

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

and daughter-in-law, Jim and Libby Haddock, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, and her many friends. Granny D will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mrs. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 12, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 111. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 111: "yes"—Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2010.

AMY DAVID—PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mrs. LUMMIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from the State of Wyoming who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community.

Amy David of Boulder, Wyoming has just been named one of the top honorees in Wyoming by the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state. Amy was nominated by the Sublette County 4-H. She is a senior at Pinedale High School and has represented the state as Miss Wyoming Teen USA. Amy has been an ambassador throughout Wyoming promoting physical fitness, healthy minds, self-confidence and goal setting for youth. She has participated in many health-related fund raisers and co-founded an annual race to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it is vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to insure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. David are inspiring to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

Ms. David should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. David for her initiative in seeking to make her community and state a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

RECOGNIZING ANN SATHER RESTAURANT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th anniversary of a Chicago institution—Ann Sather Restaurant. Although renowned for Scandinavian food, the string of restaurants has also built a reputation for hospitality and service to the community.

More than half a century ago, Ann Sather pooled her life savings and bought a diner. Her devotion to creating a restaurant with homemade meals, warm hospitality, and low prices made it a legend on the North Side of Chicago.

After more than 30 years, Ann Sather passed on her famous restaurant in 1981 to 24-year-old Cornell graduate Tom Tunney. Tunney has since opened several more Ann Sather restaurants, steering the business to new heights. Now alderman of Chicago's 44th Ward, Tunney has carried on Ann Sather's legacy of giving back to the community by supporting local organizations and causes.

Ann Sather passed away in 1996, but her spirit lives on through her restaurant. At the flagship Belmont location, her portrait still hangs in the dining room, smiling down on all who stop by for an order of her one-of-a-kind Swedish pancakes or world-famous cinnamon rolls.

Six-and-a-half decades later, this Chicago legend remains a staple of the Lakeview neighborhood thanks to its tradition, charm and commitment to the community. I wish to thank Ann Sather and Tom Tunney for all they've done, all they continue to do, and wish Ann Sather's the best of luck for another 65 years.

DON'T CRY FOR ME—IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO PFC BRENDAN MARROCCO, STATEN ISLAND STEEL, THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AND HIS MAGNIFICENT FAMILY

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, PFC Brendan Marrocco of Staten Island, New York. Rocco, as his Brothers in Arms call him, is an inspiration to all of us and to all the men and women recovering over at Walter Reed Hospital. Rocco is the only surviving quadruple amputee of the Iraq war. His will to live, and his courage makes him a heroes' hero, and a shining lesson to us all. His family, like his brother Michael who quit his job, is always there for him. His fine father and mother raised one heck of a son. For Rocco's heart matches this Gotham City from which he comes. Could there be a bigger one? I ask that this poem, penned by Albert Caswell in honor of him, his family, and SGT Jeff Mittman, and all of our heroes of these wars, FAOY, who have come home to teach us all, be placed in the RECORD. Bless them all.

DON'T, CRY FOR ME!

Don't, cry for me!

Lift up your head, there's so much more I'm going to be!

Don't, feel sorry for me!

Yea, I've hurt . . . but, I'm growing ever stronger! Don't you see?

Yea, it's been hard . . . and it will always be! But, this is the life that I so chose to lead! But, on this road that we call life . . . there are no promises, or guarantees . . .

All except, for what's deep down inside of me! Arms and legs, we all need!

But, we can survive! But, without hearts . . . We so surely, can not so breathe! For all in life, of which is great . . .

Love, valor, hope, courage, and honor . . . and so sacrifice . . .

So emanates, from deep down inside of me!

Sure, I'd love to touch and feel . . .

Or run once again . . . upon my once two strong legs so very real . . .

Still, all of this pain and heartache can not so steal . . .

My heart, that which so beats inside of me! That which so heals all of me! Don't cry for me!

Because, there's Staten Island steel inside of me!

Yea . . . I'm up and running . . . can't you see?

Well, you better get started . . . if you want to catch up with me!

As I make the best of what my Lord God has so left to me . . .

For all is possible, when hearts believe!

People live such useless lives!

Honor in death and freedom . . . are but for what I rise!

As but what, I've so lived for . . . and die!

And all of my most precious gifts, my arms and legs . . .

And so all of this . . . I give to thee, and not ask why?

Yea, I'd love to see . . .

Or hear, all those words you're saying to me . . .

But, my heart still hears and sees!

For all I've lost, and is no longer part of me!

For I can hear, far much more clearer now! And see . . . indeed!

Standing here, now with but half a face . . . With such scars and burns . . .

And such great burdens upon my soul as placed!

As so bravely, I carry on . . . both night and day . . .

But, in my Lord's eyes . . . my beauty so emanates!

To make a difference with it all!

As but what I so fought for, what I saw!

As I so answered that most noble cause!

As my new battle is to be won!

To so shine upon this world, all in courage's sun . . .

Giving hope to all, each and everyone!

For in this minute, That we call life . . .

Have you but so made a difference, I cry?

All in this our Lord's eyes?

And for all of those, who failed or not tried . . .

It's but for you, I cry!

Don't Cry For Me!

HONORING MANUEL "MABER" BERNAL

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my words of congratulation to one of San Antonio's most distinguished citizens. Manuel "Maber" Bernal was born in Veracruz, Mexico, on November 19, 1904. In