

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 Sholom 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 Sholom 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 Sholom has remained faithful to its Conservative tradition while embracing new and pioneering practices.

Under the current direction of Rabbi Alan B. Lucas, Temple Beth Sholom 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 Sholom 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 Sholom 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

and savings strategies aimed at helping them build assets for the future.

For these reasons, I have joined Senator SHERROD BROWN in introducing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Act of 2011, which is focused on expanding the original successes of the VITA program and ensuring the program is brought to a national scale. I urge all my colleagues to join me in this bill, which saves the Federal Government money, pumps money into our communities and gives a fair deal to our working families.

JOHN F. MARTINEZ TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to rise in commendation of John F. Martinez, who has served his country with great honor and dignity during WWII.

Mr. Martinez was born in San Luis, Colorado, in 1917. He worked as a farmer and answered his country's call, enlisting in the US Army at Fort Logan in 1942. There he was assigned to the 358th Infantry Division as squad leader.

The admirable career of Mr. Martinez included campaigns in Normandy, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Because of his courageous service, Mr. Martinez has received ribbons for each campaign, was awarded a Bronze Star, and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in combat.

Mr. Speaker, John F. Martinez embodies the values of hard work, courage and sacrifice that make this country great. His actions and service are worthy of admiration and praise.

HONORING THE TRINITY CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the New Haven community in commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Choir of Men and Boys of Trinity Church. This extraordinary group of gifted adults and children has been in continuous service since its founding and has been nationally and internationally recognized for its talent and service.

With members as young as age eight and ranging to men well into adulthood, the Trinity Choir of Men and Boys is the oldest such choir in Connecticut, one of the oldest in the United States, and one of very few that have been in continuous service since inception. In addition to providing choral music at Trinity worship services, the choir also performs at the Christmas and spring concerts as well as throughout events in the wider community. The dedication and talent of its membership have earned the choir a distinguished reputation and they have regularly appeared with other musical organizations such as the Orchestra of Old Fairfield Academy and the

members of the Choir of Christ Church in Greenwich, Connecticut, the Julliard Orchestra, the Boston Philharmonic and the American Classical Orchestra. They have appeared in venues ranging from the Green in New Haven to Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the White House. The boys of the choir have also performed in the United Kingdom and Italy. They have received well-deserved accolades throughout their history and they continue to make their hometown of New Haven, Connecticut proud.

The youngest of the group have a separate identity as the Trinity Boys Choir and their service to the community is certainly something to be recognized. Their frequent outreach activities have included benefit performances for the Children's Center, Ronald McDonald House, Sage Services, Newington Children's Hospital, the Fair Haven Parents' Ministry, the Smilow Cancer Center, and, most recently, for WFSB Channel 3's annual Joy for Kids Holiday Show at the Hartford Stage. They have sung in the Cathedrals of the British Isles and have been invited to appear at five Christmas time celebrations at the White House. Their talent is remarkable, but it is the commitment they have made to bring the joy of music to some of our most vulnerable citizens that is what makes the choir so special.

Today, with members past and present gathered as their year-long celebration comes to an end, the choir can reflect on their exceptional history and look forward to many more years of acclaimed performances. I consider it a privilege to have this opportunity to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Trinity Men and Boys Choir as they celebrate their 125th anniversary. Under the leadership Music Director Walden Moore, Associate Music Director Andrew Kotylo, and Organ Scholar Benjamin Straley, I have no doubt that the Trinity Choir of Men and Boys will continue to bring distinctive and unique performances to our community and others across the world.

HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO PROGRAM

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all the World War II veterans, but especially our distinguished guests from the Honor Flight Chicago Program. This noble program enables hundreds of Veterans from the Chicago area to come visit the memorial built to honor their great service and courage, and I have the great privilege of welcoming them to Washington DC.

We all have a special appreciation for our veterans because we know the sacrifices they made to protect us and bring peace to a world ravaged by war. These servicemen answered our nation's call during one of its greatest times of need. These brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them our deepest gratitude and thanks for protecting and ensuring our future.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see,

hear, recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Joseph Bialek, Stephen Bobic, George Bosy, Norman Breyer, Ralph Brockman, Peter Broustis, Simon Bult, Joseph Burke, Joseph Buzinski, Ingemar Carlson, John Carlson, James Carson, John Casper, George Charnas, Lehman Cheshier, William Corrigan, Raymond Craig, John DeHesus, Arthur DeLorenzo, Cyril Diskin, James Doheny, Raymond Donovan, William Doyle, John Dryja, Eileen DuPont, Willard Duvall, Irving Ellis, Robert Elmer, Robert Engdahl, Charles Ettner, Guy Franzese, Julian Friedman, William Froelke, Alfred Galuszka, Olaf Gjovik, Norman Goone, Lester Guenther, Gilbert Hancock, Robert Heinzen, Vernon Hill, Donald Hintz, Andrew Hitzelberger, Rick Jimenez, James Kinnard, Fred Klooster, Alfred Koszyk, Guenther Krieger, Walter Krulac, Andrew Kwinn, Lloyd Lage, Seymour Laurie, John Lavelle, Thomas Leo, Irving Lerner, James Letarte, Marcel Levesque, C. Russel Lockwood, Joseph Mann, John Marias, Richard Martial, Marvin McGreal, Marion Mitchell, Edward Moran, William Nicholson, John Oberholz, Louis Olmetti, David Perlman, Richard Pevitts, John Plisky, Joseph Pratl, Emil Pribula, George Renner, Arthur Reynders, William Rjeker, Robert Riplow, Frank Rock, James Rossi, Edward Ryan, Charles Sauer, Donald Schoo, Robert Shields, Edward Siessmann, Paul Sternfeld, Howard Surret, Leonard Sytsma, Anthony Thomas, Robert Tinucci, John Torhan, Eugene Tronvig, Howard Vander Meer, Robert Vehlow, Dorothy Vesely, Lawrence Wallach, Frank Washburn, Albert Wiener, Elmer Wilhelm, Robert Winscott, Theodore Woytowicz, Joseph Zajac, Richard Zidek, and Henry Westrop.

HONORING CHIEF ROBERT FINN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the service of an outstanding public servant in the 24th Congressional District of Texas. Police Chief Robert Finn is a hard working, family-oriented individual who has served the Southlake area selflessly throughout his personal and professional life. Chief Finn is retiring after 24 years of public service with the City of Southlake.

Chief Finn graduated from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, with a bachelor's degree of Public Safety Administration and an Executive Masters of Business Administration. In 2001, Chief Finn also graduated from the FBI National Academy. He has been married to his wife, Monica, for eight years and has two children.

In 1987, Chief Finn began his career in public safety as a Firefighter EMT-Paramedic for the city of Southlake. In 2002, he was appointed as the Southlake Fire Chief, and in 2008 he became Chief of the Southlake Police Department.

During his tenure as a public servant, Chief Finn assisted in the completion of the beautiful Southlake Department of Public Safety headquarters. Chief Finn developed strong relationships with neighboring cities, Keller and