other male surfer from Hawaii has been able to achieve. In all, Andy won 32 professional surfing contests, including 20 elite Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour tides and four Triple Crown tides. Currently ranked 16th in the world, Andy remains the highest-ranked professional surfer from Hawaii.

Known for his powerful, fluid style and ability to excel in all types of surf conditions. Andy Irons was not only highly respected by surfers in Hawaii but also served as an ambassador for Hawaii and the sport as he competed in events all over the world. Andy always made it a point to mentor local surfers and promote the sport in Hawaii, including hosting the Irons Brothers Pine Trees Classic with his brother Bruce for up-and-coming surfers on Kauai over the past nine years.

Although he went on hiatus from competing professionally in 2008 and 2009, Andy made a comeback this year, winning the Billabong Pro Teahupoo in Tahiti in September. He was also expected to be a top contender in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing this month on the North Shore of Oahu, a three-event series that he won from 2002 to 2006.

Andy is survived by his wife, Lyndie, who is expecting their first child next month; father, Phil; mother, Danielle; and brother, Bruce. In addition to the thousands of people who paid tribute to Andy at a memorial "paddle out" service at Hanalei Bay on the North Shore of Kauai on November 14, thousands of fans, friends, and competitors around the world held similar memorials in solidarity.

Andy served as an inspiration to the people of Hawaii and to the surfing community around the world. He will be greatly missed.

A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN "CAL" WORTHINGTON

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Calvin "Cal" Worthington, a great American entrepreneur who is turning 90 years old this week.

When I think of Mr. Worthington, the first thing which comes to mind is that he is a true "Renaissance Man." He proudly served our country in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II as a B-17 Bomber pilot, and because of his heroic skills during the military campaign in Germany, he was awarded the Air Medal five times, as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross.

When Mr. Worthington returned to the States, he eventually became one of the most successful car salesmen in the country. With his dealerships in five States, Cal quickly demonstrated an aptitude for drawing in customers. His name today still evokes memories of tantalizing jingles as well as images of zoo animals and stunts, as he is best known for his lively commercials with his "dog" Spot. His advertisements were received with high national acclaim, due to the fact that Spot was never a dog. Instead, Spot was always an exotic animal, such as a tiger, chimpanzee, lion, bear, goose, rhinoceros, skunk, water buffalo, snake, elephant or seal.

Mr. Worthington's sense of humor, tremendous business skills, love of music and the arts, and his desire to continually improve his community will be his legacy. It is an honor to recognize Cal Worthington for his immense dedication to improving the quality of life for so many individuals and for his commitment to excellence. He has served our Nation proudly and I am privileged to say that he will always be my friend. Happy 90th birthday, Cal; in dog years you are now officially 630 years old!

HONORING TIMMOTHY HANS-ROBERT HILLER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller. Timmothy 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Timmothy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Timmothy 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, Timmothy has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PUEBLO DEL SOL ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in Sierra Vista, Arizona which has been designated a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

This is a significant honor for the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol, which is in Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Pueblo Del Sol was among just four schools in the State of Arizona and 304 in the Nation to receive this prestigious award.

Principal Jim Sprigg as well as former Principal John Wilson, who retired last year, played major roles in leading the school to this award. I extend my congratulations to both of them for establishing and maintaining an outstanding tradition of educational excellence.

It also is important to note that this award would not have been possible without the dedication of Pueblo Del Sol students who come to school each day ready to learn and anxious to apply themselves to their education. The success of the students would not have been possible without the support and guidance given to them by their parents.

We have, unfortunately, become accustomed to hearing discouraging educational news. We are encouraged, however, that those affiliated with Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School have shown that even with tight financial constraints, schools with students and teachers who are determined to succeed will excel.

The people of Sierra Vista and the members of the Sierra Vista Unified School District should be very proud to have such a stellar school in their community. I share their pride and am pleased to have Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in my Congressional District as an example of the excellence that is possible in our public education system.

I am honored to recognize the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol on this outstanding national award. It is a testament to their dedication, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to learning.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2009

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act.

We are a nation built by the hard work and personal achievements of immigrants. We