

headquartered in Duluth, provides the United States Air Force with combat Air Sovereignty and Air Defense. Additionally, both Wings are continually prepared to support the State of Minnesota with assistance in the event of disaster declaration.

During WWII the 109th Observation Squadron was deployed to Europe, initially flying the Supermarine Spitfire Mk V and later reconnaissance missions with the North American F-6 Mustang. During the Korean War, Minnesota's Air Guard was again activated, contributing pilots to active wings throughout the Korean theater.

Throughout the Cold War of the 1950s and early 1960s, both units of the 179th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Duluth and 109th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in St. Paul provided active air defense commitments with 24-hour alert status. Threats by the Soviet Union to oust Western troops from West Berlin in 1961 prompted the Berlin Crisis and a call-up of selected National Guard forces throughout the United States. Included in this mobilization were members of the 133rd Air Transport Wing, who served in federal active service for eleven months while operating out of their home station at the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Airport. While the Minnesota Air Guard was never officially mobilized during the Vietnam War, the organization flew hundreds of supply and transport missions to Southeast Asia.

Today, the Minnesota Air National Guard continues to serve with valor and with honor. We all recall the critical moments following the attack on our nation on September 11th, 2001. Immediately, F-16s from the 148th Fighter Wing were called into action for combat air patrols over critical areas. Since then, the Air Guard has provided support for our nation's efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn as well as other operations worldwide. Brave men and women today from 133rd Airlift Wing and the 148th Fighter Wing continue to serve our nation with distinction in overseas operations today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the commitment and dedication of the 2,000 airmen and women serving in the Minnesota Air National Guard as we commemorate the 90th Anniversary of this pioneering unit.

IN HONOR OF GUERINO AND CAROLYN RИPEPI'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Guerino and Carolyn Ripepi to acknowledge their 60th anniversary.

Guerino and Carolyn were married on May 5, 1951 at St. Paul's Croatian Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the course of their lives together Guerino and Carolyn raised four children in Parma and later North Royalton, Ohio. The couple takes great pride in the accomplishments of their seven grandchildren.

The Ripepi's were active members of the Northeast Ohio community. Guerino was a member of the Brooklyn-Parma Knights of Columbus and Parma Elks Lodge. Carolyn was

involved with her children's lives as a Cub Scout Pack leader and was awarded a Marian Award by the Girl Scouts. Carolyn also belonged to the Ridgewood Lanes women's league.

After a career with Erie Lackawanna Railroad and Parma City Schools, respectively, Guerino and Carolyn retired to the Timber Pines Retirement Community in Spring Hill, Florida. They continue to be active, participating in such activities as golf, bocce and billiards.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the long and happy life that Guerino and Carolyn continue to enjoy together.

THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH WATKINS SAUL

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Third Congressional District of Florida, I rise to offer heartfelt condolences and pay tribute to the life of Elizabeth Watkins Saul, a humanitarian, social service advocate and life activist.

I am moved and encouraged when recalling the life achievements of the gentle and loving spirit of an accomplished woman who lived such a brief and beautiful life of service. She strived for excellence in every endeavor and she exuded boundless energy and love that was shared in the field of community and social activism. As a wife, community leader and social service advocate, we embrace her husband, family and the community that embraced her service and humanitarian efforts. A woman for whom education was important, Elizabeth Watkins Saul received her B.S. Degree from the historic Texas Tech University with a degree in political science and public policy.

On this special occasion and celebration of the life of a phenomenal woman, I join with the immediate family, and loved ones in saying farewell and praising God for the life of a woman of God who was selfless and lived a productive life of purpose. Elizabeth enjoyed fishing, painting, traveling, decorating, BINGO, reading and spending quality time with her friends and family. Elizabeth was dearly cherished by her loved ones, colleagues and her community in Fort Worth, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; Alexandria, Virginia; Orlando, Florida; and Tucson, Arizona. Elizabeth's employment spans from Clinique Cosmetics, Capitol Hill, The Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, Raytheon and Tuskegee University Resolution Team. She most recently worked as a successful and well respected Senior Manager of Human Resources at Raytheon Missile Systems, where she played an integral role in the recruitment of Tuskegee graduates for careers in engineering and management. Elizabeth was a Tuskegee University presidential transition team member. In addition to being an essential part of President Gilbert Rochon's Transition Team; Ms. Saul was a member of two Transition Team committees: Improve the Management and Performance of the Kellogg Center and Improve Staff Quality and Productivity. Tuskegee will establish the

Elizabeth Watkins Saul Scholarship at the University beginning in the fall of 2011. As a woman of integrity and character, Elizabeth was both gifted and inspiring, always leaning on the everlasting tasks of making a difference in her community. Where she saw pain, she sought to relieve it with personal interaction; where she saw potential in others, she gave them impetus and encouragement; where she saw despair, she brought direction and promise; and where she saw the need for love and caring, she unselfishly gave of herself.

The life of Elizabeth Watkins Saul was one of accomplishment and service. In her passing, we pay tribute to an accomplished woman and her life of service to each of us. She will be remembered for the love of her family, friends, Sorority Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and colleagues. This attribute set her above and beyond all selfless giving. She has a special anointed gift of discernment and those that had an opportunity to be in her presence were blessed to experience her tireless energy for service and were beneficiaries of her boundless generosity. It is my prayer that by her example that each of us become the bearers of her humanitarian legacy. We come now to join in prayer for her parents, and a host of loving relatives, friends, whose lives have been forever changed by this exemplary woman of excellence and peace. I thank our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be blessed with the time spent with Elizabeth, our friend. Elizabeth was a devoted wife and leaves memories and love to her husband H. Rock Saul of 17 years; father and mother George, Sr., and Carolyn Watkins; Siblings Gerald Cook, George Watkins, Jr., Darnetta Kay Watkins-Owens (Michael); Mother-in-law Arleen Haydel; Sister-in-law Nicole Saul, six nieces and nephews, one godchild (Evans); Grandmother Dear Watson and a host of family members and special friends.

HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN WOOLSEY'S SERVICE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the California Congressional delegation, I rise to highlight the career of Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, who has announced that she will retire after the 112th Congress. Congresswoman WOOLSEY broke barriers when she began her career as the first former welfare recipient to serve in Congress. As a young single mother with three children, she needed public assistance to make ends meet—even though she was employed. This sensitivity to working families has shone through her Congressional career.

Rep. WOOLSEY serves as a senior member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, and as a member of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

On this committee, she helped to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act, which protects Americans who need temporary employment leave due to a serious illness or to care for a sick family member. Recently, Congresswoman WOOLSEY proposed "the Balancing

Act," which will help families by promoting public universal pre-school, investments in child care, universal school breakfast, benefits for part-time workers, and telecommuting incentives.

She has served as co-chair of the Progressive Caucus where she led our efforts to present the progressive voice in Congress and use our strength as a large voting block to influence legislation. She continues to be an active progressive leader.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY vocally opposed the Iraq war from day one. The San Jose Mercury News hailed her as "the unofficial matriarch of the [anti-war] movement in Congress." She has led the way for peace by introducing the first resolution to demand that we bring our troops home.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY fought to pass landmark health care reform last Congress by supporting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. She led our efforts to include a public health insurance option in the law in order to inject real competition against the private health insurance industry. Though we lost that battle as part of the health reform law, she has taken the lead in authoring legislation to amend the law to institute a public option. That legislation would save the Federal Government \$68 billion and deserves to be part of the solution as Congress focuses on efforts to reduce the deficit.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY has always worked to protect the environment and reduce our dependence on foreign oil during her tenure as a senior member of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology and as a member of the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment. She is working to safeguard her district's shores from oil spills by introducing a bill that would designate the Sonoma coastline as a National Marine Sanctuary.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY simply personifies public service. She has been one of the most sought out and responsive representatives. Each week her Washington office receives and responds to over 3,000 constituent letters, phone calls, and emails.

It has been an honor to serve with LYNN over the past 20 years. Thanks to Congresswoman WOOLSEY's service, America is a better place for working families. I know we haven't heard the last from LYNN WOOLSEY. I look forward to continuing to work together in the 112th Congress and in her next venture, which I am sure will continue to advance the progressive causes she believes in so strongly.

CONGRATULATING THE EAU CLAIRE
SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL ODYSSEY
OF THE MIND TEAM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Eau Claire South Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team that took fifth place at the 2011 World Finals held at the University of Maryland. Odyssey of the Mind is an educational program that challenges students to creative problem-solving challenges. The competition takes place first at the local level and moves onto a state and world competition for

groups that succeed. The Eau Claire team was the only group from Wisconsin to make it to the worldwide competition where they placed fifth overall. They were one of only two teams to place in the entire Midwest division.

The team competed in a challenge entitled "Full Circle," which required the team to create a humorous skit while completing numerous challenges. The first challenge was having something change form three times during the presentation before returning to its original form. The skit also had to include a funny character, a serious character, a song and dance, and a surprising ending. All of this had to be worked together into one presentation.

Not only did the team have to prepare a challenge in advance, but they had to compete in a spontaneous challenge that they were presented with immediately before their performance. After competing in both the main challenge entitled "Full Circle," and the spontaneous challenge, they came in fifth place among schools from all over the world. I am proud of the Eau Claire South Middle School team and their accomplishment. Hopefully, it will be the first of many successes in these young students' lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE MUSTARD
SEED MARKET

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Mustard Seed Market, the largest locally-owned retailer of natural and organic products in Ohio.

In 1978, husband and wife team, Margaret and Philip Nabors, started a small, home-based, natural foods catering business in Northeast Ohio and discovered a large market for their healthy cooking. The couple supplied nutritious and delicious food to a multitude of weddings and events. In 1981, they expanded their enterprise with the opening of a small health foods store in Akron's Merriman Valley. Mustard Seed Market continues to offer a wide variety of natural foods, supplements, teas, books and health and beauty items.

In 1989, Mustard Seed Market relocated to a much larger space, which included a 60 seat restaurant and an even larger selection of natural foods. Responding to customers' requests, the Nabors added a new fresh seafood case, an antibiotic-and-cage-free poultry case, and a small meat department. In 1992, they began offering a Monday night educational program, which consisted of cooking classes and lectures related to natural health.

As a result of Mustard Seed Market's great and continued success, the Nabors decided to expand the business further in 1996. They moved to what is now their current location, a 31,500 square foot shopping and dining area, which includes a 14,000 square foot retail space, 120-seat restaurant, 20-seat bar and a banquet facility. In 1999, a second store was opened in Solon, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Margaret and Philip Nabors, whose inspiring thirty year mission has helped many people enjoy healthier lives through healthier eating habits.

BRUCE WARD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bruce Ward for his promotion of outdoor recreation, and his devotion to the Colorado public lands. Throughout Mr. Ward's life, he has contributed greatly to the outdoors, establishing various programs to help people live active lifestyles and learn about the environment.

Mr. Ward started his career as a tour guide for TrekInternational, acquainting hundreds of young adults to America's National Parks and public lands. His time with TrekInternational cemented his passion for the outdoors, and it opened the opportunity for him to serve as an outreach coordinator for REI, where he organized volunteers and spearheaded programs to build outdoor outreach programs throughout the U.S.

In 1994, Mr. Ward and his wife, Paula, worked in conjunction with the Fausel Foundation to create the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, establishing the Continental Divide Trail as the "King of Trails." Currently, Mr. Ward is developing national initiatives designed to get youth outdoors. On July 6, 2011, Mr. Ward was recognized by President Obama as a "White House Champion of Change for Rural America."

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Bruce Ward today. He has spent his life working for people and the outdoors, and his efforts have richly served the great state of Colorado.

IN RECOGNITION FOR THE OUT-
STANDING CONTRIBUTION OF
STEVE MARTYN

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Steve Martyn, Field Representative and Case Worker for the 5th district of Colorado, and would like to express my gratitude for his service and congratulate him on his well-earned admission to the University of Colorado School of Law.

Mr. Martyn's career has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to public service as he has been involved in numerous service activities at the state and federal level. He has been a tremendous researcher, team leader, event planner, writer, and more specifically, an invaluable member of my staff. He has represented me and my office with excellence and has given his best efforts to serve the wonderful citizens of Colorado Springs.

For the past two years, Mr. Martyn has proven himself to be an exceptional case worker, field representative, and respected team member among his colleagues. Thousands of constituents have been directly aided and positively influenced by the expertise, customer service, and distinguished work ethic of Mr. Martyn.

As he transitions into life as a full-time law student, I am greatly honored to acknowledge