

railroad industry and his investment in Colorado's infrastructure.

Mr. Ellis has provided many Coloradans with railroad service to remote areas that would normally not see such attention. His company, Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC, specializes in reviving smaller railways that serve less populated areas. One of these lines is the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad in Colorado's San Luis Valley. His dedication to running the scenic train has provided a much needed boost to the area's economy and tourism.

Mr. Ellis has provided a needed service to southern Colorado and a number of other states that benefit from his attention and investment.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to a man so devoted to local transit and to a small company fighting in a big industry. I have no doubt that under Mr. Ellis' leadership Iowa Pacific Holdings will continue to thrive.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD M. KING,
VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT
AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Edward M. King in recognition of his 23 years of dedicated service to Boston University and his passionate advocacy on behalf of the University throughout the halls of government and the communities of Boston.

Ed began his tenure at Boston University in 1987 as Associate Vice President for Government & Community Affairs. In 1991, Ed became Vice President, overseeing all functions relating to federal, state, city, and community relations. Prior to coming to Boston University, Ed was the Director of Community Relations and Public Affairs for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. He was also the Executive Secretary and Deputy Director of the Youth Activities Commission for the City of Boston and is a former Manager of Little City Hall in South Boston as well as a former assistant to Mayor Kevin White.

Throughout his career at Boston University, Ed served under Presidents John Silber, Jon Westling, Aram Chobanian, and Robert Brown. During Ed's tenure, Boston University went through an unprecedented growth that benefited both the University and the economy of the city of Boston. Through Ed's effort at both the community and governmental levels, the University successfully completed such projects as: Biosquare, Sargent College, the John Hancock Student Village complex that includes 1,800 new dormitory beds and the Harry Agganis Arena, the School of Management, the Photonics Center, the Life Science & Engineering building on Cummington Street, and the new East Campus Student Services Center on Bay State Road. There was nearly \$1 billion of construction that went through extensive community and government review during Ed's time at Boston University.

Additionally, Ed was the University's ambassador to the business and academic communities. He was Boston University's contact to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, A

Better City, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Association of Non-Profit Schools & Colleges. He was active in charities such as The Boys and Girls Clubs, the Greater Boston Girl Scouts Council, the West End House, the Little House, Dorchester neighborhood Little Leagues, and Catholic Charities.

A 1981 graduate of Boston State College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Ed currently resides with his wife, Kimberly, and their son, Charles, in Hingham.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with Ed's family, friends, and the Boston University community to thank him for his incredible dedication and commitment to the University and the city of Boston. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Ed's distinguished career and in wishing him good health and success in all of his future endeavors.

JAMES BEDARD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. James Bedard, of Alamosa, Colorado, for being selected to the E. (Kika) de la Garza Fellowship program. With this recognition, Dr. Bedard will be able to further represent southern Colorado and Adams State College while continuing his already impressive research.

Dr. Bedard is one of 20 other faculty members in schools across the country selected for the honor. Nominees for the fellowship are chosen based on their educational experience and the relevance of their research to the USDA, specifically to issues facing the Hispanic population. It is one of the most prestigious awards available to Hispanic-American citizens.

The new resources available to Dr. Bedard will allow him to provide a more thorough education to his students and show them opportunities that were more elusive. He will also have greater access to federal agencies that specialize in agricultural problems facing the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize Dr. James Bedard today. Southern Colorado has long benefitted from his work and will now see even greater results with help from the E. (Kika) de la Garza Fellowship. I have no doubt that Dr. Bedard will continue his important agricultural research and thrive as a teacher and community leader.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF TERRA LINDA HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Terra Linda High School in San Rafael, California. The school's Golden Anniversary was celebrated

on May 28, 2011, by a gathering of three generations of proud Terra Linda alumni.

Since its founding, Terra Linda High School has provided thousands of Marin County children the firm and balanced footing they deserve, and it has played an integral role in the strength and success of San Rafael and Marin County. The school upholds high standards in education and extracurriculars, balancing a host of advanced placement offerings with the art, music, and athletic activities that truly enrich the learning experience. Terra Linda and schools like it remind us of the limitless potential of our system of public education when students are provided the resources they need to excel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Terra Linda High School. Few institutions are as intimately tied to our national identity as our public schools, and none is more essential to our collective future. Terra Linda represents the best of this tradition, and I am proud to honor its legacy in our county.

JIM B. JONES TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jim B. Jones, a man who proudly served his country during WWII.

Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945, Mr. Jones was assigned to G Company as a corporal, and was sent to Hawaii. Upon arrival in Hawaii, Mr. Jones boarded the USS *Niagara*, to Okinawa. During his time in Okinawa, the United States dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On V-J Day, only a few days after the bombing, Mr. Jones was moved to Korea. Here, he took part in accepting the surrender of the Japanese Army in ceremonies in Seoul.

During the remainder of his time in Korea, Mr. Jones served as a rifleman and a clerk typist in Chengju.

In 1946, when he was twenty years old, Mr. Jones left Korea after spending a year there. He arrived home in time for the first day of hunting season.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service and character of Jim B. Jones.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE
BETH SHOLOM

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration and recognition of 60 years of unrivaled spiritual leadership and unequalled community service by Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn Heights, New York.

In the summer of 1951, approximately 70 Jewish families gathered with the hopes of establishing a place of worship for the Jewish community in Roslyn and the surrounding area. They could have hardly hoped or anticipated that these humble beginnings would

grow into such a vibrant and vital temple—renowned for its excellent religious school, its benevolent activism, and its strong commitment to the Jewish faith and Jewish values.

In 1957, the still nascent congregation came together to raise funds to construct a new school wing, an atrium, offices, and a synagogue and sanctuary—facilities they still use today. Since then, the congregation has only continued to grow in both reach and mission. Temple Beth Shalom has been recognized for its extraordinary educational program—from nursery school to adult education. The Temple's Rabbi Ario S. and Tess Hyams Judaica Museum, founded in 1968, houses an impressive collection of art and artifacts important to Jews and the Jewish faith. The generous congregation has donated and raised funds to continually improve the function and facilities of the Temple. Moving forward, the congregation will continue to expand and improve its positive influence on both their membership and the community.

For decades, the Temple has maintained an unwavering fidelity to the values of the Conservative Jewish movement while encouraging both open-mindedness and innovative practices. Emblematic of this, Temple Beth Shalom elected its first woman president in 1972 and, in subsequent years, became one of the first egalitarian congregations in the Conservative movement. The Temple was also one of the first to collect congregational contributions according to a sliding scale based on income—recognizing diverse capabilities to give within their membership. Through innovation and creativity, Temple Beth Shalom has remained faithful to its Conservative tradition while embracing new and pioneering practices.

Under the current direction of Rabbi Alan B. Lucas, Temple Beth Shalom is continuing in its great tradition of faith, family, and community. His spiritual guidance is an invaluable asset to the congregation and the surrounding community, and his leadership and commitment will allow the Temple to continue its good works for years to come.

On June 12, 2011, Temple Beth Shalom will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Since 1951, it has been an essential element of the Roslyn Heights community. I am proud to recognize the synagogue's extraordinary accomplishments. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing my gratitude and congratulations to Temple Beth Shalom for its six decades of service to the Jewish community of Roslyn.

JOAN ANZELMO TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, It is my honor to rise and pay tribute to one of America's most dedicated and passionate Civil Servants. On July 1st, 2011 Joan Anzelmo will be hanging up her "flat hat" after a meritorious 35 year career with the National Park Service.

Joan is a native of Washington, D.C., and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1975 with a Bachelor's Degree in French. She began her Park Service career the next year as the Visitor Services Chief at the National Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. Along the way, Joan has served in Virginia at Great

Falls Park, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park, and has been tasked by the Park Service to coordinate large scale events including the Bicentennial Celebrations at Yorktown, the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the National Park Service in Yellowstone, and the 50th Anniversary Celebrations for Grand Teton National Park. Among her accomplishments is her service as National Park Service spokesperson during the 1988 wildfires that swept through Yellowstone, equipping her with nationally recognized crisis communications prowess, and seeing her assigned to the Unified Area Command for the National Park Service in response to the BP Oil Spill in 2010. She has received numerous awards for her service, including the Superior Service and Meritorious Service awards, two of the Department of Interior's most prestigious honors.

Joan wraps up her career overseeing the management of the awe-inspiring red rock canyons and formations of the Colorado National Monument in my district at the far western edge of Colorado, where she serves as Superintendent. With rising visitation, active outreach to the local school population, and a very successful centennial celebration just this year, this is a fitting capstone to an accomplished career, and worthy of our recognition. I wish her well as she returns to Jackson, Wyoming, where she will be in close proximity to her daughter, Jenny, who is herself employed at Grand Teton National Park's public affairs office.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ADELE WILSON

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adele Wilson's work is present not only in the city of New Orleans, but around the nation for all to see, being an usher, missionary and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman gave so much to her family, her community and her church; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, she just wanted to do what was right and she not only talked the talk, she walked the walk for others to get involved in matters of the community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adele Wilson led by doing, she was a warrior for education, a beacon of light for all people, a wife, a mother, a daughter, a friend; she was a Proverbs 31 woman, our matriarch, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community until her end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable mention and recognition on Mrs. Adele Wilson for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of the United States of America; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 112th Con-

gress that Mrs. Adele Wilson of New Orleans, Louisiana is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Mention."

Mrs. Adele Wilson,
U.S. Citizen of Distinction
in the 4th Congressional District.
Proclaimed, this 11th day of June, 2011.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VITA ACT

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today upon the introduction of the VITA Act of 2011. This legislation would permanently authorize the Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Matching Grant Program that has been funded through the annual appropriations process since Fiscal Year 2008.

The availability of free tax education and assistance programs in local communities helps many low-income individuals avoid having to depend upon paid tax return preparers and refund anticipation loans in order to successfully file their annual federal income tax returns. Currently, the Community VITA Program is a federally-supported taxpayer education and assistance program funded through the Internal Revenue Service, aimed at supporting low-income individuals and targeted subpopulations during the tax preparation process.

VITA programs offer free tax assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals who cannot afford professional assistance. More than 75,000 VITA volunteers prepare basic tax returns for low income taxpayers with a focus on at least one specific underserved group with special needs, including persons with disabilities, non-English speaking persons, Native Americans, rural taxpayers, and the elderly. The continued federal support has enabled community VITA programs to reach more underserved low-income taxpayers, and resulted in more families accessing vital tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). During the 2009 filing season, VITA centers prepared over 1.2 million tax returns and brought back over \$1.6 billion in tax returns to working families.

The VITA Act of 2011 would authorize \$30 million in matching grants to eligible Community VITA Programs to be used for program operation, taxpayer outreach, and related financial services. The legislation would also establish a National Center to Promote Quality, Excellence, and Evaluation in VITA with a \$5 million authorization to disseminate best practices, facilitate technical assistance, coordinate program outcomes, and ensure continuation of service to underserved taxpayers for the 4,500 VITA sites operating nationwide.

The benefits of this community-based approach are abundant. First, VITA centers offer taxpayers a free, community-based alternative to commercial tax preparation chains, some of which steer low-income taxpayers into Refund Anticipation Loans, essentially borrowing their own money at high interest rates. Second, considerable evidence demonstrates that VITA centers significantly increase taxpayer compliance. Finally, VITA centers ensure that taxpayers not only claim the benefits of which they are entitled, but that they are also exposed to a variety of financial literacy tools