

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

of 1943, which provided an opportunity for accredited nursing schools to offer accelerated training programs, greatly increasing the number of nurses available to serve at home and overseas. In addition, nursing students were able to receive subsidies for the cost of their training and a modest living stipend, which permitted many students to advance economically.

However, the Cadet Nurses' path through this program was not simple or easy. In addition to the daily stresses and high demands of nursing work, these future nurses faced the additional burdens of completing their studies faster than regular students and learning critical skills on the job instead of in the classroom. Yet, by responding to these challenges, the nursing students receiving training through the Cadet Nurse Program were critical to supporting the increased need for services during this difficult time in our Nation's history.

As we celebrate National Nurses Week, let us remember the difficult work that all nurses carry out. They serve at the front lines of medical care: often, they are the first and most familiar medical provider patients will see.

This week, I ask you to join me in remembering and honoring the work of Cadet Nurses and making sure that their outstanding service to their communities and our Nation is not forgotten.

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#### RECOGNIZING DICK COOK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK, 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 Dick Cook and his dedication to the town of Double Oak. On May 17, 2010, after over 17 years of distinguished service, Dick will retire from the City Council.

Dick has held many positions throughout the years. He has served as Mayor of Double Oak for 9 years, and also as Mayor Pro-Tem, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem, Town Treasurer, and City Council Member. If that isn't impressive enough, Dick has also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment.

Dick and his wife Georgette have been residents of Double Oak for 25 years. Not only has he served the town of Double Oak, but he served as an officer in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1981. When Mr. Cook retired, he held the highest rank in the Fleet Reserve, Navy Lieutenant.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant to both his community and the nation, Mr. Dick Cook. It is my honor to represent such a dedicated community member in the United States House of Representatives.

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#### RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, several weeks ago, I received a call from one of my

constituents, Marsha Shapiro. She courageously shared with me her experience with her husband Joel's battle with esophageal cancer. Marsha was kind enough to tell me a little about her husband and the type of man he was. She told me that for 30 years Joel worked as a New York City public school teacher at P.S.176 in Brooklyn. He also spent 16 years as an English high school principal at Yeshiva of Brooklyn, a position he held in conjunction with his public school duties.

She said that Joel was a humble man, but to his family and his students, he was a giant. For several summers he worked at the Italian Federation in an athletic program sponsoring Say No To Drugs. Music was also a very important part of his life having been a violinist in the Brooklyn Heights Orchestra and at St. Ann's Church. Furthermore, he performed with the Staten Island Orchestra at St. John's University and Kingsborough Community Orchestra Brooklyn, NY.

Mrs. Shapiro shared with me how Joel's battle with esophageal cancer began on May 15, 2009. Over the course of the next several months he received the recognized chemo and radiation treatments but unfortunately they did not shrink his tumor. On November 18, 2009, after just 6 months and 3 days of treatment, Joel passed away. He is survived by his wife Marsha, two sons Adam and Glenn and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Naomi and Zachary.

My colleagues, sadly, Joel's battle with esophageal cancer is not out of the ordinary. Unfortunately, it is too often the norm. The five-year survival rate for those diagnosed with esophageal cancer is less than 20 percent and many, like Mr. Shapiro, die within a year of being diagnosed. The American Cancer Society estimates that this year alone more than 16,000 new cases of esophageal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States and nearly 14,500 deaths from esophageal cancer will occur.

In fact, the rates of esophageal cancer have been rising dramatically for the past several decades, increasing by more than 400 percent, and there is still a lack of effective treatments for cancer of the esophagus. With such a significant increase in the number of cases and with a mortality rate of nearly 80 percent, too often those diagnosed with esophageal cancer are diagnosed too late and the disease has progressed too much for current treatments to be effective.

I encourage my colleagues to join with me, and my colleague Congressman RUSH HOLT, in sponsoring a bipartisan resolution recognizing the importance of detecting esophageal cancer during its earliest stages, advancing medical research, and supporting the goals and ideals of Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month.

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#### INTRODUCING THE EQUAL ACCESS TO PRE-SEPARATION ACT OF 2010

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to be introducing the Equal Access to Pre-Separation Act of 2010. This bill requires the Department of Defense to give

benefit information to members of the Reserve Component before they separate or retire.

For too many years, members of the Guard and Reserve have left the service without a clear picture of the benefits their service has earned them. This legislation ensures that these individuals and their families are educated on how to access benefits like VA health care and Tricare health care programs.

For years the Guard and Reserve have played a critical strategic role in our national defense. I am grateful to these individuals for their service to the Nation. They have made great sacrifices, and I believe that Congress has a moral obligation to educate these heroes on the benefits they have earned. This bill is just one way we can begin to re-pay them for all that they have done to protect this country. I strongly believe that Congress has a moral obligation to keep the promises made to our troops in return for their service.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the coming weeks to pass this important legislation in the House.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DON COMBS

**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 City Council Member Don Combs of Highland Village, Texas. After eight years of strong leadership and commitment to the community, Don will be retiring from the City Council.

Don was first elected to the City Council in May of 2002. He served as Mayor of Highland Village from January to May of 2006 and again as Mayor Pro Tem from May 2009 to May 2010. He served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Highland Village Community Center Committee.

Don currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Highland Village Community Development Corporation, where he directly helps to promote and implement projects to benefit economic development in the area. He and his wife, Janet, and their family have lived in Highland Village since 1985.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments and service of Highland Village City Council Member, Don Combs. I am proud to represent such a devoted community member in the United States House of Representatives.

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#### COMMEMORATING VIETNAM HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the 16th Commemoration of Vietnam Human Rights Day.

I am proud to represent San Jose, home to the largest Vietnamese population outside of