

We have about 30 million girls under the age of 20 living in the United States. Thirty million wonderful and beautiful people, full of creativity, energy and dreams. Yet these girls face a struggle with unrealistic beauty and body image standards.

Findings from a recent survey conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute show that 90 percent of girls feel pressure from the media to have an ideal body type. Ninety percent. As a result, their self-esteem, their body image, and their psychological and physical health are damaged when they do not measure up to these unrealistic beauty standards.

We must elevate girls' voices and concerns. Our daughters and granddaughters need to see more girl-positive media, more natural and real female role models instead of touched-up, airbrushed models.

The Girl Scouts of America on February 10, 2010—the eve of fashion week—hosted an event in New York City promoting messages that feature girls and women who have healthy, diverse body images and participate in respectful and healthy relationships. I commend the Girl Scouts for the important work they do in creating a healthy environment for young girls and women.

Our support on this issue will help support girls' physical, emotional, and social health. Let us join the Girl Scouts in empowering girls to live healthy lives and become tomorrow's leaders with courage, confidence, and character.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,401,781,166,870.02.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,763,355,420,576.20 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING DR. MARY J. CLINKSCALE

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in recognition of Black History Month, a time when we remember the important contributions African Americans have made to our nation. I especially want to honor some extraordinary people who continue to help shape my community of Omaha. I have the privilege of representing thousands of successful and talented African Americans, and today I would like to pay special tribute to Dr. Mary J. Clinksale.

"Dr. C," as she is commonly referred to, is the administrator of the Greater Beth-El Tem-

ple where she has planned, produced and directed more than 250 theatrical productions and presentations, including a performance to prelude the Tuskegee Airmen receiving their Congressional Gold Medal. Her work led to the formation of the Growing and Building Together (GBT) Academy of the Arts, which has been successful in introducing young people and adults to careers in arts and education. She is also the administrator of the GBT Children's Academy, which provides a unique learning environment with a diverse curriculum that allows parents, teachers and children to work and grow together. Dr. C has earned several community-awarded honors for her outstanding work.

Thank you, Dr. Mary J. Clinksale, for your commitment to making Omaha a much better place. Your work has made a difference to our community, especially children and young people.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASSOCIATED FOOD AND PETROLEUM DEALERS ON CELEBRATING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers (AFPD). As a Member of Congress, it is both my honor and privilege to recognize the AFPD on achieving this most impressive milestone.

Since its founding in 1910, the AFPD has acted as a strong advocate for the food, beverage and petroleum industries in the State of Michigan. Based in my district, in the city of Farmington Hills, the AFPD currently represents 3900 retailers in the States of Michigan and Ohio. The AFPD boasts a diverse membership ranging from independent supermarkets, convenience stores, service stations and auto repair businesses to the wholesalers, distributors, and manufacturers who support them. Many of the small businesses which the AFPD supports are important economic and philanthropic pillars within our shared communities.

Going beyond advocacy for its respective industries, the AFPD established the AFPD Foundation in 1999 to support the philanthropic work of its members in the communities which it serves. To date, the AFPD Foundation has awarded over \$300,000 in academic scholarships to extraordinary and deserving students in the States of Michigan and Ohio who are attending accredited higher learning institutions. The AFPD Foundation also partners with the Salvation Army during the holidays to promote its Red Kettle program, which allows the Salvation Army to provide food, toys, and clothing to families in need.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers on the occasion of celebrating its 100th anniversary. The philanthropic work of the AFPD Foundation has enriched the lives of many within the communities its members serve. The celebration of the AFPD's 100th anniversary is indeed an impressive milestone

and I wish it and its members many, many more successful and productive years to come.

HONORING ULYSSES CURRY, M.D.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

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

Dr. Ulysses "U.S." Curry was born the seventh of eight children to Reverend Dr. Milton K. Curry Sr. and Lena Easter Curry in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Curry attended the University of Kansas.

Before completing his education, Dr. Curry joined the United States Army. He served in the Medical Corps during World War II from 1943 through 1946. Upon his Army discharge, Dr. Curry continued his education by attending Howard University and the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Finally, Dr. Curry completed his medical degree in 1952 from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He completed his medical internships in Raleigh, North Carolina, Fresno, California and Denver, Colorado.

In 1954, Dr. Curry married Mary Roper. Two years after they married, Dr. and Mrs. Curry, along with their three week old son, moved to Fresno, California and Dr. Curry started his practice. Dr. Curry had served the Fresno area as a practicing physician for fifty years when he retired in 2006.

Outside of his practice, Dr. Curry was active in city, state and national medical organizations. He served as a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and Diplomate American Board, Family Practice. Dr. Curry continues to be an active member of the Second Baptist Church of Fresno and in various community activities. Dr. Curry is heavily involved with Fresno's commitment to the United Negro College Fund, believing in the cause that "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Dr. and Mrs. Curry have five children, all of which have obtained Bachelors Degrees from four year universities. They also have four grandchildren; three are currently in college and one in high school.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Ulysses Curry upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Curry many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN-CROATIAN LODGE, INC.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the members of the

American-Croatian Lodge, located in Eastlake, Ohio, as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. The American-Croatian Lodge, Inc. serves as a connector that binds Croatian Americans to their faith, heritage and history.

The Croatian Lodge, Inc. was developed and built by a small group of Croatian Americans residing in Greater Cleveland with a unified focus of promoting business ventures, partnerships and educational opportunities for Americans of Croatian heritage. The Lodge continues to serve as an anchor for the Greater Cleveland Croatian community and as the "home base" for numerous Croatian-American businesses. The Croatian Center, set on picturesque rural acreage in Chardon, Ohio, includes two soccer fields, a full size ball field, picnic areas, and a smaller field next to a pavilion. The Lodge is open to the public and is a venue for families and organizations celebrating milestone moments.

A critical component of the American-Croatian Lodge, Inc. is the Croatian Heritage Museum & Library, where the history, customs, fashion, art, music and faith of Croatia is presented and preserved. The Museum and Library is currently presenting a new folk art exhibit, entitled: "Maiden, Mother, Woman of Wisdom," which illuminates the role of Croatian women.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me celebrating the members of the American-Croatian Lodge, Inc. of Eastlake, Ohio as they celebrate twenty-five years commitment to preserving and promoting Croatian culture. The ancient and rich culture of the Croatian people adds strength to the foundation of our Cleveland community and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR OSCAR GUTIERREZ

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of San Clemente, California are exceptional. San Clemente has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated young people who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Oscar Gutierrez is one of these young leaders. On February 25, 2010, Oscar will be honored at the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony where he will receive the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award.

Eighteen year old Oscar Gutierrez resides with his mother and sister in San Clemente. Sadly, Oscar lost his father in 2005. At age 13, Oscar started working to help financially support his family. In addition, he joined the Orange County Sheriffs Explorer Program, Post 449. On December 4, 2008, Oscar was home doing his homework when he heard screams coming from outside. He looked out and saw smoke and flames billowing from the apartment building next door. Oscar grabbed a fire extinguisher, and along with his sister and a cousin, who are also Explorers, and ran to help. Sheriffs deputies were evacuating the building so Oscar began checking around to make sure everyone was safe.

It was then that he noticed an elderly couple on a second floor balcony waiting for assistance. Smoke was pouring out of their apartment and they were beginning to panic. The woman was in a wheelchair and the husband seemed frail. The only way down was an exterior flight of stairs. Oscar did not hesitate: he recruited the help of another neighbor, ran up the stairs and carried the woman in her wheelchair down the stairs to safety.

Oscar graduated from San Clemente High School in 2009 and is attending college at California State San Marcos as a Sociology Major. He has received multiple scholarships and also works at Pedro's Tacos. He continues to attend the Explorer Program four times a month. He is the first one in his family to go to college.

Oscar Gutierrez at the young age of 18 is a hero and a model citizen. He is a hard working individual who cares deeply about San Clemente and its citizens. Oscar is truly an incredible young man who has a very bright future. Oscar's actions and selflessness have contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of San Clemente, California. I join the many community members who are grateful for Oscar and salute him as he receives the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to say a few words about our friend Jack Murtha. First, I would like to advise Mrs. Murtha that I am her adopted son. I don't know if Jack ever told you (Mom). But, he did adopt me.

He took me under his wing. It was warm in the winter and cool in the summer. He also taught me a few things. He taught me to be courteous to everyone and that everyone is special. He made us all feel special. He was more comfortable with the privates than with the generals. He made everyone feel important.

He would make the little people feel needed and appreciated. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed telling his stories and jokes. He had a big heart and tremendous compassion for people.

Unfortunately, a whole lot of people—including our illustrious press—never knew that Jack Murtha.

With the exception of his family, I was more fortunate than all of you. Every Thursday or Friday before we broke for the week, I would say goodbye to him. Because of his knee problem, I would help him down from his seat—the only reserved seat in Congress. Then, I would shake his hand and give him a kiss goodbye. I did not know Wednesday January 27th would be the last time I would kiss my friend good bye.

Jack Murtha was your friend. Jack Murtha was the best friend of the men and women in uniform. He will be deeply missed. We will never see another Jack Murtha.

LETTER FROM PROFESSOR ROBERT D. AUERBACH, LBJ SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD the following letter from Professor Robert D. Auerbach, a professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. This letter provides additional information regarding remarks I made at yesterday's Financial Services Committee Humphrey-Hawkins hearing, remarks which Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke categorized as "bizarre."

THANK YOU CONGRESSMAN RON PAUL FOR BRINGING THESE IMPORTANT FACTS TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION

I thank Congressman Ron Paul for bringing to the public's attention the Federal Reserve coverup of the source of the Watergate burglars' source of funding and the defective audit by the Federal Reserve of the bank that transferred \$5.5 billion from the U.S. government to Saddam Hussein in the 1980s. Congressman Paul directed these comments to Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke at the House Financial Services Hearing February 24, 2010. I question Chairman Bernanke's dismissive response.

BERNANKE: "Well, Congressman, these specific allegations you've made I think are absolutely bizarre, and I have absolutely no knowledge of anything remotely like what you just described."

The evidence Congressman Ron Paul mentioned is well documented in my recent book, *Deception and Abuse at the Fed* (University of Texas Press: 2008). The head of the Federal Reserve bureaucracy should become familiar with its dismal practices.

First, consider the Fed's coverup of the source of the \$6,300 in hundred dollar bills found on the Watergate burglars when they were arrested at approximately 2:30 A.M. on June 17, 1972 after they had broken into the Watergate offices of the Democratic Party. Five days after the break-in, June 22, 1972, at a board of directors' meeting of officials at the Philadelphia Fed Bank, it was recorded in the minutes [shown on page 23 of my book] that false or misleading information had been provided to a reporter from the Washington Post about the \$6,300. Bob Woodward told me he thought he was the Washington Post reporter who had made the phone inquiry. The reporter "had called to verify a rumor that these bills were stolen from this Bank" according to the Philadelphia Fed minutes. The Philadelphia Fed Bank had informed the Board on June 20 that the notes were "shipped from the Reserve Bank to Girard Trust Company in Philadelphia on April 3, 1972." The Washington Post was incorrectly informed of "thefts but told they involved old bills that were ready for destruction."

The Federal Reserve under the chairmanship of Author Burns not only kept the Fed from getting entangled in the Watergate coverup, which the Fed's actions had assisted, it allowed false statements about bills the Fed knew were issued by the Philadelphia Fed Bank to stand uncorrected. Blocking information from the Senate and House Banking Committees [letters shown in my book, Chapter 2] and issuing false information during a perilous government crisis imposed huge costs on the public that had insufficient information to hold the Fed officials accountable for what they had withheld