

Southwestern Louisiana Institute, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. His time there was cut short, as in 1940 he joined the Army Air Corps at Barksdale Field in Shreveport, and participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers in 1941. His squadron was sent overseas, where he fought for the defense of the Philippines.

Serving as an infantryman during the Battle of Bataan, Bollich was captured by the Japanese and was forced to participate in the Bataan Death March as a prisoner of war. Despite the cruelty endured at the hands of his captors, and the thousands of deaths of his fellow servicemen he witnessed, Bollich bravely persevered and survived. He ultimately spent three and a half years at the Japanese POW camp in San Fernando before he and his fellow survivors were freed by the Russian Army in 1945.

After his harrowing ordeal, he returned to the United States and returned to college. Upon graduating, he worked as a subsurface petroleum geologist until his retirement. He has written several books, including "A Soldier's Story" which told his story of his time as a prisoner of war. For his courage in the face of unimaginable hardship, he received several commendations and medals, including the Bronze Star, the Victory Medal, and the POW medal. In addition to this, he was recently inducted to the Louisiana Veterans Hall of Honor. He has sacrificed much for his country, and should serve as an example and a reminder of true patriotism to this Nation.

It goes without saying that Sergeant James J. Bollich is very deserving of the honor of being named American Legion Post 241's Legionnaire of the Year. His story is one of bravery and dedication, and I am honored to serve as his member of Congress. He is part of our "Greatest Generation" and my words cannot express the gratitude we should all show to those who served in World War II. I wholeheartedly thank Sergeant Bollich for his service to the United States, and I congratulate him on this most recent honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, November 29, 2010, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 581 and "yea" on rollcall 582.

IN HONOR OF DR. RUSS COLSON

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my distinguished constituents, Dr. Russ Colson, the 2010 Professor of the Year awarded by Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Dr. Colson was hired by Minnesota State University Moorhead in 1993 to teach geology at a school that did not have an existing geology program. In an area like the Red River Valley with its rich geologic history, a strong program was necessary and Dr. Colson worked to create a stand-out geology program at one of our nation's stand-out universities.

He has put an emphasis on experiential learning in nearly three-quarters of his classes. A self-described "science coach," Dr. Colson introduces students to geology around the globe through hands-on experiences—applying what is learned in books to the real world.

He is beloved by faculty and students alike. His students praise his teaching style for helping them develop skills necessary in the 21st century. A fellow faculty member refers to Dr. Colson as "the best."

Dr. Colson is the first professor from a Minnesota public university to receive this award but likely not the last. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Colson, his family and the MSUM community on this impressive achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor on the legislative day of November 29, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 581 and 582.

CONGRATULATING MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER'S CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mary, Mother of the Redeemer's Catholic Education Center on the momentous achievement of being designated a 2010 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer is a Catholic Parish in North Wales, Montgomery County. In 1997, the ten-year old parish saw the need for a school of its own and began laying the groundwork to establishing what would become an award winning educational center. In 2002, after years of planning and fundraising, the parish began construction and only two years later the school had an enrollment of nearly 700 students. The education center has a mission statement of recognizing the uniqueness of each student to provide a quality Catholic education.

The Blue Ribbon Program is a project of the Department of Education that identifies the best school leadership and teaching practices, setting a standard of excellence for all middle and high schools. This year, 254 public and 50 private schools were chosen for this honor. Schools are chosen based on their ability to produce students who, regardless of their backgrounds, are high performing.

Being chosen as a Blue Ribbon School designates Mary, Mother of the Redeemer as a model for other schools across the country. Of the 413 schools nationwide that can be nominated, only 50 originate with the Council for Private Education, through which Mary, Mother of the Redeemer was nominated. The school is fully committed to maintaining its five year Blue Ribbon designation and being nominated again in 2015. I am proud to represent in congress a school that is so committed to excellence that it is nationally recognized, serving as a model nationwide.

Madam Speaker, once again I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mary, Mother of the Redeemer on its momentous designation as a blue ribbon school.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAUTAUQUA HALL OF BROTHERHOOD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, located in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

On Lake Chautauqua in western New York, the original Chautauqua Institution was founded in 1874 as a vacation school for Sunday school teachers. Chautauqua retreats gained popularity in the 1880s; in 1885, the first Florida Chautauqua program, and second in the nation, was founded and convened on the banks of Lake DeFuniak. It served as a platform for discussion of the latest thinking in politics, economics, literature, science and religion and attracted noted scholars and famous lecturers.

In 1910, the Hall of Brotherhood was completed. The Dome was dedicated to the soldiers and sailors of the Republic, and the columns on the outside of the building represent the Presidents of the United States. The expansive edifice incorporated many large meeting rooms and contained a 4,000 seat amphitheatre, fully equipped with electrical lights, dissolving color effects and foot lights for the presentation of plays and grand concerts. It was the largest Chautauqua amphitheatre in the southern United States.

As he laid the cornerstone at the dedication ceremony, General John B. Gordon remarked, "The Hall of Brotherhood tells the story. Every beam and timber, each brick and stone that shall complete its structure, from this supporting cornerstone now laid to its finished turret, will speak to coming generations of the sentiment that suggested it. American brotherhood, a reunited country, on which depends not only the life and perpetuity of the Republic, but the welfare of universal humanity, are the glorious realities which this Hall is to represent. In the name, therefore, of every state in this Union, and of our priceless freedom, invoking Heaven's blessing upon it, I dedicate this spot where the Hall of Brotherhood is to stand a holy invocation to the everlasting fraternity of the American People."

On August 7, 1972 the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood.

CONGRATULATING DIAMOND
STANDARD ON EXCELLENCE IN
CREATING AFTER-MARKET
PARTS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Diamond Standard, a Memphis based company, for receiving an excellent rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) for their after-market bumpers. The IIHS, widely considered to be a leading authority on crash testing and auto safety, describes itself as "an independent, nonprofit, scientific, and educational organization dedicated to reducing the losses—deaths, injuries, and property damage—from crashes on the nation's highways." IIHS found Diamond Standard's bumpers to be equivalent to factory equipment.

Diamond Standard is truly an American company that shows the American dream is still alive and well. Owner and founder Mike O'Neal started his work in the automotive business as an employee for his father, John O'Neal, who owned a bumper re-chroming shop in West Memphis. In the 1990's, Mike saw a demand for high-end, after-market bumpers. However, Diamond Standard did not officially begin selling its product until four years ago.

Today, Diamond Standard and its sister companies have manufacturing and warehousing facilities in Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, Washington State, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Taiwan. Diamond Standard provides jobs for approximately 439 Americans, including 65 in Memphis.

The collision replacement industry is estimated to generate more than \$16 billion a year. Diamond Standard provides parts to nearly 15 percent of companies within this industry. Because of the tremendous work they are doing, the company is worth an estimated \$150 million a year. Mr. O'Neal has said that the Insurance Institute certification has the potential to double Diamond Standard's business in the next 24 months.

For the past 5–6 years Diamond Standard has invested about \$2 million for research and testing to prove that its parts are comparable to those that are factory-made. Their recent invention of an after-market bumper that is comparable to a factory bumper is significant because it has never been done before. This new and safe bumper has the potential to lower bumper-replacement costs for hard working Americans.

Diamond Standard has given Memphis much of which to be proud. Its investment in research and development, revolutionary innovation and operational expansion is truly emblematic of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Diamond Standard for the excellent rating they received for their after-market bumpers and for the bright future Diamond Standard will surely have.

HONORING ADELE LICHTENBERGER, RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY/NASA EARTH SCIENCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Adele Lichtenberger, of Springfield, Va., for receiving the American Meteorological Society and NASA Earth Science Graduate Fellowship. This fellowship program is designed to encourage careers in environmental science—specifically atmospheric, oceanic and hydrological fields—for the bright young scientists. It selects promising students in their first year of graduate study who are interested in a variety of concentrations including meteorology, physics, mathematics, hydrology, oceanography, marine science, computer science and engineering. Ms. Lichtenberger received one of only thirteen fellowships from the American Meteorological Society.

Ms. Lichtenberger recently received her bachelor's degree in meteorology and physics from North Carolina State University, where she was recognized as the Outstanding Senior in Meteorology in May 2010. She has also earned the American Meteorological Society's Richard and Helen Hagemeyer Scholarship for the 2009 school year as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship for the 2008 and 2009 school years. Ms. Lichtenberger's studies were focused on cloud and aerosol physics, and she will continue this focus in her graduate studies at Colorado State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Adele Lichtenberger as the recipient of the AMS/NASA Earth Science Graduate Fellowship and for her commitment to her study of meteorological science.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE RYAN

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucille Ryan of Brooklyn, my cousin and Godmother, on her 90th Birthday.

Lucille has spent most of her life in Brooklyn and now lives in Whiting, New Jersey with her husband, Bill. They have been married for 58 years, raising three wonderful children; and have eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They have contributed to their church and local communities in immeasurable ways.

As my Godmother, I have known Lucille for my entire life, spending many holidays at her house. Lucille always kept a warm and welcoming environment in her home, teaching me the value of hospitality and a strong family relationship from an early age. As a person of deep religious conviction, I learned how important love, understanding and tolerance truly are.

To this day, Lucille continues to bring loved ones together and teach a whole new genera-

tion the value of family. The lessons and values I have learned from her will stay with me throughout my life. I congratulate her on 90 full years and thank her for playing such a strong role in my life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 29, 2010, I was unable to return to Washington, DC, in time to cast my vote for rollcall votes 581 and 582. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOSPICE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the month of November being designated as National Hospice Awareness Month. We may hear of hospice care from friends or colleagues that have had the unfortunate experience of placing their loved one in a hospice facility. Oftentimes, when we hear the word hospice, we think of it as a cold and uncaring place that our loved one may transition to before their final resting place. However, "hospice" care is a compassionate approach to caring for those who are faced with a life-limiting illness. It provides families with the supportive services that not only keep the patient comfortable, but educates the family and provides emotional support.

Hospice care brings together a team of specifically trained professionals and volunteers who work with the patient's doctor to provide a plan of care designed to control the pain and ease end-of-life struggles for the patient and family. The typical hospice team consists of the patient's physician and the hospice physician; registered nurses; social workers; spiritual care coordinators; bereavement counselors; dietitians; pharmacists; physical, occupational and speech therapists; home care aides; and volunteers. Some patients even benefit from having access to music, art and massage therapists as well, all of which are services provided in hospice care.

In the state of New York, there are over 20 specialized Hospice and Palliative Care facilities, three of which are in my district. If you read the testimonies from family members who have received any type of hospice service for a loved one, I believe that you would have a different outlook and better understanding of hospice care. Hospice is covered under Medicare Part A, Medicaid and private insurance. It is truly underutilized by those who would benefit the most and many hospices will not turn anyone away based on their ability to pay.

In closing, I no longer want you to think of "hospice" care as cold and uncaring, but a philosophy of services available to you and your loved one. The kind of health care services that are available round the clock; services that don't end once your loved one have