

friend, "her life was constructed around kindness and caring. She was always ready to help anyone in need."

Jamie's life philosophy is faithfully expressed by two verses of the Linda Ellis poem, "Dash," read at her memorial service. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real.

And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile . . . Remembering this special dash might only last a little while . . .

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Ms. Jean Giordano. I offer my condolences to her sons, Joey and Brandon Giordano, her parents David and Juanita Veloria, and her siblings David, Mercy, Ana, Tina, Dyna, Dulcie, Chris, David Jr. II, Sinder, and Mark. Ms. Giordano inspired all those around her with her deep appreciation for all of life's miracles. She will always be remembered for her grace and generosity.

TARGACEPT'S GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH WILL IMPROVE COUNTLESS LIVES

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, during these difficult economic times, it is rare to find stories of business success as strong as that of Targacept, a pharmaceutical firm based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

I recently attended a Targacept event on Alzheimer's that highlighted the breakthrough research Targacept is doing on this debilitating condition. Targacept is making great strides towards helping those who suffer with Alzheimer's and I am confident that their work will one day enable senior citizens with Alzheimer's to live with independence and great dignity.

It is not just groundbreaking research that makes Targacept a standout company. It has been named one of the top 10 best employers in North Carolina and was ranked in the top 30 places to work in industry by "The Scientist" magazine.

Targacept's innovation and strong leadership have made it one of the finest businesses in North Carolina and I am proud that they are investing their considerable human capital and research prowess in Winston-Salem.

As this fine company continues to grow and expand, even in the midst of an economic downturn, I am sure that it will continue to bring great jobs to the Triad and make progress towards improving the lives of those who suffer with chronic diseases like Alzheimer's. Targacept is a real asset to Winston-Salem, our state and the scientific community—their success reflects the entrepreneurial spirit that continues to make our nation great.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. STUTZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 624, I was unavoidably detained, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting due to a family emergency on Wednesday, December 8. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall vote No. 611, rollcall vote No. 612, rollcall vote No. 613, rollcall vote No. 614, rollcall vote No. 615, rollcall vote No. 616, rollcall vote No. 617, rollcall vote No. 618, rollcall vote No. 619, rollcall vote No. 620, rollcall vote No. 621, rollcall vote No. 622, rollcall vote No. 623, rollcall vote No. 624, rollcall vote No. 625.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Incarnate Word Academy.

On September 11, 1935, the school opened for 33 pupils. In December of 1940, a new building was dedicated to the church to act as a convent and boarding residence for students. The school has been using the current convent and boarding facility since 1952. Seventy-five years after the first students enrolled at the Incarnate Word Academy, enrollment today has reached 467 students.

Inspired by the teachings of Jeanne Chezard de Matel and her Sisters of the Incarnate Word, the Incarnate Word Academy community nurtures the spirit, intellect, creativity, values and social consciousness of children for the benefit of society. The Incarnate Word Academy provides a positive learning environment for all of its students. It is a school committed to excellence in all things as an expression of their devotion to their faith.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of all students, staff and administrators of the Incarnate Word Academy of Parma Heights, Ohio, past and present, as we celebrate their 75th Anniversary. The Academy exists as a vital source of opportunity through academic achievement, and also as a springboard of personal strength, confidence and integrity for every student who has ever entered its doors—brightening their futures, and ultimately, strengthening the foundation of our entire community.

SANGRE DE CRISTO AREA STUDY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

SECTION 1. SANGRE DE CRISTO AREA STUDY

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range ecosystem, which extends from Santa Fe, New Mexico, through southern Colorado, to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, includes a number of thirteen and fourteen thousand foot peaks, diverse and abundant wildlife, and a rich diversity of ecotypes.

(2) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range provides a wide range of recreational activities, including fishing, hiking, camping, hunting, and other activities.

(3) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range contains numerous areas of cultural and historical interest, beginning with the earliest Native Americans in the area, spanning the periods of Spanish and Mexican rule, and including the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico within the United States of America.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to authorize a study to determine the most effective ways to preserve, protect and interpret the natural, historic, and cultural resources associated with the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range ecosystem in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

(c) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall conduct a special resource study of lands within the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and nearby communities in the San Luis Valley in the State of Colorado and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and nearby communities in the State of New Mexico, north of the city of Santa Fe, including any federal lands adjacent to the mountains or within these areas to determine whether any such lands may be suitable for inclusion in the National Park System.

(d) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

(1) evaluate the national and international significance of these lands, including

(A) the Native American history of the area before the founding of the City of Santa Fe in 1598;

(B) the history of communities under Spanish rule from 1598 through 1821;

(C) the history of communities under Mexican rule between 1821 and 1848, the date of conclusion of the Mexican American War; and

(D) the post-1848 history of the area under United States' rule including the first non-native American settlements, and the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico;

(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of these lands as a unit of the National Park System;

(3) consider other alternatives for preservation, protection, and interpretation of the lands by federal, State, or local governmental entities, or private and nonprofit organizations, including

(A) coordination of land management among federal agencies in the area; and

(B) cooperative voluntary conservation efforts with private landowners;

(4) consult with interested federal, State, or local governmental entities, private and nonprofit organizations or any other interested individuals; and

(5) identify cost estimates for any federal acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives.

(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are first made available for the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

- (1) the findings of the study; and
- (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

(e) APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

HONORING EMILE MILNE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a talented and important member of my staff, Emile Milne, who has retired after more than two decades of service on the Hill as my Press Secretary and Legislative Director.

Born in the Republic of Panama, Emile grew up in New York City and studied at Georgetown University here in Washington. Prior to that, he worked for 20 years as a newspaper and magazine reporter and editor in San Francisco, New York and Atlanta. His insight into domestic and foreign policy comes not only from his professional experience but his personal travels throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. His expertise comes from not just covering important episodes of our history like the civil rights movement, but also knowing the people who participated in those movements, some famous, some nameless, but all important to laying the foundation of social change and justice.

In a place full of policy wonks and personal agendas, Emile has been a trusted friend and colleague who dispensed wisdom on how public officials can make a difference in the lives of everyday Americans. Whether it is speaking to advocates lobbying for legislation or members of the media covering a story, he has the uncanny ability to get to the heart of issues and clearly communicate not just my position, but the position that should be taken.

His professionalism, his sense of humor and skillfulness with both people and the pen have served as an example to both veteran staff members and young interns. His daily presence will be missed, but after years of long legislative nights and weekends, he surely does deserve more time off the Hill to spend with his lovely wife Claudette, and his family, and to explore other ways to utilize his God-given talents. Besides, I still have his cell phone number and know that all I have to do is pick up the phone to get a bit of the wisdom and good counsel that he has passed along all these years.

IN HONOR OF PARK COMMISSIONER FRED RZEPKA

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 the contributions of Park Commissioner Fred Rzepka, a twenty-two-year servant to Cleveland Metroparks, on the occasion of his retirement. A local developer, Mr. Rzepka is credited with ferreting out the corruption and nepotism that plagued the park system in the years before his appointment.

When he joined the all volunteer board over two decades ago, Mr. Rzepka had his work cut out for him. Overspending, questionable hiring practices, and dubious budgeting had taken their toll on both the reputation and the quality of the parks. But Mr. Rzepka was no stranger to adversity. According to the Plain Dealer, the Commissioner was just a young child when his parents moved him and his three brothers from their comfortable home in Rozan, Poland to northern Russia to escape Nazi death camps. For over six years, the family moved from shelter to shelter, at one point taking refuge in a stable in Siberia. After successfully evading both the Nazi and Soviet regimes, Fred and his family finally escaped war-torn Europe and made their way to the United States. All four brothers have enjoyed successful careers and contributed to the prosperity and character of the Cleveland community.

Since Mr. Rzepka took office, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration has three times named Cleveland Metroparks the best-run park system in the country. Over 21,000 acres in size, the park features children's activities, hiking trails, environmental science classes, and multiple conservation programs. The staff is dedicated to preserving biodiversity by protecting the park's natural ecosystems and educating visitors about the importance of a healthy environment.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in applauding Fred Rzepka for his outstanding service to the Cleveland community. The talents and the dedication of citizens like him are essential to preserving the character of our government, from the local level, up. Native violets, yellow iris, and white trilliums will bloom each year as a testimony to his integrity and good work.

HONORING COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, NURSE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER MRS. KATHERINE TELLEZ ANDRADE

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mrs. Katherine Tellez Andrade, who passed away on November 25, 2010, at the age of 85. My heart goes out to her daughters, the Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler and Vibiana Andrade;

her sons Adrian Andrade and Robert Andrade; her grandchildren Sean Andrade, Esq., Pilar Andrade, Emilio Andrade, Julian Andrade, Joaquin Andrade, Ramona Andrade Stadler and Katherine Andrade Ortiz; and the rest of her dear friends and family members.

Katherine was an extraordinary citizen, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a role model for community activism. Her selfless and just nature was cultivated in childhood, being one of 13 children raised by Ramona Ochoa and Florencio Tellez in the hard-scrabble mining town of Clifton, Arizona. Growing up during the Great Depression in a small town divided by race and privilege fueled her lifelong commitment to fighting injustice.

After high school, Katherine moved to Los Angeles to help in the war effort, assembling auxiliary gas tanks at a plant during World War II. While living in Boyle Heights she would always pass by General Hospital, vowing to one day work there as a nurse. After the war she returned to Arizona to pursue her dream, entering a federal nursing program at St. Mary's Hospital and eventually returning to L.A., where she worked as a nurse for many years at General Hospital and many other hospitals.

After her marriage to Arthur Andrade, she raised her four children as a single parent, instilling in them her own work ethic and sense of social justice. She led by example, fighting against an English-only movement and other anti-immigrant measures in her longtime hometown of Monterey Park. She was a founding member of the Committee for Harmony in Monterey Park, which was formed to counter the anti-immigrant forces in the community, and she went on to a long involvement in grassroots activism, volunteering as a poll inspector and fighting for many Democratic causes.

She cared deeply for her community, working to involve the Spanish-speaking Latino community in her local church and even offering her home to a homeless woman whom she found sleeping at the local post office.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable woman for her remarkable service to our community.

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO VICTIMS OF FIRE IN ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 1751, a resolution mourning the loss of life and extending condolences to the families affected by the fire in northern Israel. Thank you to my colleague, Representative RON KLEIN, for offering this resolution.

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the families and loved ones who have lost their lives in the fires in northern Israel. We stand by Israel during this difficult time and pledge our assistance in the wake of this tragedy.

On December 2, 2010, a massive wildfire broke out in the northern region of Israel, near the city of Haifa. The four day fire ravaged the