

United States Congress as well as the World Court.

Alongside this remarkable work in the private sector, Paul has an equally impressive record of public service to the town of Hillsborough. His expertise in financial matters during his years of service has been critical to the town's success. He joined the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees in 1985, and served as that body's President from 1986 to 1987 and then again from 1993 to 1994. Paul has also been a member of the Town of Hillsborough City Council since 1998, and served as mayor from 2002 to 2004. In addition, he chaired the Sustainable Hillsborough Task Force, served on the Recreation Commission, the Central County Fire Board, and is currently our Finance Commissioner.

In addition to all of this, Paul is a loving husband to his equally involved and gifted wife, Barbara, and a devoted father to their three children.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the dedication and leadership of Paul Regan, and I encourage other members to join me in wishing him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, over the past several months I have thought quite a bit about what I would do if the DREAM Act came to the floor for a vote. I have studied the legislation and how it affects our current immigration laws. I have looked into how the DREAM Act would affect things like student loans, grants and other Federal subsidies. I have spoken with constituents, both for and against, about the legislation. I have considered the affect of the DREAM Act being signed into law on the prospect of comprehensive immigration reform—I asked, most importantly, does this simply allow us kick the can on that matter down the road for yet a few more years?

Today, Madam Speaker, I rise in favor of the legislation. As I mentioned, it has taken me some time to come to this conclusion, as I am tired of throwing patches at the immigration problem. Ultimately, we need a comprehensive immigration reform bill, and Madam Speaker, we need it desperately. However, I cannot in good conscience hold hostage young people who were brought to this country by their parents to a comprehensive reform bill. The DREAM Act is a small patch for a problem that has eluded our Nation for decades. Our country needs comprehensive reform, not piecemeal fixes.

All of this said, the DREAM Act will provide opportunity and hope to young immigrants brought to this country by their parents who, through no fault of their own, cannot be a meaningful part of our society without this Act. Most of these individuals speak English as well or better than their native tongue and they consider the United States their home, but they cannot realize their dreams because of their immigration status.

The DREAM Act is no “get-out-of-jail-free card,” however. For individuals who meet minimum qualifications, such as being in the United States for 5 years before enactment and under 16 years old before coming here, the DREAM Act requires that its beneficiaries participate in one of the two most enduring institutions of American society: military service or higher education. In addition, DREAM Act beneficiaries must be in a conditional immigration status for a decade before becoming legal permanent residents. In so doing, the DREAM Act only gives legal status to those who really want to be here and at the same time creates new horizons for an untapped and eager group of young people to contribute to the country's long-term well-being. Indeed, improving our military readiness, increasing the number of college-educated workers, and expanding the Federal, State, and local tax base are among the bill's virtues. And the DREAM Act will not allow a “chain migration” as some opponents of the law have been saying. In fact, only after a DREAM Act beneficiary waits the full 13 years it would take to become a U.S. citizen are they able to petition for immediate family to gain legal status in the United States. Immediate family would have to wait in family immigration lines before being able to immigrate. And family members already here illegally face additional barriers under current law that will continue to make it difficult to obtain legal status. That is not a “get-out-of-jail-free card.”

As I stated earlier, I do not vote for this bill without reservations. The DREAM Act is just a temporary fix to a serious problem. It is my sincere hope that within the year period required by the bill for individuals to apply, we will be able to consider, in a bipartisan manner, a comprehensive bill that will fix our broken system.

THANKING MS. MARION PACIC FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement September 23, 2010, we rise to thank Ms. Marion Pacic for outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives. For the past 35 years Marion has served this great institution as a valued employee of House Information Resources (HIR) within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Throughout her career with HIR, Marion has held many positions of increasing responsibility. She began her career at the House in November 1975 as an Administrative Assistant for HIR. Marion joined the Digital Equipment Corporation “Office Automation Project” as an applications analyst helping to develop user requirements and teaching Member and Committee staff to use software designed to keep track of constituent correspondence, office accounting, personnel management and committee calendar publication. Marion's technical, analytical and communications skills served her well in her efficient management as Deputy Manager of the Member Services Division in 1989. She became Manager of the Technical Support Representatives in 1994 and

held that position until accepting the position of Acting-Director of Client Services in 1997. She assumed the position of Manager, HIR Telecommunications in June 1999 and during her tenure of 11 years, wireless service expanded almost ten-fold from 1,700 to over 11,000 customers in the House. Marion's unending commitment to opening the first wireless kiosk in the House has made wireless support more available to Members and their staff. Her peers and co-workers will miss Marion's professionalism and friendly manner.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Marion for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Marion many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

HONORING MS. TONI L. WATTS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and philanthropic contributions of Ms. Toni L. Watts, and to acknowledge our pride in the legacy she left with the Tampa Bay Community.

Toni began her career at Tampa Methodist United Center in February 1990. In September 1993, Ms. Watts was hired by the Founder and President of the Corporation to Develop Communities, CDC, of Tampa, Inc., Chloe Coney and Audrey Spottford, as the first full-time employee. She then attended Saint Leo University and graduated in 1995 and continued her education at the Bank of America Leadership Academy and graduated in 2001. By successfully completing these endeavors, Toni gained a thorough understanding of finance, marketing, and real estate development that she could apply to her job at the CDC of Tampa.

Toni's perseverance and successes have most recently been recognized as she retires after four years as the Chief Executive Officer of the CDC of Tampa. Prior to being named CEO, Toni served as the agency's administrative assistant, grants manager, finance director, and chief operations officer.

During Toni's 17 years in the CDC of Tampa, the corporation has provided career counseling, business planning, job training and placement, youth empowerment programs, and home ownership programs. In nearly two decades, the agency has raised more than \$35 million in public and private ventures. The corporation is also responsible for building affordable housing in East Tampa and currently owns eight foreclosed homes that will be repaired and sold to low-income families. In 2009 alone, CDC of Tampa helped about 3,000 low-income families. Under her leadership, the CDC of Tampa successfully constructed the Chloe Coney Urban Enterprise Center, a new 10,000 square-foot center that will host most of CDC's operations.

The philanthropic contributions of Toni Watts have unquestionably improved the lives of many Tampa Bay residents on the path to homeownership in safe communities.

The Tampa Bay community is proud to recognize Toni Watts, her daughter Tiffani, her son Keena Watts, Sr., and the entire Watts

family for their outstanding contributions towards developing safe communities in Tampa. Toni's determination and hard work have made her an inspirational leader within our Tampa Bay community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MITCH KATZ

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Mitch Katz for his 13 years of remarkable service as director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Mitch has worn many hats since he joined the public health department in 1991. He has served as the director and chief of research for San Francisco's AIDS office, director of the Emergency Medical Services Agency, and director of the department's health and safety branch. In 1997, he took the helm of the department as its director, and has been building a stunning record of achievements ever since.

In each of these capacities, he has been a champion for progressive, forward-thinking policies and programs designed to improve the health of all of San Francisco's citizens. As director of the Department of Public Health, he fought tirelessly alongside Mayor Gavin Newsom to create Healthy San Francisco, a groundbreaking, first-in-the-nation effort that provides a universal health care program to the city's uninsured. He has advocated labeling menus with calorie counts, banning the sale of cigarettes in pharmacies, and compelling employers in San Francisco to provide sick leave and health care to their workers. He has also overseen the mammoth reconstruction of the Laguna Honda Hospital & Rehabilitation Center and started the process of rebuilding San Francisco General Hospital.

In addition to this tremendous record, Mitch still finds time to teach and care for patients as Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF, and to be a loving and devoted father to his two sons.

Dr. Katz practices what he preaches, commuting everywhere by bicycle or by transit. The access to health care that all San Franciscans enjoy is because Mitch Katz was at the helm. He leaves a lasting impact on the City by the Bay.

Madam Speaker, you and I share representation of the city and I know we share great admiration for one of San Francisco's greatest health care leaders. I ask that the members join me in saluting Dr. Katz for his years of service to San Francisco, and extend our best wishes to him and his family as he assumes the directorship of Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health next year. He will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JOAN CLARA BERTRAND OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor a friend and great

family woman, Mrs. Joan Clara Bertrand who made her heavenly transition on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

Mrs. Bertrand love of music, education, and helping young people achieve their dreams served as her constant companion throughout life. She developed her passion for reading at an early age when in the 5th Grade, she wrote a winning essay "Why I want to See Marion Anderson".

Mrs. Bertrand attended the University of Illinois at Navy Pier and subsequently the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, graduating in 1954 with a degree in Physical Education. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and served as president her senior year. Married on July 6, 1957 to the late Joseph Bertrand, Sr., the first African American to be elected citywide as City Treasurer of Chicago, she was blessed with 6 children; Joseph Jr., Joan, Jason, Justin, Jeffery, and Julian.

Though Joan held a variety of jobs in her early days upon her graduation from the University of Illinois she completed her practice teaching in Elgin, Illinois and served as a Y.M.C.A. Assistant Secretary, Social Worker, and taught for 12 years at the Chicago Board of Education's Jefferson Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, throughout her life, Joan was a member of countless community and civic organizations which centered on the education of young people including the University of Illinois Alumni Association, the University of Notre Dame, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacraments, the Chicago Teachers Union, the Illinois Teachers Association, St. Dorothy Catholic Church, St. Francis De Paula Catholic Church, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Operetta Workshop, and Washington Park YMCA.

Joan began her spiritual life at Woodlawn A.M.E. Church where she served in the music ministry alongside her mentor, Ms. Robbie Terry, who had a profound effect on her. In her later years, she was an active member and strong supporter of St. Phillip Neri Church, Big Buddies Youth Services, and the Alfreda Wells Duster Civic Club.

Madam Speaker, I want to encourage Mrs. Joan Clara Bertrand's children, her sister Gwen, the entire family and many friends to always remember to look to the hills from which comes all of their help, trusting that their help will surely come from the Lord. I am truly blessed to have known her. I am honored to pay tribute to this outstanding gentlewoman and privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE BISHOP HARTLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bishop Hartley High School football team. I am proud to recognize a school that not only excels in academics but also distinguishes itself on the football field. The Bishop Hartley football team is the 2010 Ohio Division IV state champions. The Hawks'

victory in the championship game capped a successful season.

Led by head coach, Brad Burchfield, Bishop Hartley finished the season with a 34-13 win over Chagrin Falls, making this the Hawks' first championship win since 1986. The entire Bishop Hartley community should be proud of this momentous occasion.

I offer my congratulations to Coach Burchfield, Principal Michael Winters, the Hawks football team, students and supporters. I know each one of them will treasure the memories of their championship season and I commend them for this truly great achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FULTON SCIENCE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S FIRST PLACE FINISH AT THE GEORGIA STATE MODEL UN

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I'm so very pleased to congratulate the Fulton Science Academy Middle School on its victory at this year's Georgia State Model United Nations, UN, Competition in Savannah, Georgia. For the past 4 years Fulton Science Academy has achieved the honor of a second place trophy at this prestigious event. This year, the FSA Model UN Team showed that perseverance and hard work pay off as the team was rewarded by winning the State Model UN Competition for the first time in the school's history.

As part of the competition, students play the role of spokesperson for nations and organizations. They are asked to craft in-depth responses to different proposed resolutions and engage with other representative countries in addressing questions and issues that may arise. This requires the students to collaborate with their teammates and do extensive research on current events and policy positions for their assigned country.

The students of Fulton Science Academy Middle School are just the latest evidence of the continued success of Georgia's charter schools. They have demonstrated their ability to cultivate diplomatic responses with exceptional public delivery as well as develop challenging questions for the other participating nations. It is a great privilege to commend all the students and their coaches, Courtney Downs and Alexandria Conn, at Fulton Science Academy for expanding their knowledge and interest in international affairs. Their commitment to understanding and respecting other cultures throughout the world will undoubtedly prepare these students as they become strong leaders for our great Nation.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERTA STEINBACHER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Roberta