

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

gone to their final resting place, but bereavement services that extends beyond that timeframe and as needed. Therefore, it is important for me to recognize the many organizations that provide these specialized services in a nation that is hurting from so many crises on a daily basis. I want to recognize and honor these facilities around the world.

RECOGNIZING FACETS AND “A
TASTE OF FALL”

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize FACETS, a Northern Virginia non-profit that is a leader in providing dynamic and responsive service to those suffering from poverty and homelessness. Tonight we are here for the “Taste of Fall” in support of this organization.

Founded in 1988 by Ms. Linda D. Wimpey and three Episcopal churches, FACETS works to address the needs of those living on the brink of homelessness. To successfully work towards this goal, FACETS has grown its partnerships in the community, drawing in faith organizations, businesses, individuals, and local government. In the past year, nightly meals and Sunday morning breakfasts were served by a core group of 35 faith partners and 1000 volunteers who cooked and delivered more than 42,000 meals to men, women, children who are homeless in Fairfax. With the help of an additional 400 volunteers, FACETS also provides social work services, housing, and supportive programs for individuals and families that are homeless or living in government-subsidized housing sites in Fairfax County.

FACETS approach to its quality service is in its guiding values of dignity, commitment, and integrity.

The homeless suffer from the stigmas and biases, making it difficult to navigate the challenges they face. Recognizing this shortcoming, FACETS has committed itself to treating clients with dignity and respect. Understanding without judging is important to promoting the self esteem necessary to self improvement.

Through a strong commitment to its volunteers, staff, partners, donors and clients, FACETS works to foster an atmosphere of camaraderie and teamwork in achieving their goal of ending homelessness and poverty. The caliber of work FACETS performs is a testament to the people involved in this mission.

Integrity of operations and transparency in management is critical to FACETS’ ability to maintain high quality services. FACETS holds the communities trust in its stewardship of re-

sources, and its discipline in providing the best quality service possible.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking FACETS for its work to end homelessness and poverty in Fairfax County. It is the collaboration of volunteers, donors, government, and businesses that enable FACETS to carry out its mission. You have the appreciation of the Northern Virginia community, and my personal thanks for your important service.

REMEMBERING JOHN ALVIS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, ten years ago today, our world lost a great champion for global democracy and the rule of law.

John Alvis, a close friend and constituent of mine, was murdered on November 30, 2000 in Baku, Azerbaijan where he was working for the cause most dear to his heart spreading democracy around the globe. For those of you who never had the honor to meet John, I’d like to tell you today about this 36 year old idealistic warrior for international democracy who never met a stranger.

I first got to know John when he helped guide my first campaign for Congress and in 1999, I was honored to witness first hand John’s impact around the globe as he assisted the Republic of Georgia in their transition to a democratic government. His passion to export American democratic principles was unrivaled and that lead him from his home in Texas to the former Soviet Union.

John’s young life was ended by an unknown assailant while he serving as a resident director of the International Republican Institute, training campaign workers and election officials in Azerbaijan. One of his colleagues there probably described John best as someone who “touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with.” I and members of my staff remember John for his infectious laugh, his great sense of humor, his passion for all things politics, his love for man’s best friend, his Dalmatian Jersey, and his innate ability to keep people together even in the toughest of times.

Even though it was just two weeks before John was due to return home to celebrate Christmas that he was killed, this proud Aggie lives on through the recipients of the John Alvis Memorial Scholarship at Texas A&M University who exemplify his passionate American Patriotism through their public service.

I am concerned that John’s murder remains unsolved. Madam speaker, I want to take this opportunity to impress on the Government of Azerbaijan and the FBI the necessity to continue to press to bring those responsible for this heinous act to justice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I intended to vote “nay” on rollcall vote 584 taken on November 30, 2010. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD currently lists me as an “aye” vote on this measure. As a fiscal conservative, I cannot support \$4.6 billion in government spending in a period of record federal deficits and budget constraints facing American families.

HONORING SERENA SUTHERS AS A
RUNNER UP IN THE 2010 “GOLD-
EN CARROT AWARDS” FOR INNO-
VATION IN SCHOOL FOOD-
SERVICE

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 Serena Suthers for receiving the runner-up award in the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine’s (PCRM) Golden Carrot Awards celebrating innovation in school foodservice. PCRM established The Golden Carrot Awards in 2004 to recognize exceptional efforts to improve the nutritional value of school lunches. It identifies school programs that have encouraged students to eat fresh fruits and vegetables, while also offering students plenty of healthful options.

Ms. Suthers serves as the Director of School Food and Nutrition Services for the Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS). As part of an initiative to make healthy eating habits and nutrition education fun and engaging for students, PWCS offers various events and programs to promote a healthy diet. The school system offers daily vegetarian and vegan meal options and other healthy choices such as whole grains, soymilk, brown rice, and granola bars. It also hosts tasting parties featuring a fruit or vegetable of the month and has developed a partnership with a local vendor to provide lettuce for PWCS’ salads.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Serena Suthers for receiving the PCRM’s Golden Carrot runner-up prize for her dedication to child nutrition and innovation in school foodservice. I would like to congratulate her for her achievement in creating a more healthy community for the students of Prince William County Public Schools.