

to communities. Census data also helps city planners identify changes in population so that they can place schools, fire and police stations, and other city services in locations that will best serve their residents. Finally, accurate census data is essential to the long term prosperity of our country, as it is used by businesses to make effective decisions regarding investments and growth.

It is crucial that we increase public awareness of and achieve full participation in the 2010 Census. It is estimated that approximately 16 million individuals—the equivalent of nearly 27 Congressional districts—did not participate in the 2000 Census. Low-income communities—the communities that rely most on a fair distribution of resources and services—are at risk of being undercounted in this year's Census and, consequently, underserved for the next decade. This important legislation will help ensure that all communities get their fair share of resources and are equipped to achieve prosperity and growth.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H. Res. 1096.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED COUNCIL OF UW STUDENTS

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the United Council of UW Students on its 50th anniversary. Founded in 1960, the United Council of UW Students has served as a champion for student rights and a tireless advocate for protecting access to higher education in Wisconsin.

A non-partisan, non-profit, student-driven organization, United Council employs grassroots techniques to ensure that the voices of students on every University of Wisconsin System campus are heard by our state government. With chapters across the state, United Council gives UW students an important and necessary seat at the table during the policy-making process.

Since its inception, the United Council has worked on a variety of issues including merging the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin State University systems, increasing student rights and the ability of students to participate in the formation of university policy, and addressing affordability and access to a college education.

Ensuring that all university students have access to an affordable, quality higher education is essential to Wisconsin's economic future and the nation's position in the global economy. I am proud of the legacy of the United Council and its history of fighting for these vital goals.

For 50 years of advocacy on behalf of the students of the University of Wisconsin System, I would like to thank the United Council of UW Students for its service and wish all the members and advocates continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on March 4, 2010 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 90: "yes."

SHELBY CLAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Shelby Clay. Shelby is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Shelby's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Shelby has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Shelby can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Shelby Clay for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

IN MEMORIAM—THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO CASTRO ADA

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man who served our country, and who served the Northern Mariana Islands, with great honor and distinction. The Honorable Francisco Castro Ada passed away on March 2nd; and he is being accorded a state funeral this week on the island of Saipan.

Francisco Ada was born in 1934 during the Japanese administration of the Northern Marianas. He came from humble beginnings, but always strove to improve himself—and in the process contributed much to our community.

Following World War II he went to Guam to attend high school. This was before there was any high school in the Northern Mariana Islands. To obtain more than a basic education required leaving home.

Diploma in hand, Mr. Ada returned to Saipan and taught for two years in a public school. But convinced of the need for a college education Mr. Ada secured a scholarship to the University of Hawaii at Manoa and earned a Bachelor's degree in political science. There, he also demonstrated the po-

litical skills that would serve him throughout his life: he won election as president of the International Students Association.

Upon his return from college in 1961, Mr. Ada again took up teaching at Saipan Intermediate School, but within a year his education and charisma landed him a position as public affairs officer for the Marianas District Government. The Marianas District was one of the geographical components of the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, administered by the United States.

Promotion came quickly. Over an eight year period Francisco C. Ada moved from economic and political programs officer to district political affairs assistant, then to assistant district administrator for public affairs. Trust Territory officials took due regard of Mr. Ada's work ethic, his administrative savvy, and his exemplary leadership skills. And in 1969 he was appointed Administrator for the entire Marianas District, overseeing all the operations of local government.

Arguably his most important and far-sighted achievement during his seven years as District Administrator was building the Saipan International Airport. This modern facility on the capitol island ushered in our next thirty-five years of development, allowing Saipan to grow as a business center and as a destination for tourists from around the Pacific. To manage this critical piece of public infrastructure Ada set up an airport authority, independent of the need for local government support, that continues to be a model in our islands. Fittingly, on the airport's 25th anniversary, it was named Francisco C. Ada International Airport.

Francisco Ada's years as Administrator coincided with a yearning for self-government and a change of political status in the Marianas. People wanted closer political ties with the United States and twice tried to restore the historical unification with Guam. Then, a 1975 plebiscite overwhelmingly approved commonwealth status under the sovereignty of the U.S.

Ada oversaw the subsequent transition from Trust Territory Government to Commonwealth. But he also saw that he could have a place in the newly forming government. He left his post with the Trust Territory and ran, successfully, on the Democratic Party ticket to be the first Lieutenant Governor of the new Commonwealth.

Those early years set the course for the fledgling government. Mr. Ada was an active participant in the passage of new laws; negotiations and agreements with Federal agencies; the design and construction of public infrastructure; and adjustment by all to self-governance.

For the first time in anyone's memory, the islands' prospects for success or failure squarely rested on the shoulders of the people and new leaders of the Commonwealth. Francisco C. Ada lived up to that historical challenge and fulfilled the people's trust.

But it is easy to say of government officials that they served the general good. Let me tell you of my own experience of Francisco Ada working for the good of individuals, as well. I recall Mr. David Indalecio, who worked on Mr. Ada's staff, keeping the office clean and maintained. Mr. Indalecio did not have a high school diploma. Maybe he didn't need one to do his job. But Francisco C. Ada had a commitment to education—for himself and all those around him. Mr. Ada encouraged Mr.

Indalecio to complete his schooling, and with that support Mr. Indalecio did graduate from high school. The story does not end there, however. Because Mr. Indalecio himself then went on to leadership in our community. He was elected to the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, where he served with distinction.

Francisco C. Ada served the public throughout his career, but he never lost touch with the personal aspect of life—his family. His wife and seven children kept him anchored during the stormiest of times; and he gave them an example and the guidance that make the Ada family one of our most distinguished: a doctor, lawyers, public servants, each leaders in their own right, and in many ways Francisco C. Ada's greatest legacy.

Madam Speaker, thank you for this time to remark on the honorable and much esteemed Francisco Castro Ada. He will always be remembered for his dedication, fairness and tireless capacity to make the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a better place for all.

God bless him and his family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on March 4th, 2010, I was absent for one rollcall vote because I was attending a meeting on healthcare at the White House. If I had been here, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 90.

RECOGNIZING GENE SCHULTZ

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elmwood Park resident Gene Schultz on his sterling driver-safety record and subsequent induction into the United Parcel Service Circle of Honor. Gene's induction commemorates 25 accident-free years as a UPS delivery driver. Gene's accomplishment is especially impressive when we consider that his job requires him to be behind the wheel of a truck for many hours each week.

Gene grew up as the 14th of 15 children in Chicago's Galewood neighborhood near Harlem and Grand Avenues. He has lived with his wife Theresa in Elmwood Park for the last 11 years. Mr. Schultz serves as a model for responsible driving in the city of Chicago and deserves commendation for his consistent safety record. It is with great pride that I recognize Gene Schultz for his contribution to the safety of Chicago's roadways.

HONORING RICHARD W. SNOWDON III FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN WASHINGTON, DC

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard W. Snowdon III, as he concludes his service as chair of the board of directors of the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. Mr. Snowdon has a long and distinguished record of service to Children's National Medical Center, having served as chair of the hospital's foundation from 2002–2005 and most recently as chair of the board from 2006–2009.

Children's National Medical Center is an integral part of the fabric of Washington, DC. Founded in 1870 as a home for civil war orphans, Children's National has grown into a 283 bed academic medical center devoted to meeting children's health care needs locally, regionally and nationally. The hospital's growth and success have been dependent on strong, visionary leaders, such as Mr. Snowdon.

Under Mr. Snowdon's chairmanship, Children's National was thrice named to the Leap-Frog Group's list of top hospitals for quality and safety; immunization compliance of school-aged children in the District of Columbia went from one of the lowest in the country to the highest; the hospital opened a state-of-the-art, family-centered inpatient tower; and perhaps closest to his heart, Children's National released a comprehensive assessment of pediatric health in the District of Columbia. The report's findings will help Children's National target resources to address some of the most pressing health concerns facing our children, including asthma and obesity.

Mr. Snowdon is an attorney in the firm of Trainum, Snowdon & Deane. In addition to his service to Children's National, he is or has been a trustee, director or member of numerous civic organizations, including the Anthony Francis Lucas-Spindletop Foundation, The Langley School, the National Children's Museum, the Community Foundation of Greater Washington, the D.C. Advisory Committee of the Local Initiative Support Corporation, the National Cathedral School for Girls, the Washington Cathedral, the Black Student Fund, and the Federal City Council. Mr. Snowdon received a B.S. from the Syracuse University College of Business Administration and a J.D. from The George Washington University National Law Center.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and commending Richard W. Snowdon III for his outstanding leadership and in thanking him and his wife, Catharine, for their commitment to the children of the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

JERALD L. MORLOCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jerald L. Morlock. Jerald is

a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Great Rivers Council Troop 99, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jerald has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jerald has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Jerald has displayed dedication and perseverance with this significant achievement, values which will stay with him throughout his life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jerald L. Morlock for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOUIS GELDER & SONS COMPANY OF BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Louis Gelder & Sons Company of Benton Harbor, Michigan, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Since 1910, Louis Gelder & Sons has proudly supplied the folks of southwest Michigan with tractors and other agriculture equipment and supplies. Today, operated by Bruce and Joe Gelder, the company is a fourth-generation family-run business.

The story of Louis Gelder & Sons begins in Millburg, Michigan, only a few miles away from their current location. Like many small businesses, their long history speaks to the power of the American entrepreneurial spirit, having endured two of the deepest economic recessions in modern history. Our Nation has faced many challenges and changes over the past century, but Louis Gelder & Sons has stood the test of time.

Behind great companies with this kind of endurance you will always find great people. The folks at Louis Gelder & Sons work as a team, which makes all the difference between a good company and a great one.

The long success of Louis Gelder & Sons is a remarkable achievement, and we are all very proud to see them continuing to provide service to the people of Michigan. Congratulations to the Gelder family and their employees. Here's to the next 100!

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,546,372,001,879.73.

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