

She still bakes homemade pies and serves lunch to the Thursday Retired Men's Club in Coatesville.

Gladys has worked equally hard to help improve the Coatesville community. She is a member of the Coatesville Historical Commission, The Eastern Stars, The Better Community Group, and the Coatesville Senior Center. She also served as a Judge of Elections in Coatesville's Fifth Ward and as President and Treasurer of the Hyacinth Federated Club. As a member of the Historical Hutchinson Memorial UAME Church, Gladys has been a member of the Senior Usher Board for more than 84 years, serving 17 years as President.

The Graystone Society, located in the Lukens National Historic District of Coatesville, will present the Rebeca Lukens award during a reception March 18, 2010 in the Lukens Executive Office Building.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gladys Flamer for her long-standing civic involvement and tireless work in helping others. She is an inspiration to all.

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**HONORING MEMBERS OF HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FASHION PROGRAM FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, a group of impressive students from the Huntington High School Fashion Program joined First Lady Michelle Obama for a historic occasion, the donation of her Inauguration gown to the Smithsonian's First Ladies Collection.

These students impressed and inspired the First Lady a year ago when their teachers challenged them to design an Inauguration gown fit for the new First Lady. They studied both Michelle Obama and the work of other designers. They then sent a book of their designs to the First Lady.

More than a year later, the First Lady remembered that project and it when it was time to arrange for her Smithsonian ceremony she asked the Huntington High School students to join her in Washington, DC for the special event.

Madam Speaker, all of Long Island couldn't be more proud of the work of the Huntington High School students.

We are equally proud of their teachers who challenged them with this creative project. These teachers thought big. They thought outside the box. And they along with their students are being rightfully rewarded with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Madam Speaker, I thank First Lady Michelle Obama for her thoughtful inclusion of the Huntington High School Fashion Program in this ceremony and I commend Huntington High School's students, teachers, parents and administrators whose great efforts led to this special recognition.

**IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL MCUGH**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Paul McHugh as he is named the recipient of the 2010 James P. Sweeney Founder Award by the Retired Irish Police Society of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. McHugh began his service as a police officer in 1965 as a member of the Cleveland Motorcycle Unit. His twenty-seven-year tenure was framed by integrity, loyalty and bravery. He risked his life on numerous occasions to protect his colleagues and the citizens of Cleveland. His acts of courage did not go unrecognized. In 1967, Mr. McHugh was awarded the Meritorious Award for an act of heroism by the Cleveland Police Department. While assigned to the First District Detective Bureau, Mr. McHugh's sharp and persistent investigative efforts led to the dismantling of a massive burglary ring, for which he was recognized as the "City of Cleveland Police Officer of the Month."

After his retirement from the Police Department in 1992, he volunteered as a leader and member of many local police and charitable organizations including the Police and Fire Holy Name Society, where he currently serves as Treasurer, the Saint Patrick West Park Hunger Center, the American Legion and AmVets, and the Holy Family Cancer Home.

Mr. McHugh has a life-long connection to his Irish heritage. He grew up as one of twelve children on Cleveland's west side. He is extremely active in Cleveland's Irish-American community. For the past twelve years he has served as Treasurer for the Retired Irish Police. Mr. McHugh is also a member of the West Side Irish American Club, serves on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and served as the Past President of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland. Above all his civic engagements, Mr. McHugh is a dedicated family man. Together, he and his wife, Marie raised their children, Colleen and Allan. Mr. and Mrs. McHugh remain active in the lives of their children and four grandsons.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Paul McHugh, whose exemplary service on behalf of our community is an inspiration and example for all of us. His dedication to helping others continues to enhance and strengthen our entire community, and we are grateful for his efforts.

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**HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010**

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SPEECH OF

**HON. ALLEN BOYD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 12, 2010*

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3650, the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act. I represent North Florida along the coast line of the Gulf of Mexico. My district has some of the most beautiful and cleanest beaches in the

Nation, as well as a strong fishing and oyster industry. This coastline is pristine and much of it is undeveloped. Every time the Algal Blooms near our coastline, our local economy and environment come under threat.

Algal blooms have a significant impact on our seafood industry. In particular, the blooms directly affect the filter-feeders. Oysters and scallops are a significant economic engine to many of the small towns along the Gulf coastline. When the 2005 algal bloom incident occurred, many folks in my district lost a significant amount of their income because of the toxins that result from algal blooms. In fact, the Apalachicola Bay was closed for over 50 percent of the season, resulting in loss of seafood harvest, cancelled tourist reservations, regional defamation and illness that exceeded millions.

Algal blooms also have a significant impact on Florida's tourism industry. The effects of the toxins can lead to respiratory and eye problems in people who are exposed. When algal blooms take over, tourists can not enjoy the wildlife and ecosystems they came to experience and this has a clear and disastrous impact on our State's \$53 billion tourism industry.

In conclusion, the welfare of our coastal communities, seafood production, and health in the Apalachicola Bay, and all along the Florida coast, remains at risk due to algal blooms. This situation must have more attention and science devoted to protect our economy and job, as well as the environment and public health. I support H.R. 3650 and will continue to do my part to help develop responsible and more effective methods to stop algal blooms.

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**IN HONOR OF ANGELO PETITTI**

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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Angelo Petitti upon his recognition as the recipient of the St. Malachi Center's 2010 Sister Michael Marie Griffin Anchor Award, which will be presented to him at the St. Malachi Center's Tenth Annual Soup for the Soul Benefit.

Mr. Petitti emigrated from Faeto, Italy in 1963 when he was just 16 years old. He studied political science at Kent State University and worked as a landscaper. He left Kent State to pursue his true passion: landscape design. He moved to Florida and founded his own landscape business, but eventually moved the business back to Ohio to form Petitti Landscape Company with his brother Dominic.

Working out of a small garage, the Petitti brothers were soon inundated with requests from passersby who saw the shrubs that lined the driveway. Over the past forty years, Mr. Petitti has become one of the most successful garden center owners in Ohio. He can be heard on his weekly radio show, "In the Garden with Angelo," and is regularly seen out in the community, lending his time to help raise funds for numerous local charitable organizations.

Above all, Mr. Petitti is devoted to his family. His wife, Maria, also emigrated from the same

town in Italy, and they married in 1975. Together, they raised their son, AJ, and daughters, Andria and Lisa—all of whom are involved in the family business. Mr. Petitti's unwavering integrity and generosity continues to spread throughout our community, where he is highly respected and admired by the community. He is a kind and humble man with a deep sense of charity.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Angelo Petitti, recipient of the 2010 Sister Michael Marie Griffin Anchor Award. Mr. Petitti personifies the American Dream and is an inspiration to us all.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,575,678,862,901.61.

On January 6, 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 \$1,937,253,116,607.81 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$1,739,800,627,446.86 since just yesterday.

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

**IN HONOR OF OTIS PAUL DRAYTON, JR.**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Otis Paul Drayton Jr., a Veteran and an Olympic champion. Mr. Drayton's life was built upon a foundation of family, friends and community. His kind heart and energetic spirit will be forever remembered by those who loved him.

As a young man, Mr. Drayton moved from New York to Cleveland. He graduated from Cathedral Latin High School and went on to Villanova University where his talent as a runner was apparent. He won several national championships including a 1961 meet with the Soviet Union where Mr. Drayton set a world record for the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 39.1 seconds. In the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo where he won gold and silver medals, Mr. Drayton set the record again with a time of 39.0 seconds.

Though highly accomplished, Mr. Drayton was a kind and humble man. His quick smile and gentle nature easily endeared him to everyone. For many years he served as the Deputy Project Director for the City of Cleveland Division of Recreation and later as a part-time employee of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. Above all else, Mr. Drayton was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Jeune.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Otis Paul Drayton. I offer

my deepest condolences to his wife, Jeune, his son, Walter, and his extended family and friends. Mr. Drayton lived his life with great joy, energy, and a generous heart. He will never be forgotten.

**HONORING EDD KELLUM HENDEE**

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Edd Kellum Hendee, a beloved father, husband, son and brother taken from his loving family far too soon.

A 1999 graduate of the Naval Academy who served his country honorably as a Lieutenant on the U.S.S. *Denver* during Operation Enduring Freedom, Hendee earned a Masters in English from George Mason University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

As Vice President of Acquisitions for the Starwood Capital Group, Hendee led one of the largest initial public offerings in history by balancing his keen intellect with a heart the size of Texas and his love for his Savior. Hendee also pushed the limits of his own endurance as an Ironman Triathlete.

His proud parents would tell you that their son's exceptional achievements paled in comparison to his greatest accomplishment, the family that he, and the love of his life, Claudine Moore Hendee, were building with their sons, Campbell Luke, 4, and Hudson Jacob, 2, and 8-month-old daughter Reagan Reese.

In addition to his wife and three children, Edd K. Hendee leaves behind his devoted parents, Nina Johnson and Edd Campbell Hendee, his sisters, Lisa Hendee Blackard and Kristin Ann Hendee, his mother-in-law Norma Jean Moore, father-in-law Gary Lee Moore, sisters-in-law Gena Moore Rush and Gabriella Lee Moore, brothers-in-law Chris Kirkland Blackard and David Rush, as well as friends and co-workers around the globe.

Hendee's quick smile and infectious laugh will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. If there was one thing we could learn from him, it would be to never let a minute pass without treasuring family and making every moment with them count to the absolute fullest.

**IN HONOR OF FATHER JEROME LAJACK**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Father Jerome Lajack, who has served as pastor of St. Wendelin Parish in Cleveland since 1977. Throughout his tenure, Father Lajack worked tirelessly to strengthen and guide the community of St. Wendelin.

A man of kindness and compassion, Father Lajack brought a sense of family and community to the St. Wendelin congregation. Moreover, he brought special attention to the needs and struggles of our most vulnerable citizens—the young and the elderly.

Father Lajack developed and instituted many new programs on behalf of children and teens, including Children's Choir, Children's Liturgy, and Vacation Bible School. He also focused on caring for the elderly of the congregation, visiting the sick and addressing the needs of the homebound. Additionally, Father Lajack has been an excellent steward of the parish, maintaining fiscal stability over three decades through the generous help of parishioners.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Father Jerome Lajack. Father Lajack's leadership, kindness, unwavering faith and ability to improve the lives of others will endure as part of the spirit of the members of St. Wendelin Church. His impact will forever radiate far beyond the front steps of St. Wendelin's.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed a recorded vote on March 11, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of H. Res. 1031 on agreeing to Article II of the resolution (roll No. 103).

**IN HONOR OF DORIS "GRANNY D" HADDOCK**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Doris "Granny D" Haddock, whose 100 years of life radiated love, energy, and belief in social justice.

Granny D and her late husband, Jim Haddock, shared a spirit of activism and a belief in giving back to the people. Together they raised two children, Elizabeth and James. Their family, which would come to include eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, was a source of their joy and strength.

Granny D and her husband's commitment to public service began fifty years ago when they worked tirelessly to stop the development of a nuclear bomb test site in Alaska. Their efforts were successful and an entire Inuit fishing village was saved.

More than a decade ago, Granny D took the first step in a cross-country trek from California to Washington D.C. She walked over 3,000 miles to bring international attention to the need for campaign finance reform. After 14 months of marching eastward, and just after her ninetieth birthday, Granny D arrived at her destination. Granny D's work on behalf of this issue has taken root in her home state where New Hampshire House Bill 513 will appear on the ballot in the next election. If passed, the bill will enable candidates running for certain state senate seats to campaign with public financing.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Doris "Granny D" Haddock. I offer my deep condolences to her son