

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.

# RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RED CROSS MONTH

## HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2010*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 67th annual Red Cross Month. For more than 125 years, the mission of the American Red Cross has been to help individuals and families prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies, and each year, nearly half a million volunteers respond to more than 70,000 disasters nationwide.

I am particularly proud of the American Red Cross and its Georgia chapters, including Metro Atlanta, for their swift, substantial, and heart-warming aid to my home state of Georgia during the catastrophic floods of last September. In the immediate aftermath, and in the weeks that followed, the American Red Cross opened eight shelters that provided a safe haven for nearly 500 people displaced by the floods. With the aid of over 800 volunteers and employees, health professionals were able to reach out to 3,400 victims in flood-drenched neighborhoods.

Without the help of these dedicated volunteers and employees, flood-affected men, women, and children would not have received more than 44,000 meals, nor, after losing their homes, would they have been given 3,723 clean-up and comfort kits. The kindness of strangers provided emergency financial assistance for more than 1,700 families.

As the Spring flood season begins to take its course, I urge my constituents and fellow Americans to do what they can to support the American Red Cross. The Red Cross relies on donations of time, money and blood to respond quickly to emergencies ranging from hurricanes to earthquakes and from fires to tornadoes. I commend the Red Cross for their efforts.

# RECOGNITION OF THE MISS GREATER SPRINGFIELD SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a community organization serving Northern Virginia, the Miss Greater Springfield Scholarship Organization. The Miss Greater Springfield Scholarship Organization is an affiliate of the Miss Virginia and Miss America Scholarship Organizations. The Miss America Organization, with its State and local affiliates, is the number one resource in the world for women's educational scholarships; in 2006 alone over \$45 million dollars was awarded to 12,000 women from throughout the country.

Miss Greater Springfield is now going into its 7th year, and has consistently upheld a high standard for its competitors, attracting participants that have demonstrated a strong commitment to the community and a desire to improve the world around them. The contestants support a variety of issues including autism advocacy and awareness, The Children's

Miracle Network, and promoting organ donation. Miss Greater Springfield of 2009, Bethany Munt, has used her title as a platform to address the challenges facing our Nation's schools and education system, and has been active with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Ms. Munt received her undergraduate degree in child development and has taught school in New York State and New Zealand.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Munt and the Miss Greater Springfield Scholarship Organization for their efforts to improve our community and the lives of our young people.

CLAUDE ARTHUR WHARTON, III

## HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Claude Arthur "Skip" Wharton, III, of Seneca, South Carolina, and fellow alumnus of The Citadel, for a lifetime of distinguished service to the citizens of our state and to our country. From his time as a cadet at The Citadel to his current position as Director of Business Operations for the Applied Research and Development Institute, ARDI, of the South Carolina Research Authority, SCRA, Skip has led an admirable life and maintained a strong work ethic. His contributions to South Carolina and the United States in the fields of government contract administration, compliance, finance, budgeting, and costing are truly commendable. In my view, Skip is the embodiment of an upstanding and fine American citizen.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from The Citadel, Skip served our country for four years in the United States Army as an Armored Cavalry Platoon Leader and a Troop Commander in Vietnam and Germany. For his service to our country, Skip was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the third highest medal awarded by the United States Armed Forces, for combat valor.

After his military service, Mr. Wharton spent seven years in management in small business in both California and Louisiana. From 1980 through 1987, Mr. Wharton was with the American Development Corporation, ADCOR, a defense manufacturing contractor located in Charleston, South Carolina. At ADCOR, he was responsible for adhering to the Federal Acquisition Regulations, FAR, in the development of annual corporate and departmental budgets, in excess of \$20 million per year; the promulgation and defense of all indirect rates; and the formulation of all pricing proposals. In 1988, Mr. Wharton joined SCRA in Charleston and served as the Director of Budgeting and Costing. In this capacity, he was responsible for financial analyses at the project, group, segment, and company levels; corporate budgeting; management reporting; and tracking performance against stated strategic goals.

In October of 2000, Mr. Wharton was assigned to ARDI as the Director of Contracts and Procurement and was responsible for establishing the contracts administration staff and the administrative functions of the Composites Manufacturing Technology Center, a United States Navy Center of Excellence. Skip also served as the ARDI Facility Security Offi-

cer and was responsible for all interaction with the Defense Security Service; physical security of the office; the safeguarding of all classified documents, software and hardware; and the processing and maintenance of individual security clearances.

Through hard work and dedication, Skip has made significant contributions to our state and our country. His distinguished service has been invaluable, and for this, I applaud him. His dedication to his family, friends, and colleagues should stand as an example of what we should all strive to be. I join Skip's colleagues at the Applied Research and Development Institute, the citizens of our state, and his entire family, including his wife, Patricia, his children and grandchild, in commending Skip for his lifetime of service to South Carolina and this great nation. May God bless them all.

# RECOGNIZING GRACIA MOLINA DE PICK UPON THE OCCASION OF HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

## HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2010*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Gracia Molina de Pick, a distinguished activist, feminist, author, and educator in the San Diego community, upon her 80th birthday.

Born into a politically active family in Mexico, Gracia Molina de Pick moved to San Diego in 1957, and has maintained her spirit of activism through her many years of work and service in our region. Along the way, she received her master's degree from San Diego State University and participated in doctoral studies at the University of California, San Diego and a doctoral fellowship at the University of Southern California.

Gracia Molina de Pick has been fighting for the rights of Latinos and Chicanos since she was a teenager. She is the founder of IM-PACT, an early community grassroots organization that fought for the civil rights of Mexican-Americans in San Diego. From 1969 to 1977 she served on the National Council of La Raza, the first civil rights advocacy group for Hispanic Americans. In 1970, she also founded the first national feminist Chicana Association, the Comision Femenil Mexicana Nacional, and the following year she served as the Chicana Caucus Chair of the National Women's Political Caucus. She is the national organizer for Chicana participation at the United Nations World Conferences on Women.

Gracia Molina de Pick has tirelessly persisted in her efforts to secure equality for women. She helped to organize and found the Partido Popular, a Mexican political party that fought to secure voting rights for women. A published author, she has penned numerous articles and co-authored two books. Her most recent book, *Mujeres en la Historia & Historias de Mujeres*, offers readers biographies of influential women in Mexican history.

Understandably, many prominent organizations have honored Gracia Molina de Pick with well-deserved awards and recognition. In 2001, Assemblymember Christine Kehoe named Gracia "Woman of the Year," and she