

compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the dReam Center Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 4th Anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 16, 2010 as, The dReam Center Church Day, in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 16th day of May, 2010.

## MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 24, 2010*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I voted against H. Res. 1258 designating the month of May as National Mental Health Month to draw attention to the threat to liberty posed by proposals to perform mandatory mental evaluations of all schoolchildren without parental consent.

The New Freedom Commission on Mental Health has recommended that the federal and state governments work toward the implementation of a comprehensive system of mental-health screening for all Americans. The commission recommends that universal or mandatory mental-health screening first be implemented in public schools as a prelude to expanding it to the general public. However, neither the commission's report nor any related mental-health screening proposal requires parental consent before a child is subjected to mental-health screening. Federally-funded universal or mandatory mental-health screening in schools without parental consent could lead to labeling more children as "ADD" or "hyperactive" and thus force more children to take psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, against their parents' wishes.

Too many children are suffering from being prescribed psychotropic drugs for nothing more than children's typical rambunctious behavior. According to Medco Health Solutions, more than 2.2 million children are receiving more than one psychotropic drug at one time. In fact, according to Medco Trends, in 2003, total spending on psychiatric drugs for children exceeded spending on antibiotics or asthma medication.

Many children have suffered harmful side effects from using psychotropic drugs. Some of the possible side effects include mania, violence, dependence, and weight gain. Yet, parents are already being threatened with child abuse charges if they resist efforts to drug their children. Imagine how much easier it will be to drug children against their parents' wishes if a federally-funded mental-health screener makes the recommendation.

Universal or mandatory mental-health screening could also provide a justification for stigmatizing children from families that support traditional values. Even the authors of mental-health diagnosis manuals admit that mental-health diagnoses are subjective and based on

social constructions. Therefore, it is all too easy for a psychiatrist to label a person's disagreement with the psychiatrist's political beliefs a mental disorder. For example, a federally-funded school violence prevention program lists "intolerance" as a mental problem that may lead to school violence. Because "intolerance" is often a code word for believing in traditional values, children who share their parents' values could be labeled as having mental problems and a risk of causing violence. If the mandatory mental-health screening program applies to adults, everyone who believes in traditional values could have his or her beliefs stigmatized as a sign of a mental disorder. Taxpayer dollars should not support programs that may label those who adhere to traditional values as having a "mental disorder."

In order to protect our nation's children from mandatory mental health screening, I have introduced the Parental Consent Act, H.R. 2218. This bill forbids federal funds from being used for any universal or mandatory mental-health screening of students without the express, written, voluntary, informed consent of their parents or legal guardians. This bill protects the fundamental right of parents to direct and control the upbringing and education of their children. I hope all my colleagues will co-sponsor H.R. 2218.

## IN HONOR OF JOHN KERRIGAN

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Kerrigan, a volunteer for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a program that has matched volunteers with Burlington County non-profit organizations since 1971.

Mr. Kerrigan has volunteered for twenty-five years at Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services in Delanco, New Jersey. As a dedicated volunteer in their food pantry, he spends his time shelving and packing donated food items for families in need in Burlington County.

Thanks to John's steady, behind-the-scenes efforts, six to seven hundred families receive emergency food assistance from Emergency and Community Services each month. John's work is seen by only a few but appreciated by so many.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in congratulating John for his outstanding and dedicated service to the less fortunate in our South Jersey communities.

MATTHEW MCGEE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Matthew McGee who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Matthew McGee is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because

his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Matthew McGee 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 Matthew McGee for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ST. CLARE WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LOCUST HILL, VA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to rise today to recognize St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, VA for their recent national accreditation as a "School to Watch".

In 1999 the National Forum introduced the "Schools to Watch" Program. This program is a national partnership that seeks to identify and recognize high-performing middle schools. A strict criteria and guidelines, set by the "Schools to Watch" Forum, help identify the high-performing middle schools. Schools that are distinguished as "high-performing" demonstrate academic excellence by challenging students, are sensitive to the unique developmental needs of early adolescents, and provide students with high-quality resources and educators. St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, VA was recognized for meeting and exceeding the criteria.

St. Clare Walker Middle School Principal Dr. James Lane spearheaded and succeeded in creating a school that helps students excel academically, socially, and developmentally. Dr. Lane's commitment to excellence has resulted in national recognition as one of the best middle schools in Virginia. I want to commend the entire faculty, staff and students of St. Clare Walker Middle School for their hard work. As the husband of a school teacher I understand the vital work and learning that takes place every day in classrooms across the Commonwealth. The educators at St. Clare Walker Middle School have helped to create a learning environment that positions their students for lifelong academic success. I also want to recognize Superintendent Donald Fairheart, school board members, and members of the board of supervisors for their support and dedication to the success of St. Clare Walker Middle School.

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting St. Clare Walker Middle School. I was able to spend the day with the faculty, teachers, and students. I was impressed by the many dedicated teachers and faculty with a passion for educating our Nation's youth. I also enjoyed meeting and talking with many St. Clare Walker Middle School students who exhibited great enthusiasm for learning.

I want to take some time today, to congratulate St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust

Hill, VA and wish them continued future success. Through their hard work and perseverance they have earned the national honor of being designated a "School to Watch".

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR  
BLAINE KRAUSS NAMED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, as we enter high school graduation season, I am proud to let my colleagues know that Blaine Krauss, a senior in the arts program at Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, has been named a Presidential Scholar.

Blaine is the only student in the Tampa Bay area and one of only four in the entire State of Florida to be so recognized for his outstanding academic achievement and artistic excellence. He will honored at the White House next month along with a guest he has chosen to accompany him, Mr. Keven Renken, the Chairman of the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School and Blaine's acting teacher.

Following my remarks, I will include a story from The St. Petersburg Times by Luis Perez about this great national honor for Blaine.

Madam Speaker, Blaine will be attending the University of Cincinnati next fall where he will major in musical theater. As his teacher says, he is a talented individual, but I know that he did not achieve his success without a lot of hard work and preparation. Please join me in congratulating Blaine for a job well done.

[From the St. Petersburg Times, May 4, 2010]

GIBBS HIGH SENIOR RECEIVES RARE NATIONAL HONOR: PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

(By Luis Perez)

ST. PETERSBURG.—Blaine Krauss, a senior in the arts program at Gibbs High School, was sitting in acting class Monday when he learned he had been named one of the scholastic elite: a presidential scholar. In dramatic fashion, he spent a good while running around the school. "I screamed with my friend and ran out of the classroom," said Krauss, 18, of St. Petersburg. "It took me about an hour and a half to calm down."

Krauss is among 141 students nationwide—four in Florida and the only one in the Tampa Bay area—to receive the honor this year for exceptional academic achievement and artistic excellence.

Each scholar gets to invite his most inspiring or challenging teacher to a White House reception this June. Krauss selected Keven Renken, chairman of the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs and his acting teacher for three years.

"Blaine is an amazingly talented student," said Renken, who has taught for 21 years. "He is just one of them. He has it. You can just tell. He's a great singer, a great talent. He's just one of the special ones."

Krauss, who aspires to sing on Broadway and a career in the political stage, said he was glad to be part of good publicity for the high school. This fall, he is entering the University of Cincinnati to major in musical theatre.

"I am happy to be a product of Gibbs and to say that our school is generating great kids," he said.

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL JACK COLLEY

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Colley who passed away on May 16, 2010. He was the head of the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS), Division of Emergency Management.

Prior to joining TXDPS, he served in the United States Army from 1970–97 and retired as a Colonel. He was a valuable member of TXDPS and changed the field of Emergency Management. During his tenure, Colonel Colley was involved in the response and recovery of some of the largest incidents and disasters in Texas, such as the Space Shuttle Columbia crash in 2003, Hurricane Rita in 2005, and Hurricane Ike in 2008. Learning from the fallout of Hurricane Katrina, he began efforts to evacuate and shelter companion animals, emphasizing that no one would be left behind because they could not bring their pet.

He sought to make disaster response quicker, faster, and smarter and utilized innovative methods to make the Division of Emergency Management more effective. Among his many initiatives, Colonel Colley pushed for an Interstate Emergency Response Support Plan (IERSP)—partnering with Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, the first of its kind in the nation. Under his leadership, the Division of Emergency Management also focused on Re-Entry Task Forces that provided critical care and security and restored infrastructure within the first 72 hours after a storm. He was a visionary, a great leader, and a dedicated public servant. The great State of Texas has suffered a great loss; Jack Colley will be missed by all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing the legacy of Colonel Jack Colley. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL MAXWELL

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman GEORGE MILLER and Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, to recognize Paul Maxwell, Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Chief Deputy Executive Director and most recently its Interim Executive Director, and congratulate him as he approaches his retirement.

Paul joined the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) in April 1990 as its first Deputy Director for Projects bringing a wealth of knowledge of transportation planning, programming, and funding, having previously served 13 years in the region at the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission. As Deputy Director for Projects at CCTA, Paul has been responsible for the Authority's participation, project management and delivery of over two billion dollars of capital improvements. His service to Contra Costa County residents has included oversight and manage-

ment of the development of state highway expansions, local street improvements, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District rail extensions, transit centers, bicycle bridges, trails and other facilities. Further, as part of his responsibilities with CCTA's Congestion Management Agency, Paul advocated for state and federal transportation funds for crucial Authority projects and worked closely with staff in the development of those project priorities, including State Route 4, BART, and the Richmond Parkway, to name just a few.

Most recently he has worked tirelessly on the combined efforts of the CCTA, Caltrans, and the Alameda Congestion Management Agency to deliver the Caldecott Tunnel fourth bore project; the largest American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded transportation project in the United States to date. He has also worked with BART, Caltrans, Contra Costa County, and East County cities to deliver the expansion of State Route 4 East and the eBART extension. State Route 4 and the Caldecott Tunnel, located on State Route 24, are two of the major commute and freight corridors connecting the East Bay Area to the coast and the Central Valley. Their improvement is essential to the economic vitality of our region and I know my friends, Mr. MILLER and Mr. MCNERNEY, and I are very grateful for Paul's efforts on these major projects.

Throughout his tenure, Paul has maintained strong relationships with those involved in various CCTA projects and is well-respected by his colleagues, agency staff, Board members and stakeholders. In 1996, Paul was named Chief Deputy Executive Director where he oversaw the coordination of all Authority sections. And in December 2009, he was named and has acted as the Interim Executive Director until his retirement this month.

Prior to this distinguished record at CCTA, Paul served as the Manager of Planning and Programming at the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission where his responsibilities included transportation finance, air quality planning, multi-modal transportation corridor studies, and the Regional Transportation Plan. He served as the primary liaison between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the California Transportation Commission. He has also worked with the Metropolitan Washington, DC, Council of Governments and DeLeuw, Cather and Company, an engineering and construction firm here in Washington, DC.

Paul holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Newcastle University in the United Kingdom. He also achieved his Masters of Science in Transportation Engineering from the University of California—Berkeley.

Madam Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring Paul for his tireless and dedicated service to the people of California, the Bay Area, and especially Contra Costa County. We also join his family, colleagues and friends in congratulating Paul on a successful and fulfilling career, and a very well-deserved retirement.

PASS H.R. 4213

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, before this week is over, we will vote to create jobs