

state of Hawaii, the U.S. government, and the new entity on future issues. It begins to reconcile the past injustices suffered by native populations and allows us to move forward with a more positive relationship.

Opponents of this bill attempt to argue that Congress is creating race-based governments. Clearly, they fail to understand the sovereignty of tribal nations. H.R. 2314 is not based on racial status, rather a political status that has existed for centuries. The bill does not exempt the governing entity from the U.S. Constitution, from federal law or from taxation. It does not transfer land or establish gaming or authorize secession. It simply and formally recognizes the sovereignty of Native Hawaiians, which should have happened a long time ago.

In the 110th Congress, I voted for a similar bill (H.R. 505) that passed the House with bipartisan support on October 24, 2007, but was never considered by the Senate.

As a member of the Congressional Native American Caucus, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2314, and I urge the Senate to pass this legislation.

RECOGNIZING JUDY SODERBERG

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize Judy Soderberg of Minnetonka, who was introduced into the 2009 Multiple Sclerosis Society Health Professionals Hall of Fame. Judy received this honor for nearly three decades of passionate work on behalf of those with MS, which included her work to help launch a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive MS center. The National MS Society recently acknowledged Judy as "a leading advocate for the MS community, Judy empowers people touched by the disease to be their own advocates." I would like to thank Judy Soderberg for her commitment to bettering the MS community.

RECOGNIZING LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of LSU and its many achievements over the last 150 years.

As a graduate of LSU medical school, I can attest to the excellence and professionalism of the faculty and to the spirited campus atmosphere that is rivaled by few in the world.

LSU continues capturing the hearts of its students just as it was since it first opened its doors in 1860. It is a place with a unique culture, rich in tradition and quality. Originally serving as a war college, LSU has grown into the flagship university of Louisiana.

Through its seven institutions of higher learning, as well as its distinguished faculty, LSU prepares countless students for the careers of distinction in Louisiana and around the world. LSU also celebrates a number of athletic achievements, including football, base-

ball, and track and field national championships.

In addition to its academic and athletic successes, the LSU system goes above and beyond to serve the people of Louisiana. From its tireless efforts in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes to its various community outreach programs, LSU makes a great deal of difference in the many communities it serves.

Throughout the years, LSU has persevered to become one of the leading educational institutions in the country. It continues to uphold excellence at every level and sets a very worthy goal of reaching the upper level of national prominence by the end of 2010.

It is my pleasure to recognize Louisiana State University and join with the thousands of current students and alumni to celebrate 150 years of excellence. Geaux Tigers!

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. LINKWOOD WILLIAMS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of physician Linkwood Williams, a famed Tuskegee Flight instructor and Memphis physician. He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert and Bessie McNeal Williams on August 29, 1918 in Bonita, Louisiana. At the age of three, he and his family moved to Madison, Illinois where he attended school through the twelfth grade, then worked with his father at a local steel mill.

Having encouragement from his father to pursue higher education, Dr. Williams applied and was accepted to study industrial arts at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, which was one of six colleges where pilot training was offered and the only facility in the country for training black military pilots. After two years of studying, he decided to pursue full-time training in the Civilian Pilots Training Program, a program that would prepare him to quickly adapt to military aviation in the event of a national emergency. Successfully progressing through all Civilian Pilots Training courses, Dr. Williams became part of the Tuskegee Experience and went on to train many of the 450 pilots who served in the 332nd Fighter Group. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first combat group of African American pilots and flew with distinction during World War II.

At the end of the war, Dr. Williams married Katie Whitney, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and became the third African-American to join the carpenters union. He later enrolled at Western Reserve University to complete the required pre-med courses for acceptance into medical school. Afterwards, he applied to and was accepted to Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. During the third year of his residency, he was hired as a part-time instructor to teach Air Force ROTC cadets at Tennessee State University.

After completing his residency, Dr. Linkwood Williams moved to Memphis, Tennessee and began his OB-GYN practice, becoming the first African American OB-GYN in the city. He worked for 31 years until his retirement in 1995.

Dr. Linkwood Williams was a member of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Center, where

he served in the Community Outreach Group, the American Medical Association, The Memphians, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi (Delta). Dr. Linkwood Williams passed away surrounded by his family on Saturday, February 20, 2010 and was laid to rest on Saturday, February 27, 2010. He was 91 years old. Dr. Williams truly left his mark on the world through his service to the citizens of Memphis, Tennessee. We are grateful to have had the pleasure of his dedication and perseverance in the community.

REMEMBERING FRANK SARRIS

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania lost an icon when Frank Sarris, founder of Sarris Candies, passed away Monday. A half century ago when Frank presented his sweetheart Athena with a box of chocolates, a loving Greek-American family and a chocolate empire were born.

After giving Athena the chocolates, Frank kept thinking he could make a tastier product. He went to work in the basement of his Canonsburg home cooking up sweet desserts for friends and family. Word quickly spread of Frank's delicious concoctions. To keep up with the demand, Frank had to quit his day job as a forklift operator.

Once the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania tasted Sarris Candies, their collective sweet tooth could not be satisfied. Frank moved out of his basement and opened a shop next to his home. Eventually, he tore down his home, built a bigger chocolate factory, and moved into an apartment above it. As his chocolate delectables grew in popularity, Frank soon became known as "Candy Man" throughout Canonsburg and beyond.

The only son of Greek immigrants, Frank used his success to give back to the community. If there was a charitable event in Canonsburg, Frank could be counted on to donate chocolate or financial support. Children all across Pennsylvania sell Sarris Candies to raise money for school, sports, and clubs. And one does not have to travel far to find evidence of Frank's philanthropy. His legacy includes the Frank Sarris Outpatient Clinic to care for organ transplant patients, the Sarris Clinical Endowment to fund science research, and the Frank Sarris Public Library. In one way or another, Frank has touched the life of every person in Canonsburg.

Generations of Southwestern Pennsylvanians have tasted and loved Sarris Candies. Today, parents who grew up on Sarris Candies take their children to the Sarris Chocolate Factory and Ice Cream Parlour. You can see the eyes of each child light up when the homemade ice cream covered with Sarris toppings is placed before them. At that moment, each parent remembers what it is like to be a kid again.

Frank will be missed, but his memory will live on every time a person takes a bite from a Sarris candy bar or a small child walks in to the Ice Cream Parlour for the first time to order a sundae. Sweet dreams, Frank.

OBSTETRIC FISTULAS—INTL.
WOMEN'S DAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw our attention to a worldwide problem we could do much more to resolve: obstetric fistulas. Imagine you are 13 years old. You are married against your will to a much older man

and become pregnant. When the baby is due, you have no medical care. Your body is too small. The baby gets stuck. You nearly die.

But instead, you wake up to learn that it is your baby who has died, and you now have a fistula—a hole caused by the days of prolonged labor and resulting rotting away of internal tissue. You are incontinent and cannot walk. You are shunned by your husband and your village. It is hard to imagine being so alone.

But this is the real story of Mahabouba, a young girl in Ethiopia. And an estimated 2 million women like her suffer from obstetric fis-

tulas—though we need much better data on this problem. They have suffered in this unspeakable way because they lacked maternity care, or were married too young, or even because their husbands would not let them go to the hospital.

As we mark this day, let us raise our voices for these women. Let us commit our power and our compassion to providing life-saving maternity care and to preventing these tragedies. Let us help them to stand up and bring new hope for their future.