

theme for this year's celebration. This theme reflects the 20 years of DC Black Pride of fulfilling the mission, which is to increase awareness of and pride in the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender in the African American community, as well as support for organizations that focus on health disparities, education, youth and families.

DC Black Pride is led by a volunteer Board of Directors, which coordinates this annual event and smaller events throughout the year. The 2010 Board consists of: Patricia Corbett; Jimma Elliott-Stevens; Earl Fowlkes, Jr.; and Jhabriel Moore, Sr.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all who are attending the 20th Annual DC Black Pride celebration.

#### HONORING JUDGE ARNOLD ROSENFELD

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor a friend and community leader, Judge Arnold, Arnie, Rosenfield. Judge Rosenfield is retiring after a distinguished career marked by his commitment to children and families and his foresight in establishing successful programs to serve them.

Born in Connecticut, Arnie Rosenfield attended Vanderbilt University, where he earned his J.D. in 1971. That same year he married Phyllis Ann Rubins, and the couple has two children, Jessica and Asa.

Judge Rosenfield began his career as a Deputy District Attorney in San Luis Obispo County, CA, where he demonstrated early on his passion to serve those not always well-represented in the justice system. He handled one of the first large successful consumer protections trials in California, and in 1977, after taking the same position in Sonoma County, he established a Consumer Protection Unit. He later opened a private practice and served as the first Commissioner of Sonoma County Superior Court before being elected Superior Court Judge in 1984, a position he held until his retirement on December 31, 2009.

The majority of Judge Rosenfield's cases involved the juvenile court, and he was always a strong advocate for children at risk for emotional trauma. In 1996 he initiated the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Sonoma County, which advocates for the needs of abused children caught up in the justice system. He instigated the development of the Redwood Children's Center for easing the process of interviewing and examining these children and has been a supporter of Social Advocates for Youth, the Valley of the Moon Foundation, Jewish Children and Family Services, and the Parent Education Project of Sonoma County. He also served on the Advisory Committee on Juvenile & Family Law for the California Judicial Council. "I have been very involved in my career in trying to make the court system work better for kids and families who find themselves caught up in it," he says.

Judge Rosenfield was also a strong proponent of restorative justice, an approach in

which offenders work with the victims and the community for repair of the harm they have done. He used these techniques, especially for kids, before there was an actual movement and became a leader in the field as well as an instructor at Sonoma State University, Empire Law School, and California Judicial College.

For his work, Judge Rosenfield has received numerous awards including Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the California Judges Association and the 2009 Rex Sater Award from the Sonoma County Bar Association for Excellence in Family Law.

Madam Speaker, Judge Arnold Rosenfield has provided Sonoma County with a legacy of innovative programs and, more importantly, an example of what passionate leadership can accomplish. "It's my belief that for the most part what we do to kids and families here in the justice system continues to be destructive," he says, "and I've spent my time trying to make it more constructive. I try to care about the families that I see and am very gratified to see lives turn around." Thank you, Judge Rosenfield, for the many lives you have turned around and for showing us what can be done in the name of justice.

#### HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COMMENDATIONS

#### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate several New Jersey law enforcement officers who are to be commended for performing above and beyond the call of duty. Our law enforcement officers are held to the highest standards, and it is a great honor to recognize them for their outstanding efforts. These officers will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

I would like to commend the following officers: Detective Richard Naff of the Moorestown Twp. Police Department for his outstanding investigative work that led to the dismantling of a residential burglary ring; Officers Duane Grazioli & Dean Potts of the Burlington County Sheriff's Office for crawling under a burning tractor trailer and pulling the driver to safety; Ptl. Nicholas Czepiel of the Florence Township Police Department for administering medical assistance to a fellow officer following a serious collision; Det. Robert Bennett of the Maple Shade Police Department for his sustained involvement in the life of a troubled juvenile who came to him for help; Patrolmen Brandon Conard and Paul Barnes of the Riverside Police Department for their tenacious search that led to the discovery of an injured and disoriented citizen; Detectives Linda Chieffalo, Irene Angelaccio, Patrolman Thomas Polite of the Westampton Police Department for skilled police work that led to the identification and arrest of an armed gas

station robber; and Patrolmen Shaun Welthy & Ryan Bieri also of the Westampton Police Department for administering life-saving CPR.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in extending congratulations and thanks to these exemplary law-enforcement officers.

#### RECOGNITION OF DR. RAMMOHAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MS RE- SEARCH

#### HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Kottil Rammohan for nearly three decades of providing care to patients and conducting ground-breaking research in central Ohio. Dr. Rammohan, who is retiring from Ohio State University this year, has touched the lives of countless patients and people throughout the world living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or other neurological disorders.

As a faculty member in the neurology department at OSU, Dr. Rammohan's dedication to MS research has led to numerous advancements in his field. One of his achievements was discovering a breakthrough in treating fatigue, a symptom that plagues many of those living MS. His discoveries help improve the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who live with this disorder.

Outside of OSU, Dr. Rammohan has been active in several medical organizations including the MS section of the American Academy of Neurology and the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers. He also has served as the acting chair of the Buckeye Chapter Clinical Advisory Committee and the national Clinical Care Committee for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. His valuable contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have earned him recognition in its Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Dr. Rammohan, who has been repeatedly recognized as one of America's Best Doctors, has been asset to our community for decades. On behalf of all Americans living with MS, I am happy to congratulate and thank Dr. Rammohan for his distinguished career in the field of neurology and for his lifelong devotion to helping others.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. CHARLES TOWNES ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LASER

#### HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the laser. This is a unique and fitting opportunity to recognize Charles Hard Townes.

South Carolina has the distinction of claiming Dr. Townes, who was raised on a farm just outside of Greenville and graduated from Furman University. His long career led him to the historic Bell Labs, Columbia University, the

Institute for Defense Analysis, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and continues today at the University of California, Berkeley. He has made major waves in spectroscopy, radar systems, and now astrophysics and astronomy.

The most notable of his achievements and the one that we celebrate now earned him a share in the 1964 Nobel Prize for Physics. Dr. Townes is most famous for his work on the precursor to the laser. This technology has contributed billions of dollars to our economy and we use it in everything from listening to music and buying groceries to manufacturing cars and conducting surgery. Scientists use lasers today to study everything from the big bang to nuclear fusion.

This transformational technology can be traced back to an epiphany and a thought experiment on a Washington D.C. park bench in 1951. Three years of hard work and experimentation later, Dr. Townes and his team delivered a functional 'maser.' By 1958, Bell Labs had filed a patent application for what we now call the laser.

While we cheer Dr. Townes' hard work and the sweeping impact of his technology, we must also acknowledge his dedication to defending this idea. One of the most famous chapters in the history of the laser is the steadfast opposition Dr. Townes and his team faced from several eminent physicists. His perseverance pushed the research forward.

In addition, Dr. Townes is one of only two people who have ever won both the Nobel Prize and the Templeton Prize. The Templeton Prize honors those who have made exceptional contributions to affirming life's spiritual dimension, and Dr. Townes received the prize for his papers and talks that sought harmony between scientific discovery and religious faith.

It is an honor to recognize this man and his numerous contributions to physics and scientific inquiry. I thank him for his devotion to discovery, and for sharing his optimism and genius with all of us.

BELCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA  
CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, a major celebration takes place in Clearwater, Florida, this Friday as Belcher Elementary School celebrates its 50th anniversary of educating Pinellas County's youth.

Under the direction of Principal John DiLeo, Belcher Elementary moved into its new brick building on January 4, 1960 and under his leadership for the next eight years it grew into a fixture of the community. Principal DiLeo left Belcher in 1968, but missed the school so much that he returned for another 10 year stint as principal from 1978–1988.

He was the first of seven principals that have each left their mark on Belcher. Lisa Roth is the current principal and since arriving in 2003 she has helped usher Belcher into the new age of high technology including white boards in the classrooms.

Belcher has always been on the cutting edge of technology. It was in 1989 that the entire school was wired for cable television and with that came the Belcher Bobcat News or BBN. It was the county's first student produced news show for an elementary school, brought to life by fifth-grade teacher Linda Calahan, who continues to oversee production of the program.

Eight years later, Belcher took the next technological leap as the school was wired for internet access, which brings the world to the fingertips of every student.

Many of the advancements at Belcher Elementary have come through the support of the school's award-winning PTA organization. In addition to the events the PTA sponsors for the students and staff, the organization has taken special pride in the improvements it has made to the school facility and grounds. One of its landmark achievements was the opening of a nature center, which turned some unused area on school grounds into a native Florida ecosystem. With Florida's beautiful weather, this has become an outdoor classroom where students learn and where they work to maintain its natural elements.

Belcher's motto is "Believe—Act—Achieve" and the students, teachers, volunteers and support staff live that out every day. Likewise the core values of Belcher's staff—Education, Integrity and Community—are widely apparent with the many awards the school has received. Most recently, Belcher was recognized with a 2009 Bronze Award for the National Alliance for a Healthier Generation Program. It is a Positive Behavior Model School and has received a Golden School Award for community involvement for the last 26 years.

Madam Speaker, some of the Belcher Bobcats joined us for a visit here at the Capitol last week and they all will be back home Friday for the school's big celebration. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the students, faculty, staff, parents and volunteers of Belcher Elementary School for 50 years of educational excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JIM  
BOREN

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and Congressman DAN BOREN of Oklahoma to pay tribute to Dr. James Boren, a man who made a profound impact on our country through his public service and political activism. Dr. Boren's celebrated life came to an end on April 24 when he passed away at his home in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, at the age of 84.

As my colleagues may know, Dr. Boren was the second cousin of our colleague, Congressman BOREN, and first cousin to his father, former U.S. Sen. David Boren of Oklahoma.

Dr. Boren served our country valiantly in World War II as a sailor in the Pacific, where his ship was struck by multiple Japanese kamikaze planes in the Battle of Okinawa. Following his distinguished Naval service, he embarked on a career in government.

He served as Chief of Staff to Senator Ralph Yarborough until 1960 when he joined

John Kennedy's presidential campaign. Following Kennedy's victory, Dr. Boren received an appointment from the State Department for an assignment in Latin America. During his tenure in Latin America, he established the volunteer organization Partners of the Americas.

Despite his remarkable career in public service, Dr. Boren's greatest impact was felt through his political activism. He dedicated much of his attention to government inefficiency and corruption. No one in Washington was safe from one of his satirical assaults. In 1972, he famously raced the United States Postal Service on horseback from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., in order to highlight inefficiencies.

Dr. Boren believed in the power of humor and satire to inspire political activism among the people. He never was without a witty remark pertaining to politics or government. During his Presidential campaign in 1992, the Apathy Party candidate notably stated, "I have what it takes to take what you've got."

Personally, I will always remember his memorable line, "if you are going to be a phony, at least be sincere about it." That's just one of the gems from his two books, *When in Doubt Mumble* and *How to be a Sincere Phoney*, a Handbook for Politicians and Bureaucrats.

In addition to his political work and writing, Dr. Boren spent three decades as a scholar-in-residence at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, teaching younger generations about the importance of activism.

Dr. Boren is survived by his beautiful wife Norma, his two sons, two stepsons and his three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us in honoring the remarkable life of Dr. James Boren. His friends and family will miss his wit and humor, and everyone in this chamber can thank him for this famous quotation, "When in doubt, mumble; when in trouble, delegate; when in charge, ponder."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
CAPTAIN JOHN C. MIKO

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain (Ret.) John C. Miko as he prepares to retire as Vice President of Government Relations for the Electronics, Intelligence, and Support Operating Group of BAE Systems. Captain Miko's life of dedicated service to this country throughout times of conflict and times of peace is truly remarkable, and it is a great privilege to recognize him on this day.

Following the example set by his family's military service, Captain Miko attended the United States Coast Guard Academy and received a commission as an Ensign upon graduation. After serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Unimak for 16 months, he went to flight school at NAS Pensacola, Florida. Within his aviation specialty, he had a variety of important and challenging flying assignments. Captain Miko served as an instructor pilot and spent three years as an exchange pilot with the British Royal Navy. In addition, he commanded a large Coast Guard Group and Air