

She earned her bachelor's degree in politics from Oberlin, where she cochaired the College Democrats' club, competed as a finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, received several departmental prizes for her academic work, and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She immersed herself fully in the political life of Oberlin, Ohio as well—working on city ballot initiatives for education, city council races, and get-out-the-vote efforts during several elections. During her summer and winter breaks, she also worked at the Pennsylvania Department of Education and served as Congressional candidate Lois Herr's deputy campaign manager during the 2004 election cycle in Lancaster County.

Following graduation, Renata came to Washington to work at the political consulting firm of Evans & Katz. Managing the daily operations of the Washington office, Renata represented clients before the Federal Election Commission, helped coordinate fundraising for several House and Senate candidates, and prepared electoral compliance reports for the firm.

At the beginning of the 110th Congress, Renata joined the Judiciary Committee staff and became an invaluable member of the committee's oversight team. She took on an incalculable number of tasks, staffing Members of the committee and myself on administration oversight issues, voter suppression, executive branch accountability, gaming issues, health care, and most recently the committee's work on the liability issues related to the Gulf Coast oil disaster. She has been instrumental to the committee's investigative work on Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice, including the firing of nine U.S. Attorneys and the resultant Contempt of Congress resolutions on the House Floor. She also worked on large portions of the committee's comprehensive staff report on the previous administration: *Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to Presidency of George W. Bush*.

Renata is leaving the committee and Washington to attend Yale Law School this fall. On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, I would like to thank her for her exemplary work, generosity, sense of humor, and boundless energy. She will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend, but we wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude for her service.

HONORING THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of true American patriots who selflessly give of themselves to honor our men and women in uniform. The Patriot Guard Riders have honored our sailors and troops who have made the ultimate sacrifice, given comfort and protection to their grieving families, and proven themselves to be more than worthy of our thanks.

The Patriot Guard Riders started in Kansas to protect grieving families from protestors who would attempt to disrupt the funerals of

troops that had died defending our nation. That initiative has grown and now stretches across the United States. In my home state of Ohio, we have a great group of men and women who have picked up the flag to ride in honor of our brave men and women.

I have had the distinct honor to meet and spend time with the Ohio Patriot Guard Riders, and the State Captain, Robert "Bob" Woods, of West Chester, Ohio. In just a few short years the membership of the Ohio Patriot Guard Riders has grown from 400 to over 4,000, who at the request of the family ride to honor our fallen heroes. And, when necessary, they shield them from people who would try to tarnish the honor of their loved one.

Bob Woods is an American hero aside from his work with the Patriot Guard Riders. He served our nation in Vietnam. Bob has made it his personal mission to ensure that every returning member of the military knows that their service to our nation is appreciated, and that our fallen heroes are honorably remembered for their service in defense of liberty.

Ohio's Patriot Guard Riders have been there to honor our men and women in uniform and the Veterans who came before them. And today as we approach this Memorial Day weekend, I ask all in Congress to honor and thank the Patriot Guard Riders for their devotion to the ideas of freedom and liberty and the men and women who defend it.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. NELSON YING

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspirational spirit of Dr. Nelson Ying in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Dr. Ying's life story is somewhat of a fairy tale demonstrating the passion and fortitude of the American dream. Dr. Ying and his parents fled from China at the height of the Communist takeover in 1955. The Ying family moved to New York City with only \$600. Dr. Ying's father, James Ying, opened a chain of successful gift shops all over New York, from Chinatown into the New York suburbs. Dr. Ying learned at a young age from his father that in America hard work and perseverance can take you far.

Dr. Ying epitomizes the character and integrity that represent the Asian Pacific American community. Dr. Ying is the founding chairman of the Orange County Science Exposition. Through this annual exposition, Dr. Ying continues to promote direct involvement from students in science. Every year he selects five outstanding high school science scholars to compete in his science competition. The scholarship gives students an opportunity to explore state of the art facilities at places like Kennedy Space Center and Lockheed Martin. The "Ying Prize" has become a testament to science achievement in Central Florida, awarding a prestigious student up to \$1,000 for the best physical science project. Dr. Ying's involvement in the fields of education and community service has greatly contributed to the Central Florida community. Dr. Ying's investment in our next generation of leaders in the field of scientific innovation is invaluable.

Madam Speaker, Central Florida is proud to have a strong community leader like Dr. Ying. Dr. Nelson Ying's priority to give back to the community by educating the next generation of leaders reflects not only core American values, but what should be the top policy priority for our Nation. Dr. Ying's service will compel young adults and be the catalyst for a better world of tomorrow.

ROCKDALE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, since its founding, the Rockdale County Democratic Party has been and continues to be a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, the second annual black tie Gala is being held to celebrate community service and honor excellence in government, business, education and health; and

Whereas, the Rockdale County Democratic Party has always promoted the concept of One Community-One Goal by working with and for individuals of all walks of life to make Rockdale County a place where openness is seen as well as heard; and

Whereas, its members give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community through projects such as voter registration, health walks, mentorships and scholarships; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by the members of the Rockdale County Democratic Party, our nation and the world is a better place due to their commitment to excellence in all of their endeavors; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize their outstanding service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 24, 2010, as Rockdale County Democratic Party Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

HONORING DR. JAMES C. ALLEN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Dr. James C. Allen of Madison, Wisconsin. There is no more appropriate time than now, as we approach Memorial Day, to recognize Dr. Allen's distinguished service to our country both as a veteran of war and an advocate for his fellow servicemembers. His tireless work as an ophthalmologist extends far beyond direct clinical care to touch the lives of countless veterans across our great Nation.

Dr. Allen began his service to our country during the Korean war. After returning from duty, he started practicing ophthalmology at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison. During his 35 year career at the VA Hospital, Dr. Allen discovered a significant problem with the VA compensation structure.

Although veterans could receive compensation for service-connected loss of sight in one eye, they were not eligible for increased assistance if subsequent loss of sight occurred in the second eye until complete blindness set in. A service member himself, Dr. Allen recognized the tremendous sacrifices our veterans make and knew that they should not be forced to struggle with related optical issues without any additional assistance and care. For 7 years, Dr. Allen worked with me and Donald May of Lodi, Wisconsin to craft long overdue legislation that would ensure the correction of this inadequacy.

In 2007, Congress unanimously passed and the President signed H.R. 797, the Dr. James C. Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act, allowing disabled veterans to receive greater compensation if they begin to lose sight in the second eye, regardless of whether or not that loss of sight is service-connected. The Dr. James C. Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act will directly impact the lives of those who sacrificed to defend our freedom. Over 13,000 veterans have been blinded in conflict since World War II, including veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan who are incurring eye wounds at the highest rate of a major conflict since World War I.

Over the years, Dr. Allen has received countless awards and honors, including the 2008 Wisconsin Medical Society Physician Citizen of the Year Award and the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs Veteran Lifetime Achievement Award. However, no amount of accolades could accurately reflect how invaluable his work has been and will continue to be to our most courageous citizens. The American spirit embodies the idea that one thoughtful, committed citizen possesses the ability to create meaningful change and Dr. Allen exemplifies this spirit. I join the greater Madison community and veterans everywhere in honoring Dr. Allen for his unwavering commitment and dedication.

**A TRIBUTE TO BOB HOPE AIRPORT
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF
SERVICE**

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bob Hope Airport as it celebrates its 80 anniversary of service. Since its opening as United Airport on Memorial Day in 1930, the Bob Hope Airport has grown to accommodate 5 million passengers a year with more than 80 daily non-stop flights, making it a vital member of the Southern California airport system.

Previously known as the Union Air Terminal, the Lockheed Air Terminal, the Hollywood-Burbank Airport and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport, in 2003, the Burbank Airport changed names once again, now paying homage to the great Bob Hope, one of our country's legendary entertainers and a long time resident of California. In its 80 years, the airport has been a witness to some of our country's greatest triumphs as well as some of our greatest struggles.

Movie and aviation stars alike attended the 1930 opening of the airport amidst a three day celebration in which 200,000 people partici-

pated. Ten years later and with the approach of World War II, it developed a reputation of being the primary airport of Los Angeles. During the war, the airport was the birthplace of many important aircraft, including B-17 Bombers, Hudson Bombers and over 10,000 P-38 Fighters. However, a testament to its vitality, in the middle of the chaos, the airport remained open as a commercial airport, connecting citizens with the rest of the country and showing that although its name has changed through the years, its commitment has not wavered.

Today there are 2.5 million people living within 15 miles of the Bob Hope Airport, and its airline service continues to be a dependable link to the rest of the nation. In 1977, three cities in my congressional district, Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena joined to form a separate government agency, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, and today the airport operates under their control, demonstrating efficiency and safety.

On the occasion of the Bob Hope Airport's 80th anniversary, I would like to recognize the nine authority commissioners, President Joyce Streater, Vice President Frank Quintero, Secretary Don Brown, and Commissioners Bill Wiggins, Charles A. Lombardo, Dave Weaver, Rafi Manoukian, Chris Holden and Francis D. Logan for their commendable work, and thank all those who have served previously in this role.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Bob Hope Airport on this milestone anniversary, and wish the airport continued success in the future!

**CONGRATULATING 'IOLANI
SCHOOL'S ECONOMICS TEAM, NA-
TIONAL CHAMPIONS OF THE 2010
NATIONAL ECONOMICS CHAL-
LENGE**

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 'Iolani School's Economics Team for winning the 2010 National Economics Challenge.

More than 1,200 teams from across the country competed in this year's event sponsored by the Council for Economic Education. This year marked Iolani's fourth national championship and 11th state championship. 'Iolani has also won two second place national titles.

I would like to recognize team members Andrew Ellison, Jesse Franklin-Murdock, Sean Cockey, and Mark Grozen-Smith as well as coach Richard Rankin. In the fall, Andrew will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, Jesse will be attending the George Washington University, Sean will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Mark will be leading next year's team in defending 'Iolani's title.

Our Nation's recent economic meltdown has demonstrated how essential economic understanding is for all of us. Continued federal support for the Council for Economic Education is critical as it works to empower students through economic and financial literacy programs to help future generations make in-

formed and responsible choices throughout their lives as consumers, savers, investors, workers, citizens, and participants in our global economy. I joined a number of my colleagues to advocate for continued funding for the Council in fiscal year 2011.

Again, congratulations Andrew, Jesse, Sean, Mark, and Coach Rankin. Best wishes on your continued academic success.

**NATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH
MONTH**

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the millions of Americans and the researchers that are fighting every day to end cancer. As you know, May is National Cancer Research month and all across our great Nation, men and women are working not only to overcome this devastating disease that claims half a million American lives every year, but also to prevent it.

Unquestionably, the Nation's investment in cancer research is having a remarkable impact.

Thanks to discoveries and developments in prevention, early detection, and more effective treatments, many of the more than 200 diseases called cancer have been cured or converted into manageable chronic conditions while preserving quality of life. The 5-year survival rate for all cancers has improved over the past 30 years to more than 65 percent. Advances in cancer research have had significant implications for the treatment of other costly diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, HIV/AIDS and macular degeneration.

However, there is much left to be done, as cancer remains the leading cause of death for Americans under age 85 and the second leading cause of death overall. We must continue to strengthen our Nation's commitment to life-saving research for the health and wellbeing of all Americans.

I want to commend the hard work and dedication of all those who are on the front lines of the quest for the prevention and cure of cancer. Organizations such as the American Association for Cancer Research, AACR, American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network are fighting hard every day to eradicate cancer in partnership with the American taxpayer and NIH.

I was pleased to learn that President Obama nominated Dr. Harold Varmus to head the National Cancer Institute, NCI. As NIH Director under President Clinton, Dr. Varmus was instrumental in the historic growth of this great agency. As NCI tackles the health mysteries surrounding cancer, it is heartening to know it will be led by such a distinguished and capable scientist.

As we celebrate National Cancer Research Month this May, I hope that this Congress will continue to make cancer research a national priority and ensure continued progress for the hope and benefit of all Americans who have or will be touched by this dreaded disease.