

Coming back from the dead, he fought for five months until it was said . . .
 John, your leg is dead . . .
 As in that moment, as in that fight . . . as he reached down into his soul, so bright!
 And asked, for All The Moore . . . faith and courage, to endure!
 As he began to shine, and begin a new battle once more!
 All The Moore!
 As on that morning he awoke, as to him his fine heart spoke . . .
 I've got a life to live, I've got so much to this our world to give . . .
 I will not feel sorry or sad, just to be alive I'm glad . . .
 For I have fine brave Brothers, who now lie in the ground . . .
 And it's for them also the courage, I've found . . .
 Until, the day they lay me down . . .
 For ever in life, Striking Hard! I will be found!
 Arms and legs we all need, but without a heart one can not surely breathe . . .
 And I will walk, and I will run . . . and I will face the morning's sun!
 All with what's inside of me, All The Moore . . .
 While, all of this pain and heartache I will defeat!
 All for my Country Tis of Thee . . .
 As I will be Walking Tall In Tennessee
 All The Moore, this you must believe!

RECOGNIZING MIKE TOWN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, many in this House do our part in promoting sustainable living, sustainable building and environmental responsibility. In my District—the 8th of Washington—an environmental science teacher is doing a masterful job at teaching the same values, and more—and he has received much deserved recognition for his efforts.

Redmond High School teacher Mike Town was awarded the inaugural \$25,000 Green Prize in Environmental Education from the NEA Foundation on April 19. Mr. Town's curriculum, "Cool School Challenge," teaches students how to perform energy audits of their school buildings and reduce their carbon footprint by doing simple things like powering down computers at night, composting, and recycling. Mr. Town's award comes after leading the entire school toward being one of the "greenest" schools in America. He has inspired his students and the rest of the student-body to "think globally and act locally" to beautify our schools, our neighborhoods, and our environment. Mr. Town—or simply 'Town' to his students—is an innovative and dynamic high school teacher who is making a positive impact on every student who walks through the doors of Redmond High.

One of his former students and my former staffer, Marshall Reffett, described Mr. Town as an educator this way: "Through his genuine enthusiasm for the subject, depth of knowledge, and hands on teaching methods, I developed a real sense for how the policies we adopt can have a profound effect on the sustainability of the Earth."

Aside from his teaching work, Mr. Town is a policy advocate for sustainability and the

preservation of public lands. He is a vocal wilderness advocate—and worked closely with my office helping to create my Alpine Lakes Wilderness Proposal—a citizen lobbyist, and eloquent speaker on behalf of environmental protection. The man practices what he preaches and is a great example for his students and his community.

What a delight it is for me to highlight the work of one of America's great professional educators. I'm pleased Mr. Town's efforts are not going unnoticed. His enthusiasm in the classroom and his tireless advocacy combine to make him a one-of-a-kind educator.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 243, 244, and 245, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIE SWITKY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Julie Switky upon her retirement as executive director of the Hillsborough Schools Foundation.

When Julie joined the Foundation in 1982, parent participation was about 64 percent with \$242,000 raised that particular year. The 2009–2010 Annual Giving Campaign will surpass \$3.1 million with parent participation close to 80 percent. These statistics speak volumes about the dedication and hard work of Julie Switky over the past 28 years. Amazingly she worked alone for the first decade until she was joined by Judy Kagan in the early 1990s. Today the Foundation has three additional staff members and a camaraderie that is off the charts—another testament to Julie's inspirational leadership.

She was raised in the Bronx, earned a degree in elementary education at City College of New York and later taught first grade in New York City and Baltimore. She and her husband, Dan, have lived in my district (San Mateo) for the past 30 years where they raised three children.

In this electronic age I want to note that Julie started her remarkable career at the Foundation without any technological tools. She went on to develop a computer tracking program and most currently was working to provide the Foundation with the most up-to-date online technology possible.

I'll be candid. Other school communities in California look to Julie Switky as the shining star of raising money to support education. No wonder that she is often asked to speak at other school foundation conferences.

Funds raised by Julie and her team go directly to school budgets and that helps maintain the level of excellence at Hillsborough's four schools. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the dedication and leadership of Julie

Switky and I wish her the best in her newest endeavor, retirement.

BOLEY CENTERS OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Boley Centers of St. Petersburg, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, is a private, not-for-profit organization that was established 40 years ago to serve individuals with mental disabilities, the homeless and youth in Pinellas County and the five county Tampa Bay area.

Tomorrow night our community comes together to pay tribute to Boley's 40th anniversary of service and to give thanks to the thousands of individuals they have helped gain the highest level of independent living. Boley provides 42 housing and service center locations; a wide variety of treatment, recovery and vocational services; a network of living opportunities in community residences and apartments; and a large staff of hard-working professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. Boley provides housing options that range from highly structured group homes to permanent supported apartments that are affordable and safe units for more than 1,200 individuals. This makes Boley one of the largest providers of these services in the entire southeastern United States.

Boley has a dedicated board of volunteer directors Chaired by Cynthia McCormick and includes First Vice Chair Loretta Ross, Second Vice Chair Sally Poynter, Immediate Past President Paul Misiewicz, and Virginia Battaglia, Rutland Bussey, Major Sharon Carron, Hal Gregory, Jack Hebert, Sandy Incorvia, Martin Lott, Robert Pitts, and Linda Scott-Leggette. Together they oversee an outstanding organization of professional staff members led by President and Chief Executive Officer Gary MacMath who treat their clients with compassion and dedication.

Boley also has a devoted network of volunteers who support the work of the Board and staff. This network includes the Boley Angels, who were founded in 1984 by board member Mary Koenig. They provide invaluable help to Boley's clients by raising funds to fulfill their unmet medical and dental needs and to provide furniture for the residential programs.

Madam Speaker, Boley Centers brings together the resources of our local community, our state and our nation to provide help to the less fortunate of our community who have nowhere else to turn for housing and treatment options. It has been a real pleasure for me to be able to work with the members of the board and the staff on a number of projects over the years.

Please join me in thanking all involved with Boley Centers for a job well done as they gather together to celebrate 40 years of service to Pinellas County, Florida and the Tampa Bay area.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS OF
NATIONAL LAB DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1213, which recognizes the need to increase student participation in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). H. Res. 1213 also supports the ideals of National Lab Day, a national initiative designed to bring together educators, scientists and community members in the interest of providing students from kindergarten through 12th grade with hands-on scientific learning experiences. On National Lab Day, which is celebrated every year during the first week of May, scientists and other STEM professionals can give back to the community by volunteering their time to work with educators and students on lab projects.

Women and minorities have long been underrepresented in STEM careers. We need to reverse this trend so that STEM professionals better reflect the diverse character of our nation. Several initiatives in my district and the surrounding region have taken steps to make this happen. Great Minds in STEM is a nonprofit organization that operates an after-school program in the Compton Unified School District in Compton, California that educates students from underrepresented demographic groups in STEM subject areas. STEM UP is another initiative that is working to establish a STEM education program in Southern California that focuses on increasing diversity.

The skills taught through STEM education are essential to an increasing number of jobs in the United States. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that science and engineering occupations will grow by 21.4 percent from 2004 to 2014, while non-STEM occupations will only grow by 13 percent. Additionally, equipping more Americans with advanced skills in STEM is essential to ensuring America's competitiveness in the global marketplace. In 2006, only 4.5 percent of college graduates in the United States majored in a STEM field compared with 25.4 percent of graduates in South Korea, 33.3 percent of graduates in China, and 39.1 percent of graduates in Singapore. We must graduate more students with the technical knowledge needed to succeed in an increasingly globalized and hi-tech economy.

I consider increasing educational and employment opportunities in the STEM fields to be so important that I recently introduced the America RISING Act of 2010. This bill will pay the salaries for two years of recent college graduates who are hired by small businesses or larger companies with operations in areas of low employment. It also establishes a higher education opportunity program which will provide funding to recent college graduates to help them obtain two years of additional education and training in the STEM fields.

I salute the hard work and dedication of the volunteers, teachers, and students involved in National Lab Day and the organizations committed to increasing participation in STEM disciplines and careers.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1213.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF NATIONAL
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I rise today to pay tribute to teachers across the country.

This year, National Teacher Appreciation Week has extra significance. With unemployment holding near double-digits, the economy in a prolonged recession, and education budgets slashed in many states, many teachers face the possibility of being laid-off. As Congress considers education reform legislation, we must keep in mind the needs of educators, who have the most important job of all—preparing our young people for the future.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have spent a great deal of time working on education issues, meeting with teachers, and trying to better understand the many issues confronting our nation's schools. While there are many pressing needs at hand, I will take every opportunity to recognize the commitment of our teachers, many of whom are underpaid and often underappreciated for their crucial work. That is why I am proud to be a cosponsor of H. Res. 1312, which recognizes the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being.

Teachers play a critical role in shaping our future. They touch the lives of children every day. They inspire, encourage, motivate, and educate the next generation. I applaud their efforts and thank them for their dedication.

SUPPORTING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRICE, UT J.C. PENNY STORE

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, when James Cash Penny opened his first dry goods store in 1902 in Kemmerer, Wyoming he called it "The Golden Rule" because he believed that if he provided quality goods at a fair price and treated people the way he wanted to be treated his business would be successful.

In 1909 Mr. Penny opened the headquarters for J.C. Penny Company Inc. in Salt Lake City, Utah and a year later opened the Price, Utah J.C. Penny's store, located in the 2nd district of Utah which I represent. The Price J.C. Penny store is the oldest in Utah, and the second oldest in the national chain. And while the store window displays may have changed over the years the core values of Mr. Penny are steadfast. Evidence of Mr. Penny's beliefs and commitment to service went beyond retail sales. His compassion for people can often be found wherever his stores are located. From Les Eldridge who was the first Price store manager in 1910 to the present store manager Leslie Childs and her staff, the J.C. Penny team has made customer service and community a balanced priority.

Through more than 100 years of history, the Company has stayed true to its Golden Rule beginnings, with a continued commitment to care for the communities where it does business. This is reflected in the many decades of support this store and its Associates have given to a variety of charitable causes in the community, including strong support for quality afterschool programs. The Price store has partnered with groups such as Kiwanis, United Way, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Alliance as well as The Family and Children's Support Center, Angel Tree, The Cancer Society and many others to ensure that those in need are cared for in South-eastern Utah.

In honor of the continued service and commitment to the foundation built by Mr. Penny with the opening of his first store, I want to offer congratulations to the Price, UT J.C. Penny on your 100th anniversary. Thank you for making a difference in the community.

HONORING THE 6TH ANNUAL
HEARTCARING MEETING OF THE
SPIRIT OF WOMEN HOSPITAL
NETWORK**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 6th annual HeartCaring Meeting of the Spirit of Women Hospital Network, advocating on behalf of early diagnosis and prevention of cardiovascular disease in women.

There are far too many misperceptions about cardiovascular disease in women. Cardiovascular disease is the single most common cause of death among American women. In fact, more women die of heart disease every year than every cancer combined. Nearly 37 percent of all female deaths, or roughly 400,000 deaths a year, are the result of cardiovascular disease, many of which can be prevented with early detection and preventative care.

Spirit of Women's dedication to having an impact on the lives of women by advocating for improved health and lifestyles of America's women is unmatched in the health community. Spirit of Women's HeartCaring program uses an innovative approach that engages hospitals, clinicians, and consumers in early diagnosis and prevention of cardiovascular disease. The HeartCare program not only lowers health care costs by focusing on preventative care, but their focus on providing healthy lifestyles to American women adds quality years to women's lives.

I wish to congratulate the Spirit of Women for their 6th Annual HeartCaring Meeting. Through their commitment to improving the health of American women, the Spirit of Women Hospital Network has proven that action is health.