

supported, are providing scientists with opportunities to discover new medical advances that will detect and treat PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, and other illnesses that affect our service members. For example, researchers at the University of New Mexico have found that an innovative brain imaging method, diffusion tensor imaging, can be used to reliably detect and track brain abnormalities in patients with mild TBI. This important application received funding from a grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Recently, researchers at the Mind Research Network, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and brain injury, located in Albuquerque, received a \$507,000 Recovery Act grant to continue pursuing similar analyses using magnetoencephalography, a sensitive technique for measuring the brain's electrical activity, which is essential for evaluating and treating TBI patients. As a result of the Recovery Act, scientific research is providing new hope to thousands of service members returning home from the war zone who suffer from PTSD, TBI, and other neurological trauma.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brain Awareness Week, which exposes our constituents to the wonders of the brain. I also ask that you join me in continuing to support research for new treatments for our brave men and women returning home from combat with PTSD and other brain injuries and disorders.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NOWRUZ AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF IRANIAN-AMERICANS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 267, a resolution recognizing Nowruz, a festival celebrating the Persian New Year and arrival of spring.

It is a pleasure to join my colleagues in support of the first-ever congressional resolution marking Nowruz, a two-week holiday that is observed by millions of people of Persian descent in the United States, Iran, Iraq, Azerbaijan, and many other nations of the world. The holiday symbolizes renewal, health, happiness, peace and prosperity and is celebrated by adherents of many religions including Islam, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and the Bahai'i faith. It is a special time to share with family and friends and honor cultural traditions that date back more than 3,000 years.

As reflected in this resolution, Nowruz is also a special opportunity to recognize the important contributions of the Iranian-American community to our Nation's social and economic fabric. In Los Angeles, which is home to the largest Iranian-American community in the United States, there is great pride in the community's devotion to civic activism, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those celebrating Nowruz Aideh Shoma Mobarak, a happy and prosperous new year.

HONORING SEAN MILES EMERY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Miles Emery, 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, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

IN HONOR OF CHIEF JAMES S. DRISCOLL OF DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE TOWN OF DEDHAM AND THE DEDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Chief James S. Driscoll for his outstanding dedication to the town of Dedham, Massachusetts, and to recognize his achievements during his 37 years with the Dedham Fire Department.

James Driscoll is a lifelong resident of Dedham, Massachusetts. He graduated from Dedham High School in 1965 and then attended Boston College where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education in 1969. After graduating, he taught seventh and ninth grade math at Norwood Junior High School North briefly, before following his childhood dream of becoming a firefighter.

On June 28, 1972, he became a member of the Dedham Fire Department. After 6 years he was promoted to fire lieutenant and held this position until he was again promoted to Deputy Fire Chief, a position he held until November 2001. At that time, he was named Acting Fire Chief and served in this capacity until he became the permanent Fire Chief of the Dedham Fire Department in August 2004.

During his tenure with the Dedham Fire Department, Chief Driscoll continued his education, receiving a bachelor of science degree in fire science from Boston State College and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Massachusetts—Boston in 1985, writing his thesis on fire apparatus purchasing options.

Chief Driscoll and his wife of 35 years, Carol, continue to live in Dedham, where they raised three sons, Michael G., Thomas W., and Stephen J.; all graduates of Dedham High School.

In his retirement, Chief Driscoll enjoys running and reading, although you will most likely

find him by the pool or pushing his young grandson, Ryan, in the stroller.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Chief James S. Driscoll for his 37 years of service and dedication to the people of Dedham and the Dedham Fire Department. I applaud his commitment to his community and to his family. I wish him my best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, SOUTH FLORIDA REGION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, just this week, Congress declared March as Red Cross Month. Today I rise to honor the American Red Cross, South Florida Region chapter and its leadership. Since 1917, this chapter has been mobilizing South Floridians to aid those in need and has provided relief in times of crisis.

The American Red Cross is a community funded and supported organization, which arrives on the scene of an emergency, natural disaster or catastrophic event, almost immediately, to offer moral and material support. Volunteers assist all disaster victims, whether that disaster is a house fire or a storm.

Time and time again the South Florida chapter has been at the forefront of meeting our community needs. Last year, they responded to 388 local disasters, providing 727 families with direct emergency assistance. Most recently, the South Florida chapter has played a leading role in providing aid and relief to the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake. The chapter helped in sending more than 80 American Red Cross Creole-speaking volunteer translators to Haiti to support the medical mission of the USNS *Comfort*. The chapter also fielded volunteers at the three airports in our region to greet and offer assistance to repatriated Haitian Americans, and the Chapter's headquarter office was responding to an average of 500 calls daily in the wake of the earthquake.

Under their excellent leadership the South Florida chapter staff works with professionalism every day and is dedicated to helping those in need. They are local community heroes. As we celebrate Red Cross Month, I thank the South Florida chapter for its service and congratulate its leadership, staff and members for their continued success. I am honored to recognize them and their work and appreciate their invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING GARRETT BRADLEY RAGLAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Garrett Bradley Ragland, 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, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Garrett has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Garrett has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Garrett Bradley Ragland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to show my support and concern about the widespread of the HIV/AIDS virus. My district of Brooklyn, New York, is considered to be the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States for African-Americans, women, adolescents, and children.

According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in Brooklyn, 87 percent, with 7 percent under the age of 13 are persons of color, live with the HIV/AIDS virus. The city of Brooklyn was home to nearly 30 percent of the people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City who died.

It is important that you get tested regularly, such as, during your yearly physical exam; it is important, even for those who think they are not at risk. Early detection for persons infected with HIV, particularly before the infection progresses to AIDS, is vital for the effectiveness of treatment. There are new testing methods, such as, "Rapid HIV Testing", which allows persons to receive results twenty minutes after being tested.

Please take the preventative measures to protect yourself and your loved ones by getting tested. It is far too important not to do; so, please go and get tested.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM TOLLEY'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Tolley, a resident in Michigan's 9th Congressional District, for his lifelong service to the American Concrete Institute, ACI, headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan. As a Member of Congress, I am privileged and honored to recognize Mr. Tolley for his many accomplishments and to thank him for his dedication to strengthening the infrastructure in the United States through his service to the ACI.

ACI is one of the world's leading authorities on concrete technology. Concrete is the second most consumed material in the world after water. It serves as an essential building mate-

rial found in pavements, bridges, buildings and public works projects around the world. ACI is a nonprofit consensus organization with nearly 20,000 members internationally whose purpose is to further engineering and technical education, scientific investigation and research, and development of standards for design and construction incorporating concrete and related materials. ACI is the premier source for information on concrete construction and uses of ACI codes include adoption by reference in general building codes impacting potentially every concrete project in the United States.

On Monday March 22, ACI friends and colleagues will participate in a celebration dinner and toast in honor of William Tolley's retirement from ACI at their Annual Spring Convention in Chicago. Mr. Tolley's passionate involvement with the ACI includes serving as the manager of Administrative Services, Senior Managing Director and most recently his promotion to Executive Vice President in 2002. For his tireless dedication and service he was awarded ACI's Henry L. Kennedy Award recognizing his outstanding leadership in strengthening and expanding chapter activities and in 2006 he was named one of the ten most influential people in the concrete industry. In addition to his work with the ACI, Mr. Tolley is also the Chairman of the Concrete and Masonry Related Associations and has served as Treasurer, Board member and chair of the Finance Committee for the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mr. William Tolley's service to the American Concrete Institute and his dedication to innovation in strengthening our country's infrastructure and keeping Michigan and ACI on the cutting edge of development of concrete technology. I wish him many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING CHANS EDWARD DYKES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Chans Edward Dykes, 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, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Chans has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Chans has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Chans Edward Dykes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Junior League of Summit, New Jersey on celebrating their 80th Anniversary as a women's volunteer organization dedicated to serving the communities of Summit, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Chatham.

March 26, 2010 will mark their 80th Anniversary and I hope to join the Junior League of Summit and its members at their planned celebration.

The Junior League of Summit is comprised of more than 400 women in Union County, who are united by a common goal of helping others. Specifically, the organization promotes volunteerism, develops the potential of women and improves the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Over the years, the Junior League of Summit has made significant contributions to community service throughout Central New Jersey. In fact, the League has many accomplishments of which to be proud.

For example, the League has raised more than \$3 million through its Summit-based Thrift Shop and returned those funds to the community by way of grants, special projects, scholarships and programs. And Junior League members have logged more than one million hours of community service.

Junior League members have volunteered to help scores of causes in New Jersey, including local area schools, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics of New Jersey, Children's Specialized Hospital, Interfaith Council for the Homeless, Union County Parks and Recreation, CASA of Union County, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the AIDS Resource Foundation.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate all of the members of the Junior League of Summit for their outstanding efforts to help others and make a difference to the larger community.

I am also pleased to congratulate the Junior League of Summit on its 80th Anniversary as a distinguished community organization. I am proud to share the League's good efforts with my colleagues here in the United States Congress and with the American people.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW KITCHEN KONFERENZE

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Kitchen Konference, held every year for the last 50 years in Warsaw, New York.

The Warsaw Kitchen Konference first met on February 1, 1960, as a group of Wyoming County Farm Bureau members for the purpose of discussing issues affecting the Western New York agricultural community. While