

100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Established on February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts have provided a positive influence for millions of young men throughout the country and have instilled in them the twelve key pillars contained in the Scout Law, which reads: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Over the past 100 years, we've all known family, friends, and neighbors involved in the Boy Scouts who took these building blocks of leadership to heart and made their communities a safer and better place. The Boy Scout program has reminded the American people of the higher notions of patriotism and good citizenship. With a range of former Boy Scouts such as Buzz Aldrin, Bill Gates, Tommy Lasorda, and Gerald Ford, this program has served to structure the lives of some of our greatest countrymen.

I want to personally congratulate the two Boy Scout Councils in my district, the Northern New Jersey Council and the Patriots Path Council, on this very special anniversary. The dedicated Scout leaders who are involved in these programs have introduced Scouts in New Jersey to exciting explorations and taught them new skills that they will use throughout their life. They have recounted stories of Native American folklore around campfires, taught Scouts the uses of a taut-line hitch and bowline knot, and have provided the Scouts with an opportunity to take on responsibilities and duties to further their maturity into adulthood. There are few greater chances for aiding our country than to help these young men in their efforts to make themselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Boy Scouts of America owes its tremendous history and over two million Eagle Scouts to an unknown English Scout who helped an American newspaper publisher cross a street in London. That newspaper publisher was so impressed by the Scout's willingness to help that he would later go on to found the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Boy Scouts of America embrace the social and personal virtues needed in mankind and provide countless opportunities for their Scouts to better our world as a whole. With their example in mind, I hope all Americans will use this opportunity to help a neighbor, volunteer in his or her community, explore nature, or learn more about our great Nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 4425 and H.R. 4238 and wish to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Last night, I met with constituents of mine in a town hall forum at the Champaign County Nursing Home and I was unable to arrive in Washington, DC to cast my votes.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 49 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office," I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 50 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4238, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building," I would have voted "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was absent and missed rollcall votes 49 and 50.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 49 and "aye" on rollcall 50.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PHILIP BRUNELLE RECEIVING THE 2010 LOCAL LEGEND AWARD

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Philip Brunelle who received the Minnesota Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Committee's 2010 Local Legend Award.

Philip Brunelle is a renowned conductor, organist and choral scholar. In 1969, with his partners, Brunelle founded the non-profit choral music organization Plymouth Music Series now known as VocalEssence.

VocalEssence presents concerts which feature the 130 voice VocalEssence Chorus and its core group, a 32-voice professional mixed chorus called the Ensemble Singers, along with guest singers and instrumentalists. VocalEssence stands apart from other choral groups because of its range, variety and quality of performance.

Mr. Brunelle has been awarded the 2010 Local Legend Award for his work with the WITNESS Collection. WITNESS is an initiative that began in 1991. It seeks to bear witness to the musical contributions of African American artists through concerts, recordings and educational programs.

This initiative has grown to include; an annual concert, a 4-volume collection showcasing 100 years of classical compositions by African American composers, educational outreach programs that strive to teach students about African American contributions, and the Teachers Guide that enhances educational outreach initiatives.

It is a privilege to recognize this valued leader before the United States House of Representatives. I salute Mr. Brunelle on behalf of his selfless dedication to music and the history of African American Artists.

Madam Speaker, in honor of Philip Brunelle, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Black History Month to recognize the many important contributions African Americans have made to our nation. We especially honor the extraordinary people who continue to help shape our community and our great nation. I have the privilege of representing thousands of successful and talented African Americans here in the second congressional district of Nebraska. Today I would like to recognize four individuals: Frank Hayes, Phyllis Hicks, Dr. Mary J. Clinkscale and Dr. Herb Rhodes.

Frank Hayes is a CPA who owns his own business. He is also a founding member and first president of the 100 Black Men organization, which is dedicated to improving the lives of youth. He has worked tirelessly to help minorities start their own businesses.

Since 1967 Phyllis Hicks has run the Salem Stepping Drill Team and continues to be a volunteer and chief fundraiser for this youth group. Through her outreach she has helped many youth overcome obstacles such as discrimination.

Dr. Mary J. Clinkscale, or "Dr. C" as she is commonly referred to, is the administrator of the Greater Beth-el Temple where she has planned, produced and directed more than 250 theatrical productions and presentations, including a performance to prelude the Tuskegee Airman receiving their Congressional Gold Medal.

Dr. Herb Rhodes has been a life-long member of the Omaha Business Community. He was featured in a 1975 issue of Ebony Magazine, which highlighted successful African Americans leading the way in the business industry. He not only has had success in the business community, but continues to be a role model in our city.

#### CONGRATULATING LEE COLLEGE ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lee College in Baytown, Texas for their 75 years of dedication to our community and commitment to excellence in education.

Since 1934, Lee College has established a legacy of leadership and learning in our community by providing learning opportunities and experiences that have allowed students to excel in an ever changing environment. As a result, Lee College is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the country and has a nationally recognized Honors Program. It has furthered its accomplishments by being the first community college in the country to receive the Kresge Foundation Grant, reflecting the foundation's support for Lee College's critical role in providing access to higher education for minority and low-income students.

Americans turn to community colleges to provide the education that leads to greater

economic opportunity and improved quality of life. Lee College has never let our constituents down in this respect. Graduates of Lee College have become leaders in our community, in business, healthcare, education and many walks of life. I am proud to support Lee College in its continued efforts to develop first-rate affordable education in our area and know that they will continue to help build our workforce and community.

I congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Lee College for all of their hard work and dedication to academic excellence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that yesterday I missed the two rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I was detained in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 49, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 4425—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the Martin G. Marty Mahar Post Office.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 50, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 4238—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the W.D. Farr Post Office Building.

#### HONORING SHIRLEY ANN WILEY

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Shirley Ann Wiley upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Mrs. Wiley will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Shirley Ann was born to Albert and Faye Jones in Sweetwater, Texas; she was one of nine children. She attended Booker T. Washington High School in Sweetwater, and was honored as a salutatorian of her graduating class. She graduated from Wiley College in 1960 with a Bachelors degree in music and a minor in history.

After completing college, Mrs. Wiley moved to California and worked as a social case worker for the Red Cross in San Bernardino County. While in San Bernardino, she began substitute teaching and discovered her passion for education. In 1965 she received a full time teaching position with the Earlimart School District. After marriage, she and her husband moved to Lancaster, where she taught for one year before moving to Fresno.

Mrs. Wiley earned a teaching position with the Fresno Unified School District and began

working towards a Masters Degree in education from California State University, Fresno. She completed the program in 1975, and in 1986 she earned a Doctorate from the University of La Verne. During her forty-year career, Mrs. Wiley was a classroom teacher, resource specialist, and served as Vice Principal in the Fresno Unified School District. Later in her career, Mrs. Wiley began working for the West Fresno School District and served as the Principal and Assistant Superintendent. In 1987, Mrs. Wiley returned to the Fresno Unified School District, where she completed her career and retired in June 2003.

During her forty-three years in Fresno, Mrs. Wiley has been involved with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, the Black Political Council and is a founding board member of the African American Historical and Cultural Museum. Mrs. Wiley and her husband have raised two highly successful daughters.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Shirley Wiley for her years of dedicated service to education in Fresno. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Wiley many years of continued success.

#### HONORING DORIS MURPHY

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to honor Doris Bailey Murphy of Occidental, CA, who marks her 100th birthday on March 11, 2010.

Doris, who lives in her mountain-top home surrounded by redwood trees and rhododendron bushes, was born in Portland, Oregon on March 11, 1910. At 100 she retains the spirit of adventure and independence she first demonstrated when she hitchhiked from Oregon to Arizona as a teenager.

She was married for four decades to San Francisco labor organizer Joe Murphy, head of Hod Carriers Local 36 and organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World. She wrote about their life in a memoir "Love and Labor." Published by Doris when she was 96, her book is peppered with smoke-filled rooms, night clubs and political drama, covering a rough and tumble time in California labor history and the colorful years in San Francisco during World War II and concluding in the coastal mountains of Sonoma County where she and Joe made their home for more than half a century.

Doris graduated from Reed College in 1938 with a psychology-sociology degree, followed by a graduate degree in social work from the University of California, Berkeley in 1956.

In San Francisco she was a welfare worker with the Traveler's Aid Society during the Depression and then with the Red Cross after World War II helping veterans, their families and other refugees of the era.

In Sonoma County she helped create the Sonoma County Council for Community Services which spawned various agencies concentrating on families and children. She worked as a therapist until she was age 90, explaining, "It was satisfying so why would I quit?"

In her adopted community of Occidental, where she has lived for more than 50 years,

she has been a vital community leader, helping to establish a senior lunch and rides program, a community health center, and the Occidental Community Council.

In recent years she has been a tireless champion and leader of efforts to create a home for the growing arts community in western Sonoma County and will celebrate her 100th birthday at the newly opened Occidental Center for the Arts.

A formidable woman with a keen wit, zest for politics and a passion for dogs, horses, the arts and social justice, Doris opens her house regularly for community meetings and social gatherings. She has continued to host the annual Labor Day picnic begun by her and her late husband. Last year she helped launch a writing workshop in her living room.

Doris is a woman who likes California white wine but prefers a good scotch. When her house isn't filled with friends and admirers, you can find her throwing logs into her stone fireplace to settle in with the evening news, her dog Matilda and her cat, Rebel.

Madam Speaker, here's to Doris Murphy and her 100 years of community leadership and good living. In the words of her friend Bob Klose, she's a pretty classy dame!

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 17 I was unable to vote because my arrival in Washington from Iowa was delayed by severe winter weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING THE UNI-CAPITOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, The United States and Australia share a longstanding relationship that has allowed the two nations to cooperate on many international issues. Due to the strength and depth of this relationship, the United States has relied on the support of our ally Australia in many of our mutual international objectives. This relationship continues to be strengthened through the cooperation of our two governments and through the cultural exchanges that occur between our nations.

Developed by Erik Federer in 1999, the Uni-Capitol Internship Program enables a select group of young Australian students to experience the work of the United States Congress. It is through Mr. Federer's tireless efforts that this year, twelve exceptional Australian students are participating in internships in different Congressional offices. I have had the opportunity to work with three Australian students during the past five years and their professionalism and work ethic has been extraordinary.

This year my office worked with another student from the Uni-Capitol Internship Program,