

She is among 300 surviving women who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. During the war, 1,102 women pilots served.

Ms. Flournoy completed a pilot training program in early 1941 at a junior college in Joplin, Missouri, and while working as a grinder at a defense plant, she learned about the military needing women to serve as pilots.

Shortly after that, Ms. Flournoy was en route to Kansas City on a bus to volunteer. She trained for about one year. The Women Airforce Service Pilots logged 60 million miles in missions across the United States; however, during their time in the military, they did not have the benefits offered equally to other service members.

In 1977, the Women Airforce Service Pilots were granted status as veterans of this country. I am moved to learn these women served our country during a time of hardship, and thank them for their service to our nation.

Today, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the work, service and dedication of Ms. Flournoy, who is among 300 surviving women who served this country during World War II.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MARGARET DEBOLT AND THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PI- LOTS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of the late Margaret Louise Debolt from my home state of California. During World War II, Margaret flew as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). These aviators were the first female flyers to be trained on U.S. Military aircraft. During the time when the need of the country was greatest, these brave women flew fighter, bomber, transport and training aircraft in the defense of American freedom.

It was during her service with the WASPs that Margaret met her future husband, First Lieutenant Charles D. Christian of the United States Army Air Corps. They were married in November, 1945 and went on to be the proud parents of James and Kay Christian, who now reside in El Dorado Hills, California. Margaret continued flying well into her seventies, exemplifying the adventurous spirit for which she was so well known. Margaret passed away at the age of 83 in Covina, California on August 6, 2004.

I was a proud cosponsor of the legislation that recognized the service of the WASPs and awarded them the Congressional Gold Medal. I regret that Margaret could not be with us when her medal was awarded, but I am glad that her family joined us in Washington to remember and honor her service.

A TRIBUTE TO SHELIA EVANS- TRANUMN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Shelia Evans-Tranumn, who, as an Associate Commissioner for the New York State Education Department, managed the Office of School Improvement and Community Services in New York City and in Albany, New York. Associate Commissioner Evans-Tranumn has had the major responsibility for directing and coordinating State Education Department Services and technical assistance to New York City schools and to the New York City public school system. Her work as associate commissioner will always be valued by the New York education community, especially as a model for leadership, management and supervision of the service needs of schools and school districts. As an advisor to the Commissioner and the Board of Regents, she is a role model in her steadfast efforts to serve and represent our children effectively.

Prior to joining the New York State Education Department, Ms. Evans-Tranumn served as an English teacher, center administrator, assistant principal and the Director of the New York City Board of Education's Auxiliary Services for High Schools, the largest alternative high school program in the United States. Ms. Evans-Tranumn supervised interdisciplinary teams that work with the New York City educational community to implement school reform initiatives. The impact of her work in New York State can be found in documents published by the United States Education Department, policy documents of National Board of Education, and implementation plans for local school districts. Based upon the work of her office, Education Week has named New York State No.1 for its work in the area of accountability.

Ms. Evans-Tranumn is a product of New York City public schools. A graduate of North Carolina Central University, she received a Master's degree from Long Island University. Additionally, she completed class requirements for a doctorate at New York University. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Reliance Award for Excellence in Education, the Administrative Women in Education Trailblazer Award, the Albany NAACP Freedom Award and the New York State NAACP "Measure of a Woman" Award in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ms. Evans-Tranumn also received an Honorary Doctorate from Medgar Evers College.

Building the capacity of institutions, communities and individuals to better serve children is the core of her professional and personal life. As the highly respected advocate and voice of reason in Brooklyn for educational ideals to benefit inner-city children, Ms. Evans-Tranumn stands with those who understand that equal and quality education is a fundamental civil, constitutional right.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Shelia Evans-Tranumn.

THE IRAN SANCTIONS ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Iran Sanctions Enhancement Act, a bipartisan measure to enforce U.S. law regarding Iran.

As the New York Times reported last Sunday, for far too long, international businesses have ignored the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

The Iranian regime continues its pursuit of nuclear weapons and remains the world's leading sponsor of terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. While the original ISA was intended to deter investment in Iran's energy sector that serves as the main source of financial support for the regime, no entity has ever been held accountable under the Act.

The executive branch has disregarded the enforcement of existing U.S. sanctions on Iran for far too long—and this Administration has been no exception to the rule. In October of last year, fifty members of Congress wrote to the Administration, requesting an investigation of potential ISA violators identified by the non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS). Despite a pledge by the Assistant Secretary of State Jeffrey Feltman to conduct such an investigation within 45 days, the Administration still has not provided Congress with the full results of its investigation.

Therefore, this bill would require the President to investigate and determine ISA violators within 45 days and to notify Congress. To aid the Administration's efforts, this bill mandates the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to publish monthly a list of those entities suspected of violating the ISA.

The time to act is now. To stop Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and curb its sponsorship of global terrorism, I urge my colleagues to join in cosponsoring this important bipartisan legislation.

HONORING JUDGE THOMAS WARD

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Judge Thomas Ward for his remarkable work with the Hibernian Society and outstanding service to the citizens of Baltimore, especially within our Irish community.

Ward, a native Baltimorean, began his career in civic duty as a Member of the Baltimore City Council in 1963, during which time he sponsored legislation to create The Parking Lot Act, the Architectural and Historical Commission, and a tree planting program that resulted in the implantation of over 25,000 trees.

A graduate from Georgetown University, the University of Maryland School of Law, and The Johns Hopkins University Graduate School, Judge Ward spent an illustrious 29 years practicing law as an attorney and another 15 years presiding as a judge, where he was known as one of the hardest working judges on the Baltimore Circuit Court.

When the people of Ireland immigrated to Baltimore, many of them found employment with the B & O Railroad. Judge Ward was so inspired by the gritty hard work of these immigrants that he wanted to find an appropriate way to honor them. In the late 90s, he helped begin the Railroad Historical District Corporation after he was approached to help repair 5 alley homes along Lemmon Street, commonly referred to as the "Lemmon Street Five." Ward rallied historic preservationists, raised money, recruited volunteers, and faced the difficult task of restoring dilapidated 160-year-old buildings. With his steadfast determination and desire to better his community, Judge Ward saw the completion of the "Lemmon Street Five" in 2002. Of the five Lemmon Street houses, two developed into the Irish Shrine and Railroad Workers Museum, which pays tribute to the Irish immigrants who started new lives in Baltimore during the Great Famine of 1845–50.

As a member of the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, Judge Ward continues to provide charitable assistance and advice to immigrants from Ireland. Judge Thomas Ward greatly deserves the title of Hibernian of the Year for his exceptional work within their organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Judge Ward, an exemplary citizen of the State of Maryland and commendable member of the Hibernian Society.

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that March is Red Cross Month. This is a time for us to officially recognize the essential role that the American Red Cross plays in our communities helping to ensure our communities are more ready and resilient in the face of future disasters. March has been celebrated as "Red Cross Month" since 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the wartime fundraising campaign the "greatest single crusade of mercy in all of history." As we celebrate this American Red Cross Month, I encourage all individuals to commit themselves to strengthen their own communities through service and volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross. Volunteers help make our country stronger, and no where is this more evident than in communities coming together to support each other in times of need.

From rebuilding former adversaries after World War II, to saving lives after the tragic earthquake in Haiti, the American people have an unmatched tradition of responding to challenges at home and abroad with compassion and generosity. In just over one month since the earthquake, the Red Cross has provided assistance to more than 1.3 million people and will continue to aid hundreds of thousands more in the months ahead. In Chile, the American Red Cross is prepared to mobilize support, including relief supplies and trained personnel. The American Red Cross is also assisting the Chilean Red Cross, through the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent appeal, to assist 75,000 people for six months in the areas of shelter, water

and sanitation, health and telecommunications.

At home and abroad, one in five Americans is touched by the Red Cross every single year. The American Red Cross in Greater New York responds to an average of 7 emergencies a day—fires, floods, building collapses—and provides immediate humanitarian aid to as many as 100,000 people affected by these emergencies each year. In my district alone in 2009, the Greater New York Chapter responded to 264 disasters and registered 1,337 people for Red Cross assistance.

Whether it is an earthquake or a single family home fire; a call for blood or a call for help, the American Red Cross is there. I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in applauding the hard work of the American Red Cross volunteers and celebrating March as American Red Cross Month.

MEGAN HELT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Megan Helt. Megan 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.

Megan's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Megan 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 Megan can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Megan Helt 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.

CENSUS AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the beginning of March marks the one-month process of one of the most important collective actions that our country partakes in, the national Census. Thus I want to express my support to House Resolution 1096, deeming this month designated as Census Awareness Month. The Census provides an opportunity to not only count how many people live in our great nation, but to also collect valuable data that will help to provide services to millions of Americans. According to information collected from the Census, over \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to State and local governments. As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I want to ensure that all African Americans are counted as the Census has significant importance in the black community. The implementation and evaluation of

programs like the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act are based on Census data. In 2007 the Black community grew to 40.7 million from 33.5 million in the year 2000. Underrepresentation of minorities is the leading cause of underfunding programs that these communities utilize the most, such as education, health care, housing and transportation programs.

The myths that further discourage people from participating in the Census must be dispelled. The Census is not a long process; there are merely 10 questions to answer, making it the shortest Census form in history. By law the Census Bureau cannot share individual responses with anyone; that includes immigration authorities, IRS, FBI, CIA or any other government agency. The U.S. Census preferred method of participation is through forms sent through mail and returned through mail and Census workers will only visit households that do not return their forms. This snapshot of our nation also affects Congress itself; the distribution of U.S. House of Representative seats are based on the Census. In order to have proportional representation as well as programs and funding that directly serve the American people, everyone must participate in the 2010 United States Census. Underrepresentation of our population must be avoided; thus from March to April, I urge everyone to go to www.census.gov to find out more on how you can be involved in the 2010 U.S. Census.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES D. MACPHEE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James D. MacPhee of Schoolcraft, Michigan, who will become Chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America, ICBA, on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Mr. MacPhee's long association and dedication to the ICBA has unquestionably qualified him for this position. He has served as chairman of the ICBA Membership/Marketing Committee and is this year's ICBPAC auction chairman. He has served as vice-chairman and an at-large member of the ICBA Executive Committee and represented the State of Michigan on the ICBA Board of Directors.

Southwest Michigan has greatly benefited from Mr. MacPhee's career in the community banking industry. He has been with Kalamazoo County State Bank for 35 years, serving as CEO for the past 17, and is a member of the board of directors of First State Bank in Decatur, Michigan. Mr. MacPhee has held the esteemed positions of both director and president in the Michigan Association of Community Bankers and currently serves as chairman and a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Community Bankers Service Company.

Throughout his impressive career, James MacPhee has continually given back to the community. He was a charter member and chairman of the Village of Schoolcraft Downtown Development Authority, and a charter member of the Schoolcraft Community Association, and has served on the board of directors of the Bronson Health Foundation. Mr.