

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.

Three staff members working in our office now or who have recently retired from federal service—Judy Counce, Shirlene Mercer and Lou Anne White—started working for the 8th district when Betty Ann and I came to Congress, and we are fortunate that they remained with us.

Six others began their service to the 8th district before that, working alongside my predecessor, Congressman Ed Jones. This truly extraordinary team includes Kathy Becker, Margaret Black Matilla and Betty Hardin, all of whom still work in the 8th district offices today; and Joe Hill, Doug Thompson and Vickie Walling, all of whom recently retired from federal service.

Brad Thompson and Tom Turner are also longtime staff members who have given a great deal of time and energy to our district.

Others on the 8th district team for the 111th Congress include Mary Kate Allen, Mary Arnold, Elizabeth Brown, Christy Bugg, Carling Dinkier IV, Randy Ford, Jon Merlis, Beth Ann Saracco, Debbie Shires, Marilyn Simpson and George Tagg Jr.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate you and our colleagues joining me in a well-deserved expression of appreciation for the women and men who have served alongside Betty Ann and me over the past 22 years, whose selfless, tireless efforts on our behalf have led to meaningful contributions to the 8th district and our country.

#### COMMEMORATING TURKEY ON THEIR REPUBLIC DAY

### HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 2, 2010*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I recently returned from the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange's 26th TransAtlantic Conference in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey.

Joining me for this bipartisan conference were House colleagues JEAN SCHMIDT, FRANK LUCAS, JAMES SENSENBRENNER, and JIM MORAN.

This conference brought together Turkish and European Union government officials, members of the diplomatic community, scholars, and private sector leaders, to find ways to enhance understanding of the global challenges currently facing the U.S. and Turkey. We discussed how vital the bilateral relationship has been to both countries and how the alliance has served our national interest for over 60 years.

The key to our relationship is strengthening collaboration toward shared goals. Only with a renewed sense of trust and understanding will this partnership continue to thrive in the 21st century.

In honor of the deep friendship between the U.S. and Turkey, I come to the House Floor today to congratulate the Turkish people and their government on the 87th anniversary of the founding of their nation by Mustafa Kemal on October 29, 2010.

Mustafa Kemal, who was later given the name Atatürk, meaning "father of the Turks," rejected the crumbling structures and outdated modes of empire and embraced instead a platform of reform and modernization, a legacy that continues in Turkey to this day.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to highlight some of the incredible accomplishments of one of the world's most dynamic nations. Over the past 87 years, Turkey has joined the G20, NATO and the United Nations, becoming a leader on many diplomatic issues in the Middle East, Europe and around the world. She has led humanitarian missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, and taken the lead in the United Nations relating to Somali pirates and North Korea.

Turkey has followed President Atatürk's vision by partnering with the West, and also by building relationships with its neighbors to help stabilize the region.

I speak for the American people in extending our wishes for the continued strength and success of the Republic of Turkey.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCES LOUISE LASTER HAYES

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 2, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Frances Louise Laster Hayes, the owner of T.H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home in Memphis, Tennessee. She was born to Robert Laster and Maude Blair Laster in Fort Smith, Arkansas on January 9, 1907. Due to her mother's death, Frances and her three siblings, Mary, Clifford and Walter were raised by her father and aunt, Callie.

Frances Laster attended Lemoyne Normal school, now Lemoyne College, in the 1920s. She studied commerce and earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration. After graduation, Frances took a position at her family's lucrative business in Spring Lake, New Jersey. She worked there 8 years before returning to Memphis, where she married Taylor Hayes of Hayes Funeral home, the oldest continuing African-American-owned business in Tennessee.

When Frances Hayes married into the Hayes family at age 23, she had no experience in the funeral home industry. She started as a secretary working side-by-side with her husband and brother-in-law, learning the business of mortuary science. Earning her funeral director's license, Mrs. Hayes became one of the first licensed black female directors. Mrs. Hayes took over the Hayes funeral home with the help of family members when her husband died in 1968.

Mrs. Hayes received several awards and mentions over her lifetime. In 2002, Mrs. Hayes was awarded the President Award of Excellence from the National Funeral Director and Mortician Association Inc. and was also an honorary member of Who's Who of Black Funeral Directors. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of T.H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home, she was honored by Grace Magazine, the Commercial Appeal and the Tri-State Defender. She was prominent in social and civic realms and was a member of the Memphis Dinner Club, once described as one of the most exclusive black social clubs in America. She was also a member of the 2nd Congregational Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

At 103 years old, Frances Hayes was the epitome of a family matriarch. Her life experiences were widespread, including WWI and

WWII, Vietnam, The Gulf, The Great Depression, modernization of the auto, the assassinations of M.L. King, John F. Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Birth of Blues with WC Handy. Just two years ago she said "I can't believe we have a Black president, and she's such a beautiful First Lady."

Frances Hayes passed away Sunday, November 21, 2010 at the age of 103 at Methodist University Hospital. Mrs. Hayes' legacy lives on through her nephew Powers Thornton, Jr., her brother-in-law's daughter, Tommye Kay Armstrong and her Godsons, Antonio Benson, Eddie Brooks, Elbert Webster and her dozens of nieces and nephews. We are honored for her dedication to Memphis, Tennessee and her contributions to the Memphis community. Hers was a life well lived.

#### HONORING TYLER WHITLEY FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

### HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 2, 2010*

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tyler Whitley for his 50 years of service at the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Richmond News Leader.

After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, Tyler Whitley began his career with the Richmond News Leader as an obituary writer and then served as business editor for about six years before becoming a political reporter in 1980. He continued covering Virginia politics for the Richmond Times-Dispatch when the papers merged in 1992. A constituent of Virginia's Seventh District and a veteran journalist, Tyler Whitley has covered nine governors, 14 national political conventions and four decades of the Virginia General Assembly.

Known as the sage of the Virginia press corps, Tyler Whitley is highly respected by his colleagues for his hard work and dedication to his craft. He is a familiar face at Virginia political events and a household name to his many readers through countless bylines. He is a fair and honest reporter who I've had the pleasure to work with since my days in the Virginia House of Delegates and continue to work with today.

It is often said that reporters write the first version of history. In that case, Tyler Whitley has written more history than most. Please join me in recognizing Tyler Whitley as he marks a significant milestone in his distinguished career after 50 years of service at Richmond's paper of record.

#### CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4783, Claims Resolution Act, as amended by the Senate to resolve claims against the United States government