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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 commending 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 commending 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 CONFERENCE

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 Conference, held every year for the last 50 years in Warsaw, New York.

The Warsaw Kitchen Conference 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

some membership in the Conference has changed over the last 60 years, their dedication to addressing the issues involving agriculture has remained constant, and the group has met every year since its founding.

Over the last 60 years, the Warsaw Kitchen Conference has hosted the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors to discuss agricultural issues, has promoting agriculture in the Wyoming County Fair, has hosted school children at local farms, and have done many other activities to advance the agriculture industry in Western New York.

Agriculture is one of Western New York's most significant industries, and the Warsaw Kitchen Conference and its members have played an important role in furthering this vital industry.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this House join me in honoring the Warsaw Kitchen Conference on their 50th anniversary, and for their work in furthering Western New York's agricultural community.

HONORING JACOB MOZER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Jacob Mozer, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of service and citizenship. Jacob has recently been named one of the top youth volunteers in Missouri for 2010 in the 15th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Jacob is recognized for this prestigious award because of the positive impact he has made in his community. His initiative, creativity, and selfless volunteerism make him a worthy recipient. Jacob should be proud to be a model citizen amongst the youth in his community and my congressional district.

Madam Speaker, I am confident Jacob will continue to use his many talents as tools for the betterment of his community and our nation. I respectfully urge you to join me in commending Jacob on this monumental achievement.

BRADY HONORS OFFICER MARCELLO MUZZATTI

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize one of law enforcement's outstanding leaders. Marcello Muzzatti, currently a police officer with the Washington Metropolitan Police Department K9 unit, has been a member of the Fraternal Order of Police since 1981. He currently serves as President of the Washington, DC Fraternal Order of Police Lodge number one, after having served fourteen (14) years as Vice-President.

In 2002, Officer Muzzatti was appointed Chairman of the National Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Committee, by the late FOP President, Steve Young. One of his first orders of business as Chairman was planning the

National Police Memorial Service. The Service includes all of the fallen law enforcement officers from across the Country, including those killed during the attacks of 9/11. He made many positive changes to the National Memorial Committee and took the National FOP Memorial Peace Officers Service to a new level of excellence.

Officer Muzzatti has also worked tirelessly to strengthen and improve the relationships with many organizations. He volunteers his own time to reach out to the fallen officers' children by attending various retreats and events sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors. He is also involved with the planning and implementation of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Museum project.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the hard work of police officers like Officer Muzzatti. He serves as an example to all and today, I salute him.

HONORING SITKA NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Sitka National Historic Park, which is the oldest federally designated park in Alaska. The park was established in 1890 to commemorate the 1804 Battle of Sitka. All that remains of this last major conflict between Europeans and Alaska Natives is the site of the Tlingit Fort and battlefield, located within this scenic 113-acre park.

In 1808, following this series of battles between the Tlingit natives and Governor Alexandr Baranov, Sitka was established as the capitol of what was then called Russian-America. Following the sale of this land to the United States after the decline of the otter fur trade, Sitka continued to be the seat of government for territorial Alaska until 1906, when the capital was moved to Juneau.

Unofficially called "lover's lane" or "totem park" by Sitka locals, the Sitka National Historic Park attracts nearly 300,000 visitors a year to its scenic coastal trails, beautiful temperate rainforest, and world-class collection of Northwest coast totem poles. These histories carved in cedar were donated by Native leaders from villages in Southeast Alaska, and were then brought to Sitka by Alaska's then District Governor John G. Brady in 1905. Many poles exhibited along the park's two miles of wooded pathways are replicas of the original totem poles.

The park also boasts a visitor center which contains ethnographic exhibits and houses the Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center, where visitors can watch Native artists at work. Here, the park cares for more than 154,000 museum collection items. These include Tlingit ethnographic pieces, Russian American archeological and historical items, historical photos, archives and herbarium specimens. Highlights of the collection include totem poles, Chilkat weaving, Tlingit oral history recordings, 19th Century Russian furniture, Russian Orthodox icons and vestments, and two hundred original glass plate negatives

by Sitkan photographer E.W. Merrill. Through these exhibits, visitors of the park get a rare peak into the unique cultures and lifestyles of Tlingit natives and Russian-American creoles.

The experience continues at the Russian Bishop's House, one of the last surviving examples of Russian colonial architecture in North America. This original 1842 log structure conveys the legacy of Russian America through exhibits, refurbished living quarters and the Chapel of the Annunciation. This house was once the center of the Russian Orthodox Church authority in a diocese that stretched from California to Siberian Kamchatka, at a time when Russia was still the dominant power in the Pacific Northwest. Today, it is an artifact of the heritage of Russian Orthodoxy in Alaska, which maintains a strong presence to this day.

Given this unique combination of natural beauty, cultural history, and rare artifacts, it is no wonder that the Park played a significant role in Sitka's recent designation as one of the Dozen Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Tucked away behind the dormant volcano Mt. Edgcombe, the Sitka National Historic Park remains one of Alaska's jewels. As the City of Sitka commemorates Sitka National Historic Park month, I would like to join Alaskans in recognizing the Park on its centennial celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GEN- ESE, NEW YORK ON THEIR 200TH ANNIVERSARY

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 200th Anniversary of the Central Presbyterian Church of Geneseo, New York.

The Central Presbyterian Church of Geneseo has a rich and proud history of service and dedication to the Western New York Community, beginning back in 1810 when Missionary Daniel Oliver organized a small group of Congregationalists in Geneseo.

The Church itself has been housed in several different structures over the last 200 years but its mission and dedication to the community have been constant. From the Reverend Daniel Oliver to its current pastor, the Reverend Beth E. Godfrey, the Central Presbyterian Church has been honoring its mission statement of "encouraging spiritual growth" for the last 200 years.

The Church has been serving both the regional and international community since its foundation, through numerous service projects such as organizing food drives and participating in the Livingston County Habitat for Humanity chapter to traveling to Juarez, Mexico to assist in the building of a shelter for abused women.

Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate and thank the Central Presbyterian Church of Geneseo for their dedication and service to the community for the past 200 years. They are a true asset to Western New York, and I ask that the House please join me in recognizing their tremendous achievement and work they have done during this time.