

communities, this will guarantee institutions have the tools they need to develop effective programs without significant experimentation or expense.

I would like to thank the team at Security On Campus, Inc., SOC, the national non-profit group founded by Jeanne Clery's parents, Connie and Howard, after her rape and murder on her Pennsylvania campus in 1986, for their support in developing this legislation and for their full endorsement. Liz Seccuro, herself a survivor of campus rape at the University of Virginia in 1984, has been especially inspiring in her support of our work and I want to commend her for her courage in coming forward publicly so that the current generation of students can receive the protection she was denied.

I would also like to thank Kristen Lombardi and Kristen Jones of the Center for Public Integrity. Their year-long expose "Sexual Assault On Campus—A Frustrating Search for Justice" ran earlier this year, along with companion segments on NPR, exposing many of the gaps the Campus SaVE Act will help to fill.

Madam Speaker, the scope of intimate partner violence significantly undermines the billions of taxpayer dollars we invest in higher education. The Campus SaVE Act will help protect this investment, but more importantly our most valuable asset—our children and our future. College campuses should be a safe and secure place of learning, not a place where anyone feels uncomfortable or unsafe.

HONORING AMBASSADOR JEAN KENNEDY SMITH

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, my aunt, upon being chosen as a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to be presented by President Obama at a ceremony in early 2011. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the country's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made great contributions to U.S. security or world peace, or made other cultural or significant accomplishments. Aunt Jean's work with the arts and those with disabilities is simply unmatched.

In 1974, Aunt Jean founded VSA, a non-profit, international organization affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center that promotes the artistic talents of children, youth and adults with disabilities. VSA also provides education opportunities for people with disabilities and increases access to the arts for all. With 52 international affiliates and a network of nationwide affiliates, VSA is changing perceptions about people with disabilities around the world. Each year, 7 million people of all ages and abilities participate in VSA programs, which cover all artistic genres.

For 46 years, Aunt Jean has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, which provides grants to promote awareness and advocacy in the field of intellectual disabilities. Her book, *Chronicles of Courage: Very Special Artists*, written in collaboration with George Plimpton, was published by Random House in April 1993.

President Clinton named Aunt Jean U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, where she played a pivotal role in the peace process from 1993 to 1998. She is the youngest daughter of Joseph and Rose Kennedy, my grandparents, and is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Kennedy Center.

I wish Aunt Jean all the best as she continues her important work on behalf of those with disabilities. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

HONORING DR. CARL WONG

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor Dr. Carl Wong, an outstanding educator for 38 years who is retiring as the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Wong is a distinguished director whose work in this elected position provides countywide leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for the K–12 public school system, which is comprised of 40 school districts and 71,000 students.

A dedicated educator committed to the philosophy of public school education and to the welfare of students, Dr. Wong is a first generation Chinese-American from humble origins. Living in the federal housing projects in Vallejo, California where his father was employed at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Dr. Wong graduated from Napa High School and first pursued a career as a machinist at the Shipyard. Enrolling in night school through Napa Community College, Dr. Wong earned his degree and teaching credential at Chico State University. He began his career in education as a math and industrial arts teacher at Helix High School in San Diego County, later returning to school to become a counselor and administrator. As a full-time faculty member and administrator, Dr. Wong earned his Ph.D. in education from Northern Arizona University.

In 1997, Dr. Wong returned to his home in Northern California, becoming superintendent of Petaluma City Schools, the second largest school district in Sonoma County. In this post, Dr. Wong successfully pioneered a framework to build collaboration and understanding between the district's major divisions to better serve youth. First elected Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, Dr. Wong is credited with working with the County Board of Education, district and school administrators, and faculty to restructure and better serve local districts, helping them align themselves toward more continuity while building consensus for a shared, countywide vision.

The recipient of many awards and recognitions, Carl Wong is a compassionate mentor, both to students and to colleagues. His background gives him a unique understanding of students who don't excel in traditional academic settings. He is a tireless advocate whose goal is to prepare all students to become productive citizens engaged in the democratic process. An active community speaker, Dr. Wong gives generously of his time and energies, serving on numerous

boards and councils, including the Board of Supervisors' appointee to the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board, the United Way of Wine Country Board, and the Santa Rosa Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Carl Wong is a very talented man, a man of remarkable commitment and it is therefore appropriate to honor him today and to wish him well in his next endeavor. Congratulations, Carl Wong—you will be missed!

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of native Brooklynite, global connoisseur and dear friend, Congressman Stephen Solarz.

Congressman Solarz worked tirelessly on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to address some of the most controversial topics and political figures of our time. Congressman Solarz combined American foreign policy with a Brooklyn twist, being both affable and austere when necessary. His work affected numerous corners of the world from North Korea to Israel to Turkey and beyond.

Furthermore, Congressman Solarz's legendary staff members, including Assemblyman Peter Abbate, have gone on to contribute greatly to New York City. I have had the pleasure of working with his colleagues and have seen the Congressman's great work live on through them.

Today, on the day of his funeral, my thoughts and prayers are with his family and his wife, Nina. It brings me great sadness to say goodbye to an American hero like Congressman Solarz. He will truly be missed across the globe.

ON WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims and their Families, which was observed on Sunday, November 21, 2010. I offer my heartfelt condolences to all those who have lost loved ones to road crashes. This observance spans the globe, uniting every person regardless of age, class, gender, race, nationality, or geography, as road crashes can devastate any life at any time.

Indeed, road crashes profoundly alter the lives of millions of people. The leading cause of death throughout the world for people ages 5 to 29 is not disease or war but road crashes. A staggering 1.3 million people are killed in road crashes every year, and another 20 to 50 million are injured in traffic accidents. On

average, over 1,000 people under the age of 25 die every single day on the world's roads, and the annual monetary cost of motor vehicle crashes worldwide is currently estimated at \$518 billion.

These numbers are increasing dramatically and place particular strain on underdeveloped and developing nations, where crash rates are at their highest. In developing countries, road crashes have a dramatic impact on fragile economies, costing an estimated \$100 billion and often exceeding the total amount received by these countries in development assistance. Furthermore, road crashes affect first responder services, health care services, and health insurance services, as many victims require extensive, and expensive, critical care, as well as follow-up care and rehabilitation.

Road crashes are particularly devastating when examining the effect on young people. Globally, more than 40 percent of all road traffic deaths occur among individuals under 25 years old, and crashes are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 10–25 years old. Over the next decade, this is estimated to become the leading cause of death for children 5 and older worldwide. It is my fervent hope that our observance of the World Day of Remembrance will help to prevent the needless end of so many young lives in the future.

Unlike other epidemics and tragedies which modern science has not yet found ways to eradicate, the cure for road crashes is within our grasp, and the United States has taken a critical, active role domestically and internationally to address this problem. In November 2009, the Moscow Declaration, signed by 150 countries, encouraged the establishment of a Decade of Action for Road Safety from 2011 to 2020, and laid the foundation for United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/255 adopted in March 2010. This U.N. resolution recognizes that the devastation caused by road crashes negatively impacts the social, economic, and health targets of the Millennium Development Goals. The United States now takes the lead in furthering the goals of this initiative and setting an example for the rest of the world by improving transportation management, infrastructure, vehicle safety, education, and post-crash care and rehabilitation here at home. It is of the utmost importance that we continue to support public policies designed to reduce key risk factors like speeding, drunk driving, distracted driving, and the failure of many Americans to use seat belts, child restraints, and other safety devices.

The Decade of Action for Road Safety has not been declared to merely raise awareness, but also to take action. We all use roads, cars, buses, and bicycles every day. It is easy to take our safety for granted. But too many tragedies remind us that road fatalities and injuries have an enormous impact on our lives. This resolution expresses the House of Representatives' support for the Decade of Action and encourages the federal government to support efforts to reduce road fatalities, preventing needless deaths and injuries both here at home and around the world.

Madam Speaker, as Americans travel the world more and more and as our global society grows ever more close-knit, the pressing importance of our observance of the World Day of Remembrance only grows as well.

HONORING TIMOTHY SHRIVER

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timothy Shriver, my cousin, for his stewardship in leading the world's most formative human rights organization. Tim is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer of the Special Olympics. In this capacity, Tim serves 3.1 million Special Olympics athletes and their families in 175 countries. His work for those with disabilities is simply unmatched.

After taking the helm at Special Olympics in 1996, Cousin Tim launched the organization's most ambitious growth agenda, leading to the recruitment of more than 2 million new athletes around the world. He has worked with the leaders of China to initiate a thriving Special Olympics Program in their country, highlighted by their hosting the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai. He has also worked with world leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Bill Clinton, George Bush, Bertie Ahern, Rafiq Hariri, Thabo Weld, Julius Nyerere, Hosni Mubarak and Shimon Peres to advance the growth of the Special Olympics mission and vision while challenging nations to adopt more supportive and just policies. He has spearheaded programs in developing or war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Iraq.

Tim has also created exciting new Special Olympics initiatives in athlete leadership, cross-cultural research, health, education and family support. Among them, Special Olympics Healthy Athletes has become the world's largest public health screening and education program for people with intellectual disabilities, and Special Olympics Get Into It, together with Unified Sports, promotes inclusion and acceptance around the world.

In addition, he has worked to garner more legislative attention and government support for issues of concern to the Special Olympics community, testifying before the U.S. Congress on numerous occasions.

As part of his passion for promoting the gifts of the forgotten, Tim has harnessed the power of Hollywood to share the stories of inspiration and change, co-producing DreamWorks Studios' 1997 release, "Amistad," and Disney Studios' 2000 release, "The Loretta Claiborne Story." He is Executive Producer of "The Ringer," a Family Brothers' film, and also has produced or co-produced shows for ABC, TNT and NBC networks, and made broadcast appearances on "The Today Show," CNN, MTV and Nickelodeon's "World of Difference."

Before joining Special Olympics, Tim was and remains a leading educator focusing on the social and emotional factors in learning. He has worked in substance abuse prevention, violence, dropout prevention and teen pregnancy prevention. He created the New Haven Public Schools' Social Development Project, now considered the leading school-based prevention effort in the United States, and co-founded the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the leading research organization in the United States in the field of social and emotional learning. Tim currently chairs CASEL.

Tim earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University, a Master's degree in Religion and Religious Education from Catholic University, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Connecticut. He is the recipient of numerous honors, including honorary degrees from Loyola University, New England College and Albertus Magnus College; the Medal of the City of Athens, Greece; the Order de Manuel Amador Guerrero of the Republic of Panama; the 1995 Connecticut Citizen of the Year; the Surgeon General's Medallion; and the 2007 Lions Humanitarian Award. He has authored articles in many leading publications including "The New York Times," "The Washington Post" and "Commonweal."

Tim has helped transform Special Olympics into a movement that focuses on respect, acceptance and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities in all corners of the globe. I wish Tim all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of those with disabilities. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION
FOR THE DEDICATED STAFF OF
THE 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the citizens of Tennessee's 8th congressional district to express our great appreciation for the distinguished service of the 8th district staff.

As you and our colleagues know, it is simply not possible to fully perform our duties in this body without the help of dedicated staff members. They are called on to work long hours helping us communicate with our constituents and assisting families with personal matters before the federal government.

The team representing the 8th district has helped west and middle Tennesseans resolve an estimated 30,000 federal cases over the past 22 years and has talked with hundreds of thousands more about their views on issues pending before Congress.

There are few, if any, communities where our staff has not helped improve and enhance the quality of life. We have worked with state and local officials to secure funding for water and sewer systems; better school facilities; senior citizen services; assistance for farmers; recreation facilities; public hunting and fishing opportunities; rural health care; satellite Veterans Affairs centers so our rural veterans can see doctors closer to home; rural broadband upgrades; rural fire and police services; and highway, infrastructure and economic development projects to create thousands of jobs. The list could go on and on.

We are deeply proud of this record of constituent service, which is only possible because of the hard work and expert skill of dedicated staff members who have made sacrifices to address the needs and concerns of our neighbors. They are leaders in our communities who recognize public service is an opportunity to help people and see their jobs as a source of pride.