

Under his leadership, the U.S. News and World Report and Princeton Review have recognized UCM as one of the best universities in the Midwest for the first time in university history. And, UCM provides this exceptional education at low cost, ranking first in the Midwest in low student debt. These accolades, combined with an ever increasing job placement rate for UCM graduates, are evidence of Dr. Podolefsky's sustained commitment to the University.

Madam Speaker, I wish Dr. Podolefsky the best of luck in his future career at Buffalo State College and thank him for his dedication to the University of Central Missouri. Together with his wife Ronnie and sons, Noah and Isaac, Dr. Podolefsky will be missed and his mark on UCM will be felt for years to come.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
TODD KLEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MA-
RINE 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 Todd Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Todd'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.

Todd brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Todd attained an impressive grade point average. Todd was inducted into the National Honor Society, active in the Scholastic Bowl, and a member of the Envirothon Team.

Throughout high school, Todd was a member of the soccer and track teams, earning varsity letters in both events. Todd was active in the community by being a 4-H member, Junior Leader, member of the Junior Fair Board, and a Boy Scout. Todd also participated in the marching and pep bands. I am confident that Todd will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Todd Kleman on the acceptance 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 Todd 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.

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

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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.

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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.

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The summary follows:

I interviewed Master Sergeant Darrell Crews who retired from the Army with over twenty years of service and became a high school Army JROTC instructor. Master Sergeant Darrell Crews served in Infantry, Armor, and combat support during his career in the Army. He served in conflicts such as Vietnam and Desert Storm, seeing combat in both. He was also deployed in several other countries in the Middle East and was even stationed at a base in Germany. After serving he used the G.I. Bill to receive payment for college to become further educated. With his prior knowledge and experience with the military he is able to influence students to strive for their best in what they believe and that education is an important gift that should be sought after by all students. My interview with Master Sergeant Darrell Crews showed me how military service affects someone and that the skills gained throughout his career can be used to help others in their lives. Also, just like ordinary people, NCO's and officers have to use teamwork in order to make things happen which is one thing that Master Sergeant Crews truly believes in.—Eric Parker.

HONORING NASSAU SUFFOLK LAW
SERVICES FOR THEIR EXTRA-
ORDINARY WORK IN THE COM-
MUNITY

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, Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services 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 Nassau Suffolk Law Services are admirable.

I am proud to honor Nassau Suffolk Law Services for their extraordinary work in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 26, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 221–223. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 221: "Yes"—Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building.

Rollcall No. 222: "Yes"—Celebrating the life of Sam Houston on the 217th anniversary of his birth.

Rollcall No. 223: "Yes"—Steve Goodman Post Office Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall 221, 222, and 223. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 221, 222, and 223.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
RICHARD SNYDER ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 Richard Snyder of McClure, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Richard's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet 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.

Richard brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Napoleon High School in Napoleon, Ohio, Richard attained a 4.0 grade point average that placed him first in his graduating class. Richard was inducted into the National Honor Society and attained the A.P. Scholar Award.

Throughout high school, Richard was a member of the cross country and track teams and active in intramural basketball and volleyball. Richard received the Greater Buckeye Conference's All Academic Award. Richard served as senior class president at Napoleon High School and has been an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio. He was selected to attend Buckeye Boys State, was a Student Council representative and a member of Peers Achieving Win-Win Situations, P.A.W.S. I am confident that Richard will carry the lessons of his student leadership to West Point.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Richard Snyder on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Richard will excel during his career at West Point 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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The summary follows:

I interviewed John Sadler. Mr. Sadler served in the Navy branch of the armed forces for five years. Mr. Sadler served on submarines for four years of his service and is now a very successful medical physicist. He has lived a very fulfilling and respectable life and is a great role model. Through interviewing Mr. Sadler I have really come to realize the honor that should be given to veterans in our society. They risk their lives for us, fighting to preserve our freedoms, but we so often neglect to even thank them or consider this. There are many people that we know have served in the armed forces and we aren't even aware of this. This is sad as these people should be respected and honored in today's society. These veterans should be given a special place in the society that they have risked their lives to protect, leaving behind loved ones and everything they once knew to preserve this great nation. Without the service of these veterans America would not be the free land that it is today. We should remember each day what these veterans have done for us and thank them for it. These veterans' stories should be preserved as they are a huge part of American history and how this country got to where it is today. I think that this interview has given me a new perspective on veterans and their service.—Troy Pickens

HONORING VICTIMS INFORMATION BUREAU OF SUFFOLK 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, Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk.

VIBS 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. VIBS' constant selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk for their extraordinary work in the community.

HONORING THE FIRST LADY OF ALBANIA, DR. LIRI BERISHA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Lady of the Republic of Albania, Dr. Liri Berisha, and to welcome her once again to the United States.

Dr. Liri Berisha, a devoted mother and a diligent pediatrician, became the very first First Lady in the history of democratic Albania in 1992 when her husband, Sali Berisha, was elected President of the Republic. Throughout her husband's 5 years in office and since his election in 2005 as Prime Minister, Dr. Berisha has been distinguished for her involvement in public life and commitment to people in need.

Among her many endeavors, I strongly commend the First Lady for her dedication to the women and children of Albania. Dr. Berisha is Honorary President of the UNICEF office in Albania. She actively promotes efforts to expand education and healthcare to marginalized women and children and is an outspoken voice against human trafficking. In 2009, the Women's Information Network named Dr. Berisha "Woman of the Year" for "her commitment to make the world a better place for women and all citizens".

In 2008, Dr. Berisha founded the Mother Teresa Cultural Foundation which commemorates its namesake as a symbol of hope and human dignity. This week, the First Lady joins us on Capitol Hill to honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa with a reception and special exhibition. As the Chair of the Congressional Albanian Issues Caucus, I look forward to participating in this celebration and again welcoming the distinguished First Lady of Albania to the United States.

MEDIA SHOW BIAS ON ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media have given mostly negative coverage to Arizona's new immigration enforcement law, which Arizonans support overwhelmingly.

A CBS report gave the perspective of opponents of the law, one of whom called it "mean-spirited" and compared it to Nazi repression. The report featured video of signs that read, "Veto Racism" and "Stop the Hate."

NBC asked an Arizona sheriff, "Are you worried that it affects the image of your state?" and questioned whether the new policy will "distract law enforcement" and "take valuable resources away from cracking down on more serious crimes."

An MSNBC headline curiously read, "Law Makes it a Crime to be Illegal Immigrant."

The national media should tell Americans the truth: Arizona's new law mirrors what is already federal law. Then Americans can decide for themselves what to think.