

and thank him publically for his service. The benefits that my wife and I, our staff, and the many citizens of the 5th district of Colorado have received due to his hard work are beyond measure. Mr. Martyn has set an impressive precedent for service, proof of his path to a highly successful career. I would like to join in celebration with his colleagues, family, and friends as we congratulate him on his achievements as he continues to further his commitment to public service through the practice of law.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 2011 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2011 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition, NECO, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. This year, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor takes on a special significance as 2011 marks the 25th anniversary of these distinguished awards, a milestone which was celebrated this past May with a patriotic ceremony on Ellis Island. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since the medal's founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The richness and diversity of American life makes us unique among the nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promotes unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO over these last 25 years and in congratulating all of the 2011 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor.

2011 ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Gina Addeo, Setrak O. Agonian, Margaret Ajemian Ahnert, Carlos E. Alvarez, Hamid Ansari, Michael Aram, Tom Arnold, Kevork B. Bardakjian, PhD, Stanley M. Bergman, Tejinder Singh Bindra, Col. Matthew Bogdanos, Esq., USMC (Ret.), John A. Brennan, MD, Paul A. Brinkley, Jerry Cahill, Hon. Salvatore J. Cassano, Anthony D. Chimino, Steve S. Chon, Jim Clifton, Darryle D. Clott, James F. Comley, Giancarlo Crupi, MD, James Jian Cui, MD, PhD, Supt. Joseph A. D'Amico, Marty D. Davidson, Joseph F. Dean, ADM Bruce DeMars, USN (Ret.), Nitin V. Doshi, DDS, Pierre Dulaine, CAPT Linda L. Fagan, USCG, David Fitzpatrick, PhD, Bill V. Gallo, Cyril E. Geacintov, PhD, John Giuffre, SSgt. Salvatore A. Giunta, USA, Joseph R. Haiek, Dorothy J. Harber, Lacy J. Harber, Stuart C. Harvey, Jr., Salah M. Hassanein, Robert S. Hekemian, Hon. Patrick Henry, Scott H. Herman, Fernando J. Hernandez, John M. Iacono, O. Wayne Isom, MD, Joel P. Jahraus, MD, MG Nathaniel James, AUS, Hon. James A. Kaddo, Chief Charles S. Kammerdener, Dr. Munnir Kazmir, Ken Kendrick, Kamran Khavarani, PhD, Hon. Peter J. Koutoujian, Sr., Cecilia M. La Pietra, OP, Wai Lap Leung, MD, Jeffrey E. Levine, Jerry Lewis, Weining Liang, MD, Joanie M. Madden, Babu Rao Mandava, Joseph A. Martorana, Anthony J. Melita, Joseph S. Micallef, JD, Radmila Milentijevic, PhD, LTG John F. Mulholland, Jr., USA, Francis Najafi, Vali R. Nasr, PhD, Younes Nazarian, Denis O'Brien, James G. O'Connor, John O'Hurley, Gail Talanian O'Reilly, Harvey E. Oyer, III, Esq., Mustafa Oz, MD, FACS, BG Frederick M. Padilla, USMC, Fa Y. Park, Patrick M. Park, William L. Perocchi, Vladimir Prodanovich, Philip Pumerantz, PhD, Fahim Rahim, MD, Naeem Rahim, MD, Ali C. Razi, Frank L. Regnante, Doris Roberts, Michele M. Rollins, Esq., Thomas Roma, Bruno L. Sammartino, Samin K. Sharma, MD, Kevin Chang Yao Shih, Donald F. Shula, CMSgt Darren A. Silsbee, USAF, Susan Sommer-Luarca, Joel Szabat, George Veras, Manu K. Vora, PhD, MBA, Joseph M. Walsh, Shirley Wang, Richard P. Wei, Roger L. Williams, MD, Walter W. Wise, Jr., Chris Jia Shu Xu, Madlena Zepter, Philip Zepter, Kenny Weiqun Zhang.

HONORING THE HEROIC SERVICE OF CORPORAL NORMAN N. CHAPMAN, JR., UNITED STATES ARMY, 1964-1968

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic service of Army Corporal Norman N. Chapman, Jr.

Born in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Corporal Chapman enlisted in the Army in June of 1964 and attended basic training at Fort Devens. Trained in security, he volunteered for service in Vietnam with the 3rd Radio Research Unit, stationed at Davis Station at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, near the city of Saigon. On April 13, 1966, Corporal Chapman was wounded in a mortar attack. After his recovery, he was transferred to Homestead Air Force Base. In February 1967, Corporal Chapman moved to the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, where he served until his discharge from the Army in 1968.

Corporal Chapman's service to our country did not end there. He served as a police offi-

cer with the Pensacola Police Department for nearly 25 years in a number of capacities within the Department, from uniform patrol to tactile patrol. He also served in the Detective Bureau, Investigations, and Personnel and Training. In one of the most notable chapters in American criminal history, Mr. Chapman was instrumental in the apprehension and prosecution of serial killer Ted Bundy in 1978. From 1994 to 1998, he served admirably and honorably as Chief of the Pensacola Police Department.

The Purple Heart presented to Corporal Chapman is a testament to his life of selfless service to his country, his community, and his family. The medal is given to those who have been wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and is one of the oldest decorations bestowed upon service members by the United States. In reviewing his military medical records, the Army has seen fit to award the Purple Heart Medal to Corporal Chapman for wounds sustained as a result of enemy actions in Vietnam.

Norm Chapman spent his life protecting our lives and our freedoms as both an Army soldier and Pensacola police officer. His service stands as an example for the young men and women on the battlefields abroad and the young officers on the streets at home. Protecting American citizens has been a way of life for Mr. Chapman, and I am privileged to recognize him for this life of heroism.

He and his wife Helen of 45 years have six children—John, Scott, Lydia, Kevin, Keith, and Sarah—and sixteen grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to venerate the leadership and selfless service of Corporal Norman Chapman. My wife Vicki and I wish him and his family all the best for continued success.

HONORING PATRICIA MATTIMORE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the career of Patricia Mattimore, who is retiring after more than twenty-seven years of service with the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ms. Mattimore began her House career in July of 1984. Throughout the years, Patricia has brought a wealth of professional expertise to all of the positions she has held at the House. She has worked for the Appropriations Committee, Clerk of the House, and Chief Administrative Officer. Over the past eight years, she has ensured accurate reporting to the U.S. Treasury for the House's monthly cash activity. This critical process is necessary for the House to demonstrate financial accountability to the public and was performed with great accuracy due to her attention to detail. Her passionate customer service, organizational skills, resourcefulness and dedication to her work has benefited the House as a whole over her career.

On behalf of the entire House community, I congratulate Ms. Patricia Mattimore for her many years of dedication and outstanding

contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,343,033,186,678.55.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,704,607,440,384.75 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

CONGRATULATING LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS MEN'S BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the La Plata High School Bulldogs Men's Baseball Team for winning the Class 1 A Missouri State Championship on June 2.

These young men and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the 1 A Baseball Championship to their school and community.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the La Plata Bulldogs for a job well done.

HONORING PROCON.ORG FOR BEING NAMED A TOP FREE REFERENCE WEBSITE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the staff of the ProCon.org website. This site has recently been honored by the American Library Association as one of the Top 25 Free Reference Websites of 2011. This achievement is indicative of ProCon's value as a resource empowering citizens with information on some of the most controversial topics of the day.

ProCon.org, like many websites, is the product of a simple idea: to make unbiased information on controversial subjects more accessible without opinion or editorializing interfering. This idea came to the founder and CEO of ProCon.org, Steven C. Markoff, in 1984. While debating with a friend, Mr. Markoff realized that the popular discourse about the big issues of the day is always clouded by rhetoric, opinions and political leanings.

Since its inception, ProCon.org has influenced policy debates with its mission of "pre-

sending research on controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan, and primarily pro-con format." More than 10 million people use this website every month for research and fact finding. ProCon has also been named a "Best Non Profit to Work For" by OpportunityKnocks.org and a "Valued Partner" by GuideStar. ProCon was further honored in 2008, when the Library of Congress asked to archive three of ProCon's websites as "materials of historical importance to the Congress and to the American People."

It is my distinct pleasure to honor the staff of ProCon.org and wish them continued success in their service to the American public. Their unbiased and truthful presentation makes a tremendous contribution to the political system.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE DALAI LAMA TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a resolution welcoming the Fourteenth Dalai Lama to Washington, DC, July 6–16, 2011, and recognizing his extraordinary example and commitment to world peace, non-violence, human rights, religious freedom and democracy.

The Dalai Lama welcomed me and other members of a congressional delegation, led by then-Speaker NANCY PELOSI, into his home in 2008. It is, therefore, a special pleasure to welcome him to my congressional district and the Nation's Capital. Tibetan children, monks, and exiles lined the streets to greet our delegation in 2008, and I know that my colleagues would want to join me in returning that welcoming officially.

Although the Dalai Lama has visited the Nation's Capital many times, this year, he will preside over the fifth Kalachakra teaching in the United States, the first in the Nation's Capital, which will be held at the Verizon Center. The Kalachakra seeks to enhance the Dalai Lama's non-violent teachings, as well as to reduce conflict and promote peace, both individually and globally.

I urge my colleagues to join me in welcoming this recipient of both the Nobel Peace Prize and the Congressional Gold Medal, and in wishing him a happy 76th birthday today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES "JIM" MARTIN GLENN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved James "Jim" Martin Glenn.

Born November 15, 1928 in Perry, Iowa, Jim Glenn dedicated thirty-five years of his life to serving our country in the United States Air Force. A fighter pilot by trade, he flew 26 dif-

ferent aircraft. During his two combat tours in Southeast Asia, he flew over 200 combat missions and commanded the 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron. His service also included Chief of Flying Safety, Deputy Director of Safety, and Flight Testing Operations Director at Eglin Air Force Base and F-16 Conversion Manager and Director of Operations at Nellis Air Force Base. Upon retirement, he founded and operated his own defense consulting firm and returned to the Emerald Coast.

The impact Jim Glenn had Northwest Florida extended far beyond his firm. A pivotal leader in the local community, Jim Glenn dedicated his time to numerous organizations, including the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council, the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council, and the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, where he was a former President, Ambassador, and Life Director. He also served as a member of the Daedalians, a representative to the ACC/CC Civilian Group through his association with the 53rd Wing at Eglin, and was a former President of the Air Force Association.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Jim Glenn served our nation and with great pride and integrity. Throughout his life, he continued to uphold the Air Force values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. To those in Northwest Florida, Jim Glenn will be remembered as a well-respected community leader. To his family, he will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Jim Glenn is survived by his wife of 30 years, Millie; his children Timothy, Theresa, Diane, Lisa, Patricia, Jan, Thomas, and Michael; and his great-grandchildren, Matthew, Seth, Shane and Amy.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Jim Glenn. He truly exemplified a life of honor and service that we will all remember for many years to come. My wife Vicki and I offer our continued prayers for his entire family. He will truly be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA GORMLEY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a remarkable public servant, Brenda Gormley. Mrs. Gormley is from Lewisville, and was awarded the first annual Jack Colley Award for Volunteerism, the highest state-wide honor given to a volunteer by Texas's Citizen Corps Council. The award is given to a volunteer who shows unwavering dedication, self-sacrifice, and service to the State of Texas, qualities exhibited by the late Chief Jack Colley, head of the Texas Division of Emergency Management from 1998–2010, for whom the award is named.

As the Denton County Emergency Services Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Gormley volunteers an average of 50 hours a week, and has trained over 1,000 community volunteers. She also serves as the Secretary for the Denton County Citizen Corps Council, teaches two Teen CERT courses per semester, and was recently the chair of the North Texas Regional Citizen Corps Council. In 2009, the