

helped manage the family finances and worked as a seamstress to provide extra income. But she was happiest when cooking traditional Chinese meals and delicacies; taking great pride in being an excellent chef and she especially looked forward to cooking for her grandsons. Joan was an accomplished orchid horticulturist, who proudly displayed her flowering orchids throughout her home and generously shared the lovely blooms with family and friends.

After the passing of her husband, Joan devoted her time to her family until her own passing on May 15, 2010 at the age of 81. The legacy embodied by her loving family is a testament to the ongoing story of American opportunity. Madam Speaker, Joan Huey was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and I am proud to rise today in remembrance of her life, and to express my condolences to her family.

URGING ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.
CONSULATE IN KURDISTAN RE-
GION OF IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss an omission of a co-sponsor from my resolution, H. Res. 873, which passed the House by voice vote yesterday. The resolution calls for the Department of State to establish a U.S. Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in order to normalize United States-Iraq relations at the diplomatic, commercial, and cultural levels as the U.S. Armed Forces redeploys from Iraq. The Honorable TOM LATHAM, from Iowa's 5th District, requested to be a co-sponsor on the aforementioned resolution. However, by an error on our part his name was omitted on the list we submitted. To this end, I request that the RECORD reflect he should have also been listed as a co-sponsor.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA'S BEST AND
BRIGHTEST HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 48 high school seniors from Iowa's 4th Congressional District who were named by the Des Moines Register as some of "Iowa's best and brightest high school seniors". Each high school was asked to select a senior who is among the brightest and the best—with a mix of good grades, test scores, activities and accomplishments that made them stand out amongst their peers.

I would like to recognize: Katrina Even from Bishop Garrigan High School (Algona), Kyle Klingbell from Estherville-Lincoln Central High School, Karina Haas from Algona High School, Tyler Thorson from Forest City High School, Danielle Carda from Humboldt High School, Kelsey Frerichs from Laurens-Marathon High School, Samantha Gelhaus from

North Iowa High School (Buffalo Center), Brent Sexton from Rockwell City-Lytton High School, Logan Fischer from Ruthven-Ayrshire High School, Elizabeth Bruns from West Hancock High School (Britt), Lawrence Chiou from Ames High School, Nathan Lippert from AGWSR High School (Ackley), Cassandra Bryan from Ballard High School (Huxley), Amy Soma from Belmond-Klemme High School, Brett Herring from Carlisle High School, Matthew Mueller from Dallas Center-Grimes High School, Stephanie Choquette from Eagle Grove High School, Kaly Adkins from Earlham, Taylor Johnson from East Marshall High School (Le Grand), Paul Jacobson from Gilbert High School, Kala Busby from Interstate 35 High School (Truro), Emily DeWall from Madrid High School, Patrick Fink from Marshalltown High School, Addison Bates from Nevada High School, Austin Ward from Norwalk High School, Audra Haglund from Ogden High School, Chad Tenold from Perry High School, Matt Hauer from Roland-Story High School, Sandra Samuelson from South Hamilton High School (Jewell), Grant Seufferer from Southeast Warren, Janine Cibert from Van Meter High School, Jordan Jones from Waukee High School, Katelynn McCollough from Webster City High School, Luke Byerly from West Marshall High School (State Center), Chance Sullivan from Winterset High School, Gwendolyn Walton from Woodward-Granger High School, Jonathan Garrett from Indianola High School, Emily McQuiston from Collins-Maxwell High School, Abigail Swartz from South Hardin High School (Eldora), Sean Michalson from Charles City High School, Justin Mikesell from Clear Lake High School, Kristen Flak from Decorah High School, Hans Wagner from Kee High School (Lansing), Bryan Dannen from Mason City High School, Laura Tempus from Northwood-Kensett High School, Amanda Huisman from Osage High School, Danielle Stockdale from Riceville High School, Thomas Meirick from Turkey Valley High School (Jackson Junction), and Brittany Kruger from Waukon High School.

I applaud each of these students—the next generation of leaders in Iowa and this Nation—for their hard work and accomplishments, and I am proud to represent them, their families, teachers and fellow students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating these students and wishing them well as they begin the journey down their next paths in life.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
JANET BRENNEMAN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor Janet Brenneman on the occasion of her retirement from the Delaware County Board of Elections.

Throughout our history, countless individuals have striven to preserve and expand one of our most fundamental rights — the right of every American to cast a ballot. Informed, thoughtful participation in our electoral process by all citizens has been valued by generations of Americans as the quintessential action helping propel the United States onto the world

stage as the foremost example of self-government.

The dedicated men and women working at our local boards of election can trace their civic lineage to the suffragettes and freedom riders of the past. They are the defenders of our most cherished public act. In this pursuit, Janet Brenneman has devoted the last 35 years of her life to the people of Delaware County. Whether through long hours on election night or her tireless advocacy to inform the voters, Janet established an unparalleled standard of excellence for all other election officers to emulate.

The Delaware Board of Elections stands out as an example for other counties throughout Ohio. Janet's quality of service is matched only by the quality of her character. A devoted friend to colleagues and a trustworthy public servant to voters, Janet's many virtues, both professional and personal, will certainly be missed and hard to replace.

I offer my congratulations to Janet Brenneman on her retirement and join her friends and family in celebrating this great milestone. On behalf of the citizens of Delaware County and the 12th Congressional District of Ohio, I offer my thanks and gratitude for her many years of service.

HONORING MS. GLORIA CHAO,
RUTGERS LAW LIBRARIAN

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gloria Chao for both her service as a librarian at the Rutgers School of Law-Camden and for her infectious positive attitude.

Ms. Chao received her Bachelor of Arts from Providence University in 1967 and a Master of Science in Library Science (M.S.L.S.) from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Villanova University in 1970. After graduation, Ms. Chao worked with Temple Law Library and Air Asia in Taiwan. In 1979, Ms. Chao joined the library staff at Rutgers School of Law in Camden, New Jersey. Upon joining the library team, she immediately played an integral role in establishing the cataloging department and Research Library Information Network (RLIN) system. By 1984, Ms. Chao was appointed Head of Technical and Automated Services.

In her 31 years with Rutgers School of Law-Camden, Ms. Chao has been a model of success, hard work and positivity. She is affectionately referred to as the "sunshine" of the law library and the law school. Currently she is using her bravery, optimism and strength to battle stage 4 lung cancer. She is facing the disease while keeping her sense of humor intact.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Gloria Chao has helped students and faculty find and secure knowledgeable resources and information while brightening the days of all around her. I congratulate Ms. Chao on her accomplishments at Rutgers and wish her the utmost strength and courage in this time of sickness.

HONORING LAKEVIEW CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL LAW MAGNET STUDENTS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor the students of Lakeview Centennial High School's Law Magnet program and their teacher, Mr. David Lanman.

As a part of the SkillsUSA program, thirty-three students from Lakeview Centennial High School (LCHS) traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas, to represent their school and community at the 2010 Texas SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. The students won four of the five team events they entered and several of the students competed in and excelled at individual competitions, as well.

I am pleased to recognize Aaron Winton, Courtney Shaw, Hayle Shipley, Stephanie Inda, Kaitlyn Walker, Kyle Cunningham, Joshua Waller, Kalen Lewis, Omar Roman, Celeste Leal, Katherine Bosler, Katherine Willis, Jade Flowers, Maria Barnett, Kaytlyn Plake, Kalina Edwards, Shone George, Kevin Garcia, Maria Villanueva, Alyssa Villafranco, Nicholas Barber, Aristephanes Angulo, Anthony Tarango, Samuel Johnson, Lincoln Mondy, Gabriella Filzow-Perez, Abigail Holcom, Diamond Hunt, Jazmin Morgan, Nicholas Foster, Adam Colclasure, Victor Foreman and Justin Mathers.

In addition, the students of the Chapter Business Team will advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City where they will represent LCHS for the fourth year in a row. I congratulate Thomas Byham, Jade Crutch, Francely Martinez, Katherine Willis, Ashley Walker, Rebecca Ojini and Brittney Brockman on this outstanding accomplishment and wish them the best of luck as they represent their school and their community.

Lakeview students learn leadership skills and prepare for their future and their careers. These students, with the support and guidance of their teacher, Mr. Lanman, are making an impact at their school, in their community, and beyond. I am honored to recognize them today and to represent them in the United States House of Representatives.

REMEMBERING JERRY HILDEBRAND

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, our Nation recently lost one of the great champions of the unemployment insurance system.

Jerry Hildebrand was the Chief of Legislation for Unemployment Insurance at the Department of Labor, and he was intricately involved in every major UI reform over the past several decades.

Most recently, Jerry had been instrumental in ensuring the delivery of extended unemployment benefits and in helping States navigate reforms to their unemployment systems with the help of UI Modernization Grants.

His advice about the possible impact of policy before enactment and his skillful work on implementation after the passage of legislation will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry's family, as well as to his colleagues at the Department of Labor. Jerry Hildebrand made our government work for the people, and that contribution will surely live on.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act, legislation that recognizes the significance of our partnership with Israel, the mutually beneficial and historic nature of the relationship and our ongoing commitment to ensure its security for the State of Israel.

For decades, support for Israel in Congress has been bi-partisan. In fact, it is one of the few issues where Republicans and Democrats have consistently agreed. Leaders of both parties recognize the importance of a strong and steadfast U.S.-Israel relationship and work together to strengthen it.

Israel remains one of our most trusted and reliable allies. Terrorist organizations that vow to destroy Israel also vow to destroy the United States. As we continue to combat extremism worldwide and the violence it incites, a strong U.S.-Israeli strategic partnership is essential.

Since coming to Congress, I have consistently and fervently supported America's commitment to the safety and support of Israel. In part, my commitment to Israel is based on the experiences of my mother, who fled Austria to escape the Nazis and emigrated alone at age 16 to the United States. My mother's stories have given me a deep understanding of the importance of Israel as a safe haven for Jews and as a strong voice on behalf of the Jewish people.

The bill before us will better enable Israel to be a safe haven for Jews. It will formalize the United States' commitment to provide support for the deployment of Israel's "Iron Dome" missile defense system. This system will help protect Israeli citizens from the short-range rocket attacks of the Hamas and Hezbollah terrorist attacks.

I thank my colleagues for their support of Israel and for enhancing Israel's ability to defend itself. Our action today reaffirms our commitment to our closest of allies, Israel.

MY FIRST STEPS: A TRIBUTE TO SPC DAVID MAYER, AN AMERICAN HERO, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hometown hero . . . SPC David

Mayer from Placentia, California. As you know, our men and women of honor who wear the uniform . . . must come back home and start all over again. As each has their own personal mountains to climb. In our daily lives, we take for granted the little things, like having two legs and being able to walk. And the littlest things can sometimes become the greatest of all mountains to climb. Like a soldier who comes back home from war, and must start all over again. And take . . . those first steps. This poem is dedicated to such an American Hero from California, who was ready to give his life for all of us. As he did give his two strong legs in the name of freedom, and now his new battle has begun. . . . This poem is dedicated to SPC David Mayer, and the thousands just like him, who by their actions teach us everyday. Teach us all about faith and courage. As David has lost both of his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq. I ask that the following poem penned in honor of him by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell be put in the RECORD. And remember this Memorial Day our troops sacrifice, and the loving parents like that have helped David.

My . . .
My First . . .
My First Steps . . .
Are but, my first ones . . .
My First Steps, that I've begun . . .
My new footprints, that I have won . . .
All in this new battle, all in what must be done!
All in what is said, and so too what must be won . . .
All in these, my new baby steps, please . . .
all in courage's sun . . .
Are but, really giant steps . . . as so are each . . .
yes, each and everyone . . .
With all of that pain, and will . . . as my heart to me so instills . . . TO RUN.
To fight! One by one . . . Day by Day . . .
Night by Night . . . I will say, I'm not done . . .
All along heartbreak's way . . . I will walk and I will run . . . and I will see The Rising Sun . . .
As I will rise . . . and wipe away all of those tears from my eyes . . . look at me, I've just begun . . .
For it was but not a long ago, when as a child . . . a memory I will not know . . . when I took . . .
I took, those very first steps . . .
And now, in the coming years . . . as the time so passes here . . .
I will look back, and I will remember . . .
Carried in my heart, all in to warm my soul.
Forever, the memory . . . these embers . . .
Of My First Steps!

HONORING THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Pequannock, in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating the 270th anniversary of their incorporation.

The Township of Pequannock, with its northern portion Pompton Plains, is one of the oldest European settlements in northwestern New Jersey. Its lands were purchased from the Lenni-Lenape Indians between 1695 and