

damage that this disease afflicts on the generation of the future: seventy percent of the deaths caused by malaria happen to children under the age of five, and one in every five childhood deaths in Africa is due to malaria.

Though the statistics are staggering, it is important to recognize the progress that we've made in treating the disease. We are farther along than ever in developing a successful vaccine to combat malaria and more and more people have access to anti-malarial drugs. And because of an increased focus on outreach, people are being educated about the importance of taking preventive steps like utilizing netting to prevent mosquito bites which spread the disease.

Yet with all of the progress, we must continue to press forward with attempts to develop new tools and technologies to combat the spread of malaria. With the work and dedication of many nongovernmental organizations, including PATH, a nongovernmental organization located in my district that is leading the way in developing global health technology, I am confident that we will have made even greater progress when we observe World Malaria Day next year.

#### CAREGIVERS AND VETERANS OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to express my support for the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act (S. 1963). This important piece of legislation is a tremendous step forward for our nation's bravest men and women, and the dedicated caregivers who support them.

This landmark legislation will strengthen health care services for our nation's veterans by expanding services for women veterans, providing resources to caregivers of wounded veterans, improving health care for veterans living in rural areas, providing greater access to mental health services, and expanding assistance to homeless veterans. Importantly, the legislation has received strong endorsements from numerous veterans groups, including the VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, the Wounded Warrior Project, and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Among its many critical provisions, I am particularly proud of the expansion of VA services offered to the 1.8 million women who have courageously served their country, including child care for women receiving intensive mental and physical health care services, and post-delivery health care for newborns. In addition, the expansion of mental health benefits, greater support for caregivers, and help for homeless vets will improve the lives of millions of brave men and women and their families.

This important legislation exemplifies the Democrat-led 111th Congress' unwavering commitment to our veterans and their families. Tremendous advances in battlefield medicine have increased the survival rate of wounded soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and made it even more important that we constantly work

to improve veterans' health care and its many support services.

As a nurse, I've seen first-hand the devastating consequences of inadequate health care for our nation's veterans. America has a sacred obligation to ensure these brave men and women receive the highest quality care and today that commitment extends to those dedicated individuals who care for our wounded warriors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION (AOA)

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on April 19, 1897 a group of osteopathic medical students at the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri founded what is today the American Osteopathic Association. Today I along with Dr. BROUN, Dr. BURGESS, Dr. CASSIDY, Dr. FLEMING, Dr. GINGREY, Dr. KAGEN, Dr. PAUL, and Dr. ROE, rise to honor the anniversary of the American Osteopathic Association and recognize the more than 67,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) for their contributions to the American healthcare system.

Over the past 113 years, osteopathic physicians have provided high quality care to millions of patients and contributed to the advancement of medical science. The osteopathic profession's commitment to primary care and caring for underserved communities are commendable and are essential to the success of our health care system.

Over the past 20 years the profession has experienced tremendous growth. Today, one out of every five medical schools students are enrolled in a college of osteopathic medicine and total enrollment in the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine exceeds 16,000 students. The profession is well positioned to play an important role in alleviating the physician workforce shortage over the next decade.

Osteopathic physicians practice in every specialty and subspecialty of medicine. They practice in the most elite academic institutions and successful group practices. However, a majority of osteopathic physicians continue the profession's long-standing tradition by focusing their careers on primary care specialties, general surgery, emergency medicine, and obstetrics.

These dedicated professionals provide an invaluable service to our nation, and we applaud their history and their ongoing efforts to improve the health of our nation.

#### HONORING MARGARET "MIDGE" COSTANZA

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Margaret "Midge" Costanza, a personal friend of mine, a mentor to women in politics across our country, and a naturally charismatic and color-

ful American treasure. Midge was outspoken and altruistic, passionate, witty and direct. You always knew where you stood with Midge and, whether you agreed with her or not, you valued her perspective and enjoyed being around her.

During her more than fifty years of public service and civic activism, Midge did more than break down barriers. She established new patterns. History records her accomplishments as a series of firsts. She was the first woman elected to the Rochester City Council. She was the first woman with an office in the West Wing of the White House. She was one of the first women in politics to grace the cover of Newsweek. But being first wasn't what defined Midge; it was what she did once there that marked her legacy.

When President Carter gave her an office in the West Wing, Midge used it to be a "window to the nation." She brought constituencies into the White House that had never been there before. She met with gay and lesbian leaders, the poor, and the disabled. She was particularly active in fighting for women's equality, advocating for issues including the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and the protection of women's reproductive rights.

Midge championed women in politics, supporting female candidates at all levels and working to appoint more women to high office. When she worked in the White House, there were only eighteen women in the House of Representatives and two in the Senate. Today, seventy-six women serve in the House and seventeen serve in the Senate. As a prime example of her dry wit Midge once remarked on this subject, "When we start electing and appointing mediocre women—then, and only then, we will achieve total equality with men."

I attended some of the numerous trainings Midge conducted for women candidates of both parties. She coached us in the art of public speaking. She was a wonderful teacher who helped women develop confidence in their abilities. But she was more than a public speaker; she was a storyteller. She could captivate an audience with a story of her time in the Carter Administration, boasting that Mikhail Baryshnikov flirtatiously asked her to dance at a White House event, or she would show a photo of herself playfully sparring with Muhammad Ali.

Midge's gift for speaking was her ability to move her listeners. She could make an audience feel as strongly as she did about an issue, and charm them with the force of her convictions and the forcefulness of her words. And she could instantly move an audience from heartfelt passion to unbridled laughter.

I learned a great deal from Midge, and I was proud to have her as my guest at President Obama's inauguration. Part of her legacy is the fact that today, it is not just women working in the West Wing who make the cover of Newsweek, but women running for President who do as well.

Midge was fond of hearing people say to her, "You've come a long way, baby." She would coyly reply, "Gosh, have I come a long way. And I love being called baby." Because of Midge, our political system has come a long way, as well. Many of us in office today owe a debt of gratitude to Midge Costanza, our mentor and friend, because she was willing to go first.

COMMENDING COMCAST MIAMI ON  
COMCAST CARES DAY 2010

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Comcast Cares Day, an annual day of service that is one of the largest single-day volunteer efforts in the country. Comcast is an active and engaged member of the Miami-Dade community and supports its well-being through annual volunteer activities.

This year's event will be the ninth annual company-wide day of service. Since 2001, Comcast employees have given more than 500,000 hours of service to more than 725 non-profit community partners across the country. In recognition of the efforts of their employees, The Comcast Foundation has also contributed \$8 million to its community partners in support of their year-round work in our communities.

Comcast Miami has announced the Edgar J. Hall Special Populations Center as the recipient of Comcast Cares Day 2010. Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center is part of the City of Hialeah's Recreation and Community Services Department, which provides recreational programs for adults with disabilities, particularly the developmentally disabled. It is home to the largest Special Olympics delegation in Miami-Dade County.

On April 24th more than 600 employees and their families will start Comcast Cares Day at Bucky Dent Park in the City of Hialeah. Projects include the planting of a food garden, a grounds and building make-over, and new upgrades which will increase accessibility for the disabled.

I wish to recognize Comcast and their employees for their dedication to serving the community, and I congratulate the Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center and the City of Hialeah for being this year's beneficiary of Comcast Cares Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

For Tuesday, April 13, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 196 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1222), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 197 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1041), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 198 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1042).

For Wednesday, April 14, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 199 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1236), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 200 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4994), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 201 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3125), "no" on rollcall vote No.

202 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1249), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 203 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1246).

For Thursday, April 15, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 204 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1248, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 205 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1062), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 206 (on motion to refer H. Res. 1255, raising a question of the privileges of the House), "no" on rollcall vote No. 207 (on Shea-Porter amendment to H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 208 (on motion to recommit H.R. 4715 with instructions), "no" on rollcall vote No. 209 (on passage of H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 210 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1242), "no" on rollcall vote No. 211 (On motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4851, the Continuing Extension Act).

HONORING ARTHUR E. KATZ

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Arthur E. Katz, a 1963 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy and a longtime resident of Sandy Springs, Georgia. As I'll explain in a moment, tomorrow, April 23, 2010, is a very special day for Arthur. But first, allow me to tell you a bit more about this man who has lived a quintessentially American life.

After his graduation from the Academy, Arthur Katz served with distinction in the United States Coast Guard, eventually rising to the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade. In 1965 and 1966, he was stationed in Vietnam as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC Point Cypress. While some here today may not know it, the duties of the Coast Guard often take its men and women far from American shores.

For his leadership at the helm of the Point Cypress, Arthur received the Bronze Star, one of our nation's highest military honors. Arthur's Bronze Star was accompanied by the Combat Distinguishing Device in particular recognition of his masterful handling of the Point Cypress in a vicious firefight with several Viet Cong junks in June of 1966. His quick thinking and well executed strategy led to the destruction or disabling of all enemy craft in that action without a single American casualty.

Arthur later returned to civilian life, earning an MBA from Rutgers University and running his own small business. He has volunteered countless hours for the local community over the years, including his time on the Board of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta and as the President of Emanu-El synagogue in Sandy Springs. Today, he and his wife of forty-six years are the proud forebears of three children and seven grandchildren.

And tomorrow, on April 23, 2010, Arthur will be inducted into the Wall of Gallantry at the United States Coast Guard Academy. According to the Academy's own description, the Wall of Gallantry provides "a regular reminder to Cadets and the public of the scope of responsibilities and sacrifice demanded of Coast Guard officers throughout history."

So even as he is recognized for his distinguished service in the Coast Guard, Arthur Katz will continue to serve as an inspiration to future generations of Coast Guard officers. This is a fitting and much deserved honor for a man to whom we all owe an enormous debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

Arthur Katz has exemplified the American spirit in service to his country, his community, his family, and his faith. Such a life carries an honor all its own, and it is my distinct privilege to recognize him here today.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

American history, a resonant prize of the past, is a call to duty for the future. The leaders who established freedom in America have been succeeded by equally adroit and faithful men and women. One such individual is the retired Colonel Bill Knudsen, who served in the Air Force for 23 years, spanning the Vietnam and the Cold Wars. The recipient of six Air Medals, Mr. Knudsen flew along Vietcong trails to monitor sensors, directed flights in Thailand, and spent three