

Kenneth Roberts for the work he has done on behalf of the people an environment of Lake County and wish him a happy 80th birthday. I join his 7 children, 18 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren in wishing him continued good health and fulfillment.

ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take a moment to pay my respects to road traffic victims in honor of World Day of Remembrance, this Sunday. Since 1993, this special Remembrance Day responds to the great need that road crash victims and their loved ones harbor for public recognition of their loss and pain.

The sense of grief and distress of this large group of people is all the greater because many of the victims are young and many of the crashes could have been prevented. The response to road death and injury is often experienced as inadequate, cruelly unsympathetic, and inappropriate to a loss of life or quality of life. In 2005, the United Nations took it global, endorsing it to be the third Sunday in November each year, encouraging NGOs, such as the Association for Safe International Road Travel to commemorate this day.

Clinton Oster, an environment and public policy professor at Indiana University in Bloomington, served as chairman of a committee that wrote a report on reducing traffic deaths in our Nation, released on Tuesday.

According to the report, transportation safety authorities in other countries have been successful at reducing fatalities by taking a different overall approach, with an emphasis on demonstrating and documenting programs that work and then aggressively making their case for those programs with political leaders and the public.

It is estimated that 1.3 million people die in road crashes each year. Unless action is taken, road traffic injuries are predicted to become the fifth leading cause of death by 2030.

As Oster said, if such programs were widely adopted in the U.S., it's probable that thousands of lives could be saved each year.

It is my hope that recognizing Remembrance Day will signal the importance the issue of reducing road danger to government.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 571 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO SOLANO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DEE ALARCON

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, we rise to recognize Dee Alarcon, Superintendent of Solano County Office of Education, as she retires after 42 years of outstanding public service through education.

Before being elected to serve as Solano County's Superintendent of Public Education, Dee Alarcon worked for 20 years as a teacher, principal and administrator in half of Solano County's six school districts—Dixon, Travis and Benicia. During this period she also taught at the university level. In 1998, Dee began working for the Office of Education as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Public Information Office, then as Director ACSA Principals Academy, and quickly moved up to Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, then Associate Superintendent/Chief Business Official, and finally to Deputy Superintendent from 2001–2003. It was in 2003 that Dee was elected as the first female county superintendent in Solano County's 158-year history; rightfully, an achievement of great pride for her.

Professionally Dee has been an outstanding leader among her peers. She is well-known across the nation for her expertise in professional development for teachers and administrators and her depth of knowledge has made her a subject-matter expert in curriculum and instruction. She holds life teaching and administrative service credentials including a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts from California State University, Chico, and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from California State University, Sacramento.

As Solano County Superintendent, Dee has directed and implemented the strategic plan for the Office of Education, developed and monitored the \$64 million budget, and monitored the combined school district budgets of \$500 million. In 2007, Solano County was awarded "America's Promise 100 Best Communities for Young People" with the Office of Education serving as lead agency in submitting the application. It is with great pride that we note Solano County has won this distinguished designation a total of three times.

Dee Alarcon also represents the Solano County Office of Education through her memberships in various professional organizations and committees. She was recognized with a Women of Distinction Award in 2004 by Soptimist International of Dixon for her outstanding service in education and to the community.

Dee has been elected President of the ACSA, Region 4, and served on ACSA's state Board of Directors for 3 years. In 2005, ACSA honored her as Administrator of the Year. She currently serves as the President of the Association of Educational Service Agencies, AESA, Council and she will direct the Association of California School Administrators, ACSA, Superintendents Academy this year at the Solano County Office of Education.

Additionally, Dee's experience in community relations and collective bargaining along with her amiable personality are assets in fostering

positive and collaborative relationships among educational institutions, professional organizations, governmental agencies, and members of the community.

When asked to comment on the leading factor motivating her to serve in the education profession, Dee explains, "I have never lost focus of why I am in this business—for the children."

As Superintendent Dee Alarcon retires, we are pleased to have this opportunity to thank her publicly for her remarkable leadership and dedication to excellence in education. Our children, their families, and our entire community have benefitted immensely from her work. Hers is a lasting legacy and we join together with Dee's husband Alex, her sons A.J. and Phil, her extended family and friends to wish her the very best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 570 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING JANICE KAMENIR- REZNIK

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of our country, my good friend Janice Kamenir-Reznik. She is being honored as the Co-Founder and President of Jewish World Watch (JWW) at the Global Soul event on February 1, 2011. Janice is one of Los Angeles' most dedicated activists, as seen by her relentless advocacy for human and civil rights worldwide.

Through co-founding JWW with Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, Janice has directed the energies of this effective Jewish movement to focus attention on ending current and future genocides and mass atrocities. Her dedication and efforts to end the current crises in regions such as the Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo are clear examples of her compassionate and caring nature.

JWW urges individuals and communities to take local action to produce powerful global results in the fight against genocide. The organization has impressively enlisted 65 synagogues, and works in coalition with schools, churches, individuals, communities, and partner organizations that share a vision of a world without genocide. JWW has successfully influenced legislation that ends the trade of conflict minerals from Congo which funds armed groups committing atrocities in the region. They also provide high-impact relief and development projects that improve the lives of survivors and help build the foundation for a stable region.

Janice is a pillar of society and a role model for all of us. As President of JWW, she has

demonstrated not only the influence of advocacy but the power of action as well. She ensures that this important movement will not “stand idly by” as she continues to provide educational awareness, advocacy and direct relief efforts in the killing fields of Sudan and war-torn Congo.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Janice Kamenir-Reznik for her invaluable contributions and dedication to the JWW cause.

NOVEMBER IS AMERICAN
DIABETES MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge November as National Diabetes Month. This is a time for us to officially recognize the importance of and to increase the awareness of this relentless, debilitating and—without question deadly disease. If left undiagnosed or untreated, the consequences of diabetes are far more serious than many people realize. This month is an opportunity for Americans to look at diabetes differently and to get involved to stop and prevent this disease.

Currently, there are nearly 24 million American children and adults who have diabetes; there are another 57 million Americans that have prediabetes, putting them at high risk for developing the disease. Every minute three people are diagnosed with diabetes and over 700,000 New Yorkers have the disease—almost a third do not know they have it and more than 100,000 of them with very poorly controlled diabetes are at high risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and amputations.

The American Diabetes Association estimates that the total cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is more than \$174 billion annually. Further published studies suggest that when additional costs for gestational diabetes, prediabetes and undiagnosed diabetes are included, the total diabetes-related costs in the United States could exceed \$218 billion each year if people do not have access to the tools necessary to manage their diabetes. Every day, nearly 200 people with diabetes will undergo an amputation, 130 people enter end-stage kidney disease programs and 50 people go blind from diabetes. Diabetes kills more Americans each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined.

Diabetes is not merely a condition; it is a disease with deadly consequences. Drastic action is needed from everyone for we simply cannot afford to continue to ignore this epidemic. The most critical thing you can do is to take control of your own health and to encourage your family and community to do the same. Fortunately, there are a number of steps you can take if you have or are at risk for developing diabetes. Everyone can start by knowing the “ABCs of diabetes”; this will help in keeping it under control, as well as, prevent or delay any serious and deadly complications. The ABCs are simple and consist of the following:

Average Glucose—Most people with diabetes should check their A1C (a measure of av-

erage glucose) every 3 to 6 months. The A1C test measures how well they are managing their diabetes over time. A1C can also be reported as estimated Average Glucose, or eAG. In most cases, it is important to keep A1C less than 7 percent (eAG less than 154 mg/dl).

Blood Pressure—People with diabetes should have a target blood pressure of less than 130/80 mmHg.

Cholesterol—LDL (bad) cholesterol should be below 100 mg/dl; HDL (healthy) cholesterol should be above 40 mg/dl for men and 50 mg/dl for women; triglycerides should be below 150 mg/dl.

Diabetes is an epidemic in New York City, fueled by the increase in obesity nationwide and worldwide. In the past 15 years, the number of people with diabetes in NYC has more than doubled. In 2008, 550,000 New Yorkers reported being diagnosed with diabetes. Though serious, diabetes can be prevented and controlled—weight management is an important step.

Therefore, I encourage everyone to talk to their doctor, participate in some form of physical activity, maintain a healthy diet and take your medications. These are just a few preventive measures that you can do in taking control of your diabetes. So, please join me in recognizing November as National Diabetes Month and increasing the awareness by jump starting your way to a healthier life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 569, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

IN HONOR OF ANASTASIOS
(TASSOS) EFSTRATIADES

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Anastasios, Tassos, Efstratiades, whose personal commitment to preserve the proud heritage of Cypriot Americans and efforts to raise awareness of the continued strife in Cyprus is worthy of recognition.

Mr. Efstratiades's love for his homeland is admirable and his accomplishments as a father and businessman are truly inspirational.

Mr. Efstratiades, a partner at Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel, LLP, has been named Chairman on both the Governor's Commission on International Trade for New Jersey and the Cherry Hill Economic Development Committee. He has also served on the New Jersey General Assembly's Task Force on Business Retention, Expansion and Export Development. In these roles Mr. Efstratiades has demonstrated his abilities as a leader, spearheading efforts to improve commerce and create economic growth, contributing di-

rectly to the well-being and prosperity for many families in Southern New Jersey.

As a leader in Greek American initiatives, Mr. Efstratiades's service is truly extraordinary. Serving as chairman of the Greek American Chamber of Commerce, he has worked to cultivate relationships and ease business struggles for countless Greek and Cypriot-American businesspeople. Mr. Efstratiades's civic leadership helped him earn this prestigious title, while his tireless efforts have garnered him the respect and admiration of his peers and colleagues.

Madam Speaker, Anastasios Efstratiades's commitment to South Jersey must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued dedication to Cypriot Americans.

POSTHUMOUS TRIBUTE TO
SERGEANT WILLIE JAMES QUINCE

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. PASCARELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual, the late Sergeant Willie James Quince of Paterson, New Jersey, whose life will be celebrated during a memorial service on Monday, November 29, 2010, at the First A.M.E. Zion Church.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for he served countless others throughout his lifetime.

Sergeant Willie James Quince was born in Valdosta, Georgia, in 1921 to Mr. Remer Quince and Helen Braswell. His family moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, for where he finished elementary school and graduated from Industrial High School. He went on to courses at Purple Kerpels School of Mechanical Dentistry in New York City, NY. He then studied 4 years at the Jones Barber School in Atlantic City, NJ, and the Interracial Barber College in Atlantic City, NJ, graduating in three years. After graduation, he moved to Paterson, N.J. in January 1958 and opened Quince's Barber Shop.

He was married to Mary M. Quince for 61 years, and together they raised five children, Wiley “Sonny” Quince, William A. Quince (Linda), Madgeline Z. Quince, Sylvia A. Lucas, and Kelvin C. Quince (Cora); and also now have ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Mr. Quince was a faithful husband, dedicated father, grandfather and great grandfather, and a committed community servant. He earned many accolades and had a long record of accomplishment as a forerunner for civil rights and a leader throughout Paterson. He was a long time member of First A.M.E. Zion Church where he was elected Man Of The Year multiple times, served on the Board of Trustees for 31 years and served as Chairman for 15 years. He also served on the Steward Board, Usher Board, The Dreamers, The Kitchen Cabinet, and The Zion Seniors.

He served our Nation as a Drill Sergeant during World War II Army Air Force and received the Medal of Good Conduct, WWII Victory Medal and ATO Medal. He was an Honored Life Member of the NAACP Paterson