

COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S BLUE
RIBBON TASK FORCE ON ADULT
HEALTH COVERAGE EXPANSION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, the national healthcare reform bill passed by this Congress was an historic achievement that will improve the lives of millions of Americans. This reform would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and advocacy of so many individuals and organizations across the country, including local governments whose own healthcare initiatives improved access to medical care and advanced the cause of nationwide reform.

That is why I commend the County of San Mateo's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Adult Health Coverage Expansion. A broad-based coalition comprised of representatives from healthcare providers, labor, chambers of commerce, local governments, and community advocacy groups, the Task Force achieved meaningful gains in the quality and efficiency of San Mateo County's healthcare delivery system and expanded health coverage to more than 2,000 previously uninsured adults through the Access to Coverage for All program. Originally funded in-part through a federal grant, this program has since become a mainstay of the effort to expand access to healthcare in the county.

The work of this Task Force is an enduring symbol of the compassion, commitment, dedication and talent of the residents of San Mateo County and the 12th Congressional District, whom I am fortunate and honored to represent. Madam Speaker, I commend the County of San Mateo's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Adult Health Coverage Expansion for its leadership in helping to solve one of our nation's most pressing issues, and for its courage to think globally and to act locally.

HONORING MARVIN AVERY
PALMORE CENTER FOR HOPE,
INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAOR-
DINARY WORK IN THE COMMU-
NITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Marvin Avery Palmore Center for Hope, Inc.

Center for Hope has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. These organizations' continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Marvin Avery Palmore Center for Hope, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution to honor one of Wisconsin's greatest Senators, the late Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day. Tomorrow, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of this important day, and just as Senator Nelson envisioned, people across the country will reflect on the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship.

When Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day 40 years ago, environmental protection was an issue of little importance to most Americans. Today, I know he would be proud to see how far we've come. Thanks to his foresight and leadership, environmental stewardship is one of the top issues in American politics and society.

Not only has the issue risen here in Washington, but now American citizens and businesses large and small are doing their part to protect our environment and create the innovative industries of the future. Public and private investment in green technology and renewable energy can reduce our dependence on foreign oil, re-invigorate our economy, and create new jobs. In fact, the area I represent in western Wisconsin has abundant natural resources that could help the area become a leader in clean energy innovation.

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, it is important to realize that as good stewards of the planet, we must work to do our part to conserve energy, restore our environment and take care of this place we call home. We can all do more to lower our carbon footprints. Simple steps such as using energy-saving light bulbs, increasing the sustainability of our homes, carpooling with others in the neighborhood, and recycling our trash are all important ways we can lessen our energy consumption and preserve our environment for future generations.

Senator Nelson's legacy is alive and well today, especially in Wisconsin and I will continue to carry it forward in Congress and I hope that people in western Wisconsin and across the country will remember it in the work they do and the way they lead their lives. Together we ensure a safe, clean, and abundant natural world for our children.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF
SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 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:

Mr. Marcus Poe is a combat veteran of World War II. He was born in rural Oklahoma. At the time of his enlistment, he was married with two children (Mark and Marcia), and was attending Tulsa Business College, majoring in secretary and accounting. He served for 22 months, from 1944 to 1945. He was in the United States Air Force and was a nose gunner on a B-24 fighter plane. Beginning at the rank of private, he eventually became a sergeant. He served in the 436th unit bomb group in the 15th Air Force. He received basic training in multiple states, such as Oklahoma and Texas. Afterwards, he was stationed in Cerignola, Italy, where he flew missions every third day. He had confirmed hits and was never shot down. He returned home on November 3, 1945, a few months after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima that resulted in VJ Day. He moved to Texas in 1970 to be with his son Marcus, and retired in July of 1987, having never been unemployed for a day in his life. He is now 89 years old, and still goes about his daily lifestyle with ease.—Yu-Chun Lin

HONORING ADELANTE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY INC. FOR THEIR
EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE
COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Adelante of Suffolk County Inc.

Adelante has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents

rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. Adelante's continuous selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Adelante of Suffolk County Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 4543, H. Res. 1103, and H.R. 4861 and wish the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Last night, I was meeting with constituents of mine who represent various student organizations from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and I was unable to arrive in Washington, DC to cast my votes.

Had I been present on rollcall No. 221 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4543, the Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 222 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1103, Celebrating the life of Sam Houston on the 217th anniversary of his birth, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 223 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4861, the Steve Goodman Post Office Building, I would have voted "aye."

SAN RAMON'S FIRE CHIEF

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to commemorate the life of William Joseph Ferreira. Bill Ferreira was born in 1921 and grew up in San Ramon, California when the city was inhabited by fewer than 100 people. His father was San Ramon's first postmaster, and his family owned a general store. Bill attended San Ramon Grammar School and San Ramon Valley High School, and went on to join the U.S. Navy. Bill served his country with honor in the South Pacific during World War II and was involved in the historic Doolittle Raid. After the war, Bill returned to California and started a family in nearby Danville.

As the area grew, Bill and his neighbors realized that their community required greater firefighting resources. With the help of Howard Weidemann, a local rancher, Bill established the San Ramon Fire Protection District and became San Ramon's first Fire Chief. Operations were run out of his garage, where Bill was in charge of answering calls 24 hours a day and maintaining a fire truck and jeep.

Upon retiring after serving 15 years as Fire Chief, Bill stayed active by fixing up anything that needed repairing, expanding his aviation memorabilia, and sharing his knowledge of local lore with the community. Bill was crucial to the development of San Ramon as it grew into the fine city it is today. We all mourn Bill's

passing and recognize his tremendous contribution to our community.

HONORING HUNTINGTON ENRICHMENT CENTER FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

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OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Huntington Enrichment Center.

Huntington Enrichment Center has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with Huntington Enrichment Center are admirable.

I am proud to honor Huntington Enrichment Center for their extraordinary work in the community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF KYLE HALL ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Kyle Hall of Greenwich, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Kyle's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kyle brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending South Central High School in Greenwich, Ohio, Kyle attained an impressive grade point average. Kyle was inducted into the National Honor Society, active in the Student Council, was a class officer, and achieved numerous academic honors.

Throughout high school, Kyle was a member of the football, basketball, and track teams. He was co-captain of the football team and was a third year letterman in the sport. Kyle served the community of Greenwich by assisting with the Salvation Army. I am confident that Kyle will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kyle Hall on the accept-

ance of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kyle will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

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Arjinderpal Singh Sekhon: Serving the Country, Representing a People Serving one's country is undoubtedly one of the most honorable duties of any citizen. Representing one's country in the face of great adversity and threatening challenges requires more than a sense of duty, however. It requires a sense of patriotism. Arjinderpal Singh Sekhon, a Colonel in the United States Army from 1984 to 2009, espoused that very attitude when he volunteered his medical physician services as a Pulmonary and Internal Medicine specialist. As the first follower of the Sikh faith to become a battalion commander, Dr. Sekhon served primarily in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. His experiences representing