

TRIBUTE TO THE BOONE COUNTY
FAIR

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Boone County Fair for receiving the 2009 "Blue Ribbon Fair" Award.

This award, presented by the Association of Iowa Fairs' (AIF) Board of Directors at their 2009 Conference and Annual Meeting in Des Moines, recognizes the Boone County Fair for displaying sincere commitment to educational programs, such as 4-H and FFA, in their community, as well as exhibiting genuine dedication to providing services in both fair and non fair locations.

Representing the Association of Iowa Fairs' North Central District, the Boone County Fair is one of six fairs in Iowa to receive this award in 2009. The AIF, a key advocate for Iowa's fair industry, is a non-profit corporation composed of 106 county and district fairs, the Iowa State Fair, and over 130 associate members, including carnivals, entertainment agencies, festivals, chambers, concessionaires, special attractions and suppliers of the industry.

Madam Speaker, the Boone County Fair truly captures the American spirit and demonstrates unwavering devotion to enhancing the lives of their community members. I commend the Boone County Fair for being recognized as a "Blue Ribbon Fair" and I am honored to represent the people of this county in the United States Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO JUANITA WEST
TILLMAN, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE
YEAR—2010

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Juanita West Tillman of Altadena, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women.

Juanita has been a resident of Pasadena and Altadena for 55 years. She taught for 26 years in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and Pasadena Unified School District, PUSD.

During her career at PUSD, Juanita served on school leadership teams, school site councils, school library grant writing committees, Pasadena Historical Society Curriculum Committee, Language Arts Textbook Adoption Committee, LAAMP Family Leadership Team, and in a professional development academy and literacy academy. While teaching, Juanita acquired a real estate license and, upon retiring, she joined her daughter, Lynnette West-Cater, as co-owner of Westlyn Realtors.

Juanita has volunteered as a mentor and advisor for children and youth, served on boards of service and community organizations, and has been effective in getting citizens registered to vote and out to the polls. She is a founding member and past president

of Pasadena Delta Foundation, which is the first African American organization in the Pasadena area to establish a six-figure scholarship endowment fund; past president of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Lambda Chapter and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Pasadena Alumnae Chapter, respectively; chairperson of the Education Committee of the Pasadena NAACP Branch; current treasurer of the Pasadena Council of Women's Clubs; member of the Friends of the Pasadena Playhouse where she volunteers as an usher; and member of First AME Church where she serves as a Class Leader providing encouragement and service to her class members.

Juanita served on the John Muir High School principal selection committee in 2003 and the teacher selection committee in 2007 and continues to be an advisor and active supporter of Mentoring & Partnership for Youth Development (MPYD), a male-mentoring program at John Muir High School. She also assisted in planning the Entering the College Zone, a National Black Child Development program.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Juanita West Tillman. The entire community joins me in thanking Juanita for the meaningful impact she has had on the 29th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO BRANDON PETTIT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Brandon Pettit, of Prole, Iowa, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community. The 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recently named Brandon as one of the top youth volunteers in Iowa for his part in the 2009 Warren County Fair's recycling effort.

Brandon, upon noticing significant potential to cut down on waste at public events, created and successfully implemented a plastic bottle and aluminum can recycling initiative for the 2009 Warren County Fair. His plan recruited fellow 4-H members to monitor and empty 10 recycling bins strategically placed throughout the fairgrounds. Brandon would then, with the help of his family, proceed to sort, bag, and deliver the used bottles and cans to redemption and recycling centers.

Created in 1995, by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards annually honors the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia. This organization strives to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, while inspiring other young individuals to follow their example. Over the past 15 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored nearly 100,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Brandon Pettit must be recognized and applauded for their sincere dedication to maintaining a healthy community and for their positive impact on the lives of others. Brandon's actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our nation, and I am proud to represent him, his family and his fellow volunteers in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF MS. JEANETTE
ECKMAN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Jeanette Eckman, a remarkable woman who is to be posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women. Jeanette is truly deserving of this high distinction for her contributions to our State and the valuable legacies she left for historians.

Ms. Eckman was an educator, political activist, historian, and author. Her works, endorsed by our State, are considered official historical documents which have preserved vital aspects of Delaware's past. She served as director and historian for the 300th anniversary of the settlement of New Castle by the Dutch colonials in 1950–55, and received an honorary award from the Queen of the Netherlands for her devotion to Dutch colonial history in the Delaware Valley.

In 1915, Ms. Eckman became the first woman in the First State to be appointed to an executive position with the Republican State Committee, organizing women voters in the State soon after the women's suffrage amendment was ratified. She served as secretary for women's affairs for U.S. Senator T. Coleman du Pont in the 1920s.

As a champion of women's rights and preserving American history in the State of Delaware, Jeanette is the epitome of what this Hall of Fame represents. Her contributions to the State of Delaware are remarkable, irrespective of her gender. She was an amazing woman, and her legacy continues with this accolade.

SHOW OF SUPPORT MILITARY
HUNT

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I want to show appreciation to an organization that is doing something unique for our wounded warriors. Show of Support Military Hunt honors men and women from different branches of service with a Texas way of saying "Thank Ya'll." We Texans love to hunt. It's a way of life in the South and Terry Johnson founded an idea to thank these brave men and women who sacrificed so much with all expenses paid guided hunts.

Terry wrote letters and made calls to get people on board. He sought to bring awareness to outdoor sports while showing his gratitude to our warriors. The first hunt began in

2002 with only two soldiers. Now, due to overwhelming support, over 50 wounded soldiers released from duty have been on one of these memorable hunts. Everything is donated; the land to hunt on, rifles and ammunition, hunting gear, airfare if they are flying in from another state, and anything else that may be required. Not to be left out, they also pay tribute to the families of the soldiers.

While the men are hunting, the wives are treated to a day on the town. The Show of Support Military Hunt, "Hunt for Heroes" has brought about a new way for the public to offer its thanks and I cannot imagine a more noble cause.

IN HONOR OF MS. BEVERLY
LOUISE STEWART

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Beverly Louise Stewart, who is to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women for her contributions to education in Delaware. Beverly pioneered an innovative method of tutoring, and created a thriving educational center out of her own home.

Beverly started Back to Basics, a one-on-one private tutoring service, in 1985 after teaching at Sanford School. What started as a small tutoring service in her kitchen, and with her as the only instructor, is now a vibrant firm that employs approximately 80 degreed tutors, and a multitude of services in addition to basic subject help. The center offers corporate education, adult education, English as a Second Language, and a unique state-approved private school. The motto of Back to Basics is "Aim High!"—which is certainly the axiom of Beverly's story, as well.

The accolades Beverly has collected over the years speaks to the ingenuity of Back to Basics. She was given the "Delaware Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year Award" by the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce's The Capitol Review in 1998, and the Delaware Small Business Administration's "2004 Small Businessperson of the Year." In 2007, Delaware Today named her one of the "Top 35 Women in Business."

As a Member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, it makes me proud to see all that Beverly has accomplished as a citizen of Delaware, both to advance education, and as small business leader. I am grateful for her contributions to the State of Delaware, and wish her all the best as she accepts the well-earned honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women.

MANIFEST OF HOPE

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with my colleague and all Americans interested in the cause of immigration reform; words that were shared with me by one my constituents.

To the People and Government of the United States of America:

We, the not authorized migrants that are looking for the American Dream, We wrote (this) in Spanish and (it) has been translated to the English Language:

MANIFEST OF THE HOPE

We manifest that every man and woman that demonstrates the loyalty through work, education, art and culture; furthermore, honor the American virtues, and to the fact of comply with the responsibilities acquired because of residing in this country, deserves the opportunity to be a part of it. Desire born from the most beautiful precept that God granted to America:

"That all Men are created equal, that they are

Endowed by their creator with certain Unalienable rights, that among these are life,

Liberty and the pursuit of happiness"

—From the Declaration of Independence,

July 4, 1776.

This Nation has the historic responsibility of preserving those natural rights to their future generations.

The world is actually agitated by violence, and the security of America depends on all their inhabitants, those of us who breath the winds of freedom, those of us who enjoy the colors of diversity and those of us who love the fruit of America's land.

Keep into your heart and conscience our hope and goodwill. God bless America and its freedom, generation after generation.

So be it.

HONORING SISTER ASCENSION
BANEGAS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Ascension Banegas, an extraordinary woman who is to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women. Sister Banegas is truly deserving of this high distinction for the profound impact she has made not only upon Delaware, but around the world.

Sister Ascension Banegas, Spanish Carmelite Sister of Charity, has lived in Delaware since 1994. She has worked on behalf of the less fortunate in Japan, England, and New York City, before moving to rural Delaware to be the very first trained nonprofit immigration provider in the southern part of the State. In 1996, she helped co-found "La Esperanza" ("Hope") Community Center, which is a multi-service, bilingual center in Georgetown, Delaware. Because of Sister Ascension's influence, La Esperanza and nearby Delaware Technical and Community College have great numbers of immigrant English language learners, which aids in the integration and empowerment of immigrants in Southern Delaware. In October of 2009, she received the Bank of America Local Hero Award, and is profoundly respected by her clients and colleagues for her ceaseless advocacy, spirit, strength and humor on behalf of the Spanish-speaking community.

Sister Ascension has dedicated 55 years to helping people in need around the globe, having a life-changing impact in communities in Spain, Japan, London, Brooklyn, NY and

Delaware. Her tireless advocacy on behalf of those suffering from poverty and discrimination is unrivaled, and she remains committed to fight for justice for hardworking immigrants and foreign nationals living in Delaware.

Her ceaseless efforts to improve the situation of the immigrant population, as well as that of the broader community, are testaments to her tremendous quality of character. I commend her for her outstanding service to the State of Delaware, and wish her all the best as she accepts the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women.

RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are all here because we want to do what is best for our constituents, our State, and our country. All of us in this chamber understand the importance of health care reform no matter what side of the aisle we sit on. We've all heard stories and know of family members, friends and neighbors who aren't able to get the care they need at a cost they can afford. Like my constituents and all Americans I want reforms that save lives, save money, and improve care. Unfortunately, this bill doesn't reach those goals.

We must remember that we work for the people. I think some of us have forgotten who our bosses are. It's not President Obama, Speaker PELOSI or Senator REID, it's the American people. There is no doubt that the people have spoken loud and clear against this big government health care bill. If you need a reminder, go look out the window of the Capitol where you can see the opposition to this bill mounting.

I urge my colleagues to do what the overwhelming majority of Americans want and that is to kill this bill.

IN HONOR OF MS. KATHRYN
YOUNG HAZEUR

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Kathryn Young Hazeur, who is to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women for her notable lifelong involvement with education. Her outstanding work ethic, superb organizational skills, intelligence, and perseverance have enabled her to break through the many barriers that stood in her way.

Kathryn is an educational pioneer in the State of Delaware, as she was the first African-American to earn a graduate degree in the First State, and was also the first director of Head Start for the State. Throughout her outstanding career in education that spanned over four and a half decades, as both a teacher and as a principal, Kathryn impacted the