

Ms. Oliver has a philosophy that exemplifies her devotion to social justice and education: Empower those who cannot empower themselves. Through career choices and organizational memberships, Ms. Oliver is clearly dedicated to the betterment of her community; it is this characteristic that marks her as a distinguished woman of education.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Shirley M. Oliver.

THE 50TH PROCLAMATION FOR
THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RE-
SOURCES

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of The Center for Family Resources. Founded in 1960, founders Fred Bentley, Sr., Howard Ector, and Harry Holliday envisioned a better way to combine six existing emergency assistance organizations in Cobb County under one roof.

Families repeatedly faced limited access to affordable transportation, childcare and housing, as well as a lack of education and training to secure and maintain employment. The organization determined the removal of those barriers was the real key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Cobb Family Resources has grown from a small emergency aid agency to a multi-function human services organization, serving both generations of the family to develop personal responsibility and a self-sufficient lifestyle.

Today, it serves as an average of 10,000 individuals each year. Records also indicate more than 400,000 individuals have been served by CFR since 1960.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Center for Family Resources.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
BA VAN LE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Ba Van Le, a pioneer in the Vietnamese American community and a prominent entrepreneur, beloved by family and friends.

Born on December 26, 1932, Ba Van Le was raised in the An Giang Province of Southern Vietnam. In Vietnam, he was a successful businessman who owned a thriving sugar cane refinery in Saigon that earned him the nickname "The Sugar King."

Following the Vietnam War, Ba, his wife Hanh and their three oldest children fled Vietnam in search of new beginnings. Like many Vietnamese, Ba and his family settled at a refugee camp in Malaysia. Over a year later, Ba and the rest of the Le family arrived in the United States, staying briefly in Clovis, New Mexico and Monterey, California before settling in San Jose, California.

In 1981, Ba, along with his sons Chieu and Henry, began operating a mobile lunch truck in downtown San Jose. With newfound success, the business expanded to a permanent Vietnamese sandwich shop, becoming the very first store location of what would evolve into the family's chain restaurant, Lee's Sandwiches.

Ba was a prime example of the American entrepreneurial spirit. With the suggestion of his grandson to incorporate business ideas from American fast food chains, Ba and his family expanded their food menu and opened 30 locations in Northern and Southern California, Texas, Arizona, and Oklahoma. With hard work and perseverance, both he and his family have played a major role in popularizing the Vietnamese sandwich, bánh mì, and other Vietnamese food in mainstream American food consciousness.

Not only did Ba establish a thriving restaurant specializing in Vietnamese cuisine, he and his family's small business became the first chain restaurant to serve the needs of the Vietnamese American community.

Madam Speaker, Ba Van Le's innovative spirit and cross-cultural achievements will be remembered for years to come. It is my hope that his legacy will inspire future generations to find creative ways to serve the needs of the diverse Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Le Family during this time of remembrance.

LETICIA M. DIAZ: STRENGTHENING
AMERICA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring attention to an article written by Leticia M. Diaz at Barry University entitled "Strengthening America." Dr. Diaz, who holds a PhD and a JD from Rutgers University, is the Dean of the Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando and a member of the advisory committee for the newly formed American Bar Association Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA

(By Leticia M. Diaz)

Like millions of others, I came to America with my immigrant parents. Seizing on the opportunities and access to superior education offered by this country allowed me to not only achieve the American dream, but to give back to this nation.

My story is far from unique. Like the immigrants before me, I came to the United States to seek the freedom and the opportunities unavailable in the country of my birth. Comprised of a vast immigrant population, the United States matured and expanded as a result of the great Irish and Chinese immigrations of the 1800s along with many newcomers from Europe over the years. These immigrants provided much of the labor force that built the infrastructure as our country grew into a world power. Over the years, my family and millions of other immigrants worked hard to make America into a strong, productive, and dynamic nation.

Today, tens of thousands of young adults stand ready to give back to the country they

call home. By opening the door to educational advancement or military service, the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act before Congress benefits those youngsters who, as children, accompanied their parents to the United States. But without passage of the DREAM Act, these young people—who have already proven themselves in our schools and communities—face a very uncertain future.

The DREAM Act would grant legal status to young adults brought to the United States as undocumented immigrant children. The rigorous requirements under the Act ensure that only contributing members of society who have already proven themselves to be law-abiding citizens and dedicated students would enjoy the benefits of the Act.

The stringent criterion prescribed by the DREAM Act ensures that the floodgates to illegal immigration will remain closed. Instead, the Act addresses the issue of young, undocumented children who have grown up in this country and excelled in school. As they seek to enlist in the military or continue their education and launch their careers, these motivated pro-American youngsters continue to run into unreasonable roadblocks. The DREAM Act prudently addresses those hurdles.

All members of society will benefit from the DREAM Act, not just a select few. Everyone wins when we educate the youth of tomorrow, encourage them to achieve their career goals, and motivate them to become productive citizens of our great country. As an educator and a person who was born in Cuba and immigrated at an early age, I am foremost an American who recognizes the importance of providing access to education to those who are truly committed to learning and personal growth.

As Americans, we have a moral obligation to address the immigration issues facing our country. The DREAM Act would be a great start to much-needed reform. As such, we urge Congress to pass the DREAM Act, blazing a trail for these young adults to become valuable, contributing members of the United States as they deserve.

Madam Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to bring the DREAM Act to the floor for immediate consideration.

HONORING THE HORNELL HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR
WINNING ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND
26TH CONSECUTIVE WIN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hornell High School football team for the great success that they achieved on the football field during the 2010 season. This year, the Red Raiders won their second consecutive New York State Class B championship. The victory in the championship game was the Red Raiders' 26th consecutive victory over the last two years. The Hornell Red Raiders are in the distinguished position of having the longest current win streak in New York State high school football. Through their hard work, great determination and incredible success on the football field, the Hornell Red Raiders have brought great honor to their team, their school, and the City of Hornell. It is with no small amount of pride that we recognize the players and cheerleaders, coaches

and advisors, and administrators and parents for their achievement and congratulate them on their second consecutive state championship and 26th consecutive victory.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRESNO METRO MINISTRY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Mr. CARDOZA to congratulate Fresno Metro Ministry on the occasion of their 40th anniversary, aptly recognized as a community service organization that champions "working together to build a better community."

Founded in 1970, Fresno Metro Ministry was conceived and developed as a multi-faith, multi-cultural organization with the mission of creating a more respectful, compassionate and inclusive community that promotes social and economic justice. Fresno Metro Ministry's success stems from working in collaboratives and engaging in community education, advocacy, and community problem-solving by building coalitions, networking, conducting workshops and conferences, and developing and supporting task forces to address community issues that affect underserved communities. The community of Fresno is proud to be home to such a great organization dedicated to the advancement of the less fortunate in our region. For 40 years Fresno Metro Ministry has been making a positive impact in the lives of members of our community and I know that it will continue to do so in the future.

Throughout the years, Fresno Metro Ministry has spearheaded projects that have helped bridge the needs of low-income residents and existing community services in the greater Fresno area. This includes projects such as the development and publication of the "Making Connections Community Resource Directory" and the establishment of Latinos United for Clear Air, a neighborhood parent group who completed advocacy training sessions and went on to advocate for cleaner air and reductions of toxic pollutants at the local and state level. Community partnerships have also led to the adoption of a School Wellness Policy by the Fresno Unified School District to assist in the prevention of childhood obesity and the creation of community gardens in partnership with the city of Fresno. Furthermore, the Metro Ministry was instrumental in developing the New Leaders for Better Health program which provides health education and advocacy training for low-income residents, many of whom are non-English speaking and immigrant refugees.

It is fitting and appropriate that we recognize an organization of the caliber of the Fresno Metro Ministry today. Giving a voice to those who too often do not have one has been the noble mission at the forefront of this organization and advocating for improvement in the health, education, nutrition and community betterment opportunities of a region is no light task. I ask my colleagues to join with Mr. CARDOZA and I in honoring Fresno Metro Ministry on the occasion of their 40th anniversary

and thank them for their tireless work and enormous contributions to our community in the greater area of Fresno, California.

RECOGNIZING TRILLIUM DENTAL SPECIALTIES FOR WINNING THE 2010 PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH CARE CHAMPIONS COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Steve Bradway and Dr. Susan Hagel Bradway of Trillium Dental Specialties on winning the 2010 Pierce County Health Care Champions Community Impact Award.

On May 25, 2010, the Health Care Champions program, which is a partnership between the Business Examiner and the Pierce County Medical Society, presented Trillium Dental Specialties with the 2010 Community Impact Award. The annual award recognizes a practice group whose involvement or innovation in health care has served a broad section of the community. Doctors Steve and Susan Bradway of Trillium Dental Specialties have earned this award by showing great dedication to their community, exceptional service, and professionalism in medical practice. The Bradways were presented this honor at the Pierce County Health Care Champions annual awards ceremony held at the Tacoma Museum of Glass in downtown Tacoma, Washington.

The Bradways have proven to be strong advocates for preventative dental care primarily among young children in low-income families. The doctors of Trillium Dental Specialties have not only provided quality dental care to more than 22,000 Tacoma area children on Medicaid, they have also established educational programs for families, provided speech therapy to children, and instructed families on how best to maintain dental health in the home.

The Health Care Champions also recognize the Bradways' successful philanthropic efforts in expanding dental care to low-income families in the Greater Pierce County region. Through their \$10,000 donation, the Bradways provided the seed money needed to establish Pierce County's Access to Baby and Child Dentistry Program, which is a nonprofit program dedicated to providing dental care to low-income and Medicaid eligible families. The program has since certified 92 dentists and offers care to underserved communities. Through the nonprofit, the Bradways have successfully allowed dentists to help thousands more children who would otherwise not have a dental health home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Trillium Dental Specialties on receiving the Pierce County Health Care Champions 2010 Impact Award. The Healthcare Champions program was created to honor dedication, professionalism, and philanthropy in the field of health care and Trillium Dental Specialties has exemplified that goal. The region is truly grateful for their work, and Doctors Steve and Susan Bradway are inspirational models to health care providers everywhere.

REMEMBERING JOHN ALFRED PROUTY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, last month, Calvert County, Maryland, lost a legendary member of its community: John Alfred Prouty, one of Maryland's most successful local farmers. He died at the age of 87, leaving behind a lifetime of wisdom, friendships, and service to his community.

After serving in the U.S. Navy in the 1940s, Mr. Prouty took over his father's family farm. He ran it skillfully for decades, growing tobacco, corn, wheat, barley, rye, soybeans, heirloom tomatoes, and flowers—and he passed it on to his own son. He was one of the family farmers who are the backbone of American agriculture; he cared about conserving the land, keeping up with the latest agricultural techniques, and lending a hand to his neighbors. In the words of his son, John Prouty was "as generous and as honest and as insightful a person as you could meet." And in between long hours managing his 160 acres, he took time to serve on the county planning commission and the county and state farm bureaus. For his lifetime of hard work, he was inducted into the Governor's Agricultural Hall of Fame this year.

Mr. Prouty represented the best of American farming, and I sincerely hope that the legacy he left behind will inspire all those in Maryland who work to keep their family farms thriving. I know that he will be an inspiration to all those he left behind: his wife Margaret; his children, Susan, John, and Elizabeth; and his four grandchildren.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF PEARL HARBOR DAY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor and thank the greatest generation for their sacrifices at Pearl Harbor, 69 years ago. This day reminds us of the long-held valor of our service men and women throughout the generations since the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this day, we remember the many American lives lost on "the day that lives in infamy," but, we also recall with great pride the courage and sacrifices of our greatest generation, who led us to victory in World War II. The patriotism they instilled in us continues today, in the hearts of our veterans and in the deeds and actions of our men and women in uniform.

In World War II, 233,985 West Virginians served in our military. Countless more American Patriots have answered the call to duty since. We are reminded today of the sacrifices our veterans made for our nation and the preservation of the liberties, freedoms and rights that we hold dear.

December 7, 1941, lives on in the minds of all Americans as one in which the nation came together in support of a common cause. I will continue to support our men and women currently in uniform as well as our veterans. With