

a loving husband, father, stepfather and grandfather. He has four children, three stepchildren, 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews who will join the celebration of his 100th birthday.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, Webb Brown has earned the admiration and respect of his peers, his community and his family. He is a friend and a mentor in Mendocino County and his legacy is long lasting. For these reasons, it is appropriate that we honor Wilburn "Webb" Brown.

LOGAN REED

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Logan Reed who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Logan Reed is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Logan Reed is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Logan Reed for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

### HONORING THE CROATIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the contributions made by the Croatian American Association for enriching the lives of native Croatians and Croatian-Americans alike for the past 20 years.

The Croatian American Association was established in 1990, when it began advocating for the establishment of a sovereign and independent Democratic Republic of Croatia. Its efforts led to public demonstrations in Washington, DC attended by over 50,000 people in support of Croatian democracy. Furthermore, its members have organized rallies throughout America to raise money for the defense of Croatia and to make humanitarian aid available for Croatians living at home and abroad.

The Croatian American Association has also worked tirelessly with the U.S. government in order to help address the concerns of many Croatian-Americans. It has established an office in Washington, DC to help lobby and educate Members of Congress about Croatian history, and the desire for a sovereign Democratic Republic of Croatia. In addition, it has pushed for the inclusion of Croatia into NATO,

the Partnership for Peace, and the European Union.

The Croatian American Association has also worked to establish an Embassy of The Republic of Croatia, and to further provide services to Croatian-Americans by establishing a number of consulates in many major U.S. cities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Croatian American Association and its members for their 20 years of service as an invaluable partner to Croatians throughout the world, and to wish them many more years of continued success.

### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JEAN AUGUSTINE ROMNEY, FORMER ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL GUARD

### HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay posthumous recognition and tribute to the late Major General Jean Augustine Romney, former Adjutant General of the United States Virgin Islands National Guard, for dedicating his life to the needs of the community in which he lived and the Nation that he served with distinction.

Major General Jean A. Romney was born on December 14, 1941, and raised in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He attended and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He did his basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and his advance training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was then assigned to the 1st Battle Group, 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, in Bamberg, Germany. He concluded Active Duty in the 7th Army NCO Academy as Sergeant and the 1st Battle Group, 28th Infantry Division, AKA "The Big Red One".

Major General Romney returned to the U.S. Virgin Islands and enrolled in the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, in Ponce, Puerto Rico from 1963 to 1966, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the prestigious Phi Epsilon Chi Fraternity of Puerto Rico. He continued his education and earned a Master's Degree in Interpersonal Relations and Personal Management at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico Graduate School in San German, Puerto Rico.

Major General Romney served as a Senator in the 11th Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands from 1975 to 1977. In April 1977, he resumed his military career by joining the Virgin Islands National Guard and receiving a direct commission as Captain. In 1978 he attended and completed his Officer Advance Course at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Although employed by the Virgin Islands National Guard, he was on loan from the Federal Government to the Virgin Islands Government from 1980 to 1984, during the Administration of Governor Juan F. Luis, serving as the Christiansted Administrator.

In 1988, he completed the Command and General Staff College and later attended a Battalion/Brigade Pre-Command Course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. From 1993 to 1994 he

attended the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He graduated with the Class of 1994 and was a lifetime member of the Army War College's Alumni Association.

He held the following military positions before being appointed the Adjutant General of the United States Virgin Islands National Guard: Commander, 652nd Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company; Personnel Administrative Officer; Detachment Commander, Headquarters TERARC; Assistant Chief of Staff Personnel; Commander, Troop Commander; and Assistant Chief of Staff Logistics and Services.

Major General Romney's military decorations and awards include the following: The Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; The Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Good Conduct Medal; Army of Occupation (Berlin); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Overseas Deployment Training Medal; Virgin Islands Long and Faithful Medal with First Clasp; and, the Virgin Islands Emergency Service Ribbon with Number.

Major General Romney was married to the former Beverly Cedelle Walcott of Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. At the time of his passing, they had two daughters, Ayanna and Chivonne and two grandchildren, Marcus and Makeda. We, the Nation and the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands are indebted to him and to them for his dedicated service.

### IN TRIBUTE TO SANDE ROBINSON

### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sande Robinson, Director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Marquette University. EOP helps low-income, disadvantaged, first generation college students to receive a college degree. Ms. Robinson will retire in June 2010 after 35 years of distinguished service at Marquette University.

Ms. Robinson began her career at Marquette in 1974 and has been a part of the great success of the EOP program during 35 years of its 40-year history. She received a bachelor's degree from Kent State in Early Childhood Education and a Master's degree from Kent State with a major in College Student Personnel. Ms. Robinson's first position was as a financial aid counselor in the EOP; she ultimately became the director in 1986. Even as the director, she maintained close interaction with students by continuing to counsel students as she had since coming to the EOP.

Ms. Robinson collaborates with the national TRIO organization, the Council for Opportunity in Education to ensure the highest standards in available support services are provided nationwide for minority and other underserved students. EOP is one of the TRIO federally-funded college opportunity programs that provide academic tutoring, personal counseling,

mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary for educational access and retention and relevant training for directors and staff.

Ms. Robinson has served as the president of Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. While at Marquette, she has successfully secured federal funding for EOP throughout its history and served as a member of the Friends of the Haggerty Museum Board, a member of the Diversity Task Force, and many scholarship selection committees. She has been active at the national level in presenting successful models of support program innovation and has been a reader of grant applications for the U.S. Department of Education Student Support Services grant competitions.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Sande Robinson who leaves behind a wonderful legacy of assisting hundreds of students in their efforts to receive a higher education and become alumni of my alma mater, Marquette University. Sande Robinson's contributions have greatly enriched and benefitted the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District.

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MARIA DAY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maria Day who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maria Day is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maria Day is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Maria Day for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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A SHOW OF APPRECIATION FOR  
TWO OUTSTANDING NORTHEAST  
WISCONSIN TEACHERS

**HON. STEVE KAGEN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day, I come to the floor to recognize two outstanding educators from Northeast Wisconsin.

Greenville Middle School's Jennifer Koenecke and Green Bay Edison's Nancie Brennan exemplify what we hope to see in all of our teachers.

As the newest National Board Certified teachers in the 8th Congressional District of

Wisconsin, they demonstrated a commitment to taking their teaching practice and the teaching profession to a different level.

We entrust teachers with the nurture and care of our most precious resource—our children, and we are grateful to them not only for the security they provide, but for the example they set.

For Jennifer Koenecke and Nancie Brennan, their leadership and the example they set extends not only to the students they teach, but to the peers who surround them.

Like board-certified medical doctors, teachers who become National Board Certified go through a rigorous year-long evaluation of their performance.

Each educator is measured against the most rigorous standards through an extensive series of performance-based assessments that include thorough analysis of the candidate's classroom teaching and student learning.

As a physician who has been three times board certified, I have a keen appreciation for the initiative and effort these women have made on behalf of the future of our children. After all, if we get public education right, everything else will follow. But if we get education wrong, not much else will matter.

Today I'm proud to recognize Greenville Middle School's Jennifer Koenecke and Green Bay Edison's Nancie Brennan for getting it right.

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RECOGNITION OF TROVER HEALTH  
SYSTEM

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Trover Health System, a hospital in the City of Madisonville located in my District, the First Congressional District of Kentucky. On March 28, 2010, Trover was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare. The award recognizes hospitals that have achieved excellence in clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance, and operational efficiency. This is the second time Trover has been recognized with this honor.

Trover Health System is an integrated health provider serving western Kentucky residents for more than 50 years. With nine locations in six counties, Trover proudly offers 55 services and specialties to meet the needs of Kentuckians close to home. With more than 130 primary care, mid-level and specialist physicians, 500 registered nurses, and 1,000 licensed health care professionals, Trover is made up of an experienced team of dedicated staff. Trover provides healthcare solutions with compassion and respect for the uniqueness of every individual.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I bring to the attention of this House the historical significance and sense of this notable achievement. Trover's commitment to patients is evident in everything they do—and they have shown themselves as a model for quality care.

RECOGNIZING DIANNE COSTA FOR  
HER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF  
HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Dianne Costa, the Mayor of Highland Village, Texas. After years of impressive leadership and commitment to the community, Dianne will be retiring from the City Council.

Mayor Costa was elected Mayor of Highland Village in May 2006, and re-elected in May 2008. Previously, she had served as Mayor Pro Tem from 2005–2006, and before that she served as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem from 2003–2005.

Mayor Costa's dedication to Highland Village has spanned more than a decade. She began her service by participating with the Highland Village Women's Club, and served as the Outreach Chairman until 2001. Dianne continued her involvement through positions with Parks and Recreation, Police Auxiliary, and was awarded for her excellence in 2000 by receiving the Police Department Community Service Award.

Mayor Costa and her husband Dennis live in Highland Village with their sons and she is co-owner of Sharp Focus Centers. In addition to being Mayor, she currently serves as a member of the National Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Board of Directors for the Highland Village Community Development Corporation, the Texas Association of Mediators, the National Council on Family Relations, and Rockpointe Church.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments and service of Highland Village Mayor Dianne Costa. It is my honor to represent such a dedicated community member in the United States House of Representatives.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
CADET NURSES DURING NA-  
TIONAL NURSES WEEK

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of our Nation's nurses as we commemorate National Nurses Week and in particular to remember the service of the Cadet Nurse Program participants during World War II.

Nurses have long provided invaluable service in a wide array of medical settings. But few circumstances call for greater service to others or place more demands on society than times of conflict and war. Sixty-seven years ago, thousands of nurses answered this call and rose to these demands by taking part in the Cadet Nurse Program established in the midst of one of the greatest conflicts of the last century.

The demand for medical services caused by WWII led to a critical shortage of nurses both within the military and domestically. Congress responded by passing the Nurse Training Act