

the Polish people who once again have suffered a great national tragedy, ironically in the very place where one of the last century's most sordid deeds was carried out.

It is my hope that the victims—from President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria to prominent leaders of the armed forces, the parliament, other institutions, and relatives of those shot in 1940—will not have died in vain, that this horrible crash will somehow give strength to those in Poland who must go on and continue to lead their great nation, a nation that has been a stalwart ally of the United States and a beacon of freedom and prosperity in Eastern Europe.

I also hope that these sad events may in some way help bring Russia and Poland a new and stronger relationship based on a shared history and suffering and characterized by mutual respect and trust.

Further, I would like to express my admiration for the manner in which Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin handled this disaster, flying immediately to Smolensk, the site of the crash and taking personal responsibility for the investigation. Mr. Putin acted decisively, but more than that he reinforced the positive signals he and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk had given at their joint ceremony in Katyn last Wednesday. No Russian Prime Minister—in fact no Russian of Mr. Putin's stature and standing—had ever been to Katyn. Mr. Tusk graciously expressed his appreciation to Mr. Putin by quoting the great Russian writer, Alexander Solzhenitsyn: "But let us not forget that violence does not live alone and is not capable of living alone: it is necessarily interwoven with falsehood. Between them lies the most intimate, the deepest of natural bonds. Violence finds its only refuge in falsehood, falsehood its only support in violence. Any man who has once acclaimed violence as his method must inexorably choose falsehood as his principle."

I hope that Mr. Putin will also embrace these words in practical ways, most importantly by assisting the Poles in finding still missing information about those who were executed on Stalin's orders in 1940.

HONORING REVEREND RUFUS C. GOODMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Rufus C. Goodman in recognition of his retirement as Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Neptune, New Jersey. Reverend Goodman will be honored by his parishioners, colleagues, and dear friends at his retirement celebration on Friday, April 9, 2010. This celebration is well-deserved in light of the Reverend's 49 years of service to Mt. Carmel and Neptune Township.

As Pastor of Mt. Cannel Baptist Church, Reverend Goodman conveyed the power of faith and hope to his parishioners through countless sermons and counseling sessions. During this time period, the church witnessed tremendous growth in membership and public

service endeavors. With the Reverend's support, the church developed the Community Room for worship services, town meetings, and various social events. His tremendous dedication to his followers has served to promote faith, peace, and harmony throughout his community.

In addition to serving his parishioners, Reverend Goodman has made lasting contributions to his local community. As president of the Asbury Park-Neptune Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Reverend Goodman oversaw the awarding of scholarship awards to graduating high school students for their academic achievements. While serving as secretary of the Neptune Township Welfare Board, Reverend Goodman generously offered assistance to families in need of food, shelter, and clothing. Furthermore, he provided counseling for unemployed parents seeking employment to care for their families. During local riots in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the courageous Reverend met with participants to listen to their complaints and convey his words of peace and harmony. Finally, Reverend Goodman was instrumental in the development of the Motivational Center, a center that works with various organizations to offer referral services, clean clothing, showers, and meals for the poor and underprivileged. His years of work with such community initiatives have had a profound impact on numerous families across several generations.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Reverend Goodman on his retirement, and for his years of dedicated leadership to the American people.

HONORING WILLIAM A. MCKENTY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William A. McKenty of Ottsville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. McKenty, who will be receiving the much-deserved "Man of the Year" award from the Feasterville Business Association, has been an integral part of our community and an outstanding businessman.

For 36 years, Mr. McKenty has worked in the industrial battery industry, and for the last 13 years, Mr. McKenty has owned and operated his own battery business in Trevose, Pennsylvania. He has been involved in the shaping of our business community and has helped raise thousands of dollars for local charities. He has been involved in Special People in Northeast, and the Special Olympics. In addition, he has also been a Little League and softball coach. William McKenty is an inspiration to our community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and honor William A. McKenty not only for being an upstanding businessman, but also for his commitment to charity work and giving back to the community. I am honored to serve as his Congressman.

TRIBUTE TO RON RASMUSSEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Rasmussen for being the recipient of the Youth Champion Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

The Humboldt County Spirit Awards were established to recognize and honor outstanding groups and individuals who have worked for the benefit of all citizens of Humboldt County, to celebrate the accomplishments and activities of our communities, to acknowledge the value of volunteerism in the county, and to have a positive impact on community spirit.

Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Youth Champion Award is presented to an adult individual who has generously given time, talent and energy to promote activities for youth in the community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Ron Rasmussen in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending him for his sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish him continued success well into the future.

HONORING THE 3RD U.S. INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and service of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, also known as the Old Guard.

The oldest active duty infantry unit in the U.S. Army, the Old Guard conducts all memorial affairs honoring fallen soldiers, escorts the President at official events, and has the high honor of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

For 62 years this month, since April 6, 1948, the Old Guard has held watch over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, rain or shine. When they're not on guard, members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment study the history of the Cemetery, clean weapons and provide assistance to their fellow guardsmen going on or coming off duty, also known as The Changing of the Guard, one of the most sacred and awe-inspiring ceremonies within our military.

Madam Speaker, we owe thanks to all members of our armed services and their families, who daily serve our country with honor and dignity. We especially owe thanks to the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard, for their dedication and commitment to honoring those servicemembers who are "Known But To God."

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA SCHMIDT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martha Schmidt for being the recipient of the Inspiration Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

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Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Inspiration Award is presented to an individual with a "can do" attitude who is involved in all facets of the community both as a leader and team player.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Martha Schmidt in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending her for her sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish her continued success well into the future.

HONORING BRUCE STARKWEATHER
FOR HIS CIVIC LEADERSHIP**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bruce Starkweather as he retires as Chairman of Lionakis. For twenty-five years Bruce has served the Sacramento community as a leading architect and civic leader. As his friends, family and colleagues gather together to pay tribute to his hard work and dedication, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly inspirational individual.

In 1972, Bruce graduated from the University of Oregon, School of Architecture. After graduation, he practiced architecture for five years in Oregon before moving to California. He ran his own firm for eight years in Auburn, and then accepted a position on March 15, 1985 with the prestigious Sacramento-based structural and design firm Lionakis, Liske, Engberg and Beaumont, now known as Lionakis.

Bruce's contributions to the Sacramento community have not gone unnoticed. He has received several awards and certificates over the past twenty-five years for his exceptional achievements. Some of those awards include: Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Sacramento in recognition of his exceptional performance in the City of Sacramento's General Plan Advisory Committee; the Sacramento Old City Association Architectural Achievement Awards for his contributions to the Sacramento River Water Intake Structure; the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Presidential Citation in recognition of his efforts to bring together the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Central Valley Chapter and the City of Sacramento and many more. His impact on Sacramento can be seen in many local

buildings including the Sacramento River Water Intake Structure, the Lionakis Office, Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, Foothill Oaks Elementary School, Lucy & Company Office Building and many, many others.

Bruce has a true civic mind and has been a leader who I am honored to call my friend. His involvement in the Sacramento community is never-ending outside of the office. He has served as the Board of Directors of Valley Vision and the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, Principal-in-Charge of the Sacramento Water Intake Structure, as well as Vice Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and the Development Oversight Commission with the City of Sacramento.

Madam Speaker, as Bruce Starkweather, his wife DonnaLee and children Fred, Jennifer, Stephen, and Ryan, along with his many friends and colleagues gather to celebrate his retirement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting a truly remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO THE HUMBOLDT
AREA ARTS COUNCIL**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Humboldt Area Arts Council for being the recipients of the Cooperation Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

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Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Cooperation Award is presented to an organization or entity which led an effort or event that benefited and filled a need in the community through volunteerism.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent the Humboldt Area Arts Council in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish them continued success well into the future.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES'
WHEELCHAIR CURLING TEAM**HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in honor of the United States' Wheelchair Curling Team's 4th place finish at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, and the Sitrin Health Care Center, an innovative regional provider of health and rehabilitative services, which is located in my Congressional District in Upstate New York.

In 2001, the Sitrin Health Care Center created the Sitrin STARS, an adaptive sports pro-

gram that provides individuals with physical disabilities opportunities to engage in a variety of sports on a recreational or competitive basis.

Every member of the United States' Curling Team is a Sitrin STARS athlete, a true testament to the outstanding work and dedication of the Sitrin staff.

I would also like to specifically thank Augusto "Goose" Perez, James Pierce, James "Jimmy Jam" Joseph, Jacqueline Kapinowski and Patrick McDonald. Through their sportsmanship, dignity and character they proudly represented our country.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the United States' Wheelchair Curling Team, and the Sitrin Health Care Center for defying the odds, and providing inspiration and hope to all athletes with physical disabilities.

TRIBUTE TO THE GARGANO
FAMILY**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Gargano family for being the recipients of the Family Tradition Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

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Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Family Tradition Award is presented to a family who demonstrates support and devotion to the community through volunteerism.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent the Gargano family in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish them continued success well into the future.

COMMEMORATING HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, April 11, 2010, the world paused to remember the Holocaust, which took the lives of six million Jews across Europe along with six million other victims of Nazi persecution, devastated societies, destroyed families, and forever left an unconscionable mark upon humanity.

Holocaust Remembrance Day is an opportunity to solemnly reflect upon this historic tragedy and memorialize the millions of innocent lives lost in the greatest campaign of terror the world has ever seen. It is an opportunity to remember the atrocities of the past, but also a chance to recall that we must never forget.