

Avinash is a Fellow in Cardiology at Montefiore Medical Center. It is clear that the apple does not fall far from the tree! He likes best to spend his leisure time with his family and friends in New York and to take "crazy vacations" like rock climbing and white water rafting.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Ramesh Gulrajani for his contributions to the medical field.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN—

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance, the oldest continuous Medical Alliance in the United States. The South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance was founded on September 20, 1910, in Hot Springs, SD, during the 19th Annual South Dakota Medical Association meeting. Eighteen wives of the physicians who attended this meeting saw the need to form The Ladies Auxiliary to the South Dakota State Medical Association. In 1975, the organization became known as the South Dakota State Medical Association Auxiliary, and in 1992, it was renamed as the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance.

As the mission of the organization sets forth, the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance has always strived to build healthy communities and to support the family of medicine through health promotions and legislative efforts. In their endeavor to make South Dakota's communities healthier and safer places to live, the South Dakota Medical Association Alliance has partnered with programs of the South Dakota State Medical Association, promoted health education, encouraged participation of volunteers in activities that meet health needs, supported health-related charitable endeavors, and supported the medical profession. I therefore, acknowledge their contribution to promoting healthy living in South Dakota, and congratulate the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance on reaching this important milestone.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM SWEENEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. William Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Harmony Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Sweeney served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way.

I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Sweeney is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

IN HONOR OF SISTER JULIE HYER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Julie Hyer, O.P., whose faith, benevolence and business savvy has served the County of Santa Cruz since 1985. As President and Chief Executive Officer she was instrumental in guiding Dominican Hospital for 22 years and Salud Para La Gente for the past two years, resulting in exceptional service and growth for both of these health care agencies.

At Dominican Hospital, Sister Julie sat at the helm of Santa Cruz County's largest health care facility when it implemented numerous programs such as their Infant Hearing Assessment program, Occupational Rehabilitation, and the ShareCare Health Plan for Older Adults, ensuring that patients are cared for through every stage of their lives. Other services, such as Dominican's Tattoo Removal Program which gives former gang members a chance to start a new phase of their lives, reflect Sister Julie's all-embracing approach to the health of our community.

Under Sister Julie's leadership, Salud Para La Gente, which translates in English as 'Health For The People,' has grown into the county's leading provider of health care services to the low-income families of Santa Cruz County. Salud has won awards for its many programs, including well-child visits, adolescent well-care, monitoring of patients on persistent ACE inhibitors, breast and cervical cancer screening, appropriate use of asthma medications, and diabetes screening. Salud won many grants, including federal stimulus funding this year, used to create new space that will house pediatrics, general medical practices, dental and vision facilities, as well as hire two more physicians.

The laurels of her tenure are as numerous as they are invaluable. They are the realization of Sister Julie's faith in action and a testament to the power of earnest and solemn goodwill.

Madam Speaker, for all that she has done and all that she will undoubtedly continue to do, I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes to Sister Julie as she goes to her next assignment.

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL 44TH REUNION

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I would like to call attention to the gathering in Baltimore,

Maryland of alumni from Jefferson High School over the weekend of June 5th, 2010 in honor of the class of 1966's 44th reunion.

Although the school officially closed in 1970, Jefferson High School got its start in a frame schoolhouse built for African-American students in York, South Carolina. From there, Jefferson became a Rosenwald school and the town's African-American public school in a racially segregated system. Although the system was called "separate but equal," Jefferson never had facilities or teaching materials equal to its counterparts, the white schools that I attended. The school district built a new high school for white students in 1950, but left black students to make the best of their old one. The students, teachers and administrators at Jefferson did just that and made the most of their circumstances.

Instead of gathering to dwell on what was lacking at Jefferson, the class of 1966 comes together to remember the teachers and fellow students who so impacted Reunion made clear that Jefferson lives on in the lives it made better. Hundreds of the alumni attending attested to better, more productive lives because of what they learned at Jefferson under teachers who cared, encouraged, and challenged.

IN APPRECIATION OF CRAIG M. RUSHING

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of a valued member of my staff, Craig M. Rushing.

For the past three years, Craig has professionally and enthusiastically served the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado, first as Legislative Director, and then as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director. He successfully handled his duties with a wealth of knowledge of the legislative and procedural processes. His dedication and work ethic will be very difficult to replace.

Beginning his career on the Hill as a staff assistant for Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04), Craig has served constituents of Colorado for nearly eight years. It was during this time he met and married his wife, Ginger, in August of 2007.

Craig worked his way through college with several jobs and internships, including with the Colorado Right to Work and the Leadership Institute. Craig graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Craig is the son of Dennis and Kathy Rushing of Greensboro, North Carolina, and is brother to Amy Bregman and Betsy Bardi.

Craig is leaving Washington to take a position as Manager of Government Affairs at Lowe's Headquarters in Mooresville, North Carolina.

He has worked hard for the people of Colorado. His conservative and Christian values are needed today more than ever. I know God will bless him and his wife in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE CEDAR CREEK VETERANS FOUNDATION

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor a special organization of officials and individuals in the Fifth District of Texas, the Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation.

President Coolidge once said, "A nation which forgets its defenders, will itself soon be forgotten." Individuals in East Texas and Northeast Texas continue to amaze me for their tireless work in honoring soldiers and their families.

The Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation was established to raise funds to assist Northeast Texas veterans with physical and emotional recovery, as well as physical rehabilitation of our wounded and injured warriors. They also provide organizations such as The Wounded Warrior Project and Fisher House of Dallas with resources and support.

On June 7th, the Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation will be hosting a golf tournament and will donate all proceeds to the Fisher House in Dallas and The Wounded Warrior Project.

The Fisher House in Dallas, Texas, is just one of several facilities that fulfill a great need for our nation's defenders and their families. As a private-public partnership, the foundation provides homes that are built at major military medical centers, as well as VA medical facilities. These homes give families the chance to be near loved ones during hospitalization.

The Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation also sponsors "Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake" annual air show during July 4th festivities that helps to raise funds to support our nation's veterans.

This year's golf tournament will feature Jae Head, who most recently starred in the movie "The Blind Side." The tournament's list of guests will also include former military members. John Wesley Tucker, Jr., a veteran pilot and instructor during World War II, will be honored during the event. The event will also feature three war heroes, Jesse W. Naul, Jr., who received the Navy Cross for his service during World War II; Richard S. Agnew, who received the Distinguished Service Cross serving the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and Dean E. DeTar, who received the Air Force Cross for his service during Vietnam War. These gentlemen are members of the Legion of Valor, and three of the nine members of the Legion of Valor that represent over 450,000 veterans in North Texas.

I would like to thank everyone at the Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation, including CCVF President, Mr. Bob O'Neil, the board members and countless volunteers, supporters and donors who help to ensure our nation will not forget its defenders. It is an honor to represent such an outstanding organization and group of people in the Fifth District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE DOBSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND, SELECTED FOR THE 2010 SHANGHAI WORLD MUSIC EXPO FESTIVAL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mesa Arizona's Dobson High School Band, which will represent our state at the 2010 Shanghai World Music Expo Festival in China. I wish to convey my pride and that of all Arizonans in the efforts of these talented and dedicated students, and thank the Dobson faculty and community for its remarkable support.

As a former teacher, I believe very strongly that participation in the arts, especially on such a global scale, leads to cultural enrichment and enhances education and learning across all subjects. This opportunity to perform on a world stage, and the subsequent rush of community support to make this trip possible, is a well-earned reward for the hard work and commitment of the Dobson High Band and its supporters. To make this trip possible, band members raised \$3,000 apiece to pay for travel expenses. I believe in the old saying, "it is hard to be successful unless a lot of other people want you to be." So I also applaud all the parents and community members who helped in this effort as well.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Dobson High School Band as they represent the State of Arizona at the 2010 Shanghai World Music Expo Festival in China. I wish the band all the best during their performance in China and I am confident they will use this trip as an opportunity to learn about a new culture and positively represent our state and country within the global community. I know they will make us all proud.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE SPRING CITY LI- BRARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the patrons, staff and Board of Trustees of the Spring City Library in Chester County as they celebrate the Library's 100th anniversary.

During the last century, the Library has remained true to the core mission of encouraging and fostering the spirit of self-improvement envisioned by its forefathers in the Spring City Literary and Library Association.

While the Library has changed locations and the collection and services offered have increased tremendously, the commitment to serving the public remains just as strong today as when the doors first opened. Whether you want to read a best-seller, rent a movie, use the Internet or send your child to a Story Time program, the Spring City Library is a tremendous asset to the community and has played an important role in making Spring City a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Friends and supporters of the Spring City Library will celebrate the 100th anniversary on Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Spring City Library as it commemorates this memorable milestone and in offering the patrons, staff and Board of Trustees best wishes for continued success.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE CORINTH CAMPUS OF NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COL- LEGE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Corinth, Texas Campus of North Central Texas College.

For the past decade, NCTC-Corinth has provided thousands of North Texas residents with an opportunity to pursue higher education. The Corinth Campus first opened in 2000, and today is educating more than 4,000 students. The Corinth campus shares in the longstanding tradition of academic excellence that is characteristic of NCTC, the oldest continuously operating two-year college in the entire state of Texas.

The NCTC-Corinth campus offers a variety of vocational degrees and certificate programs, as well as college credit courses and continuing education units. The first-class education NCTC-Corinth's students receive prepare them to join the area's workforce as well-trained professionals.

NCTC-Corinth has been an invaluable asset to the many communities that call North Texas home, serving its students well. I have no doubt this trend will continue well into the future and impact many more students, as NCTC-Corinth is planning for future growth that its administrators anticipate will be able to serve some 12,000 students in the coming years.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to honor the 10th Anniversary of the opening of North Central Texas College's Corinth campus. I am proud to represent Texas' 26th Congressional District, which is home to this fine educational institution.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Res. 1258, Supporting the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month.

I commend my good friend Representative GRACE NAPOLITANO, sponsor of the resolution, and the House Energy and Commerce Committee for recognizing that mental health and well-being is a critical issue that affects not only the quality of life, health of our communities and our economic stability.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, each year approximately 25% of Americans are impacted by mental health conditions, and no gender, age, race, religion or socioeconomic status is immune. Through the