

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

over 177,000 veterans in West Virginia, nearly 53,000 in the Third District alone, and over 23 million in the United States, it is important that Veterans benefits and care be maintained here at home.

Pearl Harbor Day should be one of continued remembrance, with each remembrance serving as a renewed message of support for our military personnel at home and abroad.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 583 on H. Res. 1736. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING JOHN ORE, RETIRING MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Ore and his lifetime of service to the citizens of Tempe, Arizona. I wish to thank him for his dedication to public service, a remarkable record of success and accomplishment, and many years of friendship.

Judge Ore's law enforcement career began on May 28, 1969, when he joined the U.S. Army and attended military police training. After the army, John joined the Tempe Police Department and within three years, received a number of awards for his work, including the Tempe Police Meritorious Service Award and the Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer Award. John quickly rose through the ranks at the Tempe Police Department and was promoted to Commander in July of 1988. After a distinguished 22 year career in the police force, John was elected to serve as Tempe Justice of the Peace.

Judge Ore's strong commitment to volunteerism, service, and civic engagement is not only incredibly honorable, but also unmatched. For example, John has served on the Board of Directors for Friends of the Orphans, and spearheaded an effort to send relief supplies to the war zone in Bosnia on behalf of Tempe South Rotary Club and Project Lifeline. He was awarded the Hon Kachina Award as one of Arizona's 12 outstanding vol-

unteers in 1998 and also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award that same year. To this day, John remains active in the community and is involved with service activities through the Tempe South Rotary Club.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing John Ore for 40 years of outstanding service to my home town of Tempe, Arizona.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE DOBREA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I am saddened to learn of the passing of George Dobrea last Saturday. Please join me in remembering George Dobrea, a businessman, soldier, statesman, activist, constituent, and friend who did much to make Cleveland and the world a better place.

George was born 84 years ago in Gary, Indiana, to a family of Romanian ethnic background, a heritage he embraced throughout the many facets of his life. He was active in his church, St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, where his priest, Rev. Remus Grama, referred to him as a "priest without a collar." According to Rev. Grama, "He helped so many immigrants. He never said no." He served on the board of St. Mary, founded the Romanian Ethnic Art Museum alongside the church, and helped stock it with thousands of art objects.

George served in the Army in World War II in the Philippines. He volunteered to be a spotter in a Piper Cub, radioing the positions of the enemy while dodging bullets flying toward the plane. His radio transmissions, which may have saved thousands of American and allied lives, earned him two Bronze Stars.

Like his father before him, George worked in the steel mills of Gary. At the University of Detroit, he boxed and ran track while earning a bachelor's degree. He went on to study business at the Wharton School of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania before settling in Cleveland, becoming a stock broker and marrying the former Jean Barson.

His work in stocks launched many other business interests, including scrap steel, greeting cards, greenhouses, toboggan chutes, and racehorses. George Dobrea did a weekly spot on The Mike Douglas Show, a popular local TV program, explaining finances and investing to the public.

George was enthusiastic about international trade and served as a lobbyist for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, the regional

chamber of commerce. He saw bilateral trade as a stabilizing influence, toward promoting peace and democracy abroad while promoting business at home. He was especially influential in promoting trade with Romania, Russia and Hungary. He helped Americans adopt orphans from Romania and lobbied President Clinton to admit former Iron Curtain countries to NATO. He served as Romanian Honorary Consul for the Cleveland area while advocating for a fair and independent judiciary in that country after the fall of the Soviet Union. He also served as the president of the Union & League of Romanian Societies, headquartered in Cleveland and the largest Romanian mutual benefit society in the United States and Canada.

George Dobrea was active in politics. He was an early supporter of John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election and helped garner support for Kennedy among European ethnic voters in Ohio. He also supported Kennedy's opponent 12 years later as the chairman for the Ohio Democrats for Nixon. He reportedly turned down administration jobs with President Nixon and Ohio Governor John Gilligan. George served for many years as an elected member of the Cleveland school board, 3 years as its president.

Madam Speaker and respected colleagues, please join me in offering condolences to Jean, their 4 children Peter, George, Paul, and Mary Grindahl, their 3 grandchildren, and their many friends in Cleveland, Romania, and around the world.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONOCLE RESTAURANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, last week, Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle gathered together to celebrate a special milestone: the 50th anniversary of The Monocle restaurant, located at 107 D Street Northeast. Since 1960, The Monocle has been a Capitol Hill institution—a place where generations of legislators, staff members, and visitors have come together to share stories and good food. As they mark a half-century of success, I offer my congratulations to Connie Valanos, who founded The Monocle and has passed it down as a legacy to his family; John Valanos and his wife Vasiliki, who own and operate The Monocle today; and maître d' Nick Selimos, who has worked there for more than 30 years. May The Monocle enjoy another 50 years as a Washington landmark.